





SAINT MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DEC. 28 ✓ HOLY FAMILY AND HOLY INNOCENTS ✓ SIR. 3:2-6, 12-14 ✓ PS. 128:1-5 ✓ COL. 3:12-21 ✓ MT. 2:13-15, 19-23

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO CHRIST'S NATIVITY AND THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF HIS MOTHER!!

JANUARY 01 ★ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

HOLY MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025 @ 6 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 @ 09 AM

BOTH HOLYMASS WILL BE PRECEDED BY AN HOUR OF ADORATION, PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION!

The Blessed Virgin Mary is called Mother of God (Greek Theotokos, “God-bearer”) because the child she bore, Jesus Christ, is truly God and truly human—one Person, not two glued together. She did not create the divine nature, of course; God has no beginning. What she did do was give birth to a real human child who is, at the same time, the eternal Son of God. Motherhood is about who you give birth to, not what nature you originate.

This title was solemnly affirmed at the Council of Ephesus in 431 to protect the truth about Christ and His Incarnation. If Jesus is God from the first moment of His existence, then the woman who bore Him is rightly called Mother of God. Deny the title, and you quietly start slicing Christ into pieces—half God, half man, loosely cooperating. Christianity collapses if you do that.

God enters history not as an abstraction but through consent, flesh, and vulnerability. Mary’s “yes” becomes the hinge on which the Incarnation swings. The infinite chooses dependence. That alone should stop us mid-thought.

In Catholic life, this title shapes prayer and worship: Mary always points beyond herself to Christ. She is honored because of who He is. Think of her as the horizon where heaven touches earth—not the source of the light, but the place where it breaks into our world. Reality is more surprising than our instincts allow.

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



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\$2,672.00



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

RAISED SO FAR \$ 656,567.00

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✠. HERMAN & DOROTHY DILLMAN

DEC 28 THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (HOLY INNOCENTS)

✠. PALLESCHI FAMILY

DEC 29 MON. FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

✠. JESSICA TILLMAN ✠ VIC CRAWFORD (HEALING)

DEC 30 TUE. SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

✠. BILL & BETTY GRIMES

DEC 31 WED. VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

✠. FR. FRED ✠.FR. RICHARD ✠.DEACON KEN

JAN 01 THU. SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD ✠ 9 AM

✠. FR. CONRAD COWART ✠.SUZANNE MCCARTHY

JAN 02 FRI. STS. BASIL & GREGORY NAZIANZEN, MEMORIAL

✠. MICHAEL JOHNSON ✠. JOYCE COKER ✠. GROVER CLELAND

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C. HODGES, B. PALLESCHI & P. DECURTINS

WED. DEC. 31

C. HODGES

J. MACKEY, M. STECK & M. WILLEY

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L. CHICK & J. SMITH

K. & M. DOUGHERTY & P. DECURTINS

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B. LANCHO

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CHURCH FATHERS ON THE TITLE *THEOTOKOS* OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

✙. Origen (c. AD 230): Origen explicitly uses the title Theotokos: “The Church received from the Apostles the tradition of giving the name *Theotokos* to the Virgin Mary.” (*Commentary on Romans, Book I*) This is a critical historical witness: the title is already described as apostolic tradition well before Ephesus.

✙. St. Athanasius of Alexandria (c. AD 330): “The Word was not changed into flesh, but assumed flesh... and the Virgin is therefore *Theotokos*, because she bore God in the flesh.” (*Discourse Against the Arians, III. 14*) Athanasius ties the title directly to orthodox belief in Christ’s divinity.

✙. St. Gregory of Nazianzus (c. AD 380): This is one of the most forceful and famous statements: “If anyone does not confess that holy Mary is *Theotokos*, he is without the Godhead.” (Letter 101, To Cledonius) This sentence became decisive for later conciliar teaching.

✙. St. Cyril of Alexandria (c. AD 430): The chief theological voice at the Council of Ephesus: “For if our Lord Jesus Christ is God, how is the Holy Virgin who bore Him not the Mother of God (*Theotokos*)?” (*Third Letter to Nestorius*) And more precisely: “It was not that the Word was first born of the holy Virgin as a mere man, and then descended upon him... but being united from the womb, He is said to have undergone a fleshly birth.” (*Second Letter to Nestorius*) These texts were received into the acts of the Council of Ephesus itself.

✙. Council of Ephesus (431), Definition “If anyone does not confess that Emmanuel is truly God, and therefore that the holy Virgin is Theotokos (for she bore in a fleshly way the Word of God become flesh), let him be *anathema*.” This statement reflects and formalizes the unanimous patristic tradition.

The Fathers are consistent: To deny the title *Mother of God* to the Blessed Virgin is to divide Christ Himself!



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DEC. 21 ✓ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✓ ISAIAH 7:10-14 ✓ PSALM 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ✓ ROMANS 1:1-7 ✓ MATTHEW 1:18-24

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ON SUNDAY, 12 ★ 21 ★ 2025 OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL GIVE US ALL

OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND A FREE OF COST OUR THIRD SUNDAY BREAKFAST!!!

CHRISTMAS

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PRAYERFULLY WISHES YOU

AND

ALL YOUR LOVED ONES

A Truly Joyous Christmas



Glory to God in the highest!

May the Lord's peace and blessings rest upon you!

Thank you for your faith and prayer and generosity

Fr. Martin A. Ray

Our sincere thanks to Justin Burnham and to each and every one in our children and adult choirs,

*And to all the singers and musicians for giving us a delightful **Christmas Concert** on 12★19 ★ 2025!*

Our heartfelt thanks to each and every one who worked very hard

To make the reception after the concert truly a joyful one!

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DEC 21 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

✠. DIANE ROCKFORD

DEC 22 **MON. OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT**

✠. DON STEINER

DEC 23 **TUE. OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT**

✠. HILARY MORIN

DEC 24 **WED. CHRISTMAS EVE ✠ 7 PM**

✠. TONY & DONNA DECURTINS

DEC 25 **THU. CHRISTMAS DAY ✠ 10 AM**

✠. DELORES ZALESNY

DEC 26 **FRI. FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR**

✠. AL & AGNES DILLMAN

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B. LANCHO

J. JOHNSON, C. CHICK & K. WHITE

SUN. DEC. 14

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DECEMBER 24

D. CHICK, J. SMITH & M. MCKENDREE

M. WILLEY, J. CHICK SR., & J. MACKEY

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#IGIVECATHOLIC2025 ✂ GOAL: \$ 35,000 ✂ RAISED: 35,500

Dear Friends, with one heart let us give thanks and glory to God our Father for the success of our *lighting* appeal. Through the incredible generosity of our benefactors and friends and parish family, we have reached the funds needed to make the pendant *lighting* in our church worthy of God's presence and churchy.

Let us humbly and sincerely thank God for all those who helped us reach goal, and pray for God's continued blessings upon them and upon our entire parish family!

SAINT LEO THE GREAT

“On all days and at all times, dearly beloved, does the birth of our Lord and Savior from the Virgin-mother occur to the thoughts of the faithful, who meditate on divine things, that the mind may be aroused to the acknowledgment of its Maker, and whether it be occupied in the groans of supplication, or in the shouting of praise, or in the offering of sacrifice, may employ its spiritual insight on nothing more frequently and more trustingly than on the fact that God the Son of God, begotten of the co-eternal Father, was also born by a human birth. But this Nativity which is to be adored in heaven and on earth is suggested to us by no day more than this when, with the early light still shedding its rays on nature, there is borne in upon our senses the brightness of this wondrous mystery. For the angel Gabriel's converse with the astonished Mary and her conception by the Holy Ghost as wondrously promised as believed, seem to recur not only to the memory but to the very eyes. For today the Maker of the world was born of a Virgin's womb, and He, who made all natures, became Son of her, whom He created. Today the Word of God appeared clothed in flesh, and that which had never been visible to human eyes began to be tangible to our hands as well. Today the shepherds learned from angels' voices that the Savior was born in the substance of our flesh and soul; and today the form of the Gospel message was pre-arranged by the leaders of the Lord's flocks, so that we too may say with the army of the heavenly host: Glory in the highest to God, and on earth peace to men of good will.”



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RORATE CAELI HOLY MASS!

JOIN US TO PRAY AND OFFER THIS ADVENT'S LAST

CANDLELIGHT RORATE CAELI HOLY MASS

ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 18 AT 6:30 AM

ON THAT DAY THERE WILL NOT BE OUR NORMAL 9:00 AM HOLY MASS



ADVENT RECONCILIATION

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PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY

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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
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*THERE WILL BE A LIGHT RECEPTION AFTER THE EVENT
EVERYONE IS TRULY WELCOME!!!*

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL, LAKE CITY

JOB OPENING: BUS VAN DRIVER (11 PASSENGER), PT, MONDAY-FRIDAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR
FOR THE MACCLENNY ROUTE. NO CDL REQUIRED. INTERESTED? CONTACT (386)752-2320.

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✠. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS

DEC 15 **MON. OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

✠. JANE HONEA ✠. VICTORS' FAMILY

DEC 16 **TUE. OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

✠. JOANNE MACKEY ✠. FELIX'S FAMILY

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DEC 18 **THU. RORATE CAELI HOLY MASS, 6:30 AM**

✠. SOULS IN PURGATORY ✠. CIARA ✠. SAGE

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✠. FR. CONRAD COWART

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ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS NOVENA (DECEMBER 16 - 24)

✠. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen!

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

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SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT

“And being clothed with the Spirit, they [the prophets] saw that none among the creatures was able to heal that great wound, but only the bounty of God, that is to say His Only-Begotten, Whom He sent to be the Savior of all the world, for He is the great Physician, Who is able to heal the great wound. And they asked God and of His bounty the Father of creatures did not spare His Only-begotten for our salvation, but delivered Him up for us all and for our iniquities. And He humbled Himself, and by His stripes we all were healed. And by the word of His power He gathered us out of all lands, from one end of the world to the other end of the world, and raised up our hearts from the earth, and taught us that we are members one of another.”

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

Saint Ignatius describes the Virgin Birth as a hidden act of God saying: “His birth might be hid from the Devil, looking for Him to be born of a wife and not of a virgin.”



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\$3,058.00



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RAISED SO FAR \$ 653,637.00

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DEC 08	MON. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)	✠. TONY & DONNA DECURTINS
DEC 09	TUE. ST. JUAN DIEGO, MEMORIAL	✠. JENNIFER WALLACE ✠. ASIA PAIGE
DEC 10	WED. FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LORETO	✠. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS
DEC 11	THU. ST. DAMASUS, POPE, MEMORIAL; RORATE CAELI HOLY MASS, 6 AM	✠.SUZANNE MCCARTHY
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24TH December, Wednesday, 07 PM

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NOV 30 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE)**

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DEC 01 MON. **OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

✠. BISHOP ESTEVEZ & FR. SEBRA

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DEC 03 WED. **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, MEMORIAL**

✠. MAGGIE SANDERS' INTENTIONS

DEC 04 THU. **RORATE CAELI HOLY MASS, 6 AM ★ ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, MEMORIAL**

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NOV. 23 ✓ SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ✓

2 SAMUEL 5:1-3 ✓ PSALM 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 ✓ COLOSSIANS 1:12-20 ✓ LUKE 23:35-43

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SINCERE HEARTFELT "THANK YOU VERY MUCH" TO EVERYONE,

FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION OF \$2,651.00 TOWARD OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE!!

VERY WARM AND ESPECIAL "THANK YOU VERY MUCH" TO MARK STECK

FOR COORDINATING AND CARRYING OUT THIS DRIVE WITH SUCH KINDNESS!!

WE ARE VERY, VERY GRATEFUL TO BISHOP KENNY HIGH SCHOOL

FOR ALL THE KINDNESS THEY SHOW YEAR AFTER YEAR TO THOSE IN NEED!!



OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTION

O MARIA, SINE LABE ORIGINALI CONCEPTA, ORA PRO NOBIS,

QUI AD TE CONFUGIMUS!

O MARY, CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, PRAY FOR US

WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE!



Starting on Thursday, November 27, we will pray the Novena Prayer of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after the Prayer after Holy Communion at Holy Mass. Nearly every parish in our diocese practices this devotion. Let us join them all and pray this devotion!

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE: NOVEMBER 30 IS THE LAST DAY TO BRING TOYS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE! THE GIVEAWAY EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE AMERICAN LEGION ON DECEMBER 13. PLEASE DONATE NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS IN THE BOXES IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. THANK YOU!!

THE POPE'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH SUICIDAL THOUGHTS



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NOV 23 **SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

✠. ALLEN GRIFFIS

NOV 24 MON. **ST. ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, AND COMPANIONS, MEMORIAL**

✠. DON STEINER ✠. JONATHAN ROJAS

NOV 25 TUE. OF THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

✠. HERMAN & DOROTHY DILLMAN

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✠. ANNA BOLDUC ✠. LINDA WILLEY

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NOV 28 FRI. **ST CATHERINE LABOURE, MEMORIAL**

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#iGiveCatholic2025 🌸 **Our Goal This Year is \$35,000**

Dear Children of God, in the last two #iGiveCatholic campaigns, Saint Mary Mother of Mercy Catholic Church has been blessed by the generosity of kind souls like you!! Encouraged by your kindness, and with humble and grateful hearts, we come to you this year as well with our campaign to purchase **New Lighting for the Interior of Our Church.** The lights in our church building are from 1996, the year the building was constructed. In the past three decades, lighting technology has evolved dramatically. There are now the energy-efficient LED lights and smart features such as dimming, scheduling, and remote controls. Our lighting system is indeed in need of such upgrades.



In recent years our parish church's interior has grown steadily more beautiful. The faces of the saints on the icons invite deeper contemplation and steadfast commitment, and our new Stations of the Cross call for a slow, attentive, and prayerful gaze. While these images carry their own graces, proper and thoughtful lighting will enhance their presence and beauty. Besides visibility or aesthetics, this project is about creating a place where prayer could be facilitated to unfold without much effort, where beauty can be received without strain, and where art, architecture, and worship move as one within the interior of our church.

Trusting in God, and relying on your God-given generosity, we humbly and gratefully request your support to help us illuminate the interior of Saint Mary, Mother of Mercy Catholic Church with new, inspiring lighting. May the Lord God bless us all everyone! Thank you very much!

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Saint Basil the Great (330-379 AD) on Luke 12:18: “The bread which you keep belongs to the hungry; the cloak in your closet belongs to the naked; the shoes rotting in your possession belong to the shoeless; the money you bury in the earth belongs to the destitute.” On Psalm 14: “The one who gives to the poor lends to God, and God becomes the debtor.”

Gregory of Nyssa (335-394 AD): “Do not despise the poor. Do not think yourself superior to the one who is in misfortune. For the image of God is the same in all.” *Homily on Ecclesiastes*.

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✠. EDITHA GALACIO ✠. ALVIN MELVIN

NOV 18 TUE. **BASILICAS OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, DEDICATION, MEMORIAL**

✠. MARY BANDA

NOV 19 WED. **OF THE THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

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NOV 20 THU. **OF THE THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

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NOV 21 FRI. **PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MEMORIAL**

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OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: A HISTORY OF GRACE AND DEVOTION

In 1830, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, appeared to St. Catherine Labouré, a young novice of the Daughters of Charity in Paris. During these encounters, the Blessed Mother revealed to

Catherine the design of a medal meant to draw hearts closer to God through trust in Mary's intercession. The image showed the Virgin standing on a globe, crushing the serpent, with rays of light flowing from her hands and the words, *"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."* At the Blessed Mother's request, the first medals were made and distributed, and reports of answered prayers, healings, and conversions



spread so rapidly that the faithful themselves soon began calling it *"the Miraculous Medal."*

The reverse of the medal carries a rich symbolism at the heart of Christian devotion. A large "M" interwoven with a cross expresses the Blessed Mother's close sharing in **Christ's** saving work. Beneath it, the Sacred Heart of Jesus crowned with thorns and the Immaculate Heart of Mary pierced by a sword proclaim the love and suffering that stand at the center of the Gospel. Encircling them are twelve stars, recalling both the Church and the vision of the Woman in *Revelation*.

For nearly two centuries, this medal has remained a simple yet powerful reminder of Mary's maternal care and the grace God offers to all who seek Him with faith.

O Maria, sine labe originali concepta, ora pro nobis, qui ad te confugimus!

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NOV 10 MON. **SAINT LEO THE GREAT, MEMORIAL**

✠. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS

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✠. LISA PALLESCHI

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WHAT MAKES A CHURCH A BASILICA?

There are two uses of the name basilica (from the Greek basileus - king). One is the honor given to a church by designation of the pope; the other is an architectural style based on the design of the ancient Roman law courts. ✎ Historically, the ancient use preceded the Church's use. The basilicas were designed to serve as the place where the emperor's representative sat and judged. They were rectangular in shape with a central nave, at the end of which was a rounded area, the apse, in which the judge sat. Typically, there were two side aisles separated from the nave by columns. Many basilicas were given over to Church use by Constantine, as they were suitable for the public celebration of Mass. Many of these original basilicas survive, and new churches are still made in this style. ✎ The pope, however, is the only one who can name a basilica in the honorific sense. The title is given to churches of significance to the universal Church, to a country, or even to a diocese. There are more than 1,800 basilicas in the world, with 85 in the United States. In Rome there are four major basilicas and numerous minor basilicas. The four major basilicas are also called papal basilicas and historically were called patriarchal basilicas.

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN IN ROME, THE CATHEDRAL OF THE POPE

It was dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, so the reference is to the two Johns associated with Our Lord. They became associated with the Basilica owing to the monks from the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Divine who served there.

The Lateranus family (the Laterini) had owned the property until it was confiscated by the Emperor Nero, who accused the family of conspiracy. From this origin, the place acquired the name the Lateran. It remained in imperial hands for 250 years until Emperor Constantine donated it to Pope Sylvester following the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D.

TODAY, NOVEMBER 9, IS FEAST (ANNIVERSARY) OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME



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NOV. 02 ✓ ALL SOULS ✓ WISDOM 3:1-9 ✓ PSALM 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 ✓ ROMANS 6:3-9 ✓ JOHN 6:37-40

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In Saint Augustine's Confessions (Book IX, Chapter 11), he recounts the poignant final moments with his mother, Saint Monica, as she lay dying in Ostia, Italy, in 387 AD. Monica, a devout Christian who had prayed fervently for her son's conversion, expressed a serene acceptance of death and made a simple, heartfelt request regarding prayers for her *(continued on the last page)*.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE: A CALL TO GENEROSITY

As we approach *Thanksgiving*, we are reminded of the blessings we share, and also the growing challenges very many face. More and more families are struggling to put food on their tables amid rising costs and hardships. Therefore, let us do our best to make a difference by distributing *Thanksgiving Baskets*, as in the past, to those in need—embodying the corporal work of mercy that calls us to feed the hungry, as the Lord Jesus teaches in Matthew 25:35: “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.”

Your generosity in the past has enabled us to partner with Bishop Kenny High School, who will provide baskets filled with essential food items to complement a hearty *Thanksgiving meal*. To complete these gifts, we will supply Winn-Dixie gift cards, enabling recipients to purchase some meat of their choice.

Mark Steck, our dedicated leader for this special annual ministry, will be at the entrance of the church on Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16, to accept your donations for the gift cards. No contribution is too small—every dollar helps us extend Christ's love and support to our neighbors, echoing the words of Luke 3:11: “Anyone who has food is to share it with the one who has none.”

Thank you for your continued compassion and faithfulness. Together, let's make this Thanksgiving a beacon of light for those in need.

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✠. VIKKI GRIFFIN

NOV 04 TUE. **ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, MEMORIAL**

✠. PAUL BANDA (HEALING)

NOV 05 WED. **ST. ELIZABETH AND ST. ZECHARIAH, MEMORIAL**

✠. FLOYD DECURTINS (HEALING)

NOV 06 THU. OF THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

✠. AL & AGNES DILLMAN

NOV 07 FRI. OF THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE WOMEN OF FAITH WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, NOV 11TH, AT 10:15 AM IN THE PARISH HALL. PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND BREAKFAST SNACKS! ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK IS NOVEMBER 01-08

Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week, which was instituted by the U.S. Bishops in 1976, and is now celebrated the first week of November. This year, the beginning of the week falls on All Saints Day—a happy coincidence, because a vocation, in its fullest sense, is our path to heaven and sainthood. During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life. Please check these digital resources *Vianney Vocations* at <https://vianneyvocations.com/nvaw/>

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Monica’s words emphasized her faith in the Eucharist and the communion of saints. This reflects her deep piety and trust in God’s mercy, and it has inspired countless reflections on prayer, remembrance, and the afterlife in our Christian sacred tradition.

In 2 Maccabees 12:46 we read “It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.” Therefore “From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God” Catechism of the Catholic Church (Paragraph 1032).



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In our Catholic tradition, praying for faithful departed souls extends the spirit of *All Souls' Day* (November 2) through the entire month of November. While November 2 is the formal liturgical commemoration, the whole month is dedicated to remembering and praying for the dead — an extended season of mercy, remembrance, and hope.

Here's how it developed and what it means: In Catholic our spirituality, November is often called the "Month of the Holy Souls" or "Month of the Faithful Departed." The connection is not arbitrary. Nature itself, especially in the Northern Hemisphere, mirrors the mood — shorter days, fading light, and the sense of the earth dying down before winter — all pointing toward reflection on mortality and eternal life.

During this month: Catholics visit cemeteries to pray for the departed. Many offer daily prayers such as the Eternal Rest prayer ("Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."). Indulgences — special spiritual benefits — are granted for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead between November 1 and 8, under certain conditions (confession, Communion, and prayers for the Pope's intentions). Mass intentions throughout November are often offered for deceased family members or all souls in purgatory.

The Church's reasoning is simple yet profound: love does not end at death. Remembering the dead throughout November keeps that bond of charity alive. In that sense, November is the Church's gentle invitation to contemplate the last things — death, judgment, heaven, and purgatory — not morbidly, but as part of the rhythm of faith and the mystery of life's completion.

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✠. DON STEINER

OCT 26 **30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

✠. LEONARDO NAZARENO SR

OCT 27 **MON. OF THE 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

✠. ALICIA ✠. PAUL BANDA (OPEN HEART SURGERY)

OCT 28 **TUE. FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

✠. JAMES & CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS

OCT 29 **WED. OF THE 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

✠. EUTIMIA

OCT 30 **THU. OF THE 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

✠. JUAN

OCT 31 **FRI. OF THE 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

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THERE IS NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO TAKE ACTION!

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA'S "RULES FOR THE DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS"

The Fifth Rule: In time of desolation never make a change; but be firm and constant in the resolutions and determination in which one was the day before the desolation, or in the determination in which one was in the preceding consolation. For as in consolation the good spirit guides and counsels us more, so in desolation the bad spirit, with whose counsels we cannot take a course to a right decision.

The Sixth Rule: Although in desolation we ought not to change our first resolutions, it is very advantageous to change ourselves intensely against the desolation, as by insisting more on prayer, meditation, much examination, and by extending ourselves in some suitable way of doing penance. *(TO BE CONTINUED).*

IN ALL THINGS, SEEK THE GOOD SPIRIT.

WHEN YOU FEEL DESOLATE, BE PATIENT; CONSOLATION WILL RETURN.



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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY TODAY ✉ 10.19.2025

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"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME" (MT. 25:40)

RULES FOR THE DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

FROM *SPIRITUAL EXERCISES* OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

First Rule: In persons who go from mortal sin to mortal sin, the enemy is commonly used to propose to them apparent pleasures, making them imagine sensual delights and pleasures in order to hold them more and make them grow in their vices and sins. In these persons, the good spirit uses the opposite method, pricking them and biting their consciences through the process of reason.

Second Rule: In persons who are going on intensely cleansing their sins and rising from good to better in the service of God our Lord, it is the method contrary to that in the first Rule, for then it is the way of the evil spirit to bite, sadden and put obstacles, disquieting with false reasons, that one may not go on; and it is proper to the good to give courage and strength, consolations, tears, inspirations and quiet, easing, and putting away all obstacles, that one may go on in well doing. (CONTINUED ON THE LAST PAGE)

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OCT 20 **MON. SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS, MEMORIAL**

✠. PHYLLIS & MIKE LUMEN

OCT 21 **TUE. OF THE 29TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

✠. TONY & DONNA DECURTINS

OCT 22 **WED. SAINT JOHN PAUL II POPE, MEMORIAL**

✠. HILARY MORIN

OCT 23 **THU. SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, MEMORIAL**

✠. BENEDICTO GALACIO

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IN ALL THINGS, SEEK THE GOOD SPIRIT.

WHEN YOU FEEL DESOLATE, BE PATIENT; CONSOLATION WILL RETURN.



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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY ✨ 10.19.2025

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Celebrated every year on the second-to-last Sunday of October, World Mission Sunday is the day when Catholics around the world unite to financially support the missionary work of the Church. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, it remains the only annual global collection that directly supports the 1,150 mission territories where the Church is young, struggling, or persecuted. On this day, every parish, in every diocese, in every country, joins in prayer and giving to ensure that missionaries can continue their vital work—building churches, forming priests, supporting catechists, and serving communities in need.

Organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, World Mission Sunday is a day for Catholics worldwide to renew their commitment to the Church's missionary work through prayer and sacrificial giving.

This year, World Mission Sunday will be observed in the Diocese of St. Augustine on Sunday, Oct. 18 & 19. Offerings collected that day will go into a common fund of solidarity distributed in the Holy Father's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The funds support the poor and suffering in more than 1,150 mission dioceses around the world. Let us give generously to this important cause! Thank you very much!!

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OCT 13 MON. OF THE 28TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

✠. BILL & BETTY GRIMES

OCT 14 TUE. OF THE 28TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

✠. JASON & LISA PALLESCHI ✠. MAGGIE SANDERS

OCT 15 WED. ST. TERESA OF AVILA, MEMORIAL

✠. PEG ✠. JAMES ✠. CLARINE ✠. SYDNEY TIMMONS

OCT 16 THU. ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, MEMORIAL

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“In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Our Lord and Mary, and I am always helped.”



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ANNUAL PRIESTS' RETREAT WEEK: OCTOBER 6-10

This week, October 6-10, all priests of our diocese, together with Bishop Erik, will be at Marywood Retreat Center for our annual retreat. I will be at the retreat as well, and so:

Monday, October 6 - Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM (instead of 5:30 PM).

Tuesday-Thursday, October 7-9 - There will be no Holy Mass in our parish church.

I will be celebrating Mass with the priests at Marywood Retreat Center.

Friday, October 10 - We will return to our regular schedule with Adoration 4:30 PM and Holy Mass at 5:30 PM.

May the Lord bless you for accompanying us spiritually during this retreat!

JUBILEE OF MARIAN SPIRITUALITY ✉ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 ✉ 01 TO 05 PM

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier invites all to the **NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE**, St. Augustine, for a Jubilee of Hope celebration. The day coincides with the worldwide Jubilee for Marian Spirituality in Rome and the feast of **Our Lady of La Leche, the Patroness of our diocese**. Bishop Pohlmeier will renew the consecration of the Diocese of St. Augustine to Our Lady of la Leche, first made in 2019.

THIS JOYFUL AFTERNOON HONORS THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE AND INCLUDES:

- Inspiring talk on Mary's maternity by Sister Catherine Nazaret, SCTJM
- Small-group reflections
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- Holy Mass and Renewal of the Diocese's Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary
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OCT 06	MON. OF THE 27 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. MICHAEL JOHNSON ✠. DAVID FOOTIT
OCT 07	TUE. OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, MEMORIAL	✠. MICHELLE STAPLETON (HEALING) ✠. JEAN PEASE (HEALING)
OCT 08	WED. OF THE 27 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. MAGGIE SANDERS
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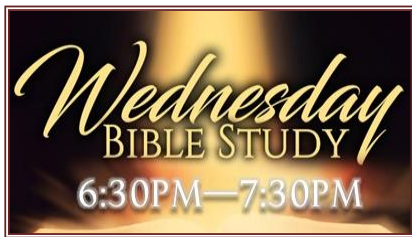
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P OPE BENEDICT XVI: “The common turning toward the east was not a ‘celebration toward the wall’; it did not mean that the priest ‘had his back to the people’: the priest himself was not regarded as so important. For just as the congregation does not converse with the priest, but with the Lord, so too the priest is not regarded as speaking to the congregation, but to the Lord. Hence, when priest and people face the same way, what results is not a closed circle, but a common movement forward: a people on the way to the *oriens*, the Christ who comes to meet us.

In reality what happened after the [second Vatican] Council [1962 to 1965] was something different: instead of the priest and people facing together towards the Lord, now the priest turned towards the people. In the common mind this gave the impression of a community celebrating itself, an idea which is utterly alien to the liturgy. In this way the meal idea – which in Luther’s...[rebellious ideas] had replaced the [catholic theology of] sacrifice – began to gain ground once again.

The consequence is that now the priest – the ‘presider,’ as they now prefer to call him – becomes the real point of reference for the whole liturgy. Everything depends on him. We have to see him, to respond to him, to be involved in what he is doing. His creativity sustains the whole thing. Not surprisingly, people try to make him as interesting as possible, otherwise it would all be unbearably drab. The liturgy becomes dependent on the personality and inventiveness of the priest. Less and less is God in the picture. More and more important is what man is doing, the liturgy really does become a form of self-celebration. In this way, too, it is threatened with degeneration into pointless activity” (Benedict XVI, *The Spirit of the Liturgy* (2000), pp. 80-81).



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\$ 2,835.00



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SEP 30	TUE. SAINT JEROME, MEMORIAL	✠. DAMON FERNANDEZ ✠. JOSEPH STANLEY
OCT 01	WED. SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, MEMORIAL	✠. DIANE ROCKFORD
OCT 02	THU. HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS, MEMORIAL	✠. DAMON FERNANDEZ
65 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST HOLY MASS THAT TOOK PLACE (OCT 2, 1960) IN ST. MARY MOTHER OF MERCY'S MISSION CHAPEL		
OCT 03	FRI. OF THE 26 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. PAUL MACKEY

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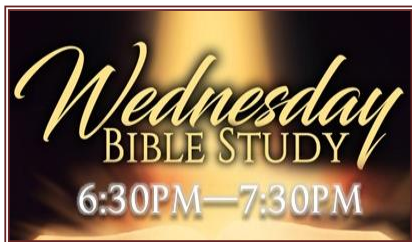
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We need to register by September 30th. No need to reply again if you responded to an earlier email.

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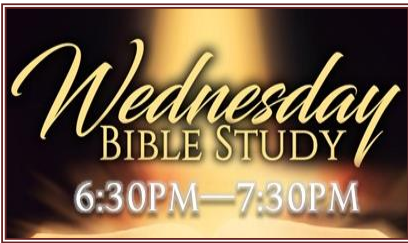
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SEP 21	25 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. ALTA NEWNUM
SEP 22	MON. OF THE 25 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JOSEPH STANLEY
SEP 23	TUE. SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, MEMORIAL	✠. JASON PALLESCHI ✠. FR RICHARD (ANNIVERSARY)
SEP 24	WED. OUR LADY OF RANSOM (PATRONESS OF OUR PARISH)	✠. CLEMENTIA (LIVING) ✠. CIARA NICOLE
SEP 25	THU. OF THE 25 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. KIM HOWARD
SEP 26	FRI. STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS, MEMORIAL	✠. PALLESCHI FAMILY

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Pour forth Your Holy Spirit, God our Father, to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany freedom. Happiness is rooted only in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the 'culture of death.' Lead us into life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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SEPTEMBER 14 ✓ THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

NUMBERS 21:4B-9 ✓ PSALM 78:1BC-2,34-35,36-37,38 ✓ PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11 ✓ JOHN 3:13-17

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THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

“Let us not then be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Be the Cross our seal made with boldness by our fingers on our brow, and on everything; over the bread we eat, and the cups we drink; in our comings in, and goings out; before our sleep, when we lie down and when we rise up; when we are in the way, and when we are still. Great is that preservative; it is without price, for the sake of the poor; without toil, for the sick; since also its grace is from God. It is the Sign of the faithful, and the dread of devils: for He triumphed over them in it, having made a show of them openly; for when they see the Cross they are reminded of the Crucified; they are afraid of Him, who bruised the heads of the dragon” (St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechetical Lecture XIII, 36).

Commemorated on September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates the discovery, recovery, and above all, the saving meaning of Christ’s Cross — His sacrifice turned into the ultimate sign of life and glory. It is not just a historical memory, it also has a strong anti-heresy role in Christian tradition. It became a proclamation that the Cross is central to salvation—against distortions that either deny the Cross, reduce its meaning, or replace it with human wisdom or power. Here are the main heresies it directly or implicitly resists:

Gnosticism: The Gnostics despised the material world and denied that the Son of God truly suffered in the flesh. For them, the Cross was scandalous—God could not be humiliated. **Feast’s Response:** The Exaltation affirms that God truly became man, truly suffered, and truly died on the Cross. The same Cross is exalted because it is the instrument of our redemption.

Docetism: Jesus only “appeared” (Greek dokein, to seem) to have a body and suffer; His passion was an illusion. **Feast’s Response:** The veneration of the Cross insists that the Passion was real and that salvation came through actual suffering and death, not appearances *(Continued on the last page).*



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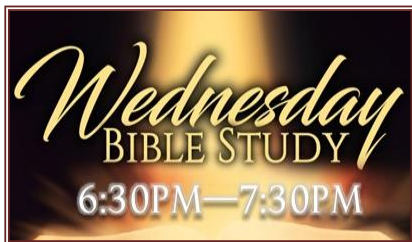
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SEP 15	MON. OUR LADY OF SORROWS, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	✠. JAMES ✠. CLARINE ✠. SYDNEY TIMMONS
SEP 16	TUE. ST. CORNELIUS & ST. CYPRIAN, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	✠. JOSEPH STANLEY ✠. JOSEPH BELLOCK III
SEP 17	WED. ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	✠. FATHER RICHARD
SEP 18	THU. TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. DARCIE ADAMS ✠ KATHY JOHNSON (<i>HEALING</i>)
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Manichaeism: A radical dualism – matter is evil, spirit alone is good. The Cross (a physical death in a body) is meaningless or even evil in this system. **Feast's Response:** The feast proclaims that matter itself is redeemed through the Cross, and the body, far from being evil, becomes the temple of resurrection.

Talmudic-Rabbinic polemic (anti-Cross stance): "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree" (Deut. 21:23, cited against Christians). Rabbinic Judaism mocked the idea of a crucified Messiah. **Feast's Response:** The Church glories in the Cross (Gal. 6:14) and reinterprets the curse: Christ became a curse for us so that we might be freed (Gal. 3:13). The very "scandal" of the Cross becomes its glory.

Islam (emerging later): The Quran denies that Jesus was crucified ("they did not kill him, nor crucify him, but it appeared so to them" – 4:157). **Feast's Response:** The liturgy proclaims year after year: the Cross is not illusion, not substitution, but the real and saving death of Christ.

Modern Echoes: Rationalism / Liberal Christianity: The Cross is reduced to a moral example of sacrifice, not an objective act of redemption. **Feast's Response:** It insists the Cross is not just symbol but sacramental reality – through it the world is redeemed.



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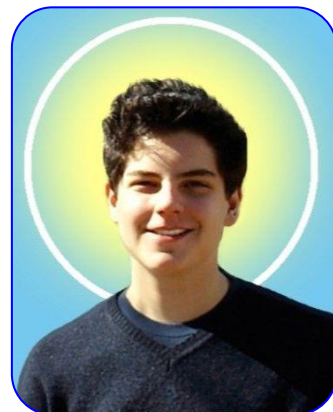
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ST. CARLO ACUTIS (1991-2006)

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Carlo's vision for life was simple yet profound: **"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."** These words reveal his understanding that holiness is not found in extraordinary achievements but in daily faithfulness—drawing near to Christ through prayer, the sacraments, and love for others. Even as a teenager immersed in modern life, he showed that sanctity is possible in ordinary routines, lived with extraordinary love. From the time of his First Communion, Carlo made it a rule to pray the Rosary every day without fail. This became for him as natural as breathing.

When leukemia struck at the age of fifteen, Carlo offered his suffering for the Church and the Pope. He died peacefully on October 12, 2006, and was later buried in Assisi, the city of St. Francis.

Declared Venerable in 2018 and beatified in 2020, Carlo will be canonized on September 7, 2025, becoming the first millennial saint.

His life continues to echo as a call to all Christians: stay close to Jesus, love the Eucharist, and let even ordinary days become a path to heaven.



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SEP 08	MON. FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER	✠. SYDNEY & JAMES & CLARINE TIMMONS ✠. FR. MARTIN
SEP 09	TUE. ST. PETER CLAVER, MEMORIAL	✠. DIANE ROCKFORD
SEP 10	WED. OF THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. DEACON KEN COCHRAN
SEP 11	THU. PATRIOT DAY & NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE & REMEMBRANCE	✠. DON STEINER ✠. JOSEPH STANLEY
SEP 12	FRI. HOLY NAME OF MARY OUR BLESSED MOTHER, MEMORIAL	✠. HILARY MORIN

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Pier Giorgio Frassati was born on April 6, 1901, in Turin, Italy, into a wealthy family, yet he chose a life of prayer, daily Mass, the Rosary, and service to the poor over comfort and privilege. Cheerful and adventurous, he loved mountain climbing and friendships, but his joy was rooted in faith. He studied mining engineering to stand with workers and defend their dignity, and his motto "Verso l'alto!"—"To the heights!"—captured both his mountaineer's passion and his striving for holiness. He said, **"JESUS PAYS ME A VISIT EVERY MORNING IN HOLY COMMUNION, AND I RETURN THE VISIT IN THE MEAGER WAY I KNOW HOW: BY VISITING THE POOR."** He gave away food, clothing, and money with quiet generosity, while also declaring, "Charity is not enough; we need social reform." For him, faith demanded courage: "To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without continually struggling for truth, is not living, but just getting along." Yet his strength rested in humility: "By myself I cannot, but with God I can." In 1925, while serving the sick, he contracted polio and died on July 4 at just 24. At his funeral, thousands of the poor he had helped filled the streets of Turin, revealing the depth of his hidden charity. Beatified in 1990, he will be canonized on September 7, 2025, remembered as the joyful "mountaineer of faith" who still calls us upward "to the heights."





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04:30-05:30 PM ✨. DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART IN
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05:30 PM ✨ HOLY MASS



SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO
THE IMMACULATE HEART
OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

08-08.30 AM ✨. HOLY MASS
08:30-09:00 AM ✨. ADORATION, PRAYERS AND
DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART



SAINT PADRE PIO (1887-1968), born Francesco Forgione in Pietrelcina, Italy, was a Capuchin friar and priest known for his profound holiness and love of Christ. Ordained in 1910, he soon became

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widely recognized for his devotion to prayer, his tireless service in the confessional, and the gift of the stigmata — the wounds of Christ — which he carried for fifty years. With great love for the suffering, he founded the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), a hospital for the sick and poor.

Padre Pio's life was guided by deep simplicity and constant prayer. He encouraged souls with sayings such as: "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." He often reminded people that "The Mass is the most beautiful act of worship" and that "It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." To those burdened by sin, he would say: "The devil fears the rosary and the Confession."



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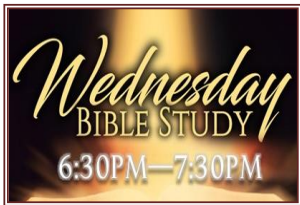
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SEP 03	WED. POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, MEMORIAL	✠. EDWINA TURNER
SEP 04	THU. OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. BILL ✠. BETTY GRIMES
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THE Gnostic HERESY OF DOCETISM

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The New Testament directly battled Docetic ideas: 1 John 4:2-3: “Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.” 2 John 7: “Many deceivers ... do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.” Luke 24:39: The risen Jesus says: “Touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

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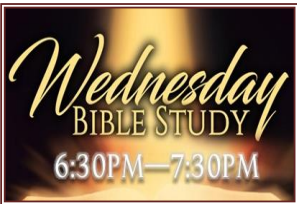
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THE HERESY OF GNOSTICISM

The heresy of Gnosticism is the claim that salvation comes not through faith and grace in the Incarnate Christ, but through a secret “knowledge” (gnosis) available only to a spiritual elite. It denies the goodness of creation, teaching that matter is evil and only the spirit is divine; it divides the true God from a supposed lesser “creator” or demiurge who fashioned the material world; and it rejects the reality of Christ’s flesh, the Resurrection of the body, and the universality of redemption. In short, Gnosticism twists Scripture into myths, despises the visible Church and sacraments, and replaces the Gospel with an elitist system of self-made “mysteries” that enslave rather than liberate. ⇨. Gnosticism was not simply an innocent mistake but a deliberate counterfeit engineered in the second century to undermine Christianity from within by corrupting its foundations. Drawing on pagan myths, Jewish esotericism, and philosophical speculations, its inventors recast the Gospel into a system of secret codes, false “wisdom,” and cosmic dualisms designed to strip Christ of His Incarnation, Passion, and Resurrection. By denying the goodness of creation, the reality of the flesh, and the universal offer of salvation, they sought to dissolve the very heart of the Christian faith into an elitist cult for the “knowers.” ⇨. In this way, Gnosticism functioned as a parasite: borrowing Christian words and symbols but inverting their meaning, to confuse the faithful, fracture the Church, and turn the saving message of Christ into a mystical trap leading away from truth and toward destruction.

Origen (185-253 AD), one of the Fathers of the Church, refuted the Gnostics. Writing on the Gnostic contempt for Scripture, Origen says: *“These heretics bring forward words not found in Scripture at all, nor acknowledged by the Church, but set down in apocryphal writings, which they use as if of equal authority.”* (Commentary on Matthew, 28.26)



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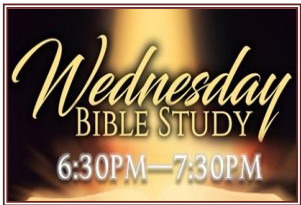
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Assumption into Heavenly Glory. wrote: "...after we have poured and again to God, and have Truth, for the glory of Almighty affection upon the Virgin Mary, for



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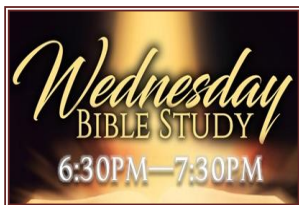
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✠. ALL PRIESTS & FR. MARTIN

AUG 05 TUE. DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

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AUG 06 WED. FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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AUG 07 THU. OF THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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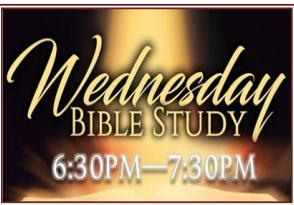
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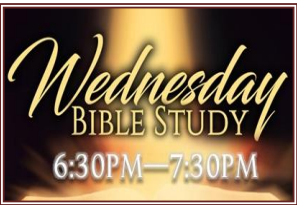
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From Christian standpoint, Gnosticism is evil and utterly incompatible with the Gospel. Why?

GNOSTIC HERESY	x	CHRISTIAN TRUTH
Creator is evil	x	God created all things good (Genesis 1)
Matter is evil	x	The Word became flesh (John 1:14)
Salvation by secret knowledge	x	Salvation is by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8)
Jesus was not fully human	x	Jesus is fully God and fully man (Philippians 2:6-8)
Elite knowledge	x	The Gospel is for all nations (Matthew 28:19)

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JULY 20 ✓ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENESIS 18:1–10A ✓ PSALM 15:2–5 ✓ COLOSSIANS 1:24–28 ✓ LUKE 10:38–42



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Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus centers on the saving power of Christ's Blood shed during His Passion. It emphasizes the profound mystery of redemption, love, and sacrifice and has been practiced in various forms for centuries in the Catholic Church.

The Precious Blood of Christ is the price of our redemption: "You were ransomed... not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The Eternal Covenant of the Lord is made and ratified by the Precious Blood of Christ. The Lord says, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

The Precious Blood of Christ is the means of our purification and protection from sin: "The blood of Jesus His Son purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Almighty and eternal God, our Father, You have appointed Your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by His Blood. Grant, we beg of You, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of this present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers that can be repeated often throughout the day:

- ✠. Precious Blood of Jesus, save us and the whole world!
- ✠. Precious Blood of Jesus, have mercy on us!
- ✠. By Your Blood, Lord Jesus, cleanse and protect me.
- ✠. Blood of Christ, my strength and salvation!



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(IN CHURCH \$ 1,764.00 & ONLINE \$ 595.00)

LAST WEEK: IN CHURCH \$545.00 & ONLINE \$30.00



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JUL 20	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. MARG SHEWMAKER
JUL 21	MON. ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, <i>MEM.</i>	✠. MARY BANDA ✠. FR. MARTIN
JUL 22	TUE. FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE	✠. DON ZARELLA
JUL 23	WED. OF THE 16 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JOHN DEYORIO
JUL 24	THU. ST. CHARBEL MALKOUF, <i>MEM.</i>	✠. CINDY CHIN INTENTIONS
JUL 25	FRI. FEAST OF THE APOSTLE SAINT JAMES	✠. JAMES MEEHAN

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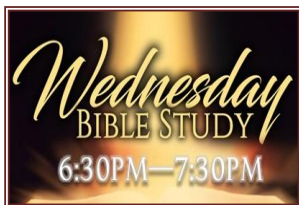
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The diocesan Offices of Youth and Young Adult, Evangelization, and Family Life are excited to



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CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY: A monthly support group for men and women recovering—or seeking recovery—from alcohol or drug addiction. The group meets the first Thursday of each month at Assumption Catholic Church. The evening begins with rosary and reconciliation, followed by Mass at 6 p.m., then a potluck dinner, fellowship, and guest speaker in Kohls Hall. Family and friends are welcome to attend.



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DEUTERONOMY 30:10—14 ✓ PSALM 69:14,17,30—31,33—34,36,37 ✓ COLOSSIANS 1:15—20 ✓ LUKE 10:25—37

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LET US PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS AND RESPONDERS.

PLEASE KEEP THE PEOPLE OF KERRVILLE AND ALL IMPACTED COMMUNITIES IN YOUR PRAYERS.



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✠. EARNEST ✠. ANNA BOLDUC

JUL 13 **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

✠. ALTA NEWNUM ✠. MARGARET BROWN

JUL 14 **MON. ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN, MEM.**

✠. RUBEN RODRIQUEZ ✠. BENEDICT

JUL 15 **TUE. ST. BONAVENTURE, MEM.**

✠. DAVID GLASS ✠. JOSEPHINE AND FRANCIS

JUL 16 **WED. OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, MEM.**

✠. JOEL BAILEY

JUL 17 **THU. OF THE 15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

✠. RUBEN RODRIQUEZ

JUL 18 **FRI. OF THE 15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

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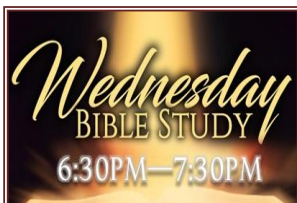
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SAINT EPHRAIM

“Without love, everything is unclean. If someone keeps his virginity, if he fasts or stays alert, if he prays or gives shelter to the poor... if he builds churches or does anything else, all of this will not count for God without love; because it is unwanted by God. So, do not do anything without love.”

HOLY RIGHTEOUS JOHN OF KRONSTADT

“Remember that man is a great and precious creature of God. However, this great creature became weak after the fall, and is subject to many weaknesses. While you love and honor him as a bearer of the image of the Creator, endure also his

weaknesses - like the weaknesses of a sick person. It is said that we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves... Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ” (Rom. 15:1; Gal. 6:2).

SAINT NICODEMUS THE HAGIORITE

“Love for God has no measure, for the beloved God has no limits and restrictions. However, love for one's neighbors has limits and restrictions. If you don't keep it in proper limits, it can divert you from loving God, cause a lot of harm, or even ruin you. Indeed, you must love your neighbor, but in a way that does not harm your soul. Do everything simple and holy without thinking about anything other than pleasing God. It will protect you in the matters of love for your neighbors from any wrong steps.”



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JUNE 29 ✓ SOLEMNITY OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL ✓ ACTS 12:1–11 ✓ PS.34:2–9 ✓ 2 TIM. 4:6–8, 17–18 ✓ MT. 16:13–19

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FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO

THE SACRED HEART

OF OUR LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST

08:15–09:00 AM ✉. CONFESSION AVAILABLE

09:00–10:00 AM ✉. DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART IN

ADORATION AND PRAYER

10:15 AM ✉ HOLY MASS



JULY 5, 2025

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO

THE IMMACULATE HEART

OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

07:15–07:45 AM ✉. CONFESSION AVAILABLE

07:45–08:30 AM ✉. HOLY MASS

08:30–09:00 AM ✉. PRAYERS AND DEVOTION TO

THE IMMACULATE HEART



JULY 4, 2025 🌸 INDEPENDENCE DAY: Confession and adoration and Holy mass timing are as stated above. Accordingly on July 4, Friday, our normal 9 am to 5.30 pm Adoration and our 5.30 Holy mass are altered.

*COME TO CHURCH TO MAKE IT A DAY TO WORSHIP AND THANK GOD FIRST,
AND TO PRAY FOR THE NATION!*

THE CATHOLIC SUNDAY OBLIGATION: The Catholic Sunday obligation refers to the requirement for Catholics to attend Holy Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (such as illness or caring for infants).

Canon Law Basis: Canon 1247: “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.” Canon 1248 §1: Attendance at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite on the day itself or the evening of the preceding day (Saturday vigil) fulfills the obligation.

Theological Meaning: Sunday is the “Lord’s Day”, commemorating the Resurrection of Christ. Participating in the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life (*cf. Lumen Gentium 11*).

Grave Matter: Willingly and knowingly missing Mass without serious reason is considered grave sin and must be confessed before receiving Communion.



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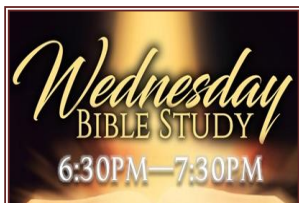
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JUN 29	THE APOSTLES ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL	✠. PETER SR. ✠. PAUL MACKEY ✠ B. PETER JR MACKEY
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JUL 01 TUE.	ST. JUNIPERRO SERRA, MEM.	✠. JIMMY JOHNSON ✠ B. JULIA & JOEL (THANKSGIVING)
JUL 02 WED.	OF THE 13 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. JOHN GAM LI
JUL 03 THU.	FEAST OF THE APOSTLE ST. THOMAS	✠. SYDNEY, JAMES & CLARINE TIMMONS
JUL 04 FRI.	FIRST FRIDAY ★ ★ INDEPENDENCE DAY IN THE USA	✠ B. THERESA & AHTAR & MARIA (THANKSGIVING)

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1. A Small but Notable Minority: Catholics constituted only a small percentage of the total colonial population, estimated at about 1.2% to 1.6% of the white population of the thirteen seaboard colonies. Maryland, founded by Catholics, had a sizable Catholic population relative to other colonies, but Protestants outnumbered them. Pennsylvania, with its Quaker founders' emphasis on religious toleration, also had a small Catholic presence.

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JUNE 22 ✓ CORPUS CHRISTI ✓ GEN.14:18—20 ✓ PS.110:1—4 ✓ 1 COR.11:23—26 ✓ SEQUENCE ✓ LK. 9:11B—17

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CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION AND PROCESSION

As we celebrate *Corpus Christi*, we will do a Eucharistic Adoration-procession inside the Church this weekend after Holy Communion in worship of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord God Jesus Christ.

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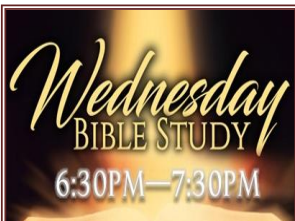
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JUN 23 MON.	OF THE 12 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✕. LISA & JASON PALLESCHI
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JUN 27 FRI.	SOLEMNITY OF MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	✕. JOSEPHINE KAU ING

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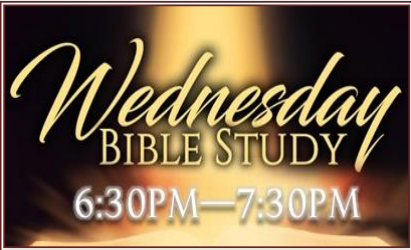
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JUN 16	MON. OF THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	♂. FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
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SEQUENCE VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS

JOHN 14:15-16, 23B-26

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PILGRIM ICON OF THE SACRED HEART OF OUR LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST!

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In our age of religious indifference and brazen hatred of the holy and pure, when fervor and charity have grown cold, the Lord Jesus exhibits to the world His Sacred Heart as the symbol of God's infinite love – the symbol of His own generous self-sacrificing love for the human race. The Lord Jesus shows His Divine Heart as the furnace whose burning rays of love are able to reanimate faith and rekindle love in hearts grown cold and ungrateful.

In every language, in every age, the heart is regarded as the natural symbol of love and affection. What more natural and expressive symbol is there, then, of the excessive love of the Lord Jesus than His Sacred Heart? The direct and material object of devotion to the Sacred Heart is the real, physical Heart of Jesus – the Heart of flesh, the living and loving Heart of our Blessed Lord; the Heart that beat in His Divine breast at the moment of the Incarnation; the Heart that loved us during the life of Jesus on earth, that poured forth His blood to the last drop on Mount Calvary. ✞ Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ Himself, but in the particular ways of meditating on His interior life and on His threefold love – His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will, and His sensible love that affects His interior life.



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JUN 13 FRI. ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, MEM.

✠. HILLARY MORIN

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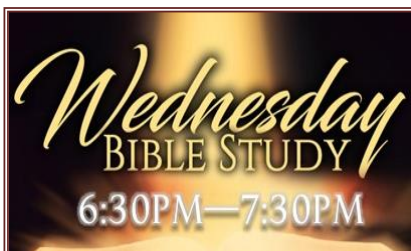
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OUR HOMESCHOOLERS ARTWORK: Come and check out what our Co-op (OSSM) students have done this school
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FATHER'S DAY BASKET RAFFLE (BY THE WOMEN OF FAITH): Tickets for the Father's Day basket raffle (by the
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June 15th, after Mass. The price is \$2 for one and \$5 for three. Here's a chance to spoil Dad for a
good cause!

PLEASE NOTE: Our parish will pray a Respect Life Holy Rosary during Adoration on Tuesday, June 10,
at 8:30 am with prayer intentions for *Anthony Wainwright* who is to be executed that day. The Holy
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SWEET SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HAVE MERCY ON US ALL SINNERS



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JUNE 1 ✓ ASCENSION OF THE LORD ✓ ACTS 1:1–11 ✓ PSALM 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9 ✓ EPHESIANS 1:17–23 ✓ LUKE 24:46–53

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THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF OUR LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST!!!

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew 11:29).

In our age of religious indifference and brazen hatred of the holy and pure, when fervor and charity have grown cold, the Lord Jesus exhibits to the world His Sacred Heart as the symbol of God's infinite love – the symbol of His own generous self-sacrificing love for the human race. The Lord Jesus shows His Divine Heart as the furnace whose burning rays of love are able to reanimate faith and rekindle love in hearts grown cold and ungrateful. ✠ But why His Heart? Because in every language, in every age, the heart is regarded as the natural symbol of love and affection. What more natural and expressive symbol is there, then, of the excessive love of the Lord Jesus than His Sacred Heart? The direct and material object of devotion to the Sacred Heart is the real, physical Heart of Jesus – the Heart of flesh, the living and loving Heart of our Blessed Lord; the Heart that beat in His Divine breast at the moment of the Incarnation; the Heart that loved us during the life of Jesus on earth, that poured forth His blood to the last drop on Mount Calvary; the beatified Heart now glorious in Heaven and still dwelling among us in the Blessed Sacrament; the Heart ever united to the Person of the Divine Word, to whom is due supreme homage and adoration. ✠ Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ Himself, but in the particular ways of meditating on His interior life and on His threefold love – His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will, and His sensible love that affects His interior life.

There is in the Sacred Heart the symbol and express image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love in return – Pope Leo XIII.

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✠. JANE & DANIEL & MACKENZIE HONEA

JUN 02 MON. *SS. MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS, MEM.*

JUN 03 TUE. *ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS, MEM.*

✠. MATTHEW & DAVID HONEA

JUN 04 WED. OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

JUN 05 THU. *ST. BONIFACE, BISHOP, MARTYR, MEM.*

JUN 06 FRI. *ST. NORBERT, BISHOP, MEM. ✓.✓.✓ FIRST FRIDAY OF JUNE*

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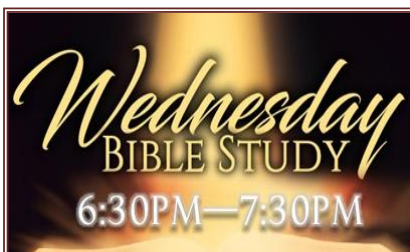
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THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

JUNE 6, 2025

JUNE 7, 2025

SACRED HEART DEVOTION 4.30 PM & HOLYMASS 5.30 PM

HOLYMASS 7 AM & FOLLOWED BY HOLY ROSARY

THE TWO ELEMENTS OF DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART: CONSECRATION AND REPARATION

We consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart by acknowledging Him as Creator and Redeemer and as having full rights over us as King of Kings, by repenting, and by resolving to serve Him. We make reparation for the indifference and ingratitude with which He is treated and for leaving Him abandoned by humanity. To carry out these general goals of consecration and reparation, there are quite specific devotions authorized by the Church.

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With prayerful remembrance,

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MAY 27 TUE. ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	✠. MICHELLE STAPLETON (FOR HEALING & PEACE & STRENGTH)
MAY 28 WED. OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER	✠. VICTIMS OF ABUSES, DISEASES, SUFFERINGS, VIOLENCE & WARFARE
MAY 29 THU. POPE ST. PAUL VI	✠. EARNEST & ANNA BOLDUC ✠. P. BOLDUC
MAY 30 FRI. OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER	✠. NOLAN & LILY & FOR ALL FAMILIES

LECTORS	MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!	ALTAR SERVERS
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Wednesday
BIBLE STUDY
6:30PM—7:30PM

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BOYS GET-TOGETHER WITH THE PRIESTS AND BROTHERS OF THE HOME OF THE MOTHER

MONDAY, MAY 26

AGE? BOYS FROM 10-17 YEARS OLD ✨ BRING: LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE AND ONE DOLLAR

☞ WHERE? ST. MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH ☞ WHEN? 8:30 AM – 3 PM

WHAT WILL WE DO? CELEBRATE HOLY MASS, PRAY THE ROSARY, PLAY GAMES AND MANY MORE SURPRISES!

IT IS MANDATORY TO FILL OUT THE PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM IN ORDER FOR YOUR SON(S).

APPROACH THE BROTHERS FOR THE PERMISSION FORM

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A JESUM PER MARIAM ✨ TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

ET IN TERRA PAX HOMINIBUS BONAE VOLUNTATIS

ON WEDNESDAYS 5:15 PM – 8 PM

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FOR HER ROSARY IS THE WEAPON AGAINST THE EVILS OF THE WORLD TODAY.”

ST. PADRE PIO

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CCD TEACHERS NEEDED!

Do you love your faith, have a servant heart, a love for sharing God's word and enjoy working with children? We're looking for volunteers to help teach CCD this year! Not sure if it's for you? Please join us for a quick informational meeting on Sunday June 1st in the Learning Center following our 10am Holymass or contact Michelle White 904-504-0459, mlwhite722@gmail.com.

PLEASE COME SEE IF THIS MINISTRY IS CALLING YOU!

“TRAIN THE YOUNG IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO; EVEN WHEN OLD, THEY WILL NOT SWERVE FROM IT” PRO. 22:6



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MAY 18: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ACTS 14:21–27 ✓ PS.145:8–13 ✓ REV.21:1–5a ✓ JN. 13:31–33a, 34–35

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HAIL HOLY QUEEN MOTHER OF MERCY

The Biblical theme of the “queen mother” in the Davidic kingdom is a key for unlocking the mystery of our Blessed Mother’s Queenship. In David’s kingdom, as well as in other ancient kingdoms of the Near East, the mother of the king held an important office in the royal court and played a key part in the process of dynastic succession. In fact, it was NOT the king’s wife who ruled as queen, but it was the king’s mother who served as the “queen mother” of the kingdom. Hence, all celebrations and crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen Mother is intertwined with the truth that her son our Lord Jesus Christ is the King of the universe.

The queen mother in the In David’s kingdom interceded with the king on behalf of the people. We read in 1 Kgs. 2:19-20 “So Bathsheba went of Adonijah. And the king rose to meet on his throne and had a seat brought for Then she said, ‘I have one small request to king said to her, ‘Make your request, my drawing on the Old Testament tradition of intercedes for us in the Church, the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus!



to King Solomon, to speak to him on behalf her, and bowed down to her; then he sat the king’s mother; and she sat on his right. make of you; do not refuse me.’ And the mother; for I will not refuse you.” Hence, the queen mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary,

The Blessed Virgin Mary’s queenship is also rooted in her divine relationship with God, as she is the Mother of our Lord God, Jesus, through whom she also shares in the victory over sin and death. Therefore the Church identifies and portrays the Blessed Virgin Mary as the woman in Revelation 12:1-6 clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars in symbolizing her royal authority and her role in the Church.

Let us celebrate and crown the Blessed Virgin Mary as our Queen Mother and implore Her intercessions!



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2,919.00



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LAST WEEK: IN CHURCH \$365.00 & ONLINE \$30.00

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 863,258.00

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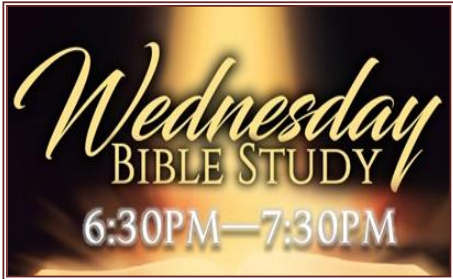
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CONFESSION ☞ 45 MINUTES BEFORE HOLY MASS & BY APPOINTMENT

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST

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MAY 18	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	✠. DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS OF JOYCE BROWN ✠ ♂. J. BROWN
MAY 19	MON. OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER	✠. LINDA WILLEY ✠ ♂. M WILLEY
MAY 20	TUE. ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, MEMORIAL	✠. DAVID GLASS
MAY 21	WED. OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER	✠. ANNA BOLDUC ✠ ♂. P. BOLDUC
MAY 22	THU. SAINT RITA OF CASCIA, MEMORIAL	✠. MARY & PAUL CARMICHAEL ✠ ♂. K. & M. DOUGHERTY
MAY 23	FRI. OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER	✠. VIOLA THOELKE ✠ ♂. L. THOELKE

LECTORS	MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!	ALTAR SERVERS
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The Knights of Columbus will serve/sell their third Sunday breakfast after Holymass

THE INAUGURATION OF POPE LEO XIV

The Holy Mass for the inauguration of Pope Leo XIV's pontificate will be celebrated on Sunday, May 18, at 10 a.m. Rome's time, in St. Peter's square marking the official beginning of his ministry as St. Peter's 266th successor. During this ceremony, Leo XIV will receive the pallium and the fisherman's ring, two elements with profound theological and pastoral significance that mark the start of his pontificate. The pallium, which is a kind of stole or scarf, is made of sheep's wool and represents the pope as a shepherd who carries the flock, that is, the Church, on his shoulders. The fisherman's ring is kind of a gold ring on which a representation of St. Peter in his boat and the pope's name are engraved. This ring also has a practical function because it is used to seal documents.

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May the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, in whose power and authority we trust, intercede for us before the Lord. Amen. Through the prayers and merits of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Michael the Archangel, Saint John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, may Almighty God have mercy on you and forgive all your sins, and may Jesus Christ bring you to everlasting life. Amen. May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you indulgence, absolution and the remission of all your sins, a season of true and fruitful penance, a well-disposed heart, amendment of life, the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit and final perseverance in good works. Amen. And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. Amen.



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EXCERPTS FROM POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST HOMILY AS THE SUPREME PONTIFF

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16). With these words, Peter - questioned by the Master, together with the other disciples, about his faith in Him - summarizes the patrimony that the Church has guarded, deepened, and transmitted for two thousand years through apostolic succession. **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God; the only Savior and the one who reveals the face of the Father.**



“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” (Mt 16:13). First, there is the response of the world. This conversation between Jesus and his disciples about his identity takes place in the beautiful town of Caesarea Philippi, full of luxurious buildings, nestled in a breathtaking natural setting at the foot of Mount Hermon... But also home to cruel circles of power, a stage for betrayal and unfaithfulness. This image speaks to us of a world that regards Jesus as completely irrelevant; as, at best, a curious figure who amazes with his unusual way of speaking and acting. But when his presence becomes bothersome, with the demands of honesty and moral integrity that it entails, this “world” does not hesitate to reject and eliminate Him.

Then there is the other possible response... of ordinary people. To them, the Nazarene is no “charlatan”: He is an upright man, courageous, eloquent, someone who speaks the truth, like other great prophets in the history of Israel. That’s why they follow Him, at least as long as they can do so without too much risk or inconvenience. But they still see Him as merely a man, and so, at the time of danger, during the Passion, they too abandon Him and walk away, disillusioned.

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4,800.00



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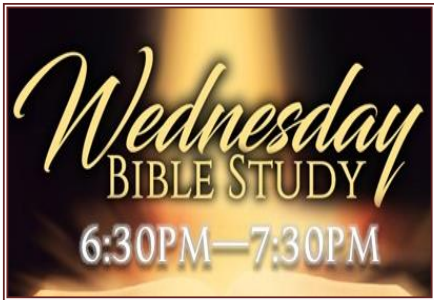
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MAY 11 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	✠. NENA RAILEY ✠ MARY BANDA
MAY 12 MON. OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER	✠. JEAN PEASE (HEALING & STRENGTH)
MAY 13 TUE. FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA	
MAY 14 WED. FEAST OF APOSTLE ST. MATTHIAS	
MAY 15 THU. ST. ISIDORE, MEMORIAL	
MAY 16 FRI. OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER	✠. DIANA CHANDLER

LECTORS	MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!	ALTAR SERVERS
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What is striking about these two attitudes is how relevant they still are. We easily find these ideas on the lips of many men and women today....

Even now, there are many contexts in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, fit only for weak or unintelligent people; contexts where people prefer other forms of security, like technology, money, success, power, or pleasure.

These are environments where it is not easy to witness to and proclaim the Gospel; where believers are ridiculed, opposed, disdained, or at best, tolerated or pitied. Yet precisely because of this, these are places where mission is most urgent, because the absence of faith often brings with it great suffering: the loss of meaning in life, forgetting of mercy, violations of human dignity in tragic ways, the crisis of the family, and many other wounds from which our society deeply suffers.

Nor are we lacking in contexts where Jesus - even though people admire Him as a man - is reduced to a kind of charismatic leader or superman. And this happens not only among nonbelievers but also among many baptized people who, on this level, end up living in a kind of practical atheism.

This is the world entrusted to us, the world in which, as Pope Francis has taught us so often, we are called to witness to the joyful faith in Christ the Savior. Therefore, it is essential for us, too, to repeat: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16).

It is essential to do so first and foremost in our personal relationship with Him, in our daily commitment to conversion. But also as a Church, by living together our belonging to the Lord and bringing the Good News to everyone.

I say this first of all for myself, as the Successor of Peter, at the beginning of this mission of mine as Bishop of the Church in Rome, called, in the famous expression of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, to preside in charity over the universal Church (cf. Letter to the Romans, Greeting). He was brought in chains to this city, the place of his imminent martyrdom, and wrote to the Christians living here: "Then I shall truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world no longer sees my body" (Letter to the Romans, IV, 1). He was referring to being devoured by wild beasts in the arena. And that is exactly what happened. But his words also point, in a broader sense, to an indispensable commitment for anyone who exercises a ministry of authority in the Church: to disappear so that Christ may remain; to become small so that He may be known and glorified (cf. Jn 3:30); to give oneself entirely so that no one may be deprived of the opportunity to know and love Him.

**MAY GOD GRANT ME THIS GRACE
THROUGH THE LOVING INTERCESSION OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH!**



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MAY 4: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER: ACTS 5:27–32, 40b–41 ✓ PS. 30: 30: 2, 4–6, 11–13 ✓ REV. 5:11–14 ✓ JN. 21:1–19

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CHURCH FATHERS ON THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

In the 5TH century, a teaching about Christ Jesus was being circulated by Nestorius who taught that Mary bore only Jesus who was a man, not God. In contrast to our Catholic Orthodox articulation of Jesus Christ as one person in two natures, Nestorius claimed that Jesus Christ the man and the Divine Logos (Divine Word, or Reason or Principle) were two separate persons. For this reason, he refused to call Mary the Mother of God (Theotokos in Greek), a title given to her by early Christians, and instead called her only as Mother of Christ. Nestorius to deny that the second the cross, claiming that it was only not God. As a result of this false Nestorianism, the third Ecumenical A.D. 431. The council proclaimed



hundred percent God and one hundred percent man, with a rational soul and body, and in whom the Divine and human natures dwelt. The title Mother of God was given to the ever Blessed Virgin Mary in order to protect the truth about Jesus Christ's divinity.

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“Now, you heretic, you say that Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, cannot be called the Mother of God, but the Mother only of Christ and not of God – for no one, you say, gives birth to one older than herself. And concerning this utterly stupid argument...let us prove by divine testimonies both that Christ is God and that Mary is the Mother of God.” “You cannot...help admitting that the grace comes from God. It is God, then, who has given it. But it has been given by our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore the Lord Jesus Christ is God. But if he is God, as he certainly is, then she who bore God is the Mother of God” *JOHN CASSIAN (360-435).*

“IF ANYONE DOES NOT AGREE THAT HOLY MARY IS MOTHER OF GOD, HE IS AT ODDS WITH THE GODHEAD”

GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS (329-25 JANUARY 390)



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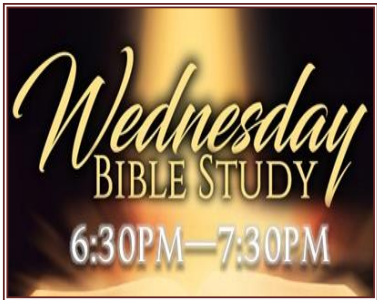
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MAY 05 MON. OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER	✠ JIM PALLESCHI (BIRTHDAY) ✠ DCN. DELUCA ☞ WILL BE ☞ 8.00 AM
MAY 06 TUE. ST. DOMINIC SAVIO (MEMORIAL)	✠ BECKY & KEITH TIMMONS ☞ NO HOLY MASS
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APR 28	MON. SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT (MEMORIAL)	✕ BILL & BETTY GRIMES
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APR 30	WED. POPE SAINT PIUS V (MEMORIAL)	✕ MICHAEL JOHNSON
MAY 01	THU. FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER	✕ ANNA BOLDUC
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GEN. 22:1–18 ✓ EX. 14:15–15:1 ✓ IS.55:1–11 ✨ RM.6:3–11 ✓ PS. 118:1–2,16–17,22–23 ✓ LK. 24:1–12

EASTER SUNDAY ✨ ACTS 10:34A,37–43 ✓ PS.118:1–2,16–17,22–23 ✓ 1 COR. 5:6B–8 ✓ SEQUENCE ✓ JN 20:1–9

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Some religious organizations (Seventh-day Adventists, Seventh-Day Baptists, and certain others) claim that Christians must not worship on Sunday but on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath. They claim that, at some unnamed time after the apostolic age, the Church "changed" the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday. However, passages of Scripture such as Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:2, Colossians 2:16-17, and Revelation 1:10 indicate that, even during New Testament times, the Sabbath is no longer binding and that Christians are to worship on the Lord's day, Sunday, instead. The early Church Fathers compared the observance of the Sabbath to the observance of the rite of circumcision, and from that they demonstrated that if the apostles abolished circumcision (Gal. 5:1-6), so also the observance of the Sabbath must have been abolished. The following quotations show that the first Christians understood this principle and gathered for worship on Sunday.

The Didache: "But every Lord's day . . . gather yourselves together and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure. But let no one that is at variance with his fellow come together with you, until they be reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be profaned" (Didache 14 [A.D. 70]).

The Letter of Barnabas: "We keep the eighth day [Sunday] with joyfulness, the day also on which Jesus rose again from the dead" (Letter of Barnabas 15:6-8 [A.D. 74]).

Ignatius of Antioch: "[T]hose who were brought up in the ancient order of things [i.e. Jews] have come to the possession of a new hope, no longer observing the Sabbath, but living in the observance of the Lord's day, on which also our life has sprung up again by him and by his death" (Letter to the Magnesians 8 [A.D. 110]).

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APRIL 13, 2025 ✱ PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

LUKE 19:28—40 ✓ ISAIAH 50:4—7 ✓ PSALM 22:8—9, 17—20, 23—24 ✓ PHILIPPIANS 2:6—11 ✓ LUKE 22:14—23:56



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 14 ✚ MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

ADORATION: DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND HOLY ROSARY 4:30 PM ✚ HOLY MASS 5:30 PM

APRIL 15 ✚ TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

ADORATION: DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND HOLY ROSARY 8:00 AM ✚ HOLY MASS 9:00 AM

APRIL 16 ✚ WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

ADORATION: DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND HOLY ROSARY 4:30 PM ✚ HOLY MASS 5:30 PM



APRIL 17 ✚ HOLY THURSDAY

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND HOLY ROSARY 5:00 PM

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, TRANSFER OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
AND ADORATION 6:00 PM

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GOOD FRIDAY ADORATION ✚ 6 AM TO 2 PM ✚ IN THE SIDE CHAPEL

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS BY OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS 2 PM

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3 PM

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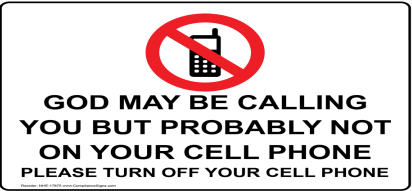
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APR 13	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION	✠. HELENE & PETER SR. & PAUL MACKEY
APR 14	MON. OF THE HOLY WEEK	✠. MAGGIE SANDERS’ INTENTION
APR 15	TUE. OF THE HOLY WEEK	✠. DAVID GLASS ✠. JOY BOXHILL BIRTHDAY
APR 16	WED. OF THE HOLY WEEK	✠. TOM & NANCY STANLEY
APR 17	THU. HOLY THURSDAY	✠. FOR THE PARISH
APR 18	FRI. GOOD FRIDAY	MAY THE LORD GOD BLESS US ALL WITH TRUE PRAYER AND FAITH

POPE FRANCIS’ APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: LET US PRAY THAT TECHNOLOGIES NEVER REPLACE HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

LECTORS		May, GOD bless us all everyone!	ALTAR SERVERS	
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K.WHITE, B. PALLESCHI & P. DECURTINS		THU. APR 17		C. HODGES, L. CHICK &A. MCKENDREE
J.MACKEY & P. DECURTINS		FRI. APR 18		B. LANCHO & R. CHICK
THE READING OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: M. WILLEY & J. BURNHAM				
J. JOHNSON, C. CHICK, C. HODGES, K. WHITE & B. LANCHO		SAT. APR 19		C. HODGES, M. CHICK & D. CHICK
M. & K. DOUGHERTY & B. PALLESCHI		SUN. APR 20		J. SMITH, D. CHICK & M. MCKENDREE

LET US HELP ONE ANOTHER PRAY! A common practice in many churches is to ask individuals to silence or turn off their cell phones during services. The goal is to minimize distractions and maintain a reverent and respectful atmosphere during worship.



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 27

CONFESSION AVAILABLE 2-3 PM ★ ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 3-4 PM

The Lord Jesus said to St. Maria Faustina,

“I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.”



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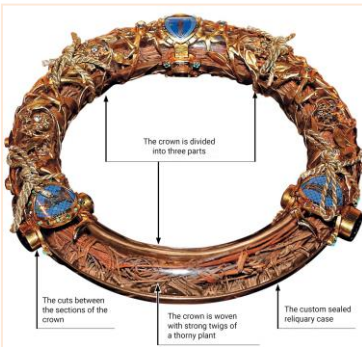
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THE PARADOXICAL LORDSHIP OF THE KING OF KINGS

BIBLE STUDY

STARTING ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 23 AT 6:15PM

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APRIL 6, 2025 ✨ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ISAIAH 43:16—21 ✓ PSALM 126:1—6 ✓ PHILIPPIANS 3:8—14 ✓ JOHN 8:1—11

ADORATION ★ CHAPLET ★ ROSARY

4:30 PM SATURDAY & 9:30 AM SUNDAY

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OUR LENTEN PENANCE AND CONFESSION: MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 AT 6 PM

CATHOLICS ARE OBLIGATED TO CONFESS THEIR SINS TO A PRIEST AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR,

IDEALLY DURING THE EASTER SEASON



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APR 06 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	†. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS
APR 07 MON. ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	†. DENNIS FERGUSON (SPECIAL INTENSIONS)
APR 08 TUE. OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT †. MICHAEL TANZI (<i>ON DEATH WATCH</i>) & FOR ALL VICTIMS OF CRIMES	

KINDLY NOTE THAT OUR TUESDAY HOLYMASS THIS WEEK WILL BE AT 8:30 AM INSTEAD OF 9:00 AM

APR 09 WED. OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT	†. TOM & NANCY STANLEY
APR 10 THU. OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT	†. CHANA SHARPE
APR 11 FRI. ST. STANISLAUS, MARTYR, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	†. SOULS IN PURGATORY

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ALTAR BOYS TRAINING: On Sunday, April 6, following our 10 AM Holy Mass, there will be a mandatory altar servers training both for our current altar servers and for boys who would like to serve.

WOMEN OF FAITH: WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, APRIL 08 @ 06:30 PM IN THE LEARNING CENTER. ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME, INCLUDING FIRST-TIMERS!

EASTER EGGS FOR CHILDREN: Kindly consider donating non-chocolate candy, individually packaged treats like jelly beans etc., to fill the Easter Eggs for the children's-party which takes place after Holy Mass on Easter Sunday. Candy can be dropped off in the church vestibule now through Palm Sunday (*April 13*). Thank you very much!



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JOSHUA 5:9–12 ✓ PSALM 34:2–7 ✓ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17–21 ✓ LUKE 15:1–3, 11–32

"WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES, WILL HE FIND FAITH ON EARTH?" (LUKE 18:8)

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SOUP AND SESSIONS: Soup and Sessions after our 5:30 PM Holy Mass on Wednesdays. On April 2, Doctor David Sutton, a Jacksonville endocrinology specialist, will come and talk to us on the *Burial Cloth of our Lord Jesus*, known as the *Shroud of Turin*!

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APR 04 FRI. BISHOP ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, <i>Memorial</i>	I	†. MAGGIE SANDERS INTENTIONS
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POPE FRANCIS' APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: LET US PRAY THAT TECHNOLOGIES NEVER REPLACE HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

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TERTULLIAN OF CARTHAGE (C. 155 - C. 220 AD)

“[Regarding confession, some] flee from this work as being an exposure of themselves, or they put it off from day to day. I presume they are more mindful of modesty than of salvation, like those who contract a disease in the more shameful parts of the body and shun making themselves known to the physicians; and thus they perish along with their own bashfulness” (Repentance 10:1 [A.D. 203]).

ALTAR BOYS TRAINING

On Sunday, April 6, following our 10 AM Holy Mass, there will be a mandatory altar servers training both for our current altar servers and for boys who would like to serve in the future. Parents, kindly encourage your boys to be altar servers. Please direct all your questions to Justin Burnham!



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MARCH 23, 2025 ✦ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

EXODUS 3:1—8A, 13—15 ✓ PSALM 103: 1—4,6—8,11 ✓ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1—6,10—12 ✓ LUKE 13:1—9

"WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES, WILL HE FIND FAITH ON EARTH?" (LUKE 18:8)

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MAR 25 TUE. ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY	E	†. LISA PALLESCHI †. JASON PALLESCHI
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SAINT AMBROSE OF MILAN (339 AD - 4 APRIL 397 AD)

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What was the reason for the Incarnation? It has to be this: the flesh that had sinned had to be redeemed by the same flesh” (*De Incarnationis dominicalis sacramento*).

“It is a better thing to save souls for the Lord than to save treasures.” “The devil tempts that he may ruin; God tests that he may crown.”

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GENESIS 15:5—12,17—18 ✓ PSALM 27:1,7—8,8—9,13—14 ✓ PHILIPPIANS 3:17—4:1 ✓ LUKE 9:28B—36

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OUR LENTEN PENANCE AND CONFESSION: MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 AT 6 PM

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE OUR *CONFIRMATION DAY* A BLESSING INDEED!

AN EXCERPT FROM PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS

GIVEN IN NEW YORK, ON 30 APRIL 1789

"...there is no truth more thoroughly established, than that there exists in the economy and course of nature, an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness, between duty and advantage, between the genuine maxims of an honest and magnanimous policy, and the solid rewards of public prosperity and felicity.... [W]e ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of *Heaven* ...can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which *Heaven* itself has ordained...."

SOUP AND SESSIONS



Beginning Wednesday, March 12, and for most Wednesdays during Lent we will be doing *Soup and Sessions* immediately after our 5:30 PM Holy Mass. We will serve a light supper of soup which will be followed by a guest speaker on faith topics! Groups and ministries and individuals are humbly requested to make and serve soup for the sessions. Thank you!

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We can no longer be Catholics by accident but instead,

We must be Catholics by conviction - FATHER TERENCE HENRY

OUR LENTEN PENANCE AND CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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The Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday, March 11 @ 10:15 AM in our parish hall.

There will be good coffee and some delicious breakfast snacks.

All women of the Parish are welcome!

SOUP AND SESSIONS; Beginning Wednesday, March 12, and for most Wednesdays during Lent we will be doing *Soup and Sessions* immediately after our 5:30 PM Holy Mass. We will serve a light supper of soup which will be followed by a guest speaker on faith topics! Groups and ministries and individuals are humbly requested to make and serve soup for the sessions. Thank you very much!!!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE DOING FISH FRY ON FRIDAY MARCH 28, APRIL 4 AND 11!

THE RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election has a history that dates back to the introduction of Gentiles to Christianity as the Church expanded from its Jewish roots. Participants in the Rite of Election are unbaptized adults known as catechumens, which derives from a Greek word for “being instructed.” The Rite of Election takes place each year on the First Sunday of Lent. Catechumens indicate their desire to join the Church by signing the Book of the Elect, giving them the title “members of the elect.” The word “election” in this case has nothing to do with politics; rather, it is a discernment that God is present in the life of the catechumens and is inviting them into a fuller life of the sacraments. Celebration of the rite has two parts: a sending and a receiving. First, catechumens are sent by their parishes. This is a public pronouncement that they are ready to enter a covenant relationship through participation in the sacramental life of the Church. In the United States, this is done through their presentation to a bishop in a ceremony conducted at one or more parishes in a diocese. This is the first of many sendings they will experience in their faith journey. Those who are sent can then be received. The bishop or auxiliary bishop of a diocese attends the Rite of Election, accepts the parish community’s judgment, receives the catechumens and invites them to enter their names in the Book of the Elect.



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ADORATION ✉ CHAPLET ✉ ROSARY

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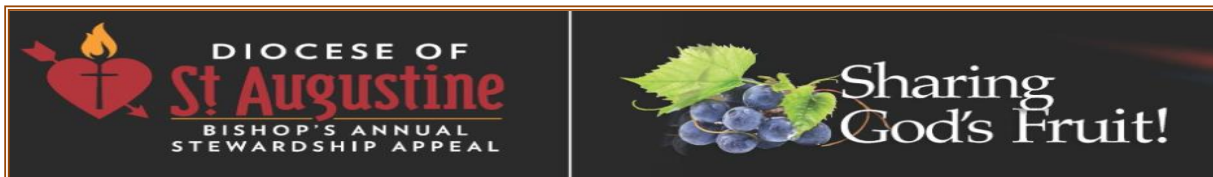
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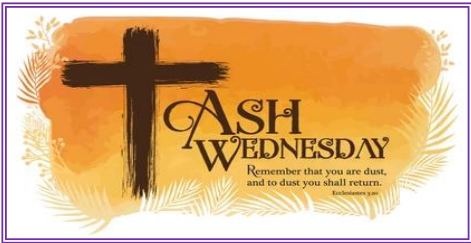
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LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 5

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting & abstinence for Catholics. 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. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “PASCHAL FAST” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

HOLY MASS WILL BE AT 6 PM FOLLOWED BY (SHORT) STATIONS OF THE CROSS!

ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HOLY MASS
WE WILL PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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MAR 02	SUN. EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	✠. OCIA PARTICIPANTS
		T	✠. BROTHER JOSEPH MARIA (BIRTHDAY)
MAR 03	MON. ST KATHERINE DREXEL, MEMORIAL	E	✠. JOSEPH ✠. LAWRENCE
MAR 04	TUE. EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	✠. DAVID GLASS
MAR 05	ASH WEDNESDAY	T	✠. JAN GULLEDGE (SURGERY HEALING)
MAR 06	THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	I	✠. DENNIS FERGUSON (SPECIAL INTENTION)
		O	
MAR 07	FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY, STS PERPETUA & FELICITY	N	✠. DIANE ROCKFORD

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“For so hath the Lord appointed, that as for His Passion we should mourn in the fasts of Lent, so for His Resurrection we should rejoice in the fifty days following. Therefore, we fast not in this fifty days, because in these the Lord is with us. We fast not, I say, the Lord being present; because He hath said, ‘Can the children of the Bridegroom fast so long as the Bridegroom is with them?’”

ST. AMBROSE (340 - 397)



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1 SAM 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 ✓ PS . 103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13 ✓ 1 COR. 15:45-49 ✓ LK. 6:27-38

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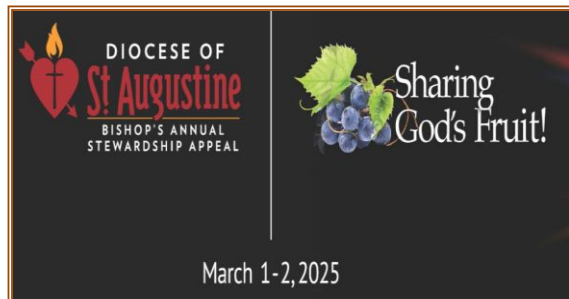
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FROM THE FATHERS OF THE CHURCH

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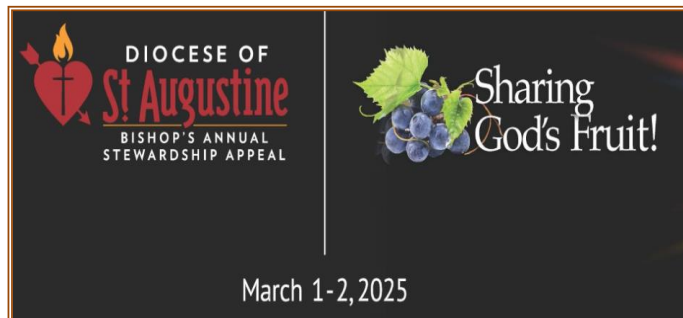
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members may not have a relationship with God and feel unworthy of His love. Today, you can make an impact by sharing your gift with others. As our Diocese continues to grow, BASA supports over 20 diocesan ministries and programs that strengthen families, provide hope and healing, and

support clergy. Your generous contributions have made a profound impact, especially during times of great need. Please consider renewing your commitment to this year's appeal and help us continue in **SHARING GOD'S FRUITS**. Together, we can make a difference in our community. Thank you very much!!

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1,701.00



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DIVINE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FEB 15	<i>Vigil:</i> SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME		✠. HELENE MACKEY
FEB 16	SUN. SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	I	
FEB 17	MON. SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	✠. MARTINEZ FAMILY'S NEW BABY (3 RD)
FEB 18	TUE. SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	✠. MICHAEL JOHNSON
FEB 19	WED. SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	E	
FEB 20	THU. SAINTS FRANCISCO AND JACINTA , <i>MEMORIAL</i>	N	✠. DOROTHY DILLMAN
FEB 21	FRI. SAINT PETER DAMIAN, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	T	✠. HILLARY MORIN
		I	
		O	✠. FR. FRED FR. RICHARD, DCN. KEN
		N	✠. PETER MACKEY SR

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M. WILLEY, M. ALLEN & J. JOHNSON	SUN. FEB 23	M. CHICK & H. NICKLES

ON MARCH 2, 2025 BISHOP POHLMEIER WILL BE WITH US FOR THE HOLY MASS

AND ADMINISTER THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION TO SIX CHILDREN IN THE PARISH

LENT BEGINS ON MARCH, 5 2025, ASH WEDNESDAY.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH FISH FRY TO KEEP IT GOING.

WITHOUT MORE HELP WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE FISH FRY.



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(Isaiah 58:11)



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March 8, 2025
9 AM – 3:30 PM
\$35

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ST. PETER DAMIAN (1007-1073)

“Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face.” ✠ “He who does not attack a vice, but rather coddles it, is justly judged guilty of the death together with those who die by that vice.” ✠ “May Christ be heard in our language, may Christ be seen in our life, may he be perceived in our hearts”.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Trudy Hudson and Michelle White have so generously accepted to be our parish's Respect Life Ministry Coordinators and organizers. Let us thank them both and pray the Respect Life Ministry! Please join this ministry to pray for or serve, or simply to be added to the contact list to be kept informed about upcoming events and ways to help. Contact: Trudy Hudson (904) 614-5125 trudyhudson7@gmail.com or Michelle White (904) 504-0459 mlwhite722@gmail.com

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IRENAEUS OF LYONS

ON APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION, AND SACRED TRADITION, AND THE PRIMACY OF ROME:

“The successions of the bishops of the greatest and most ancient church known to all, founded and organized at Rome by the two most glorious apostles, Peter and Paul, that church which has the tradition and the faith which comes down to us after having been announced to men by the apostles. With that church, because of its superior origin, all the churches must agree, that is, all the faithful in the whole world, and it is in her that the faithful everywhere have maintained the apostolic tradition.” “The blessed apostles [Peter and Paul], having founded and built up the church [of Rome], they handed over the office of the episcopate to Linus. Paul makes mention of this Linus in the letter to Timothy [2 Tim. 4:21]. To him succeeded Anacletus, and after him, in the third place from the apostles, Clement was chosen for the episcopate. He had seen the blessed apostles and was acquainted with them. It might be said that he still heard the echoes of the preaching of the apostles and had their traditions before his eyes” *AGAINST HERESIES 3:3:2-3 [WRITTEN IN 189 AD].*



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3,039.00



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LAST WEEK: IN CHURCH \$865.00 & ONLINE \$480.00

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 875,288.00

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All women of the Parish are welcome!

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FEB 09	SUN. FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	✠. ANNA BOLDUC ✠. LINDA WILLEY
FEB 10	MON. SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	T	✠. DAVID GLASS
FEB 11	TUE. FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	E	
		N	✠. DON & SARAH ZARELLA (HEALING)
FEB 12	WED. FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	
		I	✠. DIANE ROCKFORD
FEB 13	THU. FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	O	✠. PAUL CARMICHAEL
		N	
FEB 14	FRI. SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS, <i>MEMORIAL</i>		✠. DAVID GLASS ✠. HELENE MACKEY



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BISHOP'S ANNUAL
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Sharing
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March 1-2, 2025

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ORATORY & OSSM: OUR PARISH CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES



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THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARISHIONERS WHO CONTRIBUTED AND MADE IT POSSIBLE!

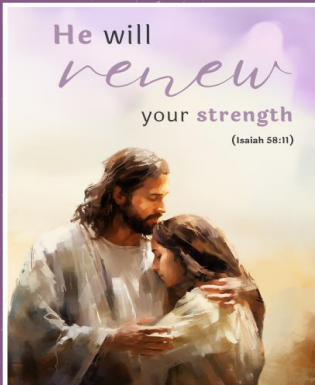


"COME AND YOU WILL SEE"
JOHN 1:39

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ADORATION ★ CHAPLET ★ ROSARY

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THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEB.2)

At the end of the fourth century (381-384 AD), a woman named Egeria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the procession in honor of His Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. This feast emphasizes the Lord Jesus' first appearance in the Temple.

The observance of this feast spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated the birth of the Lord on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century, the blessing and distribution of candles, which continues to this day, became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: *Candlemas*.



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RESPECT FOR LIFE \$ 120.00



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FEB 03	MON. FEAST OF BISHOP ST. BLAISE, MARTYR, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	E	✠. BETH ALEXANDER (HEALING)
FEB 04	TUE. OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	✠. DAMON FERNANDEZ
FEB 05	WED. ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN MARTYR, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	T	✠. JOSEPH & LAWRENCE
FEB 06	THU. ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	I	✠. MARY CARMICHAEL
FEB 07	FRI. OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	O	✠. DOROTHY DILLMAN
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“Why is Christ called [the new] Adam by the Apostle [Paul]? Even reason defends this conclusion; that God recovered His image and likeness by the same procedure which the devil had taken it. It was while Eve was still a virgin that the word of the devil crept in to erect an edifice of death. Likewise through a virgin [Mary] the Word of God was introduced to set up a structure of life. Thus what had been laid waste in ruin by this [female] gender was by the same [female] gender reestablished in salvation. Eve had believed the serpent; Mary believed Gabriel. That which the one destroyed by believing, the other, by believing, set straight.” *TERTULLIAN (155-220 AD).*

LECTORS

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THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEB.2) KNOWN ALSO AS CANDLEMAS!

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord commemorates the day when – exactly 40 days after his birth – the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph brought the Child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present and consecrate Him to the Lord God (*Exodus 13*). The ritual involved making a



a sacrificial offering in the temple. The Gospel of Luke tells us that the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph were poor. Hence, they took the option provided for those who could not afford a lamb, sacrificing “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons” (*Luke 2:22-24*). They submitted themselves in perfect obedience to God and to the Law of Moses.

Today’s feast also commemorates the encounter in the temple between the Holy Family and St. Simeon the prophet and St. Anna the prophetess. This is the third and final Infancy Epiphany or Revelation of the Lord Jesus. The first was to the Hebrew shepherds. The second was to the Gentile kings. This third one was to the elders of the Israelites.

This feast is known by the title *Candlemas* because of the words of St. Simeon the prophet when he met the Child Jesus in the Temple: “For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **A LIGHT FOR REVELATION TO THE GENTILES**, and for glory to your people Israel” (*Luke 2:30-32*). St. Simeon “...came in the Spirit into the temple,” moved by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and “recognizes” the Lord Jesus as the Awaited One, the **LIGHT** of the Gentiles. He is the **LIGHT** before whom one needs to take a stand: “The true **LIGHT**, which enlightens everyone...” (Jn. 1:9).

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the **LIGHT** of the World, the Messiah who has come not just for the Israelites but also for the Gentile; not just for the righteous, but also for the sinner.

On this feast day, the Church blesses candles for use throughout the year. This has been a Church tradition at least since the seventh century. Traditionally, families also bring their own candles to church to be blessed on this feast. The candles represent the fact that the light of the world is here; the light is coming into a dark world as the Church calendar progresses towards the brightness of Easter.



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JAN.26 ✉ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NEH.8:2-4-6,8-10 ✓ PS.19 ✓ 1 COR.12:12-30 ✓ LK.1:1-4; 4:14-21

ADORATION ★ CHAPLET ★ ROSARY

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ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL DINNER, FEBRUARY 1, 2025, 6 PM

ST. MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH'S INTERNATIONAL DINNER IS BACK! PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RELAXING EVENING OF DELICIOUS ETHNIC FOOD, FOLLOWED BY MUSIC AND DANCING ON **FEBRUARY 1 ABOUT 6:00 PM** (AFTER SATURDAY HOLY MASS) IN THE LEARNING CENTER. FREE BABYSITTING WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE HALL.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO, PLEASE BRING A DISH OR DESSERT OF ETHNIC HERITAGE, 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.



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WEEKLY OFFERTORY: 1,555.00

(IN CHURCH 1,330.00 & ONLINE \$225.00)

RESPECT FOR LIFE \$ 820.00



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

RAISED SO FAR \$ 621,847.00

LAST WEEK: IN CHURCH \$1,380.00 & ONLINE \$30.00

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 876,743.00

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JAN 27	MON. OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	†. DAMON FERNANDEZ
JAN 28	TUE. ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, MEMORIAL	E	†. CIARA NICOLE & KRISTEN & SAGE
JAN 29	WED. OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	†. MAGGIE SANDERS
JAN 30	THU. OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	†. JOSEPH & LAWRENCE
JAN 31	FRI. ST. JOHN BOSCO, MEMORIAL	I	†. TOM & NANCY STANLEY

“THE STUDY OF TRUTH REQUIRES A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT — WHICH IS WHY FEW ARE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE IT OUT OF LOVE OF KNOWLEDGE — DESPITE THE FACT THAT GOD HAS IMPLANTED A NATURAL APPETITE FOR SUCH KNOWLEDGE IN THE MINDS OF MEN.”

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, SUMMA CONTRA GENTILES: VOLUMES 1–4 IN FIVE BOOKS.

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THOMAS AQUINAS (1225 AD -7 MARCH 1274 AD)

✠ "THREE THINGS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE SALVATION OF MAN: TO KNOW WHAT HE OUGHT TO BELIEVE; TO KNOW WHAT HE OUGHT TO DESIRE; AND TO KNOW WHAT HE OUGHT TO DO."

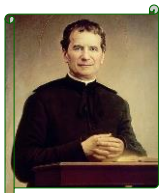
✠ "MERCY WITHOUT JUSTICE IS THE MOTHER OF DISSOLUTION; JUSTICE WITHOUT MERCY IS CRUELTY."

✠ "RARELY AFFIRM, SELDOM DENY, ALWAYS DISTINGUISH."

✠ "HOW IS IT THEY LIVE IN SUCH HARMONY, THE BILLIONS OF STARS, WHEN MOST MEN CAN BARELY GO A MINUTE WITHOUT DECLARING WAR IN THEIR MINDS?"

✠ "WONDER IS THE DESIRE OF KNOWLEDGE."

✠ "LOVE FOLLOWS KNOWLEDGE."



SAINT JOHN BOSCO (16 AUGUST 1815 - 31 JANUARY 1888 AD)

✠ "MY LIFE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT ONLY THE PRACTICE OF RELIGION CAN ASSURE CONCORD IN FAMILIES AND THE HAPPINESS OF THOSE WHO LIVE IN THIS VALLEY OF TEARS."

✠ "ALL PAST PERSECUTORS OF THE CHURCH ARE NOW NO MORE, BUT THE CHURCH STILL LIVES ON. THE SAME FATE AWAITS MODERN PERSECUTORS; THEY, TOO, WILL PASS ON, BUT THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST WILL ALWAYS REMAIN, FOR GOD HAS PLEDGED HIS WORD TO PROTECT HER AND BE WITH HER FOREVER, UNTIL THE END OF TIME."

✠ "GUARD YOUR EYES. THEY ARE THE WINDOWS THROUGH WHICH SIN ENTERS THE SOUL."

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JANUARY 19 ✨ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: IS.62:1-5 ✓ PS.96 ✓ 1 COR.12:4-11 ✓ JN.2:1-11

ADORATION ★ CHAPLET ★ ROSARY

4:30 PM SATURDAY & 9:30 AM SUNDAY

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8:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY



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Respect Life Collection

January 18—19, 2025

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college outreach,
parish-based respect life activities
and advocacy initiatives
that support the work of the
Diocese of St. Augustine
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"WE MUST ADVANCE PROTECTIONS FOR

UNBORN CHILDREN AND THEIR

MOTHERS BY COMMUNICATING WITH

COMPASSION THE TRUTH ABOUT

ABORTION, RESPECTING THE RIGHTS

AND DIGNITY OF WOMEN, AND

CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO THE

FAMILY (F.C.C.B.)."

JANUARY 22 IS A DAY OF [FASTING AND] PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN



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TOTAL \$ 1,883.00



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RAISED SO FAR \$ 621,297.00

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JAN 20	MON.	MARTYR ST. SEBASTIAN, ST. FABIAN, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	T	†. FR. RICHARD , FR. FRED, DEACON KEN
JAN 21	TUE.	VIRGIN MARTYR ST. AGNES, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	E	†. DAVID GLASS
JAN 22	WED.	OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	†. LISA & JASON PALLESCHI
JAN 23	THU.	OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	†. BECKY & KEITH TIMMONS
JAN 24	FRI.	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	I	†. FR. ROLAND JULIEN

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FROM SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES (21 AUGUST 1567 - 28 DECEMBER 1622)

✠ YOU LEARN TO SPEAK BY SPEAKING, TO STUDY BY STUDYING, TO RUN BY RUNNING, TO WORK BY WORKING; AND JUST SO, YOU LEARN TO LOVE BY LOVING. ALL THOSE WHO THINK TO LEARN IN ANY OTHER WAY DECEIVE THEMSELVES.

✠ EXAMINE YOUR HEART OFTEN TO SEE IF IT IS SUCH TOWARD YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOU WOULD LIKE HIS TO BE TOWARD YOU WERE YOU IN HIS PLACE. THIS IS THE TOUCHSTONE OF TRUE REASON.

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✓ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST:** The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast this Sunday (the third Sunday of the month). The charges are just \$5.00 per plate and just \$20.00 for a family of four or more members. **FELLOWSHIP IS A PLACE OF GRACE!!**



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JAN 12 ✉ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: IS. 42:1—7 ✓ PS. 29 ✓ ACTS 10:34—38 ✓ LK. 3:15—16, 21—22

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From The Fathers of the Church (Ancient Christian Saints, Sages and Authors)

SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT (12 JANUARY 251 AD - 17 JANUARY 356 AD)

“Men are often called intelligent wrongly. Intelligent men are not those who are erudite in the sayings and books of the wise men of old, but those who have an intelligent soul and can discriminate between good and evil. They avoid what is sinful and harms the soul; and with deep gratitude to God they resolutely adhere by dint of practice to what is good and benefits the soul. These men alone should truly be called intelligent.”

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JAN 12	SUNDAY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	N	†. DIANE ROCKFORD
JAN 13	MON. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	†. PETER MACKEY JR. (BIRTHDAY)
JAN 14	TUE. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	E	†. RAY & BETTY MILLER
JAN 15	WED. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	†. DAVID GLASS
JAN 16	THU. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	†. JAMES, CLARINE & SYDNEY TIMMONS
JAN 17	FRI. SAINT ANTHONY THE ABBOT, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	I	†. CARL BAILEY †. MIKE AMIGONI

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THE WOMEN OF FAITH WILL MEET TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 10:15 AM.

We will have light breakfast snacks and coffee!

All women of the parish are welcome!

*Promoting the dignity of all life
from conception to natural death.*

Respect Life Collection

January 18–19, 2025

Your generosity supports
pregnancy resource centers,
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FROM THE DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSION

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission invites all Altar Servers in the diocese to join them for a ***Day of Formation and Renewal*** with Bishop Erik Pohlmeier and Father Michael Kieler.

The Day of Renewal, entitled TO PRAY, TO LEARN, TO SERVE, is in two locations: Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Holy Faith Catholic Church, Gainesville **and** Saturday, Feb. 15, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, Jacksonville.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/a700c187-8d32-449b-b71d-b06e525fa38f>

If you would like more details, please email Letty Valentin at lv.holyfaith@gmail.com.



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LEX ORANDI, LEX CREDENDI, LEX VIVENDI

THE WAY WE (WORSHIP AND) PRAY, IS THE WAY WE BELIEVE, IS THE WAY WE LIVE!

JAN 5 ✉ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: IS 60:1—6 ✓ PS 72:1—2, 7—13 ✓ EPHESIANS 3:2—6 ✓ MT 2:1—12

ADORATION ✉ CHAPLET ✉ ROSARY

4:30 PM SATURDAY & 9:30 AM SUNDAY

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8:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST

5:00 PM SATURDAY & 10 AM SUNDAY

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9:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION ✉ ADORATION & PRAYERS 5:00 TO 5:45 PM & HOLY MASS 6 PM

CONFESSION ✉ 45 MINUTES BEFORE HOLY MASS & BY APPOINTMENT

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION: ANYTIME UPON REQUEST

SWEET JESUS MY LOVE,

I draw near to you...

I embrace you with love, mindful of your wounds.

O how I perceive you here naked,

Wounded and stretched out,

Soiled and wrapped up in this scared shroud.

Hail head, blood-stained from the thorns,

Whose dear face has changed its youthful beauty,

Before whom the court of heaven trembles.

Hail side of the Savior,

Hail the gentle wound, redder than the rose,

Health-giving remedy.

Hail to you, O sacred hands, pierced by hard nails:

O Savior,

Do not turn me away from your sacred feet.

Glory to God in the highest!

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PRAYERFULLY WISHES YOU

and

ALL YOUR LOVED ONES

A Truly Blessed New Year

*Nos cum prole pia benedicat
Virgo Maria. Amen!*

*May the Virgin Mary
With her loving Offspring
Bless us. Amen.*



*May the Lord's peace and blessings
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BLESSING OF THE HOME ON EPIPHANY

It is a sacred tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. The home blessing can be done as follows: Using the blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Magi above the outside doorways of your home. Place a cross between each of the letters. It should look like this:

2 0 ✕ C ✕ M ✕ B ✕ 2 5

After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:

**MAY ALL WHO COME TO OUR HOME THIS YEAR REJOICE TO FIND CHRIST LIVING AMONG US;
AND MAY WE SEEK AND SERVE, IN EVERYONE WE MEET,
THAT SAME JESUS WHO IS LORD OF ALL PEOPLE, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

And then bless your home and lands with Holy Water!

The names of the three Magi are: *Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar*. The initials C ✕ M ✕ B also stand for the Latin phrase, "**CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT**" which means: "May Christ bless this house (dwelling)." The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.

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SAINT JUSTIN MARTYR (C.AD 100 - C.AD 165)

On the Real Presence: "For not as common bread and drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh by the word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise we have been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of his word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh." (*Written 148 A.D.*)

"On the day called Sunday, all who live in town or country gather together in one place and the memoirs of the Apostles or the writings of the prophets are read... then we all rise together and pray, and when our prayer has ended bread and wine and water are brought... We call this food Eucharist, and NO ONE ELSE IS PERMITTED TO PARTAKE OF IT, EXCEPT ONE WHO BELIEVES OUR TEACHING TO BE TRUE and who has received the washing for the remission of sins and for regeneration (baptism)."

(*Written 148 A.D.*)