



SAINT MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

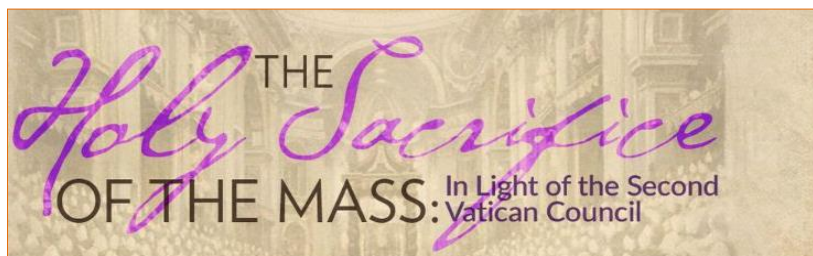
AUGUST 9 ✓ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 KGS 19:9,11-13 ✂ PS. 85:9-14 ✂ RM 9:1-5 ✂ MT. 14:22-33

Reverence and Respect in our Church

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

Take all cell phone use and all conversations outside to the vestibule or parking lot.

Let us keep our hearts and minds focused on the Lord our God, *Jesus Christ!*



Speaker: Most Rev. Erik Pohlmeier

Saturday, August 22
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Holy Faith Catholic Church, Gainesville

Saturday, September 19
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Orange Park





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) ✂ MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

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

WHY YOUR ATTENDANCE IS INDISPENSABLE?

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

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

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

Absences are only permitted under absolute, unavoidable circumstances. If you must request to be excused, you must contact Peg DeCurtins immediately to make alternative arrangements.

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK \$ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH \$ 2,419 & ONLINE \$ 1,435

TOTAL: \$ 3,854 .00



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

RAISED SO FAR \$ 714,176

IN CHURCH \$ 560 & ONLINE \$ 430

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 784,834

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES (CCD) FOR CHILDREN

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

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

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

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

CONTACT: PEG DECURTINS (PEGDECURTINS@NEFCOM.NET)

AD JESUM PER MARIAM : TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

ORATORY: A MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN

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

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

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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY (WWW.RESPECTLIFE.ORG)

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

ADORATION ★ CHAPLET ★ ROSARY

4:30 PM SATURDAY & 9:30 AM SUNDAY

4:30 PM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY



HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST

5:00 PM SATURDAY & 10 AM SUNDAY

5:30 PM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY

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

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

ANointing OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION: ANYTIME UPON REQUEST

CONFESSION ☞ 45 MINUTES BEFORE HOLY MASS & BY APPOINTMENT

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

AUG.08	19 TH SUNDAY	✠. FATHER RICHARD ✠. DEACON KEN ✠. FATHER FRED
AUG.09	IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH (<i>PRO POPULO</i>)
AUG.10	MON. FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR	✠. JOSEPHINE KAWING
AUG.11	TUE. ST. CLARE, VIRGIN, MEM.	✠. NENA GONZALEZ ✠. ERIN GIDDENS ✠. MARK THURLOW
AUG.12	WED. OF 19 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. ELIZA ROSE BOLDT ✠. AARON SAUTTER
AUG.13	THU. OF 19 TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	✠. MIKE GILSOZ ✠. NOLAN THURLOW
AUG.14	FRI. ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, MARTYR, MEM.	✠. CHRISTINE & DAVE DOHERTY



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

LECTORS

MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!

ALTAR SERVERS

H. WILLIAMS, P. DECURTINS & J. MACKEY	SAT: AUG.08	H. WILLIAMS
M.WILLEY, J. CHICK SR. & J. JOHNSON	SUN: AUG.09	J. SMITH, D. CHICK & C. HUDSON
B. LANCHO & M. STECK & B. PALLESCHI	SAT: AUG. 15	B. LANCHO
T. & S. HUDSON & J. MACKEY	SUN: AUG. 16	M. MCKENDREE, A. WHITE & ABEL CATES

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

The Sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist!

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

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

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

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

The Four Ends of the Holy Mass

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

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