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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

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

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

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



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

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

RAISED SO FAR \$ 708,821

IN CHURCH \$ 3,378 & ONLINE \$ 815

IN CHURCH \$ 505 & ONLINE \$ 105

TOTAL: 4,193.00

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 790,569

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MAY.23

PENTECOST SUNDAY

✠. VIOLA THOELKE

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

MAY.29 FRI. **POPE SAINT PAUL VI, MEM.**

✠. SYDNEY, JAMES & CLARINE TIMMONS



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SUN: MAY. 24

D. CHICK, M. MCKENDREE & C. HUDSON

H. WILLIAMS, M. DOUGHERTY & B. PALLESCHI

SAT: MAY. 30

H. WILLIAMS

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SUN: MAY. 31

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(CONTINUED FROM THE FIRST PAGE) During the seventh century Irish missionaries, inspired by the Eastern monastic tradition, took to continental Europe the “private” practice of penance, which does not require public and prolonged completion of penitential works before reconciliation with the Church. From that time on, the sacrament has been performed in secret between penitent and priest. This new practice envisioned the possibility of repetition and so opened the way to a regular frequenting of this sacrament. It allowed the forgiveness of grave sins and venial sins to be integrated into one sacramental celebration. In its main lines this is the form of penance that the Church has practiced down to our day.

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://dos afl.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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LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

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

TOTAL: 1,819.00



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MAY. 16

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

☒. ROY GONZALEZ ☒. ANNA & ERNIE BOLDOC

MAY. 17

☒. JONATHAN ROJAS ☒. FR PATRICK CARROLL

MAY. 18 MON. OF 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

☒. JASON & LISA PALLESCHI

MAY. 19 TUE. OF 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

☒. CHRISTINE & DAVE DOHERTY

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

☒. DAVID GLASS

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

☒. FRANCES & FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

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

☒. DARCY ADAMS ☒. SAGE



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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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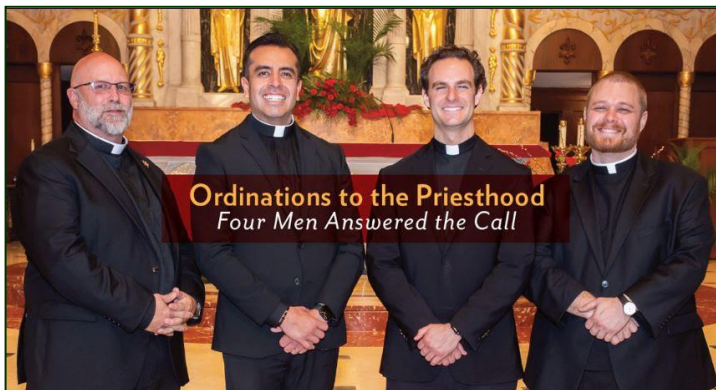
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MAY.10	6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES)	✘. NENA RALEY ✘. JOSEPHINE KAWING
MAY.11	MON. OF 6 TH WEEK OF EASTER	✘. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS
MAY.12	TUE. OF 5 TH WEEK OF EASTER	✘. CHRISTEN, SAGE & FOR ALL CHILDREN
MAY.13	WED. OUR LADY OF FATIMA, MEMORIAL	✘. FR. CONRAD COWART & FOR ALL PRIESTS
MAY.14	THU. FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	✘. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS
MAY.18	FRI. OF 6 TH WEEK OF EASTER	✘. MAGGIE SANDERS



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“That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother... [It] brings such joy to the whole world” *ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN*

WE ARE DOING OUR USUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE!

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MAY 03 ✓ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ACTS 6:1-7 ✨ PS. 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 ✨ 1 PT. 2:4-9 ✨ JN. 14:1-12

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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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DATE: May 24, Sunday ✨ TIME: 4:30 PM

Join us for our annual MAY CROWNING on Sunday, May 3rd!

The ceremony will begin immediately following the 10:00 AM Holy Mass.

Please stay to honor the Blessed Mother of God!

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK \$ 4,000.00 †

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 1,882 & ONLINE \$ 575

TOTAL: 2,457.00 ↗



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

RAISED SO FAR \$ 705,806

IN CHURCH \$95 & ONLINE \$ 80

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MAY.03	5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES)	✠. JOEL & JULIA (THANKSGIVING & INTENSIONS)
MAY.04	MON. OF 5 TH WEEK OF EASTER (8 AM)	✠. GERALD RAILEY
MAY.05	TUE. OF 5 TH WEEK OF EASTER (NO HOLY MASS)	✠. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS
MAY.06	WED. ST. DOMINIC SAVIO, MEMORIAL (NO HOLY MASS)	✠. GAIL LINE ✠. SANDY HARPER ✠. PAT MITCHELL
MAY.07	THU. OF 5 TH WEEK OF EASTER	✠. JOEL BAILEY
MAY.08	FRI. OUR LADY OF GRACE, MEMORIAL	✠. MILDREN MARKIEW



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SOUP AND SESSIONS

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Fr. Martin will be attending the PRIESTS' CONVOCATION from Monday, May 4th through Wednesday, May 6th. There will be no daily Masses on these days in the parish, but Fr. Martin will pray the Holy Mass on those days with the priests of the Diocese in Marywood!



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APRIL 26 ✓ 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER: ACTS 2:14a, 36-41 ✦ PS. 23:1-6 ✦ 1 PT. 2:20b-25 ✦ JN. 10:1-10

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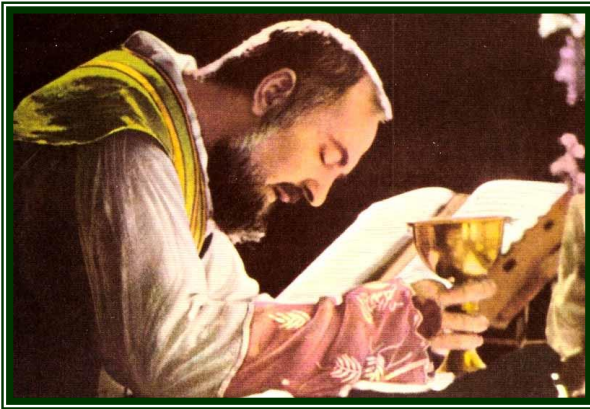
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FROM SAINT PADRE PIO

(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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SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (349- 407)

“The primary goal in the education of children is to teach, and to give the example of, a virtuous life.”

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

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

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“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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GOOD FRIDAY OFFERTORY FOR CHURCHES IN HOLYLAND \$30



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**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.**

LECTORS

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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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WE ARE HOSTING A PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING SESSION HERE AT THE PARISH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25, FROM 9 AM-12 PM. IF YOU INTERACT, WORK OR VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY, THEN YOU SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND. FOR DETAILS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO MICHELLE WHITE OR TRUDY HUDSON. THANK YOU!

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APRIL 12 ✓ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: ACTS 2:42-47 ✨ PS. 118: 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 ✨ 1 PT. 1:3-9 ✨ JN. 20:19-31

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“IF ANGELS COULD BE JEALOUS OF MEN, THEY WOULD BE SO FOR ONE REASON: HOLY COMMUNION!!!”

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

DEAR PEOPLE OF GOD, THIS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (APRIL 12),

LORELEI BOYER, ABEL GATES,

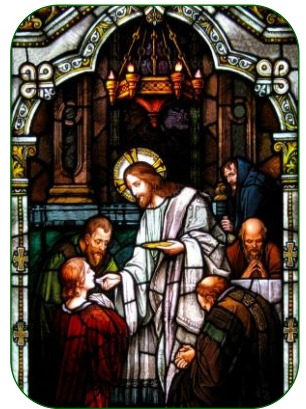
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GOOD FRIDAY OFFERTORY FOR CHURCHES IN HOLYLAND \$520



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APR. 16	THU. SAINT BERNADETTE, <i>Memorial</i>	✠. HERMAN <i>and</i> 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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CONGRATULATIONS TO PEG DECURTINS: RECIPIENT OF THE SR. MARIE CELINIE JOUBERT AWARD!

We are joyful to announce that our very own Peg DeCurtins has been selected by the Diocese of St. Augustine to receive the prestigious Sr. Celinie Award for Catechetical Excellence. This award recognizes individuals who show outstanding dedication to sharing the Catholic faith. As the leader of our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) program and a long-time contributor to the Ministry Formation Program, Peg has been a guiding light for many on their journey into the Church. Let us thank God for Peg, and congratulate and thank her for this well-deserved honor for her tireless service to St. Mary Mother of Mercy Family and to our Diocese.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE

ON SATURDAY APRIL 25 AT 9 AM-12PM RIGHT HERE IN OUR PARISH.

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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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☞. LISA & JASON PALLESCHI *and* ☞. SUZANNE MCCARTHY

APR.06 MON. OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

☞. LINDA WILLEY

APR.07 TUE. OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

☞. ANNA BOLDUC ☞. BERT KRAMER

APR.08 WED. OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

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APR.09 THU. OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

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APR.10 FRI. OF THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

☞. JOSEPHINE KAWING

LECTORS

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ALTAR SERVERS

SAT, APRIL 4: HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER: ALTAR SERVERS: D. CHICK, A. MCKENDREE & M. MCKENDREE

J. CHICK JR (*GEN 22*), M. MCKENDREE (*EX 14-15*), J. JOHNSON (*EZE 36*); *And* J. MACKEY (RM. 6:3-11) & H. WILLIAMS

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

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

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SAT: APR. 11

B. LANCHO

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EASTER EGG HUNTERS WANTED: Immediately following the 10 am Holy Mass on Easter, our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the Parish will take place. Children and parents should gather in the Parish Hall to kick-off all the fun with the search. Thank you!!

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

The City of St. Augustine has been chosen to serve as the launching point for the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage as organizers announced a new East Coast route that connects faith, history

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occupied settlement. From Northeast Florida, the pilgrimage will travel north along the East Coast before concluding in Philadelphia on July 5. Please pray for blessings upon this pilgrimage!!!



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

We are committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all! Hence, we are hosting a 'Protecting God's Children' training session here at our parish on Saturday April 25 at 9 am-12pm. This essential program is open to our own teens and adults, as well as those from surrounding parishes, to provide the vital tools needed to recognize and prevent harm while establishing healthy boundaries. Whether you are a ministry leader, a parent, or a concerned neighbor, your presence helps ensure our community remains a sanctuary for our youngest members—please join us in this collective effort to safeguard our youth. For more information, please contact Michelle White or Trudy Hudson! Thank you!!

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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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HOLY WEEK

MARCH 29 ✨ PALM SUNDAY

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 2 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



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.

THE POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: PRAY FOR PRIESTS GOING THROUGH MOMENTS OF CRISIS IN THEIR VOCATION!



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TOTAL \$ 2,424



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MAR. 29 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

✠. FOR OUR PARISH

MAR. 30 **MON. OF THE HOLY WEEK**

✠. VICTIMS OF WAR, VIOLENCE, INJUSTICE & HATRED

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

LECTORS

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SAT. MAR. 28: VIGIL PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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ALTAR SERVER: B. LANCHO & H. WILLIAMS

MAR. 29: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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

ALTAR SERVERS: J. CHICK, L. CHICK & M. CHICK

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

THE GOSPEL (NARRATION) OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: FR. MARTIN, P. DECURTINS, J. BURNHAM & *THE PEOPLE*

ALTAR SERVERS: B. LANCHO, H. WILLIAMS & R. CHICK

SAT, APRIL 4: HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER:

J. CHICK JR (*GEN 22*), M. MCKENDREE (*EX 14-15*), J. JOHNSON (*EZE 36*); *And* J. MACKEY & H. WILLIAMS

ALTAR SERVERS: D. CHICK, A. MCKENDREE & M. MCKENDREE

SAT, APRIL 4: EASTER SUNDAY: T. HUDSON, J. BURNHAM (*RESPONSORIAL PSALM*), S. HUDSON & R. NICKLES

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THE HOLY ANGELS OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD' GO WHERE THEY ARE ASKED!!

But evil satan's demons go where they're not resisted.

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

WE WILL PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA FOR 9 CONSECUTIVE DAYS

FROM GOOD FRIDAY TO THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER NOW KNOWN AS

THE SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY!

✠. **EASTER EGG HUNTERS WANTED:** Immediately following the 10 am Holy Mass on Easter, our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the Parish will take place. Children and parents should gather in the Parish Hall to kick-off all the fun with the search. Thank you very much to all who donated candy and plastic eggs for the hunt!!!



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LORD'S BLESSINGS UPON THIS PILGRIMAGE!!!



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ON MONDAY, MARCH 23 AT 6 PM

As we journey through the holy season of Lent, the Church's invitation to fulfil our *Paschal Precept (or The Easter Duty)* serves as a vital call to spiritual renewal, requiring the faithful to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season. To receive the Lord in the Holy Eucharist worthy we must be in a state of Grace, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation comes to our aid to help us be in the state of Grace. God our Father isn't waiting to judge you; He's waiting to forgive you in Confession. Confession is the place where your past stops defining your future! No Judgment. Total Privacy. 100% Forgiveness! Come as you are. Leave better!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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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

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☞. MAGGIE SANDERS

MAR. 22 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

☞. FOR VICTIMS OF WAR, VIOLENCE, INJUSTICE & HATRED

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

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B. LANCHO

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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



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MAR. 15 ✓ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ✓ 1 SAM. 16:1B,6-7,10-13A ✓ PS. 23: 1-6 ✓ EPH. 5:8-14 ✓ JN. 9:1-41

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A Joyous Celebration of Confirmation This Sunday, March 15, we are honored to welcome our Bishop, the Most Reverend Erik Pohlmeier. He joins us to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to: *Aiden Brady • Torin Brady • Bianca Gilson • Jonathan Higginbotham • Dylan Nguyen.*

We extend our sincere gratitude to Bishop Pohlmeier, the parents, and our dedicated CCD teachers for their devotion in preparing these young adults for this sacred milestone.

Following the Holy Mass, all are invited to a luncheon reception in the Parish Hall to continue the celebration! Our deepest thanks to the Knights of Columbus and everyone who helped coordinate this wonderful event.

SOUP & SESSIONS: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, FOLLOWING OUR 5:30 PM HOLY MASS

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

"IT IS BETTER TO BE SILENT AND BE REAL THAN TO TALK AND NOT BE REAL."

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

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

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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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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

BE A BUDDY!



Calling all high school students to share your gifts with campers at **Camp I Am Special**.

Volunteer opportunities available now for this summer.

Can't be a buddy? There are other ways to support campers including meal prep.

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

<https://dosaf1.com/event/2026-dosa-family-fest/>



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MAR. 08 ✓ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ✓ EXODUS 17:3-7 ✓ PS. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 ✓ ROM. 5:1-2, 5-8 ✓ JN. 4:5-42

THE CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTH OF MARCH TO SAINT JOSEPH!!!

ON ALL FRIDAYS IN THIS HOLY SEASON OF LENT, PLEASE DO COME TO PRAY

THE HOLY MASS AT 5:30 PM AND THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 6 PM!

OUR LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE AND CONFESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, MARCH 23 AT 6 PM



On Sunday, March 15, 2026, our parish will be honored by a visit from Bishop Erik Thomas Pohlmeier. The Bishop will join us to celebrate the Holy Mass and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to Aiden Brady • Torin Brady • Bianca Gilson • Jonathan Higginbotham • Dylan Nguyen!!

Please join us in praying for these young souls as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Following the Holy Mass, all are welcome to a luncheon reception in the Parish Hall to continue the celebration!

We extend our deepest gratitude to our Director of Religious Education and our dedicated CCD teachers for their tireless work in preparing our candidates for this sacred milestone. Come celebrate our faith and our youth!

SOUP & SESSIONS: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, FOLLOWING OUR 5:30 PM HOLY MASS

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LAST WEEK OFFERTORY COLLECTION

IN CHURCH \$ 1,862 & ONLINE \$ 1,375

TOTAL \$ 3,237



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

RAISED SO FAR \$ 700,710

IN CHURCH \$ 805 & ONLINE \$ 130

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 798,355

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MAR.07 *Vigil* **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

✠. BARBARA OCHME

MAR.08 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

✠. MARQUIS BILODEAU

MAR.09 **MON. OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

✠. MAGGIE SANDERS (INTENTIONS)

MAR.10 **TUE. OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

✠. JOSEPHINE KA WING

MAR.11 **WED. OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

✠. JULIA M. LEE ✠. TIMOTHY J. HOOPER

MAR.12 **THU. OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

✠. HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY ✠. HARVEY

MAR.13 **FRI. OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

✠. JAMES ✠. CLARINE ✠. SYDNEY TIMMONS

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SUN. MAR. 15

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9:45 AM. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE EASTER EGG-HUNT

Immediately following the Holy Mass on Easter Sunday, there will be an Easter egg-hunt for the children of the parish. We are requesting *Candy Donations* (no chocolate) and *Plastic Egg Donations* for the Easter egg-hunt. Mrs. Michelle White will place a basket at the entrance for parishioners to drop off your donations for the egg-hunt and will be collecting these through Palm Sunday. Thank you very much for your generous considerations.

OUR PARISH NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

Search: *ST. MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MACCLENNY* to follow and keep you reminded on upcoming events. The parish bulletin still remains as the first source of information about upcoming events and messages from ministry leaders. We are grateful to Katherine Smith for Creating the Page and updating the content!



Families and individuals across the Diocese of St. Augustine are invited to the second annual DOSA Family Fest on Saturday, April 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine. Family Fest offers a joyful day of faith, fellowship and fun for people of all ages. The event will include Holy Mass with confession available, spiritual talks and family-friendly activities across the shrine grounds, including inflatable games, a petting zoo, Kids Zone, Teen Hut and live entertainment. Five food trucks serving a variety of foods – including pizza, burgers, ice cream and coffee – will be available throughout the day. Featured speakers will be Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford, Catholic authors and speakers who share insights on marriage, Scripture and family life. Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Advance registration is encouraged. To learn more or to register visit www.dosafamilyfest.com.



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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.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND CELEBRATE!

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

AND TO ALL OUR CCD TEACHERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION IN PREPARING THESE CANDIDATES!

"True repentance is to cease from sin!" - Saint Ambrose of Milan

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TOTAL \$ 2,964.00



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RAISED SO FAR \$ 686,487.00

IN CHURCH \$ 380.00 & ONLINE \$ 330.00

FROM BINGO \$ 13,513.00

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FEB. 28 *Vigil* **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

✠. MICHAEL JOHNSON

✠. KEN & ERIN GIDDENS ✠. GEORGE MARTIN

MAR.01 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

✠. CHRISTINA & PETER (INTENTIONS)

MAR.02 **MON. OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT**

✠. JEFFERY JAMES

MAR.03 **TUE. ST KATHERINE DREXEL, MEMORIA**

✠. JULIA & JOEL (INTENTIONS)

MAR.04 **WED. OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT**

✠. GEORGE R. JAMES

MAR.05 **THU. OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT**

✠. JOSEPHINE & FRANCIS (INTENSIONS)

MAR.06 **FRI. OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT**

✠. BERNADETTE (INTENTIONS) ✠. CIARA NICOLE

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SAT. FEB. 28

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Eucharistic Encounter

DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Meeting | Celebrating | Serving

March 6-7

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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

4 p.m.

Doors Open | Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5:30 p.m.

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

6:45 p.m.

Keynote presentation with Julianne Stanz in the church

8:30 p.m.

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

9:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition & Closing Benediction in the Church

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



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



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



SATURDAY, MARCH 7

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

7:15 a.m.

Doors open | Sacrament of Reconciliation available

8:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Eucharistic Procession with parishes, ministries & lay apostolates carrying banners

11 a.m.

Keynote presentation with Julianne Stanz

Noon | Lunch break

1-3 p.m.

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

3:15-3:45 p.m.

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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (2026): Last week, we had the opportunity to view a video message from Bishop Pohlmeier! This weekend is Follow-Up Weekend, offering the chance for anyone who may not have been with us last week to participate in the 2026 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the appeal, which supports essential ministries and outreach efforts throughout our diocese. If you have not yet committed, you may respond by mail using the reply card sent to your home or by giving online at www.dosafl.com/bishopsappeal. Your participation, at any amount, makes a meaningful difference across our diocese, especially in times when care, compassion, and hope are needed most.



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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*.

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✠. PETER (SR.), HELENE & PAUL MACKEY

FEB. 22 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

✠. DARCI ADAMS

FEB. 23 MON. OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

✠. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS

FEB. 24 TUE. OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

✠. BISHOP FELIPE ESTEVEZ

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✠. BILLY & BETTY GRIMES

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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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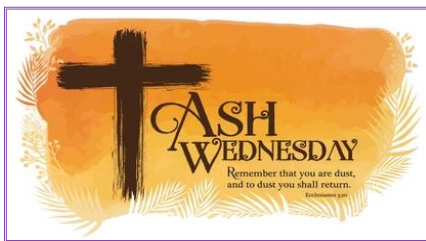
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FEB. 15 ✓ 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✓ SIR. 15:15-20 ✓ PS. 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 ✓ 1 COR. 2:6-10 ✓ MT. 5:17-37

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THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ✨ COMMITMENT WEEKEND, FEB. 14-15, 2026

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.



THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 18 WITH

ASH WEDNESDAY. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are

obligatory days of fasting & abstinence. Fridays during Lent

are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are

obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is

permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full

meal. Abstinence from meat is binding upon all members of the Church from age 14 onwards.

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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FEB. 17	TUE. OF THE SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	☒. JONATHAN ROJAS & LUIS GABRIEL
FEB. 18	WED. <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	☒. MAGGIE SANDERS
FEB. 19	THU. AFTER <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	☒. FOR ALL OUR OCIA AND OCIC CANDIDATES
FEB. 20	FRI. SAINTS FRANCISCO & JACINTA MARTO	☒. LEONARDO SR. ☒. JULIAMARY LEE

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SOUP AND SESSIONS

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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.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO OUR DEAR OCIA AND OCIC TEACHERS FOR YOUR SELFLESS SERVICE!!!

MARIAN DAY OF REFLECTION



**MARCH 21, 2026
HIGH SPRINGS**

SANTA FE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE
9AM - 1PM

For young men age 16+ who are considering priesthood - A day of reflection with Fr. Eric Stelzer and Fr. Clay Ludwig on the Shrine grounds, Holy Hour, and Mass.

Lunch will be provided



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Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary



FIAT
Retreat

This retreat, led by our Sisters, is for young women between the ages of 16 and 35 who are interested in learning more about Religious Life in our Institute.



Upcoming Retreats

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Register



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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. Queen of Peace Parish will host the Friday evening events, and St. Joseph Parish will host Saturday's sessions.



[HTTPS://DOSAFL.COM/EVENT/EUCHARISTIC-ENCOUNTER-F-K-A-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS/](https://dosaf.l.com/event/eucharistic-encounter-f-k-a-eucharistic-congress/)

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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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SAINT AMBROSE OF MILAN

“No one heals himself by wounding another.”



“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.”



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

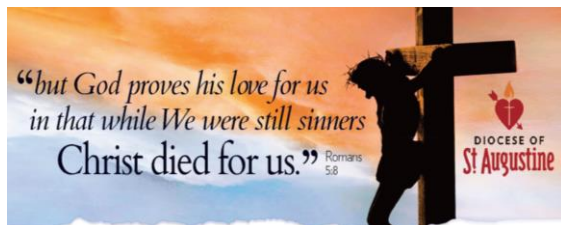


“Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light...”



“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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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
FEB. 06	FRI. ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS, MEMORIAL	✠. JULIA & JOEL INTENTIONS

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CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

This Tuesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. We will offer during the Daily Mass the traditional blessing of the throats using the Crossed Candles of St. Blaise.

“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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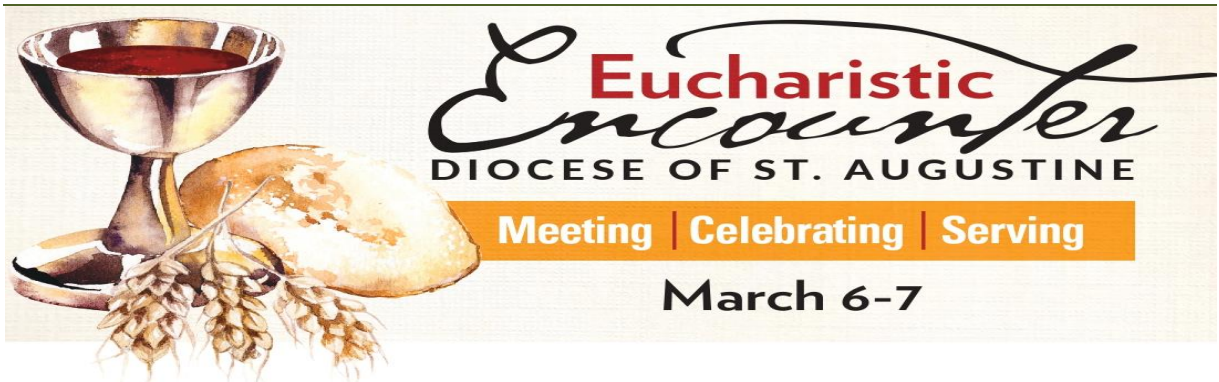


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Mark your calendars for the Diocese of St. Augustine's 2026 Eucharistic Encounter, formerly known as the Eucharistic Congress, taking place during Lent on March 6-7.

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 Salazar in the parish hall, English Track with Father Stephen Gadberry in the church

9:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition & Closing Benediction in the Church

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



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



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



SATURDAY, MARCH 7
St. Joseph Catholic Church
11757 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville

7:15 a.m.

Doors open | Sacrament of Reconciliation available

8:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Eucharistic Procession with parishes, ministries & lay apostolates carrying banners

11 a.m.

Keynote presentation with Julianne Stanz

Noon | Lunch break

1-3 p.m.

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

3:15-3:45 p.m.

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



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



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✠. JAMES & REGINA DELA (THANKSGIVING)

JAN. 25 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

✠. PAT & JOANNE SICILIA (THANKSGIVING)

JAN. 26 MON. **ST. TIMOTHY ✠. ST. TITUS MEMORIAL**

✠. JULIA & JOEL (THANKSGIVING)

JAN. 27 TUE. OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

✠. VINCENT MCCARTHY ✠. JOANIE MCCARTHY

JAN. 28 WED. **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS MEMORIAL**

✠. KATHY WEEDON ✠. GERRY WEEDON

JAN. 29 THU. OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

✠. KING & VI THOELKE

JAN. 30 FRI. OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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EVAGRIUS PONTICUS (C. 345-399)

ON PASSIONS AND LIFE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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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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JAN. 19	MON. OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. ✠. FOR SOULS THAT HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY
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JAN. 23	FRI. ST. MARIANNE COPE, MEMORIAL	✠. NENA RAILEY

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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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JAN. 11	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	✠. JONATHAN ROJAS
JAN. 12	MON. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JIM PALLESCHI (<i>SURGERY</i>)
JAN. 13	TUE. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. MICHELLE CARMONA ✠. MAGGIE SANDERS
JAN. 14	WED. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JIM PALLESCHI ✠. FIRST COAST WOMEN'S SERVICE
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 (<i>HEALING</i>)



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Grades 1-5
GIRLS RETREAT
WITH THE SERVANT SISTERS OF THE HOME OF THE MOTHER

Saturday
JAN 17
10:00AM-3:00PM

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
DROP-OFF AT KOHLS HALL

 **Register here**

BRING A PACKED LUNCH + WATER BOTTLE
\$2. AND COME IN PLAY CLOTHES.

6TH-8TH GRADERS COME TO 8AM KICK-OFF MASS AT ASSUMPTION AND THEN HELP
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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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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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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