

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
DECEMBER 28 2025
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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
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Robin Sparrow, Hospitality Coordinator
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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 27

Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist
Vigil Mass 4:30 PM †Tobin Armstrong

Sunday, December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Mass 9 AM All couples celebrating anniversaries in the month of December
Mass 11 AM *Pro Populo*

Monday, December 29

Mass 8:15 AM †Rev. Canon William Steven Turner, Jr

Tuesday, December 30

No Mass

Wednesday, December 31

Mass 8:15 AM †Msgr. John Joseph Patrick Aherne

Thursday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass 11 AM *Pro Populo*

Friday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

Mass 8:15 AM

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Janie Alsup, Kristen Baxter, Althea Beaver, James Bennett, Ray Birgenheier, 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 Provinual 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.

Please Note...

There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 30. The Solemnity of Mary Mass will be at 9AM on Thursday, January 1.

Religious Education/Sacramental Prep Reminder

Due to Christmas break, there will be no Religious Education or Sacramental Prep classes on Sunday, December 28. Class will resume on January 4.



~ A Christmas Message ~

As we celebrate the miracle of Christ's birth, may the peace of the newborn King fill your hearts and homes. We are grateful for your presence and prayers.

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a New Year of grace and joy.*

Helping to Make the Season Bright! Our Very Own Rick & Robin Sparrow

Here is Rick, our acolyte, as St. Nicholas at St Joseph, and Rick with Robin, our parish hospitality director, volunteering at one of dozens of events each season! "We always thank the Lord and Msgr. Mee for our Santa gigs! It is something we look forward to every year."



3rd Annual Winter Life Gala for Young Adults Saturday, January 31, 2026 5PM–9PM, Steam Plant Black-tie Event with Dinner, Drinks & a Raffle

Come join us for an elegant, black-tie evening to support a local pro-life, nonprofit, Rachel's Vineyard Spokane, whose mission is to provide a safe space for men and women to renew and redeem hearts broken by abortion.

This event is for younger generations (ages 18-39) to hear more about this special organization and get involved. Please visit www.winterlifegala.com.

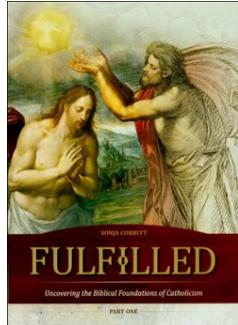


Solemnity of Mary

~ Holy Day of Obligation ~
Thursday, January 1
9AM Mass

The Organ Music in Today's Liturgy

The Austrian carol *Stille nacht* (Silent Night) was written as a last-minute solution to a malfunctioning pipe organ. A simple piece was needed for the choir to sing with the only available instrument—a guitar. And so the parish priest supplied the lyrics, and the church's organist wrote the music. It has become probably the most widely known and cherished of carols, and is used for two contrasting settings by Calvin Hampton (1938-1984) and John Carter (b. 1930) in today's prelude. The postlude is a fugue and chorale fantasia by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) based upon the German carol *Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her* (From Heaven Above to Earth He Came). Pachelbel's organ and choral music was highly influential in the development of musical style in the German Baroque. 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 materials, visit our website at 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.

You will also need to bring your bible to class.

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



Annual Catholic Appeal

DIOCESSE OF SPOKANE 2025

St. Augustine has reached its goal for this year's ACA! We are grateful to those who have assisted the parish efforts to support the diocese. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, it's not too late. When the parish exceeds its goal, it receives the overage in the form of a rebate. Donations can be made online at www.dioceseofspokane.org or by using the envelopes at the entrances of the church.

Parish Goal: \$100,378

Donated to Date: \$100,378 (100%)

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.

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!

STEWARSHIP

December 21, 2025

Offertory: \$16,588
Month to Date: \$33,691
Fiscal Year to Date: \$185,432

Poor: \$1,106
Month to Date: \$1,526
Fiscal Year to Date: \$9,161

Guatemala Mission: \$10
Month to Date: \$135
Fiscal Year to Date: \$2,396

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Colossians 3:23

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