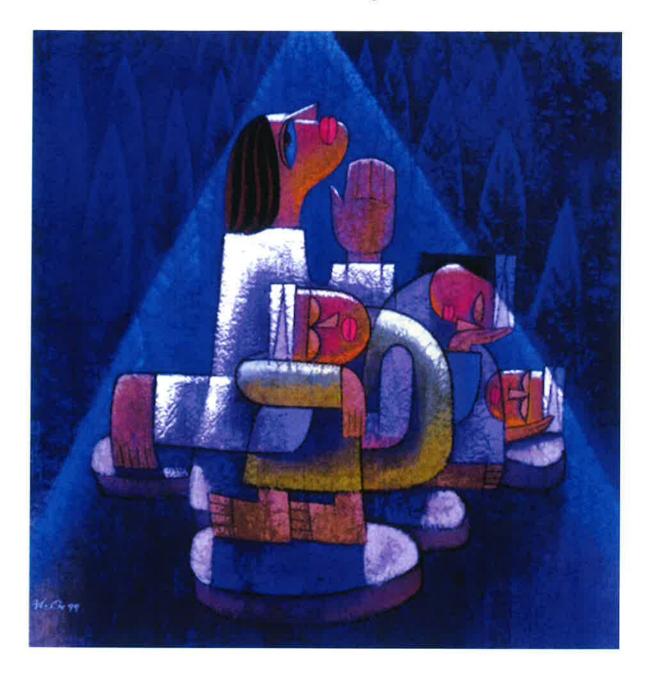
The First Sunday of Advent



December 1, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Augustine by-the-Sea Episcopal Church!

We are a spiritually engaged community, seeking the knowledge and love of God, and sharing that life-giving love with the world. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ and see God at work in our faith-based questions, doubts and curiosity. Scripture reveals that God loves each and every one of us, no exceptions. As such, St. Augustine's is LGBTQIA+ welcoming and affirming.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!



If you are new or visiting, we invite you to introduce yourself by filling out the online Welcome form through this QR code. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about St. A's.

Holy Eucharist December 1, 2024, 10:30AM

The First Sunday of Advent, Rite Two

Prelude: "Veni Emmanuel" by Rex Koury

Greg Schreiner, Organ

The Word of God

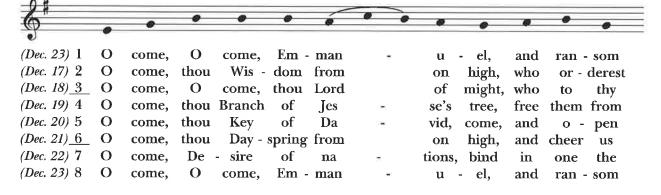
Entrance Rite

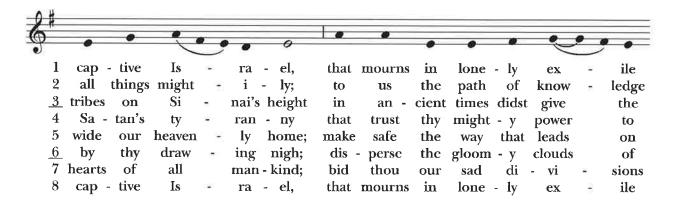
(at the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church)

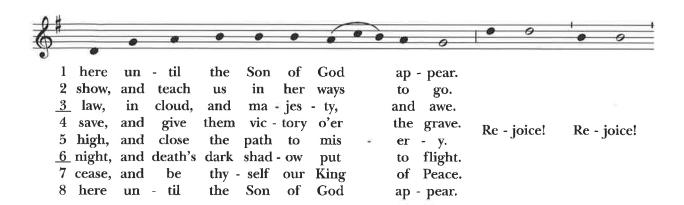
ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel)

Hymnal 56









The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Blessing of the Advent Wreaths

Celebrant May God, who enlightens every heart, be with you.

People And also with you.

My siblings in Christ, today we begin the season of Advent. We open our hearts to God's love as we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives and homes. The candles of this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom.

Celebrant Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us

pray that we may be always ready to welcome him.

People Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love, we pray to the

Lord.

People Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, we pray to the

Lord.

People Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of

Christ, we pray to the Lord.

People Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant That the coming Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive

to follow the example of Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

People Come, Lord Jesus.

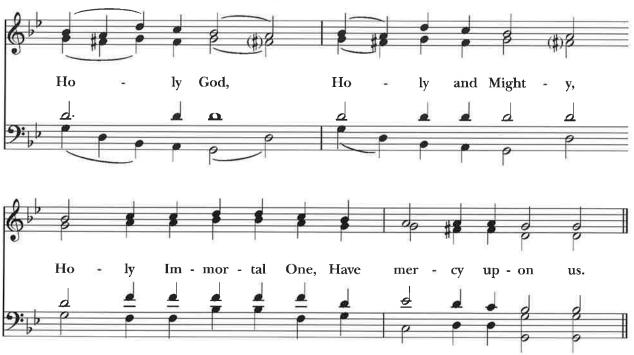
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of our wreaths. May the wreaths and their light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the light of Christ lead you to the joy of his kingdom, now and for ever-

People Amen!

OPENING ANTHEM (to be sung 3 times)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

(please sit for readings)

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

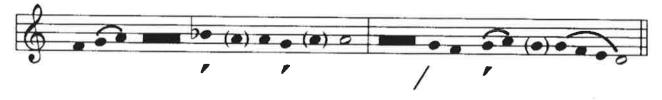
People

Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9 (led by cantor, with congregation singing alternate verses)

Tone I.7



- 1 To yöu, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies / triumph 'över me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disap/pointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and / teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted / all the day löng.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from / everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love, and for the sake of your / goodness, O LÖRD.
- 7 Gracious and úpright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches / sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way / to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" (sung 3 times before and after the reading of the Gospel)



GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Priest

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens

will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Priest

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON - The Rev. Nathan A. Rugh

(a moment of silence is observed)

THE NICENE CREED

(the Celebrant announces the Creed and the people stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty. maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light. true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, "O come, o come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation."

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love. Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see you, the wisdom to prepare for you, and the faith to trust in you. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region—from city, village and town—together in a spirit of love and respect. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints. O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

For all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud (intercessions may be offered). O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

On this first day of Advent, we gather up our prayers and offer them to you, O Lord, knowing full well that there are signs in the sun and moon and stars and in the common events of ordinary life that call us to attend to your coming. Prepare us for the time of trial and for your dominion, coming now and at the close of this age. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

(the Celebrant says)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(the Priest stands and says)

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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



Offerings in thanksgiving for God's gifts to us are invited through:

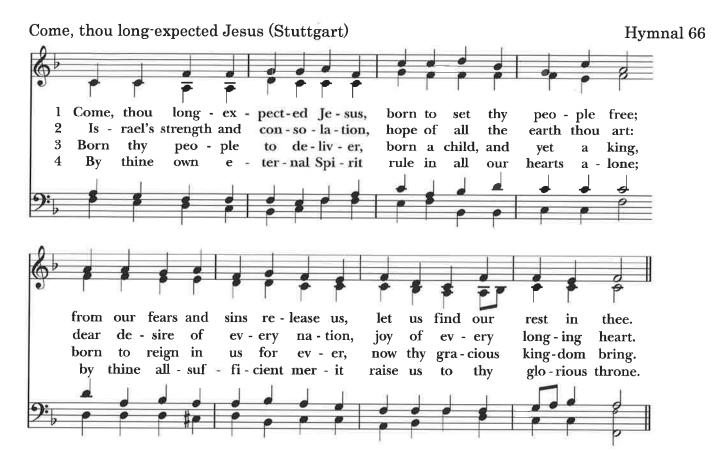
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- Texting the amount you want to give to (323) 615-2625
- Using this QR code

OFFERTORY ANTHEM · Keep your Lamps by André Thomas

sung by the St. A's Choir Nick Filotei, percussion

(please stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN



The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

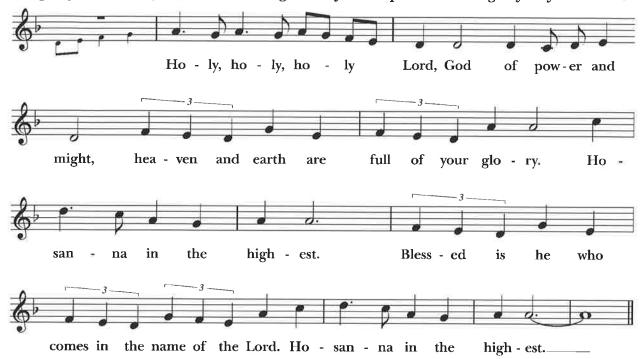
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(the Celebrant proceeds)

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(the Celebrant continues)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O God.

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

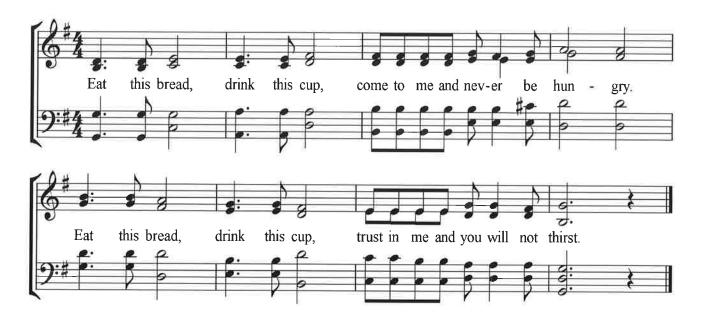
(the Celebrant continues)

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

EAT THIS BREAD



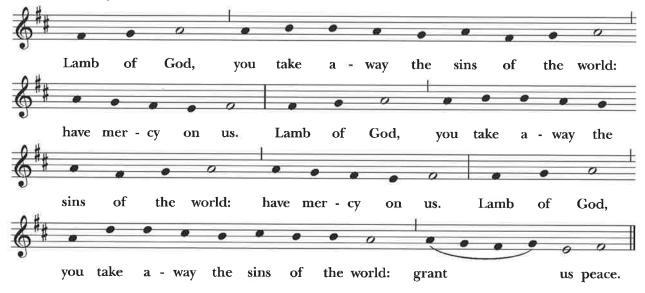
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread



INVITATION

(Celebrant)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ's Table.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion for Online Worshippers

(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.)

Celebrant Will all who are online, join in praying:

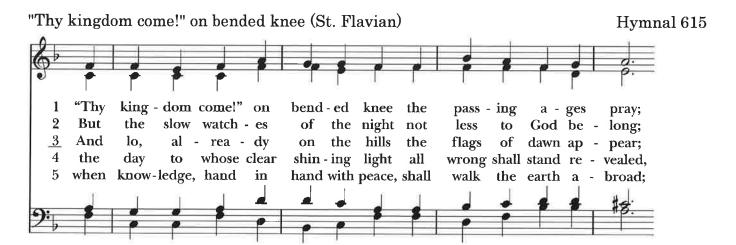
In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

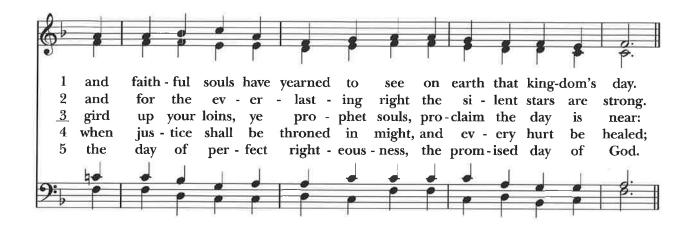
(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM - Adam Lay Ybounden by Boris Ord sung by St. A's Choir

(please stand)

COMMUNION HYMN





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

(the Celebrant blesses the people, saying)

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN



DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Noel 12" by Louis Claude Daquin

Greg Schreiner, Organ

Key Announcements

Support St. A's in 2025

Our community and shared ministry are all made possible by our collective gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We invite you to consider (if you haven't already!) how you might like to financially support our common ministry in 2025. Pledge cards are available in the back of the church: submit them in the offering plate. Or make your commitment online through our website, selecting "Giving" menu.

Advent Lessons & Carols TODAY, 3:00pm

This year we are blessed to begin Advent with this beautiful Anglican tradition of a Lessons and Carols service, We will sing carols, hear our choir lift up works by Herbert Howells, André Thomas, and John Rutter, and contemplate sacred texts. Come rest in the great mystery of Christ's incarnation and look towards celebrating God's presence among us!

Make & Serve Meals for SPY Cook: Wed, Dec 4, 6pm - Serve: Thurs, Dec 5, Noon

Every month we cook and serve a piping hot meal for unhoused youth with Safe Place for Youth. Helpers needed for: shopping ahead of time; cooking on Wednesday; and serving the meal at SPY Thursday. Sign up online for shopping, cooking and/or serving! Any questions, email Laura Horton (hortonla@hotmail.com) or Jason LaPadura (jasonlapadura@gmail.com)

Give books to NYA Scholars for Christmas Delivery Deadline: Dec. 9



Donate books for the children and youth of Neighborhood Youth Association. Consider giving one (or more!) of the 125+ books the scholars have personally requested. Donations will be made via the Amazon Wish List, and select the shipping address: Sonia Hernandez Gift Registry Address. Use this QR code to give or use the link in the weekly email. Any questions, email Chris Danelski at chrisdanelski@gmail.com.

Donate Christmas Greenery & Flowers



The gorgeous Christmas flowers and greenery in the sanctuary are given by parishioners to the glory of God, in memory of loved ones, or in thanksgiving for life's blessings. Give online through this QR code, or use a "Christmas Flowers" envelope in the church lobby.

Donation deadline: Wed Dec. 18.

Advent & Christmas

Season of Advent

Blue Christmas - Service of Prayer & Healing 7:30 pm, Tuesday Dec. 10

Messiah Sing-Along & Bach Cantata 7:30 pm, Wednesday Dec. 18 (with Baroque orchestra & soloists)

Christmas Eve

Tuesday Dec. 24

Family Service & Pageant 5:00 pm

Choral Prelude 9:00pm Festival Eucharist 9:30pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, Dec.25

Eucharist & Carols

10:30am

*See St. A's weekly email for the full list of upcoming activities. If you aren't already receiving parish news, contact Carrie Price to sign up -carrie@saint-augustine.org

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