

# December 4, 2022



**St. Augustine**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Our heart is restless until it rests in you Lord.*

## Peace & Preparation

*In those days John the Baptist came preaching  
in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent for the  
Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*

*Matthew 3: 1-13*



## Second Sunday of Advent

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### Sunday's Liturgical Readings

English Blue Book: Page 68

First Reading- Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm- 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Reading- Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel Reading- Matthew 3: 1-12

Bilingual Book: Page 112

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday – 11-11:45am | 12:30-1 pm

Saturday – 3:45-4:45pm

Cairo Sundays 11:00-11:30am | 1:15-1:45pm

Or By Appointment- (229)226-3624

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S OFFERINGS

	2022	2021
St. Augustine:	\$3,279	\$3,378
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$1,060	\$836

### Weekly Mass Schedule

December 6 - Tuesday @ 6pm  
December 7- Wednesday @ 9am  
*St. Ambrose*

December 9- Friday @ Noon  
SATURDAY, December 10

English @ 5pm

SUNDAY, December 11

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Sunday, December 11

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm



### St. Elizabeth , Cairo

Wednesday, December 7 @ 7pm  
*Vigil Spanish Mass*

### St. Augustine , Thomasville

Thursday, December 8  
*English Mass @ 9am*  
*Bilingual Mass @ 7pm*

\* Holy Day of Obligation

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3

† Anne Wright

Sunday, December 4

Parishioners


St. Elizabeth, Sunday, December 4

† Douglas Cale

Wednesday, December 7

† Robert Nalin

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Parochial Administrator:  
Father Godfred Boachie-Yiadom

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Rev. Mr. David Wendel  
Rev. Mr. Miguel Gutierrez

*Mission Parish*  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
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## Second Sunday of Advent

In this week's Gospel reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11). In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: "...the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11).

In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

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### Children's Program Christmas Eve Mass

We will practice for the children's program Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:00 mass. We need Mary, Joseph, readers, shepherds, and angels. All ages are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Sofferin @ 229-224-1786.



### Celebration Virgin of Guadalupe

St. Augustine  
December 11

Events will start at 3pm until 8 pm.

#### Schedule

- 3:00-3:30 Rosary
- 3:30-4:00 Marian Songs with Mariachi
- 4:00- 5:00 Liturgical Celebration
- Vigil Mass*
- 5:00-8:00 Community Celebration

### 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 18**



### UGLY Sweater Christmas Party and cookie exchange



*Don your ugliest sweater and bring two-dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to exchange with other party-goers!*

Monday, December 19 | 5:30-7 | 109 Fawn Cir

Questions? 229-403-7243





### Prayer Request

Please remember in your prayers our parish family & friends. If you have anyone in need of prayers, please call the office. Thank you for all your prayers.

Mack Barrentine,  
Tom Ceccacci  
Alicia Gorosin  
†Bill Klug  
Linda Nuijten  
†Chloe Basso  
Phyllis Creager  
Karon Hales,  
†Paul Puskar,  
Mia Taylor

†Jerry Funk  
Christopher Caldwell  
Jamie Hurst  
Jim Watts,  
†Rita Ragan  
†Dolores Williams  
Cayman Diaz  
David McLendon  
Tiann Taylor  
Becky Catlin

†Lisa Fuks  
Carina Juarez  
Todd Taylor  
†Jim Fayette  
Bob Dupuy,  
†JoAnn Humphries  
Den Mirabzadeh  
Brian West  
Marilyn Funk  
†Katherine

Chamberlin  
†Tom Alexander  
Louis Catlin  
Amanda Caldwell  
Chris Caldwell  
Marianne Ellis  
Mary Wise  
Beverly Boyle  
†Bradley Gaupp



### 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.



### Interior Upgrade of St. Augustine Church

The pews and floor crews will both arrive on **Monday, December 5** to begin work in the Sanctuary. They promise the church will be ready for Christmas.

Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00

Collected: \$44,924

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship.



As we approach the Christmas Season, The Knights of Columbus will be offering Christmas Cards, Bracelets, and Car Magnets all themed 'Keep Christ In Christmas'. This is an annual fundraiser with all proceeds destined for local charities.

This gives all a chance to promote our Savior's roll at this special time of year.

To participate drop by the Parish Hall and visit the Shrine Shop. All sales are on the 'Honor System' and a participant should select their items and place their payment in an envelope and place the envelope in the payment drawer.

Remember: Keep Christ In Christmas!



Women's Retreat  
Coming Feb 23

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

Religious Retirement

December 11

## Advent Reconciliation



St. Augustine Advent Penance & Reconciliation  
December 20th - Tuesday @ 7 pm



Christmas  
Mass  
Schedule

### Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

*St. Augustine*

Children's Mass @ 4:00 pm

Bilingual Mass @ 10:30 pm

*St. Elizabeth*

English Mass @ 6:15

Spanish Mass @ 8:00 pm

### Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

*St. Augustine*

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 3:00 pm

*St. Elizabeth*

English Mass @ 11:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 1:00 pm



## STAFF DIRECTORY

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Sandy Ladner 904.214.4534

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### Youth Ministry

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**Parish Secretary** Cristy Gonzalez

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### Bulletin announcements & ads:

staugustinethomasville@gmail.com  
Requests due by Monday

**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



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## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
SAT 12/03	Kay Kramer	Rick & Judy Marino
SUN 12/04	Mark Humphries Sophia Newton	Gary & Lori McEntire
SAT 12/10	David Sofferin	Jim Kukman Debbie Joslyn
SUN 12/11	Susan O'Neal Joan Farnham	Jim Ladner Chris Dusek



You are always welcome to come join us at 6:30 on Tuesday nights in the Sanctuary. We'd love to have you.

Sandy Ladner, Music Director

The RCIA program for St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will not meet on Wednesday, December 7.

### Mass Intentions

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.



### 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.

### Social Hall

Remember if you would like to use the social hall to call the parish office.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday –Friday  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Father's Homilies and Talks are now available on podcasts! <https://anchor.fm/frgodfred>



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Any Catholic male interested in joining the Knights of Columbus can contact Wes Sowell, GK @ 200.7818 or visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).



Shrine Shop is open!  
If you have any questions, please call Kay Kramer @229-224-7083.