

November 27, 2022



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

*So too, you also must be prepared for at an hour
you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*

Matthew 24:44



First Sunday of Advent

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Sunday's Liturgical Readings

English Blue Book: Page 65

First Reading- Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalms- 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading- Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel Reading- Matthew 24: 37-44

Bilingual Book: Page 108

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

PREVIOUS WEEK'S OFFERINGS

	2022	2021
St. Augustine:	\$3,431	\$6,152
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$891	\$ 961

Weekly Mass Schedule

November 29 ~ Tuesday @ 6pm

November 30- Wednesday @ 9am

December 1 ~ Thursday @ 9am

December 2- Friday @ Noon

SATURDAY, December 3

English @ 5pm

SUNDAY, December 4

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

December 1 ~Thursday @ 7:00 pm
(Spanish)

Sunday, December 4

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 26

Prayers for the people of St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and for those interred in the Columbarium

Sunday, November 27

† Miguel y Noelia Gutierrez

† Bradley Gaupp

St. Elizabeth, Sunday, November 27

50th Wedding Anniversary of Deacon David & Mrs. Joyce Wendel

Tuesday, November 29

†Blake McLendon


Thursday, December 1

All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 2

† Ky and Joseph Dao

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First Sunday of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory. The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

Family Connection

Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas. Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath.

Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

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Mass Times

- December 7 @ 7:00 pm— Cairo (Vigil Mass)
- December 8 @ 9:00 am –Thomasville (English Mass)
7:00 pm– Thomasville (Bilingual Mass)
* Holy Day of Obligation



Givers Needed

Please pick a tag from this year's giving tree. Please return gifts wrapped by December 18 with the tag.

Thank you for your generosity!
Please contact Judy Harden @ (229) 221-2918 with any questions.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

Religious Retirement

December 11

There will be no First Friday of Adoration on December 2.

Please visit our adoration room located across from the Parish Office. Dedicate a committed time of silent prayer and reflection with Jesus, truly present in the 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.





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
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
Brian West
Marilyn Funk
†Katherine

Chamberlin
†Tom Alexander
Louis Catlin
Amanda Caldwell
Chris Caldwell
Marianne Ellis
Mary Wise
Beverly Boyle
†Bradley Gaupp



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, call the parish office, or sign and return a registration form located in the Narthex of the church.



Interior Upgrade of St. Augustine Church

Finally, all is set for work to commence on the interior upgrade of St. Augustine Church. The following is the agreed schedule for the work:

- **Sunday, November 27 – Volunteers needed after Mass to setup the social hall for Masses**
- **Monday, November 28 – Work begins on the upholstery of the pews and the kneelers**
 - **Saturday, December 3, at 9:30 am – Concrete work in the sanctuary (More men and wheelbarrows needed).**
 - **Monday, December 5 – Flooring work (carpeting and tiling) begins.**

Please note that weekday and weekend Masses will begin in the Social Hall from **Tuesday, November 29**. All inconveniences due to this working schedule are deeply regretted. Thank you for your usual cooperation, and particularly in this matter.

Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00

Collected: \$44,924

Thank you for your generosity and stewardship.

Food Bank Donation:

With the upcoming holiday season we are changing our monthly donation weekend Dec 17/18.

Suggested Items: New/Slightly used Children's books, personal hygiene items (powder, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, cookie mix, brownie mix, fudge mix, condensed milk, assorted dried fruits/nuts.



Offering Envelopes



Contribution envelopes are now available on the table in the Narthex of the Church. If you normally receive envelopes and don't see them on the table please let the office know. Thank you!

The RCIA program for St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton meets on **Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm** in the Parish Social Hall.

We are also in need of sponsors who will assist the RCIA candidates on their spiritual journey.

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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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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
SAT 11/26	Coleen Felias	Jim Kukman Debbie Joslyn
SUN 11/27	Leny Hill Lisa Hay	Mark & Rhonda Humphries
SAT 12/03		Ricky & Judy Marino
SUN 12/04		Gary & Lori McEntire

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.



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

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

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.

Parish Office Hours

Monday –Friday
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



This weeks Altar Flowers are in Memory of Bradley Gaupp



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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.



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