



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	<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> Saturday 4:15 PM
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JOY



**Third Sunday
of Advent**

December 11, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



John the Baptist's Eminent Place

In last Sunday gospel, we read about “A voice of one crying out in the desert”, John the Baptist. His message and ministry call all to repentance, as well as announcing the presence of the Messiah. Like every Jew of the time, he eagerly awaited “the One who is mightier” than he is, and wants to see some “action”. But sort of contrary to some of his words last week, John seems disappointed. Jesus is all about the joy of the Good News. However, that does not take away from John’s place in the history of salvation. And Jesus makes that abundantly clear.

“The coming of God’s Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the ‘First Covenant’. He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming. (CCC, 522)

“‘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)

Have a blessed and joyful week everyone!

Have blessed season of Advent!

Fr. Bernardine



Cynthia Diggett, Joan Petruska, Courtney Suggs, Judy Grubbs, Kimber Pratt, Bayon Joyner,
Guillermo Castelan & Ray Kastens

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

Especially Rhynell Brumfield



Week of Dec. 4, 2022
Offertory: \$2,490.00
Spanish Mass: \$303.00

The Tri-Parish Penance Service
 is this Thursday, December 15th.,
 6:30 pm @ Holy Rosary.
 There will be a Spanish priest available.

Envelopes for the Christmas Poinsettias in
 memory of a love or loved ones are now
 available . They are on the bookshelf .

The Ornament Tree is back!
 The tree is filled with Christmas ornaments.
 If you see one you would like to have, you
 may take it. There is a donation box by the
 tree, please consider dropping in a donation
 of any amount. The monies will go towards
 purchasing grocery store gift cards.

There are flyers with the Christmas
 mass schedule on the table in back.

Lector Schedule for Dec.

- 4th—Anne Meusel
- 11th—Ron Walsh
- 18th—Donna Rettini
- 24th—Bobbo Lewis

Mass Intentions for December 2022

- 9th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
- 10th- Sat. 5:00 pm—Mass at St. Pius V
- 11th-Sun.10:00 -Russell Paac—Health Healing
- Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass
- 16th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
- 17th-Sat. 5:00 pm—Mass at St. Pius V
- 18th-Sun.10:00 am—+Irene & Joe Paul
- Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

Then Came Jesus

Imagine buying tickets to a performance of one of your favorite entertainers months ahead. The evening finally comes and your expectations are high. You wait to hear all your favorites but after two hours there's not one rendition of the songs you'd waited to hear. Many times we anticipate events that disappoint us. So it was with John the Baptist as he sat in a prison cell waiting to be executed for preaching the coming of the Messiah. He had seen Jesus, had witnessed the voice of the Father, and the confirmation of the Holy Spirit. But was Jesus the One, or should he wait for another? John undoubtedly had expectations of exciting things Christ's coming would bring, but now instead he was waiting to die. Disappointment and fear shook John's faith. Has the same happened in your life? Are you sitting beside John in that cell, anticipating life's next sorrow, letting your faith turn to doubt? Break out of your fearful prison this Advent season. Look upon the child King who came to save us all and learn again the faith you have lost. Here is the One, who came and is coming again. Worship and lose your doubt.

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #335, extends a heartfelt gratitude to members of St. Pius V, Crucifixion, and Holy Rosary Parishes, who provided love and hard work in support of the Court's Youth Memorial Garden Projects.

Special thanks go out to:

- Nezzar Battle, Robert Jackson,
- James Matthews, Mary Granger,
- St. Pius Youth Ministry, Sr. Victoria Will,
- Lucille Trotter, and Fr. Bernardine.

We pray God's blessings 100-fold to these and all others for their generosity.

December Birthdays
 Mekayla Lewis—3rd
 Gwen Yates—13th
 Christine Robinson—30th



Tyler McConnell
 Andrew Rumschlag
 William Jack Wilson
 Lee Gutteridge

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.



“Incorporation into Christ, which is brought about by Baptism, is constantly renewed and consolidated by sharing in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, especially by that full sharing which takes place in sacramental communion. We can say not only that *each of us receives Christ*, but also that *Christ receives each of us.*” (#22)



“La incorporación a Cristo, que tiene lugar por el Bautismo, se renueva y se consolida continuamente con la participación en el Sacrificio eucarístico, sobre todo cuando ésta es plena mediante la comunión sacramental. Podemos decir que no solamente *cada uno de nosotros recibe a Cristo*, sino que también *Cristo nos recibe a cada uno de nosotros.*” (#22)

December 10-11

Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

All parishes and missions of the diocese will take up this collection to assist in the care of our aging religious. With rising healthcare expenses, hundreds of U.S. religious communities face a large gap between the needs of their older members and the funds available to support their care. For more information, visit retiredreligious.org.

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Virgen de Guadalupe

December 11, 2022

Mass 7:00 pm @ Holy Rosary.

December 12-14

Christ the King Parish Advent Retreat

Leader: Bishop Robert Baker

6:30 p.m. each evening of the retreat

Christ the King Catholic Church, 742 Arlington Road N., Jacksonville

All are welcome!

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