



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.

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

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Jesus and the Law II



In today's gospel, Jesus continues to challenge and invite us to a higher and more sublime observance of God's law. In effect, the Lord calls us to perfection and holiness in our relationship with others. While we fail again and again, the call to holiness never stops; and our merciful God provides us every opportunity to start over.

“We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him . . . For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.’ (CCC, 2012)

“All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity.’ All are called to holiness: ‘Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.’ ‘In order to reach this perfection the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ's gift, so that . . . doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints.’ (CCC, 2013)

“Spiritual progress tends toward ever more intimate union with Christ. This union is called ‘mystical’ because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments – ‘the holy mysteries’- and, in him, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity. God calls us all to this intimate union with him, even if the special graces or extraordinary signs of this mystical life are granted only to some for the sake of manifesting the gratuitous gift given to all. (CCC, 2014)

“The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle. Spiritual progress entails the asceticism and mortification that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes: ‘He who climbs never stops going from beginning to beginning, through beginnings that have no end. He never stops desiring what he already knows.’ (CCC, 2015)

“The children of our holy mother the Church rightly hope for the grace of final perseverance and the recompense of God their Father for the good works accomplished with his grace in communion with Jesus. Keeping the same rule of life, believers share the ‘blessed hope’ of those whom the divine mercy gathers into the ‘holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.’”(CCC, 2016)

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr. Bernardine



Joan Petruska, Ramon Rodrigues, Courtney Suggs, Judy Grubbs, Kimber Pratt,
Cynthia Diggett, 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

Join us for coffee & donuts after the 10:00 am
mass in the school cafeteria.



Week of Feb. 12, 2023
Offertory: \$721.00
Spanish Mass: \$330.00

★ Presidents' Day ★

The office will be closed on
Monday, February 20th in
 observance of this day.

**Ash Wednesday is this
 Wednesday, February 22nd.**
Mass Times:
St. Pius V @ 8:00 am
Holy Rosary @ 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations, every Friday
 during Lent beginning this Friday,
 February 24th @ 6:30 pm here at
 Holy Rosary. Please make an effort
 to attend at least one if not all as
 part of your Lenten journey.

Please be sure to take home a bulletin each Sunday.
 There will be important dates & times posted for
 upcoming events throughout Lent & Easter.

Mass Intentions for February, 2023

- 17th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
- 18th-Sat. 5:00 pm—Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion
- 19th-Sun. 10:00 am —+John Nagy by the staff & parishioners of Holy Rosary
- Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass
- 24th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
- 25th-Sat. 5:00 pm—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
- 26th-Sun. 10:00 am—Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion
- Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

Give Till it Hurts

We all think of ourselves as generous. No matter who we give to, each of us feels warm and fuzzy when we donate. We should. Scripture says God loves a cheerful giver. The problem is, God's standards are a little higher than ours. He wants us to be cheerful not just when we give to good people. God calls us to give joyously to the undeserving as well. Jesus said we should give to everyone who asks of us, everyone. We're to be open handed and open hearted to the ungrateful, the slow re-payers, the grudging givers and the debt defaulters. It's not a financial decision, it's a spiritual choice. God will sort out what happens after we open our hands. We're just called to loosen those fingers to begin with. It isn't an easy step to take. It's hard to see money, time or gifts be given where they're misused or denigrated. But God stands beside us, encouraging us to give anyway, no matter the cost. He did. He gave His Son to a world that rejected, reviled and crucified Him. He paid with blood for the gift of mercy to be given to people who deny He exists. God gave till it hurts and He calls us to do the same. Can you refuse?

February Birthdays

- Sal Occulto—3rd
- Christabel Ibeh—3rd
- Maryvianney Ibeh—3rd
- Sr. Susan—17th
- Audalia Gutteridge—17th
- Juan Diaz—18th

Lector Schedule for Feb.

- 5th—Donna Rettini
- 12th—Anne Meusel
- 19th—Ron Walsh
- 26th—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 centrality of the Eucharist in the life and ministry of priests is the basis of its centrality in the pastoral promotion of priestly vocations.” (#31)



“Del carácter central de la Eucaristía en la vida y en el ministerio de los sacerdotes se deriva también su puesto central en la *pastoral de las vocaciones sacerdotales*.” (#31)

This week, we hope you will make a prayerful decision to pledge a gift to our 2023 Bishop’s Annual Stewardship Appeal. Bishop Pohlmeier invites each of us to join as a faith community in support of the beautiful mission of our Church. As good stewards of God’s gifts, giving and sharing of ourselves is how we can express gratitude for all our blessings.

Stewardship is an act of faith and should be at the heart of our lives as faithful and active members of our Church. It means we are ready to recognize all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. Let us now ask what we can do for God.

And Let There Be Music! Concert Series, Feb. 25 through Apr. 23

St. Anastasia Catholic Church presents the following FREE performances at 5205 A1A S., St. Augustine: Dr. Clare Longendyke on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.; Peter Simon on Mar. 11 at 7 p.m.; The Powell Trio on Mar. 25 at 7 p.m.; Paul Brock Band on Apr. 18 at 7 p.m.; Jacksonville University Orchestra on April 23 at 6 p.m. Open to the public with free parking (donations gratefully accepted). Go to www.saccfl.org or call (904) 471-5364 for more info.

March 4-The St. Anastasia Artisan Market

More than 40 local artisans will be on hand and a plant sale with Leonardi's Nursery. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 5205 A1A S., St. Augustine. Free admission and parking.

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.dosafl.com/therapists>.