



# SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

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“RISE UP IN SPLENDOR, JERUSALEM! YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHINES UPON YOU.”

“LEVÁNTATE Y RESPLANDECE, JERUSALÉN, PORQUE HA LLEGADO TU LUZ Y LA GLORIA DEL SEÑOR ALBOREA SOBRE TI.”

- ISAIAH 60:1 -



January 3, 2021 | 3 de Enero de 2021  
The Epiphany of the Lord | Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor | Year B

Photo from the Fall 2020 Blast-Off Week NightFever.



## PARISH INFO

### MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 p.m. Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (Spanish) 5:30 p.m.
<b>Mon.-Fri.</b>	12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

### RECONCILIATION

<b>Mon.-Fri.</b>	4:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.
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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<b>Mon.-Fri</b>	4:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.
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### OFFICE HOURS

<b>Monday</b>	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MEET OUR 1ST  
COMMUNION  
COORDINATOR!  
Check out our spotlight  
on page 4.

FIRST  
COMMUNION  
UPDATES  
More info on page 5!

7:30 MASS IS  
COMING BACK  
Learn more on page 7.

SIGN UP FOR A  
RECURRING GIFT!



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THIS WEEK’S MASSES

Date	Intentions	Reading
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 The Epiphany of the Lord	9 a.m. For the Parish 11:30 a.m. The Dykstra Family by Maria and Vincent Herzog 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. NO 7:30 p.m. MASS	Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
MONDAY, JANUARY 4 Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious	12 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8, 10-12 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 Memorial of Saint John Neu- mann, Bishop	12 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 Wednesday after Epiphany	12 p.m. Vocations 5:30 p.m. +Frances Rosario by Maria and Vincent Herzog	Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 7:18-23
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 Thursday after Epiphany	12 p.m. +Belan Rosario by Maria and Vincent Herzog 5:30 p.m.	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17 Lk 4:14-22
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 Friday after Epiphany	12 p.m. Birthdays and anni- versaries for staff, clergy, alumni and friends 5:30 p.m.	1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 Saturday after Epiphany	5:30 p.m. (Sunday Vigil) 7:30 p.m.	1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Jn 3:22-30

OFFERTORY FOR DECEMBER 19-20, 26-27, AND  
CHRISTMAS 2020

Offertory	\$9,553.47
Electronic Giving	\$ 5,484.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 4,680.60
TOTAL	\$ 19,698.07

THE SACRAMENT  
OF BAPTISM

Baptism Classes are the third Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. in English in the Library and 3 p.m. in Spanish in the Conference Room. The registration and sponsor/godparent forms are available at catholicgators.org. Please contact Gail Fitzsimmons (gail@catholicgators.org) with questions.

THE SACRAMENT  
OF MARRIAGE

Couples should meet with a priest 8 months prior to the wedding. The wedding date should not be scheduled prior to speaking with a priest. To schedule a preliminary meeting, contact Gail Fitzsimmons (gail@catholicgators.org).

SACRAMENTAL  
PREPARATION

Call the office (352.372.3533) for information on First Reconciliation, First Communion, High School Confirmation, & Adult Confirmation preparation.

THIS WEEK AT  
ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH &  
CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

EVENT COLOR KEY:

Teal: Liturgical celebrations  
Black: Event for All Parishioners  
Blue: Catholic Gators/Student Event  
Gray: Youth Event  
Orange: Latino Community Event (Spanish)  
Green: Young Adult Event

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
Sunday Mass  
Church | 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
1:30 p.m. en Español, 5:30 p.m.  
Cafécito  
Lounge | 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

MEMORIAL OF ST. ELIZABETH  
ANN SETON  
Mass  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour and Confessions  
Church | 4:30 p.m.  
Spanish Charismatic Prayer  
Group  
Conference Room | 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN NEU-  
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Mass  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour and Confessions  
Church | 4:30 p.m.  
Upper Room Young Adult  
Group  
Hurley Room 107K | 6:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Mass  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour and Confessions  
Church | 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Mass  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour and Confessions  
Church | 4:30 p.m.  
Upper Room Young Adult  
Group  
Conference Room | 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Mass  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour and Confessions  
Church | 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Mass  
Church | 5:30 p.m. (Sunday Vigil),  
7:30 p.m.

FOLLOW US TO STAY UPDATED!





OUR PARISH

FR. DAVID’S  
DAD JOKE OF  
THE WEEK

What does a zombie  
vegetarian eat?

GRRRAAAIIIIINNNNS!

WEEKLY  
CHALLENGE

Make a plan to set  
aside time to read  
Scripture each day!

ST. AUGUSTINE REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Epiphany. An “epiphany” is “an appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity; a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something.” Another word from today’s Gospel is “magi” (singular “magus”). Magi are not kings. A magus is a Zoroastrian priest, or sorcerer or magician (that’s where “magic” comes from). They were “wise men” who came from Persia. What is the meaning of the gifts of the Magi? According to Origen, a father of the Church, gold signifies Jesus as a king, frankincense signifies Jesus as God, and myrrh (a burial spice) foretells his death for our salvation.

So the meaning of the Epiphany is that the Gentile world, via the Magi, recognized Jesus as King. He didn’t come for just the Jews. We tend to take this as a given, since the Christians broke away from the Jewish faith not long after Jesus’ Church was formed by his Apostles.

Back to epiphany. Scripture is not dead. We should always strive to find relevance

to our lives today. So what is our epiphany? Christians can easily fall into routine and not allow ourselves to be challenged by our faith. But what did Jesus say the greatest two commandments are? First - Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, soul, mind, and with your whole strength. Second - Love your neighbor as yourself (Mt 22:35-40). He said that the whole law and the prophets are based on these. There’s a lot more there than the Ten Commandments! Now there’s an epiphany.

So for a New Year’s resolution, every day when we wake let us dedicate the upcoming day to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbor as ourself. If we, like the Magi, recognize Jesus as our king, how can we do otherwise than to follow his commandments? Or do we conveniently keep Jesus locked in the manger scene as an innocent little baby and don’t let His Word challenge us in our everyday life?

Paul A. Gulig  
Chair, Parish Council & Service Ministry

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

Elizabeth Dittmer - First Communion Coord., Student Parishioner, Alpha Co-Leader



Elizabeth is a student-parishioner who was born and raised in Melbourne, Florida. She is currently in her fourth year of school studying Astrophysics and Secondary STEM Education at the University of Florida. Elizabeth is a leader in Catholic Gators and is very excited to share her faith with the children of the parish. In her free time she likes to explore nature trails and work on art projects, specifically sewing and drawing.

At home, she is the caretaker of numerous plants and loves to sing Hamilton with her roommates. Elizabeth is preparing to marry her best friend, Peter, this summer!

We are looking for more parishioners to spotlight! If you are interested in sharing about what St. A’s means to you, please email [Sandy@catholicgators.org](mailto:Sandy@catholicgators.org)!

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



FIRST COMMUNION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents of children who have completed preparation for First Holy Communion last year but were unable to receive the sacrament due to Covid-19, please contact our new instructor, Elizabeth Dittmer, by emailing [elizabeth@catholicgators.org](mailto:elizabeth@catholicgators.org). The deadline to register for this makeup First Communion Mass is January 3rd. We will have a refresher and practice on Friday, January 8th, 2021 from 6-7 p.m. in the conference room.

First Communion will be on Sunday, January 10th, 2021 from 9-11 a.m.

Please arrive by 8:30am to line up the children for the procession and to allow parents to be seated. Cake and refreshments will follow in the lounge.

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is starting in January! Baptized children of 2nd grade age can be registered by contacting our new instructor, Elizabeth Dittmer, by emailing [elizabeth@catholicgators.org](mailto:elizabeth@catholicgators.org). A family info session will take place on Sunday, January 17 in between the 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses at 10:15 a.m. in the lounge and conference room.

Children and parents are both encouraged to attend. Parents will be in the lounge and first communicants will be in the conference room



RESPECT LIFE EVENTS

Respect Life Ministry will be praying outside of Bread and Roses abortion clinic from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. All parishioners are welcome join us to pray for an end to abortion.



HELP US CLEAN THE  
PEWS AFTER MASS!

To ensure the safety of our parishioners, after each Mass we are asking for volunteers to help wipe down the pews. We appreciate your help!



LIFE TEEN

Are you a teen interested in receiving Confirmation? Will you be in high school in 2022? Start preparing now by joining Life Teen at St. Augustine Church. There is a two-year preparation requirement to receive the sacrament. Contact Kelly Quintana at [lifeteen@catholicgators.org](mailto:lifeteen@catholicgators.org) to learn more.



# MINISTERIO HISPANO

## ADVIENTO

El Adviento es el tiempo de preparación para celebrar la Navidad y comienza cuatro domingos antes de esta fiesta. Además marca el inicio del Nuevo Año Litúrgico católico y este 2020 empezará el domingo 29 de noviembre. El Adviento está dividido en dos partes: las primeras dos semanas sirven para meditar sobre la venida final del Señor, cuando ocurra el fin del mundo; mientras que las dos siguientes sirven para reflexionar concretamente sobre el nacimiento de Jesús y su irrupción en la historia del hombre en Navidad.

## LA CORONA DE ADVIENTO

La forma circular :El círculo no tiene principio ni fin. Es señal del amor de Dios que es eterno.  
Las ramas verdes :Verde es el color de esperanza y vida.  
Las cuatro velas :Nos hace pensar en la obscuridad provocada por el pecado que ciega al hombre y lo aleja de Dios  
La cinta o listón rojo representa nuestro amor a Dios y el amor de Dios que nos envuelve.  
Los domingos de Adviento la familia o la comunidad se reúne en torno a la corona de adviento. Luego, se lee la Biblia y alguna meditación.



## DAR GRACIAS

El cuarto jueves del mes de Noviembre se celebra en Estados Unidos la festividad nacional Thanksgiving, cuyos orígenes, según la historia, se remontan a los años 1600 cuando un grupo de colonos ingleses establecidos en Massachusetts compartió en una fiesta los frutos de la cosecha, con los nativos indígenas de la región.

Aunque Thanksgiving o Acción de Gracias no es una celebración propia de los hispanos, muchos de nosotros la hemos adoptado y aprovechamos la ocasión para agradecer, una vez más, a Dios todas las bendiciones que ha derramado sobre nuestras familias y muy especialmente por la bendición de habernos permitido venir a este país.

*Feliz día de Acción de Gracias!*



# NEWS & EVENTS



## SECOND COLLECTION

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



## THIS WEEK WE ARE BACK TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

Our Mass, holy hour, and confession schedule is back to normal this week with both noon and 5:30 p.m. daily Masses, and 4:30 p.m. holy hours and confessions!



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Stay updated, see event recaps, and be inspired by the members of our community as they share their stories! Find us on Facebook (Catholic Gators), Twitter (@CatholicGators), and Instagram (@CatholicGators)!



## THE IBREVIARY APP

Start praying the Liturgy of the Hours or following along with the Mass by downloading the iBreviary app! iBreviary offers a digital breviary as well as the daily readings and different parts of the Mass.



## THE 7:30 MASS WILL RETURN

The 7:30 p.m. Mass is coming back in the spring! Our first 7:30 p.m. Mass of the new year will be January 17th! We will need liturgical ministry help!

## REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

ATTENTION The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email [inquiries@dosaf.com](mailto:inquiries@dosaf.com). To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org)

ATENCIÓN La Diócesis de San Agustín trata seriamente todas las acusaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada, de manera rápida, confidencial y minuciosa. Para reportar Abuso, llame a la policía o al Departamento de Niños y Familias al (904) 962-2873. O llame al Coordinador Diocesano de Asistencia a Víctimas (904) 208-6979 o envíe un correo electrónico a [inquiries@dosaf.com](mailto:inquiries@dosaf.com). Para denunciar abuso por parte de un obispo, llame al (800) 276-1562 o visite [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org)

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Please email bulletin submissions to Sandy DeTeresa at [sandy@catholicgators.org](mailto:sandy@catholicgators.org) by noon on Monday.