



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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LOVE



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



Joseph's "Obedience of Faith"

In preparation for the coming of the Messiah, we rightly and quickly think about the role of John the Baptist as forerunner. Of course, the Blessed Virgin Mary's place is assured. However, in the midst of everything going on, not very much is said about Joseph. Today's gospel changes that; and we have an opportunity to appreciate Joseph's integral part as Emmanuel comes into the world. His is an eminent example of faith.

"Our moral life has its source in faith in God who reveals his love to us. St. Paul speaks of the 'obedience of faith' as our first obligation. He shows that 'ignorance of God' is the principle and explanation of all moral deviations. Our duty toward God is to believe in him and to bear witness to him. (CCC, 2087)

"To obey (from the Latin ob-audire, to 'hear or listen to') in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself. Abraham is the model of such obedience offered us by Sacred Scripture. The Virgin Mary is its most perfect embodiment. (CCC, 144)

"The Letter to the Hebrews, in its great eulogy of the faith of Israel's ancestors, lays special emphasis on Abraham's faith: 'By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go.' By faith, he lived as a stranger and pilgrim in the promised land. By faith, Sarah was given to conceive the son of the promise. And by faith Abraham offered his only son in sacrifice. (CCC, 145)

"Abraham thus fulfills the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1: 'Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen': 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Because he was 'strong in his faith', Abraham became the 'father of all who believe'. (CCC, 146)

"The Old Testament is rich in witnesses to this faith. The Letter to the Hebrews proclaims its eulogy of the exemplary faith of the ancestors who 'received divine approval'. Yet 'God had foreseen something better for us': the grace of believing in his Son Jesus, 'the pioneer and perfecter of our faith'. (CCC, 147)

"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)

To this list also belongs Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus.

Have a blessed week everyone as we begin the fourth week 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



Week of Dec. 11, 2022
Offertory: \$403.00
Spanish Mass: \$320.00

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

7:00 pm @ Holy Rosary

Midnight Mass

12:00 am @ St. Pius V

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day

9:30 am @ Crucifixion

There will be NO 7:00 pm
 Spanish Mass on Sunday, December 25th.

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

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

Lector Schedule for Dec.

4th—Anne Meusel

11th—Ron Walsh

18th—Donna Rettini

24th—Bobbo Lewis

Mass Intentions for December 2022

16th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan

17th- Sat. 5:00 pm—Mass at St. Pius V

18th-Sun.10:00 -+Irene & Joe Paul

Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

23rd-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan

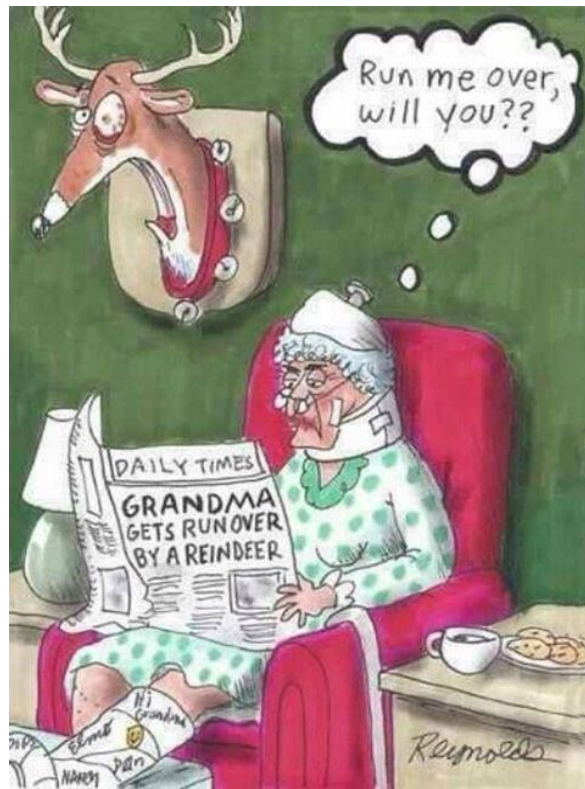
24th-Sat. 7:00 pm—Christmas Eve

25th-Sun.10:00 am—NO MASS

Sun. 7:00 pm—NO 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.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You
 to all who donated to, helped with, and attended our Christmas Gathering last Sunday. A day of great food & fellowship was enjoyed by all. Holy Rosary's parishioners are the best!!



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.



“The gift of Christ and his Spirit which we receive in Eucharistic communion superabundantly fulfills the yearning for fraternal unity deeply rooted in the human heart; at the same time it elevates the experience of fraternity already present in our common sharing at the same Eucharistic table to a degree which far surpasses that of the simple human experience of sharing a meal.” (#24)



“El don de Cristo y de su Espíritu que recibimos en la comunión eucarística colma con sobrada plenitud los anhelos de unidad fraterna que alberga el corazón humano y, al mismo tiempo, eleva la experiencia de fraternidad, propia de la participación común en la misma mesa eucarística, a niveles que están muy por encima de la simple experiencia convivencial humana. (#24)

A Day of Retreat with Bishop Erik Pohlmeier, Jan. 7, 2023

Building on Rock – God’s Plan for Salvation” is the theme for the retreat at Sacred Heart Parish 5752 Blanding Blvd. in Jacksonville. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. to check in. First presentation starts at 11 a.m., lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. (courtesy of Sacred Heart Parish) and the retreat ends with 5 p.m. Mass. To register:

<https://form.jotform.com/222913965707161> or for more info, contact Erin McGeever at emcgeever@dosaf1.com.

Parish Advent Mission, Reflection and Song, Dec. 19-21

"Keeping the Flame Alive" is the theme for the upcoming mission retreat sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Orange Park. The presenters are Vincent Reilly and Jim Hughes. The mission begins at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Open to the public. For more info, call (904) 264-0577.

2022 BASA Summary Report

12/11/2022

Donors—31

Participation—42.47 %

Pledged—\$9,176

Paid—\$9,031

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