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

OCTOBER 11 ✓ THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE THE PATRONESS OF OUR DIOCESE

The Church Dedicates the Month of October to the Holy Rosary!

**Fixing our hearts and minds on Christ Jesus our God and Lord,
Let us maintain sacred silence in the church before, during, and after Holy Mass!**

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



**THIS WEEKEND (OCTOBER 11) IN THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE WE OBSERVE
THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE THE PATRONESS OF THE DIOCESE**

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**).

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK \$ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

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

TOTAL: \$ 3,216 .00



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

RAISED SO FAR \$ 719,187

IN CHURCH \$ 1,110 & ONLINE \$ 430

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 779,273

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION \$555

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:** Fr. Steven Zehler, 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

✓. **THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB:** IN THE PARISH HALL AT 6:30PM ON THE 2ND MONDAY AND AT 9AM ON 4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH

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

OCT. 10

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE!

✠ . Julia (*Thanksgiving*)

OCT. 11

✠ . For the People (*Pro Populo*)

OCT. 12

MON. *SAINT CARLO ACUTIS, Mem.*

✠ . For the People (*Pro Populo*)

OCT. 13

TUE. *OF THE 28TH WEEK IN IN ORDINARY TIME*

✠ . For the People (*Pro Populo*)

OCT. 14

WED. *SAINT CALLISTUS I, Mem.*

✠ . For the People (*Pro Populo*)

OCT. 15

THU. *SAINT TERESA OF AVILA, Mem.*

✠ . For the People (*Pro Populo*)

OCT. 16

FRI. *SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, Mem.*

✠ . For the People (*Pro Populo*)



Thank you very much to Esterling Family 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 & B. PALLESCHI

SAT: OCT. 10

B. LANCHO

H. WILLIAMS, M. MCKENDREE & J. MACKEY

SUN: OCT. 11

A. MCKENDREE, A. WHITE & A. CATES

M. STECK, P. DECURTINS & R. NICKLES

SAT: OCT. 17

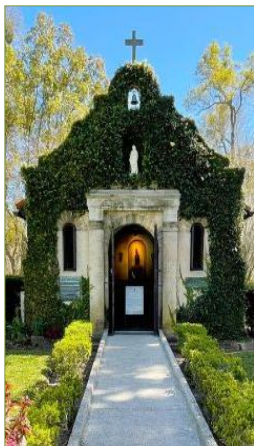
B. LANCHO

T. HUDSON, S. HUDSON & K. WHITE

SUN: OCT. 18

D. CHICK & K. HORKAN

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



(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) The National Shrine of *Our Lady of La Leche* spans a peaceful property known as the “sacred acre.” It is a bedrock of American Catholic history.

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.

In October 2021, the statue of Our Lady of La Leche received a rare Canonical Coronation on behalf of Pope Francis, a designation given to highly significant and universally recognized sacred images.

Thousands of pilgrims, particularly couples trying to conceive or expectant mothers praying for a safe delivery, visit the small, ivy-covered chapel every year to ask for her maternal intercession.

Our Lady of La Leche: Pray for us!



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The Pontifical Mission Society’s World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church’s missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. World Mission Sunday will be observed on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026. The *Second Collection* of the day will be destined, in the pope’s name, for the poor and suffering in more than 1,150 mission dioceses.

Please give generously to this important cause. Thank you very much!!!