

*lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi* ✠ *The law of prayer is the law of belief is the law of life!*



## SAINT MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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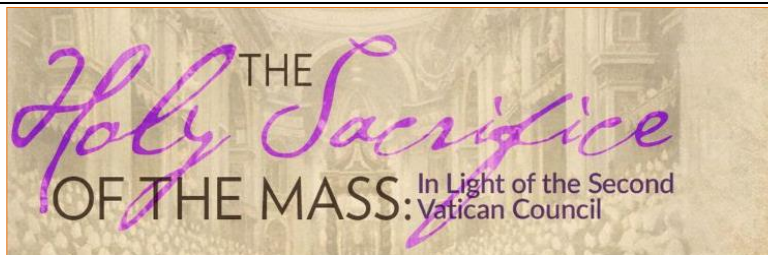
JULY 26 ✓ 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 KGS 3:5, 7-12 ✠ PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 ✠ RM 8:28-30 ✠ MT. 13:44-52

*The Church dedicates the month of July to the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

### ON THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

If any one denieth, that, in the sacrament of the most holy Eucharist, are contained truly, really, and substantially, the body and blood together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and consequently the whole Christ; but saith that He is only therein as in a sign, or in figure, or virtue; let him be anathema.

*From the Council of Trent (1551 AD), Thirteenth Session, Canon 1*



Speaker: Most Rev Erik Pohlmeier

**Saturday, August 22**  
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Holy Faith Catholic Church, Gainesville

**Saturday, September 19**  
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Orange Park



### *Bake and Craft Sale*

There will be a bake sale and craft fair on August 8 and 9 to help fund our altar bread, wine, and candle oil expenses. Please bring your delicious treats or beautiful craft items to the vestibule before Mass on either day. Thank you very much!

CONTACT MS. KAREN DOUGHERTY AT K.DOUGHERTY200@COMCAST.NET

### HOW LOVELY IS YOUR DWELLING PLACE, LORD ALMIGHTY! (PSALM 84:1)

Our dedicated church cleaning crew is currently short-handed and greatly need your help!

Please contact *Sandy Umphress* (904-259-9503) to join our *Church Cleaning Team*

**BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK \$ 4,000.00**

**LAST WEEK OFFERTORY**

**IN CHURCH \$ 2,271 & ONLINE \$715.00**

**TOTAL: 2,986.00**



**1HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) \$ 1,500,000**

**RAISED SO FAR \$ 713,726**

**IN CHURCH \$ 190 & ONLINE \$ 50**

**BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 786,034**

**BINGO: 6 PM ☞ IN THE PARISH HALL ☞ FRIDAYS! WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN IT. KINDLY HELP**

☞. **HAVE YOU A PRAYER REQUEST?** Contact Ms. Susie Taylor, 9049454327. Your request will be added to the prayer-request-text-line, and our prayer team will pray for your requests!

☞. **PRAY FOR:** Maria Rogers, Brendan Bonner, Nancy Carrasquillo, Beth Spreitzer, Trish Thorpe, Asia Paige, Abby Keller, Angelo Tauro, Mary Roberts, Rose Johnson, John Payne, Monte Willey, Julie, Jim & Bonnie Palleschi, Mary Baeb, Theresa Taylor, Kathy Johnson, Joan Fiore, Joanie McCarthy, Stacie Adams, Karen & Richard Dolan, Daniel Harrigan, Allan Lahoski, Ann Smith, Bob Rozumek, Christy Long, Cindy Schillig, Dawn Phillips, Diana Rumpt, Sarah Zarrella, Edward Robinson, Gladys Page, Janis Price, Jeannie Hendrix, Joanne Hodges, John Singleton, Judy Gentile, M. Akridge, Marge Keller, Marianne Glass, Mary Ford, Mary Knoche, Mifuk Huh, Pat Doyle, Paul Boehnke, Sandra Schwarz, Xavier Smith, Schaidy Parme, James Nelson, Mary Pregler, John Norton, Alex Robinson.

☞. **JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM:** CONTACT MS. KAREN DOUGHERTY AT K.DOUGHERTY200@COMCAST.NET

✓. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Meet on the first Sunday of the month. We encourage all men of the parish to attend. Contact: STEVE HUDSON ON 9049932512 AND SKHUDSON7@GMAIL.COM

✓. **INTERESTED IN PRISON MINISTRY?** PLEASE CONTACT JOHN CHICK AT JCHICK@DOS AFL.COM

### **CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES (CCD) FOR CHILDREN**

**CLASSES ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS BEFORE HOLY MASS FROM 8:45 AM TO 9:45 AM IN THE LEARNING CENTER**

**CONTACT: PEG DECURTINS (PEGDECURTINS@NEFCOM.NET) or MICHAEL MCKENDREE (904) 400-9250**

### **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)**

**CLASSES ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS AFTER HOLY MASS FROM 11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM IN THE LEARNING CENTER**

**CONTACT: PEG DECURTINS (PEGDECURTINS@NEFCOM.NET)**

### **AD JESUM PER MARIAM : TO JESUS THROUGH MARY**

**ORATORY: A MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN**

**WEDNESDAYS 5:15 PM-7.45 PM) HOLY MASS 5.30 PM;**

**CONSCIENCE-CHARACTER 6.15 PM; FUN ACTIVITY 6.45—7:30 PM; DINNER/REFRESHMENTS 7:35 PM**

**CONTACT: CATHERINE CHICK (904) 293-3827 (CHICKCA@GMAIL.COM)**

### **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY (WWW.RESPECTLIFE.ORG)**

**CONTACT: TRUDY HUDSON (904) 614-5125 (TRUDYHUDSON7@GMAIL.COM)**

## ADORATION ★ CHAPLET ★ ROSARY

4:30 PM SATURDAY & 9:30 AM SUNDAY

4:30 PM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY



## HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST

5:00 PM SATURDAY & 10 AM SUNDAY

5:30 PM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY

**FRIDAYS: ADORATION 9 AM TO 5:25 PM ☞ HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST 5:30 PM**

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION ☞ ADORATION 5:00 TO 5.45 PM & HOLY MASS 6 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION: ANYTIME UPON REQUEST

CONFESSION ☞ 45 MINUTES BEFORE HOLY MASS & BY APPOINTMENT

**THE POPE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION: PRAY FOR THE RESPECT AND PROTECTION OF GOD'S GIFT OF LIFE**

JUL.25

*17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY*

✠. RAYMUNDO CONSULTA

JUL.26

*IN ORDINARY TIME*

✠. LUCIA GONZALEZ BLANCO

JUL.27 MON. *OF 17<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*

JUL.28 TUE. *OF 17<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*

JUL.29 WED. *SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS, Mem.*

JUL.30 THU. *OF 17<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*

✠. SYDNEY, JAMES *and* CLARINE TIMMONS

JUL.31 FRI. *ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST, Mem.*

✠. SYDNEY, JAMES *and* CLARINE TIMMONS



*Thank you very much to George & Sandy Umphress for flowers this weekend!*

Donations for flowers are greatly appreciated! Kindly sign up for any available weekend you want in the note book in the hallway, and give \$70-75 (*cash*), in the envelope provided, to Linda Voeltz shortly before your designated dates. Thank you!!

### LECTORS

### MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!

### ALTAR SERVERS

B. LANCHO, P. DECURTINS & J. MACKEY

SAT: JUL. 25

H. WILLIAMS

J. CHICK SR., C. CHICK & J. JOHNSON

SUN: JUL. 26

D. CHICK, M. MCKENDREE & C. HUDSON

K. & M. DOUGHERTY & B. PALLESCHI

SAT: AUG. 01

B. LANCHO

K. WHITE & S. & T. HUDSON

SUN: AUG. 02

A. MCKENDREE, A. WHITE & ABEL CATES

*The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deal with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. TO REPORT ABUSE, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873 or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email [inquiries@dosaf1.com](mailto:inquiries@dosaf1.com). To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org)*

***Saint Cyprian of Carthage (c. 200 - 258 AD)***

Cyprian pointing out the moral hypocrisy of state-sanctioned executions wrote:

“The world is soaked with mutual blood. When individuals commit homicide, it is a crime; it is called a virtue when it is done in the name of the state.” *To Donatus, 6*

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**WHAT KIND OF JUSTICE DO WE SEEK?**

The double execution scheduled for July 28—the first in over 60 years in Florida—compels us to reflect on the kind of justice we seek. Crimes committed by such dangerous offenders were grave indeed. The suffering endured by victims and their families deserves all we can do to console. However, do we as today’s society require capital punishment for public safety? Dangerous offenders can now be sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Hence, is the deliberate taking of human life by the state any longer a moral necessity?

Rooted in the Gospel and recent papal teachings, the Catholic Church affirms that every person is created in the image of God. This intrinsic human dignity is never lost. While criminal actions forfeit a person’s freedom, they do not erase their God-given worth; true justice must hold offenders accountable while simultaneously preserving the possibility of redemption and respecting human dignity.

Furthermore, we must remember that our criminal justice system is administered by human beings and remains prone to irreversible errors. As Christians, we are called to measure our actions through the lens of the Gospel by balancing justice with mercy. All people of goodwill are invited to pray for the victims, their families, and those facing execution, trusting that Florida can uphold safety without taking human lives.

*FROM MOST REV. ERIK T. POHLMEIER, BISHOP OF ST. AUGUSTINE*

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***Saint Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430 AD)***

Augustine frequently wrote letters to Roman magistrates begging them not to use the death penalty against criminals, even those who had murdered Christian priests: “We do not object to wicked men being deprived of their freedom to do wrong, but we want it to go only that far... Do not let the suffering of the servants of God be avenged by the punishment of death.”

*Letter 133 (To Marcellinus)*

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**SOUP AND SESSION: EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE LEARNING CENTER @ 6:15 PM**