



“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.”



Independence Day

As we celebrate this day, may we remember the sacrifices of those who fought and died for the freedoms we enjoy. Let us never take for granted the gift of living in this land where we are free to practice our faith and pursue our dreams. We thank our veterans and those who are serving today – our military, first responders, and public servants. May they be protected and strengthened as they go about their duties, and may we show them gratitude

School Supply Drive



Donations will go to Feed The Lambs this year and the 80 students in their summer program. There is an Amazon list available by clicking the link below. Donations can be shipped directly to the church, or you may drop off in Wes' office. Gift prices range from \$7 for a pack of pens to \$122 for a graphing calculator needed by older students and everything in between.

Click below to view list: **Deadline is Sunday, July 13, 2025.**
[St. Augustine of Canterbury 2025 School Supply Drive!](#)

Want to know more about Feed The Lambs? Click below.



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Naaman the Syrian

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now a young girl captive from the land of Israel served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

2 Kings 5:1-3

"Wash and be clean!"

It was a very simple instruction, a very simple message. Almost too simple. Sometimes we make things much more complicated than they need to be, especially if we are overestimating the importance of something that really is not important - and greatly underestimating the simple thing which becomes the most important. What's actually most important in this story is obedience, especially when it might not "make sense".

Last week we heard about the anointing of the prophet Elisha, who went on to have great exploits in his career as a prophet and twice the number of miracles as his predecessor, Elijah. However, in this story, Elisha is not engaging in a dramatic, showy miracle. No. This story is about a very simple healing to a major illness with no fanfare. It is still just as miraculous even though the miracle was not performed by the prophet himself and was unorthodox in its application; so much so that Naaman the Syrian had difficulty accepting it because he felt it was beneath him.

When we meet Naaman, he is a powerful Syrian Army Commander who somewhat expects the red carpet to be rolled out with an audience wherever he goes, rubbing elbows with the most important people of his day. He apparently liked a good show with a lot of drama, which might include a big, flashy and powerful miracle with all the bells and whistles to make everyone take notice. However, God frequently has a sense of humor. Along with the healing of his physical flesh, God also wanted to heal Naaman's "spiritual flesh" and give him a good dose of humility.

So what happens? The king of Israel, who gets a letter from the King of Aram stating that Naaman is coming to get healed is quaking in his boots until Elisha hears about it and acts like this request for healing is no big deal. In fact, Elisha seems so nonchalant about it that he sends someone else out when Naaman arrives to give the instruction! To add insult to injury, Elisha tells Naaman to wash in a river that had a reputation for being inferior to others. Naaman gets angry because he had a preconceived idea about how this miracle for his healing was supposed to take place, and expected a lot of personal attention to solve his dilemma. He also expected someone else to solve the problem for him. Naaman had expected a complicated answer with a lot of buildup performed by the prophet himself using a method that he, Naaman would approve.

The servants though, highlighted the very thing that was keeping Naaman from being able to initially accept his healing. They asked him "if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it?"

In the end, what matters is that Naaman finally listened to his servants and obeyed the instruction, which gave him the healing.

While not in the readings this week, we could contrast Naaman with the centurion that Jesus encountered whose servant was healed with a word spoken from afar. The centurion took Jesus at his word, and even himself had the humility to say “I am not worthy for you to come under my roof.” Yet this same centurion was also powerful in stature with men under him, a lot like Naaman. The difference was that the centurion did not expect to be catered to and knew that the miracle he was asking for did not have to be complicated. He knew he did not need an entourage or even for the miracle to be done “in person”! The centurion knew that it could be accomplished with just a single word, which is why Jesus marveled at his faith.

Sometimes, our “healing” comes in some very strange places and from people we don’t expect. God loves to use the very people who annoy us, know a lot less than us, or people that we might not respect that much to give us an answer to something that we ourselves cannot solve. Oftentimes we might be directed to do something that seems “wrong” or counterintuitive. Do we have the humility to listen and then do what is asked of us? It might require us to admit to someone “You were right.” What about our attitudes toward miracles? In our minds we may feel that a “miracle” by definition has to be hard, complicated, spectacular and done by a specific person. However, maybe the true miracle lies in the simplicity and ease of how a healing or an answer to prayer can take place.



Upcoming Events



**YOUTH
GUIDANCE**
MENTORING ACADEMY

Volunteer Opportunity!

St. Augustine Serves/Youth Guidance

Mailing Project



Please join with St. Augustine Serves!

Youth Guidance is planning their fall fundraiser, an annual Luau to help raise much-needed program funds. There's lots to be done, including stuffing and mailing the invitations. Come join other St. Augustine Serves volunteers on **Thursday, July 10 from 9 am-12 pm** at the church to help with this mailing. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Barbara McGowan (barbaraamcgowan@gmail.com). Your help is always appreciated!

Please come join us Saturday, July 19 at 6:15 pm

**Parish Potluck &
Hymn Sing**

with **Lisa, Danny & Donna**

Bring your favorite dish to share!

Bring your voice! Bring your instrument! Bring your friends!

Parish Potluck and Hymn Sing

Save the date for **Saturday, July 19 at 6:15 pm** in the Parish Hall for a Parish Potluck and "Hymn Sing" led by Lisa, Danny and Donna. No need to sign up for this event, but **please bring your favorite dish to share**, as well as any small instruments that you may have to play, such as a guitar, tamborine, or even a hand drum or two. All are encouraged to sing and "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" All are welcome - if you have a friend who likes good food, fun and song, bring them along! If you have any questions, please contact [Carol Paris](#).

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



"Let's Do Lunch!"

SATURDAY, July 26 at 12 pm

Ladies, Please Join Us!

SEAN RYAN PUB

2019 14th Avenue, Vero Beach 32960

Our own Donna Griffin will present songs and stories about her over 20 years of hospital and nursing home visitation ministry. Imagine a story line set to folk/gospel music: short, sometimes funny, sometimes poignant.



Please sign up in the Narthex by July 20th

Contact: Pam Wehrberger at gran459495@aol.com

ECW "Let's Do Lunch" at Sean Ryan Pub

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex starting this Sunday! Donna Griffin will be the guest speaker and will present her story about her experience in the hospital and nursing home visitation ministry.

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

Calendar

Looking to Deepen Your Faith?

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

Connections

Women's Bible Study Group



Sunday School Children on the Altar this Sunday!

Each month, on the first Sunday, children continue to have the opportunity to assist in worship by serving on the altar, even during the summer! If your child is interested in becoming an acolyte, please reach out to [Fr. Wes](#) for training opportunities.

Sunday School Break for Summer

Sunday School is taking a break from our regular Bible lessons and gatherings for the summer. We have had a wonderful year learning and growing together, and we look forward to resuming Sunday School on Sunday, August 10. Have a safe and blessed summer!

Outreach / Volunteer Opportunities

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!

Please keep in mind the need remains ALL YEAR



LONG. With many of our parishioners going up north at this time of year, it is crucial for those of us here to continue with our support. It has been reported that we are the ONLY church in town who is doing this on a weekly basis.

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!



Interested in volunteering for the Choir?

Summer is an ideal time to consider giving the choir a try! It is a "low pressure" time of year musically and a great way to explore participation in this ministry. Please contact our Music Director [Tom Hall](#) or call the office at 772-770-3494 if you have questions. We would love to hear from you!



Shining Light Garden

This is 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. Come surround yourself with God's creation as we help others. Reach out to ministry contact for volunteer opportunities: [Barbara McGowan](#)

This Sunday!

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. ”

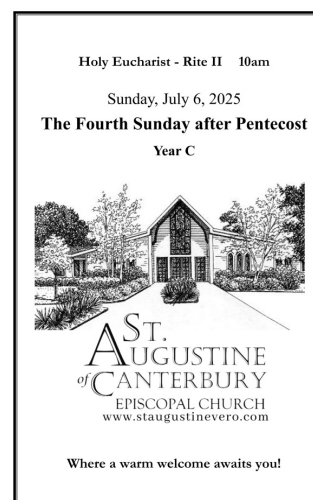
GALATIANS 6:9

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Fourth 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](#).

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: Carolyn Robinson

Sunday, 8 am

Lessons/POTP/Server: Kate Schmidt

Ushers:

Joann Kirchhoff, Valorie Stevenson

Coffee Hour:

Byron & Inge Curcio, Donna Kerber



Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: Jerry & Valerie Reich
and Jackie Davis

Lessons: Cody Shields

POTP: Tucker Shields

Chalice: Cody & Tucker Shields

Crucifer: Jack Guancione

Torches: Margaret Been,
Julianna Guancione, Jeremiah Wilson

LEM: Emma Shields

Livestream: Laura Shields

Sunday School Assistant:

Julia Wiggins

Coffee Hour:

The Daughters of the King

Join us this Week for ...

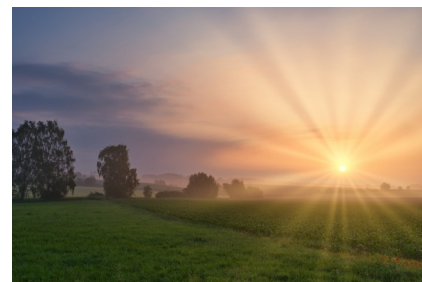
Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

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



ECW "Protecting Ourselves and Others" Workshop

Thanks to all of the lovely ladies who came out and participated in the ECW "Protecting Ourselves and Others" workshop earlier this month!



Dana will be out of the office starting next week

Dana will be out of the office for two weeks from **Wednesday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 23** and will be "in residence" as a chorister in Truro Cathedral in England!

Please be aware that no one will be physically answering the phone during office hours during this time. While phone messages will be checked regularly by staff, please use email for a more prompt response.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please email [Fr Wes](#).

If you have an "office question" please email office@staugustinevero.com

If you have an event question, email communications@staugustinevero.com

If you have a financial question, email bookkeeper@staugustinevero.com.

Ministry Heads - As newsletters will be scheduled in advance and bulletins printed before my departure, I ask that there be **no requests for new posts in the Canterbury Tales or the bulletin until after July 24.**

Prayer requests - please see Father Wes to put someone's name on the POTP for weekend services. You may also send names to the office, but please know that they will not be added to bulletins/POTP until after July 24. Please contact the DOK for prayer at DOKPrayer@staugustinevero.com

Thanks for your patience!

Mark Your Calendars!

Fri. July 4 - **Independence Day, OFFICE CLOSED**

Tues. July 8, 15, 22, 29 - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library

Tuesday, July 8 - Finance Committee Meeting, 10:30 am

Thurs. July 10 - SAS/YG Mailing Project Volunteers, 9 am - 12 pm

Fri. July 11 - SAS Cooking Class Mentors, 3:30-5 pm, Parish Hall

Tues. July 15 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's

Fri. July 18 - Third Fridays at the Source, Parish Hall Kitchen/Offsite

Sat. July 19 - Parish Potluck & Hymn Sing, 6:15 pm, Parish Hall

Tues. July 22 - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall

Sat. July 26 - ECW "Let's Do Lunch" 12-2 pm, Sean Ryan's Pub

Save the Date:

Tues. August 5, 12, 19, 26, - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library

Fri. August 15 - Third Fridays at the Source, Parish Hall Kitchen/Offsite

Sat. August 16 - Italian Dinner 6 pm, Parish Hall

Tues. August 19 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's

Sat. July 26 - ECW "Let's Do Lunch" 12-2 pm, Twisted Lime

Tues. August 26 - 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 Diane, Frank, Chad, Susan, Peter, Gina, the Romig family, Gloria, Melanie, Sarah, June, Linda, 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

08 - Betty Pucci
10 - Rick Schreiner
Ginette Rustin
12 - Carrie Elliott
Peter Rustin

Anniversaries

11 - Barbara & David Letts (1959)

This Week, We Remember

Departed

Leah Cady (June 2025)
06/13 - Katie McAleer (2025)
07/07 - Gloria Saavedra (2022)
07/09 - Robert Perrott (2021)
07/11 - Forrest Smith (2020)



This Week's Altar Flowers.

This week's Altar Flowers are given by Joanne Jung in loving memory of her husband, Edmund.

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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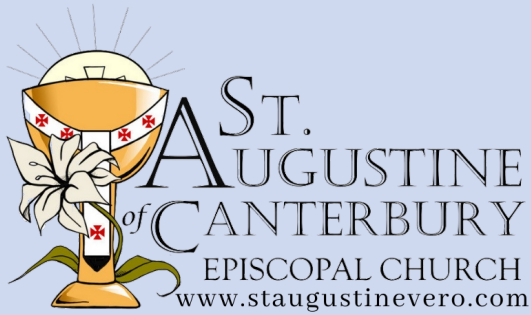


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