

# The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023



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

## Weekly Schedule

Tue @ 6pm: Acts 20:17-27 ; Jn 17:1-11

Wed @ 9am: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19

Thurs @ 9 am: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday @ (noon): Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Weekday will be Communion Services**

### SATURDAY, May 27

English Mass @ 5:00 pm

### SUNDAY, May 28

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

(The Ascension of the Lord)

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### Thursday, May 25

Spanish Comm Svc. @ 7pm

### SUNDAY, May 28

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

## Sunday's Liturgical Readings

English Blue Book: Page 156

First Reading- Acts 1:1-11

Psalms- 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading- Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel- Matthew 28:16-20

Bilingual Book: Page 248

### Pentecost Sunday Readings

Gen 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8, 16-20; Ez 37: 1-14

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 20

†Harold Everst

### Sunday, May 21 (9am English Mass)

† Lucy vega

### Sunday, May 21 (5pm Spanish Mass)

Eva Rodriguez

### Sunday, May 21 (St. Elizabeth)

Parishioners

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays - No Confessions

Saturday- 3:45-4:45 pm

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

Or By Appointment- (229) 226-3624


## Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$4,939	\$3,256
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$1,510	\$889

## Upcoming Second Collection

Catholic Communication Campaign May 28

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 [www.facebook.com/staugustinethomasvillega](http://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

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
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# The Ascension of the Lord

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

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**Congratulations to all of St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's confirmation candidates.**

## **Andersonville National Cemetery Memorial Day Mass**

Celebrate Memorial Day by attending the outdoor Mass Sponsored by the 4th Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus. The Reverend Stephen Pontzer, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Warner Robins, Will be the celebrant.

**Monday May 29, @ 11 am outdoor Rostrum  
at Andersonville GA National Historic Site**  
All are welcomed!

Hamburger/hot dog picnin free for all follows Mass; consider brining a dish to share.

Rain Location: St. Mary Church, 332 S L St,  
Americus Ga



Due 4th Sunday of Every Month.

Please bring to mass on **May 28**.

Suggested Items: Canned Veggies,  
Dried Beans/Peas, Crackers, Rice,  
Birthday Kits



**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

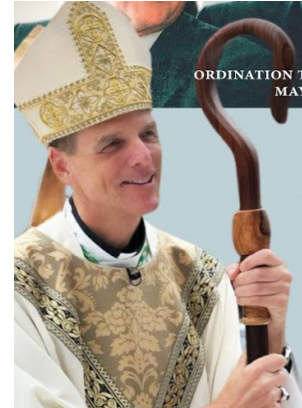
Chris Caldwell  
Marianne Ellis  
Mary Wise  
Beverly Boyle  
†Bradley Gaupp  
†Michael Kress  
†Sergio Cabilao  
†Jesse Daniel Elias  
Mary Anne Dolen  
Kim Lehman



### 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.

### Bishop Parkes' 25th anniversary Ordination to the Priesthood



### Building Fund

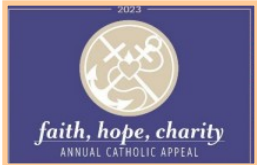
Prayerfully consider giving to the building fund while the fund continues to enjoy tax exemption from the Diocese. Be sure to indicate building fund when making a donation.

Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00

Your Building Fund Contribution: **\$81,001**

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a **Mass of Thanksgiving—6 pm**, at the **Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah** on May 23. All are invited or watch live at [www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org)



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. **St. Augustine** parish target **\$23,244**. As of May 18, our total given is **\$24,599.42**. We have **59** of our **189** families that have responded.

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

Parish target is **\$4,534**, and as of May 4, the total given is **\$5,285**.



### 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.



The adoration room is open now for any parishioner wanting to dedicate a time to visit. 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.

Please remember that children 12-years old and under should be accompanied to the bathroom by a parent/guardian. Youth under the age of 16 should not leave the sanctuary without a parent/guardian. We appreciate your help in protecting our youth.



## STAFF DIRECTORY

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Rev. Mr. David Wendel  
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Parish Secretary Cristy Gonzalez

### VIRTUS email

augustinevirtus@gmail.com

**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

**Father's Homilies and Talks**  
are now available on podcasts!  
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## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
SAT 5/20	Kay Kramer	Debbie Joslyn Julian Pauwels
SUN 5/21	Lenny Hill Joan Farnham	Mark Humphries Judy Harden
SAT 5/27	Duane Treadon	Rick & Judy Marino
SUN 5/28	Allen Harden Susan O'Neal	Chris Dusek Jim Ladner



### 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 Wes Sowell, GK @ 200.7818 or visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).



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