



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.

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| <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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PEACE



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 4, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



John the Baptist's Voice

Preparations to celebrate the coming of the Savior are never complete without listening to the voice and message of John the Baptist. Following in the footsteps of the ancient prophets, he calls for immediate readiness because the Messiah is at hand. John the Baptist makes clear what is essential in this preparation: "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." That message is central as we get ready for the birth of the Savior this Christmas and await his Second Coming. Given the times we are in, with a lot of challenges, there is plenty of fruit to be had.

"St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. 'Prophet of the Most High', John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being 'the friend of the bridegroom', whom he points out as 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world'. Going before Jesus 'in the spirit and power of Elijah', John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom. (CCC, 523)

"Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan. John preaches 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. A crowd of sinners – tax collectors and soldiers, Pharisees and Sadducees, and prostitutes- come to be baptized by him. 'Then Jesus appears.' The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, 'This is my beloved Son.' This is the manifestation ('Epiphany') of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God. (CCC, 535)

"Following in the steps of the prophets and John the Baptist, Jesus announced the judgment of the Last Day in his preaching. Then will the conduct of each one and the secrets of hearts be brought to light. Then will the culpable unbelief that counted the offer of God's grace as nothing be condemned. Our attitude to our neighbor will disclose acceptance or refusal of grace and divine love. On the Last Day Jesus will say: 'Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'" (CCC, 678)

As we get ready for Christmas, many more are in need than in previous years. John the Baptist calls on us to be fruitful in the lives of these our brothers and sisters through the various means available to us.

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



Week of Nov. 27, 2022
Offertory: \$323.00
Spanish Mass: \$212.00

Our Annual Family Christmas Gathering is Sunday, Dec. 11th following the 10:00 mass. If you did not receive your invitation, please see Claudia. It contains all the detailed information.

The Women's Group will be raffling off a beautiful Nativity Creche. The donation cost of a ticket is \$5. This is the last Sunday to get your tickets. Drawing will be held at the Christmas party next Sunday, Dec. 11th. No chances will be sold the day of the raffle.

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
This Thursday, December 8th.
 Mass times are:
 8:00 am @ St. Pius V
 6:30 pm @ Holy Rosary
This is a Holy Day of Obligation!

Baptism: the Beginning of an Intimate Relationship
 Jesus baptized with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is coming after me - but the one I am not worthy to carry his sandals - will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." What John the Baptist was saying was, this one whom I am not worthy to be slave to, will not only forgive you, but will bring you into a personal relationship with God. I baptize with water: but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. I bring judgment and forgiveness, but he will bring an intimate relationship with God. Christ reunited man with God, bringing reconciliation between God and us. So we walk with God every day; we pray directly to God about our deepest heartaches and our greatest joys. We talk constantly with God, as we meet with the most intimate friend we have ever had. And it all began with baptism, the beginning of a divinely intimate relationship.

The Ornament Tree is back!
 On the table is a tree 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.

December Birthdays

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

Mass Intentions for December 2022

2nd-Fri. 9:00 am—The Sick & Homebound Parishioners
 3rd-Sat. 5:00 pm—Mass at St. Pius V
 4th-Sun. 10:00 am—+Georgetta Hatlestad by Anne & Tim Meusel
 Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass
 9th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
 10th-Sat. 5:00 pm—Mass at St. Pius V
 11th-Sun. 10:00 am—Russell Paac—Health Healing
 Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

Lector Schedule for Dec.

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



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 Second Vatican Council teaches that the celebration of the Eucharist is at the centre of the process of the Church's growth... “How does the Church grow?”, the Council adds: “as often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our pasch is sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out. At the same time in the sacrament of the Eucharistic bread, the unity of the faithful, who form one body in Christ is both expressed and brought about”. (#21)



“El Concilio Vaticano II ha recordado que la celebración eucarística es el centro del proceso de crecimiento de la Iglesia. Cómo crece?, añade: Cuantas veces se celebra en el altar el sacrificio de la cruz, en el que Cristo, nuestra Pascua, fue inmolado, se realiza la obra de nuestra redención. El sacramento del pan eucarístico significa y al mismo tiempo realiza la unidad de los creyentes, que forman un sólo cuerpo en Cristo.” (#21)

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.