



**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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**GUARDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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Parish Office & Church.....(904) 764-3241

School Office.....(904) 765-6522

**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.

Sunday  
 10:00 AM  
 7:00 PM-Spanish Mass

Saturday Vigil  
 5:00 PM

Weekday Mass  
 Friday 9:00 AM

Holy Days  
 6:30 PM

Adoration of the Eucharist  
 Mondays 6 PM—7 PM

Reconciliation  
 Saturday 4:15 PM

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,



## The Beauty and Message of Christmas

How is it that the birth of a child more than two thousand years ago continues to have so much impact and relevance – both spiritual and material – in our world? To a greater or lesser extent, our world and society are broken; but this time of year, always brings that enthusiastic sense of love, joy and hope that the best of humanity can still be restored.

Every year at this time, there are always greater and far-reaching acts of charity and sacrifice for the good of others. In both religious and non-religious organizations, the exchange of gifts under a variety of names also happens. I do not know of any other event in our yearly calendar that attracts this much attention and celebration, and deservedly so.

A few days ago, the Argentine national soccer team won the world cup with a victory over France. For soccer lovers, it was an epic final game, and some argue the best ever. Estimates were that a billion and half people would watch the game on television. For the victors and their fellow citizens, it is a historic third world cup and millions joined a parade to celebrate in Buenos Aires. But in a few years, the 2022 world cup victory will become a distant but joyful memory.

With the birth of the Savior, circumstances could not be more different. It took place completely out of sight save for Mary, Joseph and a few animals probably wondering what was going on. The first to behold the infant and adore him were shepherds, who were still processing what the angel had told them about this “news of great joy.” Little did they know that by responding to the angels’ news they would become part of an ever new and divine encounter.

It is indeed only God, who initiated it and can turn such a small, but redemption moment into what it continues to be and will be for generations to come. Christians and non-Christians alike know when it is Christmas. It is a celebration we all look forward to every year. In the last few years, it has become common for some to start talking about the celebration in July. While that is exceedingly early, it only goes to show how much significance we attach to Christmas.

Ultimately of course, the beauty and magnitude of Christmas is about the significance of the moment in the history of salvation. Yes, humanity and our society can be restored if increasingly we appreciate and live up to the meaning of Christ’s birth. It is God coming to us in love and mercy to save His children. Love for our fellow human beings in the spirit of “the Word becoming flesh” during the season and beyond sets us on the path of restoring the best of humanity.

On that note, brothers and sisters, let me wish you, your family and loved ones a blessed, merry and peaceful Christmas celebration.

Have a peaceful and joyful last week of the year 2022!

Fr. Bernardine



**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. 18, 2022**  
**Offertory: \$1,138.00**  
**Spanish Mass: \$308.00**

**Merry  
 Christmas**

**Feliz  
 Navidad**

Solemnity of Mary

Regular Weekend Mass times:

Saturday Dec. 31, 2022

Vigil mass -5:00 pm @ St. Pius V

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023

8:30 am @ Crucifixion

10:00 am @ Holy Rosary

10:30 am @ St. Pius V

**Lector Schedule for Jan.**

1st—Donna Rettini

8th—Anne Meusel

15th—Ron Walsh

22nd—Bobbo Lewis

29th—Jada Woods

**Mass Intentions for January, 2023**

30th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan

31st-Sat. 5:00 pm—Mass at St. Pius V

1st-Sun. 10:00 am —Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion  
 Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

6th-Fri. 9:00 am—the Sick & Homebound Parishioners

7th-Sat. 5:00 pm—Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion

8th-Sun. 10:00 am—+Patricia Howell  
 Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

*The Shepherd Speaks*

~John Erskine

*Out of the midnight sky a great dawn broke,  
 And a voice singing flooded us with song.  
 In David's city was He born, it sang,  
 A Savior, Christ the Lord. Then while I sat  
 Shivering with the thrill of that great cry,  
 A mighty choir a thousand fold more sweet  
 Suddenly sang, Glory to God and Peace  
 Peace on earth; my heart, almost unnerved  
 By the swift loveliness, would hardly beat.  
 Speechless we waited till the accustomed night  
 Gave us no promise more of sweet surprise;  
 Then scrambling to our feet, without a word  
 We started through the fields to find the child.*

**January Birthdays**

Shirley Smith—2nd

Aletha Moore—6th

Luciano Suarez—6th

Laura Suarez—13th

Jada Woods—15th

Cynthia Diggett—16th

Daniela Suarez—21st

Margaret McConnell—22nd

Sr. Betty Jeanne

**Anniversaries**

Harold & Margaret McConnell—3rd



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 seeds of disunity, which daily experience shows to be so deeply rooted in humanity as a result of sin, are countered by the unifying power of the body of Christ. The Eucharist, precisely by building up the Church, creates human community.” (#24)



“A los gérmenes de disgregación entre los hombres, que la experiencia cotidiana muestra tan arraigada en la humanidad a causa del pecado, se contraponen la fuerza generadora de unidad del cuerpo de Cristo. La Eucaristía, construyendo la Iglesia, crea precisamente por ello comunidad entre los hombres.” (#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](mailto:emcgeever@dosaf1.com).

*May the miracle  
of His birth  
Fill your heart  
With love!*

2022 BASA Summary Report

12/18/2022

Donors—31

Participation—42.47 %

Pledged—\$9,176

Paid—\$9,031

Balance—\$145

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