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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday at 4:00
Sunday at 7:30,
9:30 & 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES
7:00 am
(Monday - Friday)

CONFESSIONS
Saturday from
3:00 to 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS
First Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory
to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE
Please call the Rectory
one year in advance.

DEVOTIONS
Perpetual Novena of Our Lady
of the Miraculous Medal,
Fridays immediately following
the 7:00 am Mass

May & October
Rosary & Latin Benediction
Mondays at 7:00 pm

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
staug4prayer@gmail.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Memorial-Albert and Julie Johnson

Sunday, February 1-The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Memorial-Louis Soares

9:30 AM - Memorial-Philip and Nancy Fazioli

11:30 AM - Memorial-David Costantino and Debra Iadevia

Monday, February 2-The Presentation of the Lord

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, February 3-Weekday

7:00 AM - Memorial-Mary D. Mahar

Wednesday, February 4-Weekday

7:00 AM - Memorial-Frank and Geraldine Sutton

Thursday, February 5-Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 AM - Memorial-Angelina Falco

Friday, February 6-Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM - Memorial-Amelia Mahar

Saturday Vigil-The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Memorial-Joseph and Germaine Aguilera

Sunday, February 8-The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - 5th Anniversary-Andrew J. Walsh IV

9:30 AM - Memorial-Antonio and Ida Barletta

11:30 AM - 28th Anniversary-Americo Procaccini

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January 24-25, 2026 Collection

Budget Envelopes	$	5,793.96
Electronic Giving	$	2,562.03
TOTAL	$	8,355.99
Church in Latin America Collection	$	1,173.00
Poor Box	$	249.00

Dear Parishioners,

This Monday we celebrate the ***Feast of the Presentation of the Lord***, also known as ***Candelmas Day***. The blessing of candles for liturgical and devotional purposes takes place on this day. The Gospel for the Presentation is always taken from the second chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, where Jesus is brought in to the Temple by the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. St. Luke tells us that there was an old man named Simeon who was **"awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord."** Suddenly the Lord comes in to the Temple, carried in the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Simeon's prayers are answered! What a great reminder for us all to never give up on God and the hope He inspires in our lives!

Like Simeon, we are also waiting on God's providence in these winter months. ***Father Jacob*** recently received word that his Visa Interview at the Consulate in India will be on March 23. Please pray for him that the interview will go well and that he will return to us soon. Fr. Jacob has been in regular contact with many of us here in the parish and is eager to return. We, of course, are also eager for his time back here among us. On the same day that I received news of Fr. Jacob's interview date, I also received an email with an ***update on the Elevator Project***. As I shared earlier, everything is on time or ahead of schedule with this project . . . except for the arrival of the elevator! The elevator company has announced yet another possible delay that would bring the arrival of the elevator from mid-February to early March. It seems that the arrival of both Fr. Jacob and the elevator are still in process but slightly delayed.

Simeon, pray for us!

One final update that I am very happy to bring to you is the progress that has been made on the ***new HVAC system***. The Diocese gave us the approval back in early January to replace our failing air conditioning. Work is already underway and, although it may be the farthest thing from our minds this winter, the cool air will be most refreshing this summer! May our waiting this winter be filled with all the hope of Simeon and may we also rejoice in the Lord, as he did, and discover that good things—and God's things—come to those who wait!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Mahar

CCD classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, February 1 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria.

There will be a First Penance/First Communion Parents meeting on Sunday, February 8 at 10:30am in O'Brien Hall.

CCD classes for grades one through six will be cancelled Sunday, February 15 in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered alternate Sundays during the 9:30am Mass. This is an opportunity for the Word of God to be addressed to children in grades K through Six as an age-appropriate and personal invitation to participate in the Mass.

The next Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated Sunday, February 8.

If you have a prayer request email staug4prayer@gmail.com.

Your intention will not be published but will be prayed for by the St. Augustine intercessors. If you would like to become an intercessor, contact Kathy Hollenbeck at the above email for more information.

Readings for the Week of February 1

Sunday
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12

Monday
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Tuesday
2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday
2 Sam 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday
Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chron 29:10-12 Mk 6:7-13

Friday
Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday
1 Kings 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

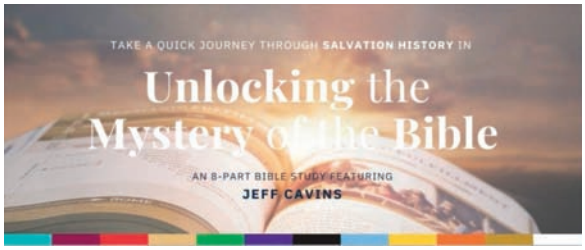
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday
Exposition at 12 Noon

Closing Benediction at 5 PM

You are welcome to stop in anytime to visit with Jesus.

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from Him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall never be shaken...Psalm 62:1-2



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Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but give up because it seems so complicated. ***Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*** helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible in 8 weeks.

Starting February 20 through April 24, we will offer an 8-week program of videos and discussion on Friday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:15 pm.

The course itself is free, but there is a $10 Workbook cost. Please make check payable to St. Augustine Church.

To register, please drop off an envelope marked ***Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*** with your name, contact information, and payment to the rectory office or the collection basket.

Registration closes February 10.
Pre-registration is required
to ensure we have enough workbooks.

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CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR EVANGELIZATION

For those who have registered the next session of ***Following Christ*** will meet this Thursday, February 5 at 6:30pm in O'Brien Hall.
Session 4: Forgiving One Another

Mothers and Friends of Saint Augustine's Women's Retreat

Experience a deepening of your faith and friendships through contemplative prayer.
Join us for an overnight retreat led by Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP entitled ***"Abide in Me, As I Abide in You,"*** meditations on the Gospel of John.
Bring your Bibles, pen and paper.

Saturday, March 14 at 9:00am through Sunday, March 15 at Noon.

Mass, Confession, and Adoration hosted by Father Mahar.

Retreat seminars and accommodations at Hampton Inn, Smithfield.
Single occupancy $200 pp; Double occupancy $120 pp
Contact Chrissy McNeil at (401) 487-0485 to confirm participation and payment details by Monday, February 16

Join us for our re-scheduled Open House 2026 Sunday, February 1 1:00pm to 3:00pm

PARISH CHOIR

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, January 28
7:00 to 8:30PM
to prepare for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
Consider being a part of this beautiful ministry and experience the liturgies in an amazing way!
See Stephen in the loft after weekend Mass or email at
Musiconthemount76@yahoo.com

Catholic Charity Appeal — One Faith, One Hope.

2026 Catholic Charity Appeal Begins

The 2026 Catholic Charity Appeal is now underway!

Your support helps form future priests, nurture youth faith, and care for the vulnerable across our state.
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Save the Date !
Saturday, May 2, 2026
St. Augustine Church

Most Reverend Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.
Bishop of Providence
Reverend Christopher M. Mahar
Pastor, Saint Augustine Church
Mr. Dennis Sousa
Director, Office of Family, Youth, and Young Adult Evangelization

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour next Sunday, **February 8** after the 9:30am Mass in O'Brien Hall. Get to know the people you attend Mass with! Parents of CCD students - enjoy a cup of coffee while the kids are in class.

To find out more about becoming a Knight email Mike Geraghty at mjg1geraghty@hotmail.com

COR CHRISTI

The **Knights of Columbus Council No. 10557** in conjunction with the **Men of St. Joseph** are excited to share the implementation of ***Cor***, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Augustine Parish. ***Cor*** exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity. The next gathering will be on **Saturday, February 28** at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

For more information email John Olobri at jolobri2@verizon.net or call 401-338-6534.

Men of St. Joseph International

The Saint Augustine chapter of the Men of Saint Joseph would like to invite new members to join us to strengthen our relationship with the Blessed Trinity through the study of the scriptures and fellowship with other Catholic men. The next gathering will be on **Saturday, February 28** at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

We always welcome new members!

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Pre K 4 January Topic of Study

Learning about water, ice, and hibernation !!!!

Creating caves for bears to sleep in until March !

Junior Chefs, Grade 5

A perfect day for Snowman cupcakes, and sipping on white hot chocolate!!! Yummy!!!!!

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