

Whidbey Island Family of Catholic Churches *St. Augustine · St. Mary · St. Hubert*

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Mass Times

Sat. 5:00 pm - St. Augustine
 Sat. 5:00 pm - St. Hubert
 Sun. 8:00 am - St. Augustine
 Sun. 9:00 am - St. Hubert
 Sun. 9:30 am - St. Augustine
 Sun. 11:15 am - St. Mary
 Mon. 9:00 am - St. Hubert
 Wed. 9:30 am - St. Augustine
 Wed. 10:30 am - St. Hubert
 Thur. 9:00 am - St. Hubert
 Thur. 9:30 am - St. Mary
 Fri. 9:00 am - St. Hubert
 Fri. 9:30 am - St. Augustine

Confessions

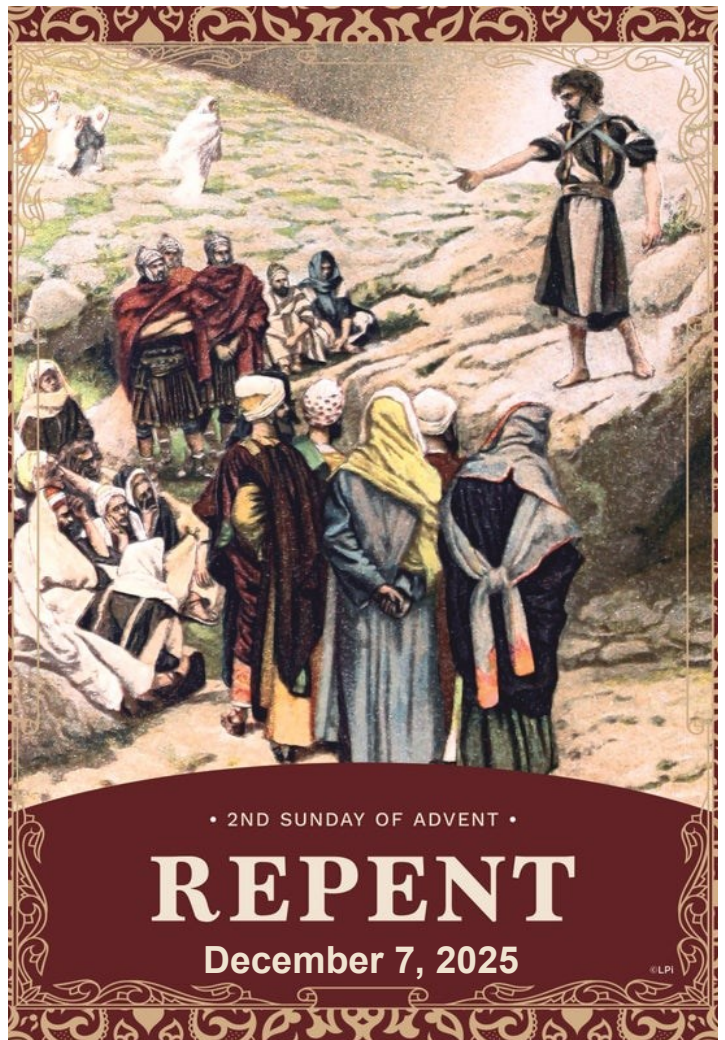
Saturday, 4:00 pm - St. Augustine
 Saturday, 4:00 pm - St. Hubert

St. Augustine/St. Mary Office Hours

Mon: Closed to the public
 Tues-Fri: 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm

St. Hubert Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:30am-4:30pm
 Friday: Closed to the Public



St. Augustine/St. Mary Parishes

information@staugustineoh.org (360)675-2303
 St. Augustine - 185 N. Oak Harbor Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
 St. Mary - 207 North Main Street, Coupeville, WA 98239
 Mailing Address - P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

St. Hubert Parish Office Hours

sthubert@whidbey.com (360)221-5383
 St. Hubert - 804 3rd Street, Langley, WA 98260
 Mailing Address - P.O. Box 388, Langley, WA 98260

St. Augustine

Dec 7	Sunday	8:00 am	Mass
		9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast-PH
		9:30 am	Mass (<i>Mark Feathers-RIP</i>)
		10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast-PH
Dec 8	Monday	4:30 pm	Agape Meal, PH
		6:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
Dec 9	Tuesday	4:00 pm	Special Sacraments CR 1-4
		6:00 pm	OCIA CR 1&2
Dec 10	Wednesday	9:30 am	Mass (<i>Raul Santos-RIP</i>)
		10:00 am	Divine Mercy/Adoration
		4:00 pm	RE K-5th Grade
		6:00 pm	Confessions, CH
		6:30 pm	RE 6-12th Grade
Dec 12	Friday	9:30 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Divine Mercy/Adoration
Dec 13	Saturday	4:00 pm	Confessions
		5:00 pm	Mass
Dec 14	Sunday	8:00 am	Mass
		9:00 am	Coffee & Donuts, PH
		9:30 am	Mass
		10:30 am	Coffee & Donuts, PH

St. Mary

Dec 7	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass
		12:15 pm	Christmas Bazaar, HH
Dec 8	Monday	12:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
Dec 11	Thursday	9:30 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Confessions, CH; Bible Study, HH
Dec 14	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass
		12:15 pm	Coffee & Conversation, HH

We Pray for Our Family

Bobby & Bibi Albornoz, Ruth Abrea, Fr. Larry Bailey, Allen & Dorothy Boreen,
 Linnie Ochoa-Brown, Jim Brady, Patrick Cantwell, Eileen Catalano, Robert Cipres,
 Paige Caldwell-Burkholder, Elfuel & Kathy Collantes, Christina Collings, Daniel Cook, Lois Coplea, Justin Day,
 Tomasa Dagdagan, Betsy Eidsmoe, Bob Ellis, Debbie Gallo, Lyn Geronimi, Chad Graves,
 Douglas Hammer, Lynn & Jerry Henricksen, Pat Hernandez, Donald Hubner, Teresa Jauregui,
 Marsha Kilgore, Laura Lafranchise, Carol LeClercq, Dennis & Priscilla Leighton, Phyllis Lund,
 Pat Magorrian, Martha McAllister, Alexandria Molt, Morris Nelson, John Palacio, Jasmine Patricio,
 Onee Hedeem & Richard Rezabek, Denise Robertson, Nancy & John Romanski, Lou & Lulu Santos,
 Jadwiga & Philippe Sebrechts, Dennis Sionson, Steven Spencer, Don Stubenrauch, Chuck Tollefson,
 Andy Valrosa, Edward Witt, Jacqueline Wolfe, Madeline Yakubchak, Karen Yount

Permission is required from the individual prior to adding their name to the prayer list. Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303

News and Events

- ⌘ Christmas Flowers donations are being accepted in the parish office or you may use a visitor envelope in the pew - please annotate "Christmas Flowers" on the envelope or check memo line.
- ⌘ Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday, December 7 after both Masses in St. Augustine Parish Hall. Join us for hot pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. Bring the family, linger for fellowship, and celebrate Advent with full hearts (and full bellies)! Freewill offering is always appreciated.
- ⌘ The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day of Obligation – falls on Monday, December 8. Honor our Blessed Mother, conceived without original sin, at Mass: 12:00 noon at St. Mary (Coupeville) and 6:00 pm at St. Augustine (Oak Harbor). Come celebrate Mary's "yes" and God's marvelous grace!
- ⌘ The Women of St Mary's Annual Christmas Party is December 14. Please see Janet for tickets and more information. Janet Rojas 360-969-1609 or mjrojas@whidbey.net
- ⌘ Christmas Cheeseballs ready for pickup after all Masses on Dec 13-14. Order by Wed, Dec 10—call/text Theresa Frazer: 360-675-9840 or 206-992-8193.welcomed.
- ⌘ Little Blue Books of Prayers for Advent are available in the church or parish office. Books are \$2



Holiday Mass Schedule



Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Augustine

5:00 pm, Sat. Dec. 13

Simbang Gabi

St. Augustine

5:00 pm, Sat. Dec. 20

Christmas Eve

St. Augustine

6:00 pm and 9:00 pm, Wed. Dec. 24

Christmas Day

(Holy Day of Obligation)

9:30am at St. Augustine

12:00pm at St. Mary

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

5:00 pm Vigil, Tues. Dec. 31 at St. Augustine

12:00pm, Wed. Jan. 1 at St. Mary



ANGEL TREE GIFTS!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SELECTED A TAG OFF THE ANGEL TREE! PLEASE PLACE YOUR UNWRAPPED GIFTS INTO A GIFT BAG WITH THE ANGEL TAG SECURELY ATTACHED AND RETURN IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE (WEEKDAYS) OR VESTIBULE (WEEKENDS).

**GIFTS *MUST BE* RETURNED BY THE DECEMBER 14,
9:30 AM MASS.**

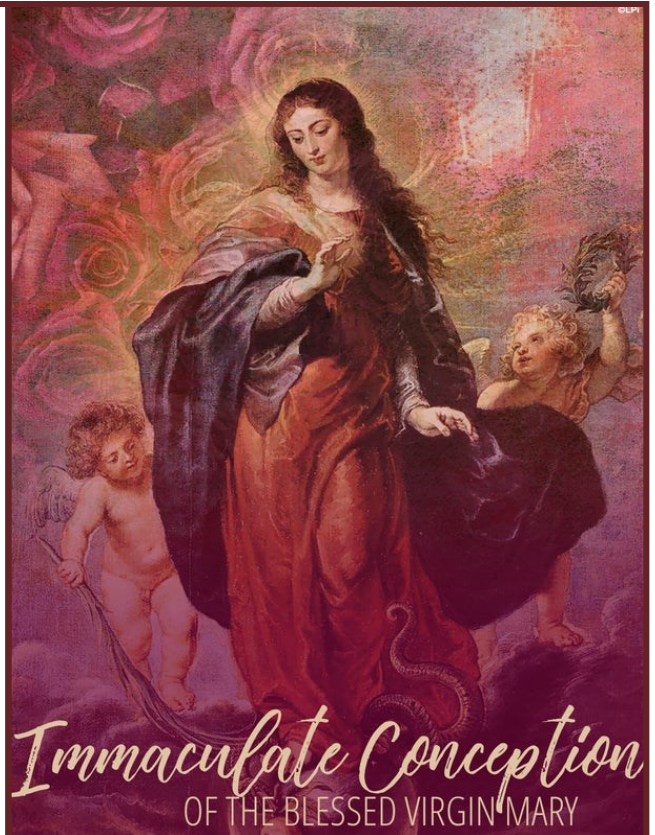
Sacraments

Baptisms:

- ∞ The next Baptism class is January 24, 2026. Registration is required for both class and baptism.
- ∞ The next available Baptism is January 24, 2026. *Please note, we only schedule 4 children per Baptism.*
- ∞ Parents and godparents are required to attend a baptism class prior to the child's baptism.
- ∞ Please contact Mary Waters at 360-215-3049 or adultff@staugustineoh.org for more information or to register for class.

Anointings:

- ∞ Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303 on Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00pm to request an anointing or last rites.
- ∞ After 4pm Tuesday-Friday or Saturday/Sunday, call the office at 360-675-2303 and listen to the message to receive the **emergency anointing or last rites only** phone number. *On any Monday*, please call another parish to request an anointing.



Tips and Etiquette

During Advent, we skip the joyful Alleluia before the proclamation of the Gospel to build a sense of longing for Jesus' birth. This custom comes from early monastic practices, creating a holy silence that makes the song's return at Christmas feel even more powerful. As we stand for the reading, we respect this quiet moment. It shows our faith and hope, calling us to wait for the Savior with hearts full of reverence.

Alleluia

Prayer for Vocations

O Lord, our advent Shepherd, You call us to prepare for Your coming. Plant in our hearts a desire for vocations—priesthood, religious life, or marriage. Give us courage to ready our lives for Your service. Guide us to the paths You have prepared with expectant hearts.

Fill us with zeal to proclaim Your arrival, purity to reflect Your light, and humility to welcome Your grace. May we, through Advent vigilance, answer Your call, lead others to Your manger, and find joy in serving You eternally.
Amen.

Saint Augustine

Weekly Expenses	\$ 13,090
October 26 Offering	\$ 24,487

Weekly Sacrificial Giving

Saint Mary

Weekly Expenses	\$ 2,962
October 26 Offering	\$ 1,445

We encourage you to use online giving. Links are on the parish websites.

Please include your envelope number on your giving. Mail donations to: P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

If you need your envelope number please call the parish office 360-675-2303. Thank you!



Savor THE Honey

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “**locusts and wild honey**” (**Mark 1:6**). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts. But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second.

And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it! John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

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Putting Faith into Action Across Western Washington

Addressing Homelessness with Compassion and Care

Across Washington state, homelessness continues to rise, with a 25% increase in our homeless population since 2022. Our neighbors experiencing homelessness deserve love, respect, and solutions. CCS provides comprehensive, innovative support to help our neighbors find long-term stability. Our Family Housing Network helps families like Michelle and Brent, who you read about in our most recent letter, quickly transition from homelessness to stable housing. This spring, our Junction Point shelter added 40 new pallet beds for adults experiencing homelessness. Junction Point resident Lisa says, "Junction Point is very uplifting — it gives you a reason to want to do better."

Stepping Up to Serve Critical Nutrition

As thousands of our neighbors across Western Washington lose access to federally funded SNAP benefits, CCS remains committed to serving our neighbors facing food insecurity with love and compassion. In July, we welcomed the Queen Anne Food Bank into our program network to ensure it has the support and resources it needs to continue its decades of impact. With CCS, the Food Bank has been able to remain a vital part of their community, serving an average of 125 people every weekday. For seniors facing food insecurity, our Home Delivered Meals program brings food right to their doorstep. One senior with the Home Delivered Meals program, Sarada, says, "Catholic Community Services is a godsend."

Providing Housing that is Stable, Affordable, and Permanent

Housing affordability is a growing problem in Western Washington. That's why CCS provides permanent affordable housing for our neighbors unable to otherwise access housing. Our housing sites are home to neighbors of all ages and backgrounds and include housing dedicated to families, farmworkers, people with disabilities, and veterans. One family living in farmworker housing is Maria, Daniel, and their two young sons. In a Catholic Housing Services home, they've finally found a safe place to raise their family. "Catholic Housing Services is a great help and made a big difference for our family," Daniel says.



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OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

2025 CCS APPEAL

FAITH IN ACTION

For more than a century, Catholic Community Services has been putting the Gospel values into action, serving our neighbors throughout Western Washington. Together, we are showing our love for our neighbors by stepping up for those who need us most.



2024 CCS Program Highlights



Last year, we served **113,279 neighbors** with **190 programs** made possible through the dedication of **4,074 staff members** and **2,059 volunteers**.



12 Family Centers serving **19 Western Washington counties** offered **60,310 people** access to diverse programs.



18,910 seniors and people with disabilities received in-home care totaling **2,162,153 hours of care**, supporting them to continue to live independently.



329,349 nights of shelter for our neighbors experiencing homelessness provided by our **36 shelters** and repurposed motels.



2,974 units of permanent housing across **64 properties**, providing a safe and stable home to **5,500 people**.



770,641 meals prepared for our neighbors facing food insecurity and hunger and **140,894 meals** delivered to seniors and people with disabilities in the comfort of their own homes.



1,165 immigrants and refugees supported with legal services.

This impact is made possible through the generous support of donors like you. Make a gift today that will transform lives at ccsww.org/donatenow.

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WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Volunteer:

Serve meals, help seniors, tutor youth, and more at ccsww.org/volunteer

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Donate:

Support our program network by making a gift at ccsww.org/donatenow

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Stay in Touch:

Get monthly updates about our impact at ccsww.org/join-us

4

Advocate:

Be a champion for those in need! Contact your local network builder at ccsww.org/advocacy

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Follow on Socials:

Be the first to get updates by following us [@ccsww](https://www.facebook.com/ccsww) on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

The Women of St. Mary

Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

December 6th, 2025

9:00am - 2:00pm



Come & Shop Local
for Your Christmas
Needs

The Women of St. Mary support many local charitable organizations with the funds raised such as Gifts from the Heart, Garage of Blessings, Spin Café, Prepares, CADA, Small Miracles, Hearts & Hammers, Homeless Coalition, Boys & Girls Club-Coupeville.

HAND-MADE CRAFTS
CHRISTMAS GIFTS & DECORATIONS
HOME-BAKED GOODIES



St. Mary Church 207 Main St. Coupeville