



“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.”



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor... but go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

LUKE 14:8-11

“Humility - God’s Equalizer”

How many times have we heard about the need to be humble in life? What does true humility mean? Is it always putting yourself last, or does it mean more in the context of the attitudes in one’s heart in general?

An AI definition of “humble” is as follows: *“As an adjective, it describes someone not proud or arrogant, or something that is low in rank, quality, or status.”* The definition of humility according to Dictionary.com is: *the quality or condition of being humble; modest opinion or estimate of one’s own importance, rank, etc.*

So, what is true humility? We often hear about “false humility” which is defined as *“insincere self-deprecation or modesty displayed to gain*

attention, validation, or personal advantage, and it is a form of pride disguised as weakness.” The definition goes on to say *“Unlike true humility, which reflects an accurate self-view and gives glory to a higher power or acknowledges one’s source of gifts, false humility focuses on the self and serves ulterior motives.”* So, by that definition, true humility is the ability to know that we are not the source of our talents and giftings, but rather that we are to give the glory to God. We are to recognize God as the source of all our blessings and to not rely on ourselves alone. When we give the glory to God, we then take the focus off of ourselves which can then help us see ourselves in proper perspective and circumvent the need to put our own objectives first above everything else.

Jesus talks about humility in this Sunday’s readings and tells us not to overestimate our own importance. He suggests that we do that by putting ourselves in last place, so that we can only be promoted and not demoted because we were focused on ourselves and our own aggrandizement. This story reminds us not to jockey for position when it comes to opportunities, friends, or material possessions. We must bring God into every conversation we have with ourselves concerning our motives and examine our reasons for wanting to take an ambitious action that could be construed as self-serving.

There are many ways that humility can be employed. Humility is one of the ways that God can “level the playing field” as the humble do have a way of rising to the top of many situations as they concentrate on the greater good, not just their own, and especially as they look to God for direction. Sometimes God has us take the “long way around” to a goal. Frequently by being meek and non-aggressive in pursuing particular actions, in time God can bring the blessings of a situation back to us at the right time. In some cases it can mean not getting the “right job” immediately, but a better one later, and one that we didn’t have to fight to get. It can mean allowing someone else to win an argument, especially if it allows peace in the home that would have otherwise been disrupted over something that would later prove to be insignificant. Sometimes, it is giving an advantage to someone else when God directs one to do so. Most of the time, it is simply about choosing not to have a “me first!” attitude or allowing oneself to be puffed up with arrogance and looking down on others. It’s more about looking to God, and giving someone else the benefit of the doubt, or the benefit of a leg up, even if we don’t personally agree with or like someone. We choose to leave the result in God’s hands and do our best to move forward trusting in His providential goodness.



Upcoming Events



Join Us for Trivia Night

Come to a fun, general knowledge Trivia Game emcee'd by Nancy Kelly on **Friday, September 12, 7-9 pm in the Parish Hall**. All are welcome! Bring your friends, some snacks, and drinks. The church will provide water. Don't have a team? Come, join one - up to 8 players per team. No sign-up necessary! Contact: [Nancy Kelly](#)



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. **Starting in September, St. Augustine Serves will work at Shining Light Garden on the second and fourth Saturdays each month from 8:30 -10:30 am. Our next upcoming work dates are September 13 and September 27.**

Like to get involved? Reach out to ministry contact: [Barbara McGowan](#)

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



Please Join Us! **ECW Opening Eucharist Service**

Saturday, Sept. 20 at 11 am

We begin our ECW seasonal calendar with a Special Eucharist Service. Our music director, Tom Hall will accompany us as we sing God's praises with some specially chosen hymns. Add to the joyous occasion by wearing the ECW color, red!

**The Rev. Denise Hudspeth, former Assistant Rector,
will be our Celebrant and Luncheon Guest Speaker.**

Please RSVP in the Narthex

Contact: Pam Wehrberger at gran459495@aol.com

To RSVP or ask a question, please contact [Pam Wehrberger](#)



St. Augustine Serves International Coastal Cleanup

Sept. 20, 8:30-11 am, Riverside Park (3001 Riverside Park Dr. Vero Beach)
Held annually, this global event brings together millions of volunteers to

remove trash from beaches and waterways. For the third year running, St. Augustine Serves will join forces with Ocean Conservancy to clean up the waterfront areas around Riverside Park and celebrate God's creation. To sign up, please contact [Barbara McGowan](#)

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

Calendar

Looking to Deepen Your Faith?



Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education

Begins

NEXT WEEK !

Please join us on Sunday mornings starting on September 7 for a study on First Corinthians

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education

Join us Sunday mornings for our Adult Christian Ed study group which resumes **NEXT Sunday, Sept. 7, at 9 am** with the **Book of 1 Corinthians**.

A continuation of the study of Paul's ministry begun in Acts, the first letter to Corinth finds the Apostle struggling to hold the nascent Church together in a city with deep pagan roots. The epistle's themes are practical and timeless and as relevant today as in the first century. To quote Paul: "for we live by faith, not by sight". Questions? Contact: [Fr. Wes Shields](#)



Evening Bible Study

Evening Bible Study with Fr. Tyler

Please come to our brand new Evening Bible Study! We will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the library and the study will last about an hour. Over the course of the fall we will be going through Paul's letter to the Romans. We are happy to be able to offer this opportunity for people who have expressed interest in an evening bible study in the past. If you have any questions please contact [Fr. Tyler](#). Look forward to seeing you there!



Connections

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

New Study for Connections Begins This Tuesday!

Tuesdays September 2 - November 18, 9:30 am - 11 am

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 focus on the Book of Genesis, providing the framework for understanding the entire biblical narrative, from creation to the promise of a

future restoration.

We will gather on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Hall from 9:30-11 am Sept. 2 - Nov. 18. Our facilitators are Anita Plummer and Valerie Reich.

We will be using the study guide “Genesis” (Knowing The Bible Series) by Mitchell M. Kim. Please order your study guide here:

[Genesis: A 12-Week Study \(Knowing the Bible\)](#)



Sunday School Lesson: Daniel and the Lion's Den

This week in Sunday School, we learned about the Bible story of Daniel and the lions' den. Daniel was a good and faithful man who prayed to God every day. Some men who were jealous of him tricked the king into making a law that no one could pray to anyone except the king. But Daniel still prayed to God because he trusted Him. As punishment, Daniel was thrown into a den filled with hungry lions. But God protected Daniel by sending an angel to shut the lions' mouths, and he was not hurt at all! The next morning, the king was amazed and gave praise to Daniel's God. This story teaches us to have faith, be brave, and trust God in every situation.

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!

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](#).



Episcopal Diocese
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

September 19 – 21, 2025

Camp Wingmann

RENEWED 2025 BEGINNINGS

"See what love the
Father has given us..."
1 John 3:1-2

A **weekend retreat** where students **dig deeper** in their faith
and **seek the next steps** in their walk with Christ.

Middle School & High School Spiritual Retreat

September 19-21, 2025. Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida at Camp Wingmann, Avon Park, FL.

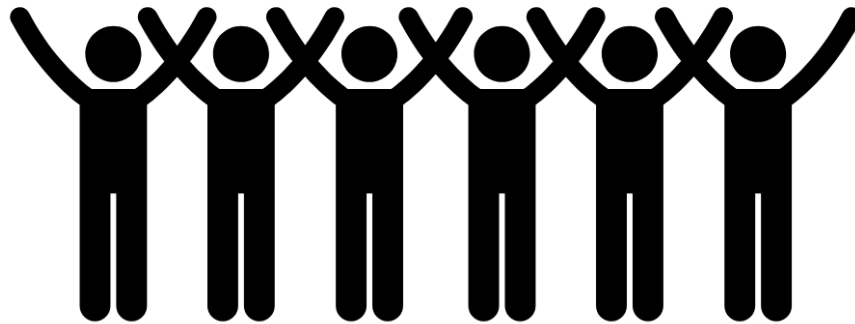
New Beginnings is a unique weekend retreat designed to respond to the issues, concerns and needs of middle and high school students. The weekend provides an opportunity for students to dig deeper in their faith and seek the next steps in their walk with Christ. This year, students will focus on shedding the labels of the world and resting in the assurance of who they are as children of God. Through small-group sessions and worship, students learn how to navigate real-life situations with faith while building friendships that last! [Click here to register.](#)

Early-bird pricing of \$135 ends THIS SUNDAY on August 31 and includes meals, lodging and T-shirt. Please [click here to download and share the event flyer.](#)

Outreach / Volunteer Opportunities

Pick up envelopes in the Narthex
STARTING THIS SUNDAY!

POPS FUND



September POPS Fund Campaign

POPS Fund donation envelopes are in the Narthex starting THIS SUNDAY!

The POPS Fund was established by an anonymous donor who donates \$10,000 annually. This donor is also willing to match parishioner donations up to an additional \$5,000. This fund provides critical support to local outreach organizations to carry out their charitable missions, empowering them to purchase needed equipment, make repairs and support capital expenditures, often on an emergency basis.

Please pick up your POPS envelopes in the Narthex or send your check directly to the church. You may donate by writing a check to St. Augustine's and writing POPS Fund on the memo line. You may also donate online through the Church Center app under POPS Fund.

Please help us make our goal! Questions? Contact: [Tony Tulumello](#)



Thanks so much to all who continue to routinely contribute to this ministry, as the three items that we donate every week to the Salvation Army continue to be a lifeline to families in need! It has been reported that we are the ONLY church in town who is doing this on a weekly basis.

Please keep in mind the need remains ALL YEAR LONG. Many parishioners are away at this time of year, so it is crucial for those of us here to continue our support.

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!

“For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

MATTHEW 23:12

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**, either in person or at home via [Livestream](#) at 10 am. Or watch our livestreamed service anytime during the week on our [YouTube channel](#).

This Week's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Gradual Psalm:

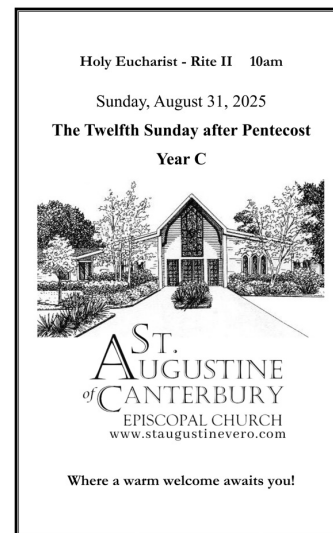
Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Second Reading:

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The Gospel:

Luke 14:1, 7-14



Interested in receiving Home Communion? Just call the church office (772-770-3494) and ask to be put on the Home Communion list.

[Worship Schedule>](#)

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

Saturday, 5:30 pm

All duties: Laurie Samuels

Sunday, 8 am

Lessons/Server/POTP: Bob Stasonis

Ushers:

Joann Kirchhoff, Valorie Stevenson

Coffee Hour:

Byron & Inge Curcio, Donna Kerber

Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: David & Marianne Rowan,
Cris Vaccaro

Lessons: Marilyn Dussault

POTP: Heather Bennett

Chalice:

Carolyn Robinson, Pam White

Crucifer: Pam White

Torches:

Heather Bennett, Carolyn Robinson

LEM: Heather Bennett

Livestream: Emma Shields



Sunday School Ass't: Julia Wiggins
Coffee Hour: Sunny Uttley

Join us this Week for ...

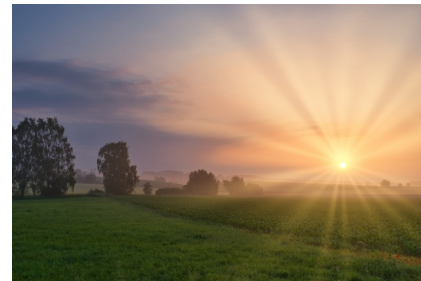
Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

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!



***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

Healing Eucharist | Wednesdays at 10 am | Sanctuary

Bible Study | Wednesdays at 11 am | Library

News & Notes



Happy Labor Day!

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

OFFICE CLOSED on Monday, September 1

Please be aware that the office will be closed on Labor Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, September 2. We apologize for any inconvenience!



Let Us Pray For YOU!

Although we do not meet again until September, the Daughters of the King pray for our parish daily. If you would like to be added individually to our confidential Prayer List, please fill out a blue card found in the pew boxes and place them in the box in the Narthex. Or you may email us at DOKPrayer@staugustinevero.com

Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

Mon. Sept. 1 - **OFFICE CLOSED** for Labor Day

Mon. Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 - Parish Prayer Group, Library

Tues. Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

Tues. Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library

Tues. Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Library

Tues. Sept. 9 - Finance Meeting, 10:30 am, Library

Tues. Sept. 9 - Outreach Ministry Meeting, 11 am, Parish Hall

Fri. Sept. 12 - Trivia Night w/Nancy Kelly, 7 pm, Parish Hall

Sat. Sept. 13, 27 - Shining Light Garden, 8:30-10:30 am, Offsite
Tues. Sept. 16 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's
Fri. Sept. 19 - Third Fridays at the Source, 12 pm, Parish Hall Kitchen/Offsite
Sat. Sept. 20 - International Coastal Cleanup Day, 8:30-11 am, Riverside Pk
Sat. Sept. 20 - ECW Opening Eucharist & Luncheon, 11 am Church/Parish Hall
Tues. Sept. 23 - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall
Sat. Sept. 27 - DOK Meeting Library, 10 am, Library
Sun., Sept. 28 - Blood Pressure Screening, 9 & 11 am, Parish Hall
Sun., Sept. 28 - Ask the Dietician, 11 am only, Parish Hall

Save the Date:

Sat. Oct. 4 - Blessing of the Animals, 6 pm, outside
Mon. Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 - Parish Prayer Group, Library
Tues. Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 - Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall
Tues. Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library
Tues. Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 - Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Library
Sat. Oct. 11, 25 - Shining Light Garden, 8:30-10:30 am, Offsite
Tues. Oct. 14 - Outreach Ministry Meeting, 11 am, Parish Hall
Fri. Oct. 17 - Third Fridays at the Source, 12 pm, Parish Hall Kitchen/Offsite
Sat. Oct. 18 - ECW Craft Fair, 9 am - 1 pm, Parish Hall
Sat. Oct. 18 - Making Strides Cancer Walk, 8:30-11 am, Riverside Park
Tues. Oct. 21 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's
Sat. Oct. 25 - ECW Blood Drive, 9 am - 2 pm, Parking Lot
Sat. Oct. 25 - Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing, 9am, Parish Hall
Sat. Oct. 25 - DOK Meeting Library, 10 am, Library
Sun., Oct. 26 - Blood Pressure Screening, 9 & 11 am, Parish Hall
Sun., Oct. 26 - Ask the Dietician, 11 am only, Parish Hall
Tues. Oct. 28 - 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](#)
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Please Keep in Your Prayers

Please pray for ... all who are affected by violence, conflict or impacted by natural disasters. We also pray for the Golden family, the Wood Family, Dawn, Emilia, Alicia, Lyn, Al, Gretchen, Jacira, Sannina, the Meeks Family, Suzie, Barbara, Gloria, Melanie, Sarah, June, 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

- 31 - Bill Hawksworth
Eric Findlay
- 02 - Dereck Prince
David Askren
- 03 - Aileen Hoguet
- 04 - Serina Kratz
- 05 - William Shield
- 06 - Kate Schmidt

Anniversaries

- 01 - Lew & Clare Gwyn (1968)
Jerry & Beth Weatherstone
David & Lesley Verbeke (1991)
- 02 - Lorne & Jane Coyle

This Week, We Remember

Departed

- 22 - Edward Golden (2025)
- 31 - Nancy Russell
Inez Morelli (2021)
- 01 - Prima Lectura (2021)
Barbara Hardy (2024)
- 04 - Herbert Grandage, III (2010)
Michael Ford
- 06 - Patricia Kroepke (2023)



This Week's Altar Flowers

This Sunday's Altar Flowers are given by Jane Ferguson in loving memory of her brother, Michael Ford.

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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