

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**A WHIMSICAL CELEBRATION RETELLING
“THE NATIVITY STORY”
&
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II**

**The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
December 24, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service. We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome Center. Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.

If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back of the sanctuary.

Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.

***As you enter the church, please pick up a sleeping bag from the Narthex.
Families with small children are invited to sit in the first two rows
so they may have a good view of the pageant.***

+ LETTER FROM THE RECTOR +

Merry Christmas and welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We pray that as you worship here during this Christmas season, you will join us in praising God for the best gift given—Jesus Christ the Son of God and Savior of humanity. We are so pleased that you chose to share your Christmas with us here at St. Augustine's. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive and loving community made up of people very much like you who are in fellowship with one another and seek to follow the person and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. We do not insist that we know all of the firm and final answers to life's most important questions, but we commit ourselves to listening to God, loving the questions, being an active part of God's ongoing work, and reaching out to show that faith can bring peace, justice, and hope to the world, the local community, and in each other's lives.

I invite you to participate in this online worship today. You will find St. Augustine's to be that place where you will receive a radical WELCOME, experience thought-provoking and inspiring WORSHIP, and meet other disciples of Jesus ready and willing to WITNESS to all that God is doing!

Again, Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +

Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Prelude Music: “What Child is This”
“God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman”
“I Wonder as I Wander”
“Christmas Time is Here”
“Linus and Lucy”

arr. Vince Norman
arr. Vince Norman
arr. Vince Norman
Vince Guaraldi
Vince Guaraldi

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Words: John Francis Wade; Music: Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
leav - ing their flocks draw nigh to gaze;
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;

O come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him,

O come let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

A Dramatic Retelling of the Christmas Story

Tonight, we testify to the miracle of Jesus' birth through the eyes of a common shepherd. We endeavor to sing songs from multiple genres and offer a different perspective on the ancient and beloved Christmas story according to the Gospel of Luke.

Please note: Portions of the script have been adapted from "Listen! A Shepherd's Testimony" written by Mitch Teemley.

About the Nativity Pageant Puppets

Puppets and masks have been in existence all around the world for thousands of years. Every country or culture has its own unique artistry and traditions expressed by beautiful and creative masks and puppets. They are used for storytelling, entertainment and all kinds of religious and cultural celebrations. Some are used to depict characters in a story; some may be used to honor those who have died; some represent animals or spirits; and still others are simply a disguise. The face is often a prominent part of a puppet that emphasizes a unique feature or characteristic of the entity that it depicts.

Today's Nativity story is told through the use of custom-made theatrical puppets, each operated by puppeteers. The story is recounted by a humble shepherd who witnessed the unfolding of the night of Jesus' birth (the Nativity) as an event of miraculous – larger-than-life – proportions. You will see that the faces are by far the most prominent part of our four oversized creations: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, and the Angel. Each face is based on art representing a specific ethnic background. This is meant to celebrate not only the diversity but also the interconnectedness prevalent in the world, and which is also reflected in the people of St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church.

Mary – *The face of this puppet was inspired by the icon of Our Lady of Ferguson (2016), created by Mark Doox and commissioned by the Rev. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones. The icon depicts the Madonna as African American and was created in response to the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson Missouri in 2016. Archeologists and anthropologists have long believed that all cultures in the world emanated from Africa. Thus, depicting Mary -- the mother of the church and all humanity -- as black, or African American, is poignant.*

Joseph – *This puppet was inspired by the love the Hispanic communities hold for St. Joseph, guardian of our Lord. It is a well-known fact that within the first decade of the conquest of Mexico by Spain, St. Joseph was held in great devotion. In fact, Joseph was proclaimed patron of the Viceroyalty of New Spain (present-day Mexico, Central America and the Philippines). A retablo from northern New Mexico was used as the model for the face of this puppet.*

Baby Jesus – *This puppet was inspired by our desire to honor the Native American people and the land that this great congregation was born and built upon. It is based on a Native American image of the "Holy Family." As many of us know, the name "Oklahoma" means, Red People and our state is known as being the place where the Trail of Tears found its end.*

***Angel** – This puppet honors those of European heritage, and was inspired by all of the winged creatures that fly through the air and cause us to gaze up at the heavens God gloriously created.*

Our beautiful puppet creations were made possible by the gracious contribution of Melissa and John Miller & Glen and Stephanie Toney, and they were created by Toni Mikulka of “Giant Puppets Save the World” in Oakland California.

Pageant Music

“Immanuel (The Light)”	©2009 by David Lim. All rights reserved
“O Come O Come Emmanuel”	Arr. Sufjan Stevens
“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”	Words: Jesse Edgar Middleton; Music: Une jeune pucelle ONE LICENSE #729454-A
“Angels We Have Heard on High”	Words: French carol; Music: Gloria arr: Vince Norman
“In Bethlehem a Babe was Born”	©1986 by Barbara Mays
“Born in the Night, Mary's Child”	Geoffrey Ainger, ©1964, Stainer & Bell Ltd. CCLI#11349900
“A Brand New Day (Everybody Rejoice)”	Luther Vandross All rights reserved



Today we will sing our faith using a Kenyan form of the Creed thus uniting us with Christians of other places, times and cultures. *Ninasadiki means "I believe"

Nicene Creed: "Ninasadiki"

Ninasadiki



I be - lieve in God, the al - might-y, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
And con - ceived by the Ho - ly Spir - it, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
Tru - ly hu - man, He lived a - mong us, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
On the third day, He rose tri - um - phant, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
He shall come once more then to judge us, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I ac - knowl - edge one ho - ly bap - tism, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



who cre - a - ted earth and the heav - ens, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
He was born of the vir - gin Mar - y, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and He suf - fered much un - der Pi - late, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
as was proph - e - sied in the scrip - tures, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and his king - dom shall have no end - ing, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and for - give - ness, par - don for sin - ners, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



and in Je - sus, God's son from heav - en, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
to the earth He came as a ba - by, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
He was cru - ci - fied, died, was bur - ied, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
He as - cend - ed then up to heav - en, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I be - lieve in one Ho - ly Spir - it, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I ex - pect one great res - ur - rec - tion, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



of e - ter - nal love, the be - got - ten, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
born for us and for our sal - va - tion, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
He de - scend - ed down in - to hell, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
and shall come a - gain in great glo - ry, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
I be - lieve in one ho - ly church, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
and the life of the world to come, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.

Responsive Prayers of the People

Intercessor Glory to God in the highest,
People **and peace to God's people on earth.**

Intercessor Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
People **Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

Intercessor Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
People **Have mercy on the sick, and dying, and all who suffer this day.**

Intercessor Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
People **Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.
Amen.**

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

During the "Offering in Song," please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering, followed by placing the "sleeping bags on either side of the Altar.

*To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/GiveSAC" in your browser and follow the instructions.
Thank You.*

Offering in Song: "Joseph's Lullaby"
"Breath of Heaven"
"Mary, Did You Know?"

*Brown Bannister and Bart Millard
Amy Grant and Chris Eaton
Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene*

The Great Thanksgiving

Tune: O Come All Ye Faithful

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Tune: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!**

**Hail, Hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh.
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing;**

Hail, Hosanna! Praises due. Be forever, Lord, to you.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death,
Rising, you restored our life,
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher. The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin. After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Meditations: "Some Children See Him"

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

by Wihla Hutson & Alfred S. Burt
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Donna J. Krieger and George F. Root,
arr. Wilson Family

Blessing of the Chrismon /Christmas Trees

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Be praised, O God, for the blessings around us that point to you. Be praised, O God, for the signs of this holy season that awaken in us wonder. Praise for the steadfast green of this tree, like your love, enduring all seasons. Praise for the symbols on this tree that hearken us to who you are. Praise for the light that illumines our darkness, like Christ, who brings light to the world. Join our voices with those of the tree and all creation, who sing at your coming: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. **Amen.**

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Post-Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people on heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements & Recognitions

Blessing

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Joy to the World"

Words: *Isaac Watts*; Music: *Antioch*



Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King; let
Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy, while
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the



ev - ery heart pre - pare him room and
fields and floods rocks, hills and plains, re -
glo - ries of his right - eous - ness and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture sing, and
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his love, and



hea - ven and heav en and na - ture sing.
peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Christmas is Coming"

by Vince Guaraldi

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A word of appreciation is given to the Reverend Canon Tony Moon, for designing and creating the “Nativity Stable.”

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Presider: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Assisting Priests: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon and The Reverend Dr. Dawn Enderwood

Eucharistic Ministers: Claudia Rios-Estrada and Ricky Womack

Oblation Bearers: Aurora Bocanegra and Jose Hinojosa

Intercessor: Charlie Heath

Crucifer: Zack Rosa-Berrios

Acolytes: Cadence Dunn and Paxton Dunn

Organist: John Stephen Potter

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Karena Van Horn, & Guy Nembhard

Guest Musicians: The Vince Norman Trio

Piano: Vince Norman

Bass: Paul Reyes

Drums: Steve Pruitt

Trumpet: Randy Polk

Narrator: Jesse Heath

Puppeteers: Cadence Dunn, Paxton Dunn, Charlie Heath, Eliot Hollingsworth, Dexter Westmoreland, Tyler Westmoreland, Charlotte Williams, Stephanie Williams, Amythest Wressel,

Pageant Participants: Valerie Hall, Richard Wallingford, Luke Smith (Shepherds) Rose Boone, Lizzie Flick, Adriana Harley, Frankie Oson, Claire Smith, Nora Westmoreland, Stella Westmoreland, Alexandra Womack (Angels) Amy Hinojosa (Animals)

Liturgical Dancer: Breanna Troutman

Greeters: Janet Mills and Susan Shebester

Ushers: Mike Hall and Victor Rios



+ 2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS +

<i>Brett Cash</i>	<i>In loving memory of my parents</i>
<i>Angelique Chamberlain</i>	<i>In loving memory of Cordelia Ann Herring</i>
<i>Pat Current and Family</i>	<i>In loving memory of Tom Current, Jr.</i>
<i>Sally & Chuck DeBellevue</i>	<i>In memory of our family and thanksgiving for our friends</i>
<i>Claren Denning</i>	<i>In memory of Carl Denning, Clarence Bott, and Mary Bott and in honor of my family.</i>
<i>Al and Cindy Ginsberg</i>	<i>In memory of Doris Atwood and the Ginsbergs</i>
<i>Valerie & Mike Hall</i>	<i>In memory of William H. Hall</i>
<i>Biel & Bud Johnson</i>	<i>In loving memory of Catherine English, Howard Johnson, Velma Johnson, Catherine Bielstein, Charles Bielstein</i>
<i>Diana & George Laufffer</i>	<i>In thanks for all of the good times</i>
<i>Dianne and Tom Norton</i>	<i>In loving memory of Alice Norton</i>
<i>Jan Pope</i>	<i>In thanksgiving for my family</i>
<i>Lyla & Art Rousseau</i>	<i>In thanksgiving of our countless blessings</i>
<i>Susan Shebester</i>	<i>In loving memory of Jerry Shebester, Jean & Bob Coleman, and in honor of Kelly Bishop</i>
<i>Robin Troutman</i>	<i>In loving memory of Bob, Jean, Claude, Lola and Mary</i>
<i>Karen Valentine</i>	<i>In loving memory of Katy Valentine</i>
<i>The Vanek Family</i>	<i>In thanksgiving for all our blessings</i>



+ PRAYER LIST +

For those with medical issues and other concerns: *The Cajindos Family, Daniel Bellos, Tiana Martinez, Lela Frances Welch, Pamela, Evelyn & Eric Thrower, The Lorance Family, Annie Mae Miller, Debbie & Al Hamilton, Mike Hodges, Reggie Egins, Jada Smiley, Will Havins, Shiloh Kile, James L. Henry, Jim Henry, Stephanie Holladay, Judy Reeder, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Gavin Marshall, Mackenzie Flick, Jason Eliot, Jackie Watson, Khalil Franklin, Mary Ortiz, Pamela Hernandez Angelino, Ann Merritt, Terry Cannon, The Rev. KayBoman-Harvey, Dorene Peel, Ladina Justus, Barbara Hendricks, Mason, Daniel, Tabitha, Erlinda, Lamar, DaShaun, Ashley, Lamar, Antonia Duenez Estrada, Charlotte Cascio, Beverly Davis, Bill Hoover, David Rios Montero, Manuel Estrada, Maria Carmen de la Torre, Inna Jones, Vermit Jones, Valentina Gopanyako, Nick Gopanyako, Selena Estrada. Gavin Marshall, Ryan Spillars, Bill Hodges, Jessica, Beverly Davis, AimeeAnn, The Inselman Family, P.J. Nelson, Robin Troutman, Bruce, Jay, Winston, Edit, Jonna, Yvonne, Bridget, Marsha & Leonard Cayton, Deb Krausse, Steve Bauer, Teresa & Arnie Stromberg, Karen Koch, Scott Mills, Bill Kerr.*

For those in the military: *Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Andrew Long, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

Birthdays this week: *Alan Haynes, Karen Hall, Anna Green, Kenny Koch, Daniel Narvaiz, Chris Lapolla, Nik Brewer, Mitch Pace, Sarah Stuhr*

Anniversaries this week: *Charlotte & Hugh Long, Biel & Bud Johnso, Nora & John Burgess, Sally & Chuck DeBellevue*

Deaths: *Margarito Gonzalez, Aunt Faye, Stephen Laurel Boss 'Twitch', Martin 'Marty' Schaper, Jonathan Goldberg, Darla Inselman Sorenson, Mary Margaret Bott, Edgar Zuniga, Fred Nelson,*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Bishop Daniel Genovesi, Diocesan Bishop, and our Companion Diocese of Uruguay.*

+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

The Christmas carol, "Adeste Fideles", was written and composed by the English hymnist, John Francis Wade. His English translation of his Latin lyrics is used in our hymnal (#83), but many Episcopal carolers notice discrepancies from the more familiar words translated by the English Catholic Priest, Frederick Oakeley. One of many differences is in the second verse, where Wade translated, "only begotten Son of the Father" while Oakeley translated to "Very God, begotten not created". C.S. Lewis wrote: "We don't use the word begotten much in modern English. To beget is to become the father of - to create is to make. When you beget, you beget something of the same kind. A man begets human babies, a beaver begets little beavers. If (a man) is a clever enough carver, he may create a statue which is very like a man. But, of course, it is not a real man. What God *begets* is God ('very God of very God'); just as what man *begets* is man. Contrariwise, what God *creates* is not God." ("Let us create man in our image - Genesis 1:26). God is incapable of creating something that is of Himself...He must beget it.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day – One Service Only

- 10am – Christmas Around the Creche with Holy Eucharist

Church Offices Closed Mon. 12/26 - Sat. 12/31 (use mailbox or front door mailbox slot for end of year giving donations)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

- No mid-week Eucharist or Bible Study

GLANCE AT NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 New Years Day

Feast of The Holy Name - One Service

- 10am – Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

- No mid-week Eucharist or Bible Study

ONE SERVICE ONLY ON CHRISTMAS DAY SUN. 12/25/22 AND NEW YEARS DAY SUN. 1/01/23

Join us Sunday, December 25 at 10am for Christmas Day, and a week later Sunday, January 1 10am for New Year's Day. Please bring your loved ones from out of town, invite a neighbor or friend! See you at 10am for **one service only** on both 12/25/22 and 01/01/23.

BLESSING BOX AND SUGGESTED DONATIONS

St. Augustine's Blessing Box Ministry seeks to provide sustenance to those experiencing food insecurity in our community by providing fresh and non-perishable food items, household goods and more.

Suggested item for November and December is **boxed Macaroni and Cheese** – January is **SOUP!** Drop off donations at the basket in the Commons. Questions? memberengagement@sac-okc.org

NEW YEARS DAY GAME NIGHT -ALL INVITED!

Sunday January 1st, 2023 – 4:00-6:00pm – The LGBTQIA+ and Allies Small Group invites you for potluck snacks and game time New Years Day! Bring your favorite snack (sweet or savory) to share and a favorite card or board game. We'll gather at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall at the church for a New Year's Day celebration together. Email Jeanne (lazokie@gmail.com) to confirm you would like to attend.

MORE THAN ENOUGH! STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING – LAST CALL!

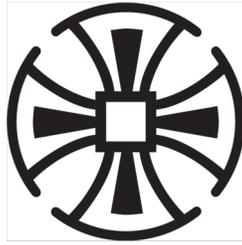
The St. Augustine Vestry is working hard to finish the 2023 budget and are making a last call to anyone who wishes to make a financial pledge in 2023. A paper form is available at the reception desk OR – go to <http://bit.ly/3V1Shll> and complete your pledge. Thank you!

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

As we enter the Christmas season, we often ask ourselves, "What shall I return to the Lord for all that He has given me?" (Psalm 116:12). Please consider the following opportunities as you make your end of year plans:

- Any donations you wish to include for the 2022 tax year must be submitted by December 31st.
- Place your gift in the collection basket, give online via our website, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to the church.
- Text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 and follow the instructions given.
- Your gift can be credited to your stewardship pledge, or a particular area that you direct the funds toward, such as education, building fund, music, hospitality, or outreach.
- If you have appreciated stock this year, you may realize a tax break through a donation to Saint Augustine. Consult with your tax adviser about your situation. For donation instructions, please contact Marian Moon, Treasurer at marianmoon50@gmail.com or by calling the church office. Gifts must be dated on or before 12/31/2022.
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