



"The mission of St. Augustine of Canterbury parish is to grow closer to Christ and one another through worship, prayer, learning and service, and to dedicate our lives to serving Christ in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit."



Merry Christmas to All!

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Just a reminder: the **Office will be CLOSED Thursday, December 25 - Tuesday, December 30.** The Office will be **OPEN on Wednesday, December 31** and then **closed on Thursday-Friday January 1 & 2.** We will reopen January 5 for normal business hours.

There **will** be Wednesday Healing Service on Wednesday, December 31, but **NO** Bible Study afterward.



2025 Christmas Flower Insert

Did you dedicate Christmas Flowers this year? [See it here!](#)



New Year's Brunch - Next Sunday, January 4

AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE

Please join us for our New Year's Brunch for great food, fun, fellowship, and those delightful mimosas! No need to sign up, just come and celebrate 2026!

The First Sunday After Christmas Day



In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and
lived among us, and we have seen
his glory, the glory as of a father's
only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1, 14

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”

Merry Christmas, and Happy Birthday Jesus! While December 25 is the day that we celebrate as the day of His birth, we are reminded with the first words of John’s Gospel that “In the beginning was the Word...” – the Word, being Jesus Himself. Jesus was with God since before the “foundations of the world” and yet he came to Earth as one of us to redeem us and give His life for our salvation.

Wherever we may find ourselves this Christmas, it is a time to take a moment and celebrate the birth and life of Jesus Christ, that He was born for each one of us! As we connect with friends, family and loved ones this Christmas season, we can do so with the love of Christ in mind. As we learned from last week, Emmanuel means “God with us”. As we remember that God is indeed with us, it allows us to enter the New Year strengthened by the Holy Spirit and to share God’s love with others in whatever way that the Spirit moves us.

Upcoming Events



St. Augustine Serves at Shining Light Garden

Come join us at a truly inspiring place where we plant, weed and harvest vegetables for our neighbors in need, distributed via local food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other assistance programs throughout Indian River County. Our next service date Saturday, December 27 at 8:30 am.

Like to get involved? Please contact [Barbara McGowan](#)

Monthly Blood Pressure Screening

Come have your blood pressure checked by our RN's **THIS Sunday, December 28 after the 8 am and 10 am services** (or any last Sunday of the month) in the Parish Hall. Bring any questions you have to our Health & Wellness Team.



"Ask the Dietician"

The Health and Wellness Team will also host an "Ask The Dietician" session **after the 10 am service that same Sunday**. Church members will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with Phillippa Norman, MS, RD/LD and ask questions about nutritional wellness. We will discuss how nutrition plays a vital role in managing chronic diseases and improving quality of life.

Education informational will be provided. **Ministry contact:** [Sally Munson](#)

Clean Up Crew



*Please consider
joining us!*

**for an Organizational/Training Meeting
on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 4pm**

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St. Augustine's continues to provide fellowship opportunities into this new year. Our Clean Up Crew service for events will continue for the new year. **Please consider offering your talent and serve with us on this team!**

Duties include:

Attend the Organizational/training meeting on December 16th .
Clean up kitchen and hall after events: New Year's Brunch, Shrove Tuesday, Pot Luck Dinners, St. Patrick's Day, Italian Festival, Thanksgiving Day, or other events that may occur. **We will be dividing these events amongst our crew, so you would only need to serve at some of the events.**

Please sign up in the Narthex.

Questions? Please call Beth Weatherstone 772-538-6185.



Music Bingo!

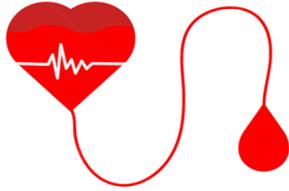
Join us **Friday, January 9, 2026 from 7-9 pm in the Parish Hall** for a whole new take on Bingo! DJ Troy livens up the party as you search for the songs you know from the '70s and '80s on your Music Bingo cards. Pay just \$5 for six games. Great prizes, one for each round. **Please BYOB & snacks**, and don't forget your family and friends! Contact: [Carol Paris](#)



ECW Blood Drive

The Big Red Bus will be stationed in St. Augustine's parking lot **Saturday, January 10 from 9 am to 2 pm**, ready to take your blood donation. All donors will receive a \$20 gift card to a national retailer like Target, Walmart or Amazon and also a wellness check up which includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

GIVE BLOOD



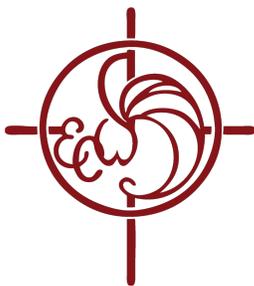
SAVE A LIFE

Fact: One in three of us will need a blood transfusion.

There is a need for all blood types right now. Trauma patients, cancer patients, newborns, and other people who need blood transfusions every day rely on you to give the gift of life and donate blood. Blood is essential to life and there is no substitute. It cannot be made. Generous blood donors are the only source of blood for those in critical need. The need for blood never takes a vacation!

Please sign up in the Narthex - Appointments are available and walk-ins are welcome. Contact: [Pam Wehrberger](#)

Brunch  **with**
The Ministry Leaders
Saturday, January 17 at 11 am

The graphic features the word 'Brunch' in a large, red, cursive font, followed by 'with' in a smaller, black, cursive font. To the right of 'with' is an illustration of a strawberry and a glass of orange juice with a slice of orange. Below this is 'The Ministry Leaders' in a red, cursive font, and 'Saturday, January 17 at 11 am' in a black, sans-serif font.

The ECW Invites Everyone to Brunch

on **Saturday, January 17 at 11am** in the **Parish Hall** for a special opportunity to hear directly from Ministry leaders about the important work their ministries are doing. This is your chance to gain firsthand insight into their mission, programs, and the impact they make in our church and community. Whether you're curious about their daily activities or considering ways to get involved, our leaders

will share their experiences and answer your questions. We hope you can attend and learn more about how these ministries serve and inspire others.

Please sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact: Pam Wehrberger at gran459495@aol.com

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

[Calendar](#)

Looking to Deepen Your Faith?



Sunday School

The Baptism of Jesus

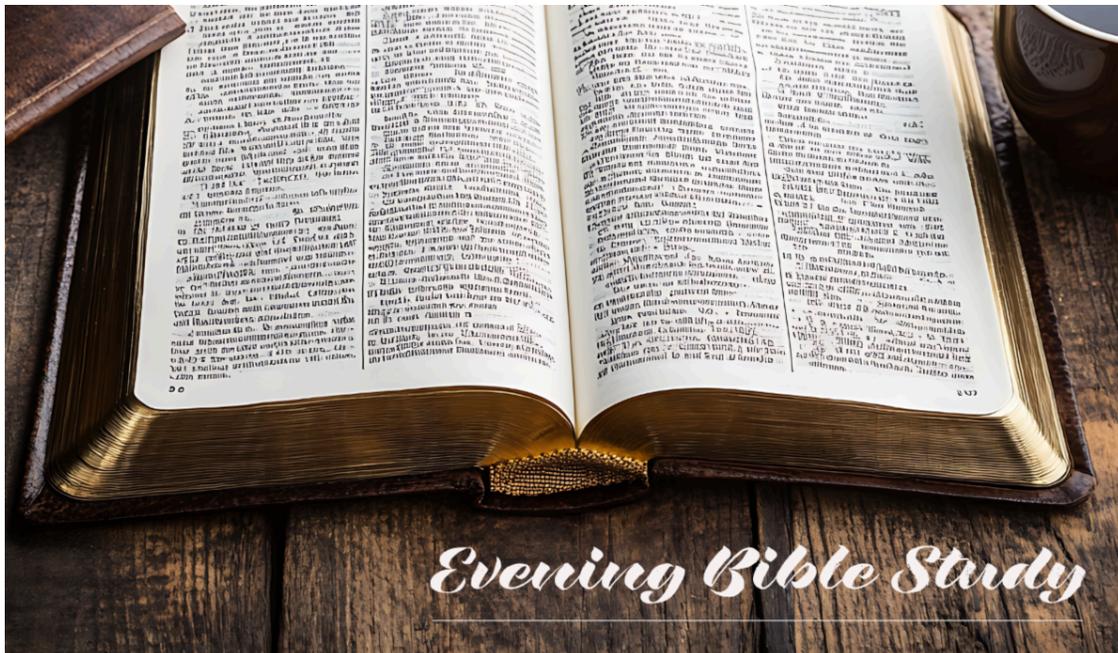
We resume our Bible study this Sunday as we continue our journey through the life of Jesus with the story of The Baptism of Jesus, an important moment that marks the beginning of His ministry and invites us to reflect on listening to God, trusting His plan, and stepping into the purpose He has for our lives.

Wishing all of our families a blessed and joy-filled Christmas!

Please Come Join Us!

Sunday School meets **Sunday at 10 am** in the last classroom at the end of the hall in the Christian Education Wing. **Ages K-8 are welcome.** Come with your friends and make new ones too!

If you have kids, grandkids, neighbors, or anyone that might be interested in Sunday School, please contact ministry leader [Michelle Guancione](#).



Evening Bible Study

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Evening Bible Study is taking a two week break before Christmas. We will pick back up Tuesday, January 6th, with the Gospel of Matthew. Over the course of the next year our Sunday gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel of Matthew. Our hope is that this evening bible study on Matthew will help us all dig deep into the Gospel of Matthew this next year.

If you have any questions contact Tyler at tyler@staugustinevero.com. We hope you can make it!



Connections: Women's Bible Study Group

Ladies, please join us for Connections - a weekly Bible Study ministry just for women. As iron sharpens iron, we will learn from each other, grow in our faith, and develop rich friendships as we study the Bible together.

Our next study will begin on January 6 which runs through March 24. We will focus on the Book of Exodus which recounts the single most important event in Israel's history, God rescues the people of Israel from Egypt and invites them into a covenant with Him. We will be using the study guide "Exodus" (Knowing The Bible Series) by Matthew R. Newkirk.

Please order your study guide here:

[Exodus Study Guide by Matthew R. Newkirk](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [Anita Plummer](#) or [Valerie Reich](#)

Outreach / Volunteer Opportunities

Jamaica Hurricane Relief

Please Continue to Donate for Jamaica Hurricane Relief

On October 28, Hurricane Melissa, a catastrophic Category 5 storm, made landfall over New Hope, Jamaica, with wind speeds of 185 mph. Hurricane Melissa caused widespread destruction across the Caribbean — killing dozens, destroying homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses with catastrophic damage and flooding.

St. Augustine's is collecting funds to support those in Jamaica who are suffering in the aftermath from the widespread devastation the hurricane left in its wake.

You may write us a check and designate "Jamaica Hurricane Relief" in the memo field. If you want to give cash, you may do so in an envelope marked with your name and "Jamaica Hurricane Relief". Questions? Please [contact the office](#) or call 772-770-3494.



THANK YOU!!!

for over 10,000 lbs. in 2025!

- **Spaghetti Sauce**
- **Pasta**
- **Peanut Butter**

A Message From Lew Gwyn

I am pleased to report that as of today, our total food given to the Salvation Army is 10,260 pounds. This past Sunday's collection is 170 pounds: pasta - 49 lbs, spaghetti sauce - 69 lbs, and peanut butter - 50 lbs. This is an incredible accomplishment!

MONETARY VALUE; pasta \$1-3, sauce \$3-8, PB \$2.50-\$4.00

If we average this at \$2, \$4, and \$3, that averages out to be roughly \$3.00 a pound for the food we've donated. Otherwise calculated, our contribution to The Salvation Army here is a bit over \$30,000 dollars.

Our congregation - and our leadership - is deserving of a significant pat on the back for a phenomenal GIFT whose value cannot be calculated.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!
- Lew Gwyn

This Sunday!

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

MATTHEW 1:23

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **First Sunday After Christmas Day**, either in person or via [Livestream](#) at 10 am. Watch our livestreamed service anytime during the week on our [YouTube channel](#).

This Week's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Gradual Psalm:

Psalm 147:13-21

Second Reading:

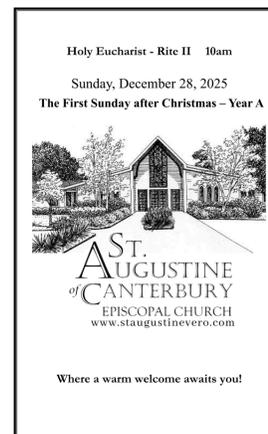
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

The Gospel:

John 1:1-18

[Worship Schedule>](#)

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This Weekend's Readers and Servers will be...

Saturday, 5:30 pm

All duties: Jane Ferguson

Sunday, 8 am

Lessons/Server/POTP: Lisa

Grandage

Ushers:

Lindas Beardslee, Ralph Chilton

Coffee Hour: Byron & Inge Curcio,

Donna & Carl Kerber

Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: Tom & Pam White,

Richard Calkins

Lessons: Genie Bushell

POTP: Marolyn Findlay

Chalice Bearers:

Nancy Kelly, Carolyn Robinson

Crucifer: Carolyn Robinson

Torches:

Nancy Kelly, Sally Munson

LEM: Sally Munson

Livestream: Emma Shields

Sunday School Assistant:

Julia Wiggins

Coffee Hour: Dick & Karen Monaco,

Barbara Houston, Donna Copeland,

Tom Elwood





Home Communion

Are you unable to worship with us in person due to illness or mobility issues and would like to receive communion at home? Just call the church office (772-770-3494) and ask to be put on the Home Communion list or contact [Sally Munson](#) to schedule a home visit.

Join us this Week for ...

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Please come join us each Sunday at Coffee Hour after the 8 am and 10 am services in the Parish Hall. Enjoy great coffee and treats as well as the company of your fellow parishioners. You never know who you might meet!



Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Needs Volunteers!

Serve once a month on one of 4 teams that rotate weekly, or on a team that only serves when there are 5 Sundays in the month. Contact [Brian McIntyre](#)

***Morning Prayer* | Daily 8 am, M-F**

Join in on [Daily Morning Prayer](#) services over the telephone. Simply dial (339) 209-4611 before 8 am, Monday through Friday to participate. The service is easy to follow and is about 20 minutes long. Newcomers, please see the [Online Instructions](#) to set up the Daily Office App. [Launch the Daily Office App>](#)



Parish Prayer Group | Mondays at 1:30 pm | Library

Prayer Shawl & Knitting Ministry | Tuesdays, 1-3 pm | Library

Evening Bible Study | Tuesdays at 6:30 pm | Library

Healing Eucharist | Wednesdays at 10 am | Sanctuary

Bible Study | Wednesdays at 11 am | Library

News & Notes

Health and Wellness

Managing the Holidays

The holidays, although filled with family, friends and celebration, can be a stressful time of year under normal circumstances. For those who are alone, have lost a loved one or gone through a recent crisis, it can be emotionally difficult. Here are a few tips to get through the holidays if you are grieving or feeling “blue”:

Acknowledge that the holidays will be different and may be emotional.

Be honest and tell people what you want to do for the holidays and what you don't want to do. Listen to yourself and communicate with friends and/or family what works for you.

Decide which traditions you want to keep and which you want to change. Maybe create a new tradition.

Don't feel guilty about skipping events if you are on overload. At the same time, if you are feeling lonely, reach out to a friend or fellow parishioner. Generally, people want to be of help.

Practice self care whether it be meditation, a walk, a massage; whatever soothes your soul. Try to get plenty of rest, eat healthy and limit alcohol intake.

Remember those you have lost. Sharing memories can often be therapeutic.

Consider volunteering by doing something kind for someone else, such as helping at a soup kitchen, delivering presents to the disadvantaged. It may lift your spirits by helping others.

Seek help if you are struggling. It may be helpful to join a support group or see a counselor or health professional. Don't be afraid to say YES to people who want to help and may offer their support.

St. Augustine of Canterbury prides itself in being a welcoming and caring faith community. If you know of someone who is in need of support, reach out to them. It's the best gift you can give!

Sally Munson, RN
Pastoral Care Ministries, Coordinator

Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

Thurs. Dec 25 - OFFICE CLOSED 12/25 thru 12/30; Office will be OPEN on Wed. Dec. 31; CLOSED Thurs-Fri. Jan 1-2, 2026. Normal hours Monday, 01/05.

Sat. Dec. 27 – DOK Meeting Library, 10 am, Library

Sat. Dec. 27 - Shining Light Garden, 8:30-10:30 am, Offsite

Sun. Dec. 28 - Blood Pressure Screening, 9 & 11 am, Parish Hall

Sun., Dec. 28 - Ask the Dietician, 11 am only, Parish Hall

Save the Date!

Sun. Jan 4 – New Year’s Brunch in the Parish Hall after 10am service

Mon. Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 - Parish Prayer Group, Library

Tues. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

Tues. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library

Tues. Jan. 6 – Clean Up Crew Meeting and Training, 4 pm, Parish Hall

Tues. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Library

Fri. Jan. 9 – Music Bingo in the Parish Hall 7pm

Sat. Jan. 10 – ECW Blood Drive in the Parking Lot, 9am-2pm

Tues. Jan. 13 - Finance Meeting, 11 am, Library

Fri. Jan. 16 - Third Fridays at the Source, 12 pm, Parish Hall

Sun. Jan. 18 - Annual Meeting, in the church after the 10 am service

Mon. Jan. 19 - Vestry Meeting, 7 pm

Tues. Jan. 20 - Men’s Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon’s

Sat. Jan. 24 – DOK Meeting Library, 10 am, Library

Sun. Jan. 25 - Blood Pressure Screening, 9 & 11 am, Parish Hall

Sun. Jan. 25 - Ask the Dietician, 11 am only, Parish Hall

Tues. Jan. 27 - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall

Find these events and more on our *St. Augustine's* calendar

CALENDAR

Useful Links

- [How to Choose a Bible](#) by the Rev. Wes Shields
- [Church Center](#) To access our Church Center database app on the web
- [Daughters of the King Prayer List](#)
- [Morning Prayer info and downloads](#)
- [Livestream Services](#)
- [St. Augustine's Facebook Page](#)

- [St. Augustine's YouTube Channel](#) To subscribe: Sign in to YouTube on your computer. Go to [St. Augustine's YouTube channel](#) and select a video to play. Click "Subscribe" under the play window.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Please pray for ... all who are affected by violence, conflict or impacted by natural disasters. We also pray for **Patrick, Albert, Pam, Jay, Beemer, Gladys, Margaret, Gloria, Melanie, Samira, Paulo, Rosanjela, Jacira, Valerie, Carol, Sarah, Linda Sue, Dakota, Arden, Elinor, Jacinth, Andy, Joanne.**

Parish Prayer List Reminder!

The Parish Prayer List names are reviewed on a monthly basis. Names remain on the list as long as the Office is aware that they are to remain. Names of those we have not received updates are removed from the list unless the parish office is otherwise notified. Please let us know who is in the hospital and who is deceased. Contact: [Dana Johnson](#) at 772-770-3494.

This Week, We Celebrate

Birthdays

28 – Carol Paris
29 – Barbara Hadsell
31 - Kathryn Wideman

Anniversaries

28 – Bill & Linda Beardslee
Michael & Mary Ann Harris (1968)
30 – Fr. Wes & Laura Shields (2000)

This Week, We Remember

Departed

28 – Pat Hall (2020)
29 – Donald Ingram (2024)
Bob Perry (2019)
01 – Daniel Letts (2016)



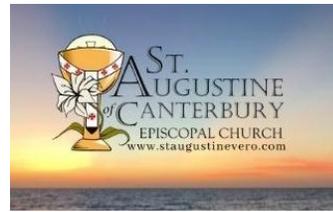
This Week's Altar Flowers

are given in honor of the wedding anniversary of Fr. Wes and Laura Shields on December 30, by Laura's mother, Carol Goodson.

If you would like to remember a loved one with Altar Flowers, please fill out a flower request envelope found in the brochure rack on the wall in the Narthex, or on the Slat Wall in the

Parish Hall. It can be submitted to the office or in the offering plate, or by contacting Dana Johnson at the parish office at 772-770-3494.

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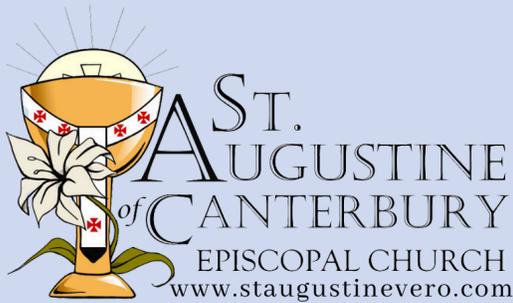
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