

St. Augustine Catholic Church

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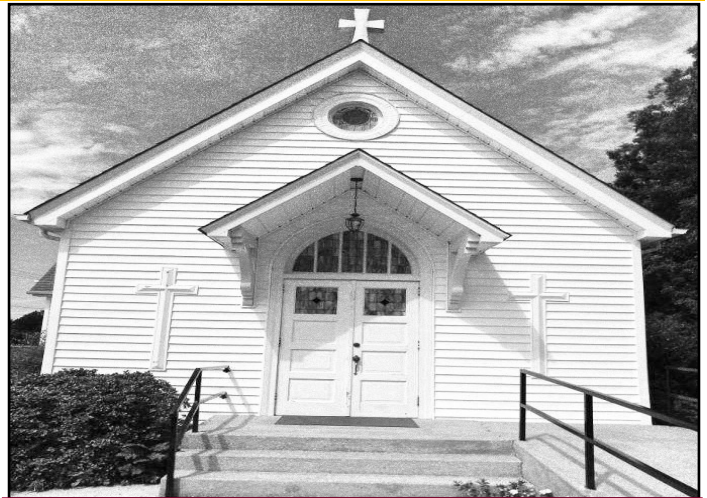
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Sacred Heart Parish Gaffney SC



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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY: 1:00PM to 5:00PM

WEDNESDAY: CLOSED

THURSDAY: 1:00PM TO 5:00PM

FRIDAY: CLOSED

For emergencies e-mail jtouzeau@charlestandiocese.org

Welcome to Our Church

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time. If you attend Sacred Heart regularly and consider this your parish, please take the time to **register** using the forms in the office or the website www.sacredheartgaffney.org. You **must** be an **Active Member** in order to have a child baptized, to receive a sacrament, to be married, to be a sponsor, etc. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE ANY CHANGES.**

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP (Precepts of the Church)

is defined as:

1. Registered in the parish for a sufficient length of time. (6 months)
2. Attend Mass on **Sundays** and **Holy Days of Obligation** and rest from servile labor.
3. Confess your sins at least once a year.
4. Receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.
5. Observe the days of fasting & abstinence established by the Church.
6. Help to provide for the needs of the Church.

Holy Days of Obligation

In the Catholic Church, Holy Days of Obligation are the days on which the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They also abstain from unnecessary works, "which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body." (Canon 1247 of the Code of Canon Law).

All Sundays are obligatory for the faithful to participate in the Mass.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm Bilingual

6:00 pm Saint Augustine-Union

Sunday

10:00 am English

12:00 noon Spanish

Daily Masses (Church)

Monday 12 noon Saint Augustine-Union

5:00 pm English

7:00 pm Spanish

Tuesday 12 noon English

Wednesday 8:00 am English

Thursday 7:00 pm Spanish

Friday 8:00 am English / 7:00 pm Spanish

Confession: Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Tuesday thru Friday by appointment

Adoration: Wednesday: 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

1st Friday: 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

The Catholic Church is committed to respect for the dignity of each human person. Acts of sexual exploitation or abuse, particularly against children or the vulnerable, will not be tolerated by the Diocese of Charleston.

DECEMBER 7, 2025 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS Intentions

† = in memory of

Saturday	Dec 6	9 am	Lauro G. Hernández
Saturday	Dec 6	4 pm	Parishioners
Saturday	Dec 6	6 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	Dec 7	10 am	†Elizabeth Méndez
Sunday	Dec 7	12 pm	†Efigenia Estrada Morales
Monday	Dec 8	12 pm	Parishioners
Monday	Dec 8	5 pm	Manuel & Nereida Cividanes
Monday	Dec 8	7 pm	Parishioners
Tuesday	Dec 9	12 md	†Eleanor Dahlquist
Wednesday	Dec 10	8 am	†Ruby Marie Higgins †Jean Garrett
Thursday	Dec 11	7 pm	Lauro G. Hernández
Friday	Dec 12	8 am	†Crispin Perez †Juana Toledano †Eugenia Yañez †Inés Pérez
Saturday	Dec 13	4 pm	†Daniel Lee Angus
Saturday	Dec 13	6 pm	Parishioners

Today's Readings

Reading 1, Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm, 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Reading 2, Romans 15:4-9
Gospel, Matthew 3:1-12

Daily Readings

Monday Reading 1, Genesis 3:9-15, 20

Psalm, 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Reading 2, Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Gospel, Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday Reading 1, Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm, 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13

Gospel, Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday Reading 1, Isaiah 40:25-31

Psalm, 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10

Gospel, Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday Reading 1, Isaiah 41:13-20

Psalm, 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab

Gospel, Matthew 11:11-15

Friday Reading 1, Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Psalm, Judith 13:18bcde, 19

Gospel, Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Saturday Reading 1, Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Psalm, 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Gospel, Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

~ NEW LOCATION ~

St. Augustine's Ladies Guild is continuing to recycle aluminum cans but with a **NEW LOCATION**. Please place cans in the trailer in the parking lot across the street. We will be sharing proceeds with the Scouts. Thanks to all who participate!



~ Offertory ~



COLLECTION 11/22 \$ 359.00

COLLECTION 11/29 \$ 237.00

~THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY ~

When there is more than one collection, please write separate checks. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please do not roll or fold the bills.



**Be generous in giving
and grateful in receiving.**

www.sacredheartgaffney.org

Offertory Guidelines

If you donate only 5% of your total family income to the church, this is how much you would be giving:

Annual Income (After taxes) Offertory per week

\$30,000.00 \$30.00

\$50,000.00 \$50.00

\$75,000.00 \$70.00

2nd Collection for Buildings & Maintenance Fund

every 1st Sunday of the month (Blue Envelope)

White with Red border envelopes are for Regular Offertory

Colored Envelopes are for Holy Days & Special Diocesan Collections

Flocknote messages
are **for information**
only, please do not
respond in the app.



Call the office or email
parish staff for
further assistance.

Pray for Our Sick & Shut-in



Rev. James Touzeau, Michael Bassier, Bill Bower, Bev & Roman Camacho, Rayna Lynn Camacho, MaryAnn Forder, Jimmy Garrido, Ju Hyeon Kim, Rita Lowe, Leone Hunter, Kanani Lodge Lynn, Evelyn San Nicolas, John Aaron Turner, Johnny Velasquez, Beckham Waters, Rita & Gary Cooper and all parishioners in need of prayers.

To request a name be "added to" or "taken off" the list, Please contact the parish office by e-mail:

rodriguez@charlestondiocese.org

Prayer list is also available in the website:
www.sacredheartgaffney.org

St. Augustine Church Parish Life

December | Evangelize with Symbols of our Faith

Use Church seasonal symbols to invite someone to parish events, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, las Posadas, Nativity plays or other parish festivities.



St. Augustine Lector Schedule

December

6—Leo/ Dilly
13—Nestor
20—Jean
24—Grace
27—Dilly

Thank you for your support of this ministry. If you cannot read on your assigned Saturday, please make arrangements for someone to take your place.

Thanks & Blessings



PROCLAIM THE FAITH YEAR 1 STUDY GUIDES

Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.

DECEMBER 2025

SCRIPTURE

Read Ephesians 4:17-24

REFLECT:

1. This passage from Ephesians discusses renewed life in Christ. Why is it important for us, as Christians, to constantly seek renewal? What does this renewal look like?
2. This passage contrasts life in Christ with "former" ways of life, outside of life in Christ. What is the difference that Christ makes in our own lives? How does that affect how we act outwardly?
3. In what follows this passage in Ephesians, we are told about forms of renewal in both individual and family life. What does it mean as communities and as families to seek renewal in Christ?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Chapter 3

St. Paul teaches us that every family receives its name from God (Eph 3:15). The family, therefore, is sacred. Every good thing passes through the family. The first place where evangelization occurs is in the family. As such, our *Via Fidelis* is about honoring, supporting and walking with the Christian family.

The Second Vatican Council teaches us that "the family, is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them, fostering with special care vocation to a sacred state" (*Lumen Gentium*, #11).

As a Church, we place a special emphasis on praying for the families of our diocese and we dedicate them to the Holy Family. In our *Via Fidelis*, our Office of Family Life will continue to support and encourage the Christian family through its events and programs.

In our *Via Fidelis*, I call upon all the faithful of the diocese to invite friends and family members to come back to Mass. I encourage you to be open to difficult conversations as you walk with loved ones and work to bring them back home. We all need to show patience as we seek to evangelize and welcome back those who have fallen away, especially those who are dear to us.

REFLECT:

1. In this passage, the bishop discusses the importance of the family in evangelization. Why is the family so important in this regard? How can we respond to this vision in our own lives?
2. The bishop here cites the Second Vatican Council and its description of the family as the Domestic Church. What do you think the Council means by this designation? How does this Domestic Church fit into the life of the local Church and that of the Universal Church?
3. At the end of this selection, the bishop asks us to invite our fallen away Catholic friends and family back to Church. What might this invitation look like? Can you think of anyone to whom you would like to extend this invitation?

charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis



Volunteer Sign Up



If you wish to serve in a ministry (Ushers, Sacristans, Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Cleaning, Catechism, money counter, finance committee, etc) contact the office for more information.

If you are a volunteer and you are not sure if your paperwork is up to date please go to www.virtus.org and login to your account to verify your status.

EVERY MEMBER IN A MINISTRY NEEDS TO FILL THE VOLUNTEER PAPERWORK IN ORDER TO SERVE.

Diocese of Charleston News & Events



Holy Days & Special Days Mass Schedule 2025-26

Thursday, November 27, 2025
THANKSGIVING
9:00 am Sacred Heart (bilingual)
Monday, December 8, 2025
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
12:00 noon St. Augustine
5:00 pm Sacred Heart English
7:00 pm Sacred Heart Spanish
Friday, December 12, 2025
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
7:00 pm Sacred Heart Spanish
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
4:00 pm Sacred Heart (bilingual)
6:00 pm St. Augustine
Thursday, December 25, 2025
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
9:00 am Sacred Heart (bilingual)
Wednesday, December 31, 2025
VIGIL SOLEMNITY OF MARY
4:00 pm Sacred Heart (bilingual)
6:00 pm St. Augustine
Thursday, January 1, 2026
SOLEMNITY OF MARY
9:00 am Sacred Heart (bilingual)

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator in your diocese is:

Kristin Eyre, MSW, LISW-CP
(843)856-0748 OR (800) 921-8122:

We want to welcome
Deacon Henry de Mena
to our parish!



Come and See The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)

A Way of Life for Everyday Disciples

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with Christ? Do you admire the joy, simplicity, and love of St. Francis of Assisi? If so, the **Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)** may be for you!

Who We Are:

The OFS is a worldwide community of lay men and women, single, married, or ordained, who live the Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis. While remaining in their everyday jobs and families, Secular Franciscans seek to bring peace, joy, and care for creation into the world.

What We Do:

Grow in prayer and fraternity
Live simply in a busy world
Serve the Church and those in need
Care for God's creation
Follow the Gospel with the heart of Francis
Where - St Paul the Apostle Parish Center,
Spartanburg, SC
Please call Paula 269/626-4205



St. Augustine's
Christmas party
December 6th after Mass.
The Ladies Guild will provide
pizza.
Parishioners are asked to
bring Christmas cookies to
share.
All are invited.