



SAINT MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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LEX ORANDI, LEX CREDENDI, LEX VIVENDI (THE LAW OF PRAYER IS THE LAW OF FAITH IS THE LAW OF LIFE)

MAY 17 ✓ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ACTS 1:1-11 ✉ PS. 47:2-3,6-9 ✉ EP. 1:17-23 ✉ MT. 28:16-20

THE CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTH OF MAY TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY!

THE POPE'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION: FOR COMMITMENT TO NOT WASTE FOOD & THAT ALL MAY HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY FOOD

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE 2026

The City of St. Augustine will serve as the launching point for the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage as organizers announced a new East Coast route that connects faith, history and national identity during the country's 250TH anniversary year. The pilgrimage will begin Memorial Day weekend with Holy Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, where a Holy Mass of thanksgiving was celebrated in 1565 at the founding of St. Augustine, the nation's oldest continuously occupied settlement. From Florida, the pilgrimage will travel north along the East Coast before concluding in Philadelphia on July 5. **FOR MORE INFORMATION <https://dosafll.com/pilgrimage-250/>**

WHAT IS A NOVENA?

It is the most ancient Christian spiritual devotion that consists of reciting a set form of prayer over nine consecutive days or weeks. Derived from the Latin word *novem*, meaning nine, novenas are typically prayed to petition for a specific divine favor, request a saint's intercession, or prepare for a major liturgical feast day. Following the Lord's Ascension, and as He instructed, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem and along with the Blessed Mother, gathered in the Upper Room and devoted themselves to constant prayer. Exactly nine days later, the Holy Spirit descended upon them at Pentecost (cf. Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14 and 2:1-4). This scriptural event serves as the theological model and historical framework for persistent and hopeful waiting in and through prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen!

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK \$ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 1,524 & ONLINE \$ 295

TOTAL: 1,819.00



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

RAISED SO FAR \$ 708,701

IN CHURCH \$ 90 & ONLINE \$ 30

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 791,179

BINGO: 6PM ☞ 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:** Peg DeCurtins, 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, Sal Carrasquillo, 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@DOSAFL.COM

CCD: SUNDAYS BEFORE HOLY MASS 8:45-9:45 AM. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: MS. MICHELLE WHITE: ☎ 9045040459 or MLWHITE722@GMAIL.COM

OCIA & OCIC: WEEKLY CLASSES ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS AFTER HOLY MASS FROM 11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM IN THE LEARNING CENTER. CONTACT: MS. PEG DECURTINS: PEGDECURTINS@NEFCOM.NET

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: Contact: Trudy Hudson (904) 614-5125 trudyhudson7@gmail.com or Michelle White (904) 504-0459 mlwhite722@gmail.com ✓. <https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-guides>

A JESUM PER MARIAM TO JESUS THROUGH MARY ORATORY: CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY ON WEDNESDAYS ☞ 5:15 PM-8 PM

HOLY MASS 5.30 PM; CONSCIENCE-CHARACTER 6.15 PM; FUN ACTIVITY 6.45-7:30 PM; DINNER/REFRESHMENTS 7:35 PM CONTACT: MRS. CATHERINE CHICK (904) 293-3827 ☞ CHICKCA@GMAIL.COM

A STUDY OF SACRED SCRIPTURE ROOTED IN CATHOLIC TRADITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND RECENTLY GRADUATED STUDENTS SUNDAYS AT 9 AM IN THE LEARNING CENTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION: MR. MIKE MCKENDREE (904) 400-9250

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

ANONING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION: ANYTIME UPON REQUEST

CONFESSION ☞ 45 MINUTES BEFORE HOLY MASS & BY APPOINTMENT

MAY. 16

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

☒. ROY GONZALEZ ☒. ANNA & ERNIE BOLDOC

MAY. 17

☒. JONATHAN ROJAS ☒. FR PATRICK CARROLL

MAY. 18 MON. OF 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

☒. JASON & LISA PALLESCHI

MAY. 19 TUE. OF 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

☒. CHRISTINE & DAVE DOHERTY

MAY. 20 WED. ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, MEM.

☒. DAVID GLASS

MAY. 21 THU. Ss. CHRISTOPHER & COMPANIONS, MEM.

☒. FRANCES & FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

MAY. 22 FRI. ST. RITA OF CASCIA, MEM.

☒. DARCY ADAMS ☒. SAGE



Thank you very much to Sandy & George 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

K. DOUGHERTY, M. STECK & J. MACKEY

SAT: MAY. 16

H. WILLIAMS

J. CHICK SR., M. WILLEY & M. MCKENDREE

SUN: MAY. 17

M. CHICK & A. MCKENDREE

K. & M. DOUGHERTY & B. PALLESCHI

SAT: MAY. 23

B. LANCHO

J. CHICK SR., C. CHICK & J. MACKEY

SUN: MAY. 24

D. CHICK, M. MCKENDREE & C. HUDSON

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@dosaf.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org

**A MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ERIK POHLMEIER
WITH PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE**

On Memorial Day, we pause as a nation to remember with gratitude the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice reminds us that freedom is never free and that the blessings we enjoy are often secured through acts of great courage and selfless love.

As Catholics, we are called not only to remember the fallen, but also to pray for them and for the families who continue to carry the weight of their loss. We entrust them to the mercy of God and ask the Lord to bring comfort, peace and hope to all who mourn.

This year, Memorial Day also carries special meaning for the Diocese of St. Augustine as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage launches from the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, the site where the Catholic faith first took root in what is now the United States. As our nation prepares to mark its 250th anniversary, we are reminded that faith and sacrifice have long shaped the American story.

May this day renew in us a spirit of gratitude, unity and prayer for peace. And may the witness of those who laid down their lives inspire us to live with faith, courage and love for one another.

WE ARE DOING OUR USUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE! The money collected will go to aid the Pregnancy Center in town. Kindly, return the bottles filled \$ by Father's Day. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE: DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION RETURNS: In partnership with Catholic Charities of Jacksonville, we are excited to resume our *Drive-Through Food Distributions* on *Saturday, June 13*. We need a large team of volunteers to make this event a success. Volunteers are requested to arrive by 9:30 AM to do all setup. *Mark Steck will be coordinating this effort for us*. Please save the date, keep an eye on upcoming bulletins for more specific details, and check our Facebook page for the latest updates. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: As we look ahead to the new CCD year beginning this September, we are in need of dedicated instructors to help share our faith with the children of the parish. Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to serve in this vital ministry; to learn more, please contact Michelle White (904) 504-0459 or MLWHITE722@GMAIL.COM. Thank you!

ORATORY FOOD DRIVE: The youth of our parish are doing a food drive and donating the items to the *Samaritan Food Bank*. Please bring any non-perishable food items. There will be baskets by the entrance doors. Drop off your items between *May 4-20, 2026*. Thank you!