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

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

AUGUST 23 ✓ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: IS. 22:19-23 ✂ PS. 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 ✂ RM 11:33-36 ✂ MT. 16:13-20

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!*

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

Speaker: Most Rev. Erik Pohlnmeier

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) ✂ MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

If your child is enrolled in Religious Education for the upcoming catechetical year, your attendance is strictly required at our upcoming informational meeting in the Learning Center on Sunday, August 23, 2026 immediately after our 10 am Holy Mass.

WHY YOUR ATTENDANCE IS INDISPENSABLE?

Finalize Registration: Attendance is mandatory to complete your child's enrollment.

Get the Details: Receive crucial calendars, program policies, and schedules.

Sacramental Prep: Learn important guidelines for First Communion and Confirmation.

THE CCD AND OCIA CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK \$ 4,000.00



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

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

RAISED SO FAR \$ 715,356

IN CHURCH \$ 3,882 & ONLINE \$ 1,105

IN CHURCH \$ 216 & ONLINE \$ 95

TOTAL: \$ 4,987.00

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 784,333

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES (CCD) FOR CHILDREN

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

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

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

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

CONTACT: PEG DECURTINS (PEGDECURTINS@NEFCOM.NET)

AD JESUM PER MARIAM : TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

ORATORY: A MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN

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

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

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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY (WWW.RESPECTLIFE.ORG)

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

ADORATION ★ CHAPLET ★ ROSARY

4:30 PM SATURDAY & 9:30 AM SUNDAY

4:30 PM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST

5:00 PM SATURDAY & 10 AM SUNDAY

5:30 PM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY

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

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

ANointing OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION: ANYTIME UPON REQUEST

CONFESSION ☞ 45 MINUTES BEFORE HOLY MASS & BY APPOINTMENT

THE POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: PRAY FOR URBAN EVANGELIZATION

AUG. 22	21 ST SUNDAY	✠. CLARE & DENNIS DOUGHERTY
AUG. 23	IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH (<i>PRO POPULO</i>)
AUG. 24	MON. FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE	✠. ELIZA ROSE BOLDT ✠. AARON SAUTTER
AUG. 25	TUE. OF 21 ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. FOR CCD STUDENTS & TEACHERS
AUG. 26	WED. OF 21 ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. ELIZA ROSE BOLDT ✠. AARON SAUTTER
AUG. 27	THU. MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA	✠. HOGGATT FAMILY (FOR PEACE, HEALING & STRENGTH)
AUG. 28	FRI. FEAST OF SAINT AUGUSTINE	✠. BRIANNA FERNANDEZ (BIRTHDAY) ✠. BABY HOLLAND



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

LECTORS

MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!

ALTAR SERVERS

K. & M. DOUGHERTY & P. DECURTINS	SAT: AUG. 22	H. WILLIAMS
M. MCKENDREE, J. CHICK SR & J. CHICK JR	SUN: AUG. 23	D. CHICK, A. MCKENDREE & K. HORKAN
H. WILLIAMS, M. STECK & J. MACKEY	SAT: AUG. 29	B. LANCHO
K. WHITE, J. JOHNSON & M. WILLEY	SUN: AUG. 30	JAMES SMITH, A. WHITE & A. CATES

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

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.