

# *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*

Wednesday, 6pm; Saturday, 4pm - St. Augustine  
 Thursday, 10:00 am - St. Mary  
 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

FEBRUARY 22, 2026



**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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### *St. Augustine/St. Mary Parishes*

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 St. Mary - 207 North Main Street, Coupeville, WA 98239  
 Mailing Address - P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

### *St. Hubert Parish*

[sthubert@whidbey.com](mailto: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

Feb 22	Sunday	8:00 am	Mass
		9:00 am	Coffee & Donuts, PH
		9:30 am	Mass ( <i>Ben &amp; Diana Manuel-INT; Caldwell Family-INT</i> )
		10:30 am	Coffee & Donuts, PH
Feb 23	Monday	10:00 am	Adult Faith Formation CR 1&2
		4:30 pm	Agape Meal, PH
		6:00 pm	Confirmation Class, CR 1&2
Feb 24	Tuesday	1:00 pm	FCCW, CR 3&4
		4:00 pm	Special Sacraments, CR 1,2,3&4
		6:00 pm	OCIA, CR 1&2 / KofC COR, PH
		7:00 pm	FCCW, CR 3&4
Feb 25	Wednesday	9:30 am	Mass ( <i>Char Cross-INT</i> )
		10:00 am	Divine Mercy/Adoration
		4:00 pm	RE, Grades K-5
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		6:30 pm	RE, Grades 6-12
Feb 27	Friday	9:30 am	Mass ( <i>Caldwell Family-INT</i> )
		10:00 am	Stations of the Cross
		5:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
		5:30 pm	Lenten Fish Fry, PH
Feb 28	Saturday	4:00 pm	Confessions
		5:00 pm	Mass ( <i>Madeleine Hedeem-RIP; Edilberto Verganio-INT</i> )
Mar 1	Sunday	8:00 am	Mass
		9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast, PH
		9:30 am	Mass ( <i>Hazel Boncodin-INT; Jude Nguyen-INT</i> )
		10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast, PH

## St. Mary

Feb 22	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass
		12:15 pm	Coffee & Conversation-HH
Feb 26	Thursday	9:30 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Confessions / Bible Study-CR
Feb 27	Friday	5:00 pm	Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper
Mar 1	Sunday	11:15 am	Mass
		12:15 pm	Coffee & Conversation-HH

**During Lent, we often focus on what we might give up, but there is another option - to give back! Have you ever thought of what *you* could give back to our parish?**

Liturgical ministries (Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Altar Server)      PREPARES  
 Prayer Garden      Agape Community Meal      Funeral Reception Committee  
 Religious Education Teachers & Assistants      Office Help      Coffee & Donuts  
 Pancake Breakfast      Altar Linens      Church Environment      Loaves&Fishes  
 Christmas Bazaar      Special Event Team (Setup/Break down/Clean up)

**Contact the office at [information@staugustineoh.org](mailto:information@staugustineoh.org) for information!**

## News and Events

- ∞ **All are welcome** to a Lenten Workshop based on the book *The Forgotten Way: The St. James Master Plan* by Matthew Kelly. Saturday, March 14, 10-2:30 PM at St. Mary's Harrington Hall. The book will be made available at no cost to you. Please pre-register by March 9 by contacting Shari Lowder: [whitebutterfly6597@gmail.com](mailto:whitebutterfly6597@gmail.com) Beverages provided. Please bring a sack lunch.
- ∞ **"The Wild Goose"** - was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. This 15-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka invites us to an encounter, or to a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. Join us beginning Monday, February 23, 10-11:30 am in classroom 1 & 2 at St. Augustine. Registration not required. Bring a friend!
- ∞ **Cor Formation Gathering: Embracing Suffering in Faith** - All men of the church are invited to the next Cor Formation Gathering as we explore the profound mystery of Suffering—how it unites us to Christ's Passion, purifies our hearts, and draws us closer to God's redemptive love. In a world filled with trials, discover the hope and strength found in offering our pain with Jesus on the Cross. Monday, February 24, 6-7:30pm in the St. Augustine's Hall. Bring your questions, your struggles, and your open heart. Light refreshments provided. Come grow in faith together!
- ∞ **Little Black Books** -This annual Lenten resource is available in the vestibule and credence table and going fast. A donation of \$2 per book is requested.
- ∞ **Cross of Burdens** - Place your prayers and burdens on the cross in the vestibule. The Religious Education students will be praying for you weekly, throughout Lent.
- ∞ **Easter Flower Donations** are now being accepted. Please write "Easter Flowers" on the envelope or check memo line.

**Coming Soon!** FCCW meeting (March 3), WOSM Meeting (March 5), Knights of Columbus Fatima Rosary (March 9), First Friday Pro-Life Vigil (March 6), WOSM Monthly Meeting (March 12)



Each Friday during Lent, join us in the St. Augustine parish hall after attending the 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross for delicious Fried Fish or Soup Supper. Fish will be served on 2/27, 3/13 & 27 and soup on 2/20, 3/6 & 20.

St. Mary will serve Soup Suppers each Friday during Lent after 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

## We Pray for Our Family

Bobby & Bibi Albornoz, Ruth Abrea, Fr. Larry Bailey, Carol Bercov, Allen & Dorothy Boreen, Lynnne Ochoa-Brown, Jim Brady, Patrick Cantwell, Eileen Catalano, Darren Ciria Cruz, Robert Cipres, Paige Caldwell-Burkholder, Elfuel & Kathy Collantes, Christina Collings, Daniel Cook, Justin Day, Tomasa Dagdagan, Doris Dean, Betsy Eidsmoe, Bob Ellis, Dave Frazer, 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, Delores Meisch, 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, Stan Thomas, Chuck Tollefson, Andy Valrosa, Edward Witt, Jacqueline Wolfe, Madeline Yakubchak

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

## Sacraments

### **Baptisms:**

- ⌘ The next Baptism class is April 25, 2026. Registration is required for both class and baptism.
- ⌘ The next available Baptism is May 9, 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](mailto:adultff@staugustineoh.org) for more information or to register for class.

### **Anointings:**

- ⌘ On any Monday, please call another parish to request an anointing.
- ⌘ 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.

## Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

### **Rite of Sending**

Sunday, February 22 at the 9:30 Mass

This celebration marks the beginning of the period of final preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Our Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and Candidates (those already baptized who seek full communion with the Catholic Church) will be sent forth with our prayers and blessings as they journey to the Rite of Election with Bishop Elizondo the following evening. Please keep them in your prayers during this sacred time of final preparation.

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## Tips and Etiquette

The Stations of the Cross is a cherished Catholic devotion that allows us to walk prayerfully with Jesus along the path to Calvary. As we move from station to station, we reflect on His suffering, sacrifice, and great love for us. Whether prayed privately or in community, especially on Fridays during Lent. This practice calls for reverence and quiet attention. Speak the prayers gently, pause in silence at each station, and allow the mystery of the Passion to touch your heart. By uniting our own trials with His, we grow in compassion, gratitude, and hope. This simple yet profound devotion draws us closer to the heart of Christ.

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## Prayer for Vocations

O Lord, our merciful Shepherd, You call us to love even our enemies and to be compassionate as You are compassionate. Plant in our hearts a deep desire for vocations, to the priesthood, religious life, or holy marriage. Give us the courage to follow You with generous and forgiving hearts. Fill us with zeal to serve Your people, purity to reflect Your love, and humility to show kindness to all. May we, through lives of mercy and self-giving, answer Your call, lead others to Your heart, and find lasting joy in serving You eternally. Amen. †

### Saint Augustine

Weekly Expenses	\$ 13,090
December 28 Offering	\$ 11,356

### *Weekly Sacrificial Giving*

### Saint Mary

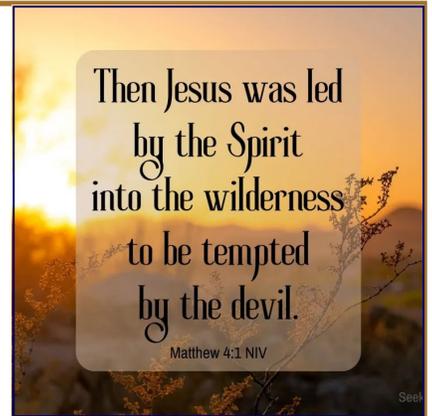
Weekly Expenses	\$ 2,962
December 28 Offering	\$ 1,314

### *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!

## *Name one “desert” into which the Spirit has led you*

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.



Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir

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