



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.

<u>Sunday</u> 10:00 AM 7:00 PM- Spanish Mass	<u>Saturday Vigil</u> 5:00 PM @ St. Pius	<u>Weekday Mass</u> Friday 9:00 AM	<u>Holy Days</u> 6:30 PM	<u>Adoration of the Eucharist</u> Mondays 6 PM—7 PM	<u>Reconciliation</u> TBD
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Expecting the Messiah II



When John the Baptist started his ministry and the people sensed the end of waiting had come, there was great excitement. But with great excitement that, the long silence was over, comes the need for preparation. The Baptist responds strongly to that need in today's gospel, while also making clear that he is not the One who is to come.

“St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. ‘Prophet of the Most High’, John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being ‘the friend of the bridegroom’, whom he points out as ‘the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world’. Going before Jesus ‘in the spirit and power of Elijah’, John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom. (CCC, 523)

“Fire. While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions. The prayer of the prophet Elijah, who ‘arose like fire’ and whose ‘word burned like a torch,’ brought down fire from heaven on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel. This event was a ‘figure’ of the fire of the Holy Spirit, who transforms what he touches. John the Baptist, who goes ‘before [the Lord] in the spirit and power of Elijah,’ proclaims Christ as the one who ‘will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.’ Jesus will say of the Spirit: ‘I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!’ In the form of tongues ‘as of fire,’ the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself. The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit's actions. ‘Do not quench the Spirit.’ (CCC, 696)

“The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God: He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise. But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?” (CCC, 2447)

Advent is a short season compared to others, but the pace at which events happen – both religious and secular – should not distract us from John's message. Do something joyfully for God and your neighbor.

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr. Bernardine

Judy Grubbs, Bayon Joyner, Kimber Pratt, & Torrey Coleman



Carolyn Occulto,, 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 December 5, 2021

Offertory: \$2,287.00

Spanish Mass \$153.00

Please refer to the bulletin insert for dates, time, and topics for the Advent Retreat @ St. Pius V Church, Tues.—Thurs, 14th—16th

**Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service
Friday, December 17th @ 6:30 pm here at
Holy Rosary**

If you have not gotten a flyer with the dates and times for the Christmas schedule, there are extra ones on the table in the back. Please take one.

**Please Make Note
Beginning Saturday January 1, 2022 the
Vigil Mass will return to Holy Rosary @ 5:00 pm.**

There is a Christmas tree with ornaments on the table at the back of church. If you see one you would like to have, put a donation in the jar and take the ornament of your liking.

Flower envelopes for the Christmas poinsettias, in memory of a loved one or ones, are on the back table. Please return the envelope by Sunday, Dec. 19th.

Coffee & donuts are in the school cafeteria every Sunday following mass.

Mass Intentions for December

**3rd- Fri. 9:00 am—Fr. Denis O'Regan
5th-Sun.10:00 am—+Ronnie & Linda Sue Tubbs by the Occulto Family
Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass**

**10th- Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
5th-Sun.10:00 am —Prayers of Thanks by Keisha & Michael Saintil
Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass**

What Should We Do?

The crowds came to John wanting instruction. "What should we do?" they asked. This is a typical human reaction. We want to manage our lives, even our faith or salvation by taking action. It feels so much safer when we think we're in control. But we pay a price for this micromanagement in stress and anxiety. We're never really freed from the pressure to strive. There is always pressure to do something. Or, if we have already done something, there is the pressure to keep on doing it. This is the way of the world.

But God has done something entirely different. When the crowds pressed John for an answer about what to do, he didn't answer. Instead, he talked about what God has done. It's not what we do that matters, but what God did. It is this and this alone that gives life to the world. When you find yourself stressed this Advent, take John's advice: Forget yourself and focus on God.

There are Centennial T-Shirts & Wine Glasses for sale. Also, Centennial Commemorative Booklets are still available. Please see Claudia or Sr. Victoria

December Birthdays

Mekayla Lewis—3rd
Gwen Yates—13th
Ava Gardner —23rd
Christine Robinson—30th



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

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

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 Old Covenant has never been revoked. The Church has always opposed the idea of rejecting the Old Testament under the pretext that the New Testament has rendered it void. The Old Testament declares in prophecy the coming of Christ and prepares us for it. (CCC #121-123)



La Antigua Alianza nunca ha sido revocada. La Iglesia siempre se ha opuesto a la idea de rechazar el Antiguo Testamento bajo el pretexto de que el Nuevo Testamento lo ha invalidado. El Antiguo Testamento declara en profecía la venida de Cristo y nos prepara para ella. (CIC # 121-123)

DID YOU KNOW?



Catholic Charities Jacksonville Regional Office can help with utility assistance if you meet the following criteria:

- Low-income
- JEA only customers
- Double Billed (in danger of disconnection)
- Documented Emergency
 - Which can include being double billed
 - Job loss etc.

If you or someone you know meets this criterion, please call 904-632-0600.

CATHOLIC
CHARITIES

Film on Native Americans produced by the Knights of Columbus

After running on ABC channels throughout the U.S., *Enduring Faith*, a documentary on the Catholic legacy among native Americans is now available as a free video. The one-hour film, produced by the Knights of Columbus, reveals a seldom-told part of the story of Catholicism: the expressions of faith among the cultures of North America.

The video also reports on church outreach, such as the Bureau of Catholic Missions, founded by the American bishops in 1874 as an advocate for Native Americans. Another facet is the visits of popes John Paul II and Francis, affirming the rights and value of indigenous peoples.

The full-length video can be streamed free at www.kofc.org/enduringfaith. It's also available on DVD for \$7.98 at <https://knightsgear.com/products/718104>.