

**HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE  
 "SERVING JACKSONVILLE'S NORTHSIDE SINCE 1921"  
 4731 NORWOOD AVENUE, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32206

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*As followers of Jesus, we at Holy Rosary Parish, seek to be a living community with respect for different persons and personalities. Attuned to the will of God by example of faith, worship, and prayer, we will work together toward the common goal of a loving, sharing, forgiving community that would, in itself, draw the interest of others into our Church community!*

**HOLY ROSARY PARISH**

Fr. Bernardine Eikhuemelo, Pastor  
 Claudia Pratt, Business Manager  
 Sr. Victora Will, Pastoral Associate

**GUARDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday.....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

Monday- Friday.....8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<u>Sunday</u> 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM	<u>Saturday Vigil</u> 5:00 PM	<u>Weekday Mass</u> Friday 9:00 AM	<u>Holy Days</u> 6:30 PM	<u>Adoration of the Eucharist</u> Mondays TBA	<u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday TBA
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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 5, 2020

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**



**Happy 4th Weekend – “Come to Me....”**

I do hope you are having a restful 4th of July weekend, and indeed a wonderful Independence Day celebration. This year’s celebration comes at a very trying time for very obvious reasons – the pandemic seems to be spreading more than anticipated; on account of the virus, millions are without jobs, leading to much pain and suffering, and then we have ongoing protests (a right), but with needless destruction and vandalism of businesses and livelihoods. Nonetheless, this is still the greatest country known to humanity even with the flaws past and present, and always striving to be better.

There is no perfect nation on the face of the earth. To the best of my knowledge, there has never been one, and there probably never will be. While every nation and people continue to identify faults and mistakes and take steps to fix them, both legislative and human, violence and antagonism towards the other do not advance the positive goals we seek. Pope Francis often talks about the “culture of encounter” instead of a “culture of indifference” that sometimes seems to prevail. That kind of culture cannot be built nor sustained by one of destruction.

Amid the pain and suffering, we all have seen and heard about the many acts of kindness and generosity that continue to be displayed all over the country. Kindness to the other is an essential part of the culture of encounter. However, there is still a lot of bitterness and anger, some very much justified. Again, these can only be healed by building a culture that respects the dignity of the other.

While we have not always lived up to the ideals on which the nation was founded, this July 4th celebration should remind us of them and their implications in the face of events happening all around us: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men(women) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” In a culture of encounter, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for everyone are to be promoted.

The Creator who has given us all these rights sent his Son to us, and in today’s gospel, he tells us: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” We pray for healing and rest from the virus; we pray for an end to the burden and pain of unemployment, and we pray for peace. Amen!

**Have a blessed week everyone!**

**Fr. Bernardine**

### **Mass Intentions for July**

**5:00 pm Vigil—Fr. Denis O’Regan**

**8:30 am—Sr. Pamela Buganski by Cynthia Diggett**

**10:30 am—Annette Susie Meusel by Tim & Anne Meusel**



**Bayon Joyner, Carolyn Occulto, Kimber Pratt, & Bill Gary**

**Carmela Rettini, Christine Robinson, Joseph Desir, Michael Reineck, Aletha Moore,  
Alan Aguilar, Ollie Harrison, Jose Luis Morales, Betty Corsen, Kathy Dalton, & Roxanne Hermiller**

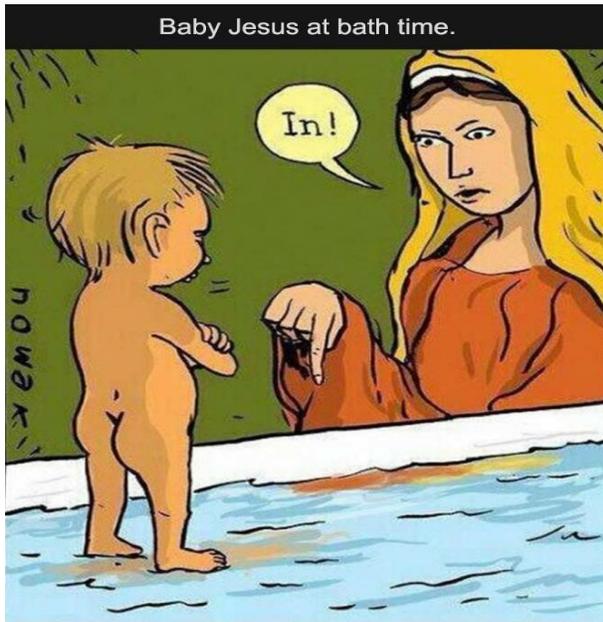
**Remember all of our deceased loved ones in your prayers**



**Week of June 28, 2020**  
**Offertory: \$765.00**

**No America without God**

The path we travel is narrow and long, beset with many dangers. Each day we must ask that Almighty God will set and keep His protecting hand over us so that we may pass on to those who come after us the heritage of a free people, secure in their God given rights and in full control of a government dedicated to the preservation of those rights. Without God, there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Thus the founding fathers saw it, and thus with God's help, it will continue to be.



**Tyler McConnell**  
**Andrew Rumschlag**  
**William Jack Wilson**  
**Lee Gutteridge**

**Christ's Compelling Invitation**

Just about everyone will admit the need for more stability and security in their life. There is far too much stress and anxiety in our world, too many who are greatly burdened. One pastor said of his congregation, "There is an heartache in every pew." Jesus also saw multitudes of heartbroken people. Many of His listeners were like "sheep without a shepherd." Their work was hard, hours long, income low, resources meager, and the demands of life difficult to face. Our Lord had great compassion for them. Jesus had a word of help for their wounded, troubled spirits and for ours. "Come to me," He said. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." That was, and is, a compelling invitation. To accept it is to find the stability and strength we need to truly live.

**July Birthdays**

- Jacob Morris—5th
- Kimberly Pratt—12th
- Kay Speiser Millo—16th
- Charlene Evans—18th
- Ann Miller—29th
- Nancy Morales—31st



## NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

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: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator (904) 262-3200, ext. 129, or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96-Abuse (800) 962-2873.

La Diócesis de San Agustín le da seria consideración a toda acusación de mala conducta sexual y dispone de todos dichos casos de manera pronta, completa y confidencial. Para reportar tal abuso, llame a: Coordinador Diocesano de Auxilio a Víctimas (904) 262-3200, ext. 129 o Departamento de Niños y Familias del Estado de la Florida 1- (800) 962-2873.



The Second Vatican Council described the common good as “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily” (Gaudium et Spes, 26). It consists of respect for the person, the well-being of the society, and the maintenance of peace. (CCC 1906-1909)



El Concilio Vaticano II describió el significado del bien común como "el conjunto de aquellas condiciones de la vida social que permiten a los grupos y a cada uno de sus miembros conseguir más plena y fácilmente su propia perfección" (Gaudium et Spes, 26). Consiste en el respeto por la persona, el bienestar de la sociedad y el mantenimiento de la paz. (CIC 1906-1909).

On Tuesday, June 30, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in favor of religious liberty in the case of *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Law*. The case challenged a decision by the Montana Supreme Court to invalidate a tax credit scholarship program because families benefiting include those who choose to send their children to religiously-affiliated schools, a violation of the Montana state constitution’s “Blaine Amendment” of 1889 against aid to religious schools. By a vote of 5-4, the Court ruled in favor of the petitioners.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) filed an amicus curiae brief supporting the petitioners. Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee for Religious Liberty, and Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. of Oakland, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Catholic Education, issued the following statement:

“The Court has rightly ruled that the U.S. Constitution does not permit states to discriminate against religion. This decision means that religious persons and organizations can, like everyone else, participate in government programs that are open to all. This is good news, not only for people of faith, but for our country. A strong civil society needs the full participation of religious institutions. By ensuring the rights of faith-based organizations’ freedom to serve, the Court is also promoting the common good.

“The Court has also dealt a blow to the odious legacy of anti-Catholicism in America. Blaine Amendments, which are in 37 states’ constitutions, were the product of nativism and bigotry. They were never meant to ensure government neutrality towards religion, but were expressions of hostility toward the Catholic Church. We are grateful that the Supreme Court has taken an important step that will help bring an end to this shameful legacy.”

Deacon Scott Conway, superintendent of Catholic schools in the Diocese of St. Augustine, said it has taken more than a century for the 1889 Blaine Amendment to be found unconstitutional.

“I look forward to seeing how this will affect schools throughout the State of Florida and the many facets this could open up for our Catholic schools,” he said. “This could open the door to school districts providing nurses, transportation to private schools, access to textbooks and so much more. As tax-paying citizens, our students and their families are entitled to these services just as they are in other states that do not have the Blaine Amendment.”