



“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.”

Introducing the new St. Augustine’s

Kirby Graham Endowment FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN



The Kirby Graham Endowment for Youth and Children

A Message from Father Wes

I am very pleased to share with you the fact that we have received a new endowment here at St. Augustine of Canterbury:

The Kirby Graham Endowment for Youth and Children.

Some of you may remember Kirby as a snowbird here for 5 or 6 years. She originally left the money to another church that closed down so they contacted us and wanted to help with our Angel Tree gifts or our backpack supply drive. Through many conversations and over 100 emails, they were convinced that we didn’t need help with particular events, but rather needed an endowment to build a long term commitment to youth and families. At this time, the endowment will support our Sunday School program, as well as part of Tyler’s salary because he works with those programs part of the time.

*Ultimately I would love to see this grow into its own position along with a youth group, bible study opportunities, and an expanded program for our children. **The total endowment stands at \$894,427.08.** That is a lot of money and it will continue to be a blessing to this parish and our community for generations to come. Let us all give thanks for her generosity and the blessing we have received.*

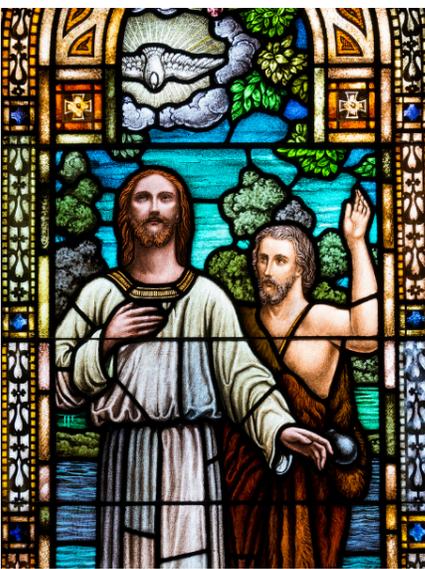
If you are interested in finding out more about how you can support our parish in a similar fashion, please contact me. The experts predict that over half our churches will close in the next 50 years and churches our size are at the top of that list. We have the ability right now to ensure that does not occur and if you would like to be a part of that, please let me know at wes@staugustinevero.com



Ministry Leaders - All Reports Due THIS MONDAY, Jan 12! Reports will be included in our Annual Report booklet format which will be inserted in next Thursday's Canterbury Tales . **If your report is running late, please email/call the office and let Dana know.**

The congregation as a whole is encouraged to attend the meeting on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, after the 10am service.** 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.

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



Epiphany 1

And a voice from heaven said,
“This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:17

The Baptism of Jesus

Our Gospel this week starts with the words *“Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.”* (Matthew 3:13) The passage then goes on to describe the surprise of John the Baptist, who declares that he should be the one being baptized by Jesus! However, Jesus noted that it was the right thing to do, in order to fulfill the scriptures concerning the Messiah, as well to identify himself with mankind’s need to repent from their sins. In this way, Jesus *“fulfilled all righteousness”* (Matthew 3:15).

However, what happens next shows the divinity of Jesus, as the heavens open above Him as He comes up out of the river. The Holy Spirit then descends upon Him and rests upon Him *“like a dove”* (Matthew 3:16), along with the Father’s audible voice saying *“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”* (Matthew 3:17). This act of baptism was the official start to Jesus’ three year ministry, and it confirmed to John the Baptist that Jesus was indeed the Messiah prophesied about, and that Jesus was the one that John himself had been pointing to during his own ministry.

What appears to be a simple baptism and a mere formality on the part of Jesus actually marks the end of an era and the beginning of a new one, namely that God through Jesus is with us now in a way that had never been experienced before, and Paul tells us *“that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”* (Acts 10:43) John the Baptist tells us to repent, and Jesus is the one who forgives.



Upcoming Events



Music Bingo This Friday Night

Join us **THIS 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 This Saturday!

The Big Red Bus will be stationed in St. Augustine's parking lot **THIS 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.

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

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE A LIFE

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

next **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?



The Temptation of Jesus

This week in Sunday School, our students explored the powerful story of **Jesus being tempted in the wilderness**. After His baptism, Jesus spent forty days praying and preparing for His ministry. During this time, He faced three temptations, each designed to pull His focus away from God's will. Through this story, the children learned that even Jesus experienced temptation, yet He remained faithful and obedient to God.

We discussed how Jesus responded to every temptation by using **God's Word**, reminding us that Scripture is a source of strength when we face hard choices. Instead of giving in, Jesus trusted His Father completely and showed us that true strength comes from putting God first—even when we feel tired, hungry, or challenged. The children were especially engaged in talking about how temptation often shows up during moments of weakness and how prayer and God's truth can help guide our decisions.

Most importantly, the lesson helped the students understand that **Jesus understands our struggles** and walks with us when we face temptation in our own lives. By following His example—praying, remembering Scripture, and choosing obedience—we can grow stronger in our faith each day. It was a meaningful reminder that we are never alone and that God always provides the strength we need to choose what is right.

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 Has Resumed!

Join us Tuesdays, at 6:30pm as Evening Bible Study focuses on 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.

This session, we are focusing 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](#)



Morning Prayer | Daily 8 am, M-F

From wherever you are, 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 30 minutes long.

Newcomers, please see the [Online Instructions](#) to set up the Daily Office App. [Launch the Daily Office App>](#)

Outreach / Volunteer Opportunities



Still Collecting Funds 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.

We are still 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

Last year we surpassed our 10,000 pound goal and gave 11,000 pounds of Spaghetti, Pasta and Peanut butter in 2025. Let's surpass that this year 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!

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

MATTHEW 3:17

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **First Sunday after the Epiphany**, 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 42:1-9

Gradual Psalm:

Psalm 29

Second Reading:

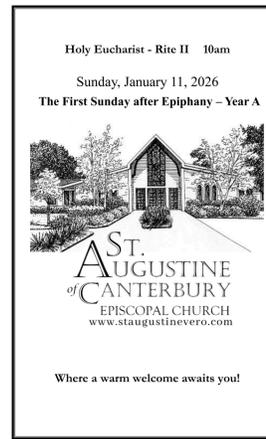
Acts 10:34-43

The Gospel:

Matthew 3:13-17

[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: Bob Stasonis

POTP: Tom Hall

Ushers:

Sandy & Bill Hawksworth

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

Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: Dick & Karen Monaco,
Tom Wehrberger

Lessons: David Rowan

POTP: Deb Kavanagh

Chalice Bearers:

David Rowan, Deb Kavanagh

Crucifer: David Rowan

Torches:

Marianne Rowan, Deb Kavanagh

LEM: Marianne Rowan

Livestream: Emma Shields

Sunday School Assistant:

Pam Wehrberger

Coffee Hour: Brian & Karen McIntyre,
Chris & Leslie Valentine



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](#)

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

Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

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

Mon. Jan. 12 - Vestry Meeting, 7 pm

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

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

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

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

Sat. Jan. 10, 2026 – ECW Blood Drive in the Parking Lot, 9am-2pm

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

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

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 **Bill, Denise, Gerry, Dan, Bonnie, Al, Ginger, John, Anne, 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

13 – Philippa Norman
Pat Ianotti
Genie Bushell

16 – Fran Alibrio Curran

17 – Sheila Robinson

Anniversaries

None this week

This Week, We Remember

Departed

12 – George Kirchoff (2018)
David Dobson Hamman (2019)



This Week's Altar Flowers

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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