



“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.”



Introducing the new Building Maintenance Endowment!

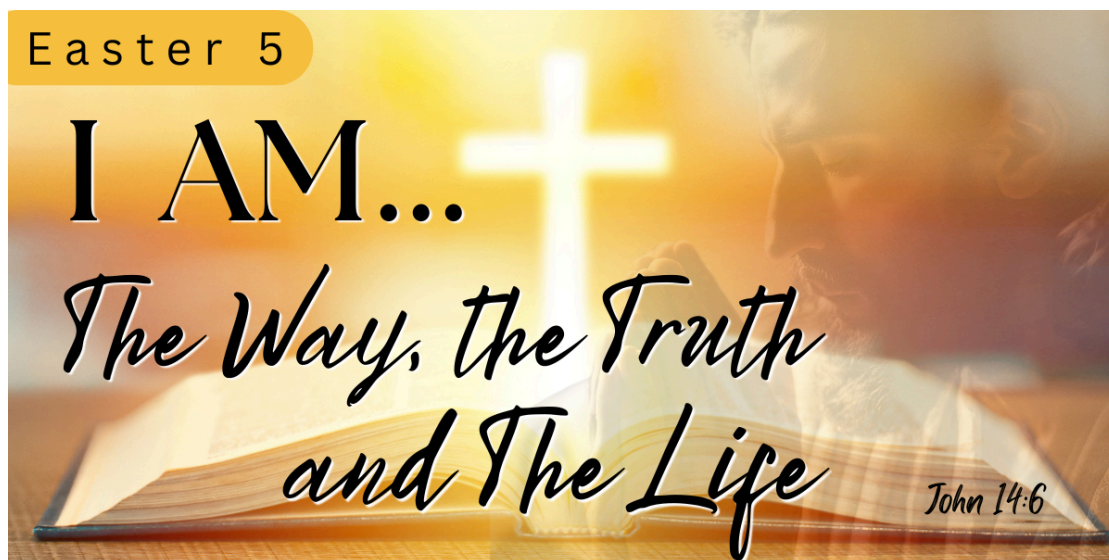
One of the greatest challenges facing churches today is maintaining buildings and grounds. For most churches that end up closing, they cite the financial pressure of maintaining their buildings as the number one factor in their downward spiral. There are of course other issues going on, but more often than not, keeping up with the leaking roof and the busted AC unit become the sole focus of the parish, while issues such as outreach and ministry slowly dwindle. When I look at our parish, I can certainly see how that could happen. We have a lot of facilities to maintain and the price keeps going up and up.

I did some research and back in 2005 the total cost to maintain our facility was roughly \$45,000 a year. That included insurance, utilities, and repairs. This year we will spend nearly \$40,000 on insurance alone. A mere twenty years later our basic cost to maintain the facilities is \$155,000. That does not include

repairs such as roofs, AC units, or septic systems. If you average those costs over the last five years that number goes well above \$200,000. It is easy to see how this could derail any congregation going through a rough patch.

For this reason I have pushed for us to start a Building Maintenance Endowment Fund. This will help to secure the long term financial viability of this parish along with currently freeing up money for other important ministries. My ultimate goal would be somewhere between four and four point five million dollars in this fund. That would allow the interest to cover our expenses while still allowing the fund to grow at a rate that keeps up with inflation. I am pleased to announce that we have received just under \$312,000 for our first gift. This is through the generosity of Bob and Connie Wood as well as their children Peter and Wendy. We are incredibly grateful for this gift and excited by the future possibilities for this parish. If you would like to donate, or you would like to discuss naming rights for this fund, please reach out to me anytime.

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The Way, the Truth and the Life

There are so many levels to biblical understanding, and yet, sometimes it is surprisingly simple even in its complexity. Take for instance the conversation that Jesus is having with His disciples in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Jesus makes some very simple sounding statements, and yet, the meaning may not seem to be readily apparent. Jesus tells them that He is going to a place "with many rooms" for them to go be where He is. He also tells them that He is *the way, the truth and the life*. (John 14:6) However, Thomas is not afraid to ask questions about what doesn't seem to add up from his perspective, and in this instance, he essentially questions what Jesus has just stated – about Himself. Thomas says, "*Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?*" (John 14:5) But Jesus is not put off. Instead He explains the statement at a very simple level, yet it is an explanation that holds deeper meaning than what one might originally perceive. Jesus tells Thomas, that he does indeed know The Way - as "*the way*" is not just a "*where*" but also a "*who*" at the same time.

It's about at this time that Philip, who sees Thomas asking questions, has one of his own - about who the Father is and asks Jesus to "*show us the Father*".

(John 14:8) However, Jesus chides Philip and replies, *"Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"* (John 14:9) In Jesus' economy, these concepts about being *the Way, the Truth and the Life* as well as seeing the Father in Himself were elementary. This is what He was trying to teach His disciples all along, and felt that they should already understand these things about Him.

We have all heard the saying that *"there are no dumb questions"*. Have we got questions of our own? The bottom line is what Jesus says to the disciples and to us - *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."* (John 14:1) He also tells us that the works that He does, we will do also *"and, in fact, greater works than these"* (John 14:12). But the real head-scratcher here is that He unequivocally tells us that we can ask *Him* anything and that He will do it! How can these things be? Let us not be afraid to ask, and be open to receiving understanding as we read the Scriptures about Jesus – who is *the Way, the Truth and the Life*.

Upcoming Events



St. Augustine Serves at Shining Light Garden

It's not just all about weeding, there's some planting of seeds and harvesting new friendships, as well! **Come Saturday, May 9 at 8:30 am for our next service date.** All are welcome!

Be sure to bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and gloves. Wear shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. Questions? Ministry contact: [Barbara McGowan](#)



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

"Protecting Ourselves and Others"

Part 4 - HOME CARE vs PRIVATE CARE

We are delighted to invite **everyone** (not just ladies!) on **Saturday, May 16 at 10am in the Parish Hall** to Part 4 of an exciting series titled "**Protecting Ourselves and Others**", an initiative dedicated to fostering a safe and resilient community. This meaningful gathering is designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and tools needed to safeguard not only themselves but also those around them.

The topic for Part 4 is "**Do You Know The Difference Between Home Care vs Private Care?**"

As a nonprofit with over 50 years of service, the Visiting Nurse Association exists to do what's right, not just what's reimbursed. That means going the extra mile to care for the whole person and their family, at every stage of life.

A light brunch will also be served - please sign up in the Narthex!
Questions? Contact: Pam Wehrberger at gran459495@aol.com



Parish Picnic 2026

Come to the Parish Picnic on Pentecost Sunday!

Save the date for our annual Parish Picnic, which will be held on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24 right after the 10 am service**. All are invited! The church will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert. **No sign up necessary!** Questions? [Contact the office.](#)



Do you have Lawn Games?

We are looking for people who might have games to bring to the Parish Picnic for fun on the lawn! **We are specifically looking for Cornhole, Croquet, Ladder Toss, Horse Shoes, and Volleyball.** If you have these specific games, please contact [Valerie Daly](#) and let her know. Thanks!

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

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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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
THIS WEEK





Connections: Women's Bible Study Group

Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 11:00 am in the Library.

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 are now studying the book of Hebrews, a pivotal book for bridging the Old and New Testaments. Join us as we continue to grow in faith by examining the eternal divinity and priesthood of Christ our Redeemer. This session will run through Tuesday, July 7.

Please order your study guide here:

[Hebrews: A 12-Week Study \(Knowing the Bible\)](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [Anita Plummer](#) or [Valerie Reich](#)



Evening Bible Study

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Please 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 Fr. Tyler at tyler@staugustinevero.com. We hope you can make it!



Morning Prayer

*Before the rush of the day begins,
take a moment to pause.*

Anyone and everyone is invited to join our daily 8:00 AM dial-in prayer. It is a quiet space to breathe, reflect, and place the day in God's hands.

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.

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



New In-Church Prayer Ministry

The Daughters of the King are beginning a new prayer ministry! Beginning May 17, immediately after the 10 o'clock service, one or two of the Daughters will remain in the Sanctuary to offer individual prayers for anyone who wishes. This Ministry will be private and confidential. Look for one of us seated in the pews where the Sunday School children sit.

Ladies, are you looking to be more spiritual? Do you desire a closer walk with Christ? The Daughters of the King cordially invites you to consider joining our Order. We are a lively, fun and deeply spiritual group of women. Being a Daughter will not take up much of your time. But it does enrich your life in ways you never expected.

- If you are unable to attend Chapter meetings regularly, it is ok.
- If you cannot participate in all service projects, it is ok.
- we understand that life gets in the way! (working full-time, juggling schedules with their children, and handling the household, etc...)
- We want you to do what you are "called" to do - WITHOUT GUILT!
- Our only expectation is that we all grow together in our spiritual lives and in our relationship with God.

Please contact [Nancy Kelly](#) (President, St. Michael the Archangel Chapter) for more information.

[Discover the vibrant work of the Daughters of the King!](#)

Outreach / Volunteer Opportunities



Salvation Army Ministry 2026

We are continuing our positive impact at the Salvation Army with our Spaghetti, Pasta and Peanut Butter donations! Once again, this week we donated over 400 lbs of the three items that we donate every week to the Salvation Army, which 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. Each

week the Salvation Army arranges a pickup here at church and express their gratitude and appreciation for your generosity.

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!

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

JOHN 14:6-7

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

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

Acts 7:55-60

Gradual Psalm:

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Second Reading:

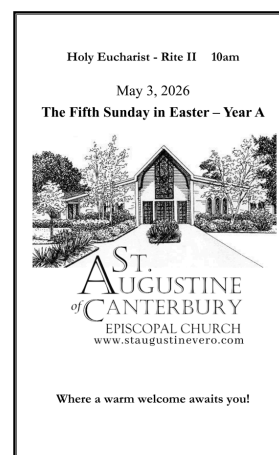
1 Peter 2:2-10

The Gospel:

John 14:1-14

[Worship Schedule>](#)

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

Saturday, 5:30 pm

All duties: Laurie Samuels

Sunday, 8 am

Lessons/Server/POTP:

Kate Schmidt

Ushers:

Steve Connell

Coffee Hour: Byron & Inge Curcio,

Donna & Carl Kerber

Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: Deb Kavanagh, Jerry Reich, Tom White

Lessons: Julianna Guancione

POTP: Tucker Shields

Chalice: Cody & Tucker Shields

Crucifer: Margaret Been

Torches: Alyssa Roman, Blakely Grey, Jaxon Roman

LEM: Emma Shields

Livestream: Laura Shields

Sunday School Assistant:

Julia Wiggins

Nursery Coordinator: Laken Been

Nursery Assistant: Pam Wehrberger



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](#)

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

Ed Green Memorial Service

The family of Ed Green would like to invite everyone to attend the Memorial Service of Ed Green (husband of Flo Green) on **Thursday, May 7 at 1 pm**. Ed passed away on May 7, 2025. This service marks the one year anniversary of his death. Please join the family afterward for a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.



Pizza!



Pizza Party Was a Blast!

Blast from the past, that is - see all your friends having a great time eating, talking and dancing to the hits from the '50s, '60s, & '70s.









Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

Tues. May 5, 12, 19, 26 – Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

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

Tues. May 5, 12, 19, 26 – Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Library

Sat. May 9, 23 - SAS at Shining Light Garden 8:30-10:30 am, offsite

Sat. May 16 - ECW Protecting Ourselves Part 4 w/Brunch, 10 am, Parish Hall

Mon. May 18 - Vestry Meeting, 7 pm

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

Fri. May 22 - Third Fridays at the Source, 12 pm, Parish Hall

Mon. May 25 - **OFFICE IS CLOSED.** Memorial Day

Sat. May 23 – DOK Meeting Library, 10 am, Library

Sun. May 24 - Blood Pressure Screening, 9 & 11 am, Parish Hall

Sun. May 24 - Ask the Dietician, 11 am only, Parish Hall

Tues. May 26 - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall

Save the Date!

Tues. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

Tues. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library

Tues. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Library

Wed. June 10 – Bingo, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall

Sat. June 13, 27 - SAS at Shining Light Garden 8:30-10:30 am, offsite

Mon. June 15 - Vestry Meeting, 7 pm

Tues. June 16 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's

Fri. June 19 - Third Fridays at the Source, 12 pm, Parish Hall

Sat. June 20 - ECW Brunch & Fashion Show

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

Sat. June 27 – DOK Meeting Library, 10 am, Library

Sun. June 28 - Blood Pressure Screening, 9 & 11 am, Parish Hall

Sun. June 28 - Ask the Dietician, 11 am only, Parish Hall

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

Update to the Parish Prayer List Guidelines



Please keep in mind that **we can no longer handle blanket requests to keep someone on the prayer list in the bulletin indefinitely.** A name in the bulletin may be renewed after one month once the name comes off by contacting the [office](#). This will also be true for the Canterbury Tales, as that list will match the one in the bulletin.

ALL names that are in the bulletin have been submitted to our chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King, which means that **even if a names comes off from the bulletin list, that person is still being prayed for** according to their guidelines. If it is known that if someone has a long term

illness, such as cancer, that name stays on their list for at least a year, and that time can be adjusted according to the need of the individual involved.

This week, please pray for ... all who are affected by violence, conflict or impacted by natural disasters. We also pray for **Al, Gary, Wayne, Lisa, Rosemarie, Ginger, Dan, Sharon, Wolfgang, Bill, Dana, Carol, Dina, Irene, Joanne, Jacinth, Dave, Patrick.**

Do You Need Prayer Now?

If you or a loved one needs prayer, please contact the **Daughters of the King** at dokprayer@staugustinevero.com or fill out a blue card in the Narthex with your contact information on it and slip it into the wooden box where the cards are found. All prayer requests are kept confidential. Someone from the DOK will respond to you about your request, and your loved one's name and need will be distributed among their membership for prayer. Communicate with them regularly and give them updates, so that they may pray with you according to up-to-date information about your loved one's situation.

This Week, We Celebrate

Birthdays

03 – Lawrence Barkett
06 – Mezrena Brown
08 – Frank Davis
09 – Tony Tulumello

Anniversaries

07 – Don & Rose Helm

This Week, We Remember

Departed

03 – Vincent Fred Cipolla, Sr.
(2021)
07 - Edmund Green (2025)
08 – Jan Grant (2019)
Flo Green (2022)
Dr. Gary Silverman



This Week's Altar Flowers

This week, the Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Edmund and Florence Green.

Altar Flowers are also given in loving memory of Dr. Gary Silverman by Jane Ferguson.

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

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