

*“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.”*

## The Resurrection is Not Just a Metaphor

*From Bishop Holcomb*

For Christians, resurrection isn't just a way of expressing a spiritual truth. We believe that something unique in human history happened when Jesus rose from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus is a central tenet of the Christian faith. One of the earliest creeds (concise summaries of Christian beliefs), the Nicene Creed, declares the following about Jesus:

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

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### Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday, we hear John's powerful account of Jesus' last meal with his friends. We witness the Lord and Teacher washing the feet of his disciples. We remember His "new" commandment (Maundy being the Latin word for commandment) "that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Janie Gould will play *The Holy City* as a prelude on the piano. The choir will sing "O Savior of the World" by John Goss (1800-1880).

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2 PM

### Stations of the Cross

The fourteen Stations of the Cross will be visited in the Sanctuary. The readings and prayers are presented in pamphlets both in regular and large print. 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](#)



FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 5:30 PM

### Good Friday Service

Traditionally a solemn day of fasting and penance, Good Friday commemorates the passion, or suffering and death on the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. We remember the suffering He endured for our sake. We are reminded of the depths of His love for us so that we could receive the gift of eternal life.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 7:30 PM (NO 5:30 PM SERVICE)

### The Great Vigil of Easter

A new fire is kindled and the Paschal candle lit. Then, on a journey from darkness to light, we hear the history of salvation from the fall in the Garden of Eden, to the new hope that comes with Jesus' resurrection. Our Easter joy is crowned as we gather around Jesus' table to share his life once more in the bread of life and cup of salvation.



The Great Vigil of Easter begins in darkness and ends in profound jubilation in the joy of the resurrection. During the first part of the service, psalms and canticles are alternated with readings from scripture. The anthem for the Vigil is "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain," by Eric Thiman (1900-1975).



SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 8 & 10 AM

### Easter Sunday

Join us Easter Sunday as we exalt in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life He brings for all of us. Our Easter joy will be reflected in our jubilant worship, music and fellowship as we celebrate together in the Risen Christ. The 10 am service will also be livestreamed.

At the Easter morning 10 am Choral Eucharist, we welcome back trumpeters Jason Albert and Tommy Purvis, and timpanist

Daniel Greenwood. At the prelude we will hear trumpet voluntaries by two English composers: John Stanley and Henry Purcell. The postlude will be a concerto for two trumpets and organ by Antonio Vivaldi. The choir's Anthem is "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" by Craig Courtney (b.1948).

*All parish youth are invited meet at the flagpole after the 10 am service for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and a visit from the Easter bunny who promises to bring some special treats.*

**NOTE: The Parish office will be closed Monday - Tuesday, April 1 & 2.**



### ***Easter Memorial Flowers***

View this year's Easter Flower Memorials and Dedications [HERE!](#)

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

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## ***Fellowship***

### **Trivia Night**

Once again, the Hospitality committee hosts a fun, general knowledge Trivia Game emceed by Nancy Kelly on **Friday, April 12** at **6:30 pm**. All are welcome! Bring your friends, some snacks, and drinks (Coffee and water provided). Don't have a team? Come, join one. (Up to 8 players per team). Contact: [Deb Kavanagh](#)



**SAVE THE DATE**

### **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 "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 if you wish to attend.  
Contact: [Carol Paris](#)

## Outreach



### St. Augustine Serves Shining Light Garden

Many thanks to our St. Augustine Serves workers at the Shining Light Garden this week. It was a beautiful morning out in the fields! We got to check in on the sweet potato vines we "replanted" in January and were impressed by their progress ... from planting the vines to almost full harvest. Interested in joining us next time? Contact: [Barbara McGowan](#)

### Please Feed Our Food Pantry

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](#)



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

### FOOD COLLECTION

Please donate:

Pasta

Spaghetti Sauce

Peanut Butter

## Looking to Deepen Your Faith?

### Sunday Adult Christian Education

Our Adult Christian Ed study group will take a short break, continuing on **Sunday, April 14 at 9 am**. Be sure to join us for new insights and thought-provoking discussion. **Sunday mornings at 9 am** in the Library. All are welcome!



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# Connections

Women's Bible Study Group

## 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](#)

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## 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 to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary*

Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

JOHN 20:15-18

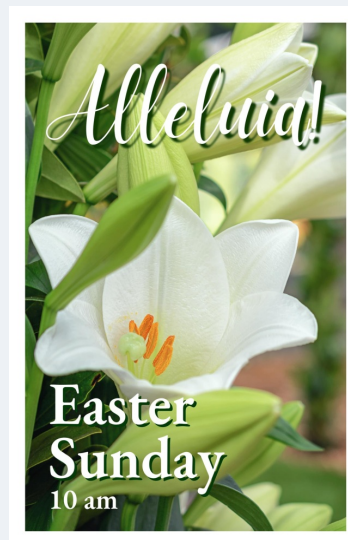
## ***Come Worship with us this Sunday!***

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday**, 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.

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## ***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 ...

### **Maundy Thursday, 5:30 pm**

Ushers: Steve & Moe Connell

Lessons: Laurie Samuels, Ken McPartlin

POTP: Jane Ferguson

Chalice/Torch: Jane Ferguson, Sally Munson

LEM/Crucifer: Laurie Samuels

Psalm at Altar Stripping: Eugene Tobey

### **Good Friday, 5:30 pm**

Ushers: Jane Ferguson, Nancy Kelly

Crucifer/Reader: Russ Kratz

Reader: Julie McPartlin

### **Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm**

Ushers: Steve & Moe Connell

Epistle: Ken McPartlin

POTP: Julie McPartlin

Crucifer/LEM: Russ Kratz

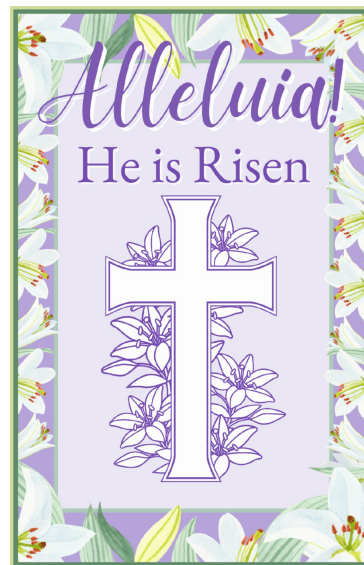
Chalice/Torch: Carolyn Robinson, Clarence Clarke

### **Easter Vigil Lesson Readings:**

First Reading (Genesis): Russ Kratz

Second Reading (Exodus): Carolyn Robinson

Third Reading (Isaiah): Lisa LaRusso



Fourth Reading (Ezekiel): Eugene Tobey

### **Easter Sunday, 8 am**

Crucifer/Reader/Chalice: Kate Schmidt

Prayers of the People: Bob Stasonis

### **Easter Sunday, 10 am**

Ushers: Tom & Pam White

Lessons: Laurie Samuels, Nancy Kelly

POTP: Anita Plummer

Chalice Bearers: Sally Munson, Carolyn Robinson

Crucifer: Laurie Samuels

Torches: Sally Munson, Carolyn Robinson

Livestream: Barbara McGowan

## *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*

### ***Important Message to all Ministry Leaders***

#### **New Procedure for Newsletter Submissions!**

Due to the volume of notices submitted for announcements and newsletter publication, we must initiate a new deadline for copy to be submitted. **All copy must be received ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE for publication in the Thursday newsletter or as an Announcement.** In order to have your event or program promoted, you must submit a request with the correct date, time, location and description. Please submit your program or event information here: [tinyurl.com/AugustineCommRequest](http://tinyurl.com/AugustineCommRequest) Questions? Contact [Barbara McGowan](#)

## *Upcoming Events*

## ***Mark Your Calendars!***

- Thursday, Mar. 28 - Maundy Thursday Service, 5:30 pm
- Friday, Mar. 29 - Stations of the Cross, 2 pm, Sanctuary
- Friday, Mar. 29 - Good Friday Service, 5:30 pm
- Saturday, Mar. 30 - Easter Vigil Service, 7:30 pm (No 5:30 pm service)
- Sunday, Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday Services, 8 & 10 am
- Monday/Tuesday, April 1/2 - Parish Office is closed - NO Monday Parish Prayer Group or Tuesday Prayer Shawl Ministry gatherings.
- Tuesday, April 9, 16, 23, 30 - Connections: Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11 am, Parish Hall
- Friday, April 12 - Trivia Night, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
- Saturday, April 13 - Day of Service Knitting/Crochet Circle, 10 am
- Tuesday, April 16 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's
- Saturday, April 20 - ECW Luncheon, 11 am, Sanctuary/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

**Note:** Due to the conflict with Easter Sunday, March Blood Pressure Screenings and "Ask the Dietician" sessions have been postponed until April.

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

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## ***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 Carol, Ken, Jerry, Al, Rusty, Adina, Lillian, Bishop Michael Curry, Laurie, 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

31 - Zachary Silva  
Tom Wehrberger  
Greg Wehrberger  
01 - Bemer Bridgford  
03 - Charles Houston  
04 - Barbara Letts  
06 - Fr. Wes Shields  
Elaine Murphy

### Anniversaries

02 - Bob & Connie Wood

## This Week, We Remember

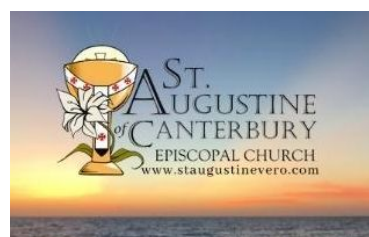
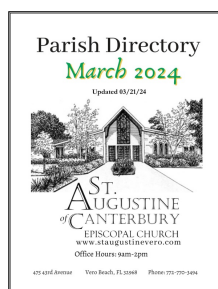
### Departed

27 - Ray Hulse (2024)  
31 - William Adamson (2017)  
01 - Robin Tempest (2020)  
James Breslin (2019)  
04 - Ann Thompson (2020)



## Altar Flowers

We are now accepting Altar Flower requests for Sundays following Easter! 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](#) at the parish office at 772-770-3494.



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