



**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,



“Mother of My Lord”

With these words on lips of Elizabeth, Luke in today’s gospel shows the high esteem with which the Blessed Virgin Mary must be regarded and honored. The visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, both soon to be mothers, was also an encounter between the forerunner and the Savior with the Holy Spirit present. In a few years, both John the Baptist and Jesus will meet again under not too dissimilar circumstances.

“Called in the Gospels ‘the mother of Jesus’, Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as ‘the mother of my Lord.’ In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly ‘Mother of God’ (Theotokos). (CCC, 495)

“Holy Mary, Mother of God: With Elizabeth we marvel, ‘And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?’ Because she gives us Jesus, her son, Mary is Mother of God and our mother; we can entrust all our cares and petitions to her: she prays for us as she prayed for herself: ‘Let it be to me according to your word.’ By entrusting ourselves to her prayer, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her: ‘Thy will be done.’ (CCC, 2677)

“Very often in the Gospels people address Jesus as ‘Lord’. This title testifies to the respect and trust of those who approach him for help and healing. At the prompting of the Holy Spirit, ‘Lord’ expresses the recognition of the divine mystery of Jesus. In the encounter with the risen Jesus, this title becomes adoration: ‘My Lord and my God!’ It thus takes on a connotation of love and affection that remains proper to the Christian tradition: ‘It is the Lord!’ (CCC, 448)

“The Virgin Mary most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith. By faith Mary welcomes the tidings and promise brought by the angel Gabriel, believing that ‘with God nothing will be impossible’ and so giving her assent: ‘Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word.’ Elizabeth greeted her: ‘Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.’ It is for this faith that all generations have called Mary blessed. (CCC, 148)

“‘There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.’ John was ‘filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother’s womb’ by Christ himself, whom the Virgin Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. Mary’s visitation to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to his people.” (CCC, 717)

With a few days to Christmas, may the Holy Spirit overshadow us with joy and rejoicing.

Have a blessed week and a GRACE-FILLED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!!!

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 12, 2021**

**Offertory: \$414.00**

**Spanish Mass \$176.00**

**Christmas Eve Mass is  
Friday Dec. 24th, 7:00 pm @  
Holy Rosary. The mass is bi-lingual  
with Bishop Estévez as the celebrant.**

**Midnight Mass is @ St. Pius V.**

**Christmas Day Mass is Saturday  
Dec. 25th, 9:00 am @ Crucifixion.**

**Sunday Dec. 26th are regular  
mass times.**

**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.**

**December Birthdays**

Mekayla Lewis—3rd

Gwen Yates—13th

Ava Gardner —23rd

Christine Robinson—30th

**Mass Intentions for December**

17th- Fri. 9:00 am—Fr. Denis O'Regan

19th-Sun.10:00 am-Prayers of Thanks by Keisha & Michael Saintil

Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

24th- Fri. 7:00 pm-CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

26th-Sun.10:00 am —+Dora & Kate Calizaire by Keisha Saintil

Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

*A Gift Worth Receiving*

*Signs of love and good cheer are abundantly clear for us throughout this holiday season. But how much are we actually attuned to the signs of love that God, our family, and friends are giving us? Although "it is better to give than to receive," it is also good for us to be able to receive what others are giving to us. Even more importantly, do we take time out of our busy schedules to ponder what God gave to us this Christmas season? What could be more precious than the gift of His Son? It was a gift of life not just a one-time gift that is shoved in the closet, but one that can grow and be passed on to others. This Advent let the gift of God's love multiply in your heart and joyously receive all that He has prepared for you.*



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



**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.



There are three distinguishable stages in the formation of the Gospels: The life and teaching of Jesus revealed through the way he lived among men and taught eternal salvation; The oral tradition, which handed on to its hearers what he had said and done; The written Gospels, which synthesized and explained the honest truth about Jesus. (CCC #126)



Hay tres etapas distinguibles en la formación de los Evangelios: la vida y la enseñanza de Jesús reveladas a través de la forma en que vivió entre los hombres y enseñó la salvación eterna; La tradición oral, que transmitía a sus oyentes lo que había dicho y obrado; Los evangelios escritos, que sintetizan y explican la verdad sincera acerca de Jesús. (CIC # 126)

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