

**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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School Office.....(904) 765-6522

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

Sunday  
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Saturday Vigil  
5:00 PM

Weekday Mass  
Friday 9:00 AM

Holy Days  
6:30 PM

Adoration of the Eucharist  
Mondays TBA

Reconciliation  
Saturday 4:15 pm  
Sunday 7:45 am

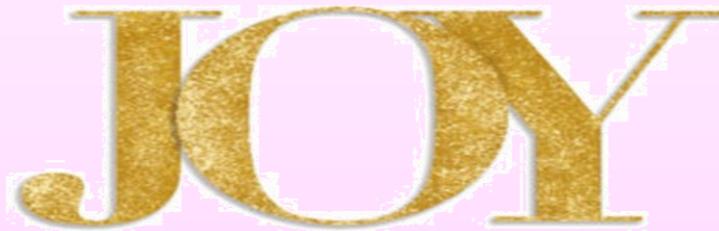
**GUARDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Sr. Dianne Rumschlag, SND, Head of School  
 Sr. Cynthia Shaffer SND, Principal

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 13, 2020**



*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
 'make straight the way of the Lord'*



Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Year of St. Joseph

A few days ago, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of St. Joseph. The year runs through to December 8, 2021. The Pope announced the year to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. Over the next three weeks or so, we shall serialize in this space, Pope Francis' Apostolic letter to mark this event.

#### PATRIS CORDE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

**WITH A FATHER'S HEART:** that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph". Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence.

We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter (cf. Mt 13:55), betrothed to Mary (cf. Mt 1:18; Lk 1:27). He was a "just man" (Mt 1:19), ever ready to carry out God's will as revealed to him in the Law (cf. Lk 2:22.27.39) and through four dreams (cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13.19.22). After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since "there was no place for them" elsewhere (cf. Lk 2:7). He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds (cf. Lk 2:8-20) and the Magi (cf. Mt 2:1-12), who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.

Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). As we know, for ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or to a thing, as Adam did in the account in the Book of Genesis (cf. 2:19-20), was to establish a relationship.

In the Temple, forty days after Jesus' birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon's prophecy concerning Jesus and his Mother (cf. Lk 2:22-35). To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-18). After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee, far from Bethlehem, his ancestral town, and from Jerusalem and the Temple. Of Nazareth it was said, "No prophet is to rise" (cf. Jn 7:52) and indeed, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (cf. Jn 1:46). When, during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Joseph and Mary lost track of the twelve-year-old Jesus, they anxiously sought him out and they found him in the Temple, in discussion with the doctors of the Law (cf. Lk 2:41-50).

After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church", Venerable Pius XII proposed him as "Patron of Workers" and Saint John Paul II as "Guardian of the Redeemer". Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the "patron of a happy death". To be continued

Have a blessed third week of Advent everyone!

Fr. Bernardine

#### Mass Intentions for December 12th & 13th

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

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

**10:30 am--Floyd and Charlotte Rumschlag by Sr. Dianne**



**Vincent Rettini, Kay Speiser Millo, Bayon Joyner, Kimber Pratt, & 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 December 6, 2020**

**Offertory: \$1,406.00**

**Please make a special note of the following:**

**Penance Service**

Tuesday, Dec. 22nd @ 6:30 pm.

Upcoming masses and their times.

**Penance Service**

Tuesday, Dec. 22nd @ 6:30 pm.

**Christmas Eve**

Thursday, Dec. 24th @ 7:00 pm.

**Christmas Day**

Friday, Dec. 25th @ 9:00 am.

**Christmas Day-Spanish Mass**

Friday Dec. 25th @ 5:00 pm.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Vigil mass—Thursday, Dec. 31st @ 6:30 pm

New Year's Day—Friday, Jan 1st @ 9:00 am

**Workday on**

**Saturday, December 19th**

**beginning at 9:00 am.**

**Along with cleaning the church and**

**sprucing up the grounds, we will**

**begin decorating the church.**

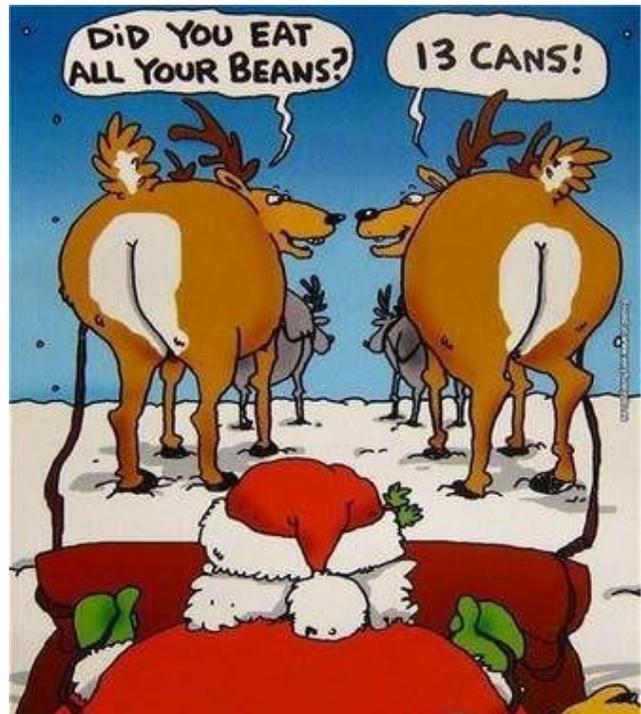
**Please give a little of your time.**



Envelopes for donations to purchase poinsettias in memory of a loved one/ loved ones are now available at the back of church. Please return them by Sunday, Dec. 20th.

*Make Ready His Room*

*Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way for the coming Messiah, a bit of winter cleaning for all of us who desire peace. Through reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place. Daily try to make an Advent examination of your heart. Are there feelings of discrimination toward race, sex, or religion? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners? Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become an Advent "broom" sweeping the darkness of sin out of our hearts to make room for Jesus' blessed manger.*



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



Our trust in God is tested and proven in tribulation. It is in these moments where, instead of complaining that our prayers have not been heard, we should ask ourselves why is it that we think they have not been heard and how is it that we know that our prayer has been effective. It is true that He knows what we need before we ask Him but He still wants us to ask as a child asks his father. (CCC #2734, 2736, 2738)



Nuestra confianza en Dios es puesta a prueba en la tribulación. Es en estos momentos donde, en lugar de quejarnos de que nuestras peticiones no han sido escuchadas, nos debemos preguntar por qué es que pensamos que nuestra petición no ha sido escuchada y cómo es que sabemos que nuestra oración ha sido eficaz. Es verdad que Él sabe bien lo que nos hace falta antes de que nosotros se lo pidamos pero aún así Él quiere que le pidamos como un hijo le pide a su padre. (CCC #2734, 2736, 2738)

### Retirement Fund for Religious collection Dec. 12-13.

Make a difference. “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

Please be generous.

Mejoren la situación. “Cada dólar ayuda a cubrir nuestros gastos”, dice un abad trapense. Cientos de comunidades religiosas en EE. UU. luchan para cuidar a sus miembros ancianos porque la mayoría de las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos mayores de órdenes religiosas sirvieron recibiendo escaso o ningún pago. Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda a estas comunidades a cubrir las carencias, ofreciendo ayuda para recetas médicas, cuidados de enfermería y otras necesidades. Sean generosos.

### 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

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