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NOV 29 ✓ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: *IS. 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 ✓ PS. 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 ✓ 1 COR. 1:3-9 ✓ MK 13:33-37*

FIND THE READINGS ON # 879

The Month of December is Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception!

The Pope's December Prayer Intention: Pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father to find support and accompaniment in the Church

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SOLEMN RITE OF DEDICATION OF OUR NEW MARBLE ALTAR

Our new marble altar will be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—on Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. by the Most Reverend Erik Thomas Pohlmeier, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine. Your prayerful presence is requested as we celebrate this joyful milestone of our parish. Please come, pray, and celebrate this special day with our parish church!

RECEPTION & HOW YOU CAN HELP: Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, the Knights of Columbus will host a celebration reception in the Parish Hall. While the Knights are generously providing fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, and beverages, we humbly ask for your contribution to make this gathering a true reflection of our parish's love and fellowship. *We are requesting donations of side dishes, desserts, or small financial gifts toward reception costs. Every act of generosity makes a meaningful difference!*

- **HOW TO SIGN UP (BY DECEMBER 3):** Please visit our sign-up page ***https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AADAB22A3FBC52-67803726-altar#/*** to see what is needed and enter what you plan to bring. - **NEED ASSISTANCE?** To make a financial contribution, get help signing up, or offer to assist, please call or text ***Ms. Karen Dougherty at 904-237-3934 (or email k.dougherty200@comcast.net).***

- **DAY-OF DROP-OFF:** Please bring your side dishes, desserts, or monetary donations to the Parish Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 6.

Thank you very much for your generosity!

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK $ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 2,500 & ONLINE $ 615

TOTAL: **$ 3,115**



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 750,315

IN CHURCH 200 & ONLINE $ 150

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NOV 29			✗. FOR THE PEOPLE (*PRO POPULO*)
NOV 30	MON.	*FEAST OF THE APOSTLE ST. ANDREW*	✠. JOSEPH FIORE
DEC 01	TUE.	*OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT*	✗. SUSAN KENDRICK (HEALING)
DEC 02	WED.	*OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT*	✠. BILL ✠. BETTY ✠. TONY ✠. DONNA
DEC 03	THU.	*MEMORIAL, ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST*	✗. JULIA & JOEL (THANKSGIVING & INTENTIONS)
DEC 04	FRI.	*OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT*	✠. CARL BAILEY ✗. BRENDAN THURLOW



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M. STECK, J. MACKEY & B. PALLESCHI	SAT: DEC.05	B. LANCHO
M. MCKENDREE & J. MACKEY	SUN: DEC.06	H. WILLIAMS & J. CHICK & ALL THE ALTAR BOYS WHO WANT TO SERVE

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GOAL $ 20,000 ✓ RAISED SO FAR $ 5000 ✓ BALANCE TO BE RAISED $ 15,000

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

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ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH!

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us for an evening of holiday cheer, food, and fellowship on Thursday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall! ● ***What to Bring?*** Please bring a dinner dish or dessert to share, along with a new, inexpensive wrapped gift for our fun White Elephant exchange. It is always a wonderful time catching up with friends, and newcomers are warmly welcomed.

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NOVEMBER 22 ✓ THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17 ✓ PSALM 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 ✓ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26, 28 ✓ MATTHEW 25:31-46

FIND THE READINGS ON # 1047

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To celebrate this joyful milestone, Saint Mary Mother of Mercy Parish prayerfully invites you to the Solemn Rite of Dedication of the New Altar and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Most Reverend Erik Thomas Pohlmeier, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, will preside over this special liturgy on Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

A reception and fellowship will follow the Holy Mass! All are warmly welcome to attend!

Please come, pray, and celebrate this special day with our parish church!

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LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 2,738 & ONLINE $ 195

TOTAL: **$ 2,933**



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NOV 22		*LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE*	✝. FOR THE PEOPLE (*PRO POPULO*)
NOV 23	MON.	*POPE ST. CLEMENT THE FIRST, Martyr , Memorial*	✠. SYDNEY, JAMES & AND CLARINE TIMMONS
NOV 24	TUE.	*SS. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMP., Martyr s, Mem.*	✠. ROY POSTEL FATHER FRED
NOV 25	WED.	*ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, Martyr, Memorial*	✝. MARY KATHERINE PREGLER
NOV 26	THU.	*THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY*	✠. MIKE WERNER ✝. JACKIE WERNER
NOV 27	FRI.	*OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL*	✠. JOE STEINBACKER ✠. AL MELVIN JR ✠. TOM BROWN JR



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Every single gift brings us closer to a safer, better-lit parish for everyone who visits.

Thank you for always helping our church family!

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY: *Weather Permitting* On Sunday, November 22, please join members of the parish in performing this spiritual work of mercy as we visit Macedonia Cemetery and pray for the souls in Purgatory. We plan to gather at the cemetery at 12:30 p.m. to begin our walk and prayers. Meet us directly at the cemetery, or join a group bringing their lunches to dine together after the 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass before heading over for the 12:30 p.m. meetup.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE: Heartfelt thanks to Mark Steck for once again leading our annual Thanksgiving basket outreach for local families in need. We are also deeply grateful to the Bishop Kenny community for donating the traditional dinner items, and to everyone who contributed toward the accompanying gift cards.

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NOVEMBER 15 ✓ 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✓ FIND THE READINGS ON # 1044

PROVERBS 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 ✓ PSALM 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 ✓ 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6 ✓ MATTHEW 25:14-30

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WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 (SAINT NICHOLAS' DAY) AT 10 AM

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Now that this fixed stone altar is securely in place, it is ready to be consecrated to God. The Dedication of an Altar is one of the most solemn liturgies in the life of a parish. Presided over by the bishop, the ceremony permanently sets our new marble altar apart from ordinary use, dedicating it exclusively as the table of the Lord and a living symbol of Jesus Christ.

The funds for this and other enhancements to our sacred space have come from many generous hearts, and we are profoundly grateful to every one of them. Today, however, I like to acknowledge one extraordinary contribution from a prison inmate serving a life sentence at Florida State Prison. A couple of years ago, he asked his family to sell all of his belongings and donate the proceeds — amounting to $21,300 — to our parish toward this project.

As the saying goes, "Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future."

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NOV 17 TUE.	*ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, Religious, Memorial*	✠. JONATHAN ROJAS
NOV 18 WED.	*OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. MARY BANDA
NOV 19 THU.	*OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. FR. CONRAD COWART
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MEAL AND A MESSAGE IN THE LEARNING CENTER - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18: This Wednesday, immediately following the 5:30 PM Holy Mass, Maureen Shilkunas, Director of the Office of Human Life and Dignity for the Diocese of St. Augustine, will be our guest speaker. Her focus will be on end-of-life matters. She will be joined by colleagues from the Diocese to discuss topics such as advance directives, funeral planning, and burial based on Catholic ethics and theology. Please see Trudy Hudson for more information.

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY: The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for those in Purgatory. One of the ways we Catholics do this is by making an in-person visit to a cemetery to pray for the faithful departed. On Sunday, November 22, please join Father Martin and members of the parish in performing this spiritual work of mercy as we visit Macedonia Cemetery and pray for the souls in Purgatory. We plan to gather at the cemetery at 12:30 p.m. to begin our walk and prayers. You can meet us directly at the cemetery, or join a group bringing their lunches to dine together after the 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass before heading over for the 12:30 p.m. meetup.

BRING THE BEAUTY OF ADVENT HOME; Prepare for the season with our CCD Beeswax Advent Candle Fundraiser! These handcrafted candles are available by preorder and are a wonderful way to bring the spirit and tradition of Advent into your home. ↳ How to Order: Sample candles and order forms are located in the narthex as you enter the church. Stop by to take a look and place your order! ↳Questions: Please see Peg DeCurtins or Michelle White for more information. Thank you for your generous support of our CCD program!

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CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE: Our parish is participating in the Christmas Toy Drive again this year! Please place new, unwrapped toys for children and teens (up to age 17) in the collection box in the church vestibule. ↳ Collection Dates: Sunday, November 8 – Sunday, December 6 ↳ Toy Drive Event: Saturday, December 12 ↳ Special Note: Organizers have plenty of Barbie dolls, so please hold off on those, though Barbie accessories are still needed! God bless you for your generous participation. ↳ Questions: Contact Karen Dougherty at 904-237-3934.

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NOVEMBER 08 ✓ 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✓ FIND THE READINGS ON # 1041

WISDOM 6:12-16 ✓ PSALM 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 ✓ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 ✓ MATTHEW 25:1-13

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As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the blessings we share and the challenges many face. As in the past, we appeal to your generosity to help us partner with Bishop Kenny High School, who will provide baskets filled with essential food items for a hearty Thanksgiving meal. To complete these holiday gifts, we would like to supply food gift cards, enabling families to purchase the main dish or meat of their choice.

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BISHOP SNYDER HIGH SCHOOL: BAKER COUNTY FAMILY NIGHT THURSDAY

Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 PM Bishop John J Snyder High School is warmly inviting families in Baker County to a casual evening of conversation and connection, and to talk about what makes Bishop Snyder's atmosphere special. This is a great opportunity to meet the school's team and get answers to your questions. For more information please contact: Ashley Gonzalez at admissions@bishopsnyder.org or call (904) 908-8978.

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK $ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 2,754 & ONLINE $ 1,235

TOTAL: **$ 3,989**



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 722,067

IN CHURCH 720 & ONLINE $ 450

BALANCE TO BE RAISED $ 776,763

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NOV 07	*THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. KATHLEEN MADDEN
NOV 08		✝. FOR THE PEOPLE (*PRO POPULO*)
NOV 09 MON.	*DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, Feast*	✠. JOEL BAILEY
NOV 10 TUE.	*SAINT LEO THE GREAT, Memorial*	✠. JOSEPHINE KAWING
NOV 11 WED.	*SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, Memorial*	✠. LISA PALLESCHI
NOV 12 THU.	*SAINT JOSAPHAT, Memorial*	✠. FR. ANTHONY SEBRA ✠.TOM CODY
NOV 13 FRI.	*SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, Memorial*	✠. AARON ✠. ELIZA ✠. HANNAH



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K. WHITE, J. CHICK SR & M. WILLEY	SUN: NOV.08	D. CHICK, A. WHITE & K. HORGAN
J MACKEY, M DOUGHERTY & M. STECK	SUN: NOV.14	B. LANCHO
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Dear friends, please note that due to the scheduled NEW MARBLE ALTAR installation (from Thursday, 11/12 to Friday, 11/13), the following temporary changes have been made to our church schedule: Holy Mass will take place from Thursday 11/12 to Friday, 11/13 in the priest's sacristy at 8:30 AM, preceded by the Holy Rosary at 8:00 AM. Kindly pray for a peaceful undertaking and the successful completion of the installation of the new altar. Thank you!!!



SACRAMENTUM ☞ SACRAMENT

The Latin word *Sacramentum,* from which is derived the word Sacrament, was a military word first and foremost in the Greco-Roman world. While it had origins in early Roman civil law regarding court deposits, its most enduring and solemn usage for centuries was for the official Roman military oath of absolute allegiance. Every single recruit entering the Roman legions had to swear the *Sacramentum* to his general and the Emperor. Under Roman martial law, this oath carried immense legal and physical weight:

***Legal Status*: Swearing the *sacramentum* completely changed a man's legal reality. He was instantly stripped of his civilian rights, pulled out of civilian courts, and placed under the absolute power of life and death (imperium) held by his military commander.**

***The Blood Curse:* The oath was structured as a conditional self-curse. The soldier swore before the gods that if he deserted, mutinied, or disobeyed an order, he was legally consenting to be executed. He was bound by blood to his oath.**

***The Honorable Discharge (Missio):* A soldier could only be released from this military sacramentum through a formal, legal decree of completion at the end of his service, which was called a missio (the exact root word of Missa / the Mass).**

The Church Fathers, like the Roman lawyer Tertullian, explicitly chose this harsh, steel-hard military word to translate the Greek word for the Christian mysteries. They wanted every Roman citizen to understand that when a person is baptized or receives the Eucharist, they are not joining a casual club or having an emotional religious experience. They are enlisting in Christ's legion, swearing a blood-binding military oath of total allegiance to the King of Kings, and being marked as His permanent, legal property.

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NOVEMBER 01 ✓ SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS ✓ FIND THE READINGS ON # 1062

REVELATION 7:2-4, 9-14 ✓ PSALM 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6 ✓ 1 JOHN 3:1-3 ✓ MATTHEW 5:1-12A

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Praying for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Throughout the entire month of November, Holy Mother Church calls us to remember and pray for the *Faithful Departed*. The month opens with a powerful juxtaposition that illustrates the bond between earth, purgatory, and heaven:

November 1: All Saints' Day: A solemnity celebrating the Church Triumphant—all the holy men, women, and children who have already attained the glory of heaven and stand in the presence of God.

***November 2: All Souls' Day*:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful departed, turning our focus to the Church Suffering—the holy souls currently undergoing final purification.

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LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 2289 & ONLINE $ 1,185

TOTAL: **$ 3,474**



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 721,522

IN CHURCH 415 & ONLINE $ 130

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NOV 02	MON.	*COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED*	✠. CIARA NICOLE ✠. GABRIEL GUEMBES
NOV 03	TUE.	*MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES*	✗. JULIA AND JOEL (INTENTIONS)
NOV 04	WED.	*MEMORIAL OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO*	✠. AARON ✠. ELIZA ✠. HANNAH
NOV 05	THU.	*OF THE 31ST WEEK IN IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. ANNA BOLDUC✠. DARCY
NOV 06	FRI.	*OF THE 31ST WEEK IN IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. DEACON KEN COCHRAN



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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) ***November 3–30:*** The Church encourages us to sustain this momentum, keeping the deceased in our daily intentions throughout the remainder of the month.

Five Ways to Pray for the Faithful Departed This Month

1. The ***Eucharistic Sacrifice*** is the most powerful prayer available to the Church. You can have a Mass offered specifically for a deceased loved one or attend an extra weekday Mass for the most forgotten souls.

2. Visiting a cemetery to pray for the dead is a traditional November practice. The Church grants special indulgences (applicable only to the souls in purgatory) for the faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the departed during the first week of November.

3. Dedicate a daily or weekly ***Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet*** to the holy souls.

4. Place small framed photos or tent cards with the names of your deceased family and friends ***on your home prayer altar*** or dinner table as a visual reminder to pray for them.

5. Little acts of penance, charity, almsgiving, or patiently enduring a difficult moment can be intentionally offered up to relieve the suffering of the souls awaiting heaven.

LOVE COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS

"***The end of all things is at hand. Therefore, be serious and sober for prayers. Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace***" (1 Peter 4:7-10).

Often people come to our church seeking assistance with basic needs such as utility bills, rent, gasoline, and groceries. To help meet some of these needs, we collect and distribute, on an ongoing basis, non-perishable and shelf-stable food items. A collection box is now located at the front entrance of the church for your convenience. We encourage parishioners to continue donating as they are able, and ***thank everyone for their generosity***.

We especially want our own parishioners and any *Catholics* experiencing financial hardship or food insecurity, to know that these items are available for them. As the saying goes, ***charity begins at home,*** and we want members of ***our parish family*** to make use of this ministry whenever needed.

Let us care for one another and live out the Gospel call to love and serve our neighbors!

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OCTOBER 25 ✓ 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A): READINGS ARE FOUND IN THE HYMNAL AT #1035

EXODUS 22:20-26; PSALM 18: 2-3; 3-4; 47,51; 1THESSALONIANS 1:5C-10; MATTHEW 22:34-40

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The Pope's October Prayer Intention: Pray for Mental Health Ministry

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As we can all see, ***by the Grace of God,*** the installation of our new pendant lights is successfully completed! I would like to express our humble and heartfelt gratitude to friends and parishioners who so generously donated through #iGiveCatholic 2025 toward the purchase of the lights, and supported this project from start to finish.

Thank you very much for your continued dedication to our church!!

May God bless you for your faith and generosity!!

Reverend Father Anthony Sebra

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the Father Anthony Sebra, a former Pastor of our Parish. He passed away on October 19. A Vigil will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026 (05 to 07 PM), at San Juan del Rio Catholic Church. The Holy Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Friday, November 13, 2026 (10:30AM), at San Juan del Rio Catholic Church.

Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Anthony, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul, and those of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in the peace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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TOTAL: **$ 3,038 .00**



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OCT.27	TUE.	*OF THE 30 TH WEEK IN IN ORDINARY TIME*	✝. SUSIE TAYLOR (HEALING)
OCT.28	WED.	*FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES*	✝. FOR THE PEOPLE (*PRO POPULO*)
OCT.29	THU.	*OF THE 30 TH WEEK IN IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. MATTHEW HONEA ✠. ARON & CHRISTINA MORENCY
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The bishop smiled and asked her, *"Ma'am, do you know who I am?"*

She looked at him for a moment and said, *"Sir, if you do not know who you are, go to the front desk and ask the receptionist. It is always better to know who you are before visiting old folks like me!"*



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Kindly give generously to this important cause. Thank you!

JOIN US THIS OCTOBER 21 FOR OUR MONTHLY MEAL AND MESSAGE

Join us this Wednesday, ***OCTOBER 21, AT 6 PM*** for our monthly ***Meal and Message***, featuring a vital presentation on ***human trafficking and protecting human dignity*** in our communities.

Ruby Peters, the *Human Trafficking Educator for Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc., Diocese of St. Augustine and Education Ambassador for the Northeast Florida Human Trafficking Coalition* will be our is our featured speaker!

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OCT.20	TUE.	*STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS*	✠. Linda Willey ✠. Anna Bolduc ✠. Bert Kramer
OCT.21	WED.	*OF THE 29TH WEEK IN IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. Michael Johnson ✠. Don Steiner
OCT.22	THU.	*SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II, Mem.*	✝. Baby Holland ✝. Mary Pregler ✝. Dawn Sautter
OCT.23	FRI.	*SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, Mem.*	✝. CCD & OCIA Students



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Our Lady of La Leche (Nuestra Señora de La Leche y Buen Parto, meaning "Our Lady of the Milk and Happy Delivery") is an ancient Catholic title and devotion dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary nursing the infant Jesus. She is highly recognized as the patroness of pregnant women, nursing mothers, and family well-being, with its feast day celebrated annually on October 11.

While representations of a nursing Mother of God date back to the early Roman catacombs, the specific title grew in popularity in 16th-century Spain. According to tradition, King Philip III erected a shrine to her in Madrid after a miraculous intervention saved a mother and her unborn child during a perilous delivery.

In the late 1500s, Spanish settlers brought a replica of this statue to Florida. They placed it at the Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine, establishing the first Marian shrine in what is now the United States (*CONTINUED ON PAGE 4*).

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IN CHURCH $ 2,121 & ONLINE $ 1,095

TOTAL: **$ 3,216 .00**



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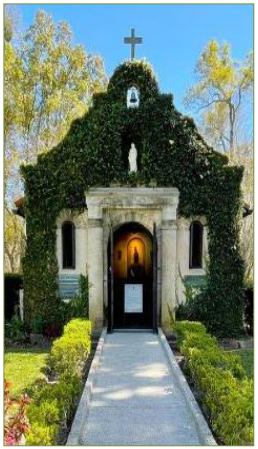

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The shrine sits on the grounds where the first parish Mass in North America was celebrated on September 8, 1565.

In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI authorized a special local feast day for the diocese. In 2019, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops officially elevated the site to a National Shrine.

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ISAIAH 5:1-7 ✗ PSALM 80:9,12-16,19-20 ✗ PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9 ✗ MATTHEW 21:33-43

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OCT.03		*27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*	✝. Joel & Julia (*Thanksgiving*) ✠. Paul Mackey
OCT.04			✝. For the People (*Pro Populo*)
OCT.05	MON.	*SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, Mem.*	✠. Don and Sandy Miller
OCT.06	TUE.	*OF THE 27TH WEEK IN IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. Aaron Sautter ✠. Eliza Rose Boldt
OCT.07	WED.	*OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, Mem.*	✠. Michael Johnson ✠. Linda Willey ✠. Anna Bolduc
OCT.08	THU.	*OF THE 27TH WEEK IN IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. Bill & Betty Grimes
OCT.09	FRI.	*STS. DENIS & CO., ST. JOHN H. NEWMAN, Mem.*	✝. Dawn Sautter ✝. Sherri Davis



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(*CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)* When Mary did not answer his calls, he realized she was the lost dove and prayed for her constantly for two years. Eventually, a report reached Abraham that Mary was living as a prostitute. Instead of reacting with disgust, Abraham immediately left his hermitage for the first time in decades. Disguising himself as a soldier, he made an appointment with Mary at the brothel. She did not recognize him until he began to weep, begging his lost lamb to come home. Moved by his powerful love, Mary returned to her hermitage and began a life of intense penance. Within three years, God testified to her true conversion by granting her the gift of miracles, bringing her through wickedness to an even greater virtue and power in Christ. Her story perfectly embodies the reminder St. Abraham gave her in that brothel: ***"There is nothing new in falling down in the contest; the wicked thing is to keep on lying there."***

Their shared feast day is celebrated on October 29

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: FAITH, FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN A BRAND-NEW BOOK STUDY!

KICK-OFF GATHERING: IN THE PARISH HALL ✓ AFTER SUNDAY HOLY MASS ✓ OCTOBER 4

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Annual Priests' Retreat: October 5–9

Bishop Erik and the priests of our diocese will gather at Marywood Retreat Center for our annual retreat from October 5-9. Due to the retreat, the parish schedule for the week will be modified as follows:

Monday, October 5: Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM (instead of 5:30 PM)

Tuesday, October 6 – Friday, October 9: No daily Holy Mass will be offered at the parish.

However, Holy Mass will be offered at the retreat center for all parish intentions.

Thank you for your prayers and spiritual support!

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SEPTEMBER 27 ✓ 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A): READINGS ARE FOUND IN THE HYMNAL AT #1023

EZEKIEL 18:25-28 ✗ PSALM 25:4-9 ✗ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11 ✗ MATTHEW 21:28-32

Maintain prayerful silence inside the church before, during, and after Holy Mass.

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"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be" (St. Therese of Lisieux).

The Nature of Active Participation

FROM *EUCHARISTICUM MYSTERIUM* - INSTRUCTION ON EUCHARISTIC WORSHIP

It should be made clear that all who gather for the Eucharist constitute that holy people which, together with the ministers, plays its part in the sacred action. It is indeed the priest alone, who, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the bread and wine, but ***the role of the faithful in the Eucharist is to RECALL THE PASSION, RESURRECTION AND GLORIFICATION OF THE LORD, TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD, AND TO OFFER THE IMMACULATE VICTIM not only through the hands of the priest, but also together with him;*** and finally, by receiving the Body of the Lord, to perfect that communion with God and among themselves which should be the product of participation in the Sacrifice of the Mass. For the faithful achieve a more perfect participation in the Mass when, with proper disposition, they receive the Body of the Lord sacramentally in the Mass itself, in obedience to his words, "take and eat."

Like the passion of Christ itself, this sacrifice, though offered for all, "has no effect ***except in those UNITED TO THE PASSION OF CHRIST by faith and charity***…. To these it brings a greater or less benefit in proportion to their devotion."

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK $ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 2,438 & ONLINE $ 915

TOTAL: **$ 3,353 .00**



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 718,187

IN CHURCH $ 420 & ONLINE $ 50

BALANCE TO BE RAISED $ 781,343

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SEP.26		*26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*	✝. For the People (*Pro Populo*)
SEP.27			✝. For the People (*Pro Populo*)
SEP.28	MON.	*OF THE 26TH WEEK IN IN ORDINARY TIME*	✝. Sherri Davis ✝. Dawn Sautter
SEP.29	TUE.	*ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, & ST. RAPHAEL, FEAST*	✝. Elizabeth James
SEP.30	WED.	*ST. JEROME, Memorial*	✠. Damon Fernandez ✠. Aaron Sautter
OCT.01	THU.	*ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, Memorial*	✠. Hannah Sweeney ✠. Tony & Donna DeCurtins
OCT.02	FRI.	*OUR HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS, Memorial*	✠. Don Steiner ✠. Bill and Betty Grimes



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Women of the parish are warmly invited to join a brand-new book study centered on growing closer to God and building a supportive community together.

KICK-OFF GATHERING:

IN THE PARISH HALL ✓ FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM HOLY MASS ✓ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

At this brief introductory meeting, we will chat, help choose our very first book, and vote on the permanent schedule (date, time, and location) for our upcoming sessions.

Our First Book Choices Include: ✓ ***Becoming Women of the Word*** by Sarah Christmyer: Explore Scripture and the lives of women in the Old Testament, with direct applications to our own modern lives and faith. ✓ ***Mary, Teach Me to Be Your Daughter*** by Megan Madden: Discover how to grow in holiness and virtue through the beautiful example of our Blessed Mother. ✓ ***Searching for and Maintaining Peace*** by Fr. Jacques Philippe: A short but powerful guide on trust, surrender, anxiety, and finding interior peace in God. ✓ ***The Friendship Project*** by Michele Faehnle & Emily Jaminet: Focus on Catholic friendship, virtue, and building meaningful, Christ-centered relationships with other women.

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SEPTEMBER 20 ✓ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A): READINGS ARE FOUND IN THE HYMNAL AT #1020

ISAIAH 55:6-9 ✗ PSALM 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 ✗ PHILIPPIANS 1:20C-24, 27A ✗ MATTHEW 20:1-16A

Maintain prayerful silence inside the church before, during, and after Holy Mass.

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HOW WOULD A SAINT DRESS FOR MASS?

Confer Fr. Donald Calloway's

Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father (Page 74)

How do we dress when we go to church? Is it the same way we dress for picnics, hikes, and walks on the beach? How would a saint dress for Holy Mass? No male saint would wear outdoor concert shirts or drooping pants hanging down to the knees. Likewise, no female saint would wear miniskirts, tight leggings, and the likes of it all. Neither should we. Don't you think so?! We wouldn't go to see a president or a king in such a casual way. Today, we have become too casual about how we dress for Holy Mass. ***Isn't the Lord God worthy enough that we deliberately put on nice and modest clothes?***

The carrying out of our Sunday obligation is not a transaction with the Divine. Meeting the canonical requirement must be animated by a genuine love of God and a pursuit of holiness that flows from His forgiveness and is brought to us by the holy fear of God. Let us not allow familiarity to breed a hidden or unrecognized contempt that manifests itself in our casual, careless approach to the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist.

Modesty does not test the boundaries of sin; it fiercely guards and honors what is sacred, enabling us to offer and be our best as an outward sign of inward worship and reverence for Christ Jesus the Lord of lords, the King of kings.

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LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 2,920 & ONLINE $ 315

TOTAL: **$ 3,235 .00**



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 717,962

IN CHURCH $ 140 & ONLINE $ 85

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SEP.20			✠. For the People (*Pro Populo*)
SEP.21	MON.	*ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST, FEAST*	✠. Jim & Bonnie Palleschi (*Anniversary*)
SEP.22	TUE.	*OF TWENTY FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. Joseph Giddens
SEP.23	WED.	*ST. PADRE PIO, MEMORIAL*	✠. Jonathan Rojas ✠. Lisa & Jason Palleschi
SEP.24	THU.	*OUR LADY OF RANSOM (PARISH FEAST DAY)*	✠. Ciara Nicole
SEP.25	FRI.	*OF TWENTY FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. For the People (*Pro Populo*)



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OUR LADY OF RANSOM ALSO KNOWN AS OUR LADY OF MERCY



Our Lady of Ransom (Our Lady of Mercy) is a celebrated Marian title originating from a series of miraculous apparitions in 1218. According to Sacred tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God appeared on the night of August 1, 1218, to three men separately: Saint Peter Nolasco, his confessor Saint Raymond of Peñafort, and King James I of Aragon. In these visions, She requested the establishment of a religious order dedicated to redeeming and ransoming Christians who had been captured and enslaved by Moorish armies during the Crusades and the occupation of Spain. In response to the apparitions, Saint Peter Nolasco founded the Royal, Celestial, and Military Order of Our Lady of Mercy and the Redemption of the Captives, commonly known as *Mercedarians.*

Spirituality: While the historical focus was on physical slavery in Northern Africa and the Iberian Peninsula, the title has evolved spiritually to symbolize Mary's intercession in freeing humanity from the bondage of sin, vice, and spiritual captivity.

Feast Day: Her official feast day is celebrated globally on **September 24**. It was extended to the entire Western Church by Pope Innocent XII in 1696.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF JACKSONVILLE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR ROSIE NICKLES TO ITS REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD, which serves Northeast Florida, including Baker County. Our warmest congratulations to Rosie and her family!!

SPECIAL GUEST CELEBRANT NEXT SUNDAY: We are blessed to welcome Father Kenneth Laybourn to our parish next Sunday, September 27th. He will be the main celebrant for the 10:00 AM Holy Mass. Father Laybourn was newly ordained in May of this year, and is serving as the parochial vicar at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Jacksonville.

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SEPTEMBER 13 ✓ 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A): READINGS ARE FOUND IN THE HYMNAL AT #1017

SIRACH 27:30—28:7 ✠ PSALM 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 ✠ ROMANS 14:7-9 ✠ MATTHEW 18:21-35

Kindly maintain *prayerful silence before, during, and after Holy Mass*!

THE ROOTS OF THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (*SEPTEMBER 14*)

1. The Discovery of the True Cross (326 AD): **In 326 AD, St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, traveled to Jerusalem to find holy sites of our *LORD*. The Romans had buried the site of the crucifixion under an earthen mound and built a temple to Venus over it. Helena ordered the pagan temple torn down and the ground excavated. Workers found three crosses buried near a cave. According to early church historians, Bishop Macarius of Jerusalem brought a dying woman to touch the wood. When she touched the third cross, she recovered instantly.**

2. The Dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (335 AD): **Emperor Constantine ordered a magnificent church built over the site of the crucifixion and empty tomb. This became the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. The grand basilica was finished and dedicated in a massive ceremony on September 13, 335 AD, attended by bishops from all over the Roman Empire. On the following day, September 14, the remaining portion of the True Cross was brought out and raised high above the crowd by Bishop Macarius so that all the faithful could see and venerate it. This public elevation—or "exaltation"—created the annual memorial date.**

3. The Persian Capture and Heraclius's Restoration (614-628 AD): **In 614 AD the Sasanian Persian King Khosrow II invaded and captured Jerusalem, plundered and destroyed churches, and took the True Cross to their capital of Ctesiphon. In 628 AD, the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius won a decisive war against the Persians and negotiated a peace treaty that returned the *holy relic*. Heraclius carried the cross back to Jerusalem himself. However, when he reached the gates of the city wearing his royal crown and fine robes, an invisible force stopped him from entering until he removed his crown and shoes. So, dressed in simple rags, he carried *the relic of the true cross* the rest of the way into the city on *September 14, 628 AD*.**

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK $ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 2,966 & ONLINE $ 195

TOTAL: **$ 3,161 .00**



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 716,782

IN CHURCH $ 1,050 & ONLINE $ 130

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SEP.12		*24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. ERNIE BOLDUC ✠. BARBARA BULLETT
SEP.13			✗. FOR THE PEOPLE (*PRO POPULO*)
SEP.14	MON.	*FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS*	✗. JAMIE SMITH
SEP.15	TUE.	*OUR LADY OF SORROWS, MEMORIAL*	✠. TONY & DONNA DECURTINS
SEP.16	WED.	*SAINTS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN, MEMORIAL*	✠. FR. RICHARD ✠. FR. FRED ✠. DEACON KEN
SEP.17	THU.	*SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE, MEMORIAL*	✠. JONATHAN ROJAS
SEP.18	FRI.	*SAINT JANUARIUS, MEMORIAL*	✠. LOURDES CUELLO ✠. RONALD CUELLO



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THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS (SEPTEMBER 15)

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows grew out of medieval monastic devotions in the 11th and 12th centuries, but it was heavily popularized in 1233 by the *Servite Order*, a group of seven Italian noblemen who dedicated their lives to meditating on Mary's grief. The first official liturgical feast was established in 1423 by the Synod of Cologne to counteract religious iconoclasm, and by 1482, it entered the Roman Missal under the title "Our Lady of Compassion." For centuries, the devotion was celebrated regionally or within specific religious orders until Pope Benedict XIII extended it to the universal Church in 1727, placing it on the Friday before Palm Sunday to align with the penitential nature of Lent.

The feast underwent a second major expansion directly shaped by the Napoleonic captivity. In 1809, after Napoleon Bonaparte annexed the Papal States and arrested Pope Pius VII, the pontiff spent nearly five years in isolation and house arrest. During this grueling exile, Pius VII heavily reflected on Mary at the foot of Christ's cross—even writing the famous Litany of the Seven Sorrows while in captivity.

Upon his liberation and return to Rome in 1814, the Pope established a second universal feast on the third Sunday of September as an act of thanksgiving for her protection. This dual celebration remained in place until Pope Pius X reformed the liturgical calendar in 1913, permanently merging them and fixing the singular celebration to September 15. By placing it exactly one day after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Church structurally unified the calendar to highlight Mary's intimate, shared connection to Christ's sacrifice on Calvary.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: HELP SPREAD THE FAITH

Next weekend, September 19-20, the Diocese invites all parishes to participate in a special collection for the *Help Spread the Faith Catholic Communications Appeal*. If you are in a position to contribute after supporting our own parish, please consider giving generously. This appeal directly impacts our local church by funding vital media platforms, including the St. Augustine Catholic magazine and diocesan websites. Appeal envelopes will be available in the pews next weekend.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and your critical, ongoing support of our parish!

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SEPTEMBER 06 ✓ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A): READINGS ARE FOUND IN THE HYMNAL AT #1014

EZEKIEL 33:7-9 ✗ PSALM 95:1-2, 6-9 ✗ ROMANS 13:8-10 ✗ MATHEW 18:15-20

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IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS (PSALM 95:8)

The biblical warning "*If today you hear his voice*, *harden not your hearts*" serves as an urgent historical wake-up call that the historical Church intentionally chose as its daily anchor by making Psalm 95 (the *Venite*) the foundational Invitatory Psalm at the start of every Morning Prayer (*Matins*) service.

In its original Old Testament context, the psalm served as a temple liturgy that abruptly shifted from soaring praise to a stern reminder of Massah (*testing*) and Meribah (*quarreling*), the desert locations where the Israelites panicked over a lack of water, rebelled against Moses, and doubted God's presence despite having just witnessed the miraculous parting of the Red Sea—a stubbornness that ultimately barred that entire generation from entering the physical Promised Land. Centuries later, the author of the *Letter to the Hebrews* applied this exact history to 1st-century Christians facing intense social persecution, declaring that "*Today*" represents an immediate, vital window of grace where believers must choose quick, faithful submission to God's truth over the gradual, blinding deceptions of sin.

Weaving this profound history into a daily morning ritual, the Church established a spiritual rhythm for the believer: It first awakens the soul to joyful gratitude for the Creator, and then immediately delivers a protective warning before they step out into the stresses, exhaustion, and temptations of their own personal 'wilderness.' This daily discipline keeps Christians grounded in the present. It acts as an antidote to hardheartedness and apathy, scraping away spiritual calluses and ensuring that each morning begins with a soft, yielded heart.

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SEP.06		*IN ORDINARY TIME*	✗. FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH (*PRO POPULO*)
SEP.07	MON.	*AMERICAN LABOR DAY*	✠. KING THOELKE
SEP.08	TUE.	*NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER*	✠. AARON SAUTTER ✠. ELIZA BOLDT ✗. DAWN SAUTTER
SEP.09	WED.	*ST. PETER CLAVER, Memorial*	✗. KEN GIDDENS JR
SEP.10	THU.	*OF 23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. ALAN HELLAM ✠. JOSEPHINE KAWING
SEP.11	FRI.	*OF 23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. LINDA WILLEY ✠. ANNA BOLDUC ✠. BERT KRAMER



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MAKING A LIVING, MAKING A LIFE

A SUMMARY OF BISHOP ERIK POHLMEIER'S 2026 LABOR DAY MESSAGE

The American *Labor Day* honors the vital contributions of American workers, and it invites us to reflect deeply on the purpose of work in our lives.

Families face overwhelming financial pressures. Despite working hard, the rising costs of groceries, housing, transportation, and healthcare make it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. Parents work extra hours, and young adults worry about their future security.

The toll is deeply human indeed when the struggle to make a living crowds out actual living. Parents lose time with their children, spouses have less time together, and caring for aging relatives becomes harder. Proper and needed rest is postponed, and time with God is often squeezed into whatever moments remain.

Our Catholic faith offers a crucial perspective: work is good and enhances our dignity, but it does not create it. Our fundamental dignity comes from God alone, and our worth cannot be measured by a paycheck, title, or productivity level. This remains true regardless of our employment status, age, or ability. Work is meant to serve the human person; it must provide more than just a paycheck. It should offer the financial stability families need to flourish and plan for the future.

Beyond material needs, we also need to protect something increasingly rare: time. We need time for family dinners, friendship, community, and service to others.

Most importantly, we need time for God. Sunday rest reminds us that we were not created for constant production. While many perform essential weekend work—such as healthcare workers and first responders—the core principle remains: work is meant to serve life, not consume it.

This Labor Day, let us give thanks for all workers and pray especially for those searching for employment or struggling to provide for their loved ones. May we remember to see the person behind the work and ensure our choices support a life rooted in faith, family, and community.

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AUGUST 30 ✓ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JER 20:7-9 ✗ PS. 63:2-6,8-9 ✗ RM 12:1-2 ✗ MT. 16:21-27

Reverence and Respect in our Church: Kindly maintain *prayerful silence and quiet before, during, and after Holy Mass*. Take all cell phone use and all conversations outside to the vestibule or parking lot. Let us keep our hearts and minds fixed on our Lord God, *Jesus Christ!*



2026 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Knights of Columbus are blessed to announce the recipients of the 2026 Scholarships!

Claire Nickles, a graduate of Bishop Snyder Catholic High School, received a $1,000 scholarship. Claire is working toward moving to Pensacola this spring to attend the University of West Florida, where she hopes to major in Finance.

Robert Chick, a home school graduate, received a $500 scholarship. Robert is currently attending J-Tech in Jacksonville, where he is pursuing a degree in welding.

Let us thank God for these young people and wish them the absolute best, and pray that they will use their talents to serve God and their neighbors others in their future!

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SEP.02	WED. *OF 22ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✝. SAGE EDWARD
SEP.03	THU. *POPE ST. GREGORY, Memorial*	✝. JOEL AND JULIA (THANKSGIVING AND INTENTIONS)
SEP.04	FRI. *OF 22ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. EUGENIO ARBOLERAS



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WHAT "TAKE MY YOKE" REALLY MEANS IN MATTHEW 11:29

In Matthew 11:29, Jesus's use of the word "yoke" was a profound cultural metaphor that shifted the focus of faith from a rigorous code of rules into a deep relationship with a person. To a first-century Jewish audience, a yoke was far more than an ordinary agricultural tool used to bind oxen; it carried deep spiritual, rabbinic, and historical meanings that transformed his invitation into something unexpected. The true meaning of Jesus's invitation can be understood through its historical and cultural context:

1. BECOMING A DISCIPLE OF A MASTER: In the ancient Jewish world, rabbis frequently used the term "yoke" to describe a student's commitment to their teacher. To "take a teacher's yoke" meant to bind yourself to that rabbi, accept their specific interpretation of scripture, and become their disciple. Jesus was using this familiar phrasing to tell the crowd to stop following other teachers and instead let his instruction shape their lives.

2. THE RABBINIC TRADITION OF LAW AND WISDOM: The Jewish community was intimately familiar with phrases like the "yoke of the Torah," the "yoke of the commandments," and the "yoke of the kingdom of heaven." Taking on these yokes meant accepting God's instruction and sovereignty as the governing authority over your life. Furthermore, in contemporary Jewish wisdom writings (such as the Wisdom of Sirach), wisdom itself invites people to put their neck under her yoke to receive instruction. By saying "take my yoke," Jesus was directly echoing this well-known wisdom language and unmistakably claiming to be the *personification of Wisdom* itself standing right in front of them.

3. A YOKE THAT "FITS" THE SOUL: The apparent contradiction of finding "rest" by taking on a "yoke" dissolves when looking at the original Greek language. The Greek word translated as "easy" actually carries the sense of useful, beneficial, and perfectly fitting. Just as a well-crafted wooden yoke was custom-carved to fit an animal's shoulders without chafing, Jesus is promising that his way of life is the right yoke—the one custom-made for the human soul to live out its true purpose.

4. A SHARED BURDEN WITH A GENTLE MASTER: In agriculture, a yoke was often built for two animals to pull a heavy load side by side so the weight could be shared. (16:27) Jesus isn't offering a life of drift or a total removal of responsibilities; he is offering a different yoke where he gets into the harness beside you. His burden is light because he is a master characterized by gentleness and humility, rather than harsh demands, and he supplies the strength to steady the load when you stumble.

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AUG.25	TUE.	*OF 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✗. FOR CCD STUDENTS & TEACHERS
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THE FOUR FACES OF JESUS: WHY WE HAVE FOUR GOSPELS



Ever wondered why there are four Gospels instead of just one single, unified story? If you read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John side by side, the differing details, timelines, and genealogies can sometimes feel startling. While critics often mistake these variations for contradictions, history reveals they are actually part of a deliberate, divine design. Echoing the prophetic vision of the four living creatures in Ezekiel, the early Church recognized that each Gospel writer was uniquely inspired to paint a distinct portrait of Christ. Written for different audiences to meet specific human needs, they reveal four beautiful dimensions of our Savior: Matthew (The Lion): Written for a Jewish audience to reveal Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and Royal King. Mark (The Ox): Written for suffering Roman Christians to reveal Him as the urgent, Humble Servant. Luke (The Man): Written by a Greek physician to detail the deeply Compassionate Son of Man who steps into our pain. John (The Eagle): Written to reveal the transcendent, Cosmic Savior and Eternal Word of God.

Regional Jewish calendars and ancient writing styles perfectly harmonize the accounts. Rather than competing records, the four Gospels are complementary portraits. They do not contradict—they complete. No single human perspective can fully capture the infinite depth of the Son of God, and the specific season of life you are in today will often determine which of these four portraits you need to look at the most.

GROWING IN MERCY: OUR CHRISTIAN CALL AND THE DEATH PENALTY

We are continually called to deepen our understanding of God's mercy and justice. History has seen various views on capital punishment, and the Church's teaching has clearly evolved to emphasize that a person's God-given dignity is never lost, even after committing severe crimes.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtCB48CBbNA this link has a good video from the Diocese of St. Augustine and features John Chick, Director of Prison Ministry, reflecting on this unfolding journey of faith. Filmed outside Florida State Prison, the reflection highlights our profound responsibility to bring Christ's light to the darkest corners of our world. Because modern prisons can safely protect society without taking a life, the Church calls us to look toward rehabilitation and conversion rather than execution. True justice always leaves room for God's grace to work, remembering Jesus' words: "I was in prison and you visited me." Take a few minutes to watch this reflection on why we must advocate for all human life, from conception to natural death.

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AUG.19	WED.	*OF 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. LISA PALLESCHI
AUG.20	THU.	*ST. BERNARD, ABBOT, Memorial*	✠. MARY & PAUL CARMICHAEL ✠. ROY POSTEL
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FAITH OVER BOUNDARIES: THE CANAANITE WOMAN AND THE FEEDING OF THE 4,000

In Matthew 15, Jesus intentionally crosses into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, where a desperate Canaanite woman shows us how to stand with the Lord against the brutal attacks of vile demons and the blind ignorance of humans. Facing a daughter tormented by evil and tracking disciples who ruthlessly demanded to "get rid of her" (*apolyson*) simply because she was yelling at their backs, she refuses to retreat. While the elite Temple authorities back in Jerusalem blindly rejected Jesus, refused His signs, and plotted His death, this pagan outsider sees what they could not: that Jesus is the sovereign "Son of David." Her plea triggers a profound Hebrew wordplay: as a *Kena'ani* (Canaanite/historical blood-enemy), she is begging for *Chanan* (covenant mercy).

When Jesus tests her with heavy silence and a sharp proverb about throwing the children's bread to the "dogs," she does not waste time getting defensive. Rather than using the harsh Greek word for wild street scavengers (*kuon*), Jesus chooses the diminutive *kynarion* (household puppies), shifting the imagery indoors. Spotting this linguistic opening, she brilliantly puts it to use, arguing that even the household puppies *legally or rightfully* eat the scraps (*psichion*) falling from the Master's table. She knew she didn't need to disrupt Israel's chronological priority; she just needed a single crumb of Christ's limitless power to utterly crush the demonic hold on her home.

This intense encounter serves as the direct prophetic fulfillment of Isaiah 25:6 (the Feast of the Nations) and the immediate prelude to the Feeding of the 4,000, which takes place directly afterward on a mountain in the Gentile territory of the Decapolis, where the crowds marveled and "glorified the God of Israel." By granting her request and then physically feeding thousands of Gentiles, Jesus completely shatters the narrow boundaries of His exclusive disciples. While the earlier feeding of the 5,000 in Jewish territory utilized 5 loaves and left 12 traditional kosher baskets (*kophinos*) for Israel's twelve tribes, this Gentile miracle utilizes 7 loaves and leaves 7 massive Greek storage hampers (*spyris*). The number 7 directly symbolizes global completeness and the *Messiah's total victory* over the 7 historic pagan nations of Canaan.

Through this deliberate sequence, Jesus proves the woman's desperate intuition entirely correct. We do not need to defend the Lord's methods; we simply need to cling to Him with unwavering persistence. When the enemy attacks and humanity fails us, standing humbly with Jesus ensures that His overflowing, victorious grace will have the final word.

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What is the Holy Mass? What the Holy Mass is not? **The Holy Mass is not a community meal designed to strengthen our unity and "*gather us in*." Feelings of unity and community can be strengthened at any number of parish events. At most, feeling unified with our brothers and sisters in Christ is a wonderful byproduct of the Holy Mass, but it is certainly not its chief end.**

The Holy Mass is not about you or me. **It is not about having a wonderful "weekend experience," as one new parish based program claims. Nor is its purpose to make you or the priest feel good about oneself, to encourage you, to inspire you, or to make you feel included and welcomed. You simply aren't the audience—God is, and the Holy Mass is all about God!**

So what is the Holy Mass essentially? **It is first and foremost a sacrifice. In fact, it is the once for all sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, that transcends time and space, made present for us again in an unbloody manner. It is the perfect sacrifice that all the Old Testament sacrifices prefigured (See Malachi 1:11). In it, Jesus Christ lovingly offers himself in an act of *oblation* to God the Father on our behalf. *He adores God the Father, He atones for our sins, He offers thanks and praise, and He intercedes for our needs.***

As Catholics, we have the privileged obligation of attending this sacrifice, and uniting ourselves to Christ's self offering. Put another way, we can imitate Christ by offering ourselves, souls and bodies, to God the Father as "living sacrifices," as St. Paul says. This is what active participation in the Holy Mass means. This participation is acknowledged when the priest prays, *"Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father."*

The Four Ends of the Holy Mass

In every Holy Mass, Jesus Christ descends upon the altar in the fullness of His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. He does so to offer perfect *Adoration* and *Thanksgiving* to God our Father, and to place before Him the only acceptable sacrificial *Atonement* for the sins of the world. The sacrifice of Christ on the Holy Cross is our certain hope, which He makes truly present on our altars during the Eucharistic celebration. Consequently, the Holy Mass is the most powerful prayer of *Petition* given to the Church, wherein Christ Himself intercedes for our every need.

"If we only knew [recognize and acknowledge] how God regards this Sacrifice,
We would risk our lives to be present at a single Holy Mass." St. Padre Pio

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THE CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTH OF AUGUST TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED MOTHER!

AUGUST 2 ✓ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: IS. 55:1-3 ✘ PS. 145:8-9,15-18 ✘ RM 8:35, 37-39 ✘ MT. 14:13-21



"Assemble on the Lord's Day, and break bread and offer the Eucharist; but first make confession of your faults, so that your sacrifice may be a pure one. Anyone who has a difference with his fellow is not to take part with you until he has been reconciled, so as to avoid any profanation of your sacrifice. For this is the offering of which the Lord has said, 'Everywhere and always bring me a sacrifice that is undefiled, for I am a great king, says the Lord, and my name is the wonder of nations'" *FROM THE DIDACHE (A.D. 70)*

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! (PSALM 84:1)

Our dedicated church cleaning crew works incredibly hard, but they are currently shorthanded and greatly need your help! We have been sharing this announcement for several weeks, but sadly, Sandy has not received any calls 904-259-9503 or offers for help.

Kindly consider stepping up. Even volunteering just once a month makes a massive difference!

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LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 1,811 & ONLINE $395.00

TOTAL: **2,206.00**



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 713,966

IN CHURCH $ 180 & ONLINE $ 30

BALANCE TO BE RAISED $ 785,824

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AUG.01		*18TH SUNDAY*	✠. JUANELLE COMBS *BENNETT* ✝. KENNETH BAIER
AUG.02		*IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. TONY & DONNA *DECURTINS* ✝. MICHAEL BAIER
AUG.03	MON.	*OF 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. PETER & HELENE *MACKEY* ✝. JOEL & JULIA
AUG.04	TUE.	*ST. JEAN-MARIE BAPTISTE VIANNEY, Mem.*	✠. BILLY & BETTY GRIMES ✝. PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE
AUG.05	WED.	*DEDICATION OF ST. MARY MAJOR, FEAST*	✠. HERMAN, DOROTHY, AL & AGNES *DILLMAN*
AUG.06	THU.	*FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION*	✠. MICHAEL JOHNSON ✝. BISHOP ESTEVEZ
AUG.07	FRI.	*OF 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. MARY BANDA ✝. CLARE GIDDENS



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H. WILLIAMS, P. DECURTINS & J. MACKEY	SAT: AUG. 08	H. WILLIAMS
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Reverence and Respect in our church

The interior of our church is a *Sanctuary of the Divine Presence*—a sacred space *dedicated exclusively to worship, prayer, and the sacraments*. Upon encountering God in what seemed a random place, Jacob recognized this absolute reality and exclaimed: "*How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven*" (Genesis 28:17). God Himself commands: "*You must keep My Sabbaths and have reverence for My sanctuary. I am the LORD*" (Leviticus 19:30). Hence, the obligation to remain prayerful and reverent in this sacred place is not a matter of subjective belief; it is not a matter subject to personal opinions, mood changes, or emotional swings. It rests entirely on the objective reality of God's True Presence in the sanctuary. Shifting human emotions do not alter this standard. Therefore, seriously examine how you conduct yourself in this sanctuary. Scripture warns us with terrifying clarity: "*Do not be deceived; God is not mocked*" (Galatians 6:7). *Our actions here have eternal consequences*. Therefore, to safeguard the holiness of this sanctuary and our souls, all parishioners and visitors are asked to strictly observe these vital principles rooted in the Sacred Catholic Scripture and Tradition:

✝. ✝. **SACRED SILENCE:** God commands us: "*Be still, and know that I am God*" (Psalm 46:10). Habakkuk reminds us, "*The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him*" (Habakkuk 2:20). Zephaniah declares, "*Be silent before the Lord God!*" (Zephaniah 1:7). St. John Chrysostom warns: "*When you are before the altar where Christ reposes... believe that there are troops of angels standing by you and trembling with respect... Therefore, when you are in church, be there in silence.*" St. Isaac of Syria counsels, "*Let us love silence till the world is made to die in our hearts.*" ✝. Therefore: Maintain prayerful silence and quiet before, during, and after Holy Mass. Take all your cell phone use and all your conversations outside to the vestibule or parking lot.

✝. ✝. **PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES:** We must always remember that a Catholic church is a uniquely sacred space. *God Himself is truly and substantially present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and we join our voices with the angels and saints who worship Him in hidden glory*. Because of this profound reality, our behavior in the pews should always be of prayerful reverence, awe, and *focus on the Lord*. While physical gestures like back rubs, shoulder massages, or leaning on others are often blameless expressions of affection among adult friends and loved ones, they certainly do not belong at Holy Mass and in the interiors of the church. They distract others from prayer and detract from the solemnity of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. ✝. Therefore: Let our *focus be on the Lord*, and let us help one another to *encounter the Living God, and to be in His loving kindness*.

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JULY 26 ✓ 17TH 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



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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

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

JUL.25	*17TH SUNDAY*	✠. RAYMUNDO CONSULTA
JUL.26	*IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. LUCIA GONZALEZ BLANCO
JUL.27 MON.	*OF 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	
JUL.28 TUE.	*OF 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	
JUL.29 WED.	*SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS, Mem.*	
JUL.30 THU.	*OF 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. SYDNEY, JAMES *and* CLARINE TIMMONS
JUL.31 FRI.	*ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST, Mem.*	✠. SYDNEY, JAMES *and* CLARINE TIMMONS



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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***

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

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

JULY 19 ✓ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: *WIS. 12:13, 16-19 ✖ PS. 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 ✖ RM. 8:26-27 MT. 13:24-43*

THE MONTH OF JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST!!!

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



Bishop Erik Pohlmeier invites you to a free workshop this fall on *The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*. The Workshop topics include *the shape of the sacrifice*, *the role of the priest and the assembly*, *participation in the liturgy*, *and the importance of silence and reverence*. The bishop calls you to deepen your understanding of the Holy Eucharist, the Church's call to full, conscious and active participation in the Sacred Mysteries. The workshops are open to all. No registration is required!

ON PRIESTHOOD BY ST. JOHN VIANNEY (A.D. 1786-1859): **"The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you…. Leave a parish twenty years without priests; they will worship beasts…. When people wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest [priesthood], because where there is no longer any priest there is no *Sacrifice*, and where there is no longer any *Sacrifice* there is no religion."** ***Please pray for our priests and for an increase in holy vocations.***

A guy goes to his Rabbi and says, "Rabbi, you will never believe what happened to me. My son left the house and became a Christian." The Rabbi says, "Oy vey… you will never believe what happened to me. My son left the house too and became a Christian." So they say to each other, "So what do we do? Well, let's go to God and pray." And as they are praying, God speaks and says to them, "Oy vey … you will never believe what happened to me. You want to know? My Son too left the house and…"

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LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 3,122 & ONLINE $ 945.00

TOTAL: **4,067.00**



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JUL.19	*IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. HASPESLAGH FAMILY ✝. MARIA ROGERS (*FOR HEALING*)
JUL.20 MON.	*ST. APOLLINARIS, BISHOP & MARTYR, Mem.*	✠. FOR THE UNBORN *and* ✝. PREBORN CHILDREN
JUL.21 TUE.	*ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, Mem.*	✝. FOR ALL THE NOT YET BAPTIZED CHILDREN
JUL.22 WED.	*FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE*	✠. ARISTOTELEZ III
JUL.23 THU.	*ST. BRIDGET, Mem.*	✠. GEORGE JAMES ✠. JEFF JAMES
JUL.24 FRI.	*ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF, Mem.*	✝. SHERRY, LINDA, *and* DANNY



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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

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You are welcome. Free admission and parking! *(FOR MORE INFORMATION: AHASSELL@CCBFOSA.ORG)*

2026 PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT, JULY 24-26

The seminarians of the Diocese of St. Augustine are hosting their annual retreat for young men in our diocese, ages 16+, who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This overnight retreat will be held at Marywood Retreat Center in St. Johns, and includes Mass, talks, small groups, adoration, a Eucharistic procession, meals, recreation and fellowship. The cost is $15 to attend.

To register: https://dosafl.wufoo.com/forms/2026-discernment-retreat/

For questions, contact vocations@dosafl.com or (904) 262-3200, ext.101.

"We must first be purified, then purify; be taught, then teach; become light, then enlighten; Draw near to God, then bring others to Him."

St. Gregory Nazianzen

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JULY 12 ✓ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: *IS. 55:10-11 ✖ PS. 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 ✖ RM. 8:18-23 MT. 13:1-23*

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THE Holy Sacrifice OF THE MASS: In Light of the Second Vatican Council

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

An invitation to all the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of St. Augustine - clergy and laity alike - to a presentation and conversation on why and how we are called to celebrate the Mass after the Second Vatican Council.

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MASS

Join Bishop Pohlmeier as he leads our diocese into a deeper understanding of the Mass by examining how the faithful are called to offer full, conscious and active participation in the Sacred Mysteries.

WORKSHOP TOPICS				
	The Shape of the Sacrifice *Sacrifice, Memorial, Meal*	**The Assembly and the Priest** *Unity: The Body of Christ*	**Full, Conscious, Active Participation** *Engaged & Receptive to Christ*	**Silence and Reverence** *The Sound of Silence*

"Full, conscious, and active participation of all the faithful is the goal to be considered before all else."
(Sacrosanctum Concilium, 14)

The workshop is free, and all are welcome.
No registration is necessary.

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Questions?
Contact Letty Valentin
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IN CHURCH $ 2,342 & ONLINE $ 1,055.00

TOTAL: **3,397.00**



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

RAISED SO FAR $ 712,346

IN CHURCH $ 485 & ONLINE $ 430

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CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES *(CCD)* FOR CHILDREN

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

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ORATORY: A MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN

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JUL.12	*SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. MICHAEL BURNSED
JUL.13 MON.	*ST. HENRY, MEM.*	✠. MICHAEL BURNSED
JUL.14 TUE.	*ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN, MEM.*	✝. BENEDICT FRANCIS (LIVING)
JUL.15 WED.	*ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, MEM.*	✝. FRANCIS *and* JOSEPHINE *and* BENEDICT
JUL.16 THU.	**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**, *MEM.*	✠. JOEL BAILEY
JUL.17 FRI.	OF THE 15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JONATHAN ROJAS



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THE SIN OF THE CENTURY IS ALMOST A TOTAL LOSS OF THE SENSE OF SIN ITSELF

"Maybe the biggest sin in our world today is that people have stopped recognizing what sin even is. If we numb or suppress that awareness — though it can never be completely ripped out of the human heart — and if we ignore the image of Jesus dying on the cross to pay for our wrongs, then what is left to stop evil forces from taking over? What will hold back human selfishness, pride, obsession with pleasure, and corrupt ambition? Will regular laws be enough? What about international agreements or treaties? ✠ In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus clearly showed us the path to God's will and eternal life. But it is from the cross itself that we receive the real grace, strength, and courage we need to actually walk that path with confidence and without losing our way" *(VENERABLE POPE PIUS XII TO THE 'NATIONAL CATECHETICAL CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN BOSTON' TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 26, 1946).*

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JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR *SOUP AND SESSION* AT 6:15 PM

Before we gather, all are warmly invited and encouraged to spend time with the Lord in Adoration beginning at 4:30 PM and to participate in Holy Mass at 5:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you there for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and faith-filled conversation.

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JULY 05 ✓ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: *ZEC. 9:9-10 ✖ PS. 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 ✖ RM. 8:9, 11-13 MT. 11:25-30*

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UNDERSTANDING HOLY MASS INTENTIONS: OUR HISTORY AND TRADITION

"One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." — St. Monica to St. Augustine (AD 387).

"Then we make mention also of those who have already fallen asleep... for we believe that it will be of great benefit to those for whom the petition is carried up, while this holy and most solemn Sacrifice is laid out." — St. Cyril of Jerusalem (AD 350).

The infinite graces of Christ's Sacrifice on Calvary are made present in the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Every time Holy Mass is offered, these graces are applied to a specific purpose, petition, or person. This practice has always belonged to the Roman Catholic Church, a historical fact supported by at least 1,800 years of documented evidence. The early Christians in the ancient Roman catacombs around AD 200 brought gifts to the altar alongside the names of loved ones to be remembered during the Eucharistic Prayer. Writing around AD 211, the early Church Father Tertullian documented that Christians regularly offered sacrifices and prayers for the dead on the anniversary of their passing. By AD 235, Church documents explicitly mandated offering these specific intentions during the Holy Mass itself. Today, whether we offer a Holy Mass for the repose of a deceased soul, the healing of someone sick, or a milestone, we are participating directly in the Communion of Saints—uniting the living on earth with the souls in Purgatory and the saints in Heaven through the most powerful prayer possible.



The small monetary offering given with a Holy Mass intention request is a symbolic act of sacrificial participation. It is NOT a payment for a grace, as God's love cannot be bought or sold.

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LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 1,619 & ONLINE $ 245

TOTAL: **1,864.00**



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

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

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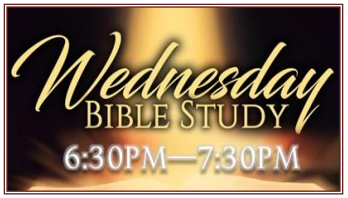

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JUL.05		*SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*	✝. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ✠. PAUL MACKEY
JUL.06	MON.	*ST. MARIA GORETTI, MEMORIAL*	✠. CIARA NICOLE ‖ ✝. HEATHER, KRISTEN, BRIA & NOLAN
JUL.07	TUE.	OF THE 14TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS
JUL.08	WED.	OF THE 14TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS
JUL.09	THU.	OF THE 14TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JASON & LISA PALLESCHI
JUL.10	FRI.	OF THE 14TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JOSEPHINE KAWING



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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) Instead, it represents your personal material offering to support the Church's ministry and the livelihood of the priest who acts in persona Christi (in the person of Christ) to offer the Holy Mass on your behalf. By scheduling an intention, you deeply associate your own prayers with the holy sacrifice of the altar for the needs of our world and loved ones.

Therefore, we encourage you to make this holy sacrifice and request Holy Mass intentions for your departed loved ones, your living family and friends, and even for your own spiritual needs. In our modern age, we should not seek to be smarter than the billions of Christians who have faithfully kept this tradition alive for nearly 2000 years. Trust in the enduring wisdom of the Church and the generations of saints before us, and bring your deepest intentions to the altar where Christ's ultimate healing and grace are poured out.

TYPES OF INTENTIONS

THE DECEASED: Praying for the repose of the soul of a departed loved one.

THE LIVING: Seeking healing for the sick or grace for someone facing challenges.

MILESTONES: Celebrating special life events like birthdays, weddings, or anniversaries.

THANKSGIVING: Expressing gratitude to God for blessings or favors received.

SPECIAL CAUSES: Praying for general needs like world peace, vocations, or the local community.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULING CATEGORIES

SINGLE HOLY MASS: A one-time dedication of a specific scheduled liturgy.

TRIDUUM: A series of three consecutive Holy Masses for a chosen intention.

NOVENA: A sequence of nine consecutive days of scheduled Holy Masses.

GREGORIAN MASSES: 30 consecutive Holy Masses offered exclusively for a single deceased soul.

PRAYERS REDIRECTED

As the Lord God is not bound by time and knows the exact state of every soul. If your loved one no longer needs purification, the graces of your prayers are redirected to another soul in need, such as those in purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

MAGNIFICAT RENEWAL

ALL RENEWALS AND NEW ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE END OF JULY TO BONNIE PALLESCHI

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JUNE 21 ✓ 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: *JER.20:10-13 ✖ PS.69:8-10,14,17,33-35 ✖ RM.5:12-15 ✖ MT. 10:26-33*

THE CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTH OF JUNE TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS!!!

THE POPE'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: THAT SPORTS TOO BE INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE, RESPECT, SOLIDARITY, AND GROWTH

JUNE 24, THE BIRTHDAY SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

THE *BIRTHDAY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST* is a Solemnity—the highest rank of liturgical feast—because of his unrivaled role in salvation history as the precursor to Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. While the liturgical calendar usually honors saints on the date of their death (their birth into heaven), John the Baptist is one of only three whose earthly births are celebrated by the Church. The other two are *Christmas* and the birthday of the Blessed Mother (September 8).



SANCTIFICATION IN THE WOMB: According to Sacred Tradition and the teachings of Church Fathers like St. Augustine, John was cleansed of original sin before his birth. During the *Visitation*, when the pregnant Virgin Mary visited Elizabeth, the unborn John leaped for joy in the womb. This is the moment of his sanctification by the presence of the unborn Savior. Because he was born in the state of grace, his actual day of birth is holy and worthy of a Solemnity.

BRIDGE BETWEEN TWO TESTAMENTS: John stands as the literal boundary line between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. He represents the culmination of all the Old Testament prophets who foretold the Messiah, while simultaneously serving as the first prophet of the New Testament to physically point Him out.

CHRIST'S ENDORSEMENT: Christ the Lord Himself honors John with unique greatness when He says: "Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (MT. 11:11). The Church aligns its liturgical hierarchy with this praise by granting his nativity the highest celebration level *(CONTINUED ON PAGE 4).*

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK $ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY ONLINE 595

IN CHURCH $ 3,157 & ONLINE $ 770

TOTAL: 3,927



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 711,336

IN CHURCH $ 485 & ONLINE $ 155

BALANCE TO BE RAISED $ 788,024

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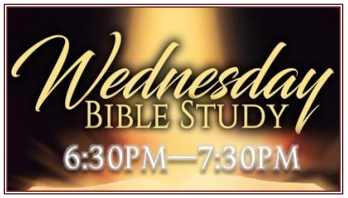

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JUN.20		*TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. RONALD FOOTIT
JUN.21			✠. GERALD RAITEY ✠. MICHAEL WARNER
JUN.22	**MON.**	**OF THE 12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**	✠. DON ZARRELLA
JUN.23	**TUE.**	**OF THE 12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**	✝. CHRISTEN ✝. GABRIELLA ✝. NOLAN
JUN.24	**WED.**	*NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, SOLEMNITY*	✝. JOSEPHINE ✝. SAGE ✝. FOR ALL CHILDREN
JUN.25	**THU.**	**OF THE 12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**	✠. CARL BAILEY
JUN.26	**FRI.**	**OF THE 12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**	✝. LIAM ✝. NATE ✝. *AD 2026* SCHOOL GRADUATES



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B. LANCHO, M. & K. DOUGHERTY	SAT: JUN. 27	H. WILLIAMS
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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) **LITURGICAL AND COSMIC ALIGNMENT:** John's birth on June 24 sits exactly six months before Christmas on December 25, directly reflecting the timeline in the Gospel of Luke where Elizabeth is in her sixth month of pregnancy during the Annunciation. This creates a deliberate "Summer Christmas". The dates carry profound cosmic symbolism based on John's own words: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).June 24 occurs right after the summer solstice; from this point forward, daylight begins to decrease. December 25 occurs right after the winter solstice; from this point forward, daylight begins to increase.



DISCERNMENT PRAYER

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill myself. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you. But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all my strength unto the end of my life. Amen.

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR JUNE 26, FRIDAY

Since I need to attend the Homeschoolers' High School Graduation Holy Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 6:00 PM on Friday, June 26, we need to adjust our schedule. ✝.✝. The Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist will be prayed and offered at 8:00 AM instead of 5:30 PM, and it will be special. Please come! ✝.✝. Our Friday Adoration will start immediately after the 8:00 AM Holy Mass and conclude at 4:30 PM. The final hour of Adoration, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, will also be a special time of prayer. Please join us! Blessings! *Fr. M. Raj*

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JUNE 14 ✓ 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: *EX. 19:2-6A ✖ PS. 100:1-2,3,5 ✖ RM. 5:6-11 ✖ MT. 9:36—10:8*

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O JESUS, my Lord, my God, my Love, my all,
Through the Immaculate Heart
Of Your Holy and Glorious and Blessed Virgin Mother,
I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day,
For all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart,
In union with the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass
Prayed and offered to You throughout the world,
For the salvation of souls, for the reparation of sins,
For the reunion of all Christians,
And in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.



ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT: "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and lovely Savior, consume my heart with that burning fire wherewith Your own is inflamed. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your love. Let my heart be so united with Yours, that Your will may be mine, and that my will may be eternally conformed to Yours."

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX: "The secret of the Heart is laid bare through the wounds of the body; that great mystery of love is visible, the very bowels of the mercy of our God have been opened up to us…. Your wounds are my merits. I shall dwell securely in these clefts of the rock, in the very heart of my Lord."

THE LORD JESUS TO ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE: "Behold this Heart which has so loved men that It has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself, in order to testify Its love."

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LAST WEEK OFFERTORY ONLINE 595

IN CHURCH $ 2,095 & ONLINE $ 595

TOTAL: 2,690



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

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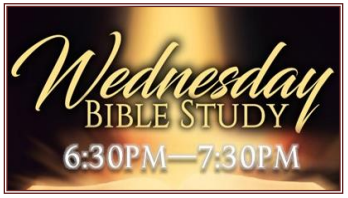

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JUN.14			✝. BENEDICT, FRANCIS & JOSEPHINE
JUN.15	MON.	OF THE 11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. LISA & JASON PALLESCHI
JUN.16	TUE.	OF THE 11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JIM MEEHAN
JUN.17	WED.	*MOST CHASTE HEART OF ST JOSEPH, MEM.*	✠. JONATHAN ROJAS
JUN.18	THU.	OF THE 11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. DAVID GLASS
JUN.19	FRI.	*SAINT ROMUALD, MEM*	✝. BISHOP ESTEVEZ & FATHER SEBRA *(HEALING)*



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ONGOING FOOD COLLECTION

We often have people come to our church seeking assistance with basic needs such as utility bills, rent, gas for their cars, and groceries. Many are struggling to make ends meet and do not always have enough food. To help meet these needs, our collection of non-perishable and shelf-stable food items will continue on an ongoing basis. A collection box is now located at the front entrance of the church for your convenience. We encourage parishioners to continue donating as they are able, and ***thank everyone for their generosity***. We would especially like our own parishioners, and any ***Catholics*** experiencing financial hardship or food insecurity, to know that these items are available for them. As the saying goes, ***charity begins at home***, and we want members of our parish family to feel welcome to make use of this ministry whenever needed. Any remaining items will continue to be shared with others in need in our wider community. Let us care for one another and live out the Gospel call to love and serve our neighbors!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM

This year, the parish is hoping to add a ***Thanksgiving Day Mass*** and a **Thanksgiving Celebration on our parish grounds**. We are looking for people to help with these events. Kindly consider donating your time, talent, or treasure to make this occasion a memorably joyful one! Thank you very much!

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SOUP AND SESSION: EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE LEARNING CENTER!

JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR *SOUP AND SESSIONS* AT 6:15 PM.

Before we gather, all are warmly invited and encouraged to spend time with the Lord in Adoration beginning at 4:30 PM and to participate in Holy Mass at 5:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you there for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and faith-filled conversation.

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JUNE 7 ✓ CORPUS CHRISTI: *DEUT. 8:2-3, 14B-16A ✠ PS. 147:12-15, 19-20 ✠ 1 CORI. 10:16-17 ✠ JOHN 6:51-58*

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SACRED HEART OF JESUS, filled with infinite love, broken by my ingratitude, pierced by my sins, yet loving me still, accept the consecration that I make to You, of all that I am and all that I have. Take every faculty of my soul and body, and draw me, day by day, nearer and nearer to Your Sacred Side, and there, as I can bear the lesson, teach me Your blessed ways. Amen!



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

✓. "Let us rise from our seats and listen with fear. This Body, even when lying in a manger, the Magi adored... They prostrated themselves before It with much fear and trembling. Let us, then, who are citizens of heaven, imitate…[them]. For you see *It* not in a manger, but on an altar... You see *It* and receive *It*. Let us therefore stir ourselves up, let us tremble, and let us show forth a devotion far greater than theirs."

✓. "When the priest stands at the altar, he does not bring down fire, but the Holy Spirit. He prays for a long time, not that a flame may consume the offerings, but that grace may fall upon the sacrifice and inflame the hearts of all. Who but a madman would despise such a terrifying mystery? ... Think about what kind of person he ought to be who offers such a sacrifice! He should be purer than the rays of the sun. At that moment, Angels stand by the priest, and the whole sanctuary is filled with heavenly powers honoring Him who lies upon the altar."

✓. "I too raise my voice, I beseech, beg and implore that no one draw near to this sacred table with a sullied and corrupt conscience. Such an act, in fact, can never be called communion, not even were we to touch the Lord's body a thousand times over, but condemnation, torment and increase of punishment. ... Let no Judas be present at this table, no Simon Magus; for these men perished through their own wickedness. Let us stand with fear and trembling."

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK $ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 2,674 & ONLINE $ 1,235

TOTAL: 3,909



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 709,596

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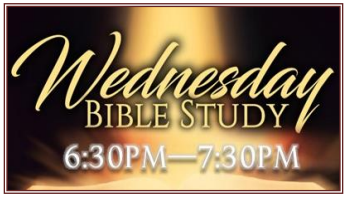

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JUN.07		*OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!!!*	✠. SYDNEY, JAMES & CLARINE TIMMONS
JUN.08	MON.	OF THE 10TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. CLARINE, SYDNEY & JAMES TIMMONS
JUN.09	TUE.	OF THE 10TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. DENNIS THOELKE
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JUN.11	THU.	*SAINT BARNABAS, APOSTLE, MEM.*	✠. GEORGE R. JAMES
JUN.12	FRI.	*SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS*	✗. BRIANNA (*SAFE DELIVERY OF BABY C-SECTION*)



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PRAY FOR OUR NATION JUNE 11

U.S. BISHOPS TO CONSECRATE NATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Next week, on June 11, the U.S. Catholic Bishops will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The consecration will take place during the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Spring Plenary Assembly and will be livestreamed from the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando at 4 p.m. (ET). Parishes are encouraged to share this opportunity with the faithful and invite them to join in prayer for our nation.



Livestream https://www.youtube.com/live/j1WyC4TSeoo

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This year, the parish is hoping to add a ***Thanksgiving Day Mass*** and a **Thanksgiving Celebration on our parish grounds**. We are looking for people to help with these events. Kindly consider donating time, talent, or treasure to make this occasion a prayer-joyful. **PLEASE CONTACT MS. CATHERINE CHICK (904) 293-3827 or CHICKCA@GMAIL.COM**

SOUP AND SESSION: EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE LEARNING CENTER!

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MAY 24 ✓ PENTECOST SUNDAY *ACTS 2:1-11 ✖ PS. 104:1,24,29-30,31,34 ✖ 1 COR. 12:3B-7,12-13 ✖ JN. 20:19-23*

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HONORING THE FALLEN ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY

As the nation pauses to remember the men and women who laid down their lives in military service, we as Catholics, recognize the profound sacrifice of these souls. We pray that the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen service members yields a harvest of lasting peace. Let us join together in praying for their eternal rest and for the comfort of the families they left behind.

HOLY MASS THIS MONDAY WILL BE AT 8:00 AM!

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH *ON* THE SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS

1446. Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. The Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as "the second plank [of salvation] after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace."

144. Over the centuries the concrete form in which the Church has exercised this power received from the Lord has varied considerably. During the first centuries the reconciliation of Christians who had committed particularly grave sins after their Baptism (for example, idolatry, murder, or adultery) was tied to a very rigorous discipline, according to which penitents had to do public penance for their sins, often for years, before receiving reconciliation. To this "order of penitents" (which concerned only certain grave sins), one was only rarely admitted and in certain regions only once in a lifetime *(CONTINUED ON THE LAST PAGE).*

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK $ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 3,378 & ONLINE $ 815

TOTAL: 4,193.00



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 708,821

IN CHURCH $ 505 & ONLINE $ 105

BALANCE TO BE RAISED $ 790,569

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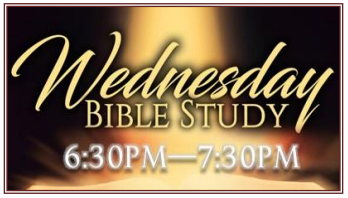

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MAY.24			✠. PAULINE HUNEKE
MAY.25	MON.	*BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH*	✠. LINDA WILLEY
MAY.26	TUE.	SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST, *MEM.*	✠. FATHER RICHARD ✗ BISHOP ESTEVEZ
MAY.27	WED.	OF THE 8TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. ANNA BOLDUC
MAY.28	THU.	OF THE 8TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. AVERY HILTON BOXHILL ✠. JANIE & ANDRE JOSEPH
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1448. Beneath the changes in discipline and celebration that this sacrament has undergone over the centuries, the same fundamental structure is to be discerned. It comprises two equally essential elements: on the one hand, the acts of the man who undergoes conversion through the action of the Holy Spirit: namely, contrition, confession, and satisfaction; on the other, God's action through the intervention of the Church. The Church, who through the bishop and his priests forgives sins in the name of Jesus Christ and determines the manner of satisfaction, also prays for the sinner and does penance with him. Thus the sinner is healed and re-established in ecclesial communion.

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ATTENTION: ATTENDEES OF THE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE KICK OFF PROCESSION ON SUNDAY, MAY 24

Upon Arrival: Collect your ***mandatory wristband*** at the Shrine. The distribution table is located near the field altar area. Once you have your wristband, join the faithful at the ***Rustic Altar area—*** **the site of the first altar in America—**to prepare for the start. ***Bring Water:*** The walking route to the Cathedral is over one mile. Please bring a water bottle to stay hydrated. ***Wear Safe Footwear:*** Ensure you wear comfortable, supportive shoes appropriate for walking on uneven terrain.

FOR MORE INFORMATION *https://dosafl.com/pilgrimage-250/*

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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*

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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!

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IN CHURCH $ 1,524 & ONLINE $ 295

TOTAL: 1,819.00



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RAISED SO FAR $ 708,701

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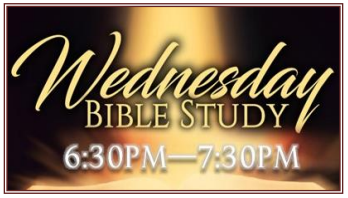

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MAY.16		*THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD*	✠. ROY GONZALEZ ✠. ANNA & ERNIE BOLDUC
MAY.17			✠. JONATHAN ROJAS ✠. FR PATRICK CARROLL
MAY.18	MON.	OF 7TH WEEK OF EASTER	✠. JASON & LISA PALLESCHI
MAY.19	TUE.	OF 7TH WEEK OF EASTER	✗. CHRISTINE & DAVE DOHERTY
MAY.20	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



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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!

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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!

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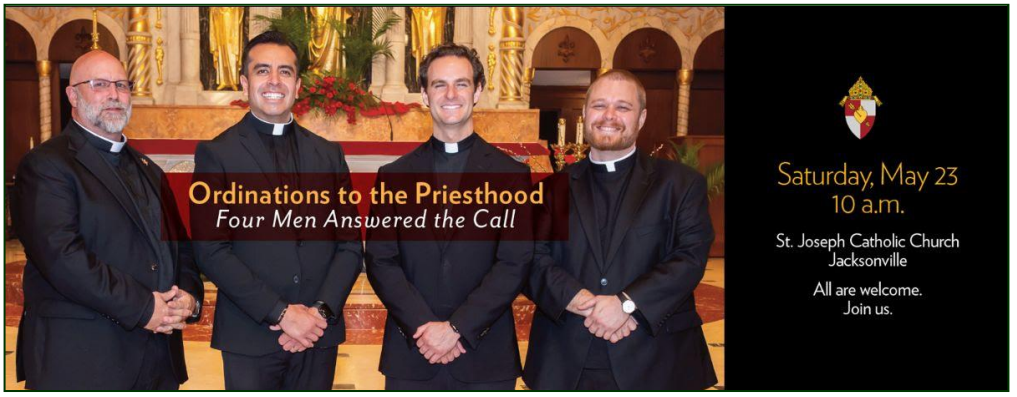
PROCESSION *DATE:* MAY 24, SUNDAY AT *TIME:* 4:30 PM!



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HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 705,981

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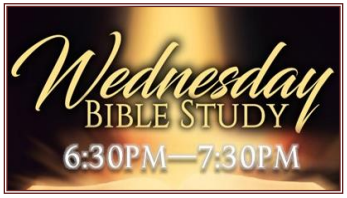

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MAY.14 THU.	FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	✠. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS
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THE POPE'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION: FOR COMMITMENT TO NOT WASTE FOOD & THAT ALL MAY HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY FOOD

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The Knights of Columbus'

PILGRIM IMAGE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

is with us through Monday, May 4th.

Please seek to spend some time in prayer with this beautiful symbol of Christ's love!

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Please stay to honor the Blessed Mother of God!

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LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 1,882 & ONLINE $ 575

TOTAL: 2,457.00



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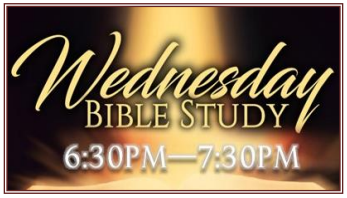

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MAY.04	MON.	OF 5TH WEEK OF EASTER (8 AM)	✠. GERALD RAILEY
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MAY.06	WED.	ST. DOMINIC SAVIO, *MEMORIAL* (NO HOLY MASS)	✠. GAIL LINE ✠. SANDY HARPER ✠. PAT MITCHELL
MAY.07	THU.	OF 5TH WEEK OF EASTER	✠. JOEL BAILEY
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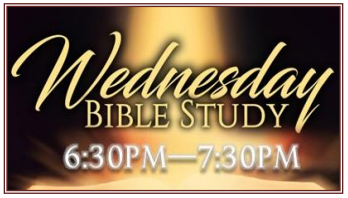

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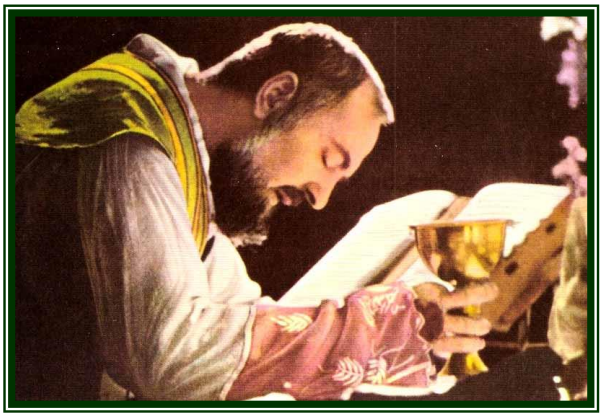

FROM SAINT PADRE PIO

(May 25, 1887 - September 23, 1968)

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. In the spiritual life he who does not advance goes backward. It happens as with a boat which always must go ahead. If it stands still the wind will blow it back.

. That which comes from Satan begins with calmness and ends in storm, indifference and apathy.

. My past, O Lord, to your Mercy; my present, to your Love; my future, to your Providence!

. The heart of our Divine Master has no more amiable law than that of sweetness, humility, charity. Often place your confidence in Divine Providence and be assured that sooner heaven and earth shall pass away than that the Lord neglect to protect you.

. Kneel down and render the tribute of your presence and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Confide all your needs to him, along with those of others. Speak to him with filial abandonment, give free rein to your heart, and give him complete freedom to work in you as he thinks best.

2026 PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT, JULY 24-26

Our Diocesans seminarians are hosting their annual retreat for young men in our diocese, ages 16 plus, who are discerning a call to the priesthood. This overnight retreat will be held at Marywood Retreat Center, and includes holy Mass, talks, small group discussions, Adoration, a Eucharistic procession, meals, recreation and fellowship. The cost is $15 to attend. To register, download the 2026 Discernment Retreat Registration Form or scan from https://mcusercontent.com/5cbbc6030d8ad8295bee54a60/files/8bd75235-8b90-1eec-4e49-06185dfc2773/2026_Discernment_Retreat_Registration_Postcard.pdf

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ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (349- 407)

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"What greater work is there than training the mind and forming the habits of the young?"

"Fasting of the body is food for the soul."

"Be ashamed when you sin, not when you repent."

"Men have the power of thinking that they may avoid sin."

"The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors,

but because she labors for others."

"Mercy imitates God and disappoints Satan."

THANK YOU, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, THANK YOU!

Dear People of God, on April 12, five of our young parishioners received the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time! Let us continue to pray for all our children and little ones, and congratulate: Lorelei Boyer, Abel Cates, Clare Chick Daniel, John Dietrick III (DJ) Lydia Gauthier. This celebration was made possible by the help of many hands. We want to thank everyone who contributed, with a very special **THANK YOU** to the *Knights of Columbus* for providing a great breakfast and reception that morning. It was a beautiful time of fellowship. May the peace of the Lord remain with these children as they continue their journey of faith!

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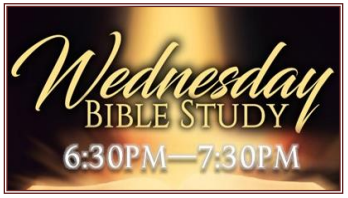

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APR.19	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	✠. MILTON & MARGARET LEE & DAVID FOOTIT
APR.20	MON. OF THIRD WEEK OF EASTER *(8 AM)*	✗. KIRK & JAN GULLEDGE (HEALING)
APR.21	TUE. MEMORIAL OF ST. ANSELM	✠. TOM BROWN JR.
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APR.24	FRI. OF THIRD WEEK OF EASTER	✠. BOB MCCAFFERY ✠. KATHLEEN, THOMAS & CIARA HAUGHEY

PLEASE NOTE: THE HOLY MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 20TH WILL BE OFFERED AT 8 AM.

THERE WILL NOT BE A 5:30 PM HOLY MASS ON THAT DAY.

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P. DECURTINS, M. DOUGHERTY & H. WILLIAMS	SAT: APR. 25	H. WILLIAMS
J. CHICK SR, K. WHITE & J. MACKEY	SUN: APR. 26	D. CHICK & A. MCKENDREE

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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE LORD,

This weekend, Father Adam Izbecki, from the Most Holy Redeemer parish, will pray and offer the Holy Mass in our Church. He is joining us for two reasons: First, he is here to share details about an upcoming Pilgrimage he will be leading. These journeys are opportunities for spiritual renewal, and I wanted to ensure he had the chance to invite our community. Second, he was eager to experience the unique intimacy and prayerful atmosphere of a close-knit community like ours. While larger parishes have their own energy, there is a unique prayerful closeness found in smaller parishes' celebrations, and he is looking forward to sharing it with you all this weekend. And I will be in his parish covering the Holy Mass for him there. Thank you!! *(Fr. Martin Raj).*



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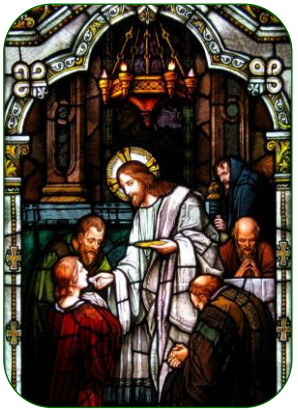

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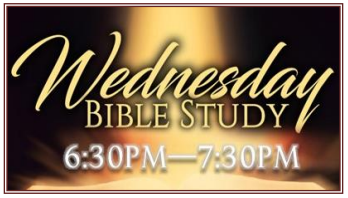

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APR.16	THU. SAINT BERNADETTE, *Memorial*	✠. HERMAN *and* DOROTHY DILLMAN
APR.17	FRI. OF SECOND WEEK OF EASTER	✠. JONATHAN ROJAS ✠. ARON & ✠. CHRISTINA MORENCY

Please Note: There will not be a 5:30 pm Holy Mass on Monday April 13TH as we will be offering a funeral Holy Mass at 11 am to pray for the repose of the soul Kathleen Wilson Smith.

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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE

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ACTS 10:34A,37-43; PS. 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; COL. 3:1-4; JN. 20:1-9

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ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!! THE LORD IS RISEN FROM THE GRAVE!!! ALLELUIA!!!!

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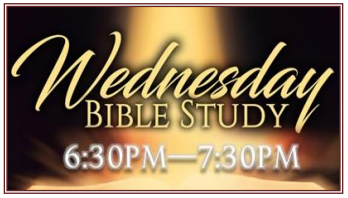

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SAT, APRIL 5: EASTER SUNDAY: ALTAR SERVERS: J. SMITH & H. WILLIAMS

LECTORS: T. HUDSON, J. BURNHAM (*RESPONSORIAL PSALM*), S. HUDSON & R. NICKLES

J. MACKEY., R. NICKLES & H. WILLIAMS	SAT: APR. 11	B. LANCHO
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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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MAR. 29 ✓ PALM SUNDAY ✓ *IS. 50:4-7 ✓ PS. 22:8-9,17-20,23-24 ✓ PH.2:6–11 ✓ MT. 26:14—27:66*

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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND (*PRO TERRA SANCTA*)

This collection is taken up in all Catholic churches across the world on GOOD FRIDAY. The primary aim is to provide concrete solidarity and material support to Christian communities in the Holy Land, enabling them to sustain their presence amid ongoing challenges like violence, poverty, exile, pandemics, and wars. Key uses for the collected funds include four major areas: a. Pastoral and social institutions (such as supporting parishes); b. Economic relief (support for families); c. Witness and peace-building (fostering a common desire for peace); d. Preventing exodus (survival of ancient Christian communities). This annual Good Friday gesture roots the global Church in Jerusalem's redemptive origins, transforming small offerings—like the widow's mite—into life-sustaining aid for persecuted believers.

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TOTAL $ 2,424



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MAR. 31	TUE. OF THE HOLY WEEK	✝. MAGGIE SANDERS & KATHLEEN SMITH
APR. 01	WED. OF THE HOLY WEEK	✝. PETER & CHRISTINA (INTENTIONS)
APR. 02	THU. *MAUNDY THURSDAY*	✝. PRISCILLA WYNN (HEALING)

APR. 03 *GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION*

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APRIL 2: HOLY THURSDAY ✝ EVENING HOLY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LECTORS: J. JOHNSON, J. BURNHAM (*RESPONSORIAL PSALM*), B. PALLESCHI & B. LANCHO

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APRIL 3: HOLY FRIDAY: LECTORS: J. MACKEY, J. BURNHAM (*RESPONSORIAL PSALM*) & K. WHITE

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QUESTION IS: DO YOU PRAY AS YOU SHOULD? DO YOU RESIST AS YOU MUST?

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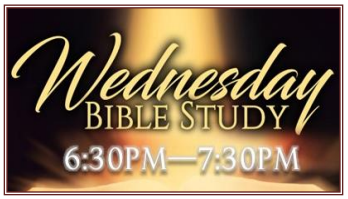

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MAR.23	MON.	OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT	✗. FOR THE PERSECUTED & ✠. MARTYRED CHRISTIANS
MAR.24	TUE.	OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT	✠. FR. RICHARD, DEACON KEN & ANNA BOLDUC
MAR.25	WED.	SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION	✠. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS
MAR.26	THU.	OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT	✗. FOR NOT YET BAPTIZED INFANT CHILDREN
MAR.27	FRI.	OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT	✗. BISHOP ESTEVEZ & FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

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LECTORS	MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!	ALTAR SERVERS
K. & M. DOUGHERTY & B. PALLESCHI	SAT. MAR. 21	B. LANCHO
J. CHICK SR, J. CHICK JR. & K.WHITE	SUN. MAR. 22	H. WILLIAMS & J. SMITH

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SOUP & SESSIONS: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, FOLLOWING OUR 5:30 PM HOLY MASS

TOPIC: THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF EARLY CHRISTIAN ICONS

MARCH 25 ✠ THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is one of the most significant feasts in the Catholic Church because it celebrates the Incarnation—the exact moment the Word became flesh in the blessed Mother's womb. While Christmas honors Christ's birth, the Annunciation marks the true beginning of His earthly life and the "fullness of time" when God's promises of salvation were fulfilled. Please, do come to pray the Rosary at 5 pm and the Holy Mass at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 25. May God bless you and give you peace!!

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TOPIC: SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, THE THEOPHORUS (GOD-BEARER)

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SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY: MARCH 20, 2026

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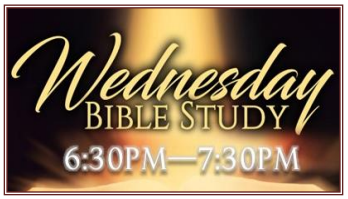

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MAR.15		**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**	✠. JOSE CARRASQUILLO
MAR.16	MON.	OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT	✗. SAGE EDWARD, KRISTEN, NOLAN AND LILY
MAR.17	TUE.	SAINT PATRICK, *Mem.*	✠. JONATHAN ROJAS
MAR.18	WED.	SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, *Mem.*	✠. D. PAUL LEE ✗. W. JOSEPH LEE
MAR.19	THU.	SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH	✗. CHRISTINE & DAVE DOHERTY (INTENTIONS)
MAR.20	FRI.	OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT	✗. BISHOP FELIPE ESTEVEZ (HEALING)

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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SAT. 28 MAR. *Vigil* 5 PM & SUN. 29 MAR. 10 AM

APRIL 2 ✍ HOLY THURSDAY

HOLY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6 PM

APRIL 3 ✍ GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 02 PM (INDOORS)

FOLLOWED BY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA

CEREMONY OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3 PM

APRIL 4 ✍ SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL 8:30 PM ❀ APRIL 5 ✍ EASTER SUNDAY HOLY MASS 10 AM





April 25 @ 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

https://dosafl.com/event/2026-dosa-family-fest/

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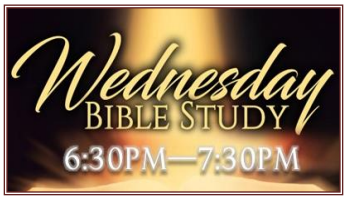

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MAR.08	**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**	✠. MARQUIS BILODEAU
MAR.09	MON. OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT	✠. MAGGIE SANDERS (INTENTIONS)
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TOPIC: THE ANCIENT CHRISTIAN AUTHORS KNOWN AS 'THE FATHERS OF THE CHURCH'

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026,

WE ARE HONORED TO HOST BISHOP ERIK THOMAS POHLMEIER!

THE BISHOP WILL JOIN US TO PRAY AND OFFER THE HOLY MASS, AND TO ADMINISTER

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION TO

AIDEN BRADY, TORIN BRADY, BIANCA GILSON, JONATHAN HIGGINBOTHAM, AND DYLAN NGUYEN!

LET US PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES AND CELEBRATE THEIR CONFIRMATION!

THE HOLY MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON RECEPTION IN THE PARISH HALL.

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WE ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL TO OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)

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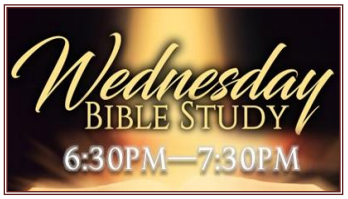

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Eucharistic Encounter

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

3:15-3:45 p.m.
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT: PLEASE COME TO PRAY THE HOLY MASS AT 5:30 PM ON ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT AND **THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 6 PM.**

LENT SEASON SOUP AND SESSIONS: FEBRUARY 25 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR 5:30 PM HOLY MASS. THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER WILL BE DR. DAVID SUTTON, AN ENDOCRINOLOGIST, WHOSE PASSION OUTSIDE OF HIS WORK IS HIS STUDY OF *THE SHROUD OF TURIN*.

OUR LENTEN PENANCE AND CONFESSION: MONDAY, MARCH 23 AT 6 PM

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' LENTEN FISH FRY WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

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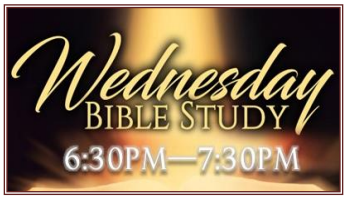

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FEB. 24	TUE. OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT	✠. BISHOP FELIPE *ESTEVEZ*
FEB. 25	WED. OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT	✠. BILLY & BETTY *GRIMES*
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FEB. 27	FRI. OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT	✠. DON *STEINER*

LECTORS	MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!	ALTAR SERVERS
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A SPECIAL MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

A great big **THANK YOU** from Trudy Hudson, our Parish's *Respect Life Coordinator*, to the parish! She was able to raise last $465 for First Coast Women's Services. These funds will be used to buy diapers and new-born onesies to place in their Boutique which helps mothers in need. Thank you very much!! And Trudy, thank you very much for being our *Respect Life Coordinator*!!

BISHOP POHLMEIER'S LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL

On Ash Wednesday, Bishop Erik Pohlmeier wrote a letter for the faithful of the diocese. You have it shared with you along with today's bulletin. In his message, he reflects the long-range diocesan priorities. The letter is meant to help us understand where we are as a diocese, where we are going and why it matters for the life of our local Church.

THE PURPOSE AND PRACTICE OF LENT

. ST. AUGUSTINE: "Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."

. ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: "Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble...."

. ST. LEO THE GREAT: "The right practice of abstinence is needful not only to the mortification of the flesh but also to the purification of the mind."

. ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: "Let us fast from passions as we fast from foods, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit."

. ST. ANTHONY THE HERMIT: "Whoever hammers a lump of iron, first decides what he is going to make of it... Even so we ought to make up our minds what kind of virtue we want to forge."

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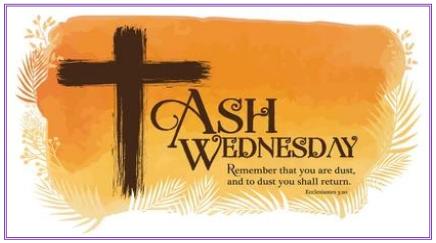
This week, we are invited by our Bishop to prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2026 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Bishop Pohlmeier requests each of us to join together as a faith community in support of the mission of our local Church and the strengthening of our communities throughout the Diocese of Saint Augustine. Our giving to his appeal is an expression of gratitude for the blessings God has entrusted to us. Through giving and sharing of ourselves, we respond in faith, recognizing that all we are and all we have come from God. As we reflect on this invitation, let us seek to generously support the work of the Church and help bring the love of Christ to others.





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WE WILL PRAY THE *STATIONS OF THE CROSS* 5 PM ON *ASH WEDNESDAY*

AND OFFER THE HOLY MASS AT 6 PM

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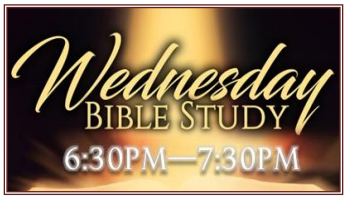

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THE RITE OF ENTRANCE

Let us welcome and pray for David Bailey, Major Boyer, Brynne Canaday, Joshua Carter, Liam and Lucas Gilson, Kieran Horkan, Elenore and Olivia White, and Hayden Williams as we celebrate their *Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate and the Welcoming of Candidates* this Sunday.

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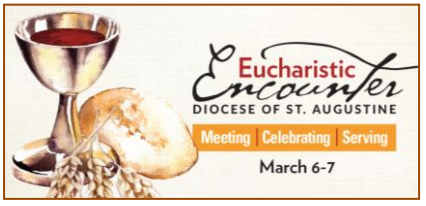

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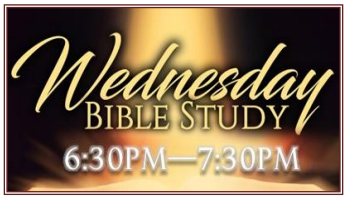

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FEB. 08	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. SYDNEY, CLARINE & JAMES TIMMONS
FEB. 09 MON.	OF THE FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JONATHAN ROJAS & LUIS GABRIEL
FEB. 10 TUE.	ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN, MEMORIAL	✠. JOSEPHINE KAWING ✠. CIARA NICOLE
FEB. 11 WED.	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES	✠. VICTOR CRAWFORD ✠. FATHER CONRAD
FEB. 12 THU.	OF THE FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✝. BISHOP FELIPE DE JESÚS ESTÉVEZ
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"No one heals himself by wounding another."

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"Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unremitting labor and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing."

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"The devil tempts that he may ruin; God tests that he may crown."

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"Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light..."

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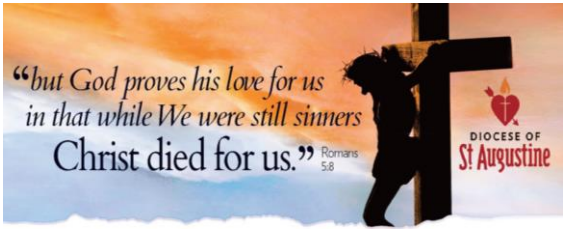
"It is easier to look wise than to talk wisely."

FLORIDA CATHOLIC BISHOPS are urging Gov. Ron DeSantis to stay the Feb. 10, execution of Ronald Heath and commute his sentence to life without parole, citing the Church's teaching on the dignity of every human life. As we seek to keep the plight of the victims of the crimes of Ronald Heath, let us also not refrain from praying for the conversion of the souls of those in prisons and are facing death penalty. Let us offer up prayers for the governor as he considers the request of the Florida bishops.



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THE CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY TO THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH!

The Bishop's 2026 Annual Stewardship Appeal is now underway. In the coming weeks, you will receive a letter from Bishop Pohlmeier inviting your prayerful participation in this year's appeal, which supports essential ministries serving our parishes, families, and those in need throughout the diocese. This year's theme, "***Grateful to God; Generous to Others***", reminds us that our faith community is part of a wider diocesan family, united in mission and service. Through the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, we come together as stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us, ensuring that the Church's work of evangelization, charity and formation continues to flourish. Therefore, please prayerfully consider a gift of any amount. You may respond using the reply card mailed to your home or by completing a commitment envelope at Mass on the weekend of February 14-15. Every gift is meaningful and helps strengthen the mission of our Church.



SAINT MARY MOTHER OF MERCY'S INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Please join us for a relaxing evening of delicious ethnic food, followed by music and dancing on February 7, 2026 after Saturday Mass (about 6:00 PM) in the Learning Center. Free babysitting will be provided in the Hall. Just bring a dish or dessert (of your ethnic heritage if desired) and any beverage of your choice. Children and teens may share in the food but, after dinner is served, the party in the Learning Center will be for adults only.

THERE IS NO CHARGE; WE JUST WANT EVERYONE TO SHARE A NICE EVENING OUT!

THE POPE'S *FEBRUARY* PRAYER INTENTION: FOR CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM INCURABLE DISEASES, AND THEIR FAMILIES



The flowers this weekend are donated by Yissett and Edgar Quintana. 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 $ 2,712 & ONLINE $ 555.00

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

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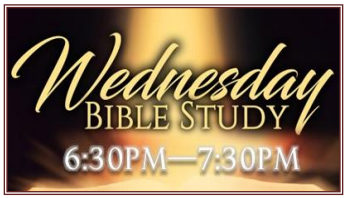

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FEB. 01		**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	✗. JAMES, REGINA & DEELA (LIVING)
FEB. 02	MON.	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	✠. DAMON FERNANDEZ
FEB. 03	TUE.	ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR, MEMORIAL	✗. JULIA & JOEL INTENTIONS
FEB. 04	WED.	OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. LUIS GABRIEL GUEMBES
FEB. 05	THU.	ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR, MEMORIAL	✗. BISHOP FELIPE DE JESÚS ESTÉVEZ
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CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

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"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

SAINT AMBROSE OF MILAN

"Father, if possible, take away this cup from me." Many cling to this text in order to use the sadness of the Savior as proof that he had weakness from the beginning rather than taking it on for a time. In this way they distort the natural meaning of the sentence. I, however, consider it not only as something that does not need to be excused, but nowhere else do I admire more his tender love and majesty. He would have given me less, had he not taken on my emotions. Thus he suffered affliction for me, he who did not have to suffer anything for himself. Setting aside the enjoyment of his divinity, he is afflicted with the annoyance of my weakness. He took on my sadness so that he might bestow on me his joy. He descended into the anguish of death by following in our footsteps so that he might call us back to life by following in his footsteps. I do not hesitate to speak of sadness since I am preaching the cross; he took on not the appearance but the reality of the Incarnation. Thus, instead of avoiding it, he had to take on the pain in order to overcome sadness."

Commentary of Saint Ambrose on the Gospel according to Saint Luke

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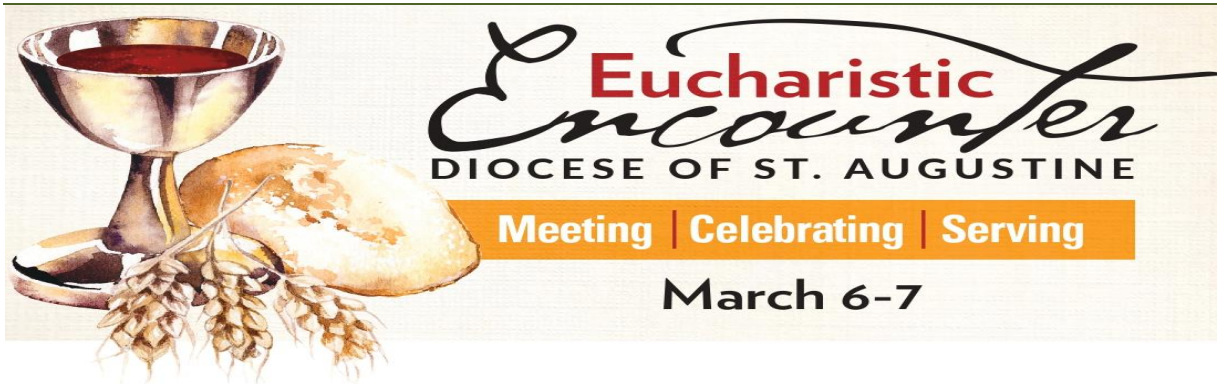

Mark your calendars for the Diocese of St. Augustine's 2026 Eucharistic Encounter, formerly known as the Eucharistic Congress, taking place during Lent on March 6-7.

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

3:15-3:45 p.m.
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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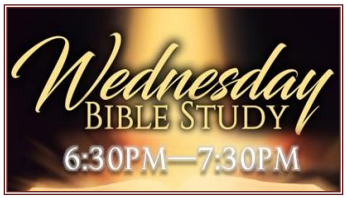

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JAN. 25		**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	✗. PAT & JOANNE SICILIA (THANKSGIVING)
JAN. 26	MON.	ST. TIMOTHY ✗. ST. TITUS *MEMORIAL*	✗. JULIA & JOEL (THANKSGIVING)
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ON PASSIONS AND LIFE

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

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FROM *THE INSTITUTES* OF JOHN CASSIAN

ON THE SIN OF ANGER, AND HOW MANY EVILS THIS PASSION PRODUCES

The deadly poison of anger has to be utterly rooted out from the inmost comers of our soul. For as long as this remains in our hearts, and blinds with its hurtful darkness the eye of the soul, we can neither acquire right judgment and discretion, nor gain the insight which springs from an honest gaze, or ripeness of counsel, nor can we be partakers of life, or retentive of righteousness, or even have the capacity for spiritual and true light: "*for*," says one, "*my eye is disturbed by reason of anger*". Nor can we become partakers of wisdom, even though we are considered wise by universal consent, for "*anger rests in the bosom of fools.*" Nor can we even attain immortal life, although we are accounted prudent in the opinion of everybody, for "*anger destroys even the prudent*." Nor shall we be able with clear judgment of heart to secure the controlling power of righteousness, even though we are reckoned perfect and holy in the estimation of all men, for "*the wrath of man works not the righteousness of God"* (James 1:20). Nor can we by any possibility acquire that esteem and honor which is so frequently seen even in worldlings, even though we are thought noble and honorable through the privileges of birth, because "*an angry man is dishonored*." Nor again can we secure any ripeness of counsel, even though we appear to be weighty, and endowed with the utmost knowledge; because "*an angry man acts without counsel.*" Nor can we be free from dangerous disturbances, nor be without sin, even though no sort of disturbances be brought upon us by others; because a "*passionate man engenders quarrels, but an angry man digs up sins*." *(CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)*

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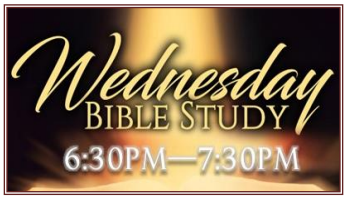

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JAN. 18	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JONATHAN ROJAS ✝. FIRST COAST WOMEN'S SERVICE
JAN. 19 MON.	OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. ✝. FOR SOULS THAT HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY
JAN. 20 TUE.	OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. ✝. FOR SOULS THAT HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY
JAN. 21 WED.	ST. AGNES ✝. ST. SEBASTIAN, *MEMORIAL*	✠. ✝. FOR SOULS THAT HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY
JAN. 22 THU.	DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PREBORN CHILDREN	✠. SYDNEY, JAMES & CLARINE TIMMONS
JAN. 23 FRI.	ST. MARIANNE COPE, *MEMORIAL*	✠. NENA RAILEY

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M. STECK, P. DECURTINS & C. CRAWFORD	SAT. JAN. 24	B. LANCHO
M. MCKENDREE, T. HUDSON & S. HUDSON	SUN. JAN. 25	J. SMITH, D. CHICK & M. MCKENDREE

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OF THOSE WHO SAY THAT ANGER IS NOT INJURIOUS, IF WE ARE ANGRY WITH THOSE WHO DO WRONG, SINCE GOD HIMSELF IS SAID TO BE ANGRY

We have heard some people trying to excuse this most pernicious disease of the soul, in such a way as to endeavor to extenuate it by a rather shocking way of interpreting Scripture: as they say that it is not injurious if we are angry with the brethren who do wrong, since, say they, God Himself is said to rage and to be angry with those who either will not know Him, or, knowing Him, spurn Him, as here: "*And the anger of the Lord was kindled against His people*;" or where the prophet prays and says, "*O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, neither chasten me in your displeasure;*" not understanding that, while they want to open to men an excuse for a most pestilent sin, they are ascribing to the Divine Infinity and Fountain of all purity a taint of human passion.

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✠. **SAINT ROSE OF LIMA:** Rose of Lima, the first canonized saint of the New World, was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She seems to have taken Catherine of Siena as a model, in spite of the objections and ridicule of parents and friends. ✠. The saints have so great a love of God that what seems bizarre to us, and is indeed sometimes imprudent, is simply a logical carrying out of a conviction that anything that might endanger a loving relationship with God must be rooted out. So, because her beauty was so often admired, Rose used to rub her face with pepper to produce disfiguring blotches. Later, she wore a thick circlet of silver on her head, studded on the inside, like a crown of thorns. ✠. When Rose of Lima's parents fell into financial trouble, she worked in the garden all day and sewed at night. Ten years of struggle against her parents began when they tried to make Rose marry. They refused to let her enter a convent, and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. So deep was her desire to live the life of Christ that she spent most of her time at home in solitude. ✠. During the last few years of her life, Rose of Lima set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick. This was a beginning of social services in Peru. Though secluded in life and activity, she was brought to the attention of Inquisition interrogators, who could only say that she was influenced by grace. ✠. What might have been a merely eccentric life was transfigured from the inside. The greatest thing about Rose of Lima: a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule from without, violent temptation, and lengthy periods of sickness. When she died at 31, the city turned out for her funeral. Prominent men took turns carrying her coffin.

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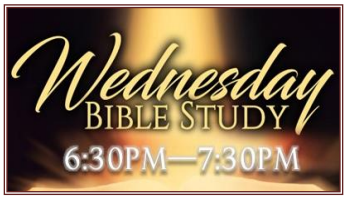

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JAN. 11	**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**	✠. JONATHAN ROJAS
JAN. 12	**MON. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**	✝. JIM PALLESCHI *(SURGERY)*
JAN. 13	**TUE. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**	✝. MICHELLE CARMONA ✝. MAGGIE SANDERS
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JAN. 15	**THU. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**	✝. BERNADETTE AND MONICA
JAN. 16	**FRI. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**	✝. BETH SPREITZER *(HEALING)*

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J. MACKEY, M. STECK & C. CRAWFORD	**SAT. JAN. 10**	B.LANCHO
J. JOHNSON, J. CHICK SR & K. WHITE	**SUN. JAN. 11**	L. CHICK, J. SMITH & C. HUDSON
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Everything about our divine Lord is holy, including His Holy Name. It was the Archangel Gabriel who first spoke the name of Jesus to His mother, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus" (Luke 1:31). The Archangel was only a messenger, so the name of Jesus was given to Him by the Father in Heaven.

Saint Peter was one of the first Apostles to speak with authority in the Holy Name of Jesus when he healed a crippled man saying, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk" (Acts 3:6).

Saint Paul exalted the holy name of Jesus when he said, "…at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9–10). Saint Paul preached with power in the name of Jesus so often that even some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to imitate him by commanding demons, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches" (Acts 19:13).

Throughout the history of the Church, Jesus' name has been invoked as an instrument of personal faith in the Son of God, especially to command demons or simply to pray to Jesus in a repetitive and personal way. The liturgical Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus has been celebrated by the Church for many centuries, especially within various religious orders.

In the fifteenth century, Saint Bernardine of Siena, a Franciscan friar, went on a preaching mission promoting devotion to the Most Holy Name. He encouraged people to revere Jesus' name by placing the first three Greek letters of His name on their doors: IHS. Today, this Greek monogram of Jesus' name is commonly seen in churches on tabernacles, altars, and in stained glass windows.

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. 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: 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, Victor Crawford, 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, 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

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ADORATION ★ CHAPLET ★ ROSARY

4:30 PM SATURDAY & 9:30 AM SUNDAY

4:30 PM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY

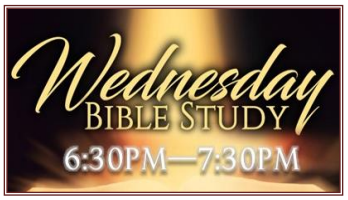


HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST

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

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST

JAN. 03	*Vigil* OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	✝. MARY PREGLER (HEALING)
JAN. 04	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	✝. SOLON MCLAUGHLIN (HEALING)
JAN. 05 MON.	ST. JOHN NEUMANN, *MEMORIAL*	✠. JOHN ✠. SOPHIE KAMINSKI
JAN. 06 TUE.	AFTER EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	✝. BROTHER JOHN (HEALING)
JAN. 07 WED.	AFTER EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	✝. THERESA ATHAR AND MARIA (THANKSGIVING)
JAN. 08 THU.	AFTER EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	✝. JOSEPHINE , FRANCIS AND BENEDICT
JAN. 09 FRI.	AFTER EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	✝. THERESE ✝. NICHOLAS

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LECTORS	MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!	ALTAR SERVERS
K. & M. DOUGHERTY & C. CRAWFORD	SAT. JAN. 03	B.LANCHO
C. HODGES & B. PALLESCHI & C. CHICK	SUN. JAN. 04	J. CHICK, D. CHICK & M. MCKENDREE
J. MACKEY, M. STECK & P. DECURTINS	SAT. JAN. 10	B. LANCHO
J. JOHNSON, J. CHICK SR & K. WHITE	SUN. JAN. 11	L. CHICK, J. SMITH & C. HUDSON

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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

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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

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In the sixteenth century, Saint Ignatius of Loyola had such a strong devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus that he adopted it as his seal as general of his newly founded order of the Jesuits; that monogram remains the Jesuits' official seal today.

There is great power in the spoken name of Jesus. Repeating His name prayerfully or speaking it aloud brings Him close and gives you strength, provided you recite His name in faith. The name of Jesus casts out fear, arouses trust, and unites your heart to His. Sadly, the Most Holy Name of Jesus is so holy that the evil one often tempts people to invoke it as a curse when angry, without even considering what they are doing.

As we celebrate this holy memorial today, ponder the prayer below that is attributed to Saint Bernardine of Siena, the Franciscan who spoke so fervently of Jesus' name. Also, take time to close your eyes and prayerfully repeat His name over and over. As you go about your day, anytime you feel anxious or fearful, speak the name of Jesus. Know and believe that the divine name of our Lord brings Him close to you and bestows His grace in abundance.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states, "A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them," and therefore we bow to the altar, to reverence Jesus' act of sacrifice. A lesser-known, yet beautiful practice is the bowing of one's head "when the three Divine Persons are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated" (GIRM, 275).

It was Pope Gregory X who, with St. Paul's words to the Philippians in mind and recognizing the practical difficulty of genuflecting at the name of Jesus, introduced the practice of bowing one's head at the name of Jesus "in token that interiorly he bends the knee of his heart."

Bowing our head at the name of Jesus, especially during the Mass, is a great way to reverence the name of Jesus.

O NAME OF JESUS, YOU ARE THE GLORY OF ALL THE SAINTS FOR ETERNITY. AMEN