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 4:15 pm Sunday 7:45 am

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Father's Corner

Looking for Jesus

As we make our Commitment this weekend to the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, today's gospel reminds us of how much the people sought Jesus. We all know that, following the experience of Jesus, there are many who look up to our commitment to the appeal to provide needed assistance and help spread God's blessings in our community. May the good Lord bless your participation in this year's appeal.

Year of St. Joseph IX

PATRIS CORDE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS… continued

7. A father in the shadows

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński, in his book The Shadow of the Father, tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: "In the wilderness… you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled" (Deut 1:31). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life.

Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Children today often seem orphans, lacking fathers. The Church too needs fathers. Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians remain timely: "Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers" (1 Cor 4:15). Every priest or bishop should be able to add, with the Apostle: "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (ibid.). Paul likewise calls the Galatians: "My little children, with whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you!" (4:19).

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.

Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfillment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration. To be concluded

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr. Bernardine

In Need of SPECIAL PRAYER

Carolyn Occulto, Kay Speiser Millo, Bayon Joyner, Kimber Pratt, & Michele Stairs

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
Especially Sr. Darlene,

Week of January 24, 2021
Offertory: $723.00

Sr. Darlene passed away last Sunday. Those who knew her, knew how special she was. Please keep her and her family in prayer

DMI Priorities

Priority 1: Ongoing faith formation for parishioners with emphasis on the Holy Eucharist.

Priority 2: Greater use of social media for evangelization with focus on our youth and young adults.

Priority 3: Increase attendance at weekend masses.

This week, we hope you will make a prayerful decision to pledge a gift to our 2021 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Bishop Estévez invites each of us to join as a faith community in support of the beautiful mission of our Church.

As good stewards of God's gifts, giving and sharing of ourselves is how we can express gratitude for all our blessings. Stewardship is an act of faith and should be at the heart of our lives as faithful and active members of our Church. It means we are ready to recognize all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. Let us now ask what we can do for God.

Mass Intentions for February

5th- Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
6th- Sat. 5:00 pm- Alexandar Family—Special Intentions
7th- Sun. 8:30 am- Christabel & Maryvianney Ibeh-Birthday Special Intentions
Sun.10:30 am—+Vincent Rettini by Audalia Gutteridge

12th- Fri. 9:00 am -+Sr. Darlene by Sisters Rea, Rita & Elise
13th–Sat. 5:00 pm—+Sr. Darlene by the Sisters of Notre Dame
14th-Sun. 8:30 am-+Sr. Darlene by the Sisters of Notre Dame
Sun. 10:30 am +Sr. Darlene by the Sisters of Notre Dame

Tyler McConnell
Andrew Rumschlag
William Jack Wilson
Lee Gutteridge
Joel Ater

February Birthdays

Sal Occulto—3rd
Christabel Ibeh—3rd
Maryvianney Ibeh—3rd
Sr. Susan—17th
Audalia Gutteridge—17th
Juan Diaz—18th

A parishioner of Holy Rosary has a room for rent in her home. If you know of someone in need of a room, please call the office . Renter must be trustworthy and responsible.

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.

Did You Know

The "our bread" referred to in the Lord's prayer truly means the "one" loaf for the "many". This petition, however, applies not just to physical hunger but to another hunger from which we suffer: the hunger for the word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, the Bread of Life. This is the Body of Christ received in the Eucharist. (CCC#2833, 2835)

Sabía Usted

El "pan nuestro" al que se hace referencia en la oración del Padre Nuestro realmente significa el pan "uno" para "muchos". Esta petición, sin embargo, se aplica no sólo al hambre física, sino a otra hambre de la que perecemos: el hambre de la palabra que procede de la boca del Señor, el Pan de Vida. Este es el Cuerpo de Cristo recibido en la Eucaristía. (CCC # 2833, 2835)

Monday, Feb. 8, is the Annual Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking, which coincides with the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. Enslaved as a child, this patron of human trafficking survivors later bought her freedom with the help of the Canossian Daughters of Charity. For resources on how to prevent human trafficking, visit the USCCB's Anti-Trafficking website.

Bishop Estevez's 75th birthday was Friday, February 5th. Pray that God continues to bless him with health, happiness and peace.

Happy Birthday Bishop Estevéz!

"The Catholic Charities Workforce Development program is a **free** 4-month program to assist low-income, unemployed or underemployed adults (18 years or older) land new work opportunities. Participants must be able to work in the U.S., and live in Duval, Clay, Nassau, Baker or St. Johns counties.

The program includes a 26-hour Job Readiness class; a new professional resume and cover letter for each client; interview preparation and interview clothing; and financial literacy training. Clients are also provided with other supportive services. Interested clients can call (904) 358-6200 or complete a self-referral form online at www.ccbjax.org/workforce-development.

February 7-14

National Marriage Week

The observance is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." Visit www.dosafl.com/national-marriage-week-2021 for more resources.