SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH DECEMBER 22, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

PARISH STAFF

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BAPTISM & 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

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8:15 AM

Tuesday: 9 AM with Cataldo at St. Augustine

Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 PM – 4 PM

ROSARY

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 7:45 AM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month: 8:15 AM-11:10 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9 AM – 12 PM

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 21 Vigil Mass 4:30 PM †Ray Wiseman

Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass 9 AM †Vincent McFadden Mass 11 AM *Pro Populo*

Monday, December 23 Mass 8:15 AM Parish Staff

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Vigil Mass 4 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM

Wednesday, December 25
The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Mass 9 AM *Pro Populo*

Thursday, December 26 Mass 8:15 AM Special Intention

Friday, December 27
Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
Mass 8:15 AM Deceased Priest of the Diocese

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Janie Alsup, Kristen Baxter, Althea Beaver,
James Bennett, Ray Birgenheier, Scott Brockway,
Isabel Brunkan, Jesse & August Bruya, Pat Campbell,
Maurice Carrier, Margaret Chastek, Frank Culhane,
Cathy Dietrich, Betsy Elliott, Cari Franklin, Riva
Grant, Caitlin Levernier Graves, Bob Hanson, René
Heidt, Jorgi Herron, Robert Hunton, Mike Keegan,
Kathy Korth, Mary Lenoue, Tracy Provinsal Liebhart,
Katherine Eagan May, Maureen McClarity, Shawn
McGowan, The Nelson Family, Greg Renner, Beau
Richardson, Jason Rocks, Erika Schearman, Mark
Schubert, Dan Sheldon, 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.



Mass Schedule

There will be no morning Masses 12.30.24—01.03.25

Solemnity of Mary

~ Holy Day of Obligation ~ Wednesday, January 1 Mass will be at 5:30 PM



St. Augustine Parish is just \$121 shy of its goal of \$89,736 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 dioceseofspokane.org.

Parish Goal: \$89,736 Donated to Date: \$89,615 (99.87%)

The diocese and parish are grateful for your support.



Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24

4 PM with Cantor, Organ, Woodwinds & Violin 7 PM with Cantor, Choir, Organ & Brass Quartet 10 PM with Cantor, Piano & Cello

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25

9AM with Cantor, Organ & Brass Quartet

Winter Life Gala 2025 for Young Adults

Saturday, January 11, 5PM—9PM, Steam Plant Black-tie Event, Dinner, Drinks, and Raffle



This year's 2nd Annual Winter Life Gala will take place on the evening of January 11 at the Steam Plant. We have chosen to support Biking for Babies, a national nonprofit, for our event this year. Biking for Babies is striving to proclaim the dignity of human life by uniting cycling with the formation of young adults into missionary disciples of Jesus Christ and supporting pregnancy resource centers. Since 2009, they have made it their mission to renew the culture of life. Tickets are \$95 and must be purchased by **December 31st** at www.winterlifegala.com.



"A Dream to Partner With"

Countless families in need from Roosevelt and Wilson were left "speechless and so grateful" receiving gifts from St. Augustine's 2024 Tree of Sharing. The lovingly wrapped gifts, festive tags, and joyful delivery smiles all contributed "the unbelievable generosity" felt by givers and receivers alike. "I can't thank you enough," commented one school staff member with tears in her eyes. "You are a dream to partner with!"

Saint Nicholas, Patron Saint of Children and Toy Makers, pray for us!



The Organ Music in Today's Liturgy

St. Ambrose of Milan (339-397)—Doctor of the Church and spiritual mentor to St. Augustine—wrote the beautiful hymn *Veni redemptorum gentium* (Come, Redeemer of the nations), which is used in the Liturgy of the Hours during latter part of Advent. Its text, and its plainchant setting, were adapted into the hymn we know as "Savior of the Nations, Come." The German version, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, has given inspiration to today's prelude and postlude. The former is an introspective setting by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); the latter is a solemn and majestic setting by Paul Siefert (1586-1666). If you would like to know more, please ask Joseph Schubert, the organist.

End-of-Year 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. Thank you!



STEWARDSHIP

December 15, 2024

Offertory: \$9,428.00 Month to Date: \$30,366.60 Fiscal Year to Date: \$195,224.14

Poor: \$530.00Month to Date: \$910.00
Fiscal Year to Date: \$6,933.00

Guatemala Mission: \$45.00 Month to Date: \$185.00 Fiscal Year to Date: \$1,986.00

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!

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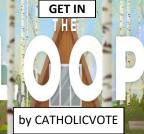
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