



"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."

Creating Space for Creation Care



If God ever wanted to draw our attention to the awe-inspiring universe he created for us, surely last week's solar eclipse was a spectacular display. Although we did not experience the magnitude of it here in Florida, it was thrilling how it captured the attention of people around the globe and brought

us together as one, to share in the glory of his creation.

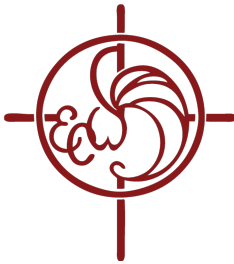
Earth Day is Monday, April 22, an excellent opportunity for us to make room in our hearts and minds and take a moment to give thanks for our island home with this prayer:

*God, maker of marvels,
you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship;
your unifying love is revealed
in the interdependence of relationships
in the complex world that you have made.
Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone,
and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe;
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who topples the dividing walls by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and who lives and reigns with you, forever and ever. Amen.*

Looking for inspiration to become one with the universe? Look no further than Francis of Assisi, often viewed as the original Earth Day advocate.

[Read his Story>](#)

Fellowship



ECW Eucharist & Luncheon

The Episcopal Church Women invite you to their gathering on **Saturday, April 20**. Please join us for an **11 am** Eucharist followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall. Lunch will consist of a "Salad Smorgasbord," dessert and beverage. Good will offering gratefully accepted. Our guest speaker is Jeanette McLaughlin from Missionary Flights International. A Silent

Auction will be held to raise funds for ECW. Please sign up in the Narthex if you wish to attend. Contact: [Carol Paris](#)

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

[CALENDAR](#)

Outreach



St. Augustine Serves Shining Light Garden

We need your help on **Saturday, April 20, 9-11 am** for a morning of planting, weeding and harvesting vegetables at Shining Light Garden. The harvest is distributed to our neighbors in need via local food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other assistance programs throughout Indian River County.

St. Augustine Serves Youth Guidance

It's not too late to sign up! Come join the St. Augustine Serves team as we help out at Youth Guidance. We will be working there on **Wednesday, April 24** and **Monday, May 13** from 5-7 pm. Pick one date, or come for both! Plan to spend some quality time with the kids: helping them with homework, serving dinner, and joining in their program time.

Interested in joining us? Contact: [Barbara McGowan](#) to RSVP to any events.

Please Feed Our Food Pantry

St. Augustine's donated a total of 2006 pounds of food to the Salvation Army food pantry here in Vero Beach, in the first quarter of 2024!



We are only collecting these items at this time. Thank you!

FOOD COLLECTION

Please donate:

Pasta

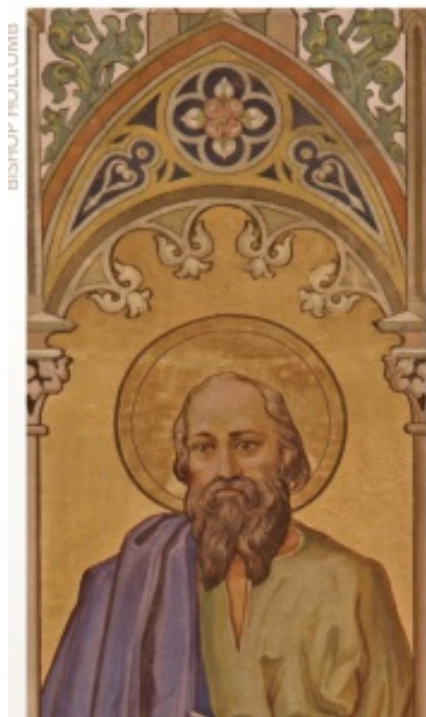
Spaghetti Sauce

Peanut Butter

Food contributions for the Salvation Army may be placed in the collection box in the Parish Hall. **We only accept three items:**

pasta, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter (at their request). Thank you for your generosity in helping to serve local Vero residents in need. Ministry contact: [Stuart Weismiller](#)

Looking to Deepen Your Faith?



People of the Resurrection

Living in Light of the Gospel

BY THE RT. REV. DR. JUSTIN S. HOLCOMB

What does it mean to live as people of the Resurrection? As Episcopalians, we explore that question throughout Eastertide. During this unique season, our liturgy replaces the customary Old Testament reading with readings from the book of Acts - the story of God's grace flooding out to the world. Nothing is more prominent in Acts than the spread of the gospel, and for those who would live out the resurrected life, the gospel must have both prominence and preeminence.

Acts follows the news of Christ's death and resurrection as it flows from a small group of disciples in Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria and faraway Rome. Through repeated preaching to different people groups, the gospel of grace draws them in, gathers them as the church and sends them out in mission to the world.

During Eastertide, let's examine the message of Acts, preparing our hearts to live in Christ's resurrection power.

Do you Receive the Central Florida Episcopalian?

You can subscribe to this monthly magazine published by the Diocese of Central Florida in either [Print](#) or [Digital Digest](#) format. In it you will find monthly articles from the Bishop, diocesan news and upcoming events to be aware of. As a special inspiration on Eastertide, Bishop Holcomb writes about the "People of the Resurrection, Living in Light of the Gospel" this month. It is

illuminating! [Read more>](#)

Sunday Adult Christian Education

Our Adult Christian Ed study group continues on **Sunday, April 21** with study of Bible books **1, 2, & 3 John**. Be sure to join us for new insights and thought-provoking discussion, **Sunday mornings at 9 am** in the Library. All are welcome!



Connections: Women's Bible Study Group

Connections is a weekly Bible Study ministry just for women. We will learn from each other, grow in our faith, and develop rich friendships as we study the Bible together in small discussion groups facilitated by a leader. Our time together always includes planned fellowship and prayer. Our next study will focus on the Book of Esther, leading us on a journey to discover the God who hears the cries of his people and remains faithful to his promises.

We will gather on **Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11 am** in the Parish Hall, **starting Tuesday, April 9 and continuing through May 14** on a weekly basis until our six-week study of Esther is complete. To reserve your study guide and sign up, contact [Valerie Reich](#)



Daughters of the King

All women in the parish are invited to join the Order of the Daughters of the King. We are an Order and focus on "prayer, service, and evangelism." Our chapter is growing, and we are excited about new possibilities! At our monthly meetings, we study, pray, and enjoy each others' company. Come to our meeting on **Saturday, April 27 at 10 am** in the Library, and see what we are about. Ministry contacts: [Nancy Eagan](#) or [Nancy Kelly](#).

Sunday School

Would your child/grandchild like to engage in games and art using all different kinds of media? St. Augustine's Sunday School meets on all but the first Sunday of the month, during the 10 am service. Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade gather in our classrooms down past the Old Parish Hall, in the education wing of the church. On the first Sunday of the month, kids (who are willing and trained) may serve on the altar, and eventually as readers, ushers, etc. If you have kids, grandkids, neighbors, or anyone that might be interested in Sunday School, please call or text ministry leader [Linda Jones](#) at 772.778.7743. If they would like to help serve on the 1st Sunday, please contact [Fr. Wes](#).



This Sunday!

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

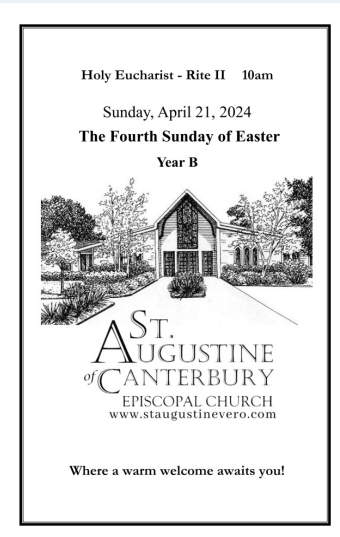
JOHN 10:11

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, either in person or at home via [Livestream](#). 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>](#)
[Download the Bulletin>](#)



Sunday Morning Fellowship

Please come join us Sundays for Coffee Hour after the 8 am and 10 am services in the Parish Hall. Enjoy the fellowship of your fellow parishioners. You never know who you might meet!

Readers and Servers

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

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Lessons/POTP/Chalice: Carolyn Robinson

Sunday, 8 am

Lessons/POTP/Chalice: Kate Schmidt

Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: Pam & Tom Wehrberger, Valerie Reich
Lessons/POTP: Deb Kavanagh/Lisa LaRusso
Chalice Bearers: Nancy Kelly, David Rowan
Crucifer: David Rowan
Torches: Marianne Rowan, Nancy Kelly
LEM: Marianne Rowan
Livestream: Laura Shields



Join us this Week for ...

Morning Prayer | Daily at 8 am

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 | Christian Ed wing

[Prayer Shawl & Knitting Ministry](#) | Tuesdays, 1 - 3 pm | Parish Library

[Healing Eucharist](#) | Wednesdays at 10 am | Sanctuary

[Bible Study with Fr. Wes](#) | Wednesdays at 11 am | Parish Library

News & Notes

GENERAL CONVENTION UPDATE

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe Nominated by Petition for Election as Presiding Bishop

The Episcopal Church Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (JNCPB) has announced that [the Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe](#), bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York, has been nominated through its petition process to stand for election as the 28th presiding bishop

at General Convention in June 2024. Bishop Duncan-Probe joins the slate of four other nominees: The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez, The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright. [More](#)>



Caregiver's Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on **April 23** (the fourth Tuesday of each month), at **2 pm** in the Old Parish Hall. If you are feeling weighed down by caregiving worries or concerns, connecting with other caregivers is great emotional support. Come share your practical advice on managing challenges in caregiver relationships. Contact: [Br. Rick Lorino, BSG](#)



Monthly Blood Pressure Screening

Come have your blood pressure checked by our RN's on **Sunday, April 28** after the **8 am and 10 am services** (or any last Sunday of the month) in the Parish Hall. Bring any questions you have to our Health & Wellness Team.



"Ask the Dietician"

The Health and Wellness Team will also have an **"Ask The Dietician" session** after the **10 am service this Sunday**. Church members will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with Phillippa Norman, MS, RD/LD and ask questions about nutritional wellness. We will discuss how nutrition plays a vital role in managing chronic diseases and improving quality of life. Education informational will be provided. Ministry contact: [Sally Munson](#)

Get a Handle on This!

St. Augustine's new "handle" for its YouTube channel is [@StAugustineVero](#). Just type into a browser: youtube.com/@staugustinevero and it will take you right to our channel to see recorded services/sermons from past Sundays and catch up on some previously recorded Christian Ed programs. You can also subscribe to the channel and be notified when a new video is published.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Saturday, April 20** - ECW Luncheon, 11 am, Sanctuary/Parish Hall
- **Tuesday, April 23, 30** - Connections: Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11 am, Parish Hall
- **Tuesday, April 23** - Caregiver's Support Group, 2 pm, Old Parish Hall
- **Saturday, April 27** - Daughters of the King Meeting, 10 am, Library
- **Sunday, April 28** - Monthly Blood Pressure Screening, 9 am/11 am, Parish Hall
- **Sunday, April 28** - "Ask the Dietician," 11 am, Parish Hall

Save the Date!

Sunday, May 26 - Annual Parish Picnic

Join us for the Annual Parish Picnic right after the 10 am service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share; the church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks.

Find these events and more on our [St. Augustine's church calendar](#)

CALENDAR

Useful Links

- [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 Peter, Ferrell, Carol, Ken, Jerry, Al, Rusty, Ronald, Elinor, Jacinth, Joanne, Andy, Gayle.

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

22 - Amy Askren
 Marcus Norman
24 - Mary Strahosky
26 - Mary Rott

Anniversaries

24 - Gate & Jo Arminio

This Week, We Remember

Departed

24 - Robert Polhamus
 Robert McBride (2020)
25 - Barbara Wright (2020)
 William C. Hurtt, Jr. (2007)

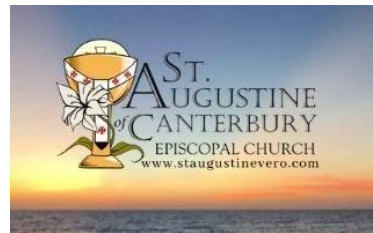
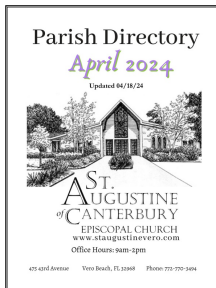




Altar Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Tom White in loving memory of his mother Lorraine White on her "heavenly birthday."

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 contact [Dana Johnson](mailto:dana.johnson@staugustinevero.com) at the parish office at 772-770-3494.



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