



St. Augustine Weekend Mass

SATURDAY, December 9 English Mass @ 5:00 pm SUNDAY, December 10 English Mass @ 9:00 am Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, December 7

Spanish Mass @ 7:00pm SUNDAY, December 10 English Mass @ 11:30 am Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$3,691	\$3,279
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$738	\$1,060

Upcoming Second Collection

Religious Retirement

Dec 10

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December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

English Blue Book: Page 269 First Reading- Isaiah 63:16b,-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Psalm-80:2~3, 15~16, 18~19 Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Gospel-Mark 13:33-37 Bilingual Book: Page 428

St. Augustine Weekly Schedule

Tue @ 6pm: Is 11:1~10 | Lk 10:21~24 Wed @ 9am: St. Nicholas, Bishop Is 25:6~10 |Mt 15:29~37

Thurs (a) 9am: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Is 26:1~6 |Mt 7:21, 24~27 Fri @12pm: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9~15, 20 | Eph 1:3~6, 11~12 | Lk 1:26~38

Second Sunday of Advent Readings

Is 40:1~5, 9~11 | 2 Pt 3:8~14 | Mk1:1~8

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2 †Steven Walker Sunday, December 3 Parishioners Sunday, December 3 ~St. Elizabeth 11:30 am Mass †Margaret Wendel 2:00 pm Mass † Concepción Isla Morales Tuesday, December 5 †Fred Busbee Wednesday, December 6 Martin Kavanaugh Thursday, December 7 All Souls in Purgatory Friday, December 8 +Fred Busbee

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays ~ 11:00am~11:45am | 12:30pm~1pm

Saturday- 3:45-4:45 pm Cairo -Sunday 11:00-11:30am | 1:15-1:45pm Or By Appointment- (229) 226-3624

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Pastor:

Welcome New Parishioner

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest from God. We hope you will find a loving Christian community. We look forward to benefiting from your uniqueness. To register you can go to our website online, or call the parish office.



Prayer Request	Mack Barrentine,	Jim Watts	†JoAnn Humphries	†Bradley Gaupp
Please remember	Tom Ceccacci	†R ita Ragan	Den Mirabzadeh	†M ichael Kress
in your prayers	Alicia Gorosin	†D olores Williams	Marilyn Funk	†Sergio Cabilao
our parish	†Bill Klug	Cayman Diaz	†K atherine	†Jesse Daniel Elias
family & friends. If you have	Linda Nuijten	David McLendon	Chamberlin	Mary Anne Dolen
anyone in need of	†Chloe Basso	Tiann Taylor	†Tom Alexander	Kim Lehman
prayers, please call the	Phyllis Creager	Becky Catlin	Louis Catlin	Minerva Wheedleton
office.	Karon Hales,	†Lisa Fuks	Amanda Caldwell	Dot Taylor
Thank you for all your	†Paul Puskar,	Carina Juarez	Chris Caldwell	Susan O'Neal
prayers.	Mia Taylor	Todd Taylor	Marianne Ellis	Thomas & Debbie
	†Jerry Funk	†Jim Fayette	Mary Wise	Dusek
	Jamie Hurst	Bob Dupuy	Beverly Boyle	Richard Jensen
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First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin the season of <u>Advent</u>, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. www.lovolapress.com



The RCIA program for St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton meets on Wednesdays, from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm in the Parish Social Hall. We are also in need of sponsors who will assist

We are also in need of sponsors who will assist the RCIA candidates on their spiritual journey.



St. Augustine Advent Penance & Reconciliation Wednesday December 20 @ 7:00 pm

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Christmas Flowers

Each Christmas we enhance our altar with poinsettias and other greenery. Your generosity makes this happen.

Your gift may be made in memory or in honor of loved ones and/or in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

If you would like join in the time honored tradition of adorning our sanctuary fill out the Christmas Flower Offering Envelope with your name and your special intention. Loved one's names are then listen in the Church bulletin.

Cost is \$20 each. Deadline to return: December 17





Please pick a tag from this years giving tree. Please return gifts wrapped by December 17 with the tag. Thank you for your generosity ! Please contact contact Judy Harden @ (229)221-2918 with questions.



'Monthly business meeting will be held Monday December 4th at 7pm in the Social Hall. All interested Males are invited.'



Due 4th Sunday of Every Month. Please bring to mass on **December 16 & 17** Suggested Items: Canned meats, stew, chili, jelly/preserves



More ushers are needed for the weekend Masses, especially Saturday. If you would be willing to serve, please write your information on the Usher Sign -up sheet on the table in the narthex.

YOUR INVITED TO GO CHRISTMAS CAROLING



There will be two opportunities to share the Advent/ Christmas season with our fellow parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass.

WHEN: Thursday, December 14 th TIME: Leave the church at 2:15 pm ~5pm. We will visit our Parishioners. who are living in assisted living facilities. WHEN: Saturday, December 16 th TIME: After Mass 6:00 pm ~ 7:30 pm. We will visit parishioners who are homebound.

You don't have to be a good singer because your presence is what will matter. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Wear your Christmas attire if you have it. If you have a large SUV or van that could accommodate several people and would be willing to drive, please let Sandy Ladner know. We need to try and limit the number of cars we take as parking is quite challenging.

THOMASVILLE COMMUNITY CANTATA CHOIR WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE PRESENTS: REJOICE! CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS Sunday December 10th at 4:00 pm at Thomasville First Church, 425 N. Broad Street. This concert will feature arrangements of both classic, modern and traditional songs for the Christmas Season. This is an event you don't want to miss. We have members of our choir that are part of this group, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend to show your support.



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Hospital Notifications - Please call the parish office and let us know if you or a direct family member is a patient in the hospital and would like to see a priest or receive the Eucharist. Due to HIPAA laws, stating you are a Catholic on the admittance form will not be given out to the parish. The office number is 229-226-3624. Thank you.

Abuse Hotline Number To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888.357.5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children & Young People

If you plan to move or change your phone number, please call parish office or stop by to update your records.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
SAT 12/2	David Sofferin	Bill Hales Anne McCudden
SUN 12/3	Mark Humphries Leny hill	Gary & Lory McEntire
SAT 12/9	Coleen Felias	Debbie Joslyn James Kukman
SUN 12/10	David Sullivan Karen Alberto	Mark Humphries Judy Harden

Sponsor Altar Flowers

If you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion, please call the parish office.

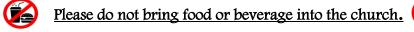
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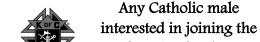
If you would like to have Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member/ friend, or a deceased loved one, call/visit the parish office. Encourage your family and friends to request Mass intentions.

Social Hall

If you would like use the social hall for an event please call the church office.







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Knights of Columbus can contact David Sullivan, GK

Please join us for coffee

& donuts after

Sunday's 9am Mass!

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