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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CATHOLIC PARISH *by the sea*

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last
will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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Parish Resources During the COVID-19 Crisis

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Parish Office: The parish office is open Tuesday-Friday, 9am-4pm with a break for lunch. All other buildings are closed until further notice. Please see Mass schedule below:

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

Masks and social distancing are mandatory.

- **Sunday Mass** will be celebrated at 9am in the church. Masks are required.
- **Saturday Vigil Mass** will resume at 4pm. Masks are required.
- **Sunday 11am Mass** will continue to be **streamed** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/smdmcc/) (www.facebook.com/smdmcc/) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/SMDMCC) (<https://www.youtube.com/user/SMDMCC>).
- **Weekday Masses** will be celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am in the church. Masks are required.
- **High-Risk Individuals**—Drive-up communion on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30am.
- **Adoration**—Wednesday and Friday, 9:30am-2pm.
- **Confessions**— Saturday 3:30-3:50pm (before 4pm Vigil Mass) & Sunday 8:30-8:50am (before 9am Mass).

Visit the parish website for additional information.

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

Daily Readings: [Daily Mass readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) (<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>) and brief video reflections (<http://www.usccb.org/bible/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 jsnandmjn@outlook.com or at 215-527-7411.

Diocesan Resources: The [Diocese of St. Augustine](https://www.dosafl.com/) (<https://www.dosafl.com/>) has a special [Coronavirus resource page](https://www.dosafl.com/coronavirus/) (<https://www.dosafl.com/coronavirus/>), 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](https://us.magnificat.net/free) online (<https://us.magnificat.net/free>) 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](https://www.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: <https://support.crs.org/donate/change-life-lent-0>. 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](https://www.facebook.com/flaglersaintvincentdepaul/) (<https://www.facebook.com/flaglersaintvincentdepaul/>), P.O. Box 1328, Flagler Beach FL 32136. Contributions for international relief can be sent to [Catholic Relief Services](https://www.crs.org/) (<https://www.crs.org/>).

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](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748) (<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748>).

Click on any link (blue highlight) to take you directly to the referenced website. Last updated August 25, 2020.



TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is 55:9)

PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

SECOND READING:

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)

GOSPEL:

"Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Mt 20:14-16a)

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If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

Gospel Reflection

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21

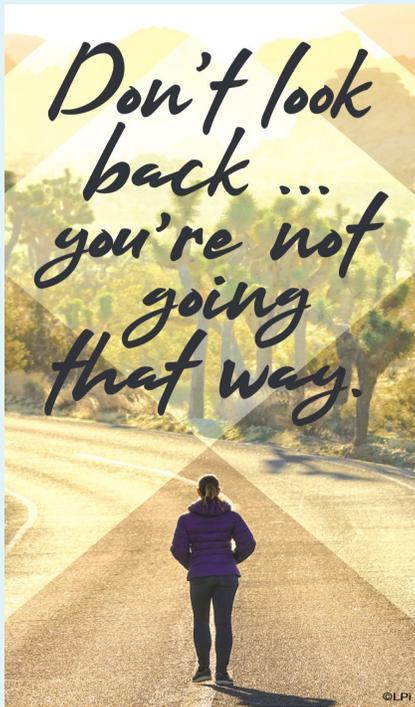
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Eph	4:1-7, 11-13	Prv	21:1-6, 10-13	Prv	30:5-9	Ecc1	1:2-11	Ecc1	3:1-11	Ps	144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]	Ez	18:25-28
Ps	19:2-3, 4-5 [5]	Ps	119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]	Ps	119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]	Ps	90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]	Lk	9:18-22	Ps	90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]	Ps	25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]
Mt	9:9-13	Lk	8:19-21	Lk	9:1-6	Lk	9:7-9			Lk	9:43b-45	Phil	2:1-11 or 2:1-5
												Mt	21:28-32



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

Forsake ways of injustice and evil; return to the bountiful God who forgives. Call upon the Lord for he is sweet to all; tender and holy.

Those who possess much in earthly goods are compelled to share their wealth with others without judging them. It is in sharing that blessings will be received.

May Christ be magnified in our bodies. May we labor together in faith.

Demonstrating justice, we stand jointly in one spirit. Together in works and prayer as one, we have strength. *Stewardship* is in uniformity and equality.



THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

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

THE WOMEN'S DAY OF PEACE

The women of Santa Maria del Mar have always been an integral part of the spiritual life of our parish. To honor these women, a day was dedicated to their spiritual enrichment.

In 1992 the first Day of Recollection (now known as the Women's Day of Peace) was hosted by Flo Carr (Deacon Charlie Carr's wife) and Joan Crowley followed by Nolene Duffy. These originators put their heart and soul to implement the Day. Since then, the day has taken on many facets and has evolved to the current format that has always been faithfully planned, prepared and executed by a marvelous team. The event is designed to be inspirational with personal stories, movie clips, music and prayer filled with spirituality and joyfulness. Each year there is a central theme that ties it all together. Some of the themes have been Peace Through Our Guardian Angel; Peace Through Our Mother Mary; Peace Through Forgiveness and the current upcoming theme is Peace Through the Eucharist.

Each participant receives a gift bag that reflects the day's theme and one lady at each table has an opportunity to win the beautiful table centerpiece. The food served at the event is delicious and has been prepared by an incredible group of fabulous bakers and cooks. The day is fashioned to celebrate joy, console heartbreak, lift spirits and support one another in all life events.

Each year the women look forward to their own unique experience offered to them. Unfortunately (as with other parish events), we had to postpone the Day due to the pandemic. But we will return the *Women Day of Peace through the Eucharist* tentatively planned for March 20, 2021.

We salute and thank Cindy Ser, along with Pat Federico, Donna Roane, and a special corps of women who volunteer to help year after year. We appreciate that the Knights corps help by serving, cleaning and cart driving. This allows us to fully participate in this wonderful event. Thanks to all of you and others involved who make this day a celebration of our heartfelt faith. We salute all of you!

Remembering 9/11



Donations to Society of St. Vincent de Paul

With all that has happened this year and the disruption to all of our lives, there have been many questions about how we can help the poor and disadvantaged in our county. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Santa Maria del Mar Conference, Board of Directors has the following suggestions:

Non-perishable Food Donations

Food collections at SMdM will resume the first weekend of every month beginning October 3-4.

Until then, if you wish to donate food to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, please bring food to one of the following locations:

- SMdM church office, Tuesday-Friday, 9am to 4pm
- The "Nearly New" Thrift Store, 400 S. Daytona Ave., Flagler Beach, Monday/ Wednesday/ Saturday, 10am to 3pm
- The Food Pantry (directly behind the Thrift Store), Tuesdays, 10am to Noon

Monetary or Food Card Donations

If you wish to contribute money, gift cards, food cards, etc., please mail them to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at the following address: Society of St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. BOX 1328, Flagler Beach, FL 32136-1328



"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another."

- St Vincent de Paul



DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus's insistence on our conversion of hearts reveals how significant it is for us to be reconciled to our brothers before presenting our offerings and prayers to the Father.

This reconciliation, along with prayerful forgiveness, purity of heart and the seeking of Kingdom are all constitutive of an act of filial conversion directed to the Father.

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BIRTHDAYS

September 21

Kyle Antos, Frederick Brodge, Sharon Carow, Colina Carubia, Olivia DiGuglielmo, Kenneth Fasnacht, Claudia Gearst, Linda Hager, James Kitchen, Maria Lynch, Molly McLean, John Moorhead, William Pond, Jacob Proud, Robert Zielsdorf

September 22

Samantha Bennett, Kali Cobb, John Corrigan, Mike Fabian, Steve Fraas, Ethan Goodman, James Kelly, Maria Kelly, Theresa Knapp, Bradley Myrick, John Paszkiewicz, Theresa Ann Rentz, Alexander Rudik, Creed Smith, Deborah Vanderbur

September 23

Joan Bretz, Natasha Castillo-Sanchez, Robert Douceatte III, Marie Giliberti, Dina Mancuso, Jim Morelewicz, Robert Ruark, Ingrid Schmidt, Scarlett Singh, Cesare Spagnuolo, Eric Tite-Webber, Ashley Wellen, Ava Wilmot, Kellie Worley

September 24

Sarah Barbel, Ruth Berke, Christine Brinker, Laura Butts, Judith Ann Cospito, Lindsay Doucette, Leon Figliuolo, Mary Hunter, Bradley Lind, James Lutz, Lucy Magsino, Larry McElrath, Jeffrey Meek, Vincent Musso, Tina Polk, Vincent Positano, Ruth Rodriguez, Dominick Secor

September 25

Daniel Bodoh, Carmen Capitano, Jamie Fischer, Frank Hanky, Kim Hill, Walter Hoffine, Missy Millard, Daniel Paulo, Antonio Varvara Jr., Theodore Williams Jr.

September 26

Eva Andrada, Joseph Aurelia, Victor Bordonnro, Mikayla Constantinou, Alyssa Coombs, Diane Koprowski, Peter Leone, Teresa Marchesani, Brandon Mesmer, Tori Phillips, Mary Priest, Jack Pulick, Laura Roche, Sharyn Rockett, Scott Schweigert, Dan Smith Jr., William Vanderbur, Antonella Varvara, Barbara Zaleski

September 27

Michael Akialis, George Amandola, Cassidy Cobb, Kayla Durso, Mike French, Donna Gosselin, Donald Hamel, Michael Hanley, Kylie Heintz, Robert Hook, Jodi Lass, Luke Lukasik, Richard McCoy, David Medina, Melissa O'Connell, Connie Palermo, Mia Rivera, Thomas Savone, Lisa Spallone

The Parish Council Listening Post

The **Parish Council** assists the pastor in supporting and cultivating the pastoral vitality of the parish. Its main functions are:

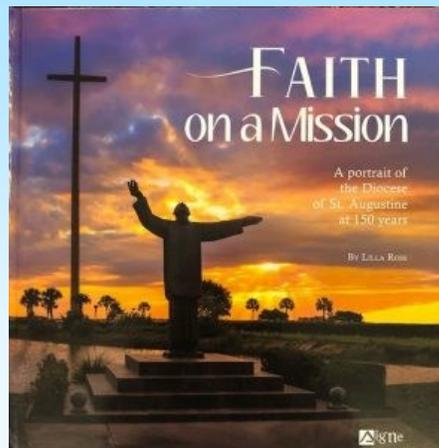
- make recommendations to the pastor on issues that have significant pastoral impact
- develop the parish's long-term pastoral plan
- help formulate parish policies and initiatives
- monitor, encourage, and support the parish's ministries

Do you have a comment or suggestion that fits within the scope of these functions? If so, the council wants to know! You can submit items on paper by placing them in the **Listening Post Box** located on the left side of the gathering area under the wall-mounted TV, or you can submit items via email by sending them to listeningpost@smdmcc.org.

Important Guidelines:

- Anything submitted must be civil and respectful in order to be considered.
- It should be within the scope of the Parish Council functions (see above).
- It should be constructive. If you submit a complaint, please try to offer a proposed solution as well.
- Compliments about programs, events, etc. are welcome and useful.
- Please include your contact information so we can follow up.

We can't promise that every item submitted will be acted on as desired, but each item will receive careful consideration. Thank you for being an active member of our parish!



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Purchase your copy today in the Parish Office.

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@dosafll.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

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)
- **Bryan Donohue** (USMC)

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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| • Lou Ambrosia | • Frances Kozer | • Patricia Quinn |
| • Ivan Berke | • Larry Kuchta | • Vincent Raffaele |
| • Zafarani Betancourt | • Deborah Lepley | • Vincent Raffaele |
| • Pat Brandt | • Doris Lessig | • Robert Rizzo |
| • Jim Brogan | • Jim Loisel | • Barbara Royere |
| • Marlene Bushnoe | • Beverly & Sam Maggio | • John Salisbury |
| • Roger Carey Sr. | • William Mania | • Helga Schroeder |
| • Joseph Connell | • Linda Maxwell | • Michael Sheridan |
| • Betty Connelly | • Damien McFadden | • Michael Sheridan III |
| • Joshua Cummings | • Elle McFadden | • David Smith |
| • Marlene Curtain | • Vivian McMonagle | • Gracie Smith |
| • Mary Dardzinski | • McPartland | • Mary Stowe |
| • H. Lee Dasch Jr. | • Troy Merchel | • Ellen Streblow |
| • Fred DeFelice | • Tiesha Miller | • Catherine Sveda |
| • Louise Derita | • Dolores Moody | • Stephen Troxell & Family |
| • Robert DuLong | • Peggy Morris (RIP) | • Juan Vega |
| • Marie & Alfred Durand | • Barbara Motta | • Carolyn Webb |
| • Greg Everett | • Lee Mulvihill | • Donald Whitmore |
| • Lou Freda | • Mary Nolleman | • Deidre Williamson |
| • Mary Gabriel | • Luisa Olivo | • Mary-Ann Woika |
| • John Gormley | • Terry Parenteau | • Annette Zabetakis |
| • Roe & Hal Hanson | • Sue Persch | |
| • Lucas Healy | • Hannah Pica | |
| | • Marriane Prieser | |

Parishioner of SMDM is in need of a kidney transplant.
Please contact the Parish Office, if you know of a possible donor.



- 9/23, 9am: † Anthony Jaskolowski
- 9/24, 9am: † Ruth Morrissey, † Annmarie & G. Stephen Remillard
- 9/25, 9am: † Lorraine Bouillion, † Marie Krol
- 9/26, 4pm: Vincent Bello, † Robert Glosser, † Joseph De Martino
- 9/27, 9am: † For our Parish Family, † Yvonne & Rachel Keefer
- 11am: † Jennifer Avena

Reflection from Life Teen on this week's readings

OPENING PRAYER

Dear Lord, you are so good. While you know us perfectly, we sometimes struggle to know you. In these moments, remind us that you have given us the gift of Scripture, which helps us know you better. As we enter into your Word today, allow us to grow in our understanding of you. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

THINK ABOUT IT ...

- Think about a time when you did not understand directions. What made them difficult to understand and what happened?
- Do you ever feel like you are searching for God? Where do you most often "find" Him?
- Reflect on the verse, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 55:8). How does this verse apply to your life?
- How are God's thoughts different from our thoughts?
- Does the mystery of God frustrate or excite you? Why?
- In light of the reading, why do you think God revealed Himself to us through Jesus?
- Do you seek to know and do God's will? How?
- How do we understand and know God's will for our lives?
- Is it easy or difficult for you to seek God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Why?

PRAY ABOUT IT...

We can know God's will and understand His ways when we look at our lives through the lens of the two great commandments (Matthew 22:36-40). Take some time to reflect on an area in your life where you are struggling to know and do God's will. View it through the lens of the two great commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Does the situation you are currently in allow

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you to love God and your neighbor more? If it is a decision you are trying to make, will it allow you to love God and your neighbor more? Offer up these situations to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and pray a Hail Mary.

CLOSING CHALLENGE

Spend five minutes at the end of every day reflecting on how your decisions that day led to a greater love of God and neighbor, or how those decisions led to a diminished love of God and neighbor. Close your reflection by thanking God for the grace you received that day or asking for the grace to do a better job loving Him and others the next day.

JACKSONVILLE YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

The Jacksonville Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) chapter is back! YCP is an organization that brings together young adults in their 20s and 30s to "Work in Witness for Christ." YCP's purpose is to foster Catholic identity, encourage togetherness, and inspire action through community and unique mentorship opportunities.

Their first event will be a virtual speed networking event where young adults will have the opportunity to get to know their peers in their faith community. Young adults will break off into small groups and engage in a discussion facilitated by our YCP Jacksonville leadership team. They will also have special guest leaders join in for faith formation. Young adults from all professions and from all across the United States are welcome to participate.

YCP
Jacksonville

When: Tues., Sept. 29
Time: 7-8 pm
RSVP: <https://www.ycpjacksonville.org/events/jacksonville-speed-networking-event>

For more information, visit the YCP Facebook page @ycpjax or go to ycpjax.org.

Please Welcome OUR NEW MEMBERS

- David and Mary Anne Gustafson
- Jeffrey Peck, Betty Westenhiser
- John and Tracy Davitt
- Renee Ruffalo, James Abel & Mario Abel
- Joshua Cummings
- Felicia D'Aschelbert and Lee Yanasheski
- Thomas and Lauren Ramirez & Calvin, Carden, Dominic, Darren
- Thomas Altro and Diane Blumlo & Elliott, Sebastian Altro
- Ronald and Claudia Hamity
- Lenore Cunningham
- James and Jess Sherman & Jade
- Joe and Elaine Pair
- Gary Weir and Catherine Tuggle & Lili
- Frank and Violet Ruffalo
- David and Lisa Verdugo & Jordan, Taylor
- Melissa Lanza & Megan, Mario, Mia, Madison
- Cristina Campo
- Thomas Thode
- Anthony and Annita Santagata

RCIA! VOLUNTEERS AND CANDIDATES: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Under the direction of Denise Collins, our Director of Religious Education, and with our Deacon's assistance, we will be renewing the RCIA process at Santa Maria del Mar.

This class is to welcome *new* Catholics to our faith and to our Church community of Santa Maria del Mar.

Our parish will have a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults available for people who wish explore the Catholic faith and become fully initiated through the Sacraments. I am honored to lead the renewal process.

We are asking for volunteers to participate in this exciting renewal process. The formal process starts in October with weekly meetings exploring the history of the Catholic Church, the tenets and basics of our faith and the sacraments which culminate in celebration of the Holy Eucharist at Easter.

The RCIA process (for the first time) may also include parents of

students enrolled in the catechism classes who also desire a deeper understanding of our faith.

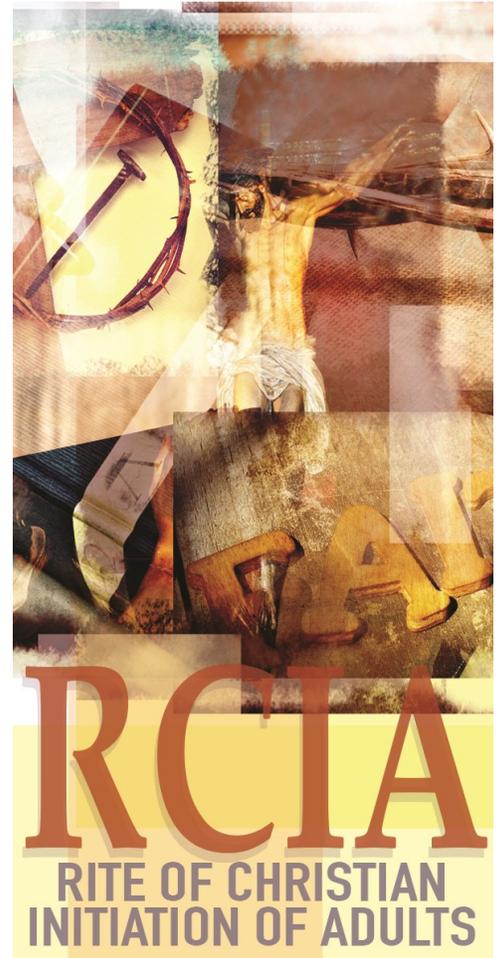
To provide our future Catholics a firm basis on which to grow their faith we need volunteers to help teach the weekly classes. We will have training for those who would like to participate.

If you are interested in becoming an RCIA candidate or volunteering to facilitate classes, please reach out to Jack Williamson or Denise Collins at your convenience.

Your participation is the key to the success of our renewal efforts. Please be aware that we will practice Social distancing and masks will be worn during all training and classes. Classes will, in all probability, be held in a section of the church proper.

Thank you and God Bless,

Jack Williamson/Buvezvin@aol.com
Denise Collins/Denise@smdmcc.org



2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project: What's a Catholic voter to do?

Catholic faithful are urged to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest. To help parishioners become informed on where candidates stand on key issues, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops has polled candidates running for the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature. To see how candidates appearing on the Nov. 3 General Election ballot responded to the questionnaire, visit www.flaccb.org/cqp.

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.





Faith Formation REGISTRATION

Virtual Faith Formation! Register Now!

Greetings Families:

As of now, we are planning to conduct Faith Formation remotely through a curriculum that includes a traditional book and an E-book that the students may access from their home devices. We will be asking you to register your child/children on the church website (www.smdmcc.org) which is available now. Click on the "Faith Formation" tab and the online registration is in the drop-down menu. Also, registration forms will be printed in our Church bulletin in the coming weeks and may be returned to the church office Tuesday through Friday from 9am-4pm.

We are excited to announce that we will be having a Children's Mass the first Sunday of every month beginning in October. This Mass will be limited to Faith Formation students and families ONLY! Mass will begin at 10:15am and attendance is strongly encouraged! Following the Mass, from 11am-Noon, the children will separate into (socially distanced) grade levels (in the church) and meet with their teachers...this will be the time for the catechists to review the work the children have completed at home, answer any questions and get to know the parents and students! Please be aware this is a work in progress and we may add in more "teacher time" via Zoom and/or other platforms as we are able.

Thank you for your patience and understanding through these difficult times. We are so excited to assist in the formation of our SMdM children!

Many Blessings,
Denise Collins, DRE
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SANTA MARIA DEL MAR
FAITH FORMATION
Pre-K thru 12th Grade
ENROLLMENT FORM



Date: 2020-2021 School Year

Faith Formation (Pre-K through 8) **Grade:** _____ **Life Teen** (9-12) **Grade:** _____ Check if interested in Choir _____

Tuition: **\$65 (1st child)** _____ **\$55 (2nd child)** _____ **\$45 (other children)** _____ **Total:** _____

Cash: \$ _____ Check #: _____ Amt \$ _____ **Payment Plan:** _____ **Family #:** _____

Child's Name _____ Birth Date/Age: _____ Gender _____ Place of Birth _____

Address: _____ City/ST/Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Mother's Email: _____ Father's Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

Release Statement – I hereby grant permission for my child to be photographed during Santa Maria del Mar Faith Formation group activities for use in the church bulletin. **Please initial:** _____

A copy of your child's Baptismal, Communion and Confirmation Certificate MUST be attached if not on file.

Baptism Date: _____ Church Name: _____

Address: _____

Communion Date _____ Church Name: _____

Address _____

Confirmation Date: _____ Church Name: _____

Address: _____

Father's Name: _____

Religion: _____

Occupation: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Religion: _____

Occupation: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Parents are: married _____ separated _____ divorced _____ remarried _____ annulled _____ widowed _____

Child lives with: _____ Student's School: _____

**Diocese of St. Augustine
Parent/Guardian Medical Release Form**

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name of Diocesan Entity: _____ SANTA MARIA DEL MAR _____

MEDICAL MATTERS: I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child.

(Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only in accordance with your wishes.)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the above names Diocesan entity's employees, volunteers or representatives to seek medical treatment for my child names above.

In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

Name and Relationship _____ Phone _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone _____

Family Health Plan Carrier _____ Policy # _____

I make the following exceptions _____

Medication _____ Dosage _____ Doctor _____

Medical Problem or Condition (allergies, diabetes) _____

Condition _____ Symptoms _____

Physical Disabilities _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event it comes to the attention of the above names Diocesan entity's volunteer or representative, that my child becomes ill with symptoms such as headache, vomiting, sore throat, fever or diarrhea, I hereby give permission for over-the-counter medication to be administered to my child according to directions.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date