



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

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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.

Sunday

Saturday Vigil

Weekday Mass

Holy Days

Adoration of the Eucharist

Reconciliation

8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM

6:30 PM

Mondays TBA

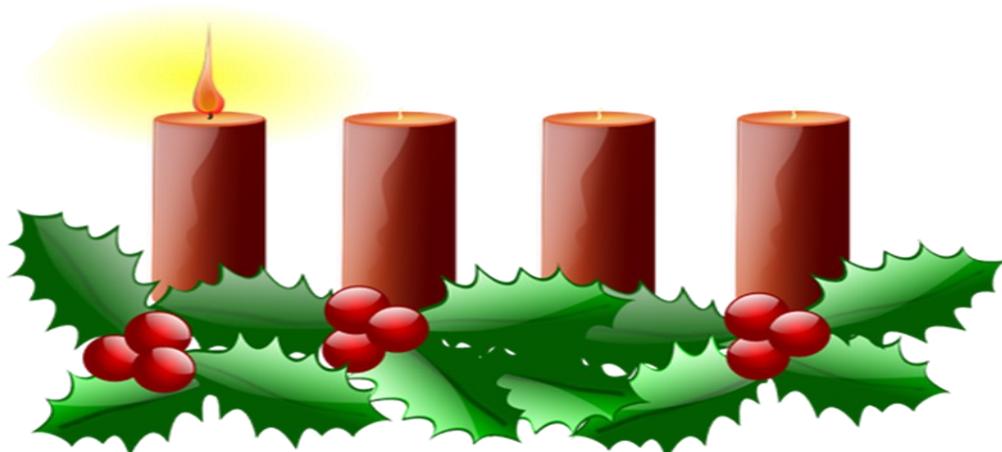
Saturday TBA

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

HOPE

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come... ‘Watch’.”



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Another Year Begins



It is a new year, a new liturgical that is, and soon a new calendar as well. But amid the ongoing pandemic, there is probably no better time to question what is new about the year as most of the circumstances from the past nine months are rolling sadly into 2021. Be that as it may, we remain a people of faith and with that comes great hope that, soon we will put all of these behind us.

Our liturgical year of course begins with the season of Advent, a season of hope and expectation for the coming of the Savior. It is always a seamless transition from the last Sundays of Ordinary Time in terms of the readings to those of Advent as we are reminded to be watchful and vigilant, regardless of the circumstances we are in – normal or sadly unusual, as it has been for months now. The Catechism captures this for us in the following paragraphs and others alike:

“Before his Ascension Christ affirmed that the hour had not yet come for the glorious establishment of the messianic kingdom awaited by Israel which, according to the prophets, was to bring all men the definitive order of justice, love and peace. According to the Lord, the present time is the time of the Spirit and of witness, but also a time still marked by ‘distress’ and the trial of evil which does not spare the Church and ushers in the struggles of the last days. It is a time of waiting and watching. (CCC, 672)

“In Jesus ‘the Kingdom of God is at hand.’ He calls his hearers to conversion and faith, but also to watchfulness. In prayer the disciple keeps watch, attentive to Him Who Is and Him Who Comes, in memory of his first coming in the lowliness of the flesh, and in the hope of his second coming in glory. In communion with their Master, the disciples’ prayer is a battle; only by keeping watch in prayer can one avoid falling into temptation. (CCC, 2612)

“‘Lead us not into temptation’ implies a decision of the heart: ‘For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. . . . No one can serve two masters.’ ‘If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.’ In this assent to the Holy Spirit the Father gives us strength. ‘No testing has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, so that you may be able to endure it.’ (CCC, 2848)

“Such a battle and such a victory become possible only through prayer. It is by his prayer that Jesus vanquishes the tempter, both at the outset of his public mission and in the ultimate struggle of his agony. In this petition to our heavenly Father, Christ unites us to his battle and his agony. He urges us to vigilance of the heart in communion with his own. Vigilance is ‘custody of the heart,’ and Jesus prayed for us to the Father: ‘Keep them in your name.’ The Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch. Finally, this petition takes on all its dramatic meaning in relation to the last temptation of our earthly battle; it asks for final perseverance. ‘Lo, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is he who is awake.’ (CCC, 2849)

Have a blessed Season of Advent!

Fr. Bernardine

Mass Intentions for November 28th & 29th

5:00 pm-+Fr. Denis O'Regan

8:30 am-Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion

10:30 am-Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion



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 November , 2020

Offertory: \$1,656.00

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th.

Mass times:

8:00 am @ Crucifixion

6:00 pm @ Holy Rosary

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Reconciliation times here at Holy Rosary are:

Saturday @ 4:15 pm

Sunday @ 7:45 am

The Women's Group is asking for monetary donations to help with the Christmas Stockings that will be filled and delivered to our homebound.

Please see Claudia or Sr. Victoria with your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

Rejoice in Hope

Rejoicing isn't as easy as it seems. Paul counsels us to rejoice always, but that's no small feat. Oh we can rejoice when life treats us kindly, but what about when things go wrong? How often do we find ourselves singing praises when our desires are thwarted or our dreams are crushed. We're creatures of emotions, and when we hurt, it shows. Despite our sorrows and trials, however, Christians rejoice in all things, if we remember that rejoicing isn't emotion. It's choosing to respect God's will and His plan even if we're feeling hurt. We can rejoice in a loved one's presence with the Lord, without ignoring our sorrow at their death. We can rejoice in God's comforting presence, even when we are suffering with illness. All we have to do is realize that rejoicing is a choice, an action of faith. Saying a prayer of thanks instead of recounting our woes one more time. In this Advent season we are challenged to live each day rejoicing, no matter where what the circumstances of life. The choice is up to us.



My sincerest apologies to anyone who got injured last week when we scheduled the bake sale and weight watchers for the same evening

Note to parishioners of Holy Rosary.

We are in need of updated information for our records. Please call the office or see Claudia with your phone numbers and addresses. It is important that we have accurate contact information on file.



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



December Birthdays

Mekayla Lewis—3rd

Gwen Yates—13th

Ava Gardner—23rd

Christine Robinson—30th

Jesus Christ—25th!

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 Victimas (904) 262-3200, ext. 129 o Departamento de Niños y Familias del Estado de la Florida 1- (800) 962-2873.



The battle we experience in prayer is known as “spiritual battle”. In this battle, we should challenge ourselves to resist wrong ideas of prayer so that we don’t become discouraged. We must recognize that if we are not vigilant, certain attitudes of the present world can negatively impact our prayer lives. Christian prayer is neither an escape from reality nor a separation from life. (CCC #2725-2727)



La batalla que nosotros experimentamos en la oración es conocida como “combate espiritual”. En este combate, nosotros debemos desafiarlos a nosotros mismos a resistir ideas equivocadas sobre la oración para que no nos desanimemos. Debemos reconocer que si no estamos vigilantes, ciertas mentalidades de este mundo presente pueden impactar negativamente nuestras vidas de oración. La oración Cristiana no es un escape de la historia ni una separación de la vida. (CCC #2725-2727)

Retirement Fund for Religious collection Dec. 12-13.

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Ayuden a nuestros mayores. En los buenos y en los malos tiempos, hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos mayores de órdenes religiosas se han dedicado a servir y hacer obras de misericordia. Hoy ellos rezan por un mundo que sufre. Sin embargo, años sirviendo por poca o ninguna paga han dejado a sus comunidades religiosas con gran escasez en los fondos de jubilación. Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda con las recetas médicas, cuidados de enfermería y otras necesidades. Sean generosos.

November 30—Cities for Life – Abolish the Death Penalty

An annual diocesan-sponsored event to raise awareness of the egregious and unjust application of the death penalty. Speakers: Bishop Felipe Estévez, Karen Gottlieb and Joseph Thornton, M.D.

6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church – Cody Enrichment Center, Jacksonville

Open to people of all faiths. For details, contact Deacon Corky Hecht at checht@dosafl.com.

December 19—Una Noche de Navidad - A Night of Christmas

The evening will include Eucharistic Adoration, a live nativity, hot cocoa, cookies, 16th-century Spanish reenactors, and the traditional Las Posadas procession presented by the Historic Florida Militia. 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios, St. Augustine