

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
DECEMBER 21, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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
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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 20

Vigil Mass 4:30 PM †Katherine Foster Duncan

Sunday, December 21

Mass 9 AM †Anne LeGendre Armstrong
Mass 11 AM *Pro Populo*

Monday, December 22

Mass 8:15 AM †Brooke Helm Duncan, Jr.

Tuesday, December 23

No Mass

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Masses
4 PM †Jean Walker
7 PM Robert E Craven
10 PM

Thursday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Mass 9 AM *Pro Populo*

Friday, December 26

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

Mass 8:15 AM †Ted Kerst

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 ProvinSal 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

**PLEASE
NOTE...**

~ Schedule Changes ~

Mass Schedule

There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday, December 23, or Tuesday, December 30.

Religious Education/Sacramental Prep

Due to Christmas break, there will be no Religious Education or Sacramental Prep classes on Sunday, December 21, or Sunday, December 28.



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

Because of your kindness and eagerness to help, 130 children will feel the joy and warmth of your generosity this Christmas season. Below is a picture of just some of the gifts that were shared this year. Thank you for opening your hearts so beautifully!



Taizé Prayer Service

Sunday, December 28, 5 PM - 6 PM



Come to IHRC 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.

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.

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!



Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, December 24

4 PM with Cantor, Organ, Woodwinds, & Violin
7 PM with Cantor, Choir, Organ, & Brass Quartet
10 PM with Cantor, Piano, & Cello

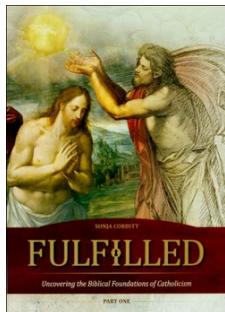
Christmas Day Mass

Thursday, December 25

9 AM with Cantor, Organ, & Brass Quartet

The Organ Music in Today's Liturgy

St. Ambrose of Milan (339-397)—Doctor of the Church and spiritual mentor to St. Augustine—wrote the beautiful hymn *Veni redemptorum gentium* (Come, Redeemer of the nations), which is used in the Liturgy of the Hours during latter part of Advent. Its text, and its plainchant setting, were adapted into the hymn we know as “Savior of the Nations, Come.” The German version, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, has given inspiration to today’s prelude and postlude. The former is an introspective setting by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); the latter is a solemn and majestic setting by Paul Siefert (1586-1666). If you would like to know more, please ask Joseph Schubert, the organist.



Seven-Week Bible Study

January 5—February 16

Mondays, 5:30–7PM, Pearson Hall

“Fulfilled Pt. I: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism”

This seven-part series on the Old Testament origins of our ancient faith. It includes a video-based discussion with a workbook. Parishioner, Todd DeGabriele, will be the facilitator, Fr. Nicks will be attending the first session to introduce the series.

To register, please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. To order the materials, visit www.staugustinespokane.com, where you will find a link. As the materials can take up to seven days to arrive, please order them by Sunday, December 28.

If you have questions or need assistance registering, please contact Carol in the parish office.



Annual Catholic Appeal

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St. Augustine Parish is \$9,813 shy of its goal of \$100,378 for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. We are grateful to those who have donated. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, please consider doing so by using the envelopes at the church entrances or at www.dioceseofspokane.org.

Parish Goal: \$100,378

Donated to Date: \$90,565 (90.2%)

The diocese and parish are grateful for your support.

Funeral Mass for Shirley Lewis



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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

December 14, 2025

Offertory: \$6,404

Month to Date: \$23,507

Fiscal Year to Date: \$175,248

Poor: \$100

Month to Date: \$520

Fiscal Year to Date: \$8,155

Guatemala Mission: \$35

Month to Date: \$160

Fiscal Year to Date: \$2,421

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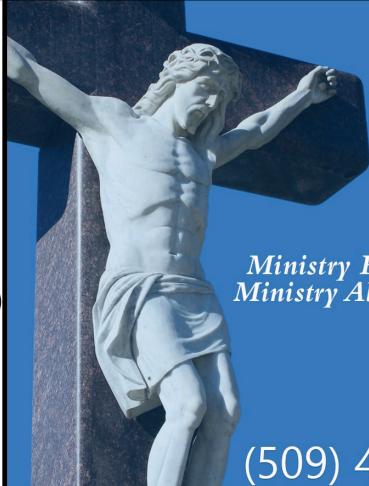
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