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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OCTOBER 25, 2020



**ALL
SOULS'
DAY**

Please join us
for a Mass for
All Souls' Day
on Monday,
November 2
at 9am.

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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. (Please contact Ginette Consentino (508) 423-9360 to sign up for Adoration)
- **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 jsnandmijn@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 October 20, 2020.

GOD'S PRESENCE IS IN ALL CREATION

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

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Gospel Reflection

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword."
(Ex 22:21-23a)

PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

SECOND READING:

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
(1 Thes 1:6-7)

GOSPEL:

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
(Mt 22:37-39)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26

MON	OCT 26	TUES	OCT 27	WED	OCT 28	THUR	OCT 29	FRI	OCT 30	SAT	OCT 31	SUN	NOV 1
Eph 4:32—5:8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1] Lk 13:10-17	Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a] Lk 13:18-21	STS. SIMON & JUDE Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a] Lk 6:12-16	Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b] Lk 13:31-35	Phil 1:1-11 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2] Lk 14:1-6	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef Lk 14:1, 7-11	ALL SAINTS DAY Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6] 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a							



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

Weekly Offertory

4th Week,
Sept. 2020

Offertory:
\$9,211

Online Giving:
\$3,235

3rd Week,
Sept. 2019

Offertory:
\$13,684

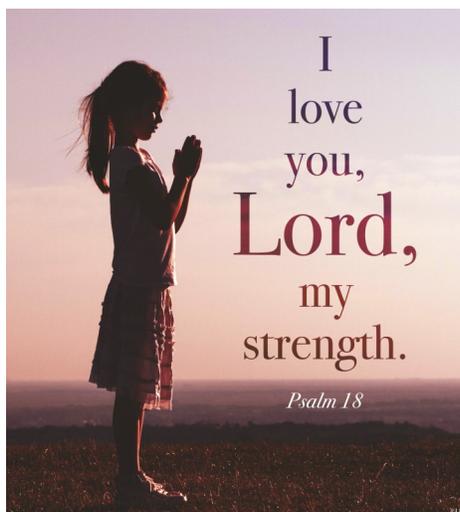
Online Giving:
\$1,782



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



In the readings today we are given the command of love for God and love for our neighbor. We are reminded to be imitators of the disciples and of Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all you mind."

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." During our days and years we need to remember that others are imitating us, our actions, our speech and our compassion.

As good *Stewards* we continuously touch the lives of others.

THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

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

THE BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY

Each Monday evening a dedicated group of volunteers gather to give "to go" dinners to those in our community who are in need of support. They are situated outside the kitchen door in the parish parking lot.

The guests sign-in at an outside table requesting the number of dinners they need. The food is cooked and plated in the kitchen. One person (a runner) goes to the kitchen to place the order and another person (again a runner) brings the food outside to the table. The table volunteers give the dinners to the guest. The ministry is organized with six teams of 15-20 people who are scheduled with one team serving once every six weeks. If you are interested in joining a team, please call the parish office (386-439-2791).

Other information to note: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Augustine supplies each guest with a bag of groceries on the third Monday of each month. The Florida Health Department advises anyone needing a Covid-19 test to call 386-437-7350 on Friday for the upcoming schedule for Flagler County as they have stopped offering inoculations at the Bread of Life suppers. The Ministry purchases meat at a reduced price from Second Harvest Food Bank and vegetables (and other goods) are bought at a discount at Walmart. Other items are obtained through monetary donations that are given through Santa Maria del Mar.

Each week the group feeds 100-125 people. All health guidelines are strictly implemented with masks, gloves, sanitizing, etc., so volunteers and guests are safely protected.

This is an important endeavor that services those who are guests by helping them with nutritional meals and gives the ministry personnel the opportunity "to give back." How privileged this parish is to have such a willing group of volunteers. Please know that this just doesn't happen; it takes organizing, shopping, planning, and being accountable with finances.

The Santa Maria del Mar Community is grateful for The Bread of Life Ministry as it offers life to others. We offer thanks and blessings to everyone involved but especially John Cospito and Donna Kirby who cook and manage the kitchen.

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers for in doing so some have entertained Angels."

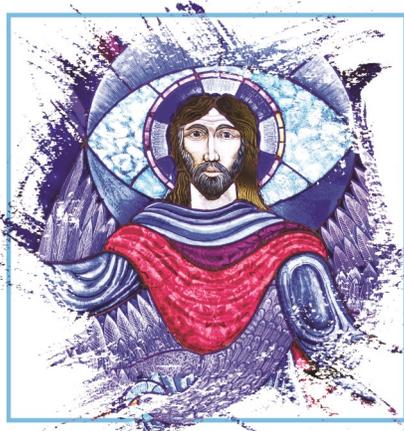


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD COLLECTION Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1

Our van will be parked out front of the church before each Mass on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 to receive any non-perishable food items you may wish to give to help the poor and hungry in our neighborhoods.

Due to the current health concerns, we cannot hand out bags for the collection.

God bless you for all you do to help us help our poor and suffering brothers and sisters and their families in Flagler County.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then

for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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ELECTION



RESOURCES FOR CATHOLIC VOTERS

Catholic faithful are urged to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest. To become informed on where candidates stand on key issues be sure to review these resources—all can be found by going to www.dosafl.com/election2020:

- Presidential Candidate Comparison
- Candidate Questionnaire Project
- Simply Catholic-Catholic citizenship and your vote
- Civilize It
- Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

DID YOU KNOW?

Every event and need in the Christian life can become an opportunity for both petition and/or thanksgiving. It is praise, however, the form of prayer that recognizes most immediately that God is God. It embraces all other forms of prayer and it is through it that they are carried toward Him who is both their source and goal. All forms of prayer are contained and expressed in the Eucharist. (CCC #2638-2639)



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question: What happens if someone drops a consecrated host?

Answer: Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops' statement Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds:

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected "area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium."

According to no. 280 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed (customarily with a purificator) and the area attentively and reverently washed with water which would then be disposed of properly.

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Election Novena Prayer Intentions Monday, October 26 through Wednesday, November 4

Each day's intention is followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Day One: Monday, October 26

As we prepare for the national & local elections, in the midst of a global pandemic, may our political engagement be guided by our Catholic faith.

Day Two: Tuesday, October 27

In this month of the Holy Rosary, may Our Blessed Mother guide us in confronting racial inequalities and restoring peace in our communities.

Day Three: Wednesday, October 28

May all Americans recall the necessity of dialogue, civility, and humility in this election season.

Day Four: Thursday, October 29

May all people understand the moral and ethical dimensions of political decisions and decide accordingly.

Day Five: Friday, October 30

May voters & elected leaders uphold the dignity of every human life in their political engagement.

Day Six: Saturday, October 31

May Catholics recall all aspects of Catholic social teaching as they consider their votes.

Day Seven: Sunday, November 1

May there be a transformation of politics to focus on the dignity of the human person and the common good.

Day Eight: Monday, November 2

May we keep in mind the gift of religious freedom and our duty to defend and exercise it as faithful citizens.

Day Nine: Tuesday, November 3

Today, as we approach the polls, may we understand & embrace the principles of our faith that guide our political engagement.

Closing: Wednesday, November 4

May the leaders elected this week be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions.



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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:

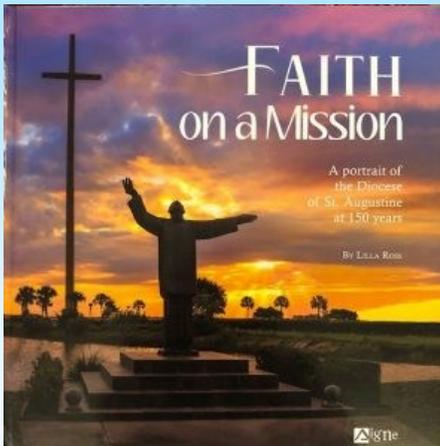
- make recommendations to the pastor on issues that have significant pastoral impact
- develop the parish's long-term pastoral plan
- help formulate parish policies and initiatives
- monitor, encourage, and support the parish's ministries

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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BIRTHDAYS

October 26

Christopher Andersen, Wanda Hernandez, Lauren Limeres, Thomas Lynch, Barbara Maguire, Kean Mahoney, Ashley Pelose, Giovanna Pinto, Angela Robinson, Jabari Robinson, Carlos Rodriguez, Carolina Sawicki, Matthew Sperber, Kevin Sullivan, Ella Torpy

October 27

Emily Acierno, Travis Gardner, Majella Guerdon, Kacie Jones, Lawrence Lass, Carol McGill, John Norton, Arleen Schreiner, Kathleen Terilizzo, John Woika

October 28

Lea Colmone, Angela DeZego, Patricia Hodge, Mary Howland, Jay Levin, Benjamin Niezen, Joseph Pinto, Donna Roane, Charles Rodenfels, Toshiro Szabo, Dylan Vanderbur, Barbara Wickham

October 29

Gabriel Aviles, Demaree Bentley, Janet Boyd, Hunter Bryant, Maureen Christopher, Kimberly Dalton, Lloyd Freckleton, Ann Leister, Robert McVey, David Meza, Onaida Reyes, Terri Ventura

October 30

Natalia Alicea, Henry Borowy, Kevin Connelly, Danny Doucette, Dawn Florkowski, Ann Kinkead, Isabella Mirabile, Leslie Misik, Pat Sarubbi, Jennifer Shupe, Connor Sparrow, Matthew Whalen

October 31

Luis Ardon, Geraldine Chiarello, Kerri Coyne, Andrew DeJesus, Robert Flynn, Mary Ellen Keck, Peggy Lutz, Lochlyn Mahoney, Karen Raffaelli, Roland Salerno, Barbara Seubott

November 1

Victor Aviles, Jamie Chambery, Barbara Cummings, Deborah Freckleton, Honora Giumenta, Robert Ledek, Siobhan Massaro, Maureen Pellegrini, Joseph Pellegrino, Carmelo Rapetti, Gena Snead, Christ Trizis, Richard Ward, Gail Wilson

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As election day in our country approaches, people have been asking for guidance as they consider the candidates and their votes. While the Church and its clergy cannot endorse a particular candidate or political party, we do have a responsibility to encourage you to understand the issues in the context of Church teaching and to help you in this area of the 'proper formation of your conscience'.

This election, at both the federal and state level, will shape the future of our nation for generations to come. Some would prefer that Catholics and others of faith remain silent, or they will say that such beliefs have no place in public square. Such views run contrary to our fraternal bonds and commitment to the common good as equal and valued citizens. Since politics is about securing justice in society, it is a fundamentally moral activity. As Catholics, our belief is that there are fundamental truths about the human person and society that are accessible to both faith and reason. We therefore have a right and a duty to participate in the public square in a way that reflects these truths, both for the good of our community and for the glory of the God who created us.

Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual – or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.

—Samuel Adams, The Boston Gazette on April 16, 1781

When the Declaration of Independence was penned, three rights were deemed unalienable, given to all human beings by their Creator and, therefore, unable to be taken away from someone or given away by someone else. They are *Life, Liberty*, and the pursuit of *Happiness*. That they were written in this order was no mistake—even the Founding Fathers knew that the right to life surpassed all others in importance: without the right to life, none of the other rights could be protected. The right to life was, and is, preeminent.

On this issue of preeminence of the right to life – and its source in our Creator - the Founding Fathers and the Church are agreed. Yet issues of life are under attack, and they appear in our national conversation and laws in terrible ways, as threats to the unborn (abortion), and as threats to the vulnerable, the disabled, and the elderly (euthanasia or assisted suicide). The Church teaches that abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide, as direct attacks on innocent human life, are all *intrinsically evil*—always and everywhere profoundly immoral. And *preeminent* among these is the most fundamental threat to the beginning of life itself—abortion. Pope Francis has made it clear that if we fail to protect

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.

—The Declaration of Independence, July 4th, 1776

life, no other rights matter. He also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue: it is first and foremost a human rights issue.

All too often we hear people say: *As a matter of faith I am against abortion, but I cannot impose my belief on others.* It is not a matter of imposing a belief, but of being committed to the truth about human life, which, as biological science confirms, begins at conception.

Those who argue otherwise are not committed to reason, but to the false belief that there are some human beings not deserving of the protection of our laws.

By our Baptismal Call, and in our prayer to the Father, all children of God are pledged to seek God's Kingdom and fulfill His will, *on earth as it is in heaven.* We vow that we will strive for perfect integrity in submitting our will to the will of God. We cannot with

integrity pray the words of the *Our Father*, or say "Amen" when receiving the Eucharist, and then be passive on the issues that destroy God's creation. This is true for all people of faith, elector, and elected official.

In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or vote for it.

— Pope St. John Paul II

There are some who will claim that, by focusing on the *preeminent* issue of abortion, the Church is promoting single-issue voting that will tend to support a particular candidate or party. The Church will always act to promote the dignity and value of every human life from conception to natural death. We care about both mothers and their children, born and unborn, as well as the poor, the immigrant, the sick, the disabled, the elderly, those who are marginalized, and those on death row. We seek to promote a Culture of Life through our teaching and through our ministries, some of which are threatened by the extreme positions taken by some on issues of life and the family.

As you endeavor to be an educated voter with a properly formed conscience as regards the issues we face as individuals, families, and as one nation under God, you can count on the prayers of your Shepherds. The political parties and their candidates have provided you with information that they believe will help you to understand their positions on issues that are important to you and for the good of the country. The Church engages in this political process by providing you with the faith context by which to judge some of these positions. This is a difficult time in our nation and a critical time to not only exercise your right to vote, but to do so with the utmost integrity.

Most Reverend Felipe J. Estevez
Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Augustine
October 7, 2020



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 — Psalm 119:105

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 —Tracey Davitt

The professional programs offered by the Spiritual University at SMdM, provide a deeper knowledge of the Bible, Sacraments, Saints and Mystical Body of the Holy Catholic Church. This experience has encouraged my wife and I to strengthen our relationship with God through a better understanding of His Plan to "lead all souls to heaven" through his Son, Jesus Christ. We highly recommend these programs.
 —Ray and Eileen McCabe

I am a cradle Catholic. I truly didn't realize what little understanding I had of my faith until participating in Spiritual University. Everything has more meaning for me now and I am definitely a better disciple of Christ. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful offering right here in our own parish; I encourage all to take advantage of this blessing.
 —Paul Hebert

Without Spiritual University and its gift of helping us to understand our Scripture and overcome our doubts, I don't believe I would have been brought to Christ and confirmation in the Catholic Church. Thank you all for doing God's evangelical work and for helping me on my spiritual path; I am truly blessed.
 —Susan Wimmers

Join us for our first course this year: Bishop Barron on the Sacraments, meeting in the church at 6pm on Mondays starting Nov. 2 and continuing for six weeks. Video, workbook, Q&A, discussion. Cost for workbook only \$25. More courses coming in 2021.

Please contact jean@smdmcc.org or call (386) 439-2791 to register by 10/26/2020.

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**Tuesday, Nov. 17
 through Saturday,
 Nov. 21
 10am to 4pm**

Santa Maria del Mar Church Parish Hall
 915 North Central Ave., Flagler Beach
 Free Admission. All are welcome!



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.



Notre Dame Council 10514 Corpus Christi Assembly 2810 10th Annual Corporate Communion

ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 25 AT THE 9AM MASS
(AS DIRECTED IN OUR BY-LAWS), NOTRE DAME
COUNCIL 10514 WILL BE RECEIVING COMMUNION AS
A BODY ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF CORPUS CHRISTI
ASSEMBLY 2810.

**CONTACT JOHN CHECK AT 386-225-4456
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

WE ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS WEAR THEIR RESPECTIVE KOF C SHIRTS.



ST. MICHAEL PROTECT OUR POLICE PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, Oct. 31
11:40am-1:30pm
Veterans Park, Flagler Beach

Let us come together to pray for
our men and women in Blue.
Everyone is invited.
PLEASE WEAR FACE MASKS.

**“Love is an act
of endless
forgiveness.”**

PROJECT SHARE 2020 Giving Trees start on Nov. 21

Santa Maria del Mar’s parish family has a long history of generously supporting families in need at Christmas by “adopting” children from our giving trees at church and fulfilling a child’s wishes that are listed on the star.

This year, due to Covid-19, we expect the need to be greater than ever. **The**

giving trees will be up starting November 21. Deadline for return of gifts is Sunday, December 13.

Please consider stopping by church to adopt a child from the tree this Christmas. **If you are not yet comfortable stopping by church due to Covid-19**, please email Roseanne Stocker, Project Share coordinator, at rstocker1@outlook.com, or call her at (386) 503-1939. You can let Roseanne know what age child you would like to adopt and she will email you back the complete information.

Please make sure that your star is firmly attached to the gift when you return it to church so we can get it to the right child. Thank you and may God bless you for your kindness.



RESPECT LIFE

BABY SHOWER

Nov. 14-15

Join the Respect Life Ministry and the Knights of Columbus on **Nov. 14-15** for our **Annual Baby Shower**. Bring diapers (newborn to size 6), wipes, gift or gas cards. Your donations support pregnant women who need assistance at the Alpha Women's Center. Thank you!

Baby SHOWER



MASS FOR THE PRECIOUS ONES

Saturday, Nov. 15 at 3pm.

Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche

101 San Marco Ave, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Precious Ones Mass cards are available in the parish office. These cards are for a grieving parent, family member, or friend who lost a child due to miscarriage or early infant death, or for those who have gone through a post-abortion healing program. Suggested donation for the Mass card is \$10.



RESPECT LIFE

MINISTRY

Rosary for Life, Alpha Women's Center

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. Contact them at 386-586-0210.

Thank you for your support of our ministry.

Pray for Unborn Human Life



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Please pray for the sanctity of all life, especially for the most vulnerable. Our crosses symbolize a fraction of the abortions done every day in the United States. Thank you from the Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

PAST & PRESENT



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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)
- **Cpl. Ryan Rindge** (US Army)

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 | • Roger Gronert | • Luisa Olivo |
| • Ivan Berke | • Susan Gronert | • Terry Parenteau |
| • Zafarani Betancourt | • Roe & Hal Hanson | • Sue Persch |
| • Nora Bocignone | • Lucas Healy | • Hannah Pica |
| • Michael Boyle Sr. | • Andrew Kozer | • Marriane Prieser |
| • Alice Brady | • Larry Kuchta | • Patricia Quinn |
| • Pat Brandt | • Silvestre Labaredas | • Vincent Raffaele |
| • Jim Brogan | • Deborah Lepley | • Vincent Raffaele |
| • Marlene Bushnoe | • Doris Lessig | • Julie Raia |
| • Roger Carey Sr. | • Johnny Lewis | • Robert Rizzo |
| • Joe Chiarello | • Jim Loisel | • Barbara Royere |
| • Valerie Ann Cipolla | • Beverly & Sam Maggio | • John Salisbury |
| • Daniel Clark | • Dina Mancuso | • Helga Schroeder |
| • Joseph Connell | • Frankie Mancuso | • Michael Sheridan |
| • Betty Connelly | • Teresa Mancuso | • Michael Sheridan III |
| • Joshua Cummings | • William Mania | • David Smith |
| • Marlene Curtain | • Linda Maxwell | • Gracie Smith |
| • Sheryl D. | • Damien McFadden | • Mary Stowe |
| • Mary Dardzinski | • Elle McFadden | • Ellen Streblov |
| • H. Lee Dasch Jr. | • Vivian McMonagle | • Catherine Sveda |
| • Fred DeFelice | • McPartland | • Stephen Troxell & Family |
| • Louise Derita | • Giorgio Meloni | • Juan Vega |
| • Doris | • Tiesha Miller | • Carolyn Webb |
| • Robert DuLong | • Dolores Moody | • Donald Whitmore |
| • Marie & Alfred Durand | • Peggy Morris (RIP) | • Deidre Williamson |
| • Greg Everett | • Barbara Motta | • Mary-Ann Woika |
| • Antonio Filipe | • Lee Mulvihill | • Kelly Wolff |
| • Lou Freda | • Mary Nolleman | • Annette Zabetakis |
| • Mary Gabriel | • Bridget O'Hara | |
| • Scott Giguere | • Jack O'Hara | |
| • John Gormley | • Kristen O'Hara | |

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



- 10/28, 9am: † Maria and Giuseppe Zaia, † Robert Horsman, † Michael Hewson
 10/29, 9am: † James Ronan, † Ruth Morrissey, † Eric Brennan
 10/30, 9am: † Joseph Bach
 10/31, 4pm: † Anthony Gasparino, † Wally Footit, † Augustine (Bud) Campbell
 11/1, 9am: For Our Parish Family
 11am: (streaming only) For Our Parish Family

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.

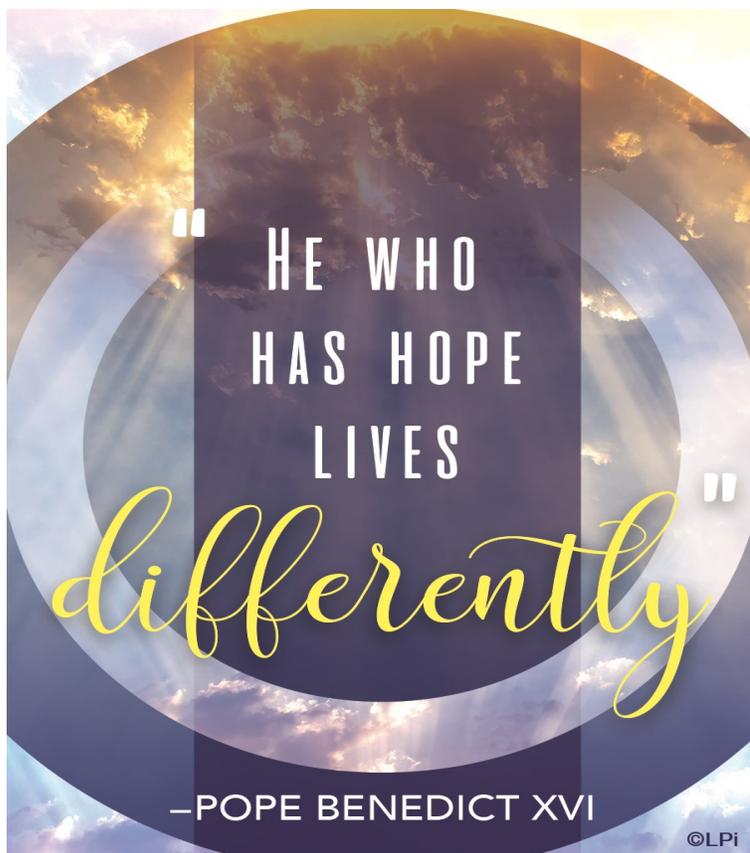
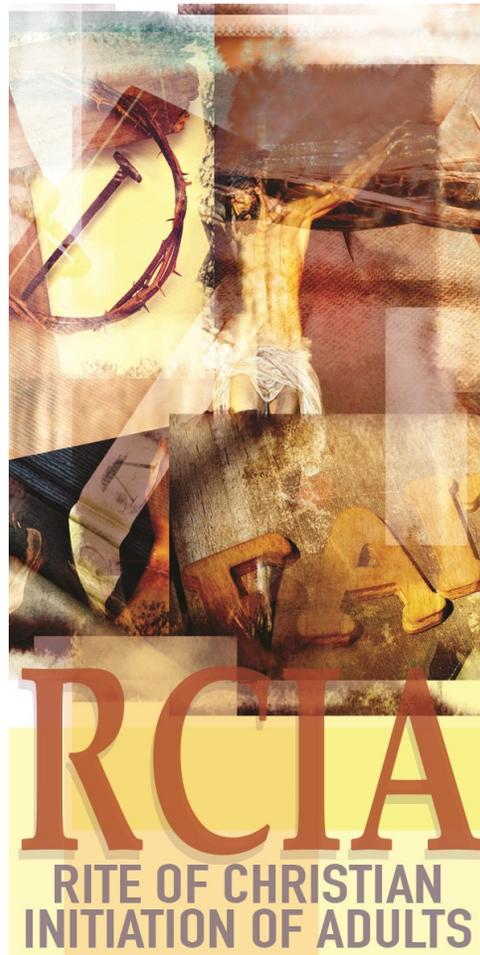
To provide our future Catholics a firm basis on which to grow their faith we need volunteers to help teach the weekly classes. We will have training for those who would like to participate.

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



CATHOLIC THERAPIST NETWORK

Caring and confidential Catholic support is available

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence."
St. Augustine

The Catholic Therapist Network is a listing of counselors who are Catholics in good standing and loyal to the theology, traditions, and values of the Catholic faith. Though not affiliates or employees of the Diocese, all participating mental health professionals are independent practitioners, currently licensed and insured. They are committed to extending their expertise and offering full discretion in meeting with clients. Contact information for Network participants is available at <https://family.dosafl.com/therapists/>





**Bring Your Faith to the Marketplace:
Shop the Online Fair-Trade Sale**

Each fall, the Social Justice Ministry sponsors a fair-trade sale outside the church to call attention to Catholic social teaching on economic justice. The COVID-19 pandemic makes it impractical to hold a “live” sale this year. Instead, **this year’s fair-trade sale is virtual and online!**

It’s never been easier to change a life for the better. When you buy handmade gifts, food items, and home decor **using the web link below**, not only will you be helping disadvantaged artisans and supporting fair-trade practices, but **20% of your purchase will be donated to our parish**. The link is available year-round:

www.serrv.org/?a=smdmfts

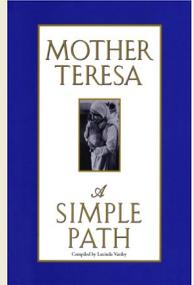
- Oct 31-Nov 1:** Free gift with purchase
- Nov 14-15:** Free ground shipping
- Nov 21-22:** Free \$10 gift card with every \$50+ purchase
- Dec 5-6:** Free ground shipping

Dedicated to fighting poverty through fair trade since 1949, SERRV International works with nearly 8,000 artisans and farmers in 24 countries to bring you the world’s most beautiful handcrafts. SERRV artisans and farmers benefit from fair wages, a sustainable income, safe working conditions, education, and equality. Fair-trade commitments reduce the need for people to migrate. For more information on a Catholic framework for economic justice, visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/domestic-justice-and-human-development/economic-justice-domestic-poverty>

“[Pope] Benedict XVI reminded us that precisely because it is human, all human activity, including economic activity, must be ethically structured and governed. We must return to the centrality of the human being, to a more ethical vision of activities and of human relationships without the fear of losing something.” – Pope Francis

 **BOOK REVIEW**

Mother Teresa: A Simple Path
Compiled by Lucinda Vardey



Mother Teresa devoted her whole life to giving hope to the hopeless. She inspires all of us to find a way to translate our spiritual beliefs into action in the world. Now, in her own words, Mother Teresa shares her thoughts and experiences that led to her extraordinary charitable work.

Mother Teresa’s biography is well-known. What is not understood is why she and the Missionaries of Charity live the way they do, and her philosophy and her faith. She practices what she preaches. This publication will help you realize why she and her missionaries practice poverty and care for the sick and dying.

Mother Teresa practiced her faith in a simple but realistic way. All her actions were based on love. She stated that we need to love a person without conditions or expectations. Love in action is what gives us grace.

I encourage you to read this book as it will enhance your view of life, love and your own spirituality. It is an easy read full of wisdom and hope. Dig a little deeper into the life of Mother Teresa; it will intensify your own holy walk.

- Maria Flake

Reflection from Life Teen on this week's readings

God, you call us to serve. Help us root our service in humility, love, and relationship, rather than ego. Remind us that you are the one, true Savior, not us. Through our service of others, may we continually live out the great commandments you have given us. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

THINK ABOUT IT ...

- Read Matthew 22:34-40.
- Which of the two great commandments do you struggle to live out most?
- Do you love yourself? Why or why not?
- Moses gave the people over 600 laws that ranged from dietary restrictions to the Ten Commandments. Why do you think Jesus chose the two He did as the "greatest"?
- How are the two great commandments related? Do you think you can do one without doing the other?
- The second great commandment says we need to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Do you think you can really love someone else if you do not love yourself? Why or why not?
- What does it say about God, our creator, when we struggle to see our dignity and love ourselves?
- What negative feelings do you have about yourself that keep you from allowing God to fully love you and also keep you from loving others?



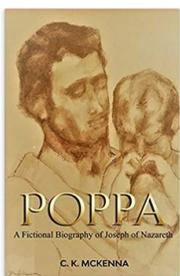
PRAY ABOUT IT...

The two greatest commandments are sometimes called The Jesus Creed. Take this to prayer this week, and commit to memory the two greatest commandments:

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF ...

Do one thing each day that increases your love of God, your love of yourself, and your love of your neighbors.



THE SMDM GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN!!

Have you seen the glass cabinet near the office? It has a display of many of our gift shop items. Take a look!

Support the church and enhance your faith. Many items to choose from!

Order forms will be next to the cabinet in the white box in the Gathering Area. Please place completed forms in the slot by the office door. One of the gift shop volunteers will contact you about picking up and paying for your order.

Please DO NOT submit payment until the order is filled.

Thank you for your support and stay safe!



KEEPING BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES!

For Your Information (FYI): Butterflies are beautiful, but did you know that they provide us with antibiotics that are crucial to saving lives. The meadow brown butterfly (and others) has a unique chemical mix that combats the growth of staphylococcus aureus (staph) infections.