



SAINT MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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LEX ORANDI, LEX CREDENDI, LEX VIVENDI (THE LAW OF PRAYER, THE LAW OF BELIEF, THE LAW OF LIVING)

OUR PRAYER LIFE SHAPES OUR BELIEFS, AND THESE BELIEFS SHAPED BY PRAYER INFLUENCE HOW WE LIVE

DEC. 06 ✓ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✓ ISAIAH 11:1-10 ✓ PSALM 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 ✓ ROMANS 15:4-9 ✓ MATTHEW 3:1-12

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

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY! IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. OUR HOLY MASS WILL BE AT 6 PM PRECEDED BY ADORATION AND HOLY ROSARY AT 5 PM.

THE RORATE CAELI HOLY MASS!

It is Holy Mass celebrated early in the morning, just before dawn, during the season of Advent. The church is *lit exclusively by the candles* held by the faithful and around the altar. The progression from darkness at the start of the Holy Mass to the rising sun illuminating the church by the end symbolizes the movement from the darkness of sin and the world's anticipation to the coming of *Jesus Christ*, the eternal light and Savior. ✉ This Holy Mass gets its name, *Rorate Caeli* Holy Mass, from the first words of the Latin *Introit* or entrance chant: "*Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant justum.*" It is from Isaiah 45:8: "Let justice descend, you heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the clouds drop it down!"



PLEASE, JOIN US TO PRAY AND OFFER THE BEAUTIFUL, CANDLELIGHT RORATE CAELI HOLY MASS AT 6:00 AM

ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 4, THURSDAY DECEMBER 11, AND THURSDAY DECEMBER 18!

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THESE DAYS THERE WILL NOT BE OUR NORMAL 9:00 AM HOLY MASS

OUR ADVENT RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6 PM ON DECEMBER 17!

OUR CHRISTMAS CONCENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 7 PM!

THERE WILL BE A LIGHT RECEPTION IN THE LEARNING CENTER AFTER THE CONCERT!

POPE LEO IS ASKING US TO PRAY IN FOR ALL THE CHRISTIANS LIVING IN AREAS OF WAR AND CONFLICTS



The flowers this week are donated by Joyce and Tom Brown. 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 very much!

MINIMUM NEEDED PER WEEK \$ 4,000.00 ↓

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY COLLECTION

IN CHURCH \$ 1,678.00 & ONLINE \$ 1,380.00

\$3,058.00



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

RAISED SO FAR \$ 653,637.00

LAST WEEK: IN CHURCH \$90.00 & ONLINE \$230.00

BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 846,043.00

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

☞ **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY:** Contact: Trudy Hudson (904) 614-5125 trudyhudson7@gmail.com or Michelle White (904) 504-0459 mlwhite722@gmail.com ✓. <https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-guides>

☞ **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:** 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, Victor Crawford, 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, Diane Arwine, James Nelson, Sal Carrasquillo, 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. For more information, please contact Mr. Steve Hudson.

✓. **INTERESTED IN PRISON MINISTRY?** Please contact John Chick at jchick@dosafl.com

THE DIOCESE OF SAINT AUGUSTINE TREATS all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals 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

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

ANONING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION: ANYTIME UPON REQUEST

CONFESSION & 45 MINUTES BEFORE HOLY MASS & BY APPOINTMENT

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST

DEC 06	<i>Vigil</i> OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (ST. NICHOLAS' DAY)	✠. DIANE ROCKFORD
DEC 07	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (ST. AMBROSE'S DAY)	✠. DEACON KEN COCHRAN
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
DEC 12	FRI. FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	✠. MAGGIE SANDERS' INTENTIONS

LECTORS

MAY GOD BLESS US ALL EVERYONE!

ALTAR SERVERS

P. DECURTINS, M. & K. DOUGHERTY	SAT. DEC 06	B.LANCHO
MONTE WILLEY, J. CHICK JR. & K. WHITE	SUN. DEC 07	M. CHICK & A. MCKENDREE
J. MACKEY, M. STECK & C. CHICK	MON. DEC 08	B.LANCHO, L. CHICK & J. SMITH
B. LANCHO, M. DOUGHERTY & B. PALLESCHI	SAT. DEC 13	B. LANCHO
M. MCKENDREE, T. HUDSON & J. MACKEY	SUN. DEC 14	D. CHICK, J. SMITH & M. MCKENDREE

A JESUM PER MARIAM TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

ORATORY: CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

ON WEDNESDAYS 5:15 PM-8 PM

HOLY MASS 5:30 PM; CONSCIENCE-CHARACTER 6:15 PM;

FUN ACTIVITY 6:45-7:30 PM; DINNER/REFRESHMENTS 7:35 PM

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

A STUDY OF SACRED SCRIPTURE ROOTED IN CATHOLIC TRADITION

FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND RECENTLY GRADUATED STUDENTS

SUNDAYS AT 6 PM IN THE LEARNING CENTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

MR. MIKE MCKENDREE (904) 400-9250

✓. **CCD:** Sundays before Holy Mass 8:45-9:45 am.

For more information, please contact: Michelle

White ☞ mlwhite722@gmail.com ☞ ① 9045040459

✓. **OCIA & OCIC:** Weekly classes are held on Sundays after Holy Mass from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Learning Center. Contact: Peg DeCurtins at pegdecurtins@nefcom.net

#IGIVECATHOLIC2025 ✨ OUR GOAL: \$ 35,000 ✨ RAISED SO FAR: 21,450



Dear Friends, 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. Lighting technology has evolved dramatically. There are now the energy-efficient LED lights and smart features such as dimming, scheduling, and remote controls.

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!

IF YOU CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE ONLINE:

<https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/st-mary-mother-of-mercy>

THE WOMEN OF FAITH CHRISTMAS PARTY and secret prayer sister gift exchange will be Tuesday, December 9th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome. Just bring a dish or dessert to pass, and a present for your prayer sister if participating. You don't need to be part of the gift exchange to come to the party. It's always a wonderful evening with friends!

OUR CHRISTMAS HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

24TH December, Wednesday, 07 PM

and

25TH December, Thursday, 10 AM