February 19, 2023



But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you; Matthew 5:44

Sunday's Liturgical Readings

English Blue Book: Page 196 First Reading- Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Psalm- 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 Gospel- Matthew 5: 38-48 Bilingual Book: Page 312

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

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$5,740	\$4,474
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$733	\$1,256

Upcoming Second Collection

Aid to Central and Eastern Europe



Weekly Masses

TUE @ 6pm: Sir 2: 1-11; Mk 9:30-37 *Feb 22 ASH WED – @ 9am & 6pm Mass (English) Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20–6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 THUR @ 9am: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25 FRI @ Noon: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY, February 25

English @ 5 pm SUNDAY, February 26 English Mass @ 9:00 am Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

*ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22

Communion Svc. @ 9am (English) Communion Svc. @ 7pm (Spanish) <u>Thursday, February 23</u> Spanish Mass @ 7:00 pm <u>Sunday, February 26</u> English Mass @ 11:30 am Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18 Parishioners Sunday, February 19 (5pm Mass) Anthony Martinez <u>Tuesday, February 21</u> In Thanksgiving Wednesday, February 22

[†]Lynne Heroux <u>Thursday, February 23</u> [†]George Washington Dolen

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent

12:30 pm & 7:30 pm

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February 22

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible? The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

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Are you a high school senior going to college or a parishioner who is seeking a higher education? Apply for the Deacon Howard Halladay Scholarship. Applications for the Scholarship are available in the back of the church. Please contact the office or Carolyn Treadon (850-445-9293) if you have any questions.

> Due 4th Sunday of Every Month. Please bring to mass on **February 26**.

Suggested Items: Box/bagged

Cereals, Oatmeal, Grits, Pop Tarts

Rite of Election

February 25 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Macon Georgia beginning at 11 am. All Catechumens and candidates going through RCIA are to be there with their Sponsors. Interested parishioners are welcome to accompany our Catechumens in their spiritual pilgrimage.

The **RCIA program** for St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton **will not** meet on Wednesday, February 22.



Men's Spiritual Retreat St. Paul's, Douglas GA -Saturday March 11th. 9 am until 2pm- Lunch will be served therefore a head count is needed. Confessions and a Mass Bishop Parks will speak. Car pool will leave Thomasville At 7 am. Contact David Sullivan if interested-ph. 229-336-3517 Please join us.







Please do not bring food or beverage into the church.



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 Tavlor

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Louis Catlin Amanda Caldwell Chris Caldwell **Marianne Ellis** Mary Wise Beverly Boyle **†Bradley Gaupp** †Michael Kress



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.



Building Fund

Prayerfully consider giving to the building fund while the fund continues to enjoy tax exemption from the Diocese. Be sure to indicate building fund when making a donation.

Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00 Your Building Fund Contribution: \$66,041 Thank you for your generosity.



The Season of Lent is coming! And so are St. Augustine's Friday Fish Fry! Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex of the Church. When: Fridays of Lent, 4 ~ 7 p.m. Hosts: St. Augustine Catholic Church with profits funding St. Augustine's charities. Menu: Hand battered fried fish with sides of Southern grits, Coleslaw, and hush puppies. Drinks and desserts available. Take out or dine in. Cost: \$10 per plate. Contact: St. Augustine's office: (229) 226 - 3624



Join our fellowship group as we continue our journey through season one of Chosen! Next meetup is Monday, Feb. 27 @ 5:30~7. 109 Fawn Cir. You can catch up by watching the first two episodes on formed.org. Its free!



*February 22

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday until the Evening Mass of the Lords Supper on Holy Thursday, which then begins the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. All other Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule		
DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
SAT 2/18	David Sofferin	Rick & Judy Marino
SUN 2/19	Sophia Newton Lisa Hay	Gary & Lori McEntire
SAT 2/25	Kay Kramer	Jim Kukman Debbie Joslyn
SUN 2/26	David Sullivan Susan O'Neal	Mark Humphries Jim Ladner

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

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.



- Visit signup.FORMED.org
- Select Your Parish
- Register your name & email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using



Please join us for coffee & donuts after Sunday's 9am Mass!

Parishioner



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Any Catholic male interested in joining the Knights of Columbus can contact Wes Sowell, GK (a) 200.7818 or visit kofc.org.



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