



"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."



Candlelight Remembrance Service This Sunday!

Join us for this special service **THIS Sunday, December 14 at 5:30 pm** as we light candles and remember our loved ones in prayer, music and reflection. There will be a sign up sheet at the entrance where you can write down the names of the people that you would like remembered in the service. Please extend an invitation to family, friends, and all who might be finding this a difficult season to navigate.

Angel Tree Christmas Gift Wrap Party



Join us for the Angel Tree Christmas Gift Wrap Party!

THIS SATURDAY, December 13 at 9am. No sign-up necessary! We have gifts to wrap for 64 children. Please bring extra wrapping paper, labels, tape, and your own scissors. If you wish, bring a treat to share; coffee and tea will be served.



THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, after both the 8 and 10 am Services

Cookie Walk to Benefit STEMM of Tanzania

It's Cookie Walk Time! Come take a Christmas Cookie stroll in the Parish Hall and help change lives for children in Tanzania. On Sunday, December 14 after both the 8 and 10 am services, we invite you to come fill a provided \$8 small and/or a \$15 large container with an assortment of Christmas cookies. All proceeds will be go to STEMM, an organization that helps African children in Tanzania. Find out more about STEMM [here](#).

Want to Bake?

It's not too late! Please contact [Tony Tulumello](#)

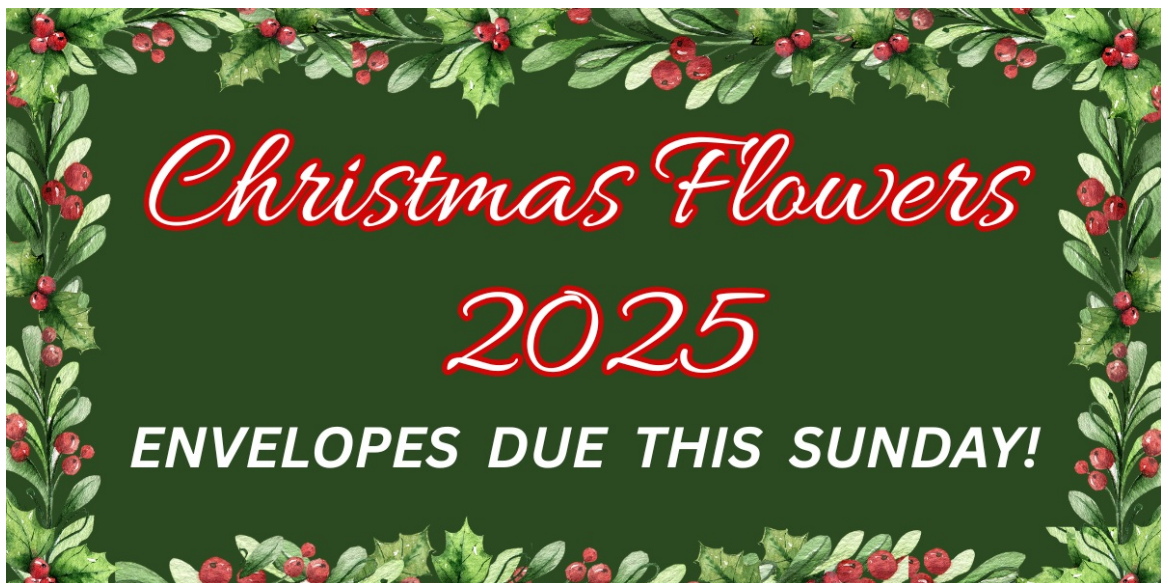


Please Donate for Jamaica Hurricane Relief

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.

St. Augustine's is 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.



Christmas Flower Dedication Envelopes

Due THIS Sunday, December 14!

If you would like to remember a loved one with Christmas Flowers in the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day bulletins, please submit a Christmas flower

envelope found on the table in the Narthex this weekend, which can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office. Questions? Please contact the [office](#).

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Rejoice!"

This week on the third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate "Gaudete" Sunday or "Rejoice Sunday" (as it is known in some circles) where we joyfully wait for the coming of Christ. We receive a little breath of fresh air as we read our wonderful first lesson from Isaiah this week. Instead of the "brood of vipers" from last week, we are treated to the return of the *"ransomed of the Lord"* with *"everlasting joy on their heads"* and we are promised that *"sorrow and sighing shall flee away"* (Isaiah 35:10) when our Messiah comes.

However, lest we become too giddy with our rejoicing, James also tells us that we must be patient, to *"strengthen our hearts"* and that we are not to *"grumble against one another."* (James 5:9) While it might sometimes be difficult, if we choose to focus upon JOY, the grumbling can be kept to a minimum with a little effort. Instead, let us take hold of our third Advent Wreath scripture which gives us a delightfully marvelous uplifting visual:

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Isaiah 55:12

Upcoming Events



St. Augustine Serves at Shining Light Garden

Come join us **THIS Saturday, December 13 at 8:30 am** 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. Our next service date Saturday, December 27.

Like to get involved? Please contact [Barbara McGowan](#)



Donate Christmas Decor For The Source This Weekend!

The Source, a St. Augustine Outreach partner who serves the homeless in Vero Beach, invites you to help bring holiday cheer to their newly housed members by **donating gently used Christmas decor you no longer need.**

THIS WEEKEND ONLY, we will have a collection box in the Parish Hall available after all three services for you to place your Christmas lights, wreaths, ornaments and festive decorations to brighten a Source members' new home. Imagine the joy you bring to a special someone this season!

Questions? Barbara McGowan (barbaraamcgowan@gmail.com)

Clean Up Crew



*Please consider
joining us*

for an Organizational/Training Meeting
on Tuesday, December 16 at 4pm

Organizational/Training Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16

St. Augustine's continues to provide fellowship opportunities into this new year. Our Clean Up Crew service for events will continue for the new year. Please consider offering your talent and serve with us on this team!

Duties include:

Attend the Organizational/training meeting on December 16th .
Clean up kitchen and hall after events: New Year's Brunch, Shrove Tuesday, Pot Luck Dinners, St. Patrick's Day, Italian Festival, Thanksgiving Day, or other events that may occur. **We will be dividing these events amongst our crew, so you would only need to serve at some of the events.**

Please sign up in the Narthex.

Questions? Please call Beth Weatherstone 772-538-6185.



Gentlemen, Please Join Us!

Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, December 16 at 9 am

CJ Cannon's

3414 Cherokee Dr., Vero Beach, FL 32960

Contact: Al Glatz (alglatz@comcast.net)

Monthly Men's Breakfast

Who doesn't like a good breakfast? On the third Tuesday of each month, come out to CJ Cannon's (3414 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach) and join with other gentlemen for our St. Augustine of Canterbury Men's Breakfast. This month's Breakfast will be held **Tuesday, December 16 at 9 am**. No sign-up necessary! Want to find out more? Please contact [Al Glatz](mailto:alglatz@comcast.net).

Caregiver's Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on on **December 23** (the fourth Tuesday of each month), **at 2 pm** in the 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:** [Sally Munson](#)



Please Join Us For Our Christmas Services!



Christmas Services 2025

Christmas Eve Family Eucharist

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 3 pm

Choral Concert with Organ and Brass

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 8:30 pm

Choral Eucharist

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 9 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, Dec. 25, 10 am

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

[Calendar](#)

Looking to Deepen Your Faith?

Sunday Morning

Adult Christian Education



**Please join us in
the Library at 9 am.
We would love to
see you there!**

Please join us as we resume our study of First Corinthians for the next few weeks before Christmas.



Peace and Joy

Last Sunday, our children had a special role in worship as they served as acolytes on the altar. Even though we did not meet for Sunday School, the kids were still growing in their faith by helping lead the service and offering their time to God. It was wonderful to see their confidence, joy, and reverence as they served our church family.

This coming Sunday, we will continue our Advent journey by focusing on the meaning of the Second and Third Advent candles—Peace and Joy. The Candle of Peace reminds us that Jesus came to calm our hearts and guide us with His presence, even when life feels busy or uncertain. The pink Candle of Joy reminds us that the coming of Jesus fills the world with deep and lasting joy—not just happiness for a moment, but a joy that comes from knowing God is with us.

Our Bible story this week is the moment when young Jesus was lost at the temple (Luke 2:41-52). The children will learn how, even as a child, Jesus knew He was meant to be in His Father's house—listening, learning, and teaching. This story reminds us that Jesus understands what it means to grow, to learn, and to seek God. It encourages our children to love God with their questions, their curiosity, and their whole hearts.

We look forward to welcoming the kids back to class, sharing Advent together, and continuing our journey toward Christmas with peace, joy, and wonder.

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

THIS WEEK, the evening bible study **will meet on WEDNESDAY, the 17th**, at 6:30 in the Parish Library instead of Tuesday evening.

After the 17th, we will be taking a two week break for Christmas. Evening bible study will pick back up Tuesday, January 6th, with 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. We gather on Tuesday mornings 9:30 - 11:00 in the Library. Our facilitators will be Anita Plummer and Valerie Reich.

Join us this Tuesday on 12/16, 9:30 am - 11:00 am, Library)

Ladies, please join us as we finish our journey through the book of Psalms. Please bring your Bible or you are welcome to use one of ours.

Our next study will begin on January 6 and run through March 24. We will focus 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](#)

Outreach / Volunteer Opportunities



The holidays are upon us, and we might know someone going through a challenging time—or maybe it's you! Whether it's illness, recovery from surgery, or simply needing a little comfort, we'd love to bring some warmth your way.

Would you like to volunteer? We'd love your help with making rolls, cookies, or delivering soups—it's as easy as pie! The process is very easy and simple. Please contact [Cherie Foster](mailto:Cherie.Foster@birchpoint5@gmail.com) at birchpoint5@gmail.com to volunteer or to receive soup.



**Help us make our
10,000 lb goal for 2025!**

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter

Salvation Army Ministry

Thanks to everyone who continues to support this ministry and has brought us close to our goal of 10,000 pounds of Spaghetti, Pasta and Peanut butter for 2025! We are very close - help us close out the year with those few extra hundred pounds.

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!

"The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

ISAIAH 35:10

Advent 3 Wreath Prayer

Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY.



O Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Second Sunday of Advent**, 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 35:1-10

Gradual Psalm:

Psalm 146:4-9

Second Reading:

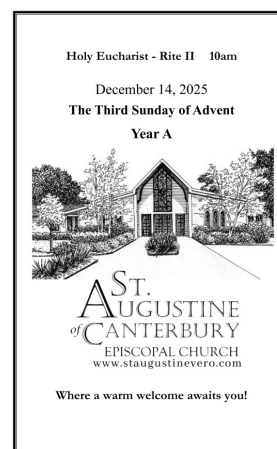
James 5:7-10

The Gospel:

Matthew 11:2-11

[Worship Schedule>](#)

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

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Sunday, 10 am

All duties: Beth Weatherstone

Sunday, 8 am

Lessons/Server/POTP: Bob Stasonis

Ushers:

Jo Ann Kirchhoff, Valorie Stevenson

Coffee Hour:

Byron & Inge Curcio, Donna Kerber



Ushers: Dick & Karen Monaco,
and Tom Wehrberger

Lessons: Nancy Kelly

POTP: Lisa LaRusso

Chalice Bearers:

Chip & Stuart Weismiller

Crucifer: Chip Weismiller

Torches:

Nancy Kelly, Stuart Weismiller

LEM: Nancy Kelly

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!

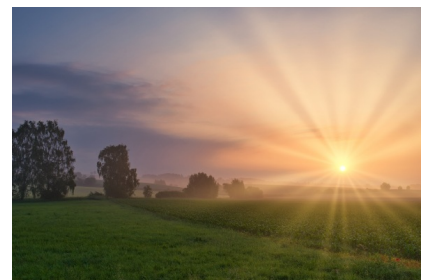


Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Needs Volunteers!

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](#)

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

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



DOK Serves at Coffee Hour

The Daughters of the King are delighted to serve at Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of every month. Stop and have a cup and say hi. We are here to pray for you as well!!!

Questions about the Daughters of the King and what they do? Please contact [Nancy Kelly](#)



Health and Wellness

Managing the Holidays

The holidays, although filled with family, friends and celebration, can be a stressful time of year under normal circumstances. For those who are alone, have lost a loved one or gone through a recent crisis, it can be emotionally difficult. Here are a few tips to get through the holidays if you are grieving or feeling “blue”:

Acknowledge that the holidays will be different and may be emotional.

Be honest and tell people what you want to do for the holidays and what you don't want to do. Listen to yourself and communicate with friends and/or family what works for you.

Decide which traditions you want to keep and which you want to change. Maybe create a new tradition.

Don't feel guilty about skipping events if you are on overload. At the same time, if you are feeling lonely, reach out to a friend or fellow parishioner. Generally, people want to be of help.

Practice self care whether it be meditation, a walk, a massage; whatever soothes your soul. Try to get plenty of rest, eat healthy and limit alcohol intake.

Remember those you have lost. Sharing memories can often be therapeutic.

Consider volunteering by doing something kind for someone else, such as helping at a soup kitchen, delivering presents to the disadvantaged. It may lift your spirits by helping others.

Seek help if you are struggling. It may be helpful to join a support group or see a counselor or health professional. Don't be afraid to say YES to people who want to help and may offer their support.

St. Augustine of Canterbury prides itself in being a welcoming and caring faith community. If you know of someone who is in need of support, reach out to them. It's the best gift you can give!

Sally Munson, RN

Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

Sat. Dec. 13 - Shining Light Garden, 8:30-10:30 am, Offsite
Sat. Dec. 13 - Angel Tree Christmas Gift Wrapping Party, 9 am, Parish Hall
Sat-Sun. Dec 13-14 Christmas Decor Collection in Narthex (all three services)
Sun. Dec 14 - Christmas Flower Dedication Envelopes DEADLINE for bulletins
Sun. Dec 14 - Vero Beach Theater Guild "A Christmas Carol", 2 pm offsite
Sun. Dec 14 - Candlelight Remembrance Service, 5:30 pm
Mon. Dec. 15, 22, 29 - Parish Prayer Group, Library
Tues. Dec. 16 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's
Tues. Dec. 16 - Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall
Tues. Dec. 16, 23 - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library
Tues. Dec. 16 - Clean Up Crew Meeting and Training, 4 pm, Parish Hall
Wed. Dec. 17 - Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Library (no Tuesday this week!)
Fri. Dec. 19 - Third Fridays at the Source, 12 pm, Parish Hall Kitchen/Offsite
Tues. Dec. 23 - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall
Wed. Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Family Service, 3 pm, Sanctuary
Wed. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Choral Concert, 8:30 pm, Sanctuary
Wed. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Traditional Service, 9 pm, Sanctuary
Thurs. Dec 25 - Christmas Day Service (Rite II), 10 am, Sanctuary
Thurs. Dec 25 - OFFICE CLOSED 12/25 thru 12/30; Office will be OPEN on
Wed. Dec. 31; CLOSED Thurs-Fri. Jan 1-2, 2026. Normal hours Monday, 01/05.
Sat. Dec. 27 - DOK Meeting Library, 10 am, Library
Sat. Dec. 27 - Shining Light Garden, 8:30-10:30 am, Offsite
Sun. Dec. 28 - Blood Pressure Screening, 9 & 11 am, Parish Hall
Sun., Dec. 28 - Ask the Dietician, 11 am only, 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 **Beemer, Gladys, Margaret, Gloria, Melanie, Samira, Paulo, Rosanjela, Jacira, Gary, Bob, 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

14 - Dakota Bennett
16 - Leigh MacDougall
17 - Ronda Grayson
18 - Diane Palmatier
19 - Julianna Guancione

Anniversaries

18 - Vicki & Wade Riley
20 - Craig & Pat Waskow

This Week, We Remember

Departed

15 - Paul Franson (2019)
Don Kerrigan (2020)
20 - Fr. Johnson Hagood, II (2021)



Altar Flowers

While we do not display Altar Flowers during Advent, you may remember a loved one with Christmas Flowers in the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day bulletins. Please fill out a Christmas flower request envelope found on the table in the Narthex. It can be submitted to the office or in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. **Deadline for submitting envelopes is THIS Sunday, 12/14/25!** Any questions? Please call the office at 772-770-3494 or contact [Dana Johnson](#)

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