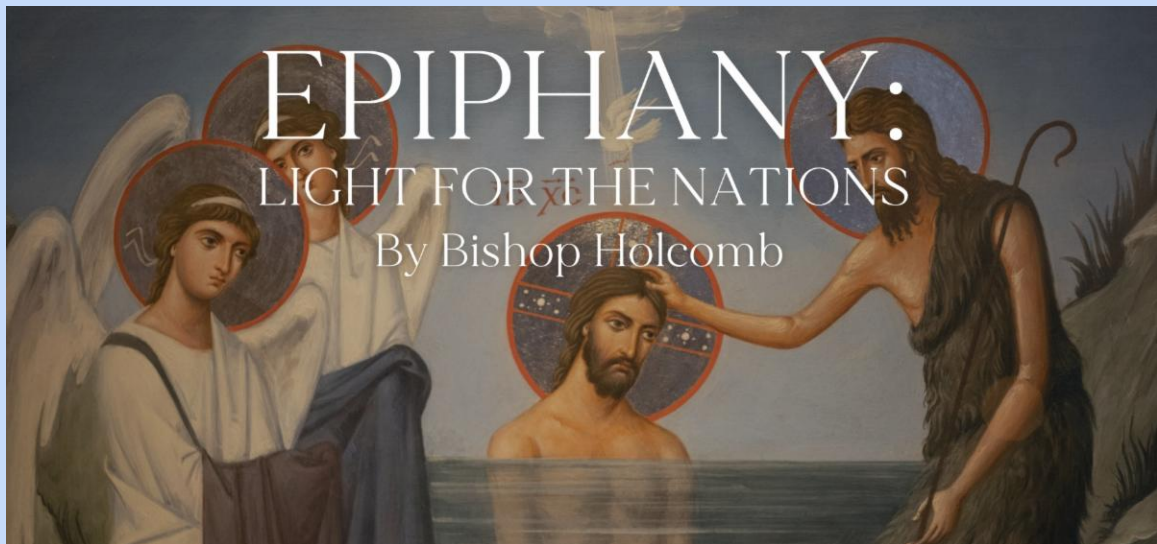




“The mission of St. Augustine of Canterbury parish is to grow closer to Christ and one another through worship, prayer, learning and service, and to dedicate our lives to serving Christ in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.”



Epiphany, in which we celebrate God’s light coming into the world, is a significant season in the church year, celebrated across many Christian traditions. The word “epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “appearance” or “manifestation.” It reminds us that God’s love didn’t stay hidden. In Christ, God revealed himself—not just to Israel, but to all people. That’s good news: His light shines for everyone, everywhere.

[Read entire article>](#)

Upcoming Events

Music Bingo

Music Bingo? Hosted by Organized Chaos?
This sounds like way too much fun to pass

up! Mark your calendar for Friday, **January 10, 6-8 pm** in the Parish Hall for a whole new take on Bingo. When DJ Troy spins the tunes, you may find yourselves singing along as you search for them on your Music Bingo cards. Pay just \$5 for six games. Great prizes, one for each round. Please BYOB & snacks. And don't forget your family and friends! Contact: [Carol Paris](#)



SIGN UP THIS SUNDAY!

Let's Get 2025 Off to a Healthy Start!

Join us in welcoming Lori Long, Personal Trainer-Coach and Life Style Educator on **Saturday, January 18, 10 am -12 noon** in the Parish Hall when she will present tips on simple changes to help improve your health and wellness. Enjoy a healthy brunch and participate in a group chair exercise demonstration. All are invited to this Episcopal Church Women and Health and Wellness Team-sponsored event. Please sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact: [Sally Munson, RN](#), Coord. of Health and Wellness Team.



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Augustine's Annual Meeting

All are invited to come to the St. Augustine's Annual Parish Meeting on **Sunday, January 26 at 11:30 am** in the Sanctuary. Hear reports from ministry leaders; vote for new vestry members. Come rejoice in the wondrous ways God is moving among us! Ministry Leaders: Please email ministry reports to the parish office by **Wednesday, January 15**.



Find these and all our upcoming events at ...

[Calendar](#)

Holiday Happenings!

The Youth Guidance Christmas Party was held on December 20th and Santa was on hand to distribute the Angel Tree gifts given by St. Augustine parishioners. From top left (clockwise), Michaela (Mom), Kadi, Santa, and Normando pose for a group photo after receiving gifts; Venus, her mother, and sister all pose for a photo with a Christmas-themed frame; parents and children gathered together to make ornaments and decorate cookies and Mom, Daniel, and Santa take a photo together after he received his gifts. A jolly good time was had by all!



On January 5th, our St. Augustine's parish family gathered for a delicious New Year's Brunch. Our sincere thanks to Anthony Tulumello and the many hands at work who put this all together, planned and served a great meal and provided the cleanup.



Looking to Deepen Your Faith?

Sunday Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian Ed meets on **Sunday mornings** at **9 am** in the Library! Bible study will resume on **January 19** with a two-session series (**1/19** and **1/26**) on the Creeds. Come be part of this thought-provoking discussion. Questions? Contact: [Fr. Wes Shields](#)



ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

Connections

Women's Bible Study Group

Women's Bible Study Starts New Series in January

Connections is a women's Bible study ministry serving women of all ages. We 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. Starting **January 7**, we will meet for 12 weeks on **Tuesdays from 9:30-11 am** in the Parish Hall to study the Gospel of Matthew. Our facilitators will be Anita Plummer and Valerie Reich. [Purchase your study guide using this link](#)

"I learned so much in the study of John. Coming to class brings you so much closer to The Lord." Connie Hatala

Let's talk about the Bible! Did you know that the Bible has sold more copies than any other book and has been translated into more than 1,500 languages. Completed nearly 2,000 years ago, the Bible has stood the test of time. Jesus says about it, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:35) His statement has proven true. The Bible is just as applicable today as it was then.

Come Join Us! No sign-up necessary - there is a seat at the table ready just for you! **Contact:** [Valerie Reich](#)
[Order Study Guide](#)>

This Sunday in Sunday School

We will be learning about the story of Esau, selling his birthright to his brother Jacob for a bowl of stew. Esau, the older of the two brothers, was tired and hungry after a long day of hunting. Jacob, who was cooking some stew, offered to give him food in exchange for his birthright—the special privileges that came with being the firstborn. Esau, in his hunger and impatience, agreed to the deal without fully understanding the consequences. This story teaches us the importance



of making thoughtful decisions and not letting temporary desires cloud our judgment. We also learned how God's plan unfolds in unexpected ways, and how the choices we make can have lasting effects on our lives.



Join us! We meet Sundays (no class the first Sunday of each month), **at 10 am** in the far classroom in the Old Parish Hall. Come along with your friends and make new ones too! **Ages K-8 welcome** – we can't wait to see you there! Parishioners, if you have kids, grandkids, neighbors, or anyone that might be interested in Sunday School, please contact ministry leader [Michelle Guancione](#).

Daughters of the King

On January 6, the St. Michael the Archangel Chapter held an Epiphany luncheon in the Parish Hall. There was delicious food, wonderful fellowship, and lots of laughter.



Outreach

Salvation Army Food Pantry Update

From Lew Gwyn

St. Augustine's food project for the Salvation Army has been a phenomenal success. In 2024 we gave 7,634 pounds of donations to the Food Pantry, which actually spent very little time on the shelves. It appears that the request for pasta, pasta sauce, and peanut butter was brilliant, as these foods are well-suited to virtually everyone regardless of their living situation, and make the decision on what to donate very simple for our parishioners.

2024 was a hard year for many, and donations were down in general, which made the food that St. Augustine's gave to the Salvation Army all the more important and appreciated. Our food donations tended to fall between 130 - 175 pounds each week, and was usually all distributed to the needy by Thursday afternoon. To say, "thank you" falls far short of how much this food was appreciated. Truly, this parish has been answering Jesus' call to feed His sheep. But I still say, THANK YOU!



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

FOOD COLLECTION

**Please donate:
Pasta**

**Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter**

***Food donations have been inspiring. Let's keep the momentum going!
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.

Make It Your 2025 Resolution: Serve our Church, our Community!



KING OF THE HILL TOURNAMENT

Please Sign Up This Week!

Starting Thursday, Jan. 16th and running 6 consecutive Thursdays from 5-7 pm, St.

Augustine Serves will be helping out at the King of the Hill Tennis Tournament to benefit Youth Guidance Mentoring Academy. The events fall on the following Thursdays: **Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20.** This activity involves working as ticket-takers (seated), ushering attendees and engaging with the youth. Six people are needed each week; consider bringing a friend!

These events are being held at The Boulevard Tennis Club (1620 Blvd Village Ln., Vero Beach - Right off Indian River Boulevard). We will need one person to work from 4-6 pm to help with the setup, and four people to work 5-7 pm during the event. All are invited to stay to watch the tennis tournament. If you are interested in helping out, please contact: [Barbara McGowan](#) with the date(s) you are available.

HOSPITALITY GUILD MINISTRY

Become part of the "Warm Welcome that awaits you" at St. Augustine's! The Hospitality Guild invites you to consider joining one of their four teams that will rotate monthly in the upcoming year. The teams provide set-up and service to special events, potluck gatherings, Lenten suppers and Celebrations of Life. No cooking, shopping or serving at Sunday Coffee Hours is involved, as these operate as separate ministries. Snowbirds are welcome as the busy season is from October until May. Team members make lasting friendships while providing a vital service for our parish community. Please consider joining us! **Contact:** [Carol Paris](#)

CLEAN UP TEAM

St. Augustine's continues to provide fellowship opportunities into the new year. We are organizing a Cleanup Team for these events. Please consider offering your talent and serve with us on this team. Sign up is in the Narthex.

Duties: Attend one training on kitchen/hall clean up: **February 18 at 4 pm** (not required, but helpful); Clean up kitchen and hall after events: New Year's Brunch, Shrove Tuesday, Pot Luck Dinners, St. Patrick's Day, Italian Festival, Thanksgiving Day, other events that may occur; Providing a vital service for our parish community. Please consider joining us! **Questions?**

Contact: [Beth Weatherstone](#)

SHINING LIGHT GARDEN

Come for a morning of planting, weeding and/or harvesting vegetables at Shining Light Garden on **Saturday, January 25, 8:30-10:30 am.** The food that is harvested goes to our neighbors in need throughout



3RD FRIDAYS AT THE SOURCE

The Outreach Ministry is now serving dinner on a monthly basis at The Source, which involves menu-planning, shopping, cooking in the parish kitchen and serving the evening meal onsite. Our next service date is **Friday, January 17**. Please contact: [Tony Tulumello](#) if you would like to be part of this important ministry.

ALTAR GUILD | SATURDAY SERVICE

The Altar Guild is in need of volunteer(s) for the Saturday night service. It entails clearing the Altar after the Saturday night service and setting it up for the Sunday 8 am service. It is a four-week rotation, you would only do it one Saturday every four weeks. Contact: [Mary Strahosky](#)

BAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Calling all Bakers! Cookies are needed for various ministries on an ongoing basis. Come "Bake" a Difference! Join our half-baked ministry! Consider being on a contact list for occasional cookies. Contact: [Tony Tulumello](#)

SEWING WORKSHOP MENTOR

Youth Guidance is looking for a volunteer sewing mentor with some sewing machine experience. The workshop is held on **Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 pm**. Contact: [Jen Moore](#), Youth Guidance volunteer coordinator.

This Sunday!

"I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

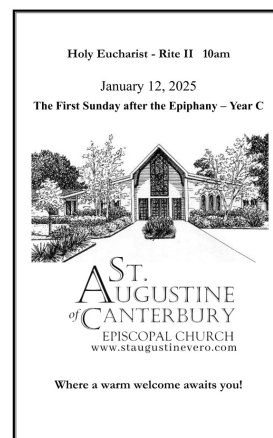
LUKE 3:16

Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **First Sunday after the Epiphany**, 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>](#)



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, 01/11/25 at 5:30 pm
All duties: Carolyn Robinson

Sunday, 01/12/25 at 8 am
Lessons/Server: Lisa Grandage
POTP: Lisa Grandage
Ushers: Linda Beardslee,
Valorie Stevenson

Sunday, 01/12/25 at 10 am
Ushers: Dick & Karen Monaco
and Tom Wehrberger
Lessons: Marolyn Findlay
POTP: Lisa LaRusso
Chalice: Pam & Tom White
Crucifer: Tom White
Torches: Pam White, Sally Munson
LEM: Tom White

Livestream: Emma Shields
Sunday School Assistant Pam Wehrberger
Coffee Hour: Brian & Karen McIntyre,
Connie Hatala, Melani Bobson



Join us this Week for ...

Morning Prayer | Daily 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 | Library

Prayer Shawl & Knitting Ministry | Tuesdays, 1-3 pm | Library

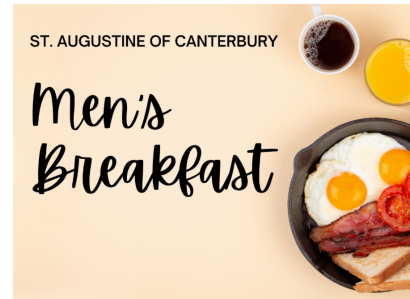
Healing Eucharist | Wednesdays at 10 am | Sanctuary

Bible Study with Fr. Wes | Wednesdays at 11 am | Library

News & Notes

Men's Breakfast

Come to a St. Augustine of Canterbury Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 9 am or any third Tuesday, at CJ Cannons (3414 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach). Ministry contact: [Al Glatz](#)



Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

Tues., Jan. 14, 21, 28 - Connections: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 - 11 am, Parish Hall

Wed., Jan. 15 - Ministry heads, please have all ministry reports for the Annual Meeting submitted to the office.

Sat., Jan. 18 - "Let's Get 2025 off to a Healthy Start," 11 am, Parish Hall

Tues., Jan. 21 - Men's Breakfast, 9 am, CJ Cannon's

Sat., Jan. 25 - Daughters of the King meeting, 10 am, Library

Sun., Jan. 26 - Annual Meeting, 11 am, Sanctuary
(Health & Wellness is postponed until February)

Tues., Jan. 28 - Caregivers Support Group 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 Glenda, Erton, Betty, Dennis, Karen, Darlene, Jo Ann K., the Stark Family, Luis, George, Steve, Paul, Jacira, Carol R., Annetta, Donna, Sherry, Violet, Kathleen, Jay, Laurita, 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

- 13 - Philippa Norman
Pat Ianotti
Genie Bushell
- 16 - Fran Alibrio Curran
- 17 - Sheila Robinson

Anniversaries

None this week

This Week, We Remember

Departed

- 12 - George Kirchoff (2018)
David D. Hamman (2019)
- 18 - Nance Porter (2020)



Altar Flowers

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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