



SANTA MARIA *del* MAR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CATHOLIC PARISH *by the sea*

**WELCOME TO SANTA
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SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



26th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Which of the two did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first.”
Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and
prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” - Mt 21:31

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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:

If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)

GOSPEL:

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." (Mt 21:32)

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What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Gospel Reflection

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28

MON	SEPT 28	TUES	SEPT 29	WED	SEPT 30	THUR	OCT 1	FRI	OCT 2	SAT	OCT 3	SUN	OCT 4
ST. WENCESLAUS ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS	ST. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS	ST. JEROME	ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS	THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RESPECT LIFE SUN.								
Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6] Lk 9:46-50	Dn 7:9-10, 13- 14 or Rv 12:7- 12a Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1] Jn 1:47-51	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3] Lk 9:57-62	Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b- 9abc, 13-14 [13] Lk 10:1-12	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 91:1-2, 3- 4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11] Mt 18:1-5, 10	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135] Lk 10:17-24	Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12, 13- 14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a] Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43							



STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

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

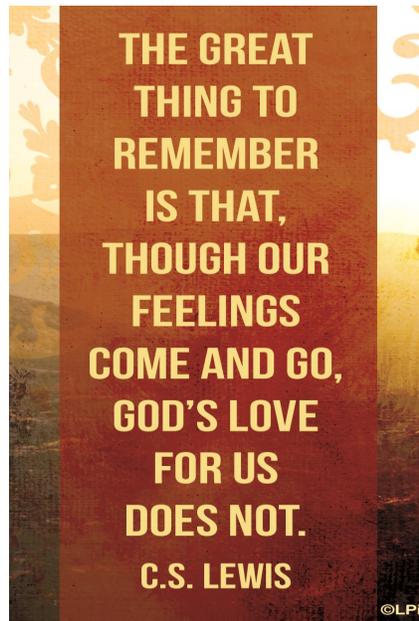
Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you! Please consider making your weekly donation to Santa Maria del Mar online at: www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748



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



Teach us truth and your ways. Guide me!

Clearly whenever someone turns back to the Lord (no matter when; even in their last measure), their soul shall be saved.

Jesus humbled himself and was obedient unto death on the cross. God exalted Jesus above all others. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bend.

A disciple came to speak the ways of salvation. He was not believed by most except for tax collectors and prostitutes who believed. Seeing and knowing this, we recognize that all do not repent.

Actions can show our repentance and faith as *Stewards* to those we come in contact with. Regard others as more important than yourself.

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!

2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade

America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." As a result, America is suffering from a pandemic, rioting, looting, and murder, as well as moral and societal collapse. It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the 2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, St. Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

Join the 2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade
What: The Holy Rosary
Where: Veterans Park, Flagler Beach
When: Saturday, October 10, 11:40am-1:30pm



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

We thank you all for the generous support you have shown to your neighbors in need during these difficult times. God bless you all.



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

- St Vincent de Paul



Candidate Questionnaire Project

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.

Mary's prayer cooperates in a unique way with the Father's loving plan of kindness. In her "Fiat", God finds the acceptance He had been waiting for from the beginning of time. By offering her whole being in faith, she shows us what Christian prayer is: to be wholly God's, because He is wholly ours. (CCC #2617)

BIRTHDAYS

September 28

Harold Backmann, Joseph Barnett,
Dennis Blevins, Pamela Ciafone,
Ann Dermody, Lila Filipe,
Barbara Flach, Patricia Krzemienieck,
Jeremiah Mahoney, Angelina Mangano,
Ralph Mills, Kim Nilsen,
Katrina Salas, Roger Thibault,
P.J. Trettner, Thomas Ventura, E.Y. Walter,
Stephanie Waterman, Ron Wood

September 29

Zoe Almborg, Miguel Garcia,
Bradd Humphrey, Therese Majewski,
George Melendez, Ron Nollmann,
Terrence Peppy, Judi Quayle, Victor Sayour,
Dakota Stevenson, Marion Thomas

September 30

Sharon Carll, Ryan Garcia, James Green,
Mary Lamer, Melissa O'Connell,
Patricia Rivera Charles Scharf,
Craig Williamson, George Zampella

October 1

Christina Bittaker, Delia Cortez,
Albert DiCroce, Therese Dy,
Anthony Janna, Serena Kravantka,
Ruth Nagy, Beatriz Silva, Toni Smindak

October 2

Suzanne Bryant, Patricia Danyus,
Seamus Dartley, Celina Doyle,
William Ilavsky, Patrick Kelley,
David Kunz, James Manfre,
Kelly McGuire, Kathleen McKenna,
Leo Nateras, Lauren Ramirez,
Amy Rezendes, David Rodriguez,
Arthur Ryan, Katrina Smith,
Alexander Tite-Webber

October 3

Susan Barron, John Bettencourt,
Thomas Buckel, Walter Duffy,
Scott Griffiths, Thomas Guggino,
Ethan Hanna, Nathan Hiltaz,
Brian Leja, Carol Longo, Jane Monico,
Nicholas Petrillo, Thomas Portuallo,
Jacob Purvis, Carol Sassatelli,
Joan Smith, Christian Varvara

October 4

John Calfa, Avelino Dos Santos Medeiros,
Dawn Evans, Katherine Fitzgerald,
Anthony Freda, Isabella Franchelly Garcia,
Paul Hebert, Michael Jones,
Nico Koswaski, Revella Ortiz,
Eladio Perez, Don Pierce,
Herbert Satzger, Beanca Secor,
Keith Wiltfong

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:

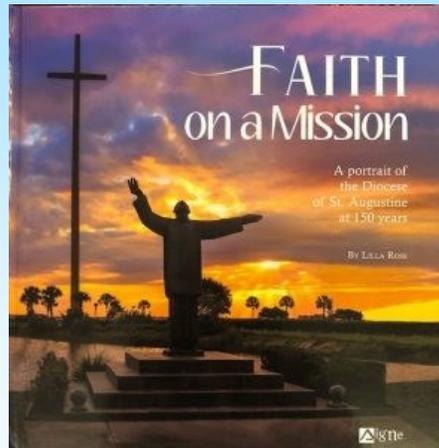
- make recommendations to the pastor on issues that have significant pastoral impact
- develop the parish's long-term pastoral plan
- help formulate parish policies and initiatives
- monitor, encourage, and support the parish's ministries

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!



Discover the rich history of the Diocese of St. Augustine in celebration of its 150th anniversary.

This richly illustrated book is filled with beautiful images, historical facts and pull-out mementos. A great gift for family, friends and loved ones!

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

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



- 9/30, 9am: † Marlyn Compierchio
- 10/1, 9am: † John & Concetta Prandini
- 10/2, 9am: † For the Intention of the Blessed Mother, † Lisa Meloni
- 10/3, 4pm: † Peggy Morris, † Stanley Drescher
- 10/4, 9am: † Joan Roberti
- 11am (streaming): No intentions for this Mass

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.



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.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

We have returned to our monthly Rosary for Life at 8:30am before the 9am First Friday Mass.

In October, we will be continuing the placing of white crosses in front of our church to honor the babies we have lost through abortion.

We have been unable to carry out our Spiritual Adoptions, Baby Bottle Drives and Baby Shower due to COVID-19.

Alpha Women’s Center has reopened, so please consider donating to their ongoing efforts to aid all mothers and children in distress during these most vulnerable times.

Thank you for your support of our ministry. Contact them at 386-586-0210

Pray for Unborn Human Life



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EVENTS



SANTA MARIA DEL MAR'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

October 10—11

The weekend of October 10-11 marks the 50th anniversary of Santa Maria del Mar parish. In ordinary times, we'd have a big celebration, but COVID-19 makes that impractical and imprudent. Instead, we'll commemorate the event with a slide show, playing before and after both weekend Masses (4:00 pm Saturday and 9:00 am Sunday), highlighting the parish's history. And we're honored that Bishop Estévez will celebrate Mass with us at 4:00 pm on Saturday (Oct. 10). We hope to have a bigger celebration at a later time, once we're able to gather safely in large groups again.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY
JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST VIRTUAL EVENT!

FRIENDS OF THE SEMINARY

OCTOBER 23, 2020 AT 5:30 PM

This special virtual event will include several elements. Beginning with a live link to Mass from St. Vincent Chapel, with our homilist this year being our former Rector, Bishop David L. Toups of the Diocese of Beaumont, Texas, then followed by an online auction of varied and beautiful items.

You will hear from our Acting Rector/President Fr. Alfredo I. Hernández and hopeful messages from some of our seminarians. We hope that these different elements will combine to let us experience some of the spirit of our FOS dinners, even if in a very different way.

All the action will be at:

<https://www.svdp.edu/FRIENDS2020>

Starting on October 22 with the opening of the Auction

YOU CAN DONATE NOW AT
WWW.SVDP.EDU/FRIENDS2020
OR BY PHONE AT 561-732-4424

2020 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November 21

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Anniversary Celebration will not be held in-person. This year's celebration will be a virtual event celebrated by Bishop Felipe Estévez and live-streamed on **Saturday, Nov. 21**. Couples observing a 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th (or more) wedding anniversary between Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2020, are invited to participate in this virtual celebration and will be mailed a packet with instructions, materials, and certificate. Couples may register at family.dosafl.com/anniversary-celebration/ or call the Family Life Office at (904) 262-3200. The deadline to register is Nov. 13.



Proclamation

Whereas, every Catholic woman is invited to be a member of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women through sustaining Membership in an affiliate group.

Whereas, each Catholic woman can be helped to fulfill her responsibilities for building the Church community by working hand in hand with one another in a Diocesan Council of Catholic Women affiliate.

Whereas, Catholic women today are among the best educated in the history of the Church, and possess immense potential for great service to the Church and community.

Whereas, the strength of Catholic women is that they are bound together in faith which, when put into action, will bring the values of Christ into the world.

I, Felipe J. Estevez, Bishop of St. Augustine, proclaim the second Sunday in October, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Membership Sunday providing all Catholic Women of the Diocese the opportunity to exercise their faith in union with others towards goals of mutual enrichment.


Most Reverend Felipe J. Estévez, S.T.D.
Bishop of St. Augustine

Reflection from Life Teen on this week's readings

OPENING PRAYER

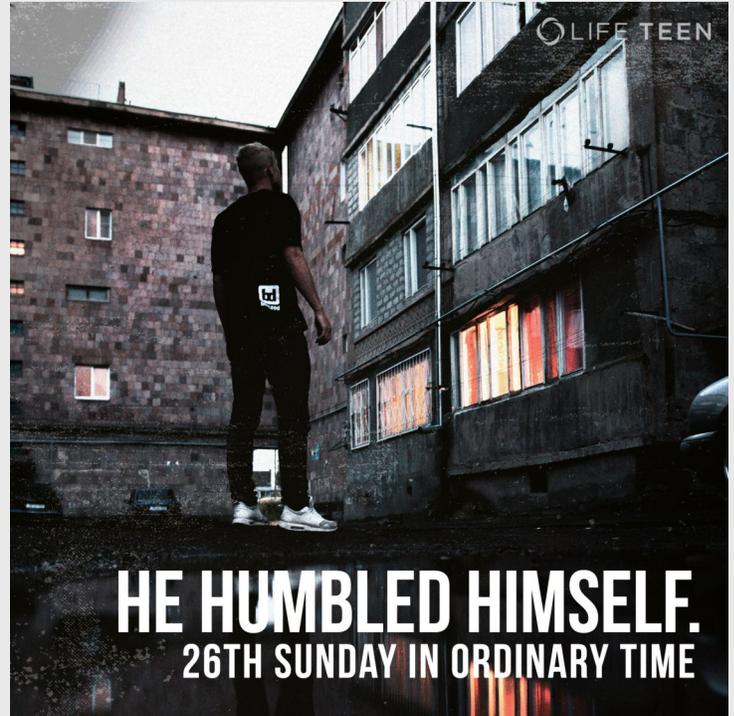
Jesus, you are our primary example of humility. Help us become more like you each day, embracing humility in our daily lives and serving those who are most in need. When we feel tempted to let our egos get in the way, remind us of what it means to humbly serve. Amen.

THINK ABOUT IT ...

- . Who are your role models? Why?
- . Who are you a role model for? How do you know?
- . How do you set a good example for those who look up to you?

Read Philippians 2:1-11

- . Is humility easy or difficult for you? When do you find it most challenging to be humble?
- . How are humility and obedience related? Do you struggle with obedience? In what regard?
- . Do you think humility is a virtue that is appreciated by our culture? Why or why not?
- . "Actions speak louder than words." Do you agree or disagree? Is this statement always true?
- . Jesus' name is powerful; it causes souls in heaven and hell to bow. Do you respect the name of Christ in the same way? How?
- . How does Christ's example challenge you?
- . What holds you back from more closely following the example of Jesus?
- . If you were more Christ-like, what impact do you think it would have on your family? Friends? School? Community?



PRAY ABOUT IT...

Take some time to pray the Stations of the Cross. You can find one version here: www.avemariapress.com/engagingfaith/scriptural-way-of-cross-for-teens

CHALLENGE YOURSELF THIS WEEK...

Find one area where you can practice humility and one area where you can practice obedience this week.

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.

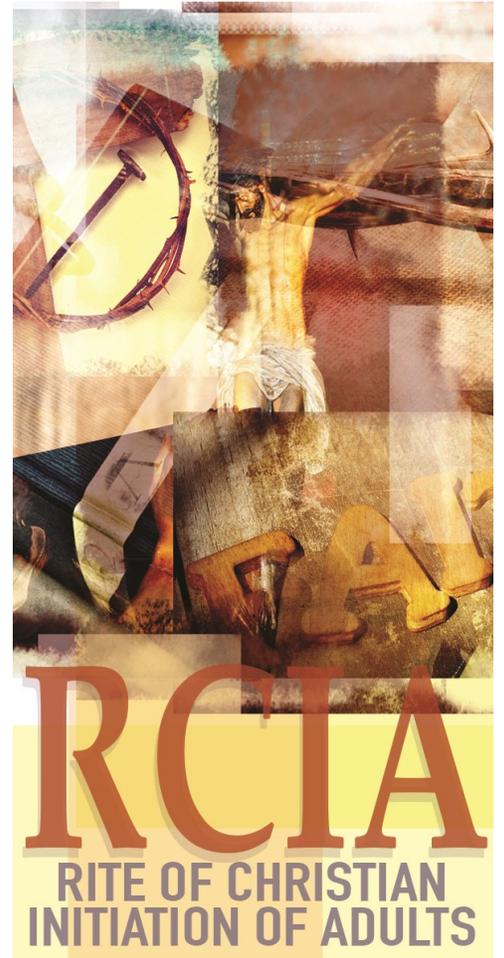
To provide our future Catholics a firm basis on which to grow their faith we need volunteers to help teach the weekly classes. We will have training for those who would like to participate.

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,

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FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Thank you to all those who helped make our Faith Formation Registration Day a success!

