



# SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

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## PARISH INFO

### MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:30 p.m. Vigil
Sunday	9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (Spanish) 5:30 p.m.

Mon.-Fri.	12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
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### RECONCILIATION

Mon.-Fri.	4:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.
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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon.-Fri	4:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.
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### OFFICE HOURS

Mon.[Wed.]	9:30 a.m. -
Fri.	4:30 p.m.

Reception	9:00 a.m. -
Desk Hours	5:00 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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### MINISTERIO HISPANO

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### EMHC NEEDS

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### BREAK SCHED- ULE

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"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE  
DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT."

"LA LUZ BRILLA EN LAS TINIEBLAS Y LAS TINIEBLAS  
NO LA RECIBIERON."

- JOHN 1:5 -

December 24, 2023 | 24 de Diciembre de 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Cuarto Domingo de Adviento | Year B



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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Date	Intentions	Reading
<b>SUNDAY,</b> <b>DECEMBER 24</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>9 a.m.</b> <i>For the Parish</i> <b>11:30 a.m.</b> +Tony Pizzuto by Judi Pizzuto <b>1:30 p.m.</b> +Marlene Palacios Chacon by Ardi Morales <b>7 p.m. (Vigil)</b>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38
<b>MONDAY,</b> <b>DECEMBER 25</b> The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	<b>Midnight Mass</b> <i>In Thanksgiving by Sarah Guerrero</i> <b>10 a.m.</b> Tony Pizzuto by Judi Pizzuto <b>12 p.m.</b> +Antonio Contreras by the Rosales Family	Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18
<b>TUESDAY,</b> <b>DECEMBER 26</b> Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr	<b>12 p.m.</b> <b>NO 5:30 p.m. MASS</b>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16, 17 Mt 10:17-22
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> <b>DECEMBER 27</b> Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist	<b>12 p.m.</b> <i>Andy and Lisa Winner, wedding anniversary by Andy and Lisa Winner</i> <b>NO 5:30 p.m. MASS</b>	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1-8
<b>THURSDAY,</b> <b>DECEMBER 28</b> Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs	<b>12 p.m.</b> +Louis Anthony Pinto by L. Savio Pinto <b>NO 5:30 p.m. MASS</b>	1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7-8 Mt 2:13-18
<b>FRIDAY,</b> <b>DECEMBER 29</b> The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas	<b>12 p.m.</b> +Ann Pinto by L. Savio Pinto <b>NO 5:30 p.m. MASS</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5-6 Lk 2:22-35
<b>SATURDAY,</b> <b>DECEMBER 30</b> The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas	<b>5:30 p.m. (Vigil)</b> +André McGuire by Sarah Guerrero	1 Jn. 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

## OFFERTORY FOR DECEMBER 16-17, 2023

Offertory	\$ 17,300.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 4,196.52
Second Collection	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 21,496.52</b>

### 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/godparent 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 24

Sunday Mass  
Church | 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
1:30 p.m. en Español  
Christmass Mass  
Church | 7 p.m., midnight

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Mass  
Church | 10 a.m., 12 p.m. en Español

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Mass  
Church | 12 p.m., NO 5:30 p.m.  
MASS or 4:30 p.m. HOLY HOUR  
AND CONFESSIONS

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Mass  
Church | 5:30 p.m.

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## OUR PARISH

### FACT OF THE WEEK

The creation of the nativity scene is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

### WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Celebrate the Octave of Christmas!

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A God who became so small could only be mercy and love."

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux



### REFLECTION

**Christian, remember your dignity.**

Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvellous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought

us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

*From a sermon of Pope St Leo the Great from today's Office of Readings.*



## PARISH EVENTS & NEWS

### WE NEED EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION!

Reception of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged for all the faithful to receive the grace and strength to live the Christian life. There is also a particular fullness in receiving the Body and the Blood of Christ, allowing us to fulfill the call by Jesus to “take and eat” and to “take and drink “. In order for this to be done in a manner that is honorable and reasonable for our community we are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are willing to be humbled by the call to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion in both the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood. This is a ministry born out of a need as we continue to pray that the Lord raise men willing to lay their lives down through the Priesthood

Here are how many more EMHCs are currently needed:

- vigil: 4 still needed
- 9 a.m.: 7 still needed
- 11:30 a.m.: 5 still needed
- 1:30 p.m.: no more necessary
- 5:30 p.m.: 12 still needed
- 7:30 p.m.: 6 still needed



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AND THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This year, the 4th Sunday of Advent is on Christmas Eve. We are obliged to attend Mass for both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas.

**That means you must attend one of the following Masses:**

*4th Sunday of Advent Masses*

December 23: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

December 24: 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (Español)

**AND one of these Christmas Masses as well:**

*Christmas Masses*

December 24: 7 p.m. Vigil, 12 a.m. Midnight Mass

December 25: 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Español)

## MINISTERIO HISPANO

### ANIVERSARIO DE ORDENACIÓN SACERDOTAL

El próximo 27 de Diciembre, nuestro querido párroco, Padre Raguiel Rodríguez va a conmemorar sus 15 años de Ordenación Sacerdotal. Sigamos orando a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo y a la Santísima Virgen María para que sigan guiando sus pasos en los caminos de Dios.



### MISAS DE NAVIDAD Y CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Este año, el cuarto domingo de Adviento coincide con el día de Nochebuena. Al ser ambos Días de Precepto, como católicos debemos participar de la Santa Misa en estos dos días. Para esto, se presentan las siguientes opciones para que escojan las dos misas que se ajusten mejor a sus respectivos horarios:

#### **Para el Cuarto domingo de Adviento:**

Diciembre 23, 5:30 pm, o

Diciembre 24, 1:30 pm

#### **Para Nochebuena/Navidad:**

Diciembre 24, 7:00 pm o medianoche, o

Diciembre 25, 12:00 pm



### 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.

### 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.

### 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



### BREAK SCHEDULE

Due to the Christmas break for UF and Santa Fe students, there will be no 5:30 p.m. daily Mass or 4:30 p.m. Holy Hour and Confessions from December 18th to January 5th. The 7:30 p.m. Sunday Mass is suspended and will return January 7th.

### BAPTISM PREP CLASS

Our Baptismal Preparation classes happen on the third Sunday of each month. Classes in English are at 1 p.m. in the parish library and classes in Spanish are at 11 a.m. in Room 3 of Hurley Hall.



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### MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas. Please call 352-283-4333.



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Couples: want to give each other something really special this Christmas? Join us for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Feb 16-18 in Tallahassee, or May 5-8 in Winter Park. For more information or for other scheduled weekends visit our website at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), e-mail [Applications@FLCN-wwme.org](mailto:Applications@FLCN-wwme.org), or contact [waltviv.wwme@gmail.com](mailto:waltviv.wwme@gmail.com).



### 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 vestibule.

### 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)

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