



TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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Mass Times

St. Augustine Sat. 4:00 pm Wed. 9:00 am
St. Benedict Sun. 10:00 am Thurs. 9:00 am
St. Anthony Sun. 8:00 am Fri. 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Hours @ St Augustine

Wednesday 8:30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 4:00 pm Evening Prayer, Divine Mercy/
 Eucharistic Adoration (and Benediction)

Penance: Saturday **3:30pm** at St. Augustine
 or by appointment.

Bible Study: Wed. **5pm** at St. Anthony Church Hall

OCIA: Thursday **6pm**, St. Anthony

Parish Council:

Chair: Annette Kirkwood
Vicechair: Billy Thompson
St. Anthony: Marian Sims Annette Kirkwood
St. Augustine: John Semar Billy Thompson
St. Benedict: Andi Jansing Mark Lee

Finance Committee

Chair: John Semar
St. Anthony: Marian Sims
St. Augustine: John Semar
St. Benedict: Carol Lee

Understanding the Resurrection

John 20:1-2

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

We all experience moments when we act with love but still get things wrong. When Mary Magdalene saw the stone rolled away, her love compelled her to act immediately. Her fervor drove her to tell Simon Peter and John what she had seen, showing us how love urges us to seek God without delay. Despite her deep love, Mary misunderstood the meaning of the empty tomb. Like many of us, she was driven by emotion rather than a deeper trust in God.

Jesus was certainly not displeased with her misunderstanding, as Scripture identifies her in John 20:11–17 as the first to whom He appeared. When she encountered the risen Christ, she initially mistook Him for the gardener, indicating that her understanding of the Resurrection was still unfolding. Despite that, Jesus met her where she was and guided her toward deeper faith. Our emotions, though good, must be purified by faith, allowing love to mature into greater trust and understanding.

Reflect today on Mary Magdalene's experience on Easter morning. Like her, we are called to seek our Lord with fervor, even when our understanding is incomplete. And like her, we can trust that Jesus will meet us where we are, gently leading us into deeper faith. As we celebrate the Resurrection, pray that your love, with all its emotions, may be more fully purified by grace, so that you, too, will encounter Christ with renewed understanding and joy.

MASS – LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

ST. AUGUSTINE – SATURDAY <i>Divine Mercy</i> 04/11 4PM	
WORD:	Jessica Frye
EUCARIST:	Billy Thompson
GIFTS:	Rex & Anna Voorhies
SERVERS:	Lucy Mudd, Miles Mudd
HOSPITALITY:	James Clemons, Leon Hill
COLLECTORS:	Charlie Bradley, Rex Voorhies
ST. ANTHONY – SUNDAY <i>Divine Mercy</i> 04/12 8 AM	
WORD:	Anna Rose Messenger
EUCARIST:	Marian Sims
GIFTS:	Bruce Dole, Rosemary Kenney
SERVERS:	Steve Kenney, Cordale Milliner
HOSPITALITY:	Russell Clemons, James Higdon
COLLECTORS:	Tim Bradley, Norb Soenneker
ST. BENEDICT- SUNDAY <i>Divine Mercy</i> 04/12 10 AM	
WORD:	Scottie Sharp
EUCARIST:	Lisa Haycraft
GIFTS:	Stacy Wilson & Family
SERVERS:	Sommer Davis, Hattie Dennison
HOSPITALITY:	Stanley Duvall, Lisa Rose
COLLECTORS:	Andi Jansing, Lisa Rose

MASS INTENTIONS

04/08	Wed.	Augustine	9 AM	Rex Voorhies
04/09	Thur.	Benedict	9 AM	Odaline Clemons
04/10	Fri.	Anthony	9 AM	Bonnie Pierce
04/11	Sat.	Augustine	4 PM	Dustin Burnett & Family
04/12	Sun.	Anthony	8 AM	Minor Messenger
04/12	Sun	Benedict	10 AM	Tri-Parish Members

Church Cleaning **April 2026**

St. Augustine	Sondra Gavieres	4/11
St. Anthony	Lynn Carroll	4/12
St. Benedict	Vanessas Logsdon, Christie Willis	4/12



Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Bonnie Osbourne 4/11



Happy Birthday!

Brenda Higdon	4/07
Ruel Patterson	4/07
Odaline Clemons	4/10

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BEREAVEMENT MEALS –Committees

Anthony	Lynn Carroll, Judy Clemons, Pat Clemons, Carla Grant, Mary Ellen Higdon, Annette Kirkwood, Donna McLemore, Louise Patterson, Kathy Perella, Garnetta VanMeter, Martha Witten
Benedict	Carma Duvall, Brenda Johnston, Vanessa Logsdon, Louise Patterson, Linda Webb

Anointing of the Sick: If you know someone who is seriously ill and needs to be anointed, please call the parish office.

Baptism: Congratulations on the birth of your child! The Lord's Day is the Church's preferred time to celebrate infant baptism, especially at Mass, but the sacrament may be celebrated at other times. Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharist Adoration is the First Friday of every month at St. Anthony Church from 9:30am - 3:30pm. Please spend some time in prayer and reflection during this time of adoration.

Visits to the Sick/Homebound: If you are sick or homebound or know someone who needs Holy Communion please contact the parish office. We will arrange for someone to bring you communion.

Prayers Matt Alvey*, Ricky Alvey*, Willidean Alvey*, Billy Boggs*, Carlene Braun*, Megan Butler*, Benjamin Carrejo*, Robert Clark*, Odaline Clemons*, Regina Clemons*, Steve Clemons*, Sonny Cockerai*, Maria Crum*, Anita Downard*, Carma Duvall*, Shelby Fulkerson*, Stephanie Fulkerson*, Janice Gainer*, Debbie Grant*, Bill Grant*, Gary Harp*, Earl Higdon*, Pat Higdon*, Bill Hornback*, Eve Jarboe*, Victor Jarboe*, Rose Mary Kenney*, Steven Kenney*, Darlene Kerr, Bev & Mike Knoop*, Patty Logsdon*, Russell Logsdon*, Jimmy McKinley*, Brenda Milliner*, Erv Moore*, Mike Morris*, Paula & Larry Mudd*, Ayden Nelson*, Zoey Otis*, Jonah Page*, Greg Peerce*, Everett Pepper*, Mary Ross*, Ellen Schrader*, Aaron Schull*, Mary Doris Simon*, Clevie Sims*, John Sims*, Rodney Sims*, Michael White*, Lloyd Young* * = Indefinite



Resets occur in the first month of the quarter. April 2026

Active Military Prayer List: Shawn Atcher, Wyatt Atcher, Ryan Clemons, Seth Page, Matthew Phillips, Michael Sim. *Lord, protect our troops as they serve to protect us. Bless their families who share in their sacrifice. In Jesus, Amen.*

Collection 3/28-29

	Anthony	Augustine	Benedict
Regular	\$ 1,841	\$ 766	\$ 1,430
Good Friday			\$ 70
Building Fund			\$ 4
Easter Offering			\$ 20
Easter Flower	\$ 20		
Seminary			\$ 5
Meat Collection			\$ 20
Attendance	79	51	107

UPCOMING EVENTS

04/12 Divine Mercy Celebration at St. Augustine 3PM
04/26 Home Mission Collection
04/28 Finance Committee Meeting 1pm; St. Anthony Hall Parish Council Meeting 2pm;

Word of Life

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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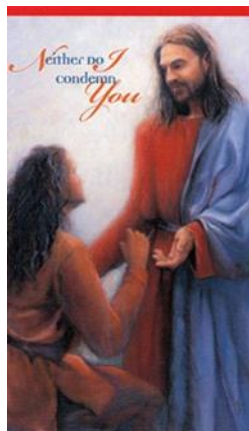
PRAYER FOR TODAY'S GOSPEL

My Resurrected Lord, the glory to which You have called me is beyond my comprehension. In flame my soul with a desire to know You more, so as to share more fully in the glories of the Resurrection while here on earth and forever in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

April 12, 2026: Sunday of Divine Mercy

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the **Sunday of Divine Mercy**. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved.



Many feel that abortion is “the unforgivable sin.” They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.

Annual Divine Mercy Celebration – April 12

- ✧ 3:00 pm at St. Augustine
- ✧ The Sacrament of Confession starts at 2:00 pm.

Please let the office know if you have NOT received your quarterly tithe envelopes! They were to be delivered on Monday March 30th.



Fr. Stephen & Staff

Grace Marriage

Grace Marriage offers couples a relaxed, monthly space to reconnect with your spouse. We plan to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at St. Elizabeth parish hall beginning on April 21st at 6 pm.

Grace Marriage is not:

- Marriage counseling
- Group therapy
- Forced Sharing

Grace Marriage is:

- Grow closer to God and your spouse
- Improve communication and understanding
- Deepen intimacy
- Set a strong example for your family
- Enjoy meaningful conversations together

For more information contact Amy DePoyster by email: stpaulamy@outlook.com or 270-242-7436

To register online click the link or type this URL:

<https://connect.gracemarriage.com/register/4PN4K9KT6I3XG7RW7P4WKXUW>

TRI-PARISH PICNIC 2026

June 27, 2026

NEXT MEETING:

April 28th St. Anthony Hall 5:30pm

Volunteers and Team Leads needed!

All are invited to attend !!!

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Easter Sunday—Solemnity



Reflection: Today's glorious solemnity is the ultimate cause of all joy, fulfillment, happiness, and glory. If Jesus only died on the Cross, destroying death, something would be missing—the restoration of life into a transformed and glorified living. Easter is not only about the forgiveness of sins; it's about the temporal and eternal glorification of every human soul who dies and rises with Christ. When we focus upon the Gospel and consider the many lessons Jesus taught and the example He set, the Cross is often considered the difficult message and Easter the easy message. But is it?

The message of the Cross, as presented to us through both Jesus' teachings and His lived example, is certainly challenging. Each one of us is called to the same depth of selfless surrender of our lives to the Father's will. We must each die completely to ourselves, be purified from every sin and every attachment to sin, from every bad habit and every worldly thought, and from everything that is not God and God alone. When our calling to die with Christ and to embrace His Cross is clearly understood, as it has been by the saints, it is likely that Christians become overwhelmed at the seemingly daunting and impossible task of dying in and with Christ.

When it comes to the Resurrection, one might be tempted to say that it is easy to accept the message it presents. New life in Christ, the fullness of joy, complete transformation, and eternal beatitude in Heaven—these initially appear easy to embrace. However, the challenge that the profound reality of Easter presents to us is that we can be certain that our current understanding of what it means to share in the Resurrection of Christ is but the faintest shadow of the reality. Very few people in this life have come close to understanding the glory to which we are called on account of the Resurrection. Saints Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Sienna, John of the Cross, Thérèse of Lisieux, to name a few, are among those who penetrated the mystery of Easter while still here on earth. They

achieved this spiritual knowledge only by fully dying with Christ through a life of profound prayer, penance, and charity that completely united their souls to the Most Holy Trinity.

As we celebrate Easter, it is important to know that we do not yet know all that is promised to us by the Resurrection of Christ. If we can at least know that, then our spiritual appetites will make us hungry to know. Too often, Christians go through life satisfied with the most basic understanding of the Gospel. We know that God became man, lived His life, gathered followers, taught and performed miracles, died on the Cross, rose again, ascended into Heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, we have hope in His promise that if we remain in His grace, then we will share in Heaven after we die. But this is an exceptionally incomplete view of the full reality that has been comprehended in this life by the saints.

What does it mean to share in the new life of Christ? What does it mean to share in the glory of the Resurrection? What will Heaven be like for those who enter into the highest realms of glory in this life compared to those who only do the basics? What will the New Heavens and the New Earth be like when Jesus returns in all His glory for the Final Judgment? If these are questions you have never deeply pondered and probed, then know that the answers that await you are more glorious than you could ever imagine. In other words, if you were to sit quietly and spend all day trying to imagine the best and most glorious life, trying to use your mind to draw a picture of the happiness and full joy of Heaven, you can be certain that you could never even come close to imagining the reality. That humble fact ought not to discourage you; it should fill your conscience with a desire to know what you do not know. That is the first step.

A deep and vast spiritual comprehension of the joy of sharing fully in the Resurrection of Christ can only be given to us by a direct infusion of grace by God Himself. When a soul receives this infused knowledge, they become so overwhelmed with wonder and awe that they realize that committing even the smallest sin is absolute foolishness and is the path to the loss of everything. They realize that if they were to gain everything this world has to offer—every comfort, wealth, power, and prestige—they would be absolutely miserable compared to the person who shares fully in the Resurrection. They realize that the only thing worth anything is the complete abandonment of one's life to the will of God, a willingness to suffer anything and everything for Christ, to serve and not be served, to forgive everyone completely, to love with every fiber of their being, and to continuously remain in a state of prayerful recollection with God.

If living such a life seems impossible, it's not. It only seems that way when we fail to grasp the prize that awaits those who strive for the perfection of divine union. The Easter message and mystery is not just about being good and happy. It's not just about trusting in the hope of Heaven after we die. The fullness of the message and mystery of Easter can only be understood if we begin the long and difficult journey toward divine union. Only those who begin it in haste have a chance of completing it. Begin it today by acknowledging that there is so much that you do not know. There is so much that God is calling you to and wants to bestow upon you. There is more joy in the Resurrection of Christ than anything else in life. Don't aim for the lowly and passing things of life—aim for the highest heights of glory. Seek to understand the Resurrection this Easter so that you will be able to share more fully in the higher grades of glory that God wants to bestow upon you.

Source: My Catholic Life