

**St Augustine's College  
2026 Entrance Exam**

The Entrance Examination for students wishing to enter Grade Seven at St. Augustine's College for September, 2026 will be given on **Friday, January 30th, 2026** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Deadline for registration for this examination is Friday, January 23rd, 2026. The registration fee is \$100.00. Eligible students may register at their Catholic Primary Schools or at

www.saintaugustinescollege.com and at the College Office. **ONLY** students in Grade Six will be allowed to sit the Entrance Exam.

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**Focusing the Gospel**

**Key words and phrases:** Lamb of God, takes away the sin of the world, existed before me, Spirit come down and remain, baptize with the Holy Spirit, I have seen and testified, Son of God

**To the point:** This Gospel is a testimony of what John has come to know about who Jesus is: Lamb of God, One who forgives sins, One who preexists, One who is Spirit-filled, One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, Son of God. But John's testimony does not exhaust the richness of Jesus' identity; there is even more. The mystery of who Jesus is continues to be revealed to us and through us today. What more are we discovering? What more are we revealing?

**Connecting the Gospel ...**

... to the First Reading: As God formed Isaiah from his mother's womb to be his prophet and a "light to the nations," so are we called from our baptism to be that same "light to the nations," revealing the Christ in us to all those we meet.

... **to experience:** We sometimes hear limited and even trite descriptions of who Jesus is, for example, "Jesus is the answer" or WWJD. But the richness of the mystery of Christ encompasses a breadth and depth that cannot be exhausted in quick answers or pithy statements. Nor can it be exhausted even in a life faithfully lived.

**Prayer of the Week**

*Holy Spirit, you who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything, and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory.  
Amen.*

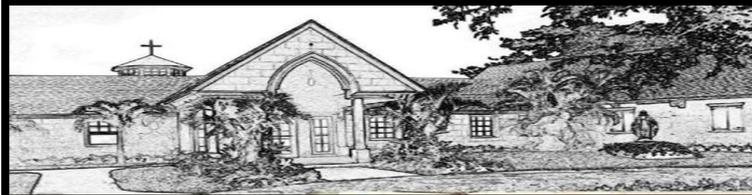
**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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SALVATION	MINISTRY	ABRAHAM	LOCUSTS
BAPTIZE	PRISON	VIPERS	JOSEPH
THIRTY	ISAIAH	JORDAN	HEROD
FRUIT	HONEY	LUKE	DOVE
JOHN			

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*St. Anselm is a Catholic faith community centered in the Eucharist, seeking to live the love of God through worship, word and service.*

*"He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."*

*"All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!"  
(Psalm 66 [65]:4)*

**18th January 2026**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6  
Resp Ps: 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

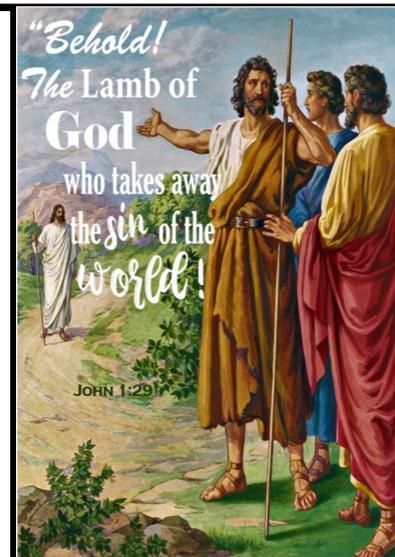
**Gospel: John 1:29-34**

**25th January 2026**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 8: 23 - 9: 3  
Resp Ps: 27:1, 4, 13-14  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**



Most Rev. Patrick C. Pinder, S.T.D.,  
C.M.G. KC\*HS  
Archbishop of Nassau.  
Fr. Noël Clarke, Parish Priest  
Rev. Mr. Ricardo Demeritte, Deacon

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

SUNDAYS: 7.00am & 9.00am  
WEEKDAYS: 6.15 am  
Wednesdays - Adoration at  
5.30pm followed by Mass  
HOLIDAYS: 8.00 a.m.  
Bible Study Monday 6.15pm  
CONFESSIONS:  
SUNDAY: by appointment

**BAPTISMS:**

Call Parish Office to arrange

**A WARM AND LOVING WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS!**

*Please come again and if you would like to become a member, our contacts are listed above.*

*To our members, We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers!*

## Let us Pray

Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease, realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen.

**Darren Antonio Sr., Stafford Armbrister, Leonard Bain, Shimonte Bain, Guy-Philip Bain, Paul Barnett Sr., Angnist Burrows, Uthan Cornish, Laurie Curtis, Carroll Edgecombe, Michael Farrington, Arnold Ferguson, Clarence Ferguson, Brian Fernander, Salvacion Foody, Patricia Higgs, Monique Johnson, Creola Kelly, Daphne Kerr, Annette Knowles, Patricia Knowles, Terrance Knowles, Ida Major, Dellareese McPhee, Supt. Buchanan Moncur, Christina Moss, Drucilla Moss, Saintalus Paul, Tanya Pinder-Carey, Agatha Pratt, Valgo Shannon, Jayde Smith, Juanita Symonette, Jacinta White, Nancy Wilmott, Anastina Wilson, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital. (If you or a member of your family is ill, kindly contact the Parish Office.)**

### Daily Readings

19 January 2026 – Monday

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 15: 16-23  
Resp Ps: 50: 8-9, 16b-17, 21 and 23  
Gospel: Mark 2: 18-22

20 January 2026 – Tuesday

St. Fabian, Pope & St. Sebastian, Martyr  
1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13  
Resp Ps: 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28  
Gospel: Mark 2: 23-28

21 January 2026 – Wednesday

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr  
1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 or  
1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51  
Resp Ps: 23 or Ps: 144: 16, 2, 9-10  
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46 or Mark 3: 1-6

22 January 2026 – Thursday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
1st Reading: 1 Samuel 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7  
Resp Ps: 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-12, 13-14  
Gospel: or Mark 3: 7-12

23 January 2026 – Friday

St. Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon & Martyr & St. Marianne Cope, Virgin  
1st Reading: 1 Samuel 24: 3-21  
Resp Ps: 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11  
Gospel: Mark 3: 13-19

24 January 2026 – Saturday

St. Francis De Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
1st Reading: 2 Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27  
Resp Ps: 80: 2-3, 5-7  
Gospel: Mark 3: 20-21



### Happy Birthday Greetings to

Phoenicia Smith, Michael Thompson, Xavier Thompson  
(Mon) Alexander Ferguson, David Munnings, Maxine Ritchie, Tre Brooks, Tremelody Brooks, Rebecca Bingham, Larry Wilmott, Albert Cartwright (Tues) Alysa Wilson, Danielle Mason, Monique Paul, (Wed) Travis Evans, Jonathan King (Thurs) Dmitri Dames, Gabriel Greene, Jerome Smith, Dimaggio Russell, Willow Demeritte (Fri) Charlton Burrows (Sat)

and to all celebrating this week!

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### LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 18th, 2026

7am

1st Reader - Lananita Edgecombe  
2nd Reader/Commentator - Dedrie Woods

9am

1st Reader - Youth  
2nd Reader - Youth  
Commentator - Youth

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 25th, 2026

7am

1st Reader/Commentator - Phillandra Wood  
2nd Reader - Delora Moncur

9am

1st Reader - Mary Musgrove  
2nd Reader/Commentator - Kevin Fernander

### St Theresa's Raffle Books

Parishioners who have books outstanding for St. Theresa's raffle, Exuma, Bahamas are asked to return them to the Parish Office or to Mrs. 'Gigi' Rosalie Strachan by January 25th. Thank you in advance.

### The Sin of the World

In today's Gospel, John sees Jesus and exclaims: "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" He doesn't say "the sins of the world;" he uses the singular: "the sin of the world" (peccatum in Latin, ten hamarten in Greek). We all sin, and we sin in different ways and at different times. We can speak of "sins" (in the plural), but all our sins are of a piece: they are different manifestations of our sinfulness. The liturgy alternates between these two perspectives, acknowledging that "you take away the sin of the world" (Glory to God) and also that "you take away the sins of the world" (Lamb of God). The recently developed concept of social sin is an attempt to articulate the sinfulness of humankind. It isn't just that we do wrong things: the fact is that we are basically "off center." It is our "original" sin that matters most, our fundamental option for ourselves over and above God. The rest is expression, like coloring the picture or connecting the dots. The wonder of Jesus is that he takes away not only the sins but also the sin. He fills us with the Spirit of sinlessness, who will "make us one in peace and love."

The disturbances which so frequently occur in the social order result in part from the natural tensions of economic, political, and social forms. But at a deeper level they flow from man's pride and selfishness, which contaminate even the social sphere.

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 1965: 25 Gerald Darring

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### Catechumens and Candidates

We continue to pray for our Candidates: Duval Davis, Logan Forbes, Giovanni Knowles and Catechumens: Vanria Gibson and Paige Souffrant, as they begin their journey to Full Communion in the Church.

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### Marriage Preparation 2026 Schedule

January 7 – March 11

April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

September 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>

For more information kindly contact the office of Family Life @ 322-8919. Mrs. Eulie Elliott.

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### Weekly Memory Verses (challenge yourself)

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." ~Psalm 19:14~

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### Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at 6.30pm in the parish hall. All members are encouraged to attend and to please be on time.

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### Marriage Renewal Weekend

"A Weekend to Remember . . . An experience you will never forget.." February 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2026, at Emmaus Centre. Registration Fees: Early Bird \$200.00, Regular \$250.00. For more information contact Joseph & Terez Curry.