



***"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."***



## Epiphany 4 - The Beatitudes

**Blessed be the...**

*Matthew 5:3-12*

**meek**

**merciful**

*poor in spirit*

**ones that mourn**

*ones who hunger and*

**PERSECUTED**

*thirst after righteousness*

**pure in heart**

**peacemakers**

### **"Blessed Are" - The Beatitudes**

A lot has been said about the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) – a set of teachings by Jesus also called "The Sermon on the Mount." While there is some discussion about how many Beatitudes there are, it is generally agreed that there are eight of them. These are all statements which begin with the words "*Blessed are*". They are then followed by teachings about the "*salt of the earth*" and "*the light of the world*" (see Matthew 5:13-16). All of these teachings are supposed to guide us into what Jesus says that we should *be* if we accept these truths and live them out in our own lives.

The Beatitudes have been described in this way – that these are the "be" attitudes. These series of statements are telling us how to "*be*". Some of the statements are outwardly encouraging, yet some very much fly in the face of what we have been taught in our culture. People don't usually consider the "*meek*" anything more than doormats, and most would prefer the teaching of "*an eye for an eye*" rather than "*Blessed are you when people revile you and*

*persecute you."* Yet with each of these statements, Jesus tells us that we will be *blessed* in that as we are "poor in spirit", meek, merciful, peacemakers, or persecuted because we follow Him rather than the world, that we will be called the children of God, and receive certain things such as the kingdom of heaven and inheriting the earth. He also will give comfort when we need it, mercy, and the ability to see God. We will have our hunger and thirst for Him quenched by His presence.

This week, how might the Holy Spirit guide and encourage us through these teachings? Through which attribute(s) might God be trying to reach us right now - to *be*?

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## Upcoming Events



### Please Help SAS at the King of the Hill Tournament

Thursdays, through Feb.19 from 5-7 pm at The Boulevard Tennis Club

**Starting Thursday, Jan.15th and running 6 consecutive Thursdays from 5-7 pm**, St. Augustine Serves will be helping out at the King of the Hill Tennis Tournament to benefit Youth Guidance Mentoring Academy. This is a major fundraiser for this dedicated outreach partner of St. Augustine's.

**The events fall on the following Thursdays: Jan. 29th, Feb. 5th, Feb. 12th and Feb. 19th.** This activity involves working as ticket-takers (seated), ushering attendees, selling 50/50 tickets and engaging with the youth. Five people are needed each week; consider bringing a friend!

These events are being held at The Boulevard Tennis Club (1620 Blvd Village Ln., Vero Beach - Right off Indian River Boulevard). We will need five people to work 5-7 pm during the event; all are invited to stay to watch the tennis

tournament. If you are interested in helping out, please contact: [Barbara McGowan](#) with the date(s) you are available.

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### **Central Florida Diocesan Men's Retreat**

**Friday, February 6 - Sunday, February 8**

**3404 Camp Wingmann Rd. Avon Park, FL 33825**

Join guys from across the Diocese for an incredible weekend of worship, fellowship, renewal and engaging content at Camp Wingmann for this very special Retreat! The Speaker is Rob Sturdy, Chaplain to the Core of Cadets at The Citadel and Director of

St. Alban's Anglican Chapel. Rob holds a PhD in Historical Theology, and his content is deep yet incredibly accessible. There will be opportunities for small groups and breakout sessions.

The cost for the Retreat weekend is \$185.00. Interested? Please call 321-723-5272 for registration.

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## SHROVE TUESDAY Parish Potluck

*featuring Cajun Cuisine!*

**Tuesday, February 17  
at 5:30 pm**

**No sign-up necessary  
Just come!**

### **Shrove Tuesday Parish Potluck**

Join us on the eve of Ash Wednesday for our Shrove Tuesday Parish Potluck on Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30pm for a great feast and fellowship!

The church will be serving a Cajun/Creole "rice bar" featuring chicken gumbo, shrimp étouffée, and red beans and rice with cornbread. Parishioners are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts, as well as their own libations if they choose.

No sign up is necessary; bring a friend! Questions? [Contact the office.](#)

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## LENT

prayer | reflection | penitence

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

**Wednesday, February 18** 10 am and 6 pm



### **Ash Wednesday "Imposition of Ashes" Services**

Ashes, an ancient sign of penitence, a mark of the cross to remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Please join us this year on **Wednesday, February 18 at 10 am and 6 pm** for this special service.

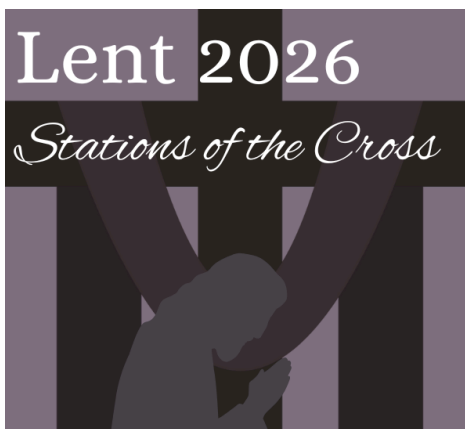
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### Join Us For Thursday Lenten Walks

Lent is a time for reflection, renewal and for striving towards positive additions to our lives. If you have been wanting to be more active, consider joining us on **Thursday mornings at 9 am starting on February 19 in Riverside Park** on their walking trail (near the Tennis Courts). It's something I'd like to do to improve my well-being and I'd love to have you join me on my Lenten Journey. Contact me if you have questions: [Sally Munson, RN](#)

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### Friday Stations of the Cross

The fourteen Stations of the Cross will be visited every Friday in Lent, including Good Friday, at 2 pm. Attendees have the option of following the cross as it moves from station to station, or remaining in the pews. Verses from the Stabat Mater (Hymnal 159) are sung between stations. Contact: [Gene Tobey](#)

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# Episcopal Church Women

"We aspire to be a Godspark -  
shining and sharing the love of Christ!"

In our parish we offer fellowship and hospitality by reaching out to people in need and serving in our church ministries.

Hosted by the Episcopal Church Women

## Quiet Day

Saturday, February 21  
9 am - 12 pm



We are part of a Christian foundation started in 1871 at the National level and are in Province IV in the Diocese of Central Florida, located in the SE Deanery. Please check the weekly Canterbury Tales and the parish Facebook or contact Pam Wehrberger, ECW President, for events and ongoing information at [gran459495@aol.com](mailto:gran459495@aol.com)

### ECW Quiet Day - February 21, 9 am to 12 pm

All members of the parish are invited! Hosted by the Episcopal Church Women, our Quiet Day is started with a continental breakfast, followed by prayer, meditation and reflection. A light lunch will be served at noon. The topic this year is "Prayer and the Psalms". Please sign up in the Narthex. Contact: [Pam Wehrberger](#)

## Lenten Potluck Suppers



## Good Fellowship, Great Food for Thought!

On Wednesdays in Lent, all are invited to gather for a simple Lenten Potluck Supper at 5:30 pm (February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25). Join us for some good food and great fellowship! No sign-up necessary - just bring a favorite main, side or dessert dish. After dinner each week, Fr. Tyler will lead us in a Lenten teaching for about 45 minutes after the meal. This year's topic is The Crucifixion and each week's lesson will focus on a crucifixion story. Questions? Please [contact the office](#).

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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](#)

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### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK





## Evening Bible Study

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.

Any questions? Please contact Tyler at [tyler@staugustinevero.com](mailto: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](#)

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### **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>](#)

Want to get involved or need help? Please contact [Marianne Rowan](#) or call 772-321-1534.

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## **Outreach / Volunteer Opportunities**

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## Salvation Army Ministry 2026

Last year we gave over 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!**

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## ***This Sunday!***

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:3

## ***Come Worship with us this Sunday!***

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

Micah 6:1-8

#### Gradual Psalm:

Psalm 15

#### Second Reading:

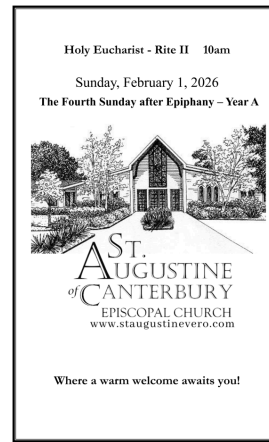
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

#### The Gospel:

Matthew 5:1-12

[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

**Lessons/Server/POTP:** Mary Power

**Ushers:** Steve & Moe Connell

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

### Sunday, 10 am

**Ushers:** Tom & Pam White, Deb  
Kavanagh

Richard Calkins

**Lessons:** Heather Bennett

**POTP:** Lisa LaRusso

**Chalice:** Cody & Tucker Shields

**Crucifer:** Jack Guancione

**Torches:**

Julianna Guancione, Margaret Been

**LEM:** Emma Shields

**Livestream:** Laura Shields

**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](#)

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**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



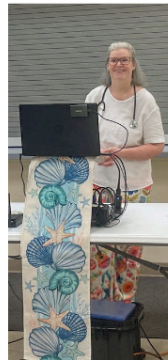
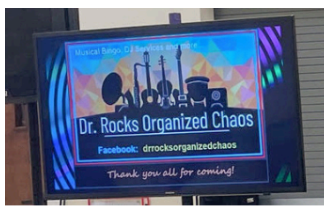
### THANK YOU - For Donating to Jamaica Hurricane Relief

Thanks to your generous donations, we raised **\$3,571** which was sent out this month. **We are very grateful for your help!**

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### ***Music Bingo!***

Lots of fun and fellowship was had at our Music Bingo night! Pictures were taken by Nancy Kelly.



## Memorial Service for Pastor Denise in Palm City, FL on January 31 at 11am

The Memorial Service of **Pastor Denise Hudspeth** will be held **THIS Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 11am** at **The Episcopal Church of the Advent in Palm City, Florida**. There will be a reception following in their parish hall.

The address for the church is:  
**The Episcopal Church of the Advent**  
**4484 SW Citrus Blvd.**  
**Palm City, FL 34990**

Phone number: 772-283-6221

Website: <https://www.adventpalmcity.org/>  
Email: [office@adventpalmcity.org](mailto:office@adventpalmcity.org)



Every year, the Daughters of the King vote for a Service Project that our Chapters and parishioners may contribute to. The Diocese chose InterVarsity Club for 2026. InterVarsity is a non-profit that helps college students and faculty follow Jesus with their whole lives, for the rest of their lives. On January 10, a Prayer Walk was held at Indian River Community College in Vero

Beach to bless the students, staff, and buildings for the new year. Their theme this year is "Just say yes, and God will do the rest." To learn more, visit [www.ivflorida.com](http://www.ivflorida.com) or speak to Nancy Kelly.

## Calendar

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Thurs. Jan. 29** - King of the Hill Tournament, offsite, 5-7 pm

### Save the Date!

**Mon. Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23** - Parish Prayer Group, Library

**Tues. Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24** – Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

**Tues. Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24** - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library

**Tues. Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24** – Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Library

**Thurs. Feb. 5, 12, 19** - King of the Hill Tournament, offsite, 5-7 pm

**Mon. Feb. 16**- Vestry Meeting, 7 pm

**Tues. Feb. 17** - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's

**Tues. Feb. 17** - Shrove Tuesday Dinner, 5:30pm, Parish Hall

**Wed. Feb. 18** - Ash Wednesday Services, 10 am & 6 pm

**Thurs. Feb. 19, 26** - Lenten Walks, 9 am, Riverside Park

**Fri. Feb. 20, 27** - Stations of the Cross, 2 pm, Sanctuary

**Fri. Feb. 20** - Third Fridays at the Source, 12 pm, Parish Hall

**Sat. Feb. 21** - ECW Quiet Day, 9am -12 pm, Sanctuary

**Sun. Feb. 22** - Blood Pressure Screening, 9 & 11 am, Parish Hall

**Sun. Feb. 22** - Ask the Dietician, 11 am only, Parish Hall

**Tues. Feb. 24** - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall

**Sat. Feb. 28** – DOK Meeting Library, 10 am, Library

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

**CALENDAR**

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***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 **Genie, Irene, Joy, Jay, Jacira, Sannina, Colin, Kirt, JB, Paulo, Dennis, Lillian, Bill, Gerry, Dan, Bonnie, Al, Ginger, John, Anne, Valerie, 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**

01 – The Rev. David Hanson  
03 – Janet Riley  
04 – Doug Pyle  
    Mary Ann Harris  
05 – Pam Wehrberger  
06 – Clare Gwyn  
07 – Bob Kirby

**Anniversaries**

03 – Byron & Inge Curcio

***This Week, We Remember***

**Departed**

03 – Mary Dana  
04 – Frank Vaccaro (2014)





## 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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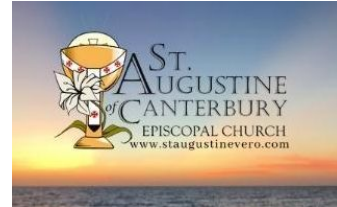
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