



SANTA MARIA *del* MAR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

—SURSUM CORDA—

CATHOLIC PARISH *by the sea*

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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Parish Resources During the COVID-19 Crisis

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Parish Office: The parish office, church, and all other buildings are closed until further notice, but the office phone is being answered remotely (see number above) during usual business hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9am– 4pm with a break for lunch).

Parish Masses: Bishop Estévez has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.

- Beginning May 24, **Sunday Mass** will be celebrated at 9am in the parking lot. Attendees must stay in their cars; masks are required.
- The 9am Sunday Mass and 9am Wednesday Mass will continue to be streamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).
- Beginning May 21, **weekday Masses** will be celebrated on Thursday, and Friday at 9am under the canopy outside the main church doors. Appropriately spaced seating will be provided in the covered walkways; masks are required.

Visit the parish website for additional information.

Appointments with Fr. Manny: Fr. Manny is available by phone Wednesday 9:30am–12:30 pm, and Thursday and Friday 9am–Noon. Call the parish office, 386-439-2791, to schedule an appointment.

Daily Readings: [Daily Mass readings](#) and brief [video reflections](#) are available from the [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#).

Spiritual Communion: The Church encourages us to make an act of 'spiritual communion' when we are prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen." (*St. Alphonsus Liguori*)

Rosary by Phone: Join the Legion of Mary daily at 4:20pm via conference call: 862-799-9790. For more information, [Contact Steven](#) at 215-527-7411.

Diocesan Resources: The [Diocese of St. Augustine](#) Beginning has a special [Coronavirus resource page](#), including links to televised, online, and radio Masses in our diocese and beyond.

MAGNIFICAT: This monthly publication used for our weekday Masses is offering [complimentary access](#) online and via its [iOS](#) and [Android](#) apps.

Laudate: The free Laudate app ([iOS](#) and [Android](#)) is a gateway to many Catholic prayers and other resources.

FORMED: [FORMED.org](#) has given SMdM limited-time free access to its library. It has great resources for all, including kids. Click Sign Up; select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization;" find Santa Maria Del Mar by parish name, address, or zip code; enter your email—and you're in!

Rice Bowl: CRS has [instructions](#) for contributing online, by phone, and by mail. Rice bowls will be collected once we're able to assemble again.

Want to help others? You can help others in our community by mailing donations to [Society of St. Vincent de Paul](#), P.O. Box 1328, Flagler Beach FL 32136. Contributions for international relief can be sent to [Catholic Relief Services](#).

Your Offertory Contributions: If at all possible, please continue to support Santa Maria del Mar by mailing your offerings (checks only) to the church (address above) or use our convenient [online giving system](#).

Click on any link (blue highlight) to take you directly to the referenced website. Last updated May 9, 2020

HEARTS OVERFLOWING WITH JOY

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

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Gospel Reflection

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kg 4:16a)

PSALM:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

SECOND READING:

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)

GOSPEL:

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:38)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 29

MON JUNE 29	TUES JUNE 30	WED JULY 1	THUR JULY 2	FRI JULY 3	SAT JULY 4	SUN JULY 5
STS. PETER & PAUL Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b] 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19	THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a] Mt 8:23-27	ST. JUNIPERO SERRA Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b] Mt 8:28-34	Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd] Mt 9:1-8	ST. THOMAS Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15] Jn 20:24-29	INDEPENDENCE DAY Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b] Mt 9:14-17	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1] Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

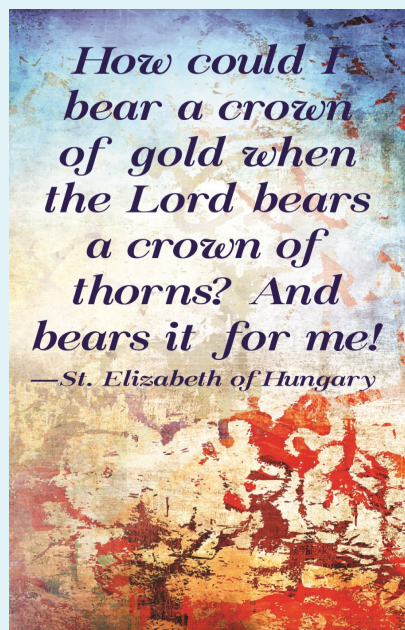


STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

Your offering of as little as one hour's wage will help us meet our daily needs.

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you! Please consider making your weekly donation to Santa Maria del Mar online at:

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748



Keep up-to-date on announcements from the Diocese of St. Augustine regarding COVID-19 here: www.dosafl.com/coronavirus/

STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE

REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP



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"Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers, you do unto me."

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." (Heb. 12:2)

The "great woman" in today's first reading often welcomed Elisha with bread to eat. Then she went over and above and made him a bed chamber to rest. He then rewarded her by stating that she would bear a son (even though her husband was old).

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. *Stewards* do what you can with absolute faith.

THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT TO US, WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND BLESS:

THOSE WHO HAVE FORMED AND SUSTAINED SANTA MARIA DEL-MAR DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

What an awesome responsibility to shepherd this parish during an unprecedented occurrence that has changed the shape of the nature of the daily and weekly events that maybe we have taken for granted.

There will always be Mass, the Sacraments, classes, prayer groups, adoration, music, hospitality, youth events, etc. But the rhythm of our lives has been interrupted. Those happenings and events that are so important to us are now challenging us to do without.

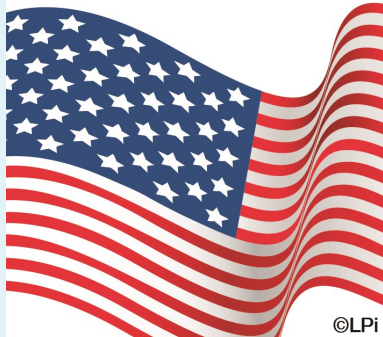
Who will rescue some of the daily events that we hold dear? Well, have faith that when there is a need some do come forth. Mass is offered maybe in a different manner, as are all the other aspects of our worshipping and community life but we are adapting.

Who has held us together? Of course, our Pastor, Father Manny Lopez, our Deacons, our Council members led by the Parish Advisory staff, complemented with the parish administrative staff and a sizable group of parish members who have soared into action to devise and implement a blueprint of how to go forward.

So to those men and women who have come forth during this distressful period offering their assistance, with their extraordinary gifts, to assist Santa Maria del Mar Parish, we say "thank you and God bless you"; this community will always be grateful for your watchfulness and care. You are living examples of compassion and each and every one of you truly embodies *Stewardship*. You have helped all of us in keeping our faith alive and well.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

PAST & PRESENT



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- **Col. Andrew Morgado** (US Army)
- **Jay Matthews** (US Navy)
- **Sgt. Benjamin Wurtz** (US Army/ Ft. Hood, TX)
- **Honor Otmar** (US Air Force)
- **Matthew Callegari** (USCG)
- **Jayson Trucksess** (US Navy)
- **Chief Gregory Worman** (US Navy)
- **Joshua Raffaele** (USMC)
- **Rachel Mincey** (US Navy)
- **LCDR Brandon Aten** (USCG)
- **Joseph Otmar** (USMC)
- **Casey Henrikson** (US Navy)
- **Chad M.R. Schuch** (US Air Force)
- **Emma J. Schuch** (US Navy)
- **Col. Daniel O'Connor** (USMC)
- **Sgt. Sean Collins** (US Army)
- **Michael Martins** (USMC)
- **Dr. Nick Patellis** (NG/Kuwait)
- **Justin Smallwood** (USMC)
- **ENS Barret Manfre** (US Navy/ USS San Diego)
- **LCDR Shaun Kersey** (US Navy/ Bahrain)

If you have a family member in the military and would like us to pray for them, call the parish office to have their name added to the bulletin, or email your request to Christine Sudano at christine@smdmcc.org. Please advise when a person above is no longer deployed so we can remove their name from our list. God bless them all & continue to pray for them!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Heal us, Lord, and we shall be healed; save us, and we shall be saved; for it is You we praise. Send relief and healing for all our diseases, our sufferings and our wounds; for You are a merciful and faithful healer. Blessed are You Lord, who heals the sick.

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| • Richard Ackerman | • Ariel Fenner | • James McMonagle |
| • Joyce Aitkens | • Candice Fenner | • Tom McNally |
| • Blake Alberto | • Judy Fields | • McPartland |
| • Lisa Alberto | • Jonah Finn | • Victor Mele |
| • Lou Ambrosia | • Steven Fitzgerald | • Marisol Melendez |
| • Jim Anderson | • Greg Flake | • Joseph T. Milici |
| • Lisa Anello | • Elizabeth Flohr | • Deacon Mike Moody |
| • Kevin Baird | • Terry Footit | • Alvina Moore |
| • Stephen Barnier, Sr. | • Michael Forte | • Mary Ann Murphy |
| • Michelle Barrett | • Lou Freda | • Joyce Needelman |
| • Alyssa Barth | • Frank Garcia | • Margee Netzer-Zito |
| • Tracy Barth | • Jeff Gearhart | • Barbara O'Keefe |
| • Judith Batson | • Scott Giguere | • Laura O'Shea |
| • Nancie Bennett | • John Gormley | • Terry Parenteau |
| • Ivan Berke | • Gladys Grant | • Vincenzo Perrone |
| • George Betz | • James Green | • Father Perviaz |
| • John Bladel Jr. | • James Greene | • Karen Pisan |
| • Victor Bordonaro | • Nancy Greene | • Vincent Positano |
| • Lorraine Bouillon | • Roger Gronert | • Thomas Quinn |
| • Mary Bowe | • Susan Gronert | • Vincent Raffaele |
| • Bryan Bowman | • Catherine Mary Gubicza | • Jayce Ramage |
| • McField Bowman | • Steve Gubicza | • Robert Rizzo |
| • Betty Ann Brennan | • Roe & Hal Hanson | • Stuart Rockett |
| • Jim Brogan | • Jacob Hardin | • Connie Rotondi |
| • Ralph Buchanan | • Rose Harvey | • John Rybacki |
| • Kim Burt | • Tony Hassert | • Val Sabia |
| • Marlene Bushnoe | • Lucas Healy | • Jack Salisbury |
| • Bryon Campbell | • Mike Hewson | • Amanda Scharck |
| • Bruce Carey | • Lori Ann Hines | • Helga Schroeder |
| • Dellis Carey | • Janet Holland | • Scott |
| • Roger Carey Sr. | • William Ilavsky | • Michael Sheridan III |
| • Roger Carey Jr. | • Wayne Kellenberger & Family | • Millie Sikorski |
| • Ryan Cavanaugh | • Jim Kitchen | • Rich Small |
| • Gerald Chabon | • Marty Klein | • David Smith |
| • Joe Chiarello | • Ann Kozanecki | • Gina Stokes |
| • David Cobb | • Andrew Kozar | • Mary Stowe |
| • Billy Corrigan | • Frances Kozar | • Ellen Streblow |
| • Mike Coyle | • Larry Kuchta | • Stephen Sullivan |
| • Joshua Cummings | • James T. Lainge | • Jim Szymanski |
| • Regina Cush | • John Lambardi | • Mary Jo Tinney |
| • H. Lee Dasch Jr. | • John Lappke | • Eugene Tontodonato |
| • Nina Davis | • Gerald LaRosa | • Dave Torma |
| • Katiana DeCayette | • Anna Lavrador | • Jennifer Triano |
| • Fred DeFelice | • Pat Lopez | • Juan Vega |
| • Louise Derita | • Veronica Lyons | • Alda Vilar |
| • Denise Diamond | • Beverly & Sam Maggio | • Carolyn Webb |
| • Larry Doege | • Dina Mancuso | • Mary-Ann Woika |
| • Renee Donaghy | • Frank Mancuso | • Carol Woodard |
| • Thomas Donaghy Sr. | • TR Mancuso | • Annette Zabetakis |
| • Donna | • Garo Maroutian | • Grant Ziegler |
| • Isaiah Estrada | • Linda Maxwell | |
| • Greg Everett | • James B. McCallen | |
| • Tony Favara | | |



WE COMMEND TO GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE

Receive, Lord, in tranquility and peace, the souls of your servants who have departed out of this present life to be with you. Give them the life that knows no age, the good things that do not pass away; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ Patricia Maloney

BIRTHDAYS

June 29

Lynda Camburn, Lindsay DiBella,
Patricia Federico, Tony Lulgjuraj,
Nikolas Matulj, Lily Murphy,
Lindsay Sagala, Stephanie Stead,
Kristine Thompson, Mark Wallace

June 30

Shelby Beck, Mary Ann Cavallo,
John Curran, Vanessa Dacosta,
Albert DiCroce, Luke Ferrer,
Mary Anne Gustafson, Kacie Jones,
John McKeown, Suzanne McNeill,
Stephanie Peeples Edward Reardon,
Gregg Schumacher, Janet Soto,
Lili Tuggle-Weir

July 1

Abigail David, Carol Manowski,
Marion McMullin, Frank Mesta Jr.,
Julia Parrish, Brian Peterson,
Kayla Petocz, Solara Prastalo,
Mark Roberts III, Joan Soboloski

July 2

Laura Andrada, Norman Arsenault,
Mary Bowe, Thomas Felicetti,
Lori Pelose-Diaz, Timothy Postemski,
Catherine Ruizgoubert, Darlene Seitz,
Linda Wells

July 3

Walter Arzonetti, Alexis Clayton,
Barbara Strzepek, Carolyn Willing

July 4

Lori Aston, Otto Bohmueller,
Richard Daley, Savior Del-Caprio,
Ellie DiLibero, Juliette Donover,
Ryan Miller, Gia Rego,
Diane Roux, Sabatini Stuart,
Marilyn Zomer

July 5

Shirley Bohnert, Cathy Clayton-Stanier,
Jacob Cosgrave, Madelin DeJesus,
Jennifer DePiero, Grace Langelo,
James Laverty, Linda Rolla,
Kevin Ryan, Kate Thoubboron,
Rhett Zuber

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is one of the largest lay apostolic associations in the Catholic Church, with several million members serving in most countries of the world.

The goal of the Legion is to make its members better Catholics – through a balanced program of prayer and service in union with the Holy Spirit as He operates through Mary, the Mother of the Church.

Our members participate in the life of the parish by visiting families, the sick (both in their homes, nursing homes, and hospitals), and by collaborating with other ministries in any apostolic undertakings sponsored by the Parish.

Our members meet weekly for prayer, spiritual reflection, discussion, and planning in a family atmosphere. Then, we are assigned an apostolic work and report back the following week.

We are currently meeting virtually each Friday at 10:30am.
For more information and sign-on details, contact Steven Neyer at 215-527-7411.



HOW TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT EVEN DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**Avoid clogging sewer system:
Don't flush wipes**



People are more concerned with cleanliness at home now, and rightfully so! That being said, disinfecting wipes, even those that are labelled as flushable, should never end up in our toilets. They do not decompose in our sanitary sewer system and flushing this material causes damage to the sewer system and may even cause backups in your own home! Please throw them out in the garbage instead!

ATTENTION: The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call the police or the Department of Children & Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email inquiries@dosaf1.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

Better Nutrition for a Better Tomorrow: The Offering of Letters

Each year, our parish along with many other faith communities across the U.S. participates in **Bread for the World's Offering of Letters** (OOL).

The goal of the OOL is to put our faith into action by asking our elected officials to support programs that reduce hunger in our own country and around the world.

The particular legislation for which we advocate changes from year-to-year. This year, it is focused on providing hunger relief for U.S. families—especially children—impacted by COVID-19, an issue of concern to the U.S. bishops.

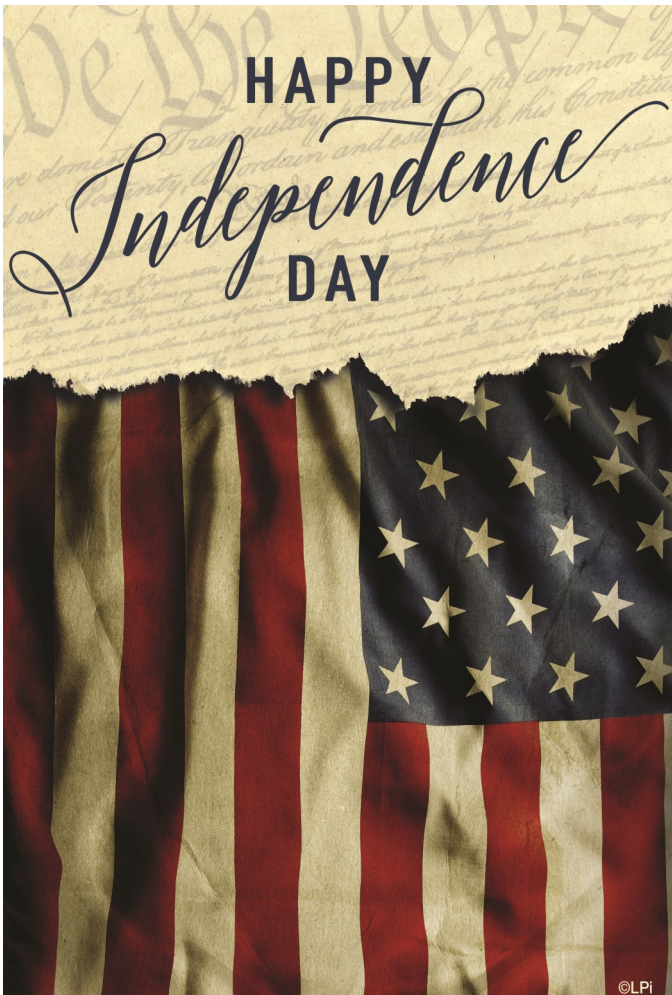
Normally the OOL is an in-church activity involving signing a paper letter, collecting them, and mailing them to our legislators. This year, for health-safety reasons, the OOL is being done as a home activity: **all the information you need to easily advocate for those in need is in a toolkit you can download.** Simply click on this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IYv7gXVzcv5Q4q1YhsoB3dszer5YRBYT/view?usp=sharing>
or copy-and-paste it into your web browser to get the toolkit and act!



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

"The scandal of the millions of people who suffer from hunger should not paralyze us, but rather move us to act — everyone, individuals, families, communities, institutions, governments — to eliminate this injustice. Jesus' Gospel shows us the way: trusting in the Father's providence and sharing our daily bread without wasting it." -Pope Francis



"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.

You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you.

Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross. Amen.

Mass Schedule

Join us at the parish for in person mass every Thursday, Friday and Sunday @ 9 AM

We will also continue streaming Every Wednesday @ 9AM and every Sunday @ 11AM



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? **CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

Question: Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer: One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19).

It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master."

Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their

spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church.

The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

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