

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023



**St. Augustine**

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

The people who hear the word and receive it and grow in it—those are like the seeds sown on good soil. They produce a bumper crop, 30 or 60 or 100 times what was sown.

Matthew 13:23

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## Sunday's Liturgical Readings

**English Blue Book: Page 216**

First Reading— Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm— 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

Second Reading— Romans 8:18-23

Gospel— Matthew 13:1-23

**Bilingual Book: Page 342**

## Weekly Schedule Readings

Tue @ 6pm: Ex 2:1-15a/ Mt 11:20-24

Wed @ 9am: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/ Mt 11:25-27

Thurs @ 9 am: Ex 3:13-20/ Mt 11:28-30

Fri @ 12pm: Ex: 11:10-12:14/ Mt 12:1-8

## Sixteenth Sunday Readings

Wis 12:13, 16-19 | Rom 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43

## Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$4,125	\$4,717
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$877	\$450

**SATURDAY, July 22**

English Mass @ 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY, July 23**

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Thursday, July 20**

Spanish Mass. @ 7pm

**SUNDAY, July 23**

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, July 15**

†John & MaryAnn McCudden

**Sunday, July 16**

†Patsy Sofferin

**Sunday, July 16 (St. Elizabeth)**

Parishioners

## 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

## Today's Second Collection

Church in Africa

July 16

## Parish Office Hours

Monday- Friday  
9am-3pm

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Rev. Mr. David Wendel

Rev. Mr. Miguel Gutierrez

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# Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow.

The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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## Virtual Virtus Protecting God Children Training

Are you in need of Virtus Training? We are offering a Zoom session on 19 July 2023 from 9:00am - Noon. Please go to

<http://www.VIRTUS.org> to register. If you are not able to attend the Zoom session, and would like to participate in another training, please contact the Church Office. Registration closes on Monday night.



St. Augustine will facilitate 2 hr. Formation Sessions for quinceañeras, their parents, and cohorts, who are planning a Quinceañera celebration at St. Augustine.  
Saturday July 22 – 10:00 am  
Where: Social Hall – St. Augustine  
Please call the St. Augustine's office to register and for more information.



## St. Augustine Vacation Bible School

Unfortunately due to not many registrants, our vacation bible school is postponed.



Knights of Columbus **Officer Induction**  
**August 5th** after 5pm Mass in Social Hall.

Next monthly **meeting-August 7th @ 7pm** All interested men are invited.



**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 Taylor  
†Jerry Funk

Janie 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  
Marilyn Funk  
†Katherine Chamberlin  
†Tom Alexander  
Louis Catlin  
Amanda Caldwell

Chris Caldwell  
Marianne Ellis  
Mary Wise  
Beverly Boyle  
†Bradley Gaupp  
†Michael Kress  
†Sergio Cabilao  
†Jesse Daniel Elias  
Mary Anne Dolen  
Kim Lehman



### 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.



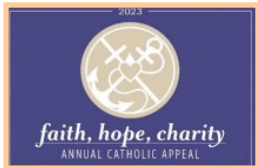
### Building Fund

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: \$91,094

Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. **Congratulations to St. Augustine.** Parish target **\$23,244** and as of July 13, our total given is **\$27,844.98**.

**Congratulation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton III**  
Parish target is **\$4,534**. and as of July 13, the total given is **\$5,385**.



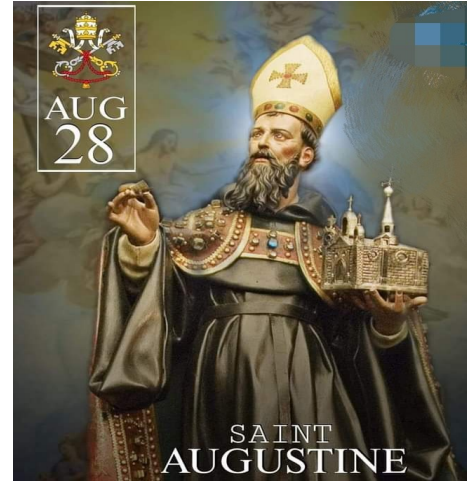
Patsy Sofferin, David Sofferin's mother, passed away Sunday morning.

~Let us continue to pray for Patsy & family.



### World Youth Day 2023!

For more information  
[DIOSAV.ORG/YOUTH/EVENTS/WORLD-YOUTH-DAY](http://DIOSAV.ORG/YOUTH/EVENTS/WORLD-YOUTH-DAY)  
Main Trip  
July 28– August 7 2023



**Parish Celebration of the Feast of St. Augustine**  
**August 22-28**  
**1st Communion** –Sunday August 27 at the 9 am Mass

### PARISH CHOIR: MEN NEEDED!!



### NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Enjoy singing? Then you are qualified. Ages high school and up head over to the piano after 9:00 am Mass or Contact Sandy Ladner (904)214-4534



Food Donations have been dropping off lately – Please consider a donation to our local Food Banks. We are now distributing to Thomasville, Grady County and Mitchell County.

## STAFF DIRECTORY

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### Bulletin announcements & ads:

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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

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

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
SAT 7/15	David Sofferin	Julian Pauwels Debbie Joslyn
SUN 7/16	Karen Alberto Leny Hill	Chris Dusek Jim Ladner
SAT 7/22	Carolyn Treadon	Ann McCudden James Kukman
SUN 7/23	Lisa Hay Joan Farnham	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.

### 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.

### Social Hall

The Social Hall is temporarily not available for events due to renovations.

Shrine Shop is open!

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



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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 David Sullivan,

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