



“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 - MONDAY, JANUARY 6



Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

ISAIAH 60:1-6

New Year's Brunch

Help ring in 2025 by partaking in our annual New Year's Brunch on **Sunday, January 5, after the 10 am service**. Good food, great fellowship and shared resolutions!



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

ECW Christmas Tea

This year's tea was the final program for Carol Paris as ECW President, and she bade an emotional farewell to her position. The ladies gave her a well-deserved standing ovation for her 13 years of dedicated service. Everyone donated gifts for the elderly at St. Francis Manor, a long-standing tradition of St. Augustine's.



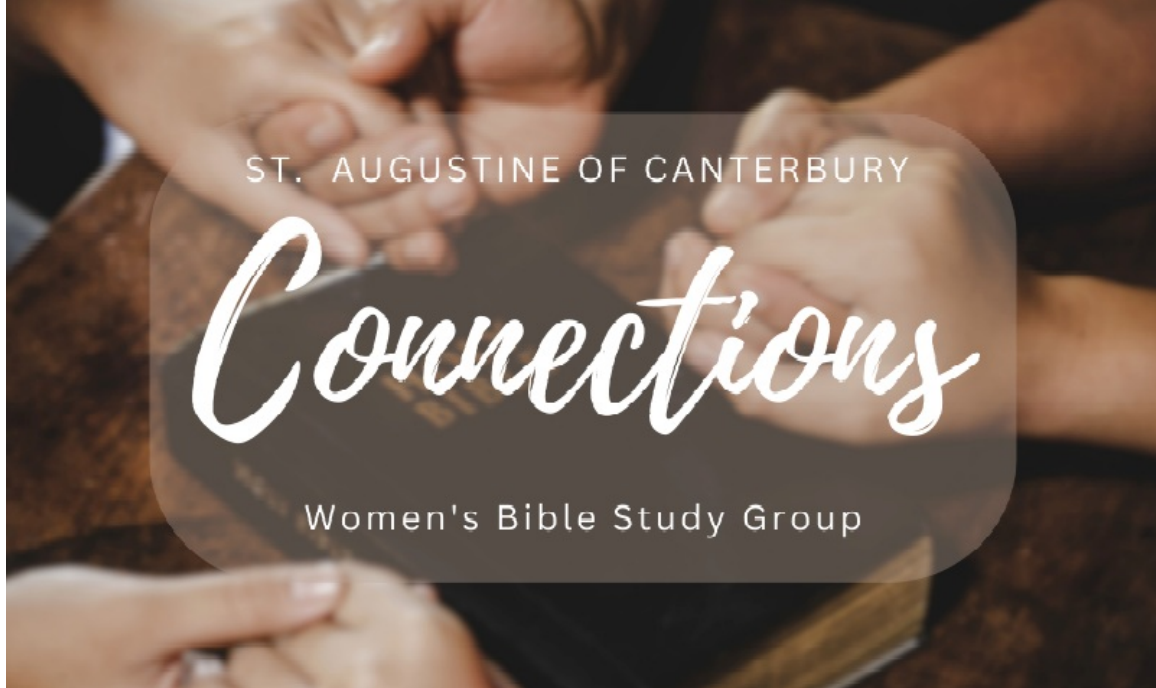
Christmas Pageant 2024 "And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." LUKE 2:7

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 (topic TBD). Come be part of this thought-provoking discussion. Questions? Contact: [Fr. Wes Shields](#)





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. Our next study will begin on **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.

"Awesome Bible study group - learned so much with lovely, spiritual women. So open and welcoming." Laurie Samuels

Matthew's account of the Gospel is placed first among the other New Testament books and was one of the most popular books in the early church. It presents a clear and thorough account of who Jesus is and what He accomplished in His life, death, and resurrection. At the heart of Matthew's account is the identification of Jesus Christ as the true King of the universe who ushers in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew's Gospel also gives us a clear picture of discipleship.

No sign-up Necessary! [Just purchase your study guide using this link](#)

Join us - there is a seat at the table ready just for you! Contact: [Valerie Reich](#)

[Reich](#)

[Order Study Guide>](#)

Time for Sunday School!

Hey Kids and Families,

St. Augustine Sunday School is off to an amazing start! We are having so much fun learning interesting stories from the Bible! 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](#).
[Sunday School Registration Form](#)>

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.



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

FOOD COLLECTION

Please donate:

Pasta

Spaghetti Sauce

Peanut Butter

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!

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 Community!

SHINING LIGHT GARDEN

Come for a morning of planting, weeding and/or harvesting vegetables at Shining Light Garden on Saturday, January 4, 8:30 - 10:30 am. The food that is harvested goes to our neighbors in need throughout Indian River County. **Contact:** [Barbara McGowan](#)



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](#)

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:** [Glenda Altman](#)

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](#)

This Sunday!

Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

MATTHEW 2:1-2, 11-12

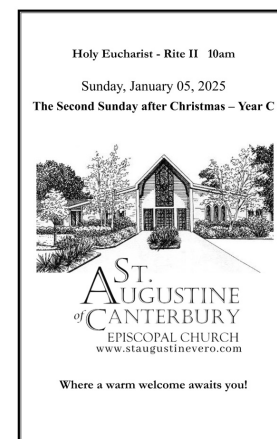
Come Worship with us this Sunday!

St. Augustine of Canterbury invites you to join us for worship this **Second Sunday after Christmas Day**, 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>](#)

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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 ...

Saturday, 01/04/25 at 5:30 pm
All duties: Laurie Samuels

Sunday, 01/05/25 at 8 am
Lessons/Server: Mary Power
POTP: Tom Hall

Sunday, 01/05/25 at 10 am
Ushers: Tom & Pam White, Jackie Davis
Lessons: Emma Shields
POTP: Cody Shields
Chalice: Cody & Tucker Shields
Crucifer: Jack Guancione
Torches: Jeremiah Wilson, Tucker Shields and Jeremiah Wilson
LEM: Emma Shields

Livestream: Laura Shields
Sunday School Assistant: Julia Wiggins
Coffee Hour: The Daughters of the King



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

Cookie Walk Helps Support El Hogar

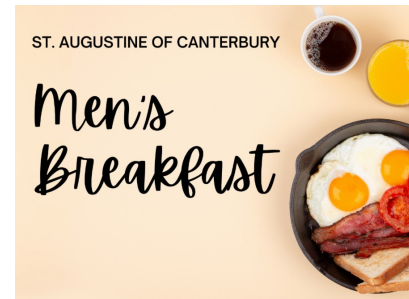
This year's Cookie Walk to help support the students of [El Hogar](#), took place **Sunday, Dec. 15**. The cookies were a big hit as always, and sold out completely. A total of \$850 was raised.

A big thank you goes out to Burke Neely and her crew for hosting this annual event and to all the bakers who contributed dozens of their tasty Christmas treats.



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](#)



Giving Statements

Please note that the annual Giving Statements have been distributed via email to all parishioners who pledged in 2024 and have an email address on file. If you haven't received yours, please first check your spam folder and then contact treasurer, [Wayne Elliott](#). These statements will give you an indication of where you stand in the completion of your pledge commitment. Final tax statements will be distributed after the first of the year. Please contact treasurer [Wayne Elliott](#) if you have any questions.

Calendar

Mark Your Calendars!

Sat., Jan. 4 - St. Augustine Serves at Shining Light Garden, 8:30 am

Sun., Jan. 5 - New Year's Brunch, 11 am, Parish Hall

Tues., Jan. 7, 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

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

05 - Jean Thompson
08 - Andrea Delph Prince
Doreen Pennington
09 - Julie McPartlin
PK Lynch

Anniversaries

05 - Cheri & Eric Foster
07 - Jean & Roy Thompson

This Week, We Remember

Departed

12/29 - Donald Ingram (2024)
01/03 - Dottie Curran (2023)
01/05 - James Angel (2024)
01/06 - Bunny Frey (2021)
01/10 - Leo Norikus (2001)



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.

Join Our Parish Family



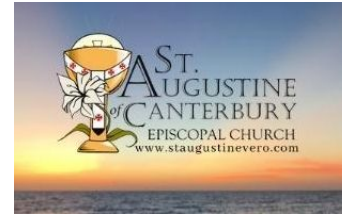
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