



"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."



Happy New Year 2026!

Just a reminder: the **Office will be CLOSED Thursday-Friday January 1 & 2.** We will reopen January 5 for normal business hours.



New Year's Brunch - THIS Sunday, January 4
AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE



All are invited to come to the 2026 Annual Meeting

on **Sunday, January 18 after the 10 am service** in the Sanctuary.

The congregation as a whole is encouraged to attend. The Rector will give a "State of the Church" address which may include a brief synopsis of ministry activity and also commentary about the financial health of the church for the year. The 2026 Annual Report will be emailed out in the Canterbury Tales the Thursday preceding the meeting.

Ministry Leaders: Please email Ministry Annual Reports to the Parish Office no later than Monday, January 12, as the completed 2026 Annual Report will be included in that Thursday's Canterbury Tales. If your report is running late, please email/call the office and let Dana know.

If any questions, please contact the [office](#) or call 772-770-3494.

The Second Sunday After Christmas Day



In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ✨

Matthew 2:1-2 ✨

The Wise Men

A dream is featured again this week as the method through which God gave guidance and discernment – this time to the three "Wise Men", who journey across great distances to worship the baby Jesus as their Messiah and to give him gifts. They had to get around King Herod however, who had tried to trick

them into giving up Jesus' location, so that Herod could kill him, so that the prophecies concerning Jesus could not be fulfilled. Just as the Wise Men were warned in a dream to go home another way, a little later on Joseph too had another dream, this time telling him to move his family into Egypt to get away from the evil king, who had decided to launch a widescale extermination of all baby boys 2 years old or under.

At the time that the Wise Men find Jesus, it is likely that he was not the infant in the manger that we all imagine, but was probably somewhere around that 2 year old mark. They brought Him very expensive gifts, namely gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold is said to represent his kingship and authority, the frankincense represents his role as a priest – a “mediator” for mankind to the Father, and myrrh is a spice used for burial to embalm the dead and foretells of his suffering and death.

What “gifts” might we have to present to Jesus this week? While it might not be gold, frankincense and myrrh, we might ask ourselves what we have of value to offer. And as illogical as it might seem for most of us, how might we perceive God's guidance operating in our lives right now? Through a “gut feeling”, the advice of a friend, or even a nighttime dream? How are we being directed to go or even more importantly, which way *not* to go? If we ask, we can receive God's help as we move through our own personal journeys, even through any dangerous territory that we may face. The Wise Men had God to guide them, and so do we.



Upcoming Events



Clean Up Crew

Please consider joining us!

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

Organizational/Training Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 4 pm

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 January 6th.
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!

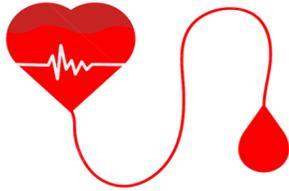
Join us **Friday, January 9, 2026 from 7-9 pm in the Parish Hall** for a whole new take on Bingo! DJ Troy livens up the party as you search for the songs you know from the '50s through the '80s on your Music Bingo cards. Pay just \$5 for six games. Great prizes, one for each round. **Please BYOB & snacks**, 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

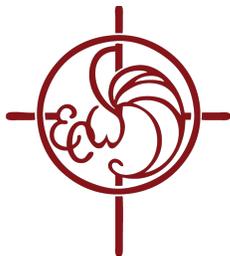
Fact: One in three of us will need a blood transfusion.

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

A decorative illustration featuring a strawberry, a glass of orange juice with a slice of orange, and a lemon slice.

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 ...

Looking to Deepen Your Faith?



Children on the Altar

This Sunday, there will be no Sunday School, as our children will be serving on the altar as acolytes. Each month, on the first Sunday, children have the opportunity to assist in worship by serving on the altar. If your child is interested in becoming an acolyte, please reach out to [Fr. Wes](#) for training opportunities.

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





Evening Bible Study Resumes this Tuesday!

Join us Tuesday, January 6th as Evening Bible Study resumes 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 begins on **THIS TUESDAY** on January 6 and 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



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.

Salvation Army Ministry 2026

Thanks to everyone who continues to support this ministry! Last year we surpassed our 10,000 pound goal for a whopping **11,000 pounds of Spaghetti, Pasta and Peanut butter for 2025** - we could not have done it without YOU! We are looking forward to continuing this very worthwhile ministry in 2026.

The three items that we donate every week to the Salvation Army continue to be a lifeline to families in need! The Salvation Army tells us we are the ONLY church in town who is doing this on a weekly basis, and that the fully stocked shelves on Monday are empty by Wednesday. **We only accept three items: pasta, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter (at their request).** Please place your contributions in the collection box in the Parish Hall.



And as always, your faithfulness in helping to serve our local community is very much appreciated. **Thank you!**

This Sunday!

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

MATTHEW 2:2

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Second 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:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Gradual Psalm:

Psalm 84:1-8

Second Reading:

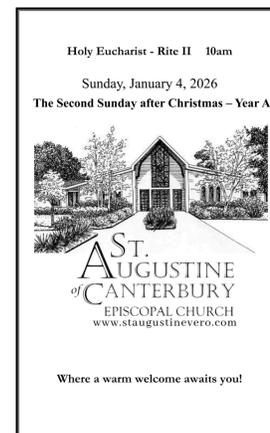
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

The Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

[Worship Schedule>](#)

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

Saturday, 5:30 pm

All duties: Carolyn Robinson

Sunday, 8 am

Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: Tom & Pam White,
Deb Kavanagh

Lessons: Julianna Guancione

POTP: Jack Guancione

Lessons/Server/POTP: Kate

Schmidt

Ushers:

Linda Beardslee, Ralph Chilton

Coffee Hour: Byron & Inge Curcio,
Donna & Carl Kerber



Chalice Bearers:

Julianna Guancione, Margaret Been

Crucifer: Jack Guancione

Torches:

Julianna Guancione, Margaret Been

LEM: Sally Munson

Livestream:

Sunday School Assistant:

Julia Wiggins

Coffee Hour:

The Daughters of the King



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

Christmas Pageant 2025!

Look and see the children present at this past year's Christmas Eve Pageant, featuring Chris and Julie Michaels as Joseph and Mary, and the newly baptised little Van Michaels as the Baby Jesus!



Bountiful Harvest at Shining Light Garden

Large amounts of many different kinds of winter squash greeted the Shields Family as they volunteered on Saturday, December 27th at Shining Light Garden, a garden that is dedicated to the feeding of the homeless and hungry here in Indian River County.



Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

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, 2026 – Music Bingo in the Parish Hall 7pm
Sat. Jan. 10, 2026 – 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
Sat. Jan 17 - Brunch with the Ministry Leaders, 11am, Parish Hall
Sun. Jan. 18 - 2026 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, 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

This Week, We Remember

Departed

04 – Valorie Stevenson
06 – Doreen Pennington
08 – Andrea Adolph Prince
09 – Julie McPartlin
PK Lynch
Molly Michaels

Norman Baker (Dec. 2025)
Skip Villerot (Dec. 2025)
01/05 – James Angel (2024)
01/06 – Bunny Frey (2021)
01/10 – Leo Norikus (2001)



Anniversaries

05 – Cheri & Eric Foster
07 – Jean & Roy Thompson



This Week's Altar Flowers

This week's Altar Flowers are given by Barbara Dodge in loving memory of Don Ingram for the glory of God.

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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