

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 22, 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 22, 2024, 10:30AM
The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Rite Two

Prelude: "Gabriel's Message" by David Cherwien
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

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (Truro)

Hymnal 436

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

(the Celebrant says)

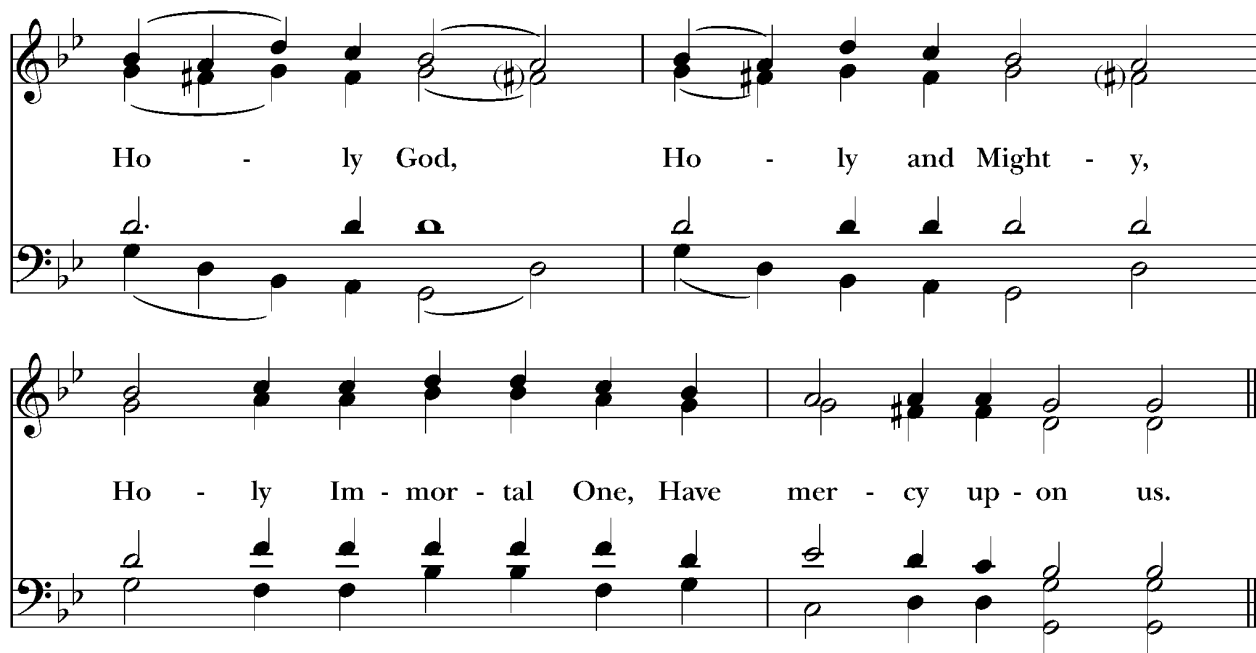
Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

(the Celebrant says)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING ANTHEM *(to be sung 3 times)*



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(please sit for readings)

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

A Reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7 *(led by cantor, with congregation singing alternate verses)*

Tone IV.4



- 1 *Hear, Ö* Shepherd of Israel, leading / Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned / upon the chérubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, / and Manásseh, *
stir up your strength / and come to hélp us.
- 3 Restore / us, O Gód of hosts; *
show the light of your counte/nance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 —/O LORD Gód of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the / prayers of your péople?
- 5 You have fed them / with the bréad of tears; *
you have given / them bowls of téars to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision / of our néighbors, *
and our en/emies laugh ús to scorn.
- 7 Restore / us, O Gód of hosts; *
show the light of your counte/nance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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)*

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. — Pre - God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 6/8 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are first and second endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1 and 2 above the notes.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON - The Rev. Katie Cadigan
(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

The Mighty One has done great things for us. And so we appeal to God once again, praying,
“Stir up your strength, O Lord; and come to help us.”

Prepare in us a mansion for yourself, O Christ. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

And come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts. May we know security. May we know peace. May we know the
benefits of the reign of your Christ. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

And come to help us.

Show the strength of your arm, O God: lift up the lowly. Fill the hungry with good things.
Look on your children with favor. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

And come to help us.

Have mercy on all captives and prisoners, O God. Remember them and come to their aid.
Fill our hearts with mercy. May we learn to forgive even as you forgive us. Stir up your
strength, O Lord;

And come to help us.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God of hosts. May those who have fed on the bread of
tears, feed instead on your strength, O Lord. Show them the light of your countenance and
be their salvation. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

And come to help us.

Great Shepherd, gather your flock into your eternal kingdom. Bless the dying, embrace the
dead, and comfort those who mourn. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

And come to help us.

For all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud
(*intercessions may be offered*). Stir up your strength, O Lord;

And come to help us.

(*the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*)

Lord, we gather up the prayers of this household, confident that as each day you transform darkness into light you know our deepest thoughts and will refresh our spirits. We pray in the name of the one who transforms principalities and powers and renews heaven and earth, Christ our Lord. **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

HEALING PRAYER COMMISSIONING

(the Celebrant says)

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

(a representative of the congregation)

Chris Muntz and Tim Whalen have been called to the ministry of the Healing Prayer Team.

People **Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.**

(the Celebrant continues)

Let us pray. (Silence)

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

In the Name of God, we recognize you, Chris and Tim, as Healing Prayer Intercessors.

People **Thanks be to God**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

Donation



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

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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM - *Gabriel's Message* Traditional Basque Carol arr. Raleigh
sung by St. A's Choir**

(please stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord (Birmingham)

Hymnal 437

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second line contains 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third line contains 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth line contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____'. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with the number '3') over the notes 'heaven and earth', 'san - na', and 'Ho - san - na'.

(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

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

The first line of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The piano accompaniment line begins with a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, and a quarter note B2.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The second line of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The piano accompaniment line begins with a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, and a quarter note B2.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 – *Magnificat* sung to Tone 9 in the 1982 Hymnal S185
sung by St. A's Choir

(please stand)

COMMUNION HYMN

The angel Gabriel from heaven came (Gabriel's Message)

Hymnal 265

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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.

THE ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Stuttgart)

Hymnal 66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: “Prepare Ye the Way” by James Mansfield
 Greg Schreiner, Organ

Celebrating Christmas at St. A's!

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm - Family Service & Pageant
All children welcome to participate!

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

Christmas Day

10:30am - Eucharist & Carols

Between Christmas & the New Year

Sunday worship as usual on Dec. 29

8am - Contemplative Eucharist, Rite I

10:30am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II – and Children's Program

Sunday Forums resume January 12 with The Gospel of Luke

There will be no forums on Sundays Dec. 29 or Jan. 5

Wednesday Spirituality worship & classes cancelled, resume January 8

Market Mass, Bible Study and Contemplative Prayer are cancelled Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Church Office closed weekdays: December 26 – January 5, 2025

For pastoral emergencies only, please contact the Rev. Nate Rugh

Highlights for January

The Gospel of Luke - Sunday Forums

Starting January 12

During Epiphany (January through Ash Wednesday) we will be studying the Gospel of Luke, the gospel we'll primarily be reading in church on Sundays this year. Meets between services, 9:20 – 10:10am.

2025 Women+ Retreat, Jan. 31 – Feb. 2

My Monastery is... Creating Holy Space in a Busy Life

Led by the Rev. Hailey McKeefry Delmas, this year's retreat explores ways that holiness shows up—how to notice those moments and be fed by them. Sign up for the whole weekend or Saturday only. **Sign-up deadline Jan. 8.** Link to pricing and the sign up form is in parish weekly email. Or contact Haven Hartman-Briscoe haven.hartman@mac.com

**See St. A's weekly email for the full list of upcoming activities. To sign up for the emails, contact Carrie Price – carrie@saint-augustine.org*

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