

**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. Victoria 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.

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| <u>Sunday</u>     | <u>Saturday Vigil</u> | <u>Weekday Mass</u> | <u>Holy Days</u> | <u>Adoration of the Eucharist</u> | <u>Reconciliation</u> |
| 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM | 5:00 PM               | Friday 9:00 AM      | 6:30 PM          | Mondays TBA                       | Saturday TBA          |

*'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'*

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary



September 13, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



**Forgiveness!!!**

When we read this story of the unforgiving servant, sometimes we ask whether human beings can indeed be that callous and wicked. Of course, the overwhelming answer to that is yes. History and ongoing incidents around the world clearly show that, sadly human wickedness can indeed be very astounding. The story gives us one reason why this is so – unwillingness to forgive and let go. Jesus makes it clear that, this disposition should not be present with his disciples.

The story also illustrates God's infinite mercies on us and unending readiness and willingness to forgive even our most serious and gravest offences. As the Catechism tells us, "There is no offense, however serious, that the Church cannot forgive. 'There is no one, however wicked and guilty, who may not confidently hope for forgiveness, provided his repentance is honest.' Christ who died for all men desires that in his Church the gates of forgiveness should always be open to anyone who turns away from sin. (CCC, 982)

"There is no limit or measure to this essentially divine forgiveness, whether one speaks of 'sins' as in Luke (11:4), 'debts' as in Matthew (6:12). We are always debtors: 'Owe no one anything, except to love one another.' The communion of the Holy Trinity is the source and criterion of truth in every relationship. It is lived out in prayer, above all in the Eucharist. 'God does not accept the sacrifice of a sower of disunion, but commands that he depart from the altar so that he may first be reconciled with his brother. For God can be appeased only by prayers that make peace. To God, the better offering is peace, brotherly concord, and a people made one in the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.'" (CCC, 2845)

When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, the importance of forgiveness is borne out as it is one of the seven petitions, and the only one to receive a follow up attention after the lesson. "With bold confidence, we began praying to our Father. In begging him that his name be hallowed, we were in fact asking him that we ourselves might be always made more holy. But though we are clothed with the baptismal garment, we do not cease to sin, to turn away from God. Now, in this new petition, we return to him like the prodigal son and, like the tax collector, recognize that we are sinners before him. Our petition begins with a 'confession' of our wretchedness and his mercy. Our hope is firm because, in his Son, 'we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.' We find the efficacious and undoubted sign of his forgiveness in the sacraments of his Church." (CCC, 2839)

Thus, "Christian prayer extends to the forgiveness of enemies, transfiguring the disciple by configuring him to his Master. Forgiveness is a high point of Christian prayer; only hearts attuned to God's compassion can receive the gift of prayer. Forgiveness also bears witness that, in our world, love is stronger than sin....." (CCC, 2844)

**Have a blessed week everyone!**

**Fr. Bernardine**

**Mass Intentions for September 5th & 6th**

**5:00 pm Vigil—+Fr. Denis O'Regan**

**8:30 am—+William & Gladys Carney by the Brown Family**

**10:30 am—+ Mary Wurmnest by Sisters Rea, Elise & Rita**



**Kay Speiser Millo, Jean Williams, Bayon Joyner, Kimber Pratt, Bill Gary & Michele Stairs**

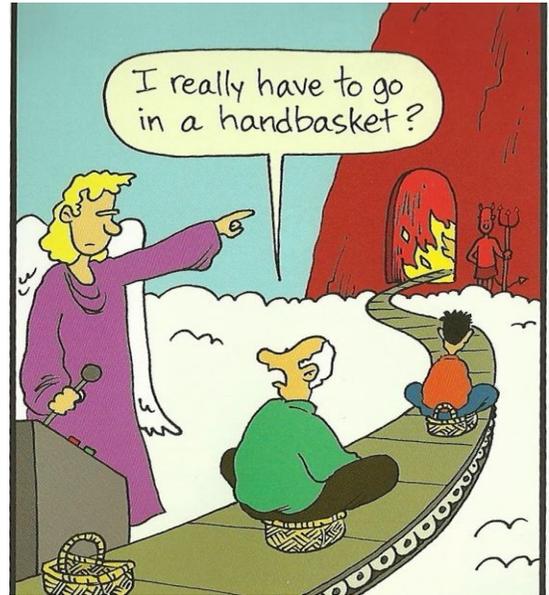
Carolyn Occulto, Carmela Rettini, Christine Robinson, Joseph Desir, Michael Reineck, Aletha Moore,  
Alan Aguilar, Ollie Harrison, Jose Luis Morales, Betty Corsen, Kathy Dalton, & Roxanne Hermiller



**Week of September 6, 2020**  
**Offertory: 1,773.00**

Congratulations to Crucifixion on their  
 Feast Day, Exultation of the Cross,  
 On Monday, September 14, 2020.  
 May you continued to be blessed  
 with God's graces!

*Other's "failures": a Sign of Our Own*  
*When our hearts are clean and spirits pure,*  
*our eyes naturally turn upwards, seeking a*  
*clearer view of heaven. It is only when we*  
*are laden with sin that we turn away from*  
*heaven and focus on the failings of those*  
*around us. The harshness with which we*  
*judge other's righteousness is in inverse*  
*proportion to our own.*



**September Birthdays**

- Nate Hicks—9th
- Teresa Gutteridge—9th
- Paul Ramirez—18th
- Claudia Pratt—19th
- Lee Gutteridge—20th
- Christopher Evans—26th
- Judy Grubbs—28th



Tyler McConnell  
 Andrew Rumschlag  
 William Jack Wilson  
 Lee Gutteridge  
 Joel Ater



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## 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.



At the request of one of His disciples, Jesus teaches them how to pray. By contemplating the Master of prayer we ourselves learn how to pray to our Father. By drawing Himself apart to pray in solitude, and through His words and works, His secret prayer life was made visibly manifested. (CCC #2601-2602)



En respuesta al pedido de uno de sus discípulos, Jesús les enseña como orar. Contemplando al Maestro de oración, nosotros mismos aprendemos a orar al Padre. Retirándose a orar en soledad, y a través de sus palabras y obras, su vida secreta de oración fue manifestada visiblemente. (CCC #2601-2602)

Contributions are being collected for the victims of Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires. To donate, go to <https://www.dosafl.com/give/> and select the U.S. Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. All funds collected will support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as food, water, shelter, medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. After Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, the Diocese of St. Augustine received nearly \$1 million in recovery aid from this disaster fund. For more information, visit [uscbb.org/committees/national-collections](http://uscbb.org/committees/national-collections).

October 11

Feast of Our Lady of La Leche Celebration at Santa Fe Shrine

Bishop Felipe Estévez will be the main celebrant for Mass at 11:30 a.m., in the church of St. Madeleine Sophie Parish, 17155 NW U.S. Highway 441, High Springs (32643). For details, call (386) 454-2358.

### September 19—Blue Mass for Law Enforcement and First Responders

Bishop Felipe Estévez will celebrate a Mass for police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, paramedics and other first responders.

Saturday, 4 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 4600 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast. For more information, call (386) 445-2246

### September 25-October 2—Second Annual Rosary Congress

There will be 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration, hourly rosary and a daily Mass for Life at ten parishes for eight days in honor of the sanctity of human life, the conversion of hearts and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please refer to the bulletin insert for the schedule. Questions? Call May Oliver at (904) 262-3200, ext. 159 or email [moliver@dosafl.com](mailto:moliver@dosafl.com).