

# March 26, 2023



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

JESUS SAID TO HER,

*“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”*

John 11:25-26

## Weekly Mass Readings

TUE @ 6pm: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

WED @ 9am: Dt 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;  
Jn 8:31-42

THU @ 9am: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

FRI @ Noon: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

### SATURDAY, April 1

English @ 5 pm

### SUNDAY, April 2

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;  
Mt 26:14-27

## Sunday's Liturgical Readings

English Blue Book: Page 119

First Reading— Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm— 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading— Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel— John 11:1-45

Bilingual Book: Page 190

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent

St. Augustine

12:30 pm (English)

7:30 pm (Bilingual)

Cairo –St. Elizabeth

7:00 pm (Spanish)

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, March 30

No Mass

Sunday, April 2

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25

Catechumens & Candidates

Sunday, March 26

†Shelly & Carlos Lozanos

Sunday, March 26 (St. Elizabeth)

Parishioners

Tuesday, March 28

†Karen Muserallo

Thursday, March 30

†Jesse Daniel Elias

Friday, March 31

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:	\$3,801	\$4,144
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$1,098	\$661

## Catholic Relief Service

St. Augustine : \$950


St. Elizabeth : \$388

### Parish Office Hours

Monday –Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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 [www.facebook.com/staugustinethomasvillega](https://www.facebook.com/staugustinethomasvillega)

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# Fifth Sunday of Lent

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life.

With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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We will have our annual Easter egg hunt following the 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass. Please bring a basket of one dozen eggs filled per child to hide. If you could also bring a snack to share.

## 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 .



Our Council 7366 has made the following donations during this Fraternal Year :



- a. Mr. Noah Pace, Seminarian ( Diocese of Savannah) \$500,
  - b. Deacon Howard Halladay Scholarship, \$500, c. Thomas County Food Bank, \$500, d. First Option Care, \$500 e. Halycon Home for Abused Women, \$500 f. Purchased 3 Boy's Altar Server Casscock
- These were made possible through the parish's continuing support of our fund raising initiatives, Thank You.

## Virtual Virtus Protecting God Children Training

This training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah.

Questions email [augustinevirtus@gmail.com](mailto:augustinevirtus@gmail.com) or call the parish office.



**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  
†Jesse Daniel Elias  
Mary Anne Dolen



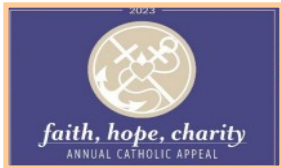
### Building Fund

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: \$71,926

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 24, our total given is **\$17,128.55**. We have **49** of our **189** families that have responded.

### Congratulation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton !!!

Parish target is **\$4,534**. and as of March 24, the total given is **\$5,175**.

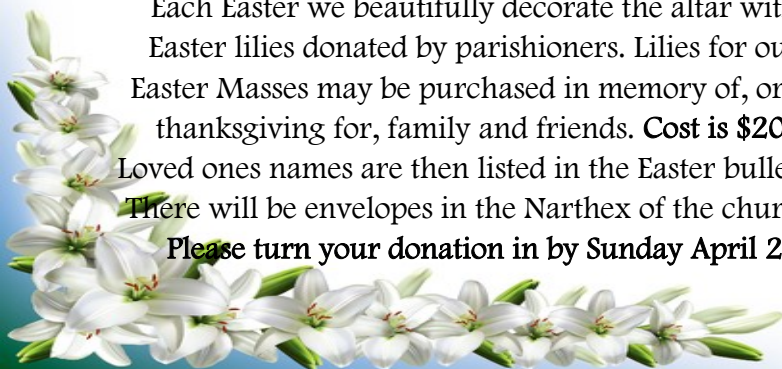
We have made our goal !

### Easter Lilies

Each Easter we beautifully decorate the altar with Easter lilies donated by parishioners. Lilies for our Easter Masses may be purchased in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, family and friends. **Cost is \$20**.

Loved ones names are then listed in the Easter bulletin. There will be envelopes in the Narthex of the church.

**Please turn your donation in by Sunday April 2**



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.

HAPPY Holy Week



### Palm Sunday

9:00 am-Thomasville (Bilingual)

1:00 pm-Cairo (Bilingual)

5:00 pm Vigil-Thomasville (English)

### Holy Thursday

6:00 pm-Thomasville (Bilingual)

9:00 pm-Cairo (Bilingual)

### Good Friday (only in Thomasville)

12:00(noon) Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)

6:00 pm Passion of the Lord (Bilingual)

### Easter Vigil

7:00 pm - Thomasville (Bilingual)

10:00 pm - Cairo (Bilingual)

### Easter Sunday

9:00 am -Thomasville (English)

11:30 am -Cairo (English)

2:00 pm- Cairo (Spanish)

5:00 pm- Thomasville (Spanish)





## STAFF DIRECTORY

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**Bulletin announcements & ads:**  
 staugustinehomasville@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



Participation Release: Please be aware that by entering the premises of the Church, you consent to your voice, name, and/or likeness being used, without compensation, in films and tapes for use in any and all media associated with the Catholic Diocese of Savannah; and you release the Catholic Diocese of Savannah, its successors, assigns and licenses from any liability whatsoever of any nature. Please speak with a Diocesan representative if you have any questions or concerns.

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
<b>SAT</b> 3/25	Duane Treadon	Jim Kukman Debbie Joslyn
<b>SUN</b> 3/26	Lisa Hay David Sullivan	Mark & Rhonda Humphries
<b>SAT</b> 4/1	Kay Kramer Coleen Felias David Sofferin	
<b>SUN</b> 4/2	Joan Farnham Mark Humphries	

## 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.

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

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

## Social Hall

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



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



- Visit [signup.FORMED.org](http://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  
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@ 200.7818 or visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).