



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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Second
 Sunday
 of
 Advent

PEACE

December
 5,
 2021



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Expecting the Messiah



The season of Advent and indeed the celebration of the coming of the Savior is not complete without highlighting the role of John the Baptist. And so, every second Sunday of the season we encounter again the herald of the greatest news ever announced. We hear his message today and are also invited to be heralds of the good news to others in a variety of ways. Our individual and communal preparations should signal to others that God calls everyone to celebrate the coming of His Son.

“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)

“John is ‘Elijah [who] must come.’ The fire of the Spirit dwells in him and makes him the forerunner of the coming Lord. In John, the precursor, the Holy Spirit completes the work of ‘[making] ready a people prepared for the Lord.’ (CCC, 718)

“John the Baptist is ‘more than a prophet.’ In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the ‘voice’ of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John ‘came to bear witness to the light.’ In John’s sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God. . . . Behold, the Lamb of God.’ (CCC, 719)

“Finally, with John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to man of ‘the divine likeness,’ prefiguring what he would achieve with and in Christ. John’s baptism was for repentance; baptism in water and the Spirit will be a new birth.” (CCC, 720)

John fulfilled his mission even to the point of giving his freedom and life. His is an example of dedication to the cause of announcing the presence of the Messiah and standing up for the values of the kingdom. As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Savior, John’s mission is a call to us to examine our efforts once again in making known the One who is to come.

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 November 28, 2021

Offertory: \$465.00

Spanish Mass \$150.00

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
is Wednesday, Dec. 8th.**

Mass times are:

8:00 am @ St. Pius V

6:30 pm @ Holy Rosary

This is a holy day of obligation.

The Parish Christmas Party is next Sunday, Dec. 12th. Invitations, with details, are on the table if you need one. If you have not RSVP'd, please do so today so every child, 11 & under who is attending, will have a gift under the tree.

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.

Please refer to the bulletin insert for dates & time of the Advent Retreat.

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

Mass Intentions for December

3rd- Fri. 9:00 am—Sick & Homebound of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion

5th-Sun. 10:00 am—+Georgetta Hatlestad by Anne & Tim Meusel

Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

10th- 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

*Preparing the Way, Finding the Way
Advent is a season when you feel either "into it" or not. There doesn't seem to be any middle ground. We are continually being told to prepare the way, which is right and good. However, we also need to find the way, the right way: There are a lot of distractions out there: gift buying, parties, card lists, cookies. Ironically if they are viewed properly some of these distractions can also remind us of the true meaning of Advent, bringing our hearts closer to God. The readings on this Second Sunday of Advent encourage us to that God truly desires us to "find the right way" and that He is there to help. If we rely on God, keeping Him close in prayer and thoughts, each Advent day will prepare the right way for Jesus our King. The "way" not to a sanctuary or a Christmas liturgy, but the way directly to our hearts.*

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

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

Join others in fellowship.



**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.



We can distinguish between two main senses of Scripture: the literal and the spiritual. The literal sense refers to the meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and is discovered by following the rules of sound interpretation. The spiritual sense speaks to how the realities and events about which the text speaks can be signs. (CCC #117)



Podemos distinguir entre dos sentidos principales de la Escritura: el literal y el espiritual. El sentido literal se refiere al significado transmitido por las palabras de la Escritura y se descubre siguiendo las reglas de la justa interpretación. El sentido espiritual habla de cómo las realidades y los acontecimientos de los que habla el texto pueden ser signos. (CIC # 117)

Support of Retired Religious

Next weekend, Nov. 11 – 12, is the collection for the Retired Religious.

There will be a second collection to support this important cause.

With Advent coming during an ongoing pandemic, Christians are called to hold on to hope and foster a season of compassion and tenderness, Pope Francis said on Nov. 22. During Advent this year, too, "its lights will be dimmed by the consequences of the pandemic, which still weighs heavily on our time," he said. "All the more reason why we are called to question ourselves and not to lose hope. The feast of the birth of Christ is not out of tune with the trial we are going through because it is the quintessential feast of compassion, the feast of tenderness. Its beauty is humble and full of human warmth," the pope said.

December 9—Diocesan Consultation & Dialogue for the Synod on Synodality

The second gathering of diocesan discernment evenings hosted by the bishop around the diocese.

6:30 p.m., St. Matthew Catholic Church, 1773 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville.

Open to all people of God, including clergy and religious. For details and questions that will be discussed at the gathering, visit synod.dosafl.com.

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>.