

September 17, 2023



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



Twenty Fourth Sunday

English Blue Book: Page 239

First Reading– Sirach 27:30-28:7

Psalm– 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Second Reading– Romans 14:7-9

Gospel– Matthew 18: 21-35

Bilingual Book: Page 380

Weekly Daily Readings

**Sept. 19-22 ~ Communion Service*

Tue @ 6pm: 1 Tm 3:1-13 | Lk 7:11-17

Wed @ 9am: 1 Tm 3:14-16 | Lk 7:31-35

Thurs @ 9 am: St Matthew

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 | Mt 9:9-13

Fri @ 12pm: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 | Lk 8:1-3

Twenty-Fifth Sunday Readings

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

Weekend Mass

SATURDAY, September 23

English Mass @ 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, September 24

English Mass @ 9:00 am

Spanish Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, September 21

Spanish Mass @ 7pm

SUNDAY, September 24

English Mass @ 11:30 am

Spanish Mass @ 2:00 pm

Previous Weeks Offerings

	2023	2022
St. Augustine:	\$4,848	\$3,615
St. Eliz Ann Seton:	\$1,088	\$834

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9am-3pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 16

†Peter O'Connor

Sunday, September 17

Lou & Becky Catlin Anniversary

Sunday, September 17-St. Elizabeth

Parishioners

Friday, September 22

†Wilfredo Loy

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday– 3:45-4:45 pm

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

Or By Appointment- (229) 226-3624

Building Fund


Total Cost of Projects: \$105,543.00

Your Building Fund Contribution:
\$98,481

Thank you for your generosity.



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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.



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
Minerva Wheedleton
Dot Taylor
Susan O'Neal

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading directly follows [last week's Gospel](#) in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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Virtus Training

St. Mary Church, Americus

October 7, 2023

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

diosav.org/how-doi/register-for-virtus-training



Spaghetti Dinner and silent auction
September 23rd after mass. Individual tickets are \$15.00 and children's plates are on a donation basis.



BROTHERS OF THE SACRED HEART

Brother Henry Gaither, a representative of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart will be asking for your prayers and financial assistance at all Masses next weekend September 23-24. Your contributions will benefit schools and needy students in the countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the Philippines.

Br. Luc with students from the Sacred Heart Secondary School in Amatongas, Mozambique where he serves as the school principal.



Br. Ronald Hingle pictured with children involved in the Iconhope Project.



Baby Bottle Boomerang Results are In!
Thanks to St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Churches for supporting First Option Care's fund drive this year. The results for the top three Churches are:

St. Augustine/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: \$2,628.32

Thomasville First Baptist Church: \$1,824.95

Dawson Street Baptist Church: \$1,585.90

We contributed almost 10% of the total amount raised of \$26,477.21, which exceeded the goal for the fundraiser.



All confirmed youth are invited to attend the St. Augustine Youth Group on Sunday 24 September 2023 following the 9:00am Mass until noon. For information on the Youth Group, please contact Carolyn Treadon (850-445-9293) or Roslyn Moore (229-200-0707). You can also join the Youth Group Remind:

<https://www.remind.com/join/eahk4c>



The RCIA program for St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be on Wednesdays, beginning November 8, from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm in the Parish Social Hall. The purpose and goal of RCIA is the preparation of individuals to enter the Roman Catholic Church through the Sacrament of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). However, RCIA is much more, and so all are welcome to join us in the program, whether you are a non-Catholic simply interested in learning more about Catholicism or are a “Cradle Catholic” in need of a “refresher” course in the faith. Through this journey we will explore the beliefs and truths of our Catholic faith with a focus on spiritual growth. It will be enjoyable, informative, and spiritually rewarding for all participants, in a non-pressured environment.

We are also in need of Sponsors who will assist the RCIA candidates seeking initiation into Church, on their spiritual journey.

Please call the Parish Office to register if you would like to attend. We will need your name, phone number and email address (if available) when you call.



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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

If you plan to move or change your phone number, please call parish office or stop by to update your records.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
SAT 9/16	David Sofferin	Judy & Rick Marino
SUN 9/17	David Sullivan Leny Hill	Jim Ladner Mark Humphries
SAT 9/23	Kay Kramer	Bill Hales Debbie Joslyn
SUN 9/24	Joan Farnham Mark Humphries	Debbie Stepien 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

If you would like use the social hall for an event please call the church office.



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

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



- Visit signup.FORMED.org
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- 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!



Any Catholic male interested in joining the Knights of Columbus can contact David Sullivan, GK @ (229) 336-3517. or visit kofc.org.

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