

"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."





Stewardship Campaign Ends November 16

This is the final week of our 2026 Stewardship Campaign — a time to pause, reflect on God's abundant blessings, and respond with gratitude. As a community of faith, we continue to walk together, supporting the mission entrusted to us and the work God is calling us to do.

If you are looking for your Stewardship Packet and have not received it yet in the mail, <u>please contact the office</u> or call 772-770-3494.

We kindly ask that pledge cards be returned to the office by this Sunday, November 16. You may also <u>submit your pledge online</u> if you prefer.

This week, we invite you to be inspired by a reflection from one of our own —**Tony Tulumello** — who shares what Stewardship has meant to him, to his

family's lives, and to their shared faith journey.





"I will trust and not be afraid"

We are at that time of year when time flies by very quickly, there is lots to be done and along with all of the upcoming holidays and rejoicing with friends and family, there are more than a few nerve-wracking moments too. Inevitably there might be a "curve ball" thrown at us that might cause us to panic and begin to make up "worst-case-scenarios" in our heads in the blink of an eye without even realizing what we are doing. Any slight change of plans or unexpected occurrences can upset our delicate equilibrium or cause us to fall way behind in regards to activities that go by at break-neck speed.

It is very easy to fall prey to unrealistic expectations about what we actually are able to do in the time-frame that we have been given. Add to that interactions with relatives, spouses, and well meaning friends, it is very easy to become overwhelmed going into what is supposed to be "the most wonderful time of the year."

This is a good time to remember the first verse of Canticle 9 in place of this Sunday's Psalm (also called "The First Song of Isaiah") "Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior." Let's face it, a lot of us might find it difficult to get into "holiday-mode" after all that we have been through, trusting that everything will work out. Our first reading this Sunday is also from Isaiah, and is a very hopeful text that tells us God will delight in his people and that "No more will the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress." (Is. 65:19)

As we begin to shift our focus to planning and preparing for the holidays, let us also remember to trust God if we begin to feel anxious or overwhelmed. As we become willing to trust, it will become easier to find peace as we choose to surrender any situations to God and be open to new solutions that appear. Isaiah also tells us that God says "Before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Is. 65:24) This tells us that we are not alone and that help is on the way. Let us look for all the ways that we are being helped and blessed this week!

Upcoming Events



The Angel Tree Goes Up This Weekend!

Once again we have gathered Christmas wish lists from 60+ children participating in the <u>Youth Guidance Mentoring Academy</u> of Vero Beach.

Please take a tag off the tree and sign up on a sign-up sheet alphabetized by the LAST name of the child. Please leave your name, phone number and email

on the correct listing for your child.

The deadline for parishioners to bring the gifts to the church for distribution is **Sunday**, **December 7**.

A Word about Finding the Gifts

These lists have been gone through very carefully to make sure that all the Amazon descriptions (which tend to be long and very wordy) will bring you as close as possible to the child's gift request. Just look at the written description on your tag and match it as closely as possible - you might have to scroll down a little to find the exact one. Any descriptions written in RED are for Amazon and should be entered as written. There are a couple descriptions in BLUE that are for Walmart. Many gifts are self-explanatory and are written in GREEN and can be found at the retailer of your choosing. However, that said, there are always a couple of "unicorns" - gifts that are very difficult to find on any platform. In that case, use your best judgment, do the best you can and THANK YOU so much for your continued support of this ministry!

If you have questions, please contact the office or call 772-770-3494.



Save the date!

The Angel Tree Christmas Gift Wrap Party will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 9am. We will be wrapping and labeling the gifts from the Angel Tree. 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 year, we will have gifts to wrap for 64 children. For those who would like to participate, please contact Russell Kratz.



Gentlemen, Please Join Us!

Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, November 18 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**, **November 18 at 9 am.** No sign-up

neccessary! Want to find out more? Please contact Al Glatz.



St. Augustine Serves at Shining Light Garden

Come join us 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 is Saturday, November 22.

Like to get involved? Please contact Barbara McGowan

Caregiver's Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on on November 25 (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 Thanksgiving Day for Dinner!

Dinner will be served at 2 pm on Thanksgiving Day.

Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving-type sides & desserts like mashed potatoes, stuffing and pumpkin pie! The church will provide the turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, and non-alcoholic drinks.

Please sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact the office.



Help us "Clean-Up" Afterward!

As we are all aware, many hands make light work, and pitching in after dinner makes for a pleasant time for all. If you are moved, please contact <u>Beth Weatherstone</u> if you would like to join or just help the "Clean-up Crew" for this event.

Monthly Blood Pressure Screening

Come have your blood pressure checked by our RN's on Sunday, November 30 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 host an "Ask The Dietician" session after the 10 am service that same 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



Join ECW for their Annual Christmas Tea

Come and enjoy specially brewed tea, tasty tidbits, fun and fellowship! This year we will feature an afternoon of fun with Dr. Doug & Robin LaPointe, "Comedy With a Point!" along with riddles and prizes, and topped off with door prizes.

As we are continuing our annual ECW gift outreach for the residents at St. Francis Manor, please also bring a wrapped gift marking it for a "Lady", "Gent", or "Either".

Please sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact: Pam Wehrberger at gran459495@aol.com

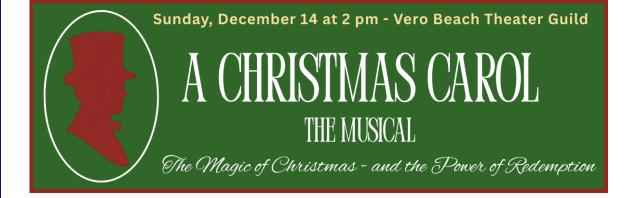


SAS to help out at the 3rd Annual Kids Triathlon

On **Saturday, Dec. 6**, the Rotary Club of Vero Beach will host their 3rd Annual Kids Triathlon, and St. Augustine Serves will be there to help out! The Kids Triathlon invites children ages 6 - 13 to enter a fun, safe Swim, Bike, and Run multi-sport race event that is geared for both 1st time and seasoned triathletes. The event emphasizes personal achievement for over 300 kids, who with all levels of experience, race against their own best efforts, fostering a supportive atmosphere where each child sets their own goals and participation is celebrated.

Come join in the fun by volunteering to help out either with Event Prep on Friday, Dec. 5 or Event Support on Saturday, Dec. 6. The event takes place at the Gifford Aquatic Center at 4895 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach, and you can choose the four-hour shift that works best for you. Please sign up here: https://kidstriverobeach.com/volunteer/

Be sure to note at the bottom of the form that you are part of St. Augustine Serves team. Questions? Barbara McGowan (<u>barbaraamcgowan@gmail.com</u>)



The Fellowship Ministry is excited to announce a special holiday outing on Saturday, December 14 at 2 pm, to see the musical adaptation of "A Christmas Carol, the Musical" at the Vero Beach Theatre Guild!

This beloved story is brought to life with music, laughter, and a timeless message of hope and redemption. It's the perfect way to celebrate the Christmas season together as a community, and is a wonderful opportunity to connect, build new bonds, and enjoy the joy of the season with one another.

We only have a block of 20 tickets. The cost is \$36 and it will be first come, first served. The object of this is fellowship, so we ask that you limit the number of tickets to family members. In other words, we don't want someone buying 15 tickets to take their friends and extended family. You can reserve a ticket by writing to office@staugustinevero.com. At that point you will have 48 hours to come in and pay for, and receive your tickets. If the cost is keeping you from going, please reach out to Fr. Wes who will be happy to work something out.

Come share in the warmth of fellowship and the spirit of Christmas — we can't wait to experience this holiday classic with you!



Candlelight Remembrance Service

Join us for this special service on **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.

Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

Calendar

Looking to Deepen Your Faith?



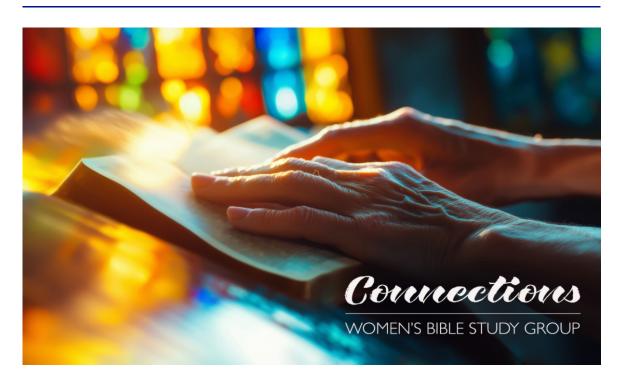
Newcomers Class - Join us for the Last Two Classes!

Come check us out at our Adult Education Newcomers Class on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Library. We will be talking about the Christian story by looking at the big picture story of the Old and New testament. We will talk about what liturgy is and what makes the liturgy of the Episcopal Church unique. We will discuss the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and why they are important. And finally, we will discuss how the Christian life is a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit and what it looks like to belong at St. Augustine's. We hope you can make it!



Evening Bible Study

Please come to our Evening Bible Study! We will meet **weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the library** and the study will last about an hour. Over the course of the fall we will be going through Paul's letter to the Romans. We are happy to be able to offer this opportunity for people who have expressed interest in an evening bible study in the past. If you have any questions please contact <u>Fr. Tyler</u>. Look forward to seeing you there!



Connections: Women's Bible Study Group

Tuesdays through November 18, 9:30 am - 11 am

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. Our next study will focus on the Book of Genesis, providing the framework for understanding the entire biblical narrative, from creation to the promise of a

future restoration.

We will be using the study guide "Genesis" (Knowing The Bible Series) by Mitchell M. Kim. Please order your study guide here:

Genesis: A 12-Week Study (Knowing the Bible)



This Week's Lesson: The Shepherds and Jesus' Birth

This week in Sunday School, we studied the wonderful account of the shepherds who were the first to hear the news of Jesus' birth. On a quiet night near Bethlehem, humble shepherds were doing their everyday work—watching over their sheep. Suddenly, the stillness was broken as an angel of the Lord appeared, and the glory of God shone all around them. The shepherds were terrified, but the angel spoke words of comfort: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."

The angel told them that they would find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Then, a whole company of heavenly angels filled the sky, praising God and declaring: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." The shepherds, filled with awe and excitement, hurried to Bethlehem to see this amazing thing for themselves.

When they arrived, they found Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus just as the angel had said. Their hearts were overflowing with joy. They couldn't keep the good news to themselves—so they spread the word to everyone they met, glorifying and praising God for what they had seen and heard. The shepherds, who were ordinary people with simple jobs, became the first messengers of the Gospel, showing us that God's good news is for all people, not just the rich, powerful, or important.

This story reminds us that God values humility and faith. He didn't choose kings or rulers to be the first witnesses of His Son's birth, but shepherds—the

lowly, the unnoticed, the everyday workers. The message of Jesus is for everyone, no matter who we are.

Takeaway Message: God's love reaches every person, and He often chooses the humble and the ordinary to do extraordinary things. Like the shepherds, we are called to joyfully share the good news of Jesus wherever we go.

Reflection Question: How can we be like the shepherds this week—sharing the joy of Jesus with the people around us?

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 <u>Michelle Guancione</u>.

Outreach / Volunteer Opportunities



As we are coming up on the holidays, 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 at birchpoint5@gmail.com to volunteer or to receive soup.



WEDNESDAY



Salvation Army Ministry

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. Please help us to continue our support of this ministry!

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!

"Surely it is God who saves me. I will trust in him and not be afraid."

CANTICLE 9:1

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**, either in person or via <u>Livestream</u> at 10 am. Watch our livestreamed service anytime during the week on our <u>YouTube channel</u>.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 65:17-25

Gradual Psalm:

Canticle 9

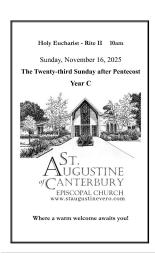
Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

The Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19

Worship Schedule>
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This Weekend's Readers and Servers will be...

Saturday, 5:30 pm

All duties: Jane Ferguson

Sunday, 8 am

Lessons/Server/POTP: Mary Power

Ushers:

Steve & Moe Connell

Coffee Hour:

Byron & Inge Curcio, Donna Kerber



Sunday, 10 am

Ushers: Brian & Karen McIntyre, and

Pam Wehrberger

Lessons: Genie Bushell POTP: Deb Kavanagh Chalice Bearers: Pam & Tom White Crucifer: Tom White

Torches:

Pam White, Sally Munson

LEM: Sally Munson

Livestream: Emma Shields

Sunday School Ass't:

Julia Wiggins Coffee Hour:

Belma Kerrigan, Janet Langan, Mary

Moriarty, Carole Pennington

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 <u>Sally Munson</u> 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 <u>Brian McIntyre</u>

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 Discernment Classes Are Rescheduled for Friday, January 9.

If you would like more information about who we are and what we do, please contact Nancy Kelly, call 772-559-3271, or seek out anyone of us who wears the Cross of the Order.

Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

Sun. Nov. 16 - Angel Tree Kickoff, all services

Mon. Nov. 17, 24 - Parish Prayer Group, Library

Mon. Nov. 17 - Vestry Meeting, 7 pm

Tues. Nov. 18 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's

Tues. Nov. 18, 25 - Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

Tues. Nov. 18, 25 - Parish Prayer Shawl Group, 1 pm, Library

Tues. Nov. 18, 25 - Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Library

Fri. Nov. 21 - Third Fridays at the Source, 12 pm, Parish Hall Kitchen/Offsite

Sat. Nov. 22 - Shining Light Garden, 8:30-10:30 am, Offsite

Sat. Nov. 22 - DOK Meeting Library, 10 am, Library

Tues. Nov. 25 - Caregivers Support Group, 2 pm, Parish Hall

Wed-Fri. Nov. 26-28 - Office Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

Thurs. Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Dinner, 2pm, Parish Hall

Sun., Nov. 30 - Blood Pressure Screening, 9 & 11 am, Parish Hall

Sun., Nov. 30 - Ask the Dietician, 11 am only, Parish Hall

Save the Date!

Mon. Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Parish Prayer Group, Library

Tues. Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 - Connections Bible Study, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

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

Tues. Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 - Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Library

Sat. Dec 6 - ECW Christmas Tea, 2-4 pm, Parish Hall

Sun. Dec 7 - Angel Tree Gift DEADLINE - bring all gifts to church or call office.

Tues. Dec. 9 - Outreach Ministry Meeting, 11 am, Parish Hall

Sat. Dec. 13, 27 - Shining Light Garden, 8:30-10:30 am, Offsite

Sat. Dec. 13 - Angel Tree Christmas Gift Wrapping Party, 9 am, Parish Hall

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 - Vestry Meeting, 7 pm

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

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; Dana will be in on Wed.

Dec. 31; CLOSED Thurs-Fri. Jan 1-2, 2026. Normal hours the following Monday.

Sat. Dec. 27 - DOK Meeting Library, 10 am, Library

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
- <u>Church Center</u> To access our Church Center database app on the web
- Daughters of the King Prayer List
- Morning Prayer info and downloads
- <u>Livestream Services</u>
- St. Augustine's Facebook Page
- <u>St. Augustine's YouTube Channel</u> To subscribe: Sign in to YouTube on your computer. Go to <u>St. Augustine's YouTube channel</u> 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 Gloria, Melanie, Sannira, Darlene, Bob, Peyton, Ken, Jane, Al, Ginger, Josephine, Dan, Valerie, Sean, Jerry, Steve, Kathryn, Kira, Paulo, Rosanjela, Jacira, Carol, Page, 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: <u>Dana Johnson</u> at 772-770-3494.

This Week, We Celebrate

Birthdays

- 16 Mary Rianhard Jean Houck
- 18 Vicki Tavanello
- 19 Elizabeth Stickley Marta Morris Beth Weatherstone
- 20 Burke Neely Carol Davis

Anniversaries

20 - Olin & Lin Melchionna

This Week, We Remember

Departed

- 12 Jim Rott (2025)
- 20 Beverly Hinkle (2022)





This Week's Altar Flowers

are given by the Burns Family in loving memory of the wedding anniversary of Walter and Ann Burns, who remain forever in our hearts.

This week's Altar Flowers are also given by Mary Rott and Family in loving memory of Jim Rott, who passed away yesterday on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

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 <u>Dana Johnson</u> at the parish office at 772-770-3494.

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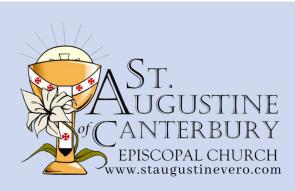
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