



# SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

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"SHOW US, LORD, YOUR LOVE; AND GRANT US  
YOUR SALVATION."

"MUÉSTRANOS, SEÑOR, TU MISERICORDIA Y  
DANOS TU SALVACIÓN."

- Ps 85:8 -



November 28, 2021 | 28 de Noviembre de 2021

First Sunday of Advent | Primer Domingo de Adviento | Year C

Photo of the church sanctuary by Sandy DeTeresa.



## 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. 7:30 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.

### GIVING TUESDAY

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### MINISTERIO HISPANO

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### 40 HOURS

### DEVOTION

Find out more on page 5.

### POINSETTIA SALE

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Date	Intentions	Reading
<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28</b> First Sunday of Advent	<b>9 a.m.</b> +Rachel Mecholsky by Jack Mecholsky <b>11:30 a.m.</b> <b>1:30 p.m.</b> +Maria de la Rosa by Gail Fitzsimmons <b>5:30 p.m.</b> For the Parish <b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
<b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29</b> Monday of the First Week of Advent	<b>12 p.m.</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30</b> Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle	<b>12 p.m.</b> Franciszek Zymon by Tad Karmarzyn <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1</b> Wednesday of the First Week of Advent	<b>12 p.m.</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Jack Zymon by Tad Karmarzyn	Is 25:6-10 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2</b> Thursday of the First Week of Advent	<b>12 p.m.</b> Vocations <b>5:30 p.m.</b> +Yolanda Newman by Karina Newman	Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19- 21, 25-27 Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3</b> Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	<b>12 p.m.</b> +Delores Bebej by Deanne Herman <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4</b> Saturday of the First Week of Advent	<b>5:30 p.m. (Vigil)</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8

**OFFERTORY WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF  
PUBLICATION OF THIS BULLETIN.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Classes are the third Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. in English in Room 4, Hurley Hall and 11 a.m. in Spanish in Room 3, Hurley Hall. The registration and sponsor/god-parent forms are available at catholicgators.org. Please contact Gail (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, NOVEMBER 28

**Sunday Mass**  
Church | 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
1:30 p.m. en Español, 5:30 p.m.,  
7:30 p.m.  
**Cafécito**  
Lounge | 2:30 p.m.  
**RCIA**  
Lounge | 4 p.m.  
**LifeTeen**  
Hurley Hall | 6:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**Mass**  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
**Holy Hour and Confessions**  
Church | 4:30 p.m.  
**Sp. Charismatic Prayer Group**  
Conference Room | 7 p.m.  
**Spanish Cursillo Escuela**  
Lounge | 6 p.m.  
**Choir Practice**  
Church | 6:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**Mass**  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
**Holy Hour and Confessions**  
Church | 4:30 p.m.  
**Spanish Bible Study**  
Hurley Hall Room 107T | 7 p.m.  
**Mass and Meal Dinner**  
Church & Lounge | 5:30 p.m.  
**Upper Room Young Adults**  
Fiat Center | 6:15 p.m.  
**Discernment Group**  
Hurley | 6:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

**Mass**  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
**Holy Hour and Confessions**  
Church | 4:30 p.m.  
**Upper Room Young Adult Group**  
Fiat Center | 6:15 p.m.  
**Mass and More**  
Church & Lounge | 5:30 p.m.  
**40 Hours Devotion**

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

**Mass**  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
**Holy Hour and Confessions**  
Church | 4:30 p.m.  
**First Friday Family Night**  
Hurley | 6:30 p.m.  
**40 Hours Devotion**

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

**Mass**  
Church | 5:30 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)  
**40 Hours Devotion**  
**Parish Day of Reflection**

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## OUR PARISH

### FR. DAVID'S DAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you call a factory  
that makes okay products?

*A satisfactory!*

### WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Make a plan to grow in your  
prayer life during Advent.  
Add 15 minutes of prayer to  
your routine, read the Daily  
Readings, etc.!

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Freedom consists not in  
doing what we like, but in  
having the right to do what  
we ought.”

*-Pope St. John Paul II*

## ST. AUGUSTINE REFLECTION

I love these readings for the first Sunday of Advent! I'm especially interested in the way that Christ and His nativity connect to the Old Testament readings from Jeremiah 33 and Psalm 25. The fulfillment of Jeremiah 33:15 is very clear: Jesus Christ is the “just shoot” of the house of David (see Matthew 1:1-17 or Luke 3:23-38). Jeremiah 33:16 is less clear for those thinking in a political or material way. Christ does not overthrow Rome or bring the Jewish people riches and power. However, the safety of Judah and Jerusalem that Christ brings is something far more valuable—it is safety from sin, and the security in a relationship with the only One who can redeem us.

When I was a student at the University of Notre Dame, one of my favorite Psalm settings in our Newman Hymnal was a version of Psalm 25. “To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.” I think it is a beautiful prayer to entrust the formation of our soul to God. It is truly good to ask Him to make known to us His ways, teach us His paths, and guide us in His truth. The wise psalmist knows that we cannot find the good ways and paths on our own and has put his full trust in the kindness, goodness, and justice of the Lord. I think this psalm is particularly excellent for the beginning of the Advent season, because the culmination of the Advent season in the Nativity of Christ is fulfilling the psalmist's profound and admirable desire. Jesus Christ is the (literally) perfect teacher of

God's paths and guide for God's truths. His life with us, from birth to crucifixion and resurrection to ascension, was the greatest lesson in the ways of the Lord. And this lesson starts from the very beginning, as the Son of God humbles Himself to be born in a manger as He takes on humanity.

One more very important reminder these readings give us for the Advent season comes from the end of the Gospel: “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life... Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:34-36)

Although I'm not big on drunkenness or carousing, I have witnessed a temptation in my own life to become more focused on relaxation, good food, and celebration than I am focused on Christ during the Advent season. Additionally, over a break from school, it can be difficult to remain strong and vigilant in prayer, virtue, and the sacraments. I would encourage each of us to make prayer a priority as we approach the Christmas season, and to ask God to make known His ways of enjoying and celebrating the nativity of Jesus. Christ comes to fulfill our deepest desires, far beyond what any Christmas treat, gift, or party will ever be able to do.

Sean Kelly, FOCUS Missionary

## ST. AUGUSTINE PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

### Julia Davis - Student Parishioner



My name is Julia Davis and I am a fifth year Industrial Engineering student and minor in Spanish at UF. I am from Fort Walton Beach in the panhandle and come from a family of seven kids – one of them being my twin sister who is also involved here. St. A's has truly enriched my life! When I came into college, I was familiar with written prayers and the importance of going to Mass, but I never knew what it meant to own your faith. St. A's and the community around it led me to desire to know Christ and form a personal relationship with Him. Through daily Mass, the Sacraments, Bible Study, Adoration, and friendships, I found something that was more than other clubs at UF. St. A's allowed me to grow in so many ways. First, it gave me opportunities to grow in leadership.

After attending the Alpha Retreat (a wonderful retreat focused on community building and your relationship with God), I jumped right into Intro to Ministry Formation and learned more about the Church, leadership, and about myself. This allowed me to serve on the Alpha retreat team, assist our Music Ministry, and eventually become Service coordinator and a Bible Study leader. Not only did these opportunities build skills useful in other areas of my life, but they challenged me to center my life on Christ first and foremost. St. A's constantly reminds me to prioritize prayer and relationship with Him and everything else falls into place.

Another vital area of growth is prayer. St. Augustine's is such a beautiful Church that feels like home when you walk in. Not only that, but the student center offers adoration in the Hurley Chapel AND we have access to Daily Mass, daily Adoration, Confession, and even spiritual direction. Whether you like it or not, opportunities for time with Jesus are thrown at you! I

have been so lucky to grow to appreciate this. I love that the Catholic faith offers so many practical ways to grow. If your heart is in the right place and you desire to know Him, frequenting the Sacraments and the other “Catholic things” will bring you closer to Him. One aspect of my involvement that changed my life was by being Service Coordinator, it was recommended that I meet biweekly with one of our Mercedarian Sisters for mentorship. This opportunity opened my eyes to the beauty of our religious and reminded me that a close relationship with Christ can bring immense joy and wisdom!

Lastly, I have learned what true friendship is. The people in this community continually ask, “How are you?” and mean it. I have felt so much love, support, and encouragement from other students but also from our campus ministers, priests, religious sisters, and all the wonderful staff. The fact that I can build a personal relationship with anyone, regardless of their role, is incredible!



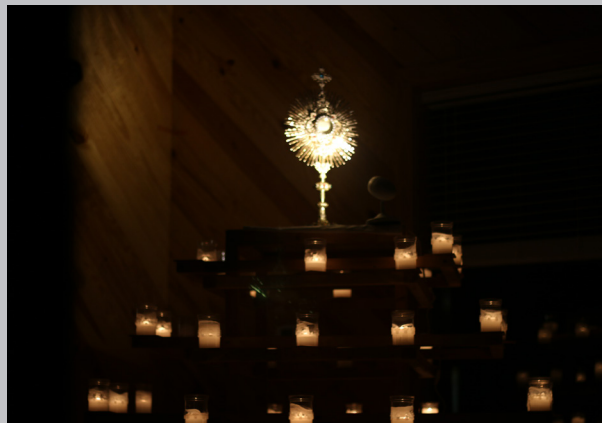
## PARISH EVENTS & NEWS

### WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN GIVING TUESDAY!

Between now and Tuesday, November 30th you will have an opportunity to give an extra gift to Catholic Gators.  
All gifts are never taken for granted.

Help us share the good that happens here at St. Augustine's by sharing Giving Tuesday with your friends and family.  
This Giving Tuesday consider #iGiveCatholic.

Check out our social media for more information or scan the QR code to give



### 40 HOURS DEVOTION

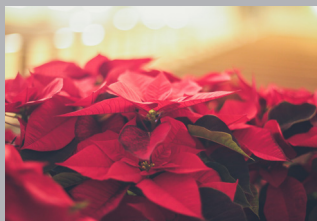
We are celebrating the 40 Hours Devotion December 2-4! We will begin with 5:30 p.m. Mass in the church on Thursday, December 2, and then proceed with 40 hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Student Center chapel. The Closing Mass will be on Saturday, December 4, at 10:30am in the church. This is a time when the parish unites in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking that the Lord pour His graces upon our community. Anyone can come visit the Blessed Sacrament during this time, but we do need at least 2 adorers for each hour to ensure that our Eucharistic Lord is not left alone. Please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3bYO39I>

### CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Join Us In Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Mass at 8:30 p.m. with mariachi, followed by dinner in the lounge.



### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

Place one or two of these gorgeous poinsettias in the church this Christmas to honor a friend or loved one. They are \$15 each and you can choose between red or white (or both!). Please bring this order form to the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Trinity.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Red

Color(s)

White

# MINISTERIO HISPANO

## NOVIEMBRE

### Adviento – Tiempo de Preparacion

Hoy comienza el Adviento y el evangelio de este Domingo nos exhorta a estar atentos a la llegada del Hijo del Hombre, pues vendra cuando menos lo esperamos.

El Adviento es un tiempo de preparacion para la celebracion de la Navidad. Esta preparacion debe darse en un entorno de paz y tranquilidad. Es tiempo de reflexion. Necesitamos alejarnos del ruido del mundo y entender que, esta preparacion va mas alla de compras, adornos y celebraciones ruidosas que ocupan mucho de nuestro tiempo y no nos permiten reconocer la presencia de Dios en nuestra vida y escuchar su mensaje.

Una vez mas el Niño Jesus quiere nacer en nuestro hogar, nuestra familia y en nuestro corazon, demosle dentro de nuestra vida, el tiempo y el espacio que se merece.

### CORONA DE ADVIENTO

La corona de Adviento es uno de los simbolos característicos de esta tiempo litúrgico, pero no es solo un adorno; la corona de Adviento es una guía que ilumina nuestro camino hacia la Navidad. Lo ideal seria armarla en familia y de esta manera enseñar a nuestros hijos su significado.

Entre los elementos que se deben incorporar a la corona, estan las cuatro velas, las cuales se encenderan una por una, cada Domingo para iluminar nuestro momento de oracion familiar.



### GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO SAN MARCOS

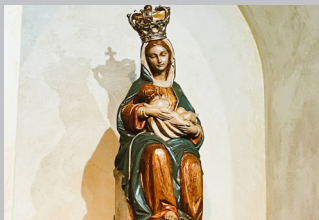
Unete a nuestro grupo de oración en Español, todos los lunes a las 7:30 pm en el Salon de Conferencias de la Parroquia.

### CATEQUESIS PRE-BAUTISMAL

La catequesis pre-bautismal para Padres y Padrinos, se lleva a cabo los terceros domingos de mes en Hurley Hall. Si estan interesados, por favor enviar correo a [vpenaranda@hotmail.com](mailto:vpenaranda@hotmail.com)

MISA EN ESPAÑOL TODOS LOS DOMINGOS A LA 1:30 P.M.

## NEWS & EVENTS



### MASS SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception is also a Holy Day of Obligation! Our Mass schedule is as follows: December 7: Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. December 8: Noon Mass at the church, noon Mass on campus, 5:30 p.m. at the church, 7:30 p.m. at the church in Spanish.



### DISCERNMENT GROUP

The Discernment Group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 7-8 p.m. in the gathering space in Hurley. This group is open for all college students (men and women) who are interested in learning more about “how to discern.” Sr. Chiara and Fr. Mike Elias will be co-leading this group. Please email Sr. Chiara at [srkmchiara@catholicgators.org](mailto:srkmchiara@catholicgators.org) for more information.



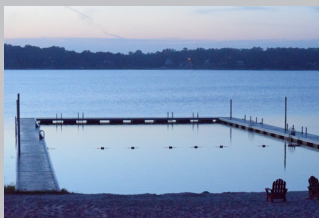
### SPIRIT AND TRUTH MINISTRY

Do you have questions about gender and sexuality? Do you experience same-sex attraction or gender discordance and desire to live out God's plan for gender, sexuality, and marriage? Spirit and Truth offers a community of individuals with similar experiences striving to live like Christ together through Christian book clubs. Contact student-leader Jessica Bailes at [spiritandtruth@catholicgators.org](mailto:spiritandtruth@catholicgators.org) or visit the website for more info.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION

Reminder that Catholic Charities will be picking up food items from the vestibule on the second Sunday of the month (Sunday, November 14).



### ST. A'S GREEN TEAM

As Catholic Christians, we are all called to care for God's creation. In response to Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, and the Diocese of St. Augustine's integral ecology plan, the Stewardship Committee is initiating a recycling program at St. Augustine's. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact our parish secretary, Cecile, at [cecile@catholicgators.org](mailto:cecile@catholicgators.org)



### USED FOOTWEAR DRIVE

We are again collecting used footwear for Grace Marketplace, the collection bin is located in the vestibule. There is a shortage all around so this Footwear Drive is very important at this time more than usual. Many thanks for all the support past and present from the parishioners at Saint Augustine Church.

### 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.