



**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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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 Brothers and Sisters,



## The Forgiveness of Sins – Divine Mercy

On this Second of Easter, Octave day, we celebrate God's divine mercy on us all. Christ's suffering, death and resurrection are ultimately about the forgiveness of our sins and paving the way for eternal life with God. To make sure we are not starved of the opportunity to receive mercy, Jesus gave the power to forgive sins to his apostles. That flow of forgiveness continues in the sacrament of reconciliation.

“It is through the sacrament of Penance that the baptized can be reconciled with God and with the Church: ‘Penance has rightly been called by the holy Fathers "a laborious kind of baptism." This sacrament of Penance is necessary for salvation for those who have fallen after Baptism, just as Baptism is necessary for salvation for those who have not yet been reborn.’”(CCC, 980)

“The Apostle's Creed associates faith in the forgiveness of sins not only with faith in the Holy Spirit, but also with faith in the Church and in the communion of saints. It was when he gave the Holy Spirit to his apostles that the risen Christ conferred on them his own divine power to forgive sins: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ (CCC, 976)

“Our Lord tied the forgiveness of sins to faith and Baptism: ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved.’ Baptism is the first and chief sacrament of forgiveness of sins because it unites us with Christ, who died for our sins and rose for our justification, so that ‘we too might walk in newness of life.’ (CCC, 977)

“After his Resurrection, Christ sent his apostles ‘so that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations.’ The apostles and their successors carry out this ‘ministry of reconciliation,’ not only by announcing to men God's forgiveness merited for us by Christ, and calling them to conversion and faith; but also by communicating to them the forgiveness of sins in Baptism, and reconciling them with God and with the Church through the power of the keys, received from Christ: ‘[The Church] has received the keys of the Kingdom of heaven so that, in her, sins may be forgiven through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit's action. In this Church, the soul dead through sin comes back to life in order to live with Christ, whose grace has saved us.’ (CCC, 981)

“There is no offense, however serious, that the Church cannot forgive. ‘There is no one, however wicked and guilty, who may not confidently hope for forgiveness, provided his repentance is honest.’ Christ who died for all men desires that in his Church the gates of forgiveness should always be open to anyone who turns away from sin. (CCC, 982)

“Catechesis strives to awaken and nourish in the faithful faith in the incomparable greatness of the risen Christ's gift to his Church: the mission and the power to forgive sins through the ministry of the apostles and their successors: ‘The Lord wills that his disciples possess a tremendous power: that his lowly servants accomplish in his name all that he did when he was on earth.’ ‘Priests have received from God a power that he has given neither to angels nor to archangels . . . . God above confirms what priests do here below.’ ‘Were there no forgiveness of sins in the Church, there would be no hope of life to come or eternal liberation. Let us thank God who has given his Church such a gift.’”(CCC, 983)

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr. Bernardine

**Ramon Rodrigues, Courtney Suggs, Kimber Pratt, Bayon Joyner, Guillermo Castelan & Ray Kastens**



Carolyn Occulto, Christine Robinson, Joseph Desir Michael Reineck, Aletha Moore, Judy Grubbs, Alan Aguilar, Ollie Harrison, Jose Luis Morales, Betty Corsen, Kathy Dalton, & Roxanne Hermiller

**Remember all of our deceased loved ones in your prayers**



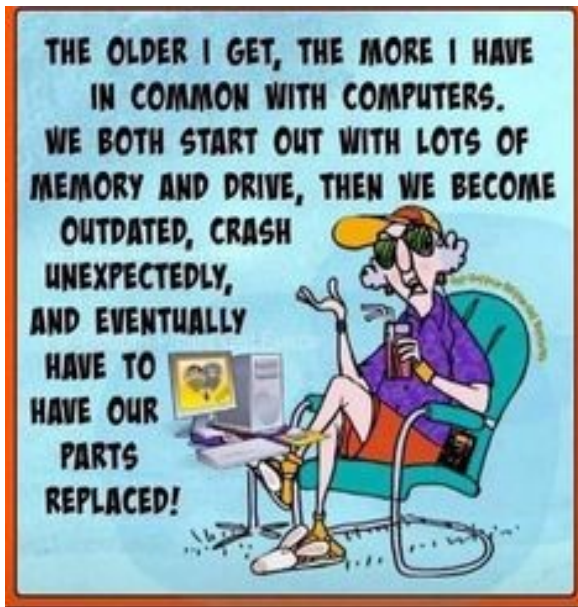
**Week of April 9, 2023**  
**Offertory: \$1,018.00**  
**Spanish Mass: \$277.00**

Congratulations to Ja'Cere Green on receiving his Baptism & Confirmation at the Easter Vigil where he became a member of Holy Rosary and the Catholic Faith.

Please keep Ja'Cere in your prayers as he begins this new journey in his life.

**Mark the Date.**

**Sunday, May 21st, will be the Combined Mother's & Father's Day Breakfast. More details will be given as the time nears. Start making plans to attend.**



**The Gift of Mercy**

This celebration of Divine Mercy comes only one week after we rejoice in the Resurrection. We are called to look again at the cross, the sacrifice and the cost that should have been ours. It is only through God's tender mercy and His willingness to stay His hand of judgment that the miracle of Christ's resurrection can happen. The heart of our Creator was so moved with pity at the sinful helpless state of His children that He chose to sacrifice His most precious Son to save them. What a wonderful gift to share with the world, if we remember to do so. When we reach out to those around us, are we pointing a finger or clasping a hand? Do we give our opinions with clear and stern judgment or do our words tenderly enfold those who hear? Is our giving done remembering our own times of need, or with a patronizing swagger? In the shadow of the Cross, where Divine Mercy was meted out so generously to us are we acting the miser? Remember this week that each action we take is an opportunity to act in mercy.

Have you shared His gift?

**Lector Schedule for April**

- 2nd—Anne Meusel
- 9th—Donna Rettini
- 16th—Ron Walsh
- 23rd—Bobbo Lewis
- 30th—Dorothy Parker

**April Birthdays**

- Matthew Leon—2nd
- Anne Sisson Meusel—12th
- Jonathan Diaz—12th
- Grant Woods—14th
- Alex Valdez—15th

**Mass Intentions for April, 2023**

- 14th-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Dennis O'Regan
- 15th-Sat. 5:00 pm—Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion
- 16th-Sun.10:00 am—+Joan Petruska by Cynthia Diggett
- Sun. 7:00 pm—Spanish Mass
- 21st-Fri. 9:00 am—+Fr. Denis O'Regan
- 22nd-Sat. 5:00 pm—Parishioners of Holy Rosary, St. Pius V & Crucifixion
- 23rd-Sun.10:00 am—+William Carney by the Pratt Family
- 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.



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### **April 23—Youth Sports Day at the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**

Don't miss the upcoming Jumbo Shrimp game when they take on the Nashville Sounds. The ball club is giving families with kids who play youth sports a special group rate (\$18 dugout reserved and \$14 field reserved) for this game. Visit <https://fevo.me/youthsportsdayjs> to purchase your tickets. The game starts at 3:05 p.m., but they will have a family catch on the field from 2 to 2:20 p.m. (enter the field through the center field gate), parade around the entire warning track from 2:30 to 2:45, and then postgame kids run the bases. For more information, email Scott Kornbert at [scott@jaxshrimp.com](mailto:scott@jaxshrimp.com).

### **Sacred Cloths of the Passion, May 1**

This presentation at St. Patrick Catholic Church in the parish hall, 601 Airport Center Dr. E. in Jacksonville, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. takes audiences through the history, scientific analysis and current data about the Shroud of Turin, the Sudarium of Oviedo and the Tunic of Argenteuil. The links among these three cloths having been in contact with the same crucified person and its implications are examined. Exhibit materials include full size Shroud images (both positive and negative), relics of the True Cross, Holy Shroud and more. Call (904) 768-2593 for more information. .

### **Stories of the Mother Teresa I Knew featuring Jim Towey, May 10**

Jim Towey will give a presentation at 6:30 p.m. at the Bishop Kenny High School Carla Harris Performing Arts Center, 1055 Kingman Ave. in Jacksonville. He was a trusted advisor and devoted friend of Mother Teresa and will give an extraordinary firsthand account of the woman who became a saint. A former senior White House advisor, head of Florida's social services agency and founder of the nonprofit Aging with Dignity, Jim shines light on the practical lesson from Mother Teresa and how following her example in small ways makes our life better and more beautiful in all seasons of life, but especially our later years. Register by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/3zac4ed>.