



# SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

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"GOD IS FAITHFUL, AND  
BY HIM YOU WERE CALLED  
TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIS  
SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR  
LORD."

"DIOS ES QUIEN LOS HA  
LLAMADO A LA UNIÓN  
CON SU HIJO JESUCRISTO,  
Y DIOS ES FIEL."

- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:9 -



December 3, 2023 | 3 de Diciembre de 2023

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



## 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>Mon./Wed./Fri.</b>	9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Reception Desk Hours</b>	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### POINSETTIA SPONSORSHIP

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THIS WEEK’S MASSES

Date	Intentions	Reading
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 First Sunday of Advent	<b>9 a.m.</b> <i>For the Parish</i> <b>11:30 a.m.</b> + <i>Kate McKee by Mary Rose</i> <b>1:30 p.m.</b> + <i>Numa Rincón by Amparo Neely</i> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b> + <i>Yolanda Newman by Karina Newman</i>	Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 Monday of the First Week of Advent	<b>12 p.m.</b> <i>For the healing of Jamie Cahill by Bill &amp; Judy Slattery</i> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <i>Lynn Raymond Family by Nicole Orzech</i>	Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 Tuesday of the First Week of Advent	<b>12 p.m.</b> + <i>Ann Pinto by L. Salvio Pinto</i> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> + <i>Louis Anthony Pinto by L. Salvio Pinto</i>	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 Wednesday of the First Week of Advent	<b>12 p.m.</b> + <i>Norma Long by Nancy and Collin Krohn-Bardikjy</i> <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Is 25:6-10 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	<b>12 p.m.</b> + <i>Mary Naranjo by Ann, Joe, &amp; Kevin Phinney</i> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <i>Vocations</i>	Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>12 p.m.</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <i>In thanksgiving by Aurora Muniz</i>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 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 NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Classes are the third Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. in English in the Parish Library 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, DECEMBER 3

Sunday Mass  
Church | 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
1:30 p.m. en Español, 5:30 p.m.,  
7:30 p.m.  
RCIA  
Lounge | 10 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Mass  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour and Confessions  
Church | 4:30 p.m.  
CG Mass and Meal  
Lounge | 6:30 p.m.  
Sp. Bible Study  
Hurley | 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Mass  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour and Confessions  
Church | 4:30 p.m.  
Winter Concert  
Church | 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Mass  
Church | 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
Holy Hour and Confessions  
Church | 4:30 p.m.  
CG Men's Day of Reflection  
St. Patrick's | 9 a.m.  
CG Women's Day of Reflection  
St. Patrick's | 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Mass  
Church | 5:30 p.m.  
CG Winter Formal  
Lounge | 7 p.m.

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## OUR PARISH

### FACT OF THE WEEK

It's Catholic New Year! The Catholic liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent.

### WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Make a plan to prepare for Christmas this Advent!

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“By his own will Christ was dependent on Mary during Advent”

-Caryll Houselander



### REFLECTION

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dear Brothers and Sisters, The mystery of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, which we are solemnly celebrating today, reminds us of two fundamental truths of our faith: original sin first of all, and then the victory over it through Christ's grace, a victory that shines in a sublime way in Mary Most Holy. The existence of what the Church calls "original sin" is unfortunately glaringly obvious, if we merely look around us and first of all within ourselves. The experience of evil is in fact so consistent that it imposes itself and raises in us the question: where does it come from? Especially for a believer, this question is even more profound: if God, who is absolute Goodness, created all things, where does evil come from? The first pages of the Bible (Gn 1-3) respond precisely to this fundamental question which challenges every human generation with the narrative of Creation and of the fall of our first parents: God created all things so that they might exist and in particular he created the human being in his own image; he did not make death but death entered the world through the envy of the devil (cf. Wis 1:13-14; 2: 23-24) who, rebelling against God, deceived men and women and induced them to rebel as well. This is the drama of the freedom which God accepts to the very end for love, but promises that a woman's son will crush the head of the ancient serpent (Gn 3:15).

From the very beginning, therefore the "Eternal Design" as Dante would say, has a "fixed goal" (Paradise, XXXIII, 3): the Woman predestined to become Mother of the Redeemer, Mother of the One who humbled himself unto death to restore us to our original dignity. In God's eyes, this woman has always

had a face and a name: "full of grace" (Lk 1: 28), as the Angel addressed her when he visited her at Nazareth. She is the new Eve, the Bride of the new Adam, destined to be Mother of all the redeemed. This is what St. Andrew of Crete wrote: "The Theotokos, Mary, the common refuge of all Christians, was the first to be liberated from the primitive fall of our first parents" (cf. Homily IV on the Nativity, PG 97, 880 A). And today's liturgy says that God "prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of his Son... and kept her sinless from the first moment of her being ... to let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by his death" (cf. Opening Prayer for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception).

Dear friends, in Mary Immaculate we contemplate the reflection of the Beauty that saves the world: the beauty of God resplendent on the Face of Christ. In Mary this beauty is totally pure, humble, free from all pride and presumption. Thus the Virgin showed herself to St. Bernadette, 150 years ago, in Lourdes, and thus she is venerated at numerous shrines. This afternoon, in accordance with the tradition, I too will pay homage to her at the monument dedicated to her in the square near the Spanish Steps. Let us invoke the Immaculate Virgin confidently, repeating with the Angelus the words of the Gospel that today's liturgy proposes for our meditation.

*From a message by Pope Benedict XVI.*

## PARISH EVENTS & NEWS

### POINSETTIA SPONSORSHIP

Tomorrow is the final day to turn in your poinsettia sponsorship form. If you would like to honor your loved ones in a special way this upcoming Advent and Christmas season, consider sponsoring the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias. The form can be found in the bulletin or at the reception desk in the front office.



### WINTER CONCERT

Join us for a free winter concert December 6 at 7 p.m. featuring classical and modern arrangements of your favorite Christmas music and more! Reception to follow in the lounge.



### SCOOTER RAFFLE

We are raffling a scooter! Drawing to be held on Tuesday, December 5 at Mass and Meal. Tickets are available after all weekend Masses during the month of November and at Mass and Meal. You can venmo @catholic-gators (not @catholic-gators1), pay in cash or check in person, or on Flocknote. Find out more at catholicgators.org/scooter-raffle.



### ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The St. Augustine service committee is coordinating the annual angel tree for area migrant children. Beginning December 1st, please take an angel from the tree in the vestibule and return your unwrapped gifts (gift bags are OK) to the tree by December 20.

Please do not leave gift cards in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity providing modest gifts to rural migrant children in religious ed and sacramental prep.

Thank you for your support !

Questions contact woestel@gmail.com



MINISTERIO HISPANO

SOLEMNIDAD DE CRISTO REY

El domingo 26 de Noviembre se celebró la solemnidad de Cristo Rey, empezando con la misa, seguida de un compartir en el lounge. Gracias por participar!



FESTIVIDADES POR LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Unete a las festividades por Nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe! El lunes 11 de Diciembre a las 9:00 pm tendremos el rosario y las mañanitas, seguido de un compartir de chocolate y pan. El martes 12 de

CURSILLOS DE CRISTIANDAD

Todos los cursillistas están invitados a la Escuela de Dirigentes y Ultreya, que se llevan a cabo todos los terceros Lunes de mes a las 7:00 pm, en Hurley Hall. Para registros e información adicional, comuníquese con Pedro Solórzano y Serafina Gasca.

CATEQUESIS PRE-BAUTISMAL

La catequesis pre-bautismal para Padres y Padrinos, se lleva a cabo los terceros Domingos de mes a las 11:00 am, previa cita, en Hurley Hall. Para registros, comuníquese con Victoria Peñaranda después de la misa del Domingo de 1:30pm.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA Y SACRAMENTAL

La Educación Religiosa y preparación sacramental para niños y adultos se imparte todos los Domingos a las 11:30 am en Hurley Hall.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO SAN MARCOS

Unete a nuestro grupo de oración en Español, todos los Lunes a las 7:00 pm, en el Salón de Conferencias de la Parroquia.



CAFECITO

Disfruta del Cafecito, todos los Domingos, después de la misa de 1:30 pm, en el lounge.

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

NEWS & EVENTS



DECEMBER 8 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Friday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7th in addition to the Masses offered on the 8th. Please see the bulletin for the exact Mass schedule.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12! Save the date for this beautiful celebration, more details to come!



BACCALAUREATE MASS

Baccalaureate Mass is December 10th at the 11:30 am Mass followed by a reception in the Lounge. If you would like to participate in this Mass please contact Sr. Yve Marie to sign up at sryvemarie@catholicgators.org



MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Your gift in the Poor Box will help our neighbors in need to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas. If you are in need of assistance or would like to make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, please call 352-283-4333.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, we will have a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



GRACE MARKETPLACE FOOT CARE CLINIC

The Grace Marketplace Foot Care Clinic is in need of gently used shoe donations. You may drop them off in the bin in the vesituble.

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@dos afl.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit 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@dos afl.com. Para denunciar abuso por parte de un obispo, llame al (800) 276-1562 o visite www.reportbishopabuse.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS & FEEDBACK: Please email bulletin submissions to Sandy DeTeresa at sandy@catholicgators.org by noon on Monday. Do you have feedback or see something that needs to be corrected? Reach out to our Communications Director, Sandy DeTeresa at sandy@catholicgators.org!



# GAINESVILLE AREA NEWS & EVENTS

## FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES: HUMAN TRAFFICKING: HOW DID I NOT KNOW?

Human trafficking is the world’s second-largest criminal enterprise. Ruby Peters, a Human trafficking educator for Catholic Charities, and her son Joe produced an educational video to enlighten teenagers about the tactics of human traffickers, the crime of sextortion and ways that pornography fuels sex trafficking. The goal is to increase teen awareness, reduce teen vulnerability and equip everyone with tools to stay safe. Visit <https://youtu.be/tF68m4sbh3k?si=joLSyB0BsfsMqybM> and share it far and wide! For more information, email Ruby at [rubygeerspeters@gmail.com](mailto:rubygeerspeters@gmail.com).

## SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE, A DAY FOR COUPLES 2024, FEB. 10, 2024

This event is scheduled for February 10, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Resurrection Catholic Church, 3383 University Blvd N in Jacksonville. This annual pre-marriage and marriage conference is designed to inspire couples from all stages and ages of their relationship to live out God’s plan for their marriages. The registration fee for the event is \$70, and you can register through <https://adayforcouples.com>. If you have any questions regarding the event, please get in touch with Raquel Tripp at [raquel@missionariesofmarriage.org](mailto:raquel@missionariesofmarriage.org).

## PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. DAVID RUCHINSKI, OCT. 21 – NOV. 2, 2024

Join Fr. David Ruchinski from St. Joseph’s in Jacksonville from Oct. 21 to Nov. 2, 2024, on this amazing walk in the footsteps of St. Paul! You will explore many amazing locations in Greece and Türkiye that were pivotal to his missionary journeys! For more information contact Nicole Lovell: [bookingwithnicole@gmail.com](mailto:bookingwithnicole@gmail.com) or visit: [https://www.estours.com/files/uploads/XG24\\_102124L\\_32348\\_NicoleLovell\\_Final-1.pdf](https://www.estours.com/files/uploads/XG24_102124L_32348_NicoleLovell_Final-1.pdf)

## DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION PREPARING FOR CHRIST THE KING

You will want to attend the Day of Prayer and Reflection on November 25 at the St. Joseph Renewal Center in St. Augustine, FL. Led by Sister Rosa Lopez, SSJ, this event will prepare you for the Feast of Christ the King and help you reflect on the many graces of the past year. You’ll learn to focus on the One who reigns with love, mercy, humility, and power. It’s only \$30 to register, which includes lunch. Contact Sister Jane at [sjstoecker63@ssjfl.org](mailto:sjstoecker63@ssjfl.org) or 904-824-5894 (please leave a message with your name and email address) to reserve your spot.

## MISAS DE AGUINALDO, DEC. 16-24

From December 16-24, the Puerto Rican community of the Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Jacksonville will be holding their "Misas de Aguinaldo" at 5:30 a.m. This is a popular religious tradition that spiritually leads one to Bethlehem. The biblical foundation is rooted in the call of John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord through conversion and a change of life to receive the Lord.

## MONTHLY DISCERNMENT EVENING, DEC. 4

This invitation is for young men, ages 16+, seeking to learn more about priestly vocations. Father Clay Ludwig will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. at the Marywood Chapel, 235 Marywood Dr., in St. Johns, followed by a meal and small group discussions at the San Juan del Rio Parish Life Center. There is no cost to attend. For more details and to register, send an email to [vocations@dosafl.com](mailto:vocations@dosafl.com).



# Italy





May 7-17, 2024

## Adventure Pilgrimage



Join the UF Catholic Gators and the USF Catholic Bulls on a pilgrimage to Italy! We will be exploring Rome, hiking the Way of St. Francis to Assisi, visiting the Pope’s summer palace at Castel Gandolfo, and more! For more information and application, please visit the website below:

[adventurepilgrimages.com](https://adventurepilgrimages.com)



# SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Be a Game Changer!

Saint Francis Catholic Academy, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year as Alachua County's only Catholic High School, needs an innovative and energetic individual to help us take secondary Catholic education in our area to a new level.

In accordance with the Catholic Faith and the Diocese of St. Augustine, SFCA strives to pursue excellence and create an environment where all students can succeed and grow spiritually, intellectually, and athletically to help them reach their full potential and better serve the world as adults.

As Director of Development, you will utilize your talents to uncover untapped resources, forge new partnerships, and enhance and expand a community committed to providing SFCA students with a world-class Catholic education, in a state-of-the-art campus, that also embraces practical and innovative programs including our Health Sciences Institute, Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, on-campus Dual Enrollment opportunities, and AP Capstone program.

This is an autonomous position requiring an individual who is self-motivated, self-directed, and creative, who recognizes the mechanics of efficient and effective marketing, and who possesses an understanding of how to craft our message in a clear, concise and compelling way.

For more information on this opportunity to shape the future, please contact [brooks@stfranciscatholic.org](mailto:brooks@stfranciscatholic.org).

## FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

### EMMET CAHILL CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND, DEC. 6

Emmet Cahill, the world-famous tenor, and star of Celtic Thunder will be performing traditional Christmas songs and traditional Irish music on December 6 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 435 1st Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach. General admission tickets are available for \$35, while a concert and meet and greet package can be purchased for \$50. The meet and greet begins at 6:15 p.m. at the Beaches Museum, which is located at 381 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach. To purchase your tickets, visit [EmmetCahill.com](http://EmmetCahill.com).

### BABY STEPS CAMINO™, DEC. 8-11

Journey with the Order of Malta American Association during the annual Baby Steps Camino™, a three-day beach-walking pilgrimage from Jacksonville Beach to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine. The pilgrimage will take place from Dec. 8 until Dec. 10. Pilgrims are welcome to join for one, two or three days of the pilgrimage. To register and for more details, such as the schedule of the event and items to bring, visit [babystepscamino.com](http://babystepscamino.com).

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS, DEC. 9-10

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Collection will be taken up in all parishes of the Diocese of St. Augustine. Click here for a Fact Sheet or visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

### LAS POSADAS, DEC. 16

The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine invites you to experience a truly silent night on the Sacred Acre, complete with a Live Nativity, Eucharistic Adoration, cookies, hot cocoa and food trucks. A 16th-century Spanish procession of "Las Posadas" (The Inns) is presented by the Historic Florida Militia. This bi-lingual family-friendly event runs from 3 to 9 p.m. Open to the public. Reservations are required for participation in 'Las Posadas' and can be made online by visiting [missionandshrine.org](http://missionandshrine.org) (limited availability).

### FAITH & ACTION DAY, DEC. 16

On Saturday, Dec. 16, the DOSA Youth and Young Adult Office will host our next Faith and Action Day – Wreaths Across America at Jacksonville Memory Gardens, 111 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park. The mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember the fallen to honor those who serve. There are 5,000 veterans buried at JMG and our goal is for each of them to have a sponsored wreath on their grave for Christmas. If you would like to participate, please contact [rshipley@dosafll.com](mailto:rshipley@dosafll.com).

### NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE, CHRIST THE SOURCE OF OUR HOPE, DEC. 16-17

Experience the true meaning of Christmas at the Nativity Open House, Christ the Source of Our Hope event, taking place on December 16-17 at the St. Joseph Renewal Center. The center, located at 234 St. George Street, in St. Augustine, will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. You will have the chance to explore the Sisters of St. Joseph collection of beautiful nativity scenes and embark on a journey with the Magi, discovering the humble presence of peace, love, and our only hope.