

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

DECEMBER 17, 2023

GAUDETE SUNDAY



St. Augustine Catholic Church sits between Cannon Hill and Manito Parks in the heart of Spokane's historic South Hill neighborhood. It has provided a place of worship for generations of Catholic families and serves the students of Cataldo Catholic School at St. Augustine.

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BAPTISM AND HOLY MATRIMONY

Parents seeking Baptism for their child and couples seeking marriage should contact the parish office at least four months prior to the intended dates for preparation. It is expected that you are registered and have been active in the parish for at least six months, be a regular contributor financially to the parish, and be taking part in the liturgical life of the Church – which includes attendance at Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.

MASS TIMES

M, W, Th, and F: 8:00 a.m.
Tue: 9:00 a.m. with Cataldo at St. Augustine
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ROSARY

M, W, Th, and F: 8:30 a.m.,
Tuesday on ZOOM: 8:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 16

St. Juan Diego

Vigil Mass 4:30 PM †Carroll Gray

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Gaudete Sunday

Mass 9:00 AM

Mass 11:00 AM *Pro Populo*

Monday, December 18

Mass 8:00 AM †Levere Hostler

Rosary 8:30 AM

Tuesday, December 19

Mass 8:00 AM †Caroline & †Samuel McGehee

Wednesday, December 20

Mass 8:00 AM †Bridget Kirby

Thursday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Mass 8:00 AM Deceased members of the Gardner
Family

Friday, December 22

Mass 8:00 AM



Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Janie Alsup, Kristen Baxter, Althea Beaver, James Bennett, Scott Brockway, Isabel Brunkan, Pat Campbell, Maurice Carrier, Margaret Chastek, Frank Culhane, David Dankovich, Brooke Dowell, Betsy Elliott, Riva Grant, Caitlin Levernier Graves, Donna Harris, René Heidt, Jorgi Herron, Robert Hunton, Mike Keegan, Kathy Korth, Merly Kubiak, Mary Lenoue, Tracy Provinsal Liebhart, Katherine Eagan May, Maureen McClarity, Shawn McGowan, The Nelson Family, Naydene Oechsnerl, Greg Renner, Beau Richardson, Jason Rocks, Erika Schearman, Mark Schubert, Dan Sheldon, Megan Simpson, Tiffany Simpson, Karen Stahl, Joel Stavana, Craig Stucky, Ashley Sutch, Shelley Szambelan, Eley Vann, Wilson Webb

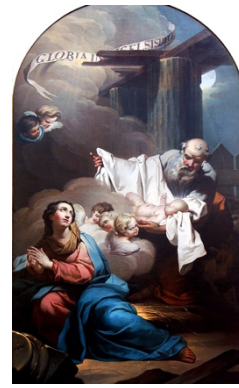
If you would like to add a name to the prayer list or request a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.

Note!

Weekday Tuesday Mass Schedule for the Next Few Weeks

The students of Cataldo at St. Augustine will be on Christmas break for the next few weeks, so the Tuesday morning Masses will be at 8:00 a.m. on the following days:

December 19, December 26, and January 2



4th Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent are at the regular scheduled Mass times and will be shorter than a usual Sunday Mass.

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m. with Organ, Woodwinds & Children's Choir

7:00 p.m. with Organ, Brass & Choir

10:00 p.m. with Organ & Strings

Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 25

9:00 a.m. with Organ & Brass

The Organ Music in Today's Liturgy

Today is "Gaudete Sunday," so-called because of the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: *Gaudete* (Rejoice!). The moods of the readings and prayers are decidedly different from the other Sundays in this penitential season of Advent, and the music for the prelude and the postlude are allowed to reflect that fact. The prelude consists of three fugues from *Magnificat tertii toni*, by German Baroque composer Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), all using melodies set to the words from today's Responsorial Psalm: the Blessed Virgin Mary's *Magnificat*. The postlude is an energetic paraphrase of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* by the great American organist and composer of sacred music, Robert J. Powell (born 1932).

Religious Education – Communion Hymn Christmas Eve

The RE students, as a part of their "Catechesis Through Art," will sing a Communion motet for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. The motet will be a partner song pairing the traditional carol "Away in a Manger" with the Christmas antiphon "O magnum mysterium." We look forward to hearing the group share their vocal talents with the parish this Christmas!

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Help us reach our goal!



*St. Augustine Parish is only **\$3,136** shy of its goal of **\$80,731** for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.* We are grateful to those who have donated. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, please consider doing so by using the envelopes you will find in the pews or at

Parish Goal: \$80,731

Pledged/Donated to Date: \$77,595 (96% of Goal)

Number of Households Participating: 107(34%)

Year End Giving Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity (like St. Augustine Parish!). QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to your charity of choice, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA, keeping your taxable income lower. Contact your financial planner and tax advisor about using a QCD to tithe to the parish.

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STEWARDSHIP

December 10, 2023

Offertory: \$7,538

Month to Date: \$13,053

Fiscal Year to Date: \$164,004

Poor: \$130

Month to Date: \$260

Fiscal Year to Date: \$5,323

Guatemala Mission \$20

Month to Date: \$155

Fiscal Year to Date: \$1,500

Thank you to all who have signed up for regular online weekly or monthly giving. Simply sign up online or contact the parish office. It's easy to do!

TREE OF SHARING



Bring a bit of Christmas joy to a child in need this Christmas. Wrapped gifts are due **by Sunday, December 17, by Noon**. Gifts will be delivered to children the next day. The recipient schools are most grateful. Thank you for your generosity!

Women's Lunch

Wednesday, December 20

12:00 p.m. Noon

Gift Exchange!

The Women's Lunch Group meets the third Wednesday of the month for this casual potluck lunch. This is a wonderful way to meet other women in the parish. Come alone or bring a friend!

*We will have an **optional** gift exchange for the month of December. Please bring a small, wrapped gift – under \$10 – to the luncheon!*

Winter Gala for Young Adults

Saturday, January 13 ~ Glover Mansion



Need a Christmas gift for that young adult in your life? The Winter Life Gala is the first annual gala to raise money for a non-profit organization in Spokane every January. Please join us for an elegant evening at the Glover Mansion in support of our selected non-profit, *Life Services*. Tickets are \$95 and can be purchased at winterlifegala.com

The Most Holy Eucharist: Gift and Sacrament

Weekend Retreat at Immaculate Heart

January 19, 6:00 p.m. – January 21, 1:30 p.m.

Weekend Retreat for Men and Women with speaker Fr. Wade L.J. Menezes, CPM. The Catholic Church teaches that "the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." The other Sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. Come, rekindle your personal faith in these profound truths and welcome our Eucharistic Lord and King into your life as you never have before. Details can be found at www.ihrc.net



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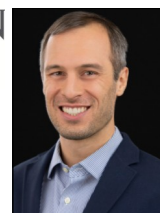
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