



**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**

Fr. Bernardine Eikhuemelo, Pastor  
 Claudia Pratt, Business Manager  
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**GUARDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Sr. Dianne Rumschlag, SND, Head of School  
 Sr. Cynthia Shaffer SND, Principal

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

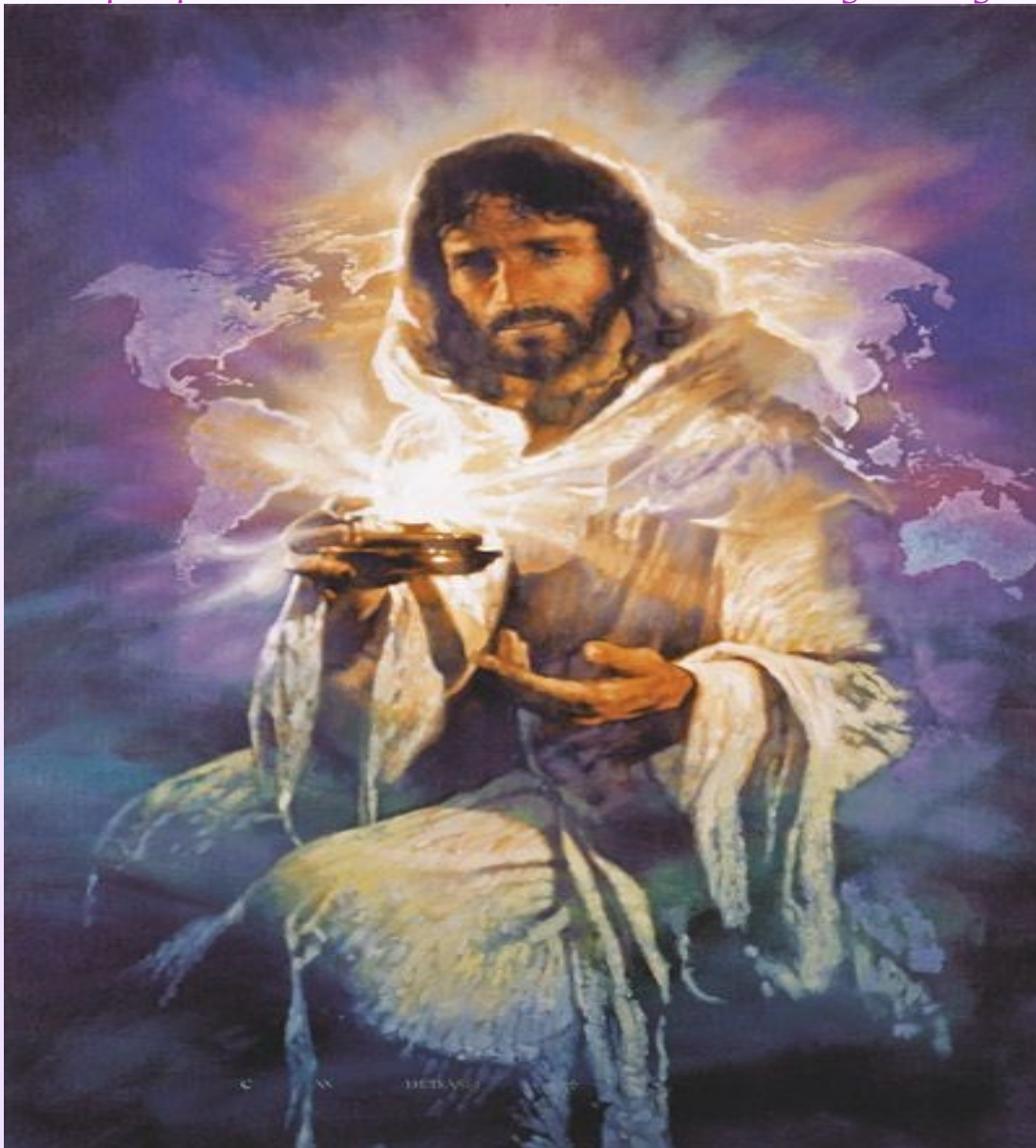
Holy Days  
 6:30 PM

Adoration of the Eucharist  
 Mondays 6 PM—7 PM

Reconciliation  
 Saturday 4:15 PM

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The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Sunday of the Word of God



A few years ago, Pope Francis invited the Church to celebrate God's Word in a unique way on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time of the Year. The theme for this year 2023 is "We Proclaim What We Have Seen". (1 John 1.3) In this verse from John's first letter, we are challenged to bear witness to the word that has been entrusted to us and can save us.(ref. James 1.21)

#### THE WORD OF GOD IN DAILY LIFE

"The greater our openness to God's word, the more will we be able to recognize that today too the mystery of Pentecost is taking place in God's Church. The Spirit of the Lord continues to pour out his gifts upon the Church to guide us into all truth, to show us the meaning of the Scriptures and to make us credible heralds of the Word of salvation before the world."

(Verbum Domini, 123)

#### HERALDS OF THE WORD!

"In this way, therefore, through the reading and study of the sacred books 'the word of God may spread rapidly and be glorified' (2 Thess 3:1) and the treasure of revelation, entrusted to the Church, may more and more fill the hearts of men. Just as the life of the Church is strengthened through more frequent celebration of the Eucharistic mystery, similar we may hope for a new stimulus for the life of the Spirit from a growing reverence for the word of God, which 'lasts forever' (Is 40:8; see 1 Pet 1:23-25)."

(Dei Verbum, 26)

#### THE WORD OF GOD IN THE FAMILY

"Part of authentic parenthood is to pass on and bear witness to the meaning of life in Christ: through their fidelity and the unity of family life, spouses are the first to proclaim God's word to their children... To this end the Synod urged that every household have its Bible, to be kept in a worthy place and used for reading and prayer."

(Verbum Domini, 85)

#### THE WORD OF GOD IN COMMUNITY

"The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body."

(Dei Verbum, 21)

May God bless His Word in our hearts, in our homes and in our families. Amen.

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr. Bernardine



Joan Petruska, Cynthia Diggett, 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

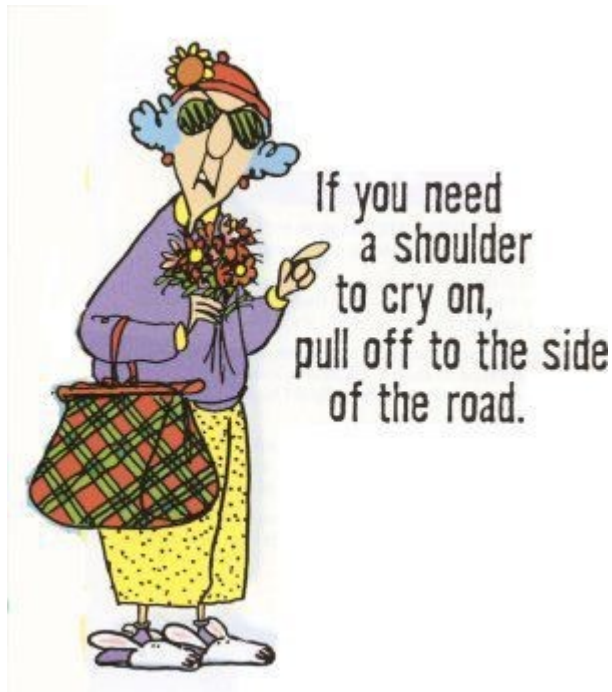
Remember all of our deceased loved ones in your prayers



**Week of Jan. 15, 2023**  
**Offertory: \$688.00**  
**Spanish Mass: \$222.00**

The food pantry is in need of non perishables, especially canned meat products & peanut butter. Also, monetary donations are greatly appreciated. The monies go toward the purchase of food cards for the grocery stores. Please see Claudia or Sr. Victoria if you have any questions or concerns.

*Why Would God Want to Come Here?*  
*All of us get "in the pits" at one time or another: When we do, everything seems to weigh us down. One of those things, often, is how we are failing as Christians. That's normal, but it's not okay! Jesus Christ willingly came into our darkness, to rescue His people living in the darkness of sin. But still we think, "God forbid if I ever let anyone, even God, see this side of me!" Today's Gospel reassures us that God already knows our deep dark secrets and sent His Son to save us for exactly those reasons. Someone has wisely said, "We are only as sick as the secrets we keep." We have no secrets from God. He'd like to shine the light of Christ into our lives and on our "dark side", healing our hearts. Why would God come to such a dark place? To find the one He loves: you!*



There are extra 2023 calendars on the table in the back of church. Feel free to take one.

- 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—30th
- Anniversaries**
- Harold & Margaret McConnell—3rd

**Lector Schedule for Jan.**

- 1st—Donna Rettini
- 8th—Anne Meusel
- 15th—Ron Walsh
- 22nd—Bobbo Lewis
- 29th—Jada Woods

**Mass Intentions for January, 2023**

- 20th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
- 21st-Sat. 5:00 pm—+Agnes Bell, Willie Mae Hutchinson & Lillie Mae Harrison
- 22nd-Sun. 10:00 am —+William & Gladys Carney by the Brown Family
- Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass
- 27th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
- 28th-Sat. 5:00 pm—+Gladys Carney by the Pratt Family
- 29th-Sun. 10:00 am—+Vincent Rettini by Donna Rettini Mallette
- Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass



- 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.



“It is the Bishop who, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, makes a new presbyter by conferring upon him the power to consecrate the Eucharist. Consequently, ‘the Eucharistic mystery cannot be celebrated in any community except by an ordained priest...’ (#29)



Es el Obispo quien establece un nuevo presbítero, mediante el sacramento del Orden, otorgándole el poder de consagrar la Eucaristía. Pues el Misterio eucarístico no puede ser celebrado en ninguna comunidad si no es por un sacerdote ordenado...” (#29)

### St. Valentine Dinner-Dance Fundraiser at St. Patrick Parish, Feb. 11

St. Patrick Council of Women invites you to join us for a St. Valentine Dinner Dance Fundraiser event on Feb. 11, St. Patrick Social Hall, from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per couple / \$40 for singles. Ticket price to include dinner, music by DJ, photo souvenir and many exciting door prizes. Tickets also available for purchase after all Masses beginning the weekend of Dec. 10-11. Contact Joanne Westhoff at (904) 307-9115 or email [joannewesthoff@gmail.com](mailto:joannewesthoff@gmail.com) or Barbara Moore at (904) 751-1358 or email [mrscttn1@aol.com](mailto:mrscttn1@aol.com).

### Diocesan Ministry Formation Program (MFP) Information Night, Jan. 24

The Ministry Formation Program is a three-year comprehensive program of study. These information nights are offered to those who feel a call to commissioned lay ministry as well as those who are currently in a position where they are not yet trained. Your pastor’s endorsement is required to apply for the program, so you may also want to discuss the potential with him early in your discernment process. The first session of 2023 will be held at the Catholic Center, 11625 Old St Augustine Rd., Jacksonville from 6:30 to 8 p.m. An RSVP would be appreciated, but not absolutely necessary. Contact [layministry@dosafll.com](mailto:layministry@dosafll.com).

Caring and confidential Catholic support is available! “Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence.” - St. Augustine. The Catholic Therapist Network is a listing of counselors who are Catholics in good standing and loyal to the theology, traditions, and values of the Catholic faith. Though not affiliates or employees of the diocese, all participating mental health professionals are independent practitioners, currently licensed and insured. They are committed to extending their expertise and offering full discretion in meeting with clients. Contact information for Network participants is available at <https://family.dosafll.com/therapists>.

### 2022 BASA Summary Report

1/15/2023

Donors—31

Participation—42.47 %

Pledged—\$9,176

Paid—\$9,031

Balance—\$145

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