

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



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending
 my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way
 before you." - Mt 11:10

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St. Augustine/St. Mary Parishes

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 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

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 Mailing Address - P.O. Box 388, Langley, WA 98260

St. Augustine

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| Dec 14 | Sunday | 8:00 am | Mass |
| | | 9:00 am | Coffee & Donuts-PH |
| | | 9:30 am | Mass (<i>Edmundo Corrales, Jr.-RIP</i>) |
| | | 10:30 am | Coffee & Donuts-PH |
| Dec 15 | Monday | 4:30 pm | Agape Meal, PH |
| | | 6:00 pm | Confirmation Class CR 1 |
| | | 7:00 pm | FCCW CR 3&4 |
| Dec 16 | Tuesday | 4:00 pm | Special Sacraments CR 1-4 |
| | | 6:00 pm | OCIA CR 1&2 |
| Dec 17 | Wednesday | 9:30 am | Mass |
| | | 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 19 | Friday | 9:30 am | Mass |
| | | 10:00 am | Divine Mercy/Adoration |
| Dec 20 | Saturday | 4:00 pm | Confessions |
| | | 5:00 pm | Mass |
| Dec 21 | Sunday | 8:00 am | Mass |
| | | 9:00 am | Coffee & Donuts, PH |
| | | 9:30 am | Mass |
| | | 10:30 am | Coffee & Donuts, PH |

St. Mary

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| Dec 14 | Sunday | 11:15 am | Mass |
| | | 12:15 pm | Coffee & Conversation, HH |
| Dec 18 | Thursday | 9:30 am | Mass |
| | | 10:00 am | Confessions, CH; Bible Study, HH |
| Dec 21 | Sunday | 11:15 am | Mass |
| | | 12:15 pm | Coffee & Conversation, HH CANCELLED |

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.
- ⌘ Angel Tree Gifts can be returned to the parish office or dropped off in the vestibule after Masses this weekend. Please place the unwrapped gift into a gift bag with the angel securely attached.
- ⌘ Pro-Life Peace Vigil is Friday, January 2, 3:45-4:45 PM. Join us at SR 20 & Pioneer (near Woody's Car Wash/Verizon parking lot) for prayerful witness to life. Signs provided.
- ⌘ Christmas Cheeseballs ready for pickup after all Masses this weekend.
- ⌘ Little Blue Books of Prayers for Advent are available in the church or parish office. Books are \$2.
- ⌘ 2025 Tax-Deductible Contributions to St. Augustine and St. Mary need to be received no later than Dec 31, in order to be credited to you 2025 taxes.



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



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Men's Advent Call: Defend LIFE

Men of St. Augustine, please join us for a Men's Evening of Formation on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, 6:00–7:30 PM at St. Augustine Parish Hall. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's "Into the Breach," we'll explore spiritual leadership in defending life—from the womb to the elderly—through prayer, volunteering, and daily Rosary. Protect Christ in the vulnerable; all men welcome.

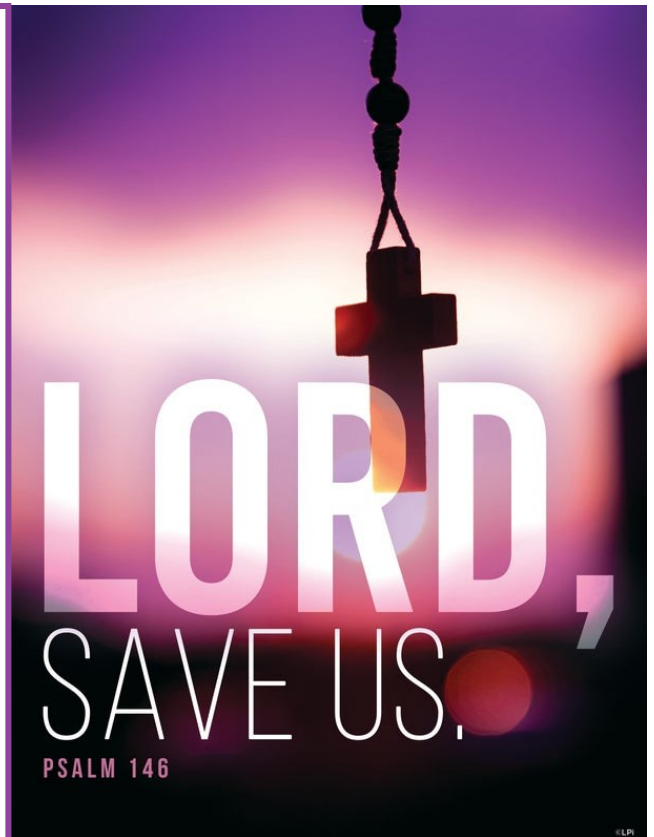
Sacraments

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



Tips and Etiquette

The third Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete Sunday,” This Mass invites a joyful pause amid penitential waiting. Rooted in medieval monastic traditions, it emphasizes rejoicing in Christ's near arrival, then calls us to deeper hope. As we gather, we honor this with uplifted hearts and prayers. This custom exemplifies faith and anticipation, urging us to embrace the season's light with reverent spirits, preparing for the Savior's birth.



Prayer for Vocations

O Lord, our joyful Shepherd, You call us to prepare with rejoicing. Plant in our hearts a desire for vocations—priesthood, religious life, or marriage. Give us courage to share Your coming with eager spirits. Guide us to the paths You have prepared with hopeful hearts. Fill us with zeal to proclaim Your advent, purity to reflect Your light, and humility to welcome Your promise. May we, through Advent joy, answer Your call, lead others to Your salvation, and find joy in serving You eternally. Amen.

Saint Augustine

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| Weekly Expenses | \$ 13,090 |
| November 2 Offering | \$ 13,374 |

Weekly Sacrificial Giving

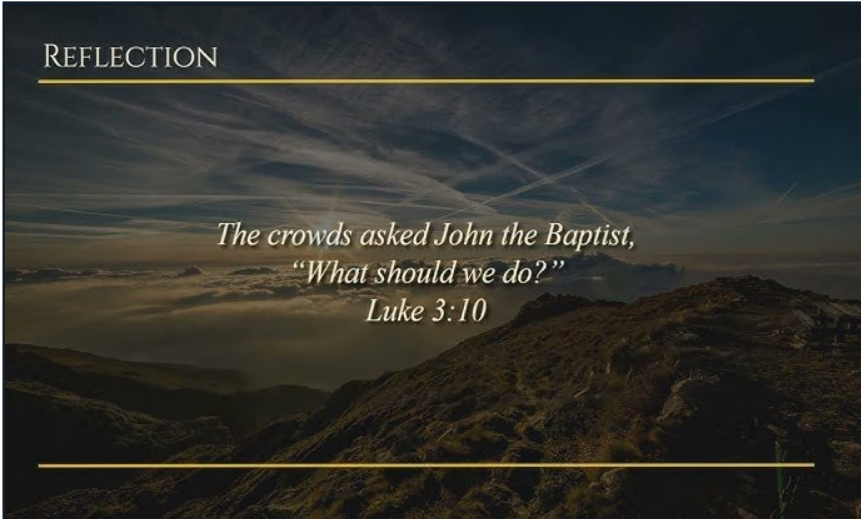
Saint Mary

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| Weekly Expenses | \$ 2,962 |
| November 2 Offering | \$ 3,556 |

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!

REFLECTION



*The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?"
Luke 3:10*

Last week, I overheard a young man asking his mentor, "What should I do to change my life?" This question lingered as I read today's Gospel, where crowds ask John the Baptist, "What should we do?" and he replies with calls to share, honesty, and justice (Luke 3:10-14). The Catechism teaches, "Baptism is the seal of eternal life... which demands a radical conversion" (CCC 1274), echoing John's baptism of repentance. That conversation felt like God's nudge.

I recall my own moments of inertia, knowing change was needed but delaying. The Catechism adds, "Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him" (CCC 1432), a grace John proclaimed as preparation for the Messiah. John's fire and winnowing fan (Luke 3:16-17) reminded me: repentance burns away chaff. That young man's quest taught me action follows faith.

In our hurried world, let us heed John's voice. May prayer and good works shape us, transforming our lives into fruitful witnesses for Christ's coming.

~Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

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Joan's Lilies

St Augustine & St Mary Girls 4th to 12th grade



Sunday December 21 at 10:30 (after 9:30 Mass)

Fellowship Crafts & Snacks



We will meet in Classroom 1

Mom's are welcome too!

(Not required)

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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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.

THIS CHRISTMAS, BRING THE BABIES HOME SAFELY

Give a gift to a family in need, from you, your family, or in honor of a loved one.

DONATE 3 WAYS:

1. Donate a partial amount toward the purchase of a car seat
2. \$209.00 to purchase a car seat.
3. Purchase your own & bring NEW car seat to the Parish Office at St Augustine.

*Make all checks payable to St. Augustine and write "PREPARES Car Seat Donation" on the memo line.

You will receive a card that you can give to your honoree, telling them of the generous donation given in their name.

All U.S. hospitals check to make sure you have a rear-facing car seat installed in the back seat of your vehicle.

1 In 4 babies born at Whidbey Health Medical Center in Coupeville is from a family in need of assistance.

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