



ISSUE 374 · NOV 2014

## SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

8:00AM

Holy Eucharist Rite 1

9:15AM

Christian Education  
for All Ages

10:30AM

Holy Eucharist Rite 2

2nd & 4th Sunday

6:00PM

Come-As-You-Are Eucharist

Weekdays

9:00AM

Morning Prayer

Wednesday

6:00PM

Holy Eucharist Rite 2

## CLERGY

The Rev. A.J. Heine  
RECTOR

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# St. Augustine's Torch

## Words of Inspiration From A.J. Heine

In some ways, the second day of walking the Camino de Santiago was the most difficult. On the first day, we were filled with excitement. Months of planning and anticipation were reaching their fulfillment. We eagerly began that initial day of walking, but then reality set in!

The second day required facing the difficulties of walking the way. Our tired bodies needed to be awakened. Our sore muscles had to be worked once more. Our backpacks had to be carried. Staying in the pilgrim's hostel was not an option. We had to go onward. And it was raining!

The second day was also the most difficult because it got easier after that. Our bodies adjusted; our muscles strengthened. We became increasingly accepting of the rhythm and requirements of the journey. Things that had once been unfamiliar and uncomfortable (sharing a bathroom, hand-washing clothes, eating strange food) no longer felt so difficult. These were lessons we learned because we kept on walking.

The spiritual benefits of intentional and proportional giving are a lot like those lessons from the Camino. Setting aside a portion of our income can feel like a very strange and uncomfortable thing to do. It might be a difficult journey to continue. However, when we stay on that path, we are increasingly aware of the spiritual benefits we receive. We become accustomed to the practice of giving up ourselves to God's service. We become familiar with the miraculous truth of God's abundant providence. We grow comfortable in trusting that God does indeed provide for all of our needs. And we learn to gratefully walk the way because we recognize all that God has done and is doing for us.

May Jesus continue to lead us to genuine gratitude and deeper commitment, as we walk the way together.

Peace, 

## Quote of the Month

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:6-7

**Details about “Walking the Way”, November 16th:**

We will place our financial pledge cards on the altar at both services as an offering of our lives and labors to God. We will also share a catered breakfast at 9:00 am, so please plan on staying after the 8:00 Eucharist or arriving prior to the 10:30 Eucharist. In order to provide time for conversation and fellowship, Adult Christian Education and Children's Sunday School classes have been cancelled. There will also be opportunities to have your photograph taken with your commemorative certificate confirming your decision to "Walk the Way." See you Sunday!

**Men’s Club Take Out Dinner**



With all of the preparation coming for Thanksgiving the Men’s Club thought that it would be nice to offer a break from cooking on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Let us cook for you that Sunday with a delicious meal of spaghetti and meatballs, salad and bread. We

will be selling tickets for this event this coming Sunday. You can also pick up tickets at the bookstore but those will not be available until later in the week. You can also reserve tickets by sending an email to [tim@cio-services.biz](mailto:tim@cio-services.biz). In the subject line please put Dinner Tickets and let me know the number of tickets you would like. The pre-sale and reserved tickets are \$8 per ticket and tickets sold at the door are \$10. We will start serving between 10 – 10:30 am. Thanks for your support.

**Defense and Dessert**

Self Defense Class Sponsored by the ECW Tuesday, November 11, 2014, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Our own Donna Bergeron is offering this class at her academy. She and her instructors will show us how to protect ourselves if attacked. This is a hands on course for everyone, even those in less than perfect shape. Donna's academy, Destrehan Taekwondo Plus Academy, is very easy to find. It is located at 124 Longview Drive Suite 6B, Destrehan, Louisiana. Telephone: (985) 764-9775. Please bring a friend and a snack and/or drink. Car pooling is recommended. A sign up sheet is in Byrd Hall. Any questions? Contact Joyclyn at (985) 653-4975 or (504) 957-2892.

**Database help!**

If you have not received a letter from St. Augustine's in the past two weeks, please email your address to [jgmeisner@bellsouth.net](mailto:jgmeisner@bellsouth.net). Updated email addresses are also welcome!

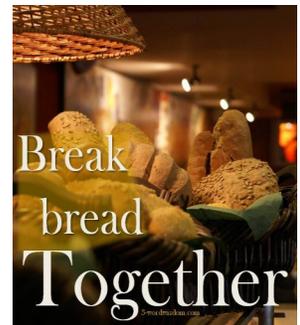
**Bible & Bites  
St. Aug's style**

If you are looking for something new and fun to do, this is the Bible study for you!! It's a great place to learn about the Bible and connect with a fantastic group of people. Feel free to bring a friend! Meet us November 18th at the Zea's in Kenner near the Esplanade Mall @6:30.

**Break Bread Together Group**

If you have signed-up for Break Bread Together the next gathering will be at the home of Charlen Womack on November 14th. #11 Anjou Drive, Kenner, La. 70065

Charlen will be serving a chicken and pasta dish so we will need appetizers, salads, rolls, side dishes, veggies and deserts. Please let Charlen know what you will be bringing and don't forget your wine or your beverage of choice. You can e-mail her at [Charlenwomack@me.com](mailto:Charlenwomack@me.com) or call her at 504 -305-5000.



**ECW Christmas Tea Meeting**

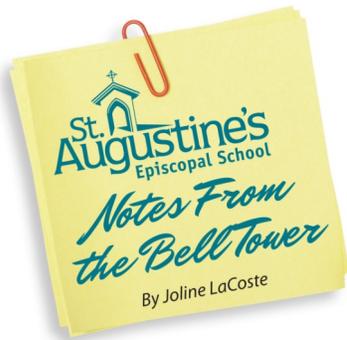
Save the date, our Christmas Tea will be Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

There will be a short meeting in the parlor on Sunday, November 23, 2014, after the 10:30 a.m. service. Everyone who is hosting and helping, and anyone interested in helping with the tea please attend. Any questions? Contact Joyclyn at (985) 653-4975 or (504) 957-2892.

**Sunday Attendance Figures for October**

Date	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
10-5-2014	75	85	
10-12-2014	46	94	18
10-19-2014	58	98	
10-26-2014	48	150	10

Average Sunday Attendance as of 10-26-14: 152 (147 as of Oct 2013)



A good time was had by all at the **Annual Pumpkin Palooza 2014!** Thanks to everyone who made it such a success. It is a wonderful feeling to have a “bridge” between the church and pre-school, all while striving to gather new church members and students. I know the children, parents and teachers look forward to this “party” every year.

During the month of November, our classes will focus on activities that teach our children about the many reasons for being thankful and the reason for celebrating Thanksgiving. Here is the list of the November happenings here at St. Augustine’s...Pilgrims and Indians, Pow-Wows, food collections, Thanksgiving Feasts, and, yes, even an early visit from Santa Claus for pictures.

The staff and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to ALL friends and members of St. Augustine’s Church who help make our fund raisers so successful. It is through these fund raisers that we are able to cover supplemental needs of our school and also make it possible for us to maintain our tuition at a relatively low rate. Speaking of fundraising...Have you signed up to **SHOPAROO?** **SHOPAROO** is a free mobile app that turns pictures of your shopping receipts into cash donations for our school. It doesn't matter where you shop or what you buy - every receipt counts! See Jamee or Joline if you’d like more information on this easy way to support St. Augustine’s Pre-School.

Our **CHUCK E. CHEESE NIGHT** for St. Augustine’s Pre-School is **Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Our school will receive 15% of sales (let the cashier know that you are with St. Augustine’s) from that evening! Why not take a day off of cooking, let the children play with their friends and support our school all at the same time!

## Youth Group News

### Message from Rachel - Our Youth Minister

The Youth Group helped make prayer cards and wrap 72 shoeboxes that were sent to Honduras for Christmas. It was awesome to devote even a small portion of our evening to make an impact and share Christ's love.

#### Remaining November Meetings:

- November 16th, 5:00-6:30pm
- November 23rd, 5:00-6:00pm: Dinner and Church
- No meeting the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 30

#### December Schedule:

- December 7th: 5:00-6:30 meeting
- December 14th: Outing TBD
- December 21st: Christmas Party 5:00-6:00, 6:00 Church
- No meeting December 28th



### Christian Education During Advent

On the First Sunday of Advent, November 30th, we will have a parish-wide event to begin our preparation for the coming of Christ. All parishioners (adults and children) are invited to come to Byrd Hall at 9:15 to make Christmas cards for people in our neighborhood nursing home, to hear about purposes and practices of Advent, and to receive materials for use in the home that will deepen your spiritual preparation for Christmas.

On the subsequent Sundays of Advent, December 7th, 14th, and 21st, the Adult Christian Education class will explore the grief recovery process. The class is called "Moving From Darkness to Light," and will be led by Fr. AJ and Myra Noustens. We will share theological, psychological, and personal insights on recovering from the losses that are an inevitable part of our lives. As part of this process, we will also celebrate a Healing Eucharist on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00 pm. Please save these dates and join this Advent opportunity to move from darkness to light.

## Families Reunite: Immigrant Family Reunification Training for Trainers / Facilitators

**What is it?** Professional development that informs and qualifies you to facilitate parent education curriculum that addresses the issues of reuniting immigrant children with their families and/or caretakers.

**History of the Program** School staff in Fairfax, Virginia identified a need for resources to address the high needs population of recently arrived Central American immigrant students and their families. The children often migrated unaccompanied after years of separation from their parents. Along the journey they suffered emotional and physical trauma. This in addition to deprivation, abuse, and violence in their home countries made adapting to the United States extremely difficult.

**Who might benefit from this training?** Anyone working with newly immigrated children and/or families, especially school counselors, ESL teachers, classroom teachers, social workers, psychologist, chaplains, etc.

**Where is it?** St. Augustine's Episcopal Church's Byrd Hall, 3412 Haring Road, Metairie, Louisiana

**Cost?** Each participant is being asked to pay only \$15 in advance to offset materials cost. If the \$15 fee presents a problem, scholarships are available by contacting Deacon Elaine Clements, [eclements@ecsla.org](mailto:eclements@ecsla.org)

**When is it?** (Choose one of two sessions) Monday, November 17, 2014  
9 a.m. to 12 noon  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**How do I register?** Register online at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=f66f9f>

**Questions?** Contact Deacon Elaine Clements with any questions, [eclements@ecsla.org](mailto:eclements@ecsla.org) or 504-236-1133

### From the Parish Register

#### Baptisms

We welcome these newly  
Baptized at St. Augustine's;

Rallie Joesph Bowman  
Delilah Renee Englade  
Benjamin Christopher Fraser  
Sophia Elizabeth Marie Jones

#### Deaths

We commend to God's  
care: Wayne Tortorich, who  
died following a lengthy  
illness. May he rest in  
peace and rise in glory.

#### Worship Opportunity on Thanksgiving Day

On Thanksgiving Day, Frank Boimare will lead a service of Morning Prayer at 9:00 am in the Chapel. Please come and offer your prayers of thanksgiving for God's many blessings. All are welcome!

#### Collect for Thanksgiving Day

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Story Ideas or Suggestions? e-mail: [staugmet@bellsouth.net](mailto:staugmet@bellsouth.net) • phone: 504.887.4801 • fax: 504.887.4814



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