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

NOVEMBER 08 ✓ 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✓ FIND THE READINGS ON # 1041

WISDOM 6:12-16 ✓ PSALM 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 ✓ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18 ✓ MATTHEW 25:1-13

The Month of November is Dedicated to Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

The Pope's November Prayer Intention: Pray for the proper use of wealth

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THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the blessings we share and the challenges many face. As in the past, we appeal to your generosity to help us partner with Bishop Kenny High School, who will provide baskets filled with essential food items for a hearty Thanksgiving meal. To complete these holiday gifts, we would like to supply food gift cards, enabling families to purchase the main dish or 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 14 and 15, 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 compassion and faithfulness!

BISHOP SNYDER HIGH SCHOOL: BAKER COUNTY FAMILY NIGHT THURSDAY

Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 PM Bishop John J Snyder High School is warmly inviting families in Baker County to a casual evening of conversation and connection, and to talk about what makes Bishop Snyder's atmosphere special. This is a great opportunity to meet the school's team and get answers to your questions. For more information please contact: Ashley Gonzalez at admissions@bishopsnyder.org or call (904) 908-8978.

BASIC MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK $ 4,000.00

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY

IN CHURCH $ 2,754 & ONLINE $ 1,235

TOTAL: **$ 3,989**



HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) $ 1,500,000

RAISED SO FAR $ 722,067

IN CHURCH 720 & ONLINE $ 450

BALANCE TO BE RAISED $ 776,763

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

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

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

✓. **INTERESTED IN PRISON MINISTRY?** PLEASE CONTACT JOHN CHICK AT JCHICK@DOSAFL.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)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: IN THE PARISH HALL AT 6:30PM ON THE 2ND MONDAY & AT 9AM ON 4TH SATURDAY

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

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

NOV 07	*THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*	✠. KATHLEEN MADDEN
NOV 08		✝. FOR THE PEOPLE (*PRO POPULO*)
NOV 09 MON.	*DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, Feast*	✠. JOEL BAILEY
NOV 10 TUE.	*SAINT LEO THE GREAT, Memorial*	✠. JOSEPHINE KAWING
NOV 11 WED.	*SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, Memorial*	✠. LISA PALLESCHI
NOV 12 THU.	*SAINT JOSAPHAT, Memorial*	✠. FR. ANTHONY SEBRA ✠.TOM CODY
NOV 13 FRI.	*SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, Memorial*	✠. AARON ✠. ELIZA ✠. HANNAH



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

LECTORS	MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!	ALTAR SERVERS
P. DECURTINS , K. DOUGHERTY & B. PALLESCHI	SAT: NOV.07	B. LANCHO
K. WHITE, J. CHICK SR & M. WILLEY	SUN: NOV.08	D. CHICK, A. WHITE & K. HORGAN
J MACKEY, M DOUGHERTY & M. STECK	SUN: NOV.14	B. LANCHO
T. HUDSON, S. HUDSON & J. JOHNSON	SUN: NOV.15	A. MCKENDREE, A. CATES & M. MCKENDREE

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

Dear friends, please note that due to the scheduled NEW MARBLE ALTAR installation (from Thursday, 11/12 to Friday, 11/13), the following temporary changes have been made to our church schedule: Holy Mass will take place from Thursday 11/12 to Friday, 11/13 in the priest's sacristy at 8:30 AM, preceded by the Holy Rosary at 8:00 AM. Kindly pray for a peaceful undertaking and the successful completion of the installation of the new altar. Thank you!!!



SACRAMENTUM ☞ SACRAMENT

The Latin word *Sacramentum,* from which is derived the word Sacrament, was a military word first and foremost in the Greco-Roman world. While it had origins in early Roman civil law regarding court deposits, its most enduring and solemn usage for centuries was for the official Roman military oath of absolute allegiance. Every single recruit entering the Roman legions had to swear the *Sacramentum* to his general and the Emperor. Under Roman martial law, this oath carried immense legal and physical weight:

***Legal Status*: Swearing the *sacramentum* completely changed a man's legal reality. He was instantly stripped of his civilian rights, pulled out of civilian courts, and placed under the absolute power of life and death (imperium) held by his military commander.**

***The Blood Curse:* The oath was structured as a conditional self-curse. The soldier swore before the gods that if he deserted, mutinied, or disobeyed an order, he was legally consenting to be executed. He was bound by blood to his oath.**

***The Honorable Discharge (Missio):* A soldier could only be released from this military sacramentum through a formal, legal decree of completion at the end of his service, which was called a missio (the exact root word of Missa / the Mass).**

The Church Fathers, like the Roman lawyer Tertullian, explicitly chose this harsh, steel-hard military word to translate the Greek word for the Christian mysteries. They wanted every Roman citizen to understand that when a person is baptized or receives the Eucharist, they are not joining a casual club or having an emotional religious experience. They are enlisting in Christ's legion, swearing a blood-binding military oath of total allegiance to the King of Kings, and being marked as His permanent, legal property.