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LEX ORANDI, LEX CREDENDI, LEX VIVENDI (THE LAW OF PRAYER, THE LAW OF BELIEF, THE LAW OF LIVING)

OUR PRAYER LIFE SHAPES OUR BELIEFS, AND THESE BELIEFS SHAPED BY PRAYER INFLUENCE HOW WE LIVE

JAN. 25 ✓ THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✓ IS. 8:23—9:3 ✓ PS. 27:1,4,13-14 ✓ 1 COR. 1:10-13,17 ✓ MT. 4:12-23

THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS!!!



Eucharistic Encounter DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Meeting | Celebrating | Serving

March 6-7

Mark your calendars for the Diocese of St. Augustine's 2026 Eucharistic Encounter, formerly known as the Eucharistic Congress, taking place during Lent on March 6-7.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Queen of Peace Catholic Church
10900 SW 24th Ave., Gainesville

4 p.m.

Doors Open | Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5:30 p.m.

Mass with Bishop Erik Pohlmeier as the principal celebrant | Adoration after Mass

6:45 p.m.

Keynote presentation with Julianne Stanz in the church

8:30 p.m.

Spanish Track with Dr. Gerardo Salazar in the parish hall, English Track with Father Stephen Gadberry in the church

9:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition & Closing Benediction in the Church

Centered on evangelization and how the Eucharist draws us closer to Christ, the St. Joseph Catholic Church Encounter will feature keynote speaker Julianne Stanz, USCCB consultant, and Director of Evangelization and Formation for Loyola Press.



Dr. Gerardo Salazar, former director of Evangelization and Catechesis with Hispanics for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and now National Bilingual Consultant for Sadlier Religion, will lead the Spanish tracks at both locations.



Father Stephen Gadberry, known for his dynamic preaching and joyful spirit, a priest of the Diocese of Little Rock and Fellow of the Word on Fire Institute, will present in both English and Spanish.



SATURDAY, MARCH 7

St. Joseph Catholic Church
11757 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville

7:15 a.m.

Doors open | Sacrament of Reconciliation available

8:30 a.m.

Mass with Bishop Erik Pohlmeier as the principal celebrant | Adoration after Mass

10 a.m.

Eucharistic Procession with parishes, ministries & lay apostolates carrying banners

11 a.m.

Keynote presentation with Julianne Stanz

Noon | Lunch break

1-3 p.m.

English Track with Father Stephen Gadberry & Dr. Gerardo Salazar in the church | Spanish Track with Dr. Gerardo Salazar & Father Stephen Gadberry in the Cody Center

3:15-3:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition & Closing Benediction in the church

ALL ARE WELCOME!



FOR MORE DETAILS: eMcGeever@dosafl.com (904) 262-0661

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: FOR THE GRACE TO BUILD A MORE FRATERNAL AND MISSIONARY CHURCH



The flowers this weekend are donated by Linda McLellan. 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 very much!

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK \$ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY COLLECTION

IN CHURCH \$ 2,165 & *ONLINE* \$ 815.00

\$ 2,980.00 & FOR ESENT LIFE \$ 491.00

HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) \$ 1,500,000.00

RAISED SO FAR \$ 684,232.00

IN CHURCH \$ 505.00 & *ONLINE* \$ 55.00

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 815,208.00



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

↳ **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>

↳ **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:** 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 Bohnke, Sandra Schwarz, Xavier Smith, Schaidy Parme, Diane Arwine, 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. For more information, please contact Mr. Steve Hudson.

✓ **INTERESTED IN PRISON MINISTRY?** Please contact John Chick at jchick@dosafl.com

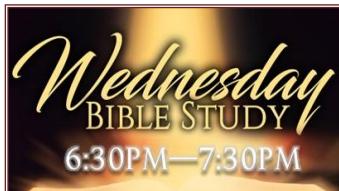
THE DIOCESE OF SAINT AUGUSTINE TREATS all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. TO REPORT ABUSE, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873 or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email inquiries@dosafl.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org

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
 CONFESSON & 45 MINUTES BEFORE HOLY MASS & BY APPOINTMENT

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST

JAN. 24 *Vigil* **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ✜. JAMES & REGINA DELA (THANKSGIVING)

JAN. 25 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ✜. PAT & JOANNE SICILIA (THANKSGIVING)

JAN. 26 MON. **ST. TIMOTHY** ✜. **ST. TITUS** **MEMORIAL** ✜. JULIA & JOEL (THANKSGIVING)

JAN. 27 TUE. **OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME** ✜. VINCENT MCCARTHY ✜. JOANIE MCCARTHY

JAN. 28 WED. **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS** **MEMORIAL** ✜. KATHY WEEDON ✜. GERRY WEEDON

JAN. 29 THU. **OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME** ✜. KING & VI THOELKE

JAN. 30 FRI. **OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME** ✜. JANE, DANIEL & MKENZIE HONEA

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LECTORS**MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!****ALTAR SERVERS**

M. STECK & M. & K. DOUGHERTY SAT. JAN. 24 B. LANCHO

M. MCKENDREE, K WHITE & J JOHNSON SUN. JAN. 25 J. SMITH, D. CHICK & M. MCKENDREE

M. STECK, P. DECURTINS & C. CRAWFORD SAT. JAN. 31 B. LANCHO

K. WHITE, HUDSON & S. HUDSON SUN. FEB. 01 A. MCKENDREE & C. HUDSON

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✓. **CCD: SUNDAYS BEFORE HOLY MASS 8:45-9:45 AM. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MICHELLE WHITE ✉ MLWHITE722@GMAIL.COM ✆ 9045040459**

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

**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 6 PM IN THE LEARNING CENTER
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
MR. MIKE MCKENDREE (904) 400-9250**

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT COME AND BE RESTORED!

Healing the Pain of Abortion Rachel's Vineyard English and Spanish retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any man or woman who is struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion or traumatic pregnancy loss in their life. Come and receive peace, forgiveness of self and others and the compassion of God.

These retreats are private, strictly confidential and for people of all faiths.

Our next retreat will be February 20 - 22, 2026.

For more information call 904-2213232 or email rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com.

All calls and inquiries are very confidential.

EVAGRIUS PONTICUS (C. 345-399)

ON PASSIONS AND LIFE

A wandering mind is strengthened by reading, and prayer. Passion is dampened down by hunger and work and solitude.

Cut the desire for many things out of your heart and so prevent your mind being dispersed and your stillness lost.

If you endure something painful out of love for wisdom, you will find the fruit of this during prayer.

A monk is a man who considers himself one with all men because he seems constantly to see himself in every man.

If you wish to be free from discontent, strive to please God.

A proud soul is a den of robbers; it cannot bear the voice of knowledge.

KNOCK ON THE DOOR OF SCRIPTURE WITH THE HANDS OF THE VIRTUES