

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
DECEMBER 14, 2025  
GAUDETE SUNDAY



St. Augustine Catholic Church sits between Cannon Hill and Manito Parks in the heart of Spokane's historic South Hill neighborhood. It has provided a place of worship for generations of Catholic families and serves the students of Cataldo Catholic School at St. Augustine.

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. M. J. Nicks, Pastor  
Richard Borda, Deacon  
Heather Fuller-Johnson, Music Director  
Robin Sparrow, Hospitality Coordinator  
Tom Bro, Plant Manager  
Carol Messier, Office Manager  
Zack Cunningham, Cataldo at St. Augustine School Principal

**BAPTISM & HOLY MATRIMONY**

Parents seeking Baptism for their child and couples seeking marriage should contact the parish office at least four months prior to the intended dates for preparation. It is expected that you are registered and have been active in the parish for at least six months, be a regular contributor financially to the parish, and be taking part in the liturgical life of the Church – which includes attendance at Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.

**MASS TIMES** (*Sept 1, 2025 through June 12, 2026*)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:15 AM  
Tuesday: 9 AM with Cataldo at St. Augustine  
Saturday: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM

**HOLY DAYS**

9 AM with Cataldo & 5:30 PM

**CONFESIONS**

Saturday: 3:15 PM – 4 PM

**ROSARY**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:40 AM

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday of the month following the 8:15 AM Mass

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday: 9 AM – 12 PM

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, December 13**  
**Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**  
Vigil Mass 4:30 PM †Sybil Stevens Calhoun

**Sunday, December 14**  
**Gaudete Sunday**  
Mass 9 AM Charis S. Howser  
Mass 11 AM *Pro Populo*

**Monday, December 15**  
Mass 8:15 AM †Clay Joseph Calhoun

**Tuesday, December 16**  
Mass 9 AM with Cataldo †Carroll Gray

**Wednesday, December 17**  
Mass 8:15 AM †Jim Melton, RIP

**Thursday, December 18**  
Mass 8:15 AM †Clay Joseph Calhoun, Jr.

**Friday, December 19**  
Mass 8:15 AM †Leo Heineck, RIP

### Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Janie Alsup, Kristen Baxter, Althea Beaver,  
James Bennett, Ray Birgenheier, Cleo Brennan,  
Scott Brockway, Isabel Brunkan, Pat Campbell,  
Margaret Chastek, Frank Culhane, Betsy Elliott,  
Cari Franklin, Riva Grant, Bob Hanson, René Heidt,  
Jorgi Herron, Mike Keegan, Kathy Korth,  
Mary Lenoue, Tracy Provinisal Liebhart,  
Katherine Eagan May, Maureen McClarity,  
The Nelson Family, Greg Renner, Beau Richardson,  
Jason Rocks, Erika Schearman, Mark Schubert,  
Dan Sheldon, Karen Stahl, Joel Stavana,  
Craig Stucky, Ashley Sutch, Shelley Szambelan,  
Eley Vann, Wilson Webb

*If you would like to add a name to the prayer list or request a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.*



### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
Wednesday, December 24  
4 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM

**Christmas Day Mass**  
Thursday, December 25  
9 AM



### What Amazingly Generous Parishioners we are Blessed with at St. Augustine Parish!

This year's Tree of Sharing has grown into our largest and most heartwarming effort yet. In past years, we placed 70 tags on the tree—but when we saw how many parishioners wanted to take part in giving, we added another 60 tags.

Because of your kindness and eagerness to help, **130 children** will feel the joy and warmth of your generosity this Christmas season. Thank you for opening your hearts so beautifully!



### End-of-Year Giving

#### Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity ~ like St. Augustine Parish! QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to your charity of choice, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA, keeping your taxable income lower. Contact your financial planner and tax advisor about using a QCD to tithe to the parish. Thank you!

## REMINDER

### St. Monica's Fellowship Monthly Potluck

As is tradition, there will be no potluck in December. Our next gathering will be on the third Wednesday of the month, **January 21, at noon**.

*Wishing you a blessed Advent season!*

### The Organ Music in Today's Liturgy

Today is "Gaudete Sunday," so-called because of the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: Gaudete (Rejoice!). The moods of the readings and prayers are decidedly different from the other Sundays in this penitential season of Advent, and the music for the prelude and the postlude are allowed to reflect that fact. The prelude consists of three short fugues from the collection of "Fugues on the *Magnificat*" by German Baroque composer Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), all using melodies set to the words from the Blessed Virgin Mary's song of joy and praise: the *Magnificat* (even though that is not a part of today's readings). The postlude is an energetic paraphrase of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* by the great American organist and composer of sacred music, Robert J. Powell (1932-2025).



### Taizé Prayer Service

Sunday, December 28, 5 PM - 6 PM

Come to Immaculate Heart Retreat Center for a Taizé Evening Hour of Prayer. The music of Taizé is uniquely beautiful and strikes a note that touches the core of one's inner being. Please join us for an hour of contemplative prayer and song.

Taizé is a small ecumenical community in the eastern part of France near the Swiss border. The purpose was to create a community based upon the love of Christ, simple in nature, and welcoming to all.

Questions? Please contact Andi at 509-995-0987. Donations accepted.



### 2026 Monthly Calendars

You will find 2026 monthly calendars at the entrances of the church. Be sure and take one! These are provided at no cost to the parish by Holy Cross Funeral & Cemetery Services.



### Annual Catholic Appeal

DIOCESE OF SPOKANE 2025

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports Bishop Daly and the important work of the Diocese of Spokane. As Catholics, we are called to share our time, talent, and treasure. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to support the works of the diocese. Your donation supports Catholic Schools, Priest Retirement, Seminary Formation and more.

St. Augustine has a long-standing history of reaching its goal. Donations can be made by using the envelopes at the church entrances or through the diocesan website.

**Parish Goal: \$100,378**

**Donated to Date: \$89,965 (89.6%)**

The diocese and parish are grateful for your support.

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### Funeral Mass for Shirley Lewis

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Shirley Lewis, age 81, a devoted and longtime member of St. Augustine Parish. Shirley passed away peacefully on October 29, 2025, surrounded by loving husband, James Lewis, their six children, and their families.

Please keep Shirley's family in your prayers during this time of loss. May she rest in the peace.

A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, December 29, at 11AM, at St. Augustine Parish.

### STEWARDSHIP

December 7, 2025

**Offertory: \$17,103**

Month to Date: \$17,103

Fiscal Year to Date: \$168,844

**Poor: \$420**

Month to Date: \$420

Fiscal Year to Date: \$8,055

**Guatemala Mission: \$125**

Month to Date: \$125

Fiscal Year to Date: \$2,386

*Thank you to all who have signed up for regular online weekly or monthly giving. Simply sign up online or contact the parish office. It's easy to do!*

