



Church of St. Augustine



St. Mary's Cathedral



St. John Cantius Church

September 6, 2020 ✦ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Church of St. Augustine

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Masses

Sun 9:00 am
Thurs - Fri 8:30 am

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Sun 7:30 am and 10:45 am
Tues - Wed 8:30 am

St. Mary's Cathedral

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Masses

Sat 5:00 pm (vigil)
Sun 9:30 am and 6:00 pm
Mon - Sat 7:00 am
Mon - Fri 12:05 pm
Mon - Thu 5:30 pm

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Hearts Open to the Correction that Leads to Communion

Dear friends,

As we transition from our Summer Schedules to our School Schedules, we might've hoped for a rather consoling set of Scriptures to live by this week. With heightened political and social tensions, we long for a spiritual salve. Instead, while the Word of God is always meant to build up the Body of Christ, we receive some piercing texts. Our Scriptures are a call to conversion - and not just ours alone - but a charitable correction of those around us. Uffda! It's like returning home from a full day's work, only to be called upon to deliver some direct correction to those that you love. It takes strength from above.

Just so, the Lord is calling us to be his instrument to help our husband or wife, son or daughter, mother or father, friend, boss, employee, pastor — anyone whose conduct is clearly not what the Lord wants it to be. If he or she is lying, or cheating, or stealing, or cursing, or setting bad example, or gossiping, the Lord is counting on us, like he counted on Ezekiel in today's first reading, to speak to them about it and ask them to change. How do we do this? The particular means should vary from person to person, but there are a few general rules:

First, we should pray for the person and ask the Lord to help us see how best to communicate his truth to him or her. The best way might be to approach with a sense of humor, or to write a letter if the other would be too defensive face-to-face. But prayer must come first, to make sure that we try to see the situation as God sees it, and the other person as God does. Prayer will also help us to become sure that we're making the correction about something that the Lord wants rather than merely something that will please us. In prayer we can also ask God to soften the other's heart to receive his correction through us, so that, as we prayed in the Responsorial Psalm, if today the person hears God's voice, his or her heart may not be hardened. As part of our prayerful discernment, it will also be wise for us to consult someone else, a trusted friend or mentor, or someone discreet who might know the other well before we make it to get another perspective.

The second general rule the saints propose to us is to make some small sacrifices for the person, like fasting. As Jesus teaches us in the Gospel, some demons are cast out "only by prayer and fasting" (Mt 17:21; Mk 9:29). Sacrificing for the other person also helps to do everything we're doing out of true love for them.

Third, we should act at a time and in a manner that is most appropriate. Sometimes the person will respond humbly and well; at other times the person will be defensive. We should be conscious of our tone and try to make the correction as meekly and lovingly as we can, so that the other person realizes that our goal is not to make a point or to win an argument but to win a brother or sister. The point is not that one be right and the other wrong, but that both win by being brought into greater loving communion with Jesus. We should seek to express it in the most effective way, directly, tenderly and clearly. We shouldn't be vague. We shouldn't get lost in generalizations, "Sometimes people use foul language." We should be plain.

Pope Francis, in particular, encourages us to make fraternal corrections, to the extent possible, in a positive way, pointing out not so much what shouldn't be done but rather what we can do better. We should indicate the positive and attractive value, showing the beauty of a life of virtue and wisdom, which can help them better understand the rejection of evils that endanger their life and harm others, liberate them from pessimism and negativity and fill them with hope.

We all need hope. Christ desires to give it. Even if we don't see today's Scripture as the hopeful message we'd desire, God can bring great communion from the courageous choice to invite people higher. To accompany them through patient, charitable correction and model the Christian life by receiving the correction God sends our way.

With you on the journey, Fr. Scott

Our Parishes



Feast of St. Cloud and Labor Day Mass

The Feast of St. Cloud and Labor Day will be celebrated on the same date this year - Monday, September 7. We will gather together as

one faith community to celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 8:30 am. This is the only Mass that day. Please note that this is also a staff holiday. Enjoy your Labor Day!

Several weekend Mass options available

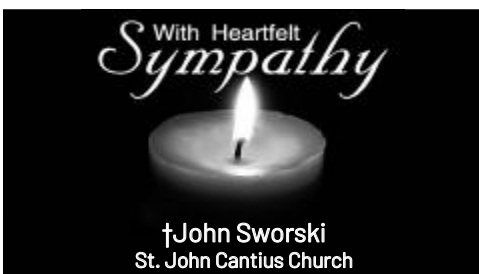
Live streamed and prerecorded Masses are available each Sunday for those who are not comfortable or unable to attend Mass in person. St. Augustine's 9:00 am Mass is live streamed. The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral is recorded and posted shortly thereafter. You will also find worship aids online so you can follow along. The dispensation from the Sunday obligation continues to be in place. Check out links to online Mass on our parish websites:

- ◆ staugus.com
- ◆ stjohncantius.org
- ◆ stmarystcloud.org

Faith Formation registration is open

The six parishes of our ACC (Area Catholic Community) are teaming up for Faith Formation this year to provide even more options for your family to be built up in faith! For details and to register, please visit our new ACC Faith Formation website:

allcalledtochrist.org. Let Nikki know if you have any questions!



Office availability

Although our offices are not open to drop in visitors at this time, you can still reach us with any questions, concerns, or to schedule Masses. Please contact us by phone or email.

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Thank you for the prayers

Thank you to all our prayer line members who faithfully pray for the special needs of parishioners, relatives and friends in need of support. God hears and answers our prayers in wonderful ways! If you would like to be part of our prayer line team, or have a request for prayer support, please call your parish office: Stacy (St. Augustine) 251-8335
Lucy (St. John Cantius) 251-4455
Kelly (St. Mary's Cathedral) 251-1840 x0

Food Drive successful

Thank you to all who donated food and nonperishable items for the food shelf on August 30. What a great way to celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine! We collected **424 pounds of food**. The food shelf was very thankful.



Parish Contributions

St. Augustine

Envelopes/Plate	\$4,467.00
Weekly Goal	\$11,830.00
Difference	(\$7,363.00)

St. John Cantius

Adult	\$2,294.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,880.00
YTD Actual	\$23,873.00
YTD Budget	\$25,920.00
YTD Difference	(\$2,047.00)

St. Mary's Cathedral

Envelopes/Plate	\$6,590.00
Weekly Goal	\$10,300.00
Difference	(\$3,710.00)

Calling all men

All men are invited to share an hour of reflection in prayer and reading of the Gospel with other men each Saturday morning from 8:00 - 9:00 in the Mary Center of St. Mary's Cathedral. Friends from other parishes are also welcome! This group is led by Deacon Mike Benda.

Baptism preparation

Are you planning to have a child baptized in the coming months? Baptism preparation classes are held on the first Saturday of each month at the Mary Center (St. Mary's Cathedral). The course consists of three sessions: two with Deacon John Wocken and one with a mentor couple. The preparation course must be completed before your child's baptism. Please call the parish office for times and location.

Our Week



MASSES

INTENTIONS

READINGS

MON 9/7	Feast of St. Cloud and Labor Day		
**special time	8:30 am	SMC	† Stanley Theisen
TUE 9/8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
	7:00 am	SMC	Laura Christen
	8:30 am	SJC	† Marilyn Sworski
	12:05 pm	SMC	Cathy and Regis LaFleur
	5:30 pm	SMC	† Joanne Carlin
WED 9/9	St. Peter Claver, Priest		
	7:00 am	SMC	† Fayola Gaspar
	8:30 am	SJC	†† Joyce and Louie Dinndorf
	12:05 pm	SMC	† Javier Sanmiguel
	5:30 pm	SMC	† Wanda Christen
THU 9/10			
	7:00 am	SMC	†† Clarence and Lou Jonas
	8:30 am	CSA	† Arnold Family
	12:05 pm	SMC	Rob and Melissa LaFleur Family
	5:30 pm	SMC	† Chris Turner
FRI 9/11	Patriot Day		
	7:00 am	SMC	† Shirley Westphal
	8:30 am	CSA	† Tammy Cashman
	12:05 pm	SMC	Conversion of Sinners
SAT 9/12	The Most Holy Name of Mary		
	7:00 am	SMC	† Poor Souls
	5:00 pm	SMC	† Joanne Carlin
SUN 9/13	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	7:30 am	SJC	Charles Olmschenk Jr. & †David Olmschenk
	9:00 am	CSA	† Mary Weihrauch
	9:30 am	SMC	End to Abortion in Our Country
	10:45 am	SJC	† Parishioners of the Parishes
	6:00 pm	SMC	Intention of the Celebrant

MON 9/7	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
TUE 9/8	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
WED 9/9	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
THU 9/10	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
FRI 9/11	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4. 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
SAT 9/12	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
SUN 9/13	Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Pray the Rosary

St. Augustine

8:30 am Sunday before Mass
12:00 pm daily in the prayer garden

St. John Cantius

20 minutes before
weekday &
weekend
Masses

St. Mary's Cathedral
6:30 am Monday -
Saturday



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

SAT 9/12	8:00 am	SMC	Men's Prayer Group (Mary Ctr.)
	9:00 am	SMC	Baptism Class (Mary Ctr.)

LITURGICAL ROLES St. John Cantius

SUN 9/13

7:30 am Mass	10:45 am Mass
Lector: George Sjogren	Lector: Mike Rydberg
Communion: Carol Ringwelski	Communion: Dcn. Frank Ringsmuth
Ushers: Jim Graham, Jim Willis	Ushers: Mike Ruff, Jim Schwartz

CSA—Church of St. Augustine | SJC—St. John Cantius | SMC—St. Mary's Cathedral

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Augustine
Thur 9:00 - 4:00 pm

St. Mary's Cathedral
Tues 1:00 - 5:15 pm



Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Augustine
Thurs 7:45 am

St. Mary's Cathedral
Thur 4:30 pm
Fri 4:30 pm
Sat 6:00 pm



Our Community

Two must see movies on Formed



Molokai

To deal with the leprosy problem in the Hawaiian Islands in 1872, sufferers were relentlessly exiled to Molokai, a barren isle off the coast. There they lived in miserable surroundings, abandoned by the outside world. To alleviate their fate, Father Damien was the first priest to go to Molokai. His bishop's last words were that "he must not touch anyone." Little by little, Damien earned the trust of the lepers, and eventually, his appeals for nuns and supplies resonated throughout the world, much to the displeasure of his superiors. Even when Damien got sick himself, his energy did not abate, and he carried on working for the well-being of his "fellow lepers" to the end.

Mother Teresa

In an acclaimed film portrayal, Olivia Hussey illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor. The movie examines the fundamental moments of Mother Teresa's life from her childhood in Albania in the 1920s to her first calling as a nun, the decision to leave her order and live with the poorest of the poor, the challenges of founding the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity, and her great work of service in Calcutta and the rest of the world.



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ARE CATHOLICS ALLOWED TO DONATE THEIR ORGANS?

Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any

essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this

assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable

manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86).

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FREE WILL, THOUGH
IT MAKES EVIL POSSIBLE,
IS ALSO THE ONLY THING
THAT MAKES POSSIBLE
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