January 1, 2023



## Sunday's Liturgical Readings

English Blue Book: Page 92

First Reading- Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm- 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading- Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel-Luke 2:16-21

Bilingual Book: Page 148

## 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



## Weekly Mass Schedule

January 3- Tuesday @ 6pm January 4~ Wednesday @ 9am

(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

January 5-Thursday @ 9am (St. John Neumann Bishop)

January 6~ Friday @ Noon

SATURDAY, January 7

English @ 5 pm

SUNDAY, January 8

(the Epiphany of the Lord)

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday January 4

Spanish Mass @ 8:00 pm

(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Sunday, January 8

(the Epiphany of the Lord)

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31

9pm Mass – Joleth Carreon

Sunday, January 1

†Bradley Gaupp

St. Elizabeth, Sunday, January 1

Parishioners

Thursday, January 5

All Souls in Purgatory

#### PREVIOUS WEEK'S OFFERINGS

|                     | 2022    | 2021     |
|---------------------|---------|----------|
| St. Augustine:      | \$6,427 | \$10,112 |
| St. Eliz Ann Seton: | \$1,614 | \$1,553  |

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## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Dear Parishioners,

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, reminds us that if we have become Christ's spiritual brothers and sisters, we have also become spiritual children of Mary. She is the mother of the Incarnate Son and hence our mother in grace. Just as we learn from our natural mothers how to be good human beings, so we learn from Mary how to become mature Christians. That is why it is very crucial to begin the New Year by reflecting on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the greatest exemplar and the epitome of our expected response to God's grace and blessings so we can emulate her example throughout the year.

In today's Gospel St. Luke tells us how the Blessed Mother responded to the wonderful things that God was doing in and around her: "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Just as Mary's womb was open to receiving God's living Word at the moment of Christ's Incarnation, so her heart was constantly open to receiving God's ongoing words and messages as he continued to speak through the events of her life.



Mary is also our Mother because when we were baptized, we became brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. As St Paul writes to the Galatians, Jesus was "born of a woman" so that, through uniting ourselves to him we could "receive adoption as sons (and daughters)" of God. It is because we are Christians that we can call God "Father" – not just symbolically, but truly, and because we are Christians, we also call Mary "Mother", just as Christ, our brother, does.

If Jesus is the Prince of Peace, then Mary is the Queen of Peace. Unfortunately our world does not know any peace – there are wars, conflicts, hatred, suspicion, escalating refugee situation in most places, life and property are being destroyed every second because our world seems to reject our King and Queen of Peace. Indeed, if we truly want to experience peace in our hearts, our families, and our world, we can do no better than to accept Christ, our Prince, and Mary, our Queen. This is the only way to live fully our common patrimony, recognizing that we are all heirs of one Father, God, and one mother, the Blessed Mary, and are therefore, co-heirs with Christ, our brother.

Mary never stopped treasuring Jesus. If we follow our Mother's example, by keeping Christ in the spotlight of our hearts this year, his grace will gradually heal our wounds, strengthen our weakness, resolve our conflicts, and bring us more and more of his peace.

As we begin the New Year, I want to impart the beneficial power of God's presence on you and I urge you to remain open to that powerful presence of God throughout your pilgrimage on earth: May the Lord bless you and keep you; May he let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! And may the Lord look kindly upon you and grant you peace. Amen.

Happy New Year, Fr. Godfred Boachie-Yiadom



Due 4th Sunday of Every Month.
Please bring to mass on January 22.
Suggested Items:

Sugar (white/brown), Birthday kits, Cookies,
Graham Crackers



Youth group will be hosting Geology of the Bible on Friday 6 January. Our presenter, Jim Ladner, will lead the study, starting at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Carolyn Treadon or Roslyn Moore with questions.



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
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†Katherine

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#### 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.



## Dining Around the World

We need a group of volunteers to organize this event. Please let us know if you would like to help. Contact the office @ 229-226-3624

## Interior Upgrade of St. Augustine Church

Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00
Your Building Fund Contribution: \$54,885
Please, prayerfully consider supporting this project.
Thank you for your generosity.

## Upcoming Second Collection:

**Black and Indian Missions** 

January 8







Please visit our adoration room located across from the Parish Office. Dedicate a exposed Most Holy Eucharist. After a busy day at work, after a hectic time in your life, in times of trouble and distress, Christ is waiting for you to spend some time with Him and to calm your fear. Come and share your joy and rest your soul in answered prayer.

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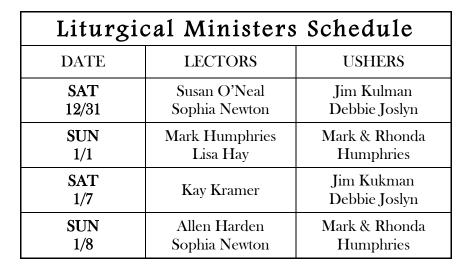
## Bulletin announcements & ads: staugustinethomasville@gmail.com

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

# FREE Formed.org/signup



Shrine Shop is open!

If you have any questions, please call
Kay Kramer @229-224-7083.



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

#### 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 s

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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