

March 12, 2023



St. Augustine
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Our heart is restless until it rests in you Lord.

Weekly Mass Readings

TUE @ 6pm: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
WED @ 9am: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
THU @ 9am: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
FRI @ Noon: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

SATURDAY, March 18

English @ 5 pm

SUNDAY, March 19

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14;
Jn 9:1-41

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

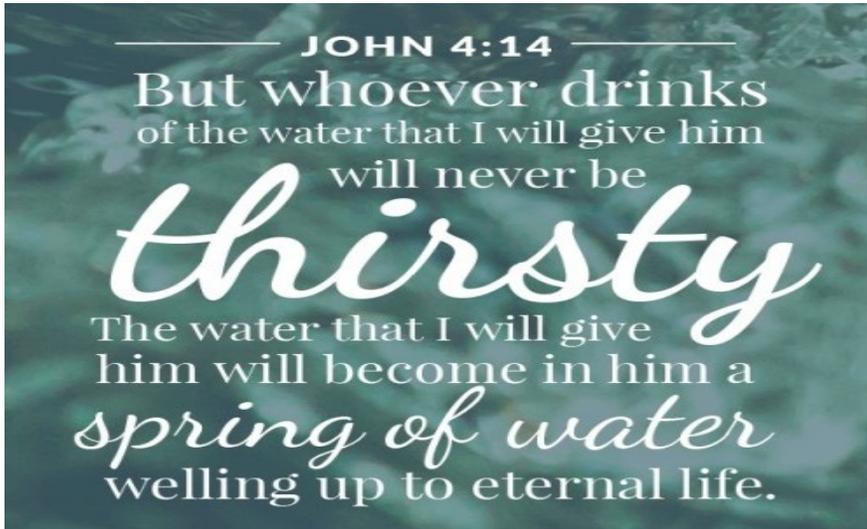
Thursday, March 16

Spanish Mass @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 19

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm



Sunday's Liturgical Readings

English Blue Book: Page 111

First Reading— Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm— 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading— Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel— John 4:5-42

Bilingual Book: Page 178

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent

St. Augustine

12:30 pm (English)

7:30 pm (Bilingual)

Cairo —St. Elizabeth

7:00 pm (Spanish)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 11

†Tom Alexander

Sunday, March 12

†Fr. Victor Sidel S.T.

†Serigo Cabilao

Sunday, March 12 (St. Elizabeth)

Parishioners

Tuesday, March 14

Catechumens & Candidates

Wednesday, March 15

Fr. Dan Firmen

Friday, March 17

Healing for Sexually Abused Victims

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday — 11-11:45am

Saturday — 3:45-4:45pm

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

Or By Appointment- (229) 226-3624

Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$7,526	\$4,033
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$895	\$1,629

Upcoming Second Collection

Catholic Relief Services

March 19

Parish Office Hours

Monday –Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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 www.facebook.com/staugustinethomasvillega

Parochial Administrator:
Father Godfred Boachie-Yiadom

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Rev. Mr. John Blaha
Rev. Mr. David Wendel
Rev. Mr. Miguel Gutierrez

Mission Parish
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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Cairo GA 39828

Third Sunday of Lent

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Augustine
Wednesday, March 22nd
Confessions in English and Spanish.
Starting @ 7:00 pm

"Don't be afraid to go the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you." - Pope Francis



Lenten Fish Fries

When: Fridays of Lent, 4 - 7 p.m.
Cost: \$10 per plate.

Contact: Parish Office(229) 226 - 3624
* **In need of volunteers to bring a dessert .**



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
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
Marilyn Funk
†Katherine
Chamberlin
†Tom Alexander

Louis Catlin
Amanda Caldwell
Chris Caldwell
Marianne Ellis
Mary Wise
Beverly Boyle
†Bradley Gaupp
†Michael Kress
†Sergio Cabilao
Mary Anne Dolen



Altar Servers Training

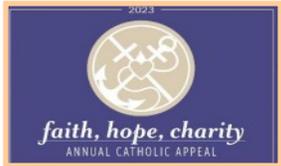
Tuesday, March 14
Training one @ 6:30 pm
Saturday, March 18
Second Training @ 1pm



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: \$70,401
Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. **St. Augustine** parish target **\$23,244**. As of March 2, our total given is **\$13,983.55**. We have **42** of our **189** families that have responded. **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** parish target is **\$4,534**. As of March 2, our total given is **\$2,575**. We have **24** of our **42** families that have responded.

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah.

A session is scheduled via ZOOM Remote on March 14 , 6:00 pm– 9:00 pm

Registration is limited and pre-registration is required online. Registration instructions can be found at

You must confirm your registration by logging onto www.vitrus.org with the user id and password that you create on the following date.



Dinning around the World

Thank you to all those who made this event possible and to all those who brought a dish to share. There was much fellowship, food, and fun. This event was a success, we raised **\$5,159.88** to support our parish upkeep.



Vietnamese Mass & Confessions

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
Camilla, Georgia
Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 pm.



Join our fellowship group as we continue our journey through season one of Chosen! Next meetup is **Monday, March 13, 5:30-7, at 109 Fawn Cir.** We are on episode 4, and you can catch up on the first three episodes at formed.org. It's free.



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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



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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
SAT 3/11	Kay Kramer	Jim Kukman Debbie Joslyn
SUN 3/12	Susan O'Neal Joan Farnham	Judy Harden Andrea Gutierrez
SAT 3/18	Coleen Felias	Rick & Judy Marino
SUN 3/19	Lenny Hill Sophia Newton	Gary & Lori McEntire

Liturgical Committee Meeting

Wednesday @ 5:30 pm in the social hall.

RCIA program meets on
 Wednesdays, from 6:30 until 7:30pm.



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

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.

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



- 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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