



# SANTA MARIA *del* MAR

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### —SURSUM CORDA—

CATHOLIC PARISH *by the sea*

## WELCOME TO SANTA MARIA DEL MAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

### FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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Wed-Fri: 9am  
Sat (Vigil): 4pm  
Sun: 9&11am



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## Parish Resources During the COVID-19 Crisis

Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church  
915 North Central Avenue  
Flagler Beach, FL 32136  
386-439-2791

[www.smdmcc.org](http://www.smdmcc.org) • [Facebook \(www.facebook.com/smdmcc/\)](https://www.facebook.com/smdmcc/)

**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 & 11am in the church. Masks are required.
- **Saturday Vigil Mass** will resume at 4pm. Masks are required.
- **Sunday 10am Mass** will continue to be **streamed** on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/smdmcc/](https://www.facebook.com/smdmcc/)) and YouTube (<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, Thursday 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) and 10:30-10:50am (before 11am 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.

**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).

**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](mailto: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 online \(https://us.magnificat.net/free\)](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/).

Click on any link (blue highlight) to take you directly to the referenced website. Last updated Nov. 8, 2020.





St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion-oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

## TODAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth. (Gn 9:11)

### PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

### SECOND READING:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

### GOSPEL:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MON FEB 22	TUES FEB 23	WED FEB 24	THUR FEB 25	FRI FEB 26	SAT FEB 27	SUN FEB 28
THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1] Mt 16:13-19	ST. POLYCARP Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b] Mt 6:7-15	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b] Lk 11:29-32	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a] Mt 7:7-12	Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3] Mt 5:20-26	Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b] Mt 5:43-48	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9] Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10



## 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](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748)

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

1st Week  
Feb. 2021

Offertory:  
\$13,096

Online Giving:  
\$6,939

1st Week  
Feb. 2020

Offertory:  
\$20,271

Online Giving:  
\$3,410



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

## STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE

### REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

Lent is the time to get off "the merry go-round" of everyday life and to step back to take a realistic look at life.

Take time to spiritually renew your covenant with the Creator. Appreciate the resources that we enjoy in nature and protect them.

Jesus took time (40 days) to revitalize Himself. Now take these 40 days to also revitalize yourself. This will give new life to your *Stewardship*.



## THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

### IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT TO US, WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND BLESS: THE ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY

*"To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate the face of Christ with Mary."*

Devotion to the Rosary is one of the most important features of Catholic spirituality. Recitation of the Rosary is both meditative and contemplative. Using the Rosary beads enables one to center on the devotion of Jesus through Mary.

Santa Maria del Mar's Rosary Ministry members create and craft unique beads to distribute to the parish, missions and other countries. The countries include Rwanda, Jamaica, Venezuela, Cuba, Liberia and Philippines. These hand-made rosaries are never mailed but instead individuals traveling to other areas distribute them to organizations where needed.

The only requisite in designing and making the beads is that they be *beautiful*. Patricia Quinn has made a commitment to Mary which includes a promise to spread devotion to praying the Rosary. The members of her ministry—Joanna Maples, Nancy Sexton, Patricia Sessions, Nancy Ferlazzo, Linda Abate, Lucien Gomez and 10-year-old Sophia—have taken up the pledge to spread Rosaries around the world (even during the pandemic).

Thank you for using your time and talent to honor the patron saint of our parish, the Holy Mother of Christ Jesus.

*For further information, contact Patricia Quinn, 439-9650.*





Last week, we shared a video message from Bishop Estévez at all Masses. This week, we are participating in Follow-Up Weekend for any parishioner who may not have been with us last week. We hope you will make a prayerful decision to pledge a gift to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. If you have not made a pledge to the Appeal, we invite you to participate in this worthy mission by making a gift by mail, online at [www.dosafl.com/bishopsappeal](http://www.dosafl.com/bishopsappeal), or by texting 21BASA to 904-567-0887. Your participation truly makes a significant difference in the lives of so many in need within our diocese.

O God, you who own everything,  
You loved us to the end so that we must love everyone.  
You gave us the vocation and mission to be like St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family,  
and patron of the Church, the Bride of Christ.

Through our stewardship of time, talent and treasures  
Help us to support, protect and love the gift of Your Church  
So that we may All be One in the Body of Christ

Let us receive this Love gratefully,  
Cultivate it responsibly,  
Share it lovingly in justice with others,  
And return this Gift with increase as a  
fragrant offering of love.

Imitating Joseph, the steward of the Holy Family  
Inspire us to receive the gift of your Spouse Mary,  
Mother of Jesus and our Mother.

And may we journey together as one family  
Though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the sea.

Let us hear Your voice,  
"Do not be afraid, for behold,  
I Am with you, always until the end of time."  
Amen!

## YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK IN OUR DIOCESE

- **Clergy Formation (31% – \$1.47 million):** seminarians, deacons, and support for active and retired priests
- **Life, Charity & Justice (28 % – \$1.33 million):** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Augustine, pro-life ministry, and prison ministry
- **Catholic Education (20% – \$950,000):** Catholic schools (Guardian, St. Francis High and St. Joseph High) and religious education programs
- **Discipleship & Evangelization (13% – \$950,000):** Operational support of the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, missionary priest and sisters, campus ministry, and to engage Catholics throughout the diocese
- **Pastoral Ministries (8% – \$380,000):** Multicultural ministries, marriage and family life ministry, youth and young adult ministries, and Stella Maris Seafarers ministry



## DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Office of the Bishop

February 1, 2021

Dear Faithful,

It was almost a year ago, March 12, 2020, that we had to take the extraordinary, unprecedented step to close our churches throughout the Diocese of St. Augustine. We had just begun the Lenten season.

At that time, we undertook precautions to stave off the coronavirus — little did we know that soon, our country would reach 400,000 fatalities connected with COVID-19.

It was May 18, 2020, that we allowed our churches to re-open with regulations in place, including masks and social distancing, to ensure safety for those coming to Mass. With this measure of care in place, we have not had any incidents in our churches and this is encouraging as many people are continuing to come back to Mass. I am so grateful for all the efforts that have been made to ensure the Eucharist can be celebrated in person and done so safely in the parishes throughout our diocese.

This year, our celebration of Ash Wednesday will be different than in years past — as will Holy Week, which we were not able to celebrate together in our parishes last year. But this Lenten season, that soon lies ahead of us, is the same graced season — where we recall the great events that give us new life in Christ. And while we recall these events through our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; may God bring to greater perfection within each of us the image of his beloved Son.

This coming Lent will be different for us all in many ways, but it certainly sets before us an opportunity to renew deeply a new respect for life — for all life — from conception to natural death. May it also be an opportunity for us all to embrace more profoundly, the Gospel values that led followers of Jesus to reject violence in any form even as we work for social justice.

May this Lent 2021 be a time in which we grow closer to the Lord, reflecting a life of virtue building and greater fraternity.

I ask the favor of you remembering me in your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Most Reverend Felipe J. Estévez, STD  
Bishop of St. Augustine

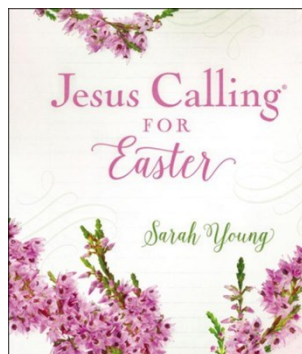


# SMDM INTRODUCES BOOK OF THE MONTH SERVICE

The Gift Shop is excited to introduce our new "Book of the Month" service. January's book, "Jesus Calling," sold out quickly but more are on the way! Please visit the Gift Shop before or after all weekend Masses or email [giftshop@smdmcc.org](mailto:giftshop@smdmcc.org) to reserve your copy. This book is the #1 best selling 365-day devotional. It is a beautiful hardcover offering words of encouragement, comfort and reassurance of Jesus' unending love. Retail price is \$16.99 but we are selling this book for only \$12.



February's Book of the Month is "Jesus Calling for Easter," written by Sarah Young. It contains exquisite photos with heartwarming devotions. There are 50 Lent and Easter selections helping you focus on the significance of the season ahead. It could be a keepsake for family or friends, or an inspirational and meaningful gift for yourself. This book also retails for \$16.99 but will be available in our Gift Shop for \$12. Be sure to stop by to order a copy. Limited quantities available.



The gift shop is conveniently located near the Gathering Area (hallway leading to the restrooms).

You can also view some of the inventory in the white display cabinet in the Gathering Area. Order forms are located next to the cabinet. Any special requests you may have can be made through the order form or you can email your request to [giftshop@smdmcc.org](mailto:giftshop@smdmcc.org)

Support your church by buying religious gifts for yourself and loved ones from our own gift shop!



[crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) | [crsplatodearroz.org](http://crsplatodearroz.org)

## WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. A simple cardboard box inspires three traditional Lenten practices—**prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**—and delivers hope to millions locally and around the world.

**Pray:** Use the daily reflections on the Rice Bowl's Lenten calendar and website.

**Fast:** Consider fasting from one or more meals per week and contributing what you would have spent on the meals. Try the weekly recipes for meatless meals.

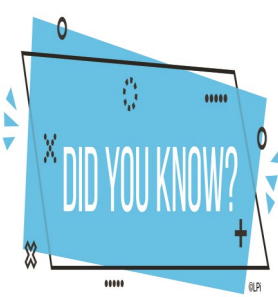
**Give:** Put your Lenten offerings into the Rice Bowl or give online. 75% of contributions support CRS's aid and development programs around the world. The remaining 25% is used for food programs in our own diocese.

### This year, we have two options for participating:

- Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the church. They will be collected at the end of Lent.
- Donate directly to CRS, online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give), or by sending a check to Catholic Relief Services CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303.

### Hunger in Our World

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



Satan is the master of temptation, the deceiver of the world. He is a murderer from the beginning, the father of lies. He is accustomed to leading people into sin. The person who entrusts Himself to God, however, does not have to fear him. By God's definitive defeat at the end of times, all creation will be finally freed from the corruption of sin and death. (CCC#2852)



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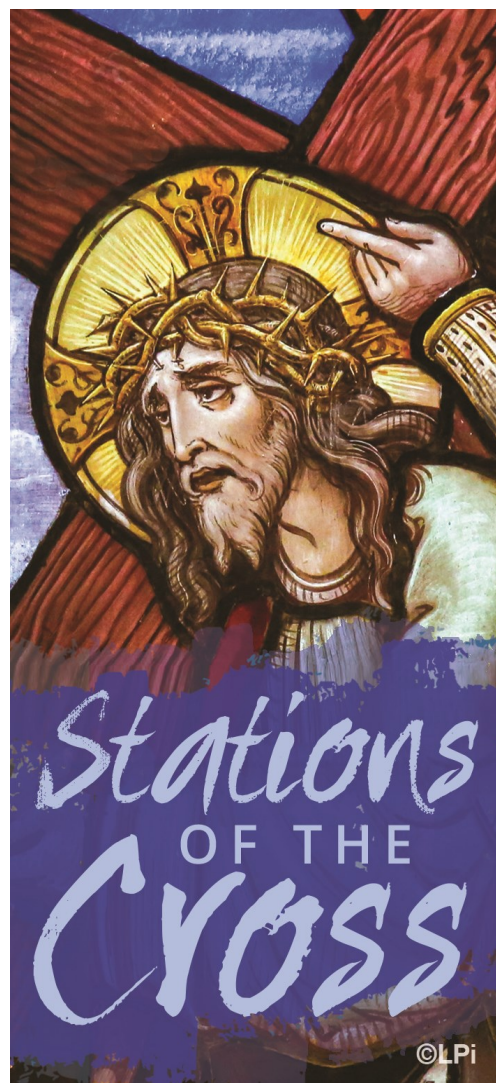


Fish Fry Every Friday\* during Lent  
(\*Except Good Friday)

## **TAKE-OUT ONLY**

Take-out available at the SMdM Parish Hall  
(After 6pm Stations of the Cross)

FREE for Stations of the Cross Attendees  
(Donations accepted)



## **LENTEN PRAYERS**

**In Keeping with the Lenten Practice of Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving**

Three touching pictorial posterboards accompanied with prayers are set up in the Gathering Area. The display will be replaced with three new images and prayers every weekend of Lent.

Please enjoy this mini-meditative prayer experience that invites you to open your heart, listen to the spirit and allow yourself to be lovingly drawn to ONE body of Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world.



## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

*followed by Fish Fry*

Begins at 6pm on  
the following  
dates:

- . February 26
- . March 5, 12, 19  
& 26



## 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.

- George Aiello
- Beverly Alleman
- Judy Batson
- Bella Family
- Joseph Beneducci Jr.
- Zafarani Betancourt
- Kathy Bless
- Nora Bocignone
- Richard Bocignone
- Michael Boyle Sr.
- Br. Elijah
- Pat Brandt
- Jim Brogan
- Marlene Bushnoe
- Dellis Carey
- Roger Carey Sr.
- Rogeree Carey
- Will Chapel
- Valerie Ann Cipolla
- Daniel Clark
- Joseph Connell
- Betty Connelly
- Joshua Cummings
- Donna Cunningham
- Marlene Curtain
- Sheryl D.
- Mary Dardzinski
- Patty Davis
- Nita Derois
- Greg DiVico
- Irene Donaghy
- Robert DuLong
- Marie & Alfred Durand
- Carmen Enright
- Kirsten Ernst
- Greg Everett
- Beth Farnsworth
- Antonio Filipe
- Jonah Finn
- Lou Freda
- Lou Giammarlari
- Scott Giguere
- Kathleen Grant
- Roger Gronert
- Susan Gronert
- Roe & Hal Hanson
- Ken Harple
- Luke Healy
- Bill Ilavsky
- Joey
- John & Terri
- Elizabeth Kennedy
- Pat Kiley
- Tina Kiley
- Louie Kolonics
- Andrew Kozar
- John Kuchta
- Kuka Family
- Silvestre Labaredas
- Scott Lavonas
- Frank Leonardo
- Deborah Lepely
- Johnny Lewis
- Jim Loisel
- Dina Mancuso
- Frankie Mancuso
- Teresa Mancuso
- William Mania
- Frank Maple
- Linda Maxwell
- Agnes Sister McDevitt
- Damien McFadden
- Elle McFadden
- Vivian McMonagle
- Giorgio Meloni
- Carl Michini
- Maureen Milici
- Dolores Moody
- Peggy Morris (RIP)
- Barbara Motta
- Lee Mulvihill
- Diana Musella
- Susan Musella
- Mary Nolleman
- Bridget O'Hara
- Jack O'Hara
- Kristen O'Hara
- Luisa Olivo
- Peter Olson
- Terry Parenteau
- Sue Persch
- Patricia Perszyk
- Barbara Petrella
- Hannah Pica
- Diane Pires
- Marrienne Prieser
- Peter Prieser, Sr.
- Eileen Puglisi
- Patricia Quinn
- Vincent Raffaele
- Vincent Raffaele
- Julie Raia
- Robert Rizzo
- Matt Robinson
- Amanda Ruotolo
- Brian Schalt
- Kara Schalt
- Amanda Scharck
- Michael Sheridan
- Sandy Silva
- David Smith
- Ryan Socrates
- Gina Stokes
- Catherine Sveda
- James Terlizzo
- Dave Torma
- Stephen Troxell & Family
- Gifford Tures
- Linda Walcek
- Donald Whitmore
- Robert Williams
- Bruce Williamson
- Deidre Williamson
- Gail Wilson
- Mary-Ann Woika
- Kelly Wolff



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- Col. Andrew Morgado (US Army)
- Jay Matthews (US Navy)
- SSG Benjamin Wurtz (US Army/Ft. Benning, GA)
- 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)
- Bryan Donohue (USMC)
- Cpl. Ryan Rindge (US Army)
- Trent Jerdon (US Army)
- Lt. Adam Aten (US Navy)
- Master Chief Samuel Barfuss (USS Theodore Roosevelt)

*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 Denise Collins at [Denise@smdmcc.org](mailto:Denise@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!*



- 2/24: 9am †Fernando Oritz, †Margaret Clemens, †Grace and Edward Goggin  
 2/25: 9am †Ann Scerbo, †Lucille Marsali, †Ruth Morrissey  
 2/26: 9am †Juan Antonio Cantu, †John Kuchta, †Lorraine Bouillion  
 2/27: 4pm †Ronald Tecson, Delia and Mark Lambert (Anniversary),  
 †Gene Linnick  
 2/28: 9am †Johnny Dominguez, †Michael Hewson, †Ellen Larrain Vasil-Hoad,  
 †Bill Ilvasky  
 11am Justin Smallwood (special intention), †Joseph George, Madison  
 Clement (Birthday), Teofila Sulit (Birthday)



# Women's Day of Peace

2021

*Peace  
through  
The  
Eucharist*

I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me  
shall not hunger, and  
whoever believes in me  
shall never thirst.

-John 6:35

WHO: All Women  
WHEN: Saturday, March 20, 2021  
TIME: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm  
WHERE: Santa Maria del Mar  
915 N Central Ave, Flagler Beach

Music + Witness Talks + Videos + Prayer + Speakers + Mass

**\*Note: No food will be served this year due to CoVid regulations.  
Masks are Mandatory & Social Distancing.**

**Special gift bags** will be given & Raffles of originally designed centerpieces

**If you had registered last year/for 2020 postponed Retreat--No need to re-register  
SIMPLY EMAIL SERCINDY@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 386.679.4623 AND INDICATE  
YOUR NAME & EXISTING REGISTRATION. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Paid    ☐ I have enclosed this registration form

Please return this Registration form and

\$20 to the SMDM Church Office

or Please mail to: Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church,

PO BOX 130, Flagler Beach, Florida 32136

Any questions, Call Cindy at 679-4623.

Come join us & Bring a Friend







## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

**Question: Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?**

**Answer:** Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

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## RCIA: WELCOME HOME, WELCOME BACK

Have you been away for a bit? Have you ever felt—for whatever reason—sorry you’re not welcome here? Do you know someone that falls into that category? There’s a breath of fresh air that is blowing through the Catholic Church. *The Church of Jesus Christ is all about mercy.* Come and find out what you have been missing. Explore our faith more deeply through RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. You will find an open door and a friend inside. The words over the front door of the church say...“*All Are Welcome.*” We mean it.

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a rite which welcomes people seeking a Catholic Church family and a Parish family. Through this Sacrament we are freed from the power of darkness and joined to Christ’s death, burial and resurrection. *Baptism* incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God’s people signing us with the gift of the Spirit. *Confirmation* makes us more completely the image of the Lord and fills us with the Holy Spirit. Receiving the *Eucharist* allows us to share eternal life and show forth the unity of God’s people. The three sacraments of Christian initiation combine to bring us, the faithful of Christ, to his full stature and to enable us to carry out the mission of the people of God in the Church and in the world.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) includes Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist and the Rites of the Catechumenate, the Rite of Acceptance, Rite of Election followed by the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

The rite of initiation is the beginning of a lifetime journey in faith. The steps are as follows:

- Pre-catechumenate, initial conversion and the wish to become Catholic, a period of inquiry ending with the Rite of Acceptance.
- Catechumenate and deeper preparation, ending with the Rite of Election.
- Sacraments of Initiation. Usually ends with Easter celebrations.

We have a trained team of parish members who will lead you and accompany you on your journey in faith. Classes are held weekly, but they can be flexible to accommodate your daily schedules. We expect that you will have questions for us. We hope that we will see you at the Sunday Mass and become involved with your new parish family. We hope your journey in faith will be happy, educational and spiritually uplifting.

**If you would like to begin this journey, please contact Jeannie in the office (386-439-2791 or [jean@smdmcc.org](mailto:jean@smdmcc.org)), Denise Collins, DRE ([denise@smdmcc.org](mailto:denise@smdmcc.org)) or Jack Williamson ([buvezvin@aol.com](mailto:buvezvin@aol.com)).**



# Faith formation

## Virtual Faith Formation (K-8)

\*First Sunday of the Month Children's  
Class at 9:30-10:45am / Mass at 11am.  
Attendance encouraged.

LC-Learning Center Classroom in Person

### February:

Feb. 21 Class /9:30am-10:45 LC

Feb. 28 Class /zoom

### March:

Mar. 7 Class 9:30am/ Mass 11am LC

Mar. 14 Class/ zoom

Mar. 21 No Class/ Spring Break

Mar. 28 No Class/ Palm Sunday

### April:

Apr. 4 Easter Sunday

Apr. 11 Class 9:30am/ Mass 11am LC

Apr. 18 Class at home

Apr. 25 Class/9:30am-10:45 LC

### May:

May 2 Last Class 9:30am/Mass 11am  
LC

May 8 Confirmation (Sat) @2pm

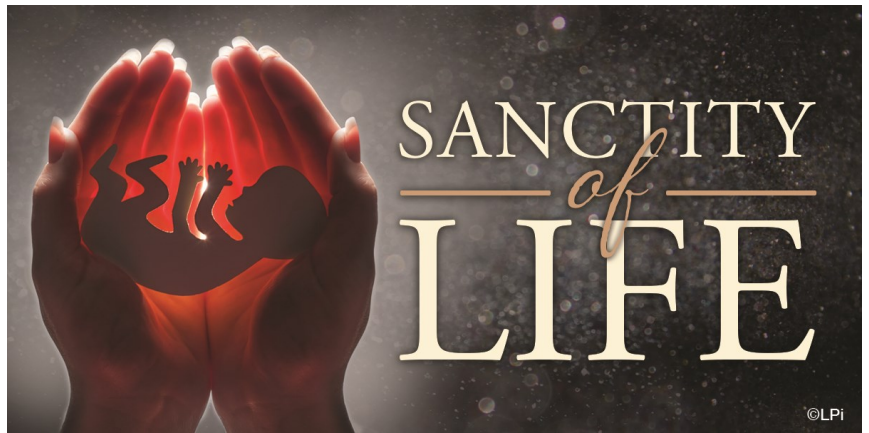
May 16 First Communion time TBA

We are always in need of Catechists  
(teachers) and substitutes. Please take  
some time to prayerfully consider sharing  
your strengths and talents with us and  
spreading the Good News to the children  
of our parish. Please contact:

[Denise@smdmcc.org](mailto:Denise@smdmcc.org)

**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@dosaf.com](mailto:inquiries@dosaf.com). To report abuse by a  
bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit  
[www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

## RESPECT LIFE



## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN BABY

The mission of Santa Maria del Mar's Respect Life Ministry is to promote and defend the teaching of the Catholic Church that says all human life is sacred from the moment of conception until natural death.

This year marks the 48th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion. Since that decision more than 4,000 babies lose their lives every day to abortion. We are asking you to consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby and praying each day for that baby.

Those of you who have participated in the Spiritual Adoption Program in the past and prayed for an unborn baby each and every day know that you can joyfully offer that unborn child as a beautiful gift to God.

If you wish to participate in the spiritual adoption program this year, cards are available in the Gathering Area. Take as many cards as you like, and maybe offer some to friends or family members.

Simply fill out the card at home at your convenience, maybe even giving your adopted unborn a name, and begin saying a prayer each day for one year. We are taught to pray of course for the unborn, but also for the mother and father who gave up the baby to abortion.

We hope that you will give this spiritual adoption program your prayerful consideration and pick up a prayer card as you exit church after Mass. By spiritually adopting a baby through prayer, you will be the voice for that unborn baby that never had a voice or a chance at life.

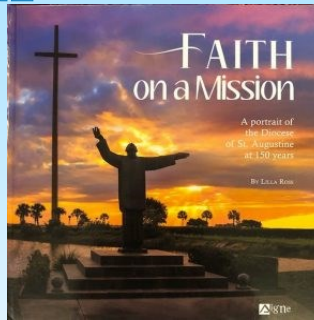
May God bless you,  
and may God bless the  
SMdM Respect Life Ministry



## FAITH ON A MISSION: HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Do you enjoy history? Who said "Stewardship is not a program or a way to raise more money for the parish. It is a Way of Life that seeks to put God first in our lives..."? How many thrift stores sponsored by the Society of St Vincent de Paul are there in the Diocese? Why did Father Thomas Cody need track shoes?

Answers to all of these questions and information on the rich history of the Diocese of St Augustine can be found in "Faith on a Mission." **Now on sale at the Parish Office and the Gift Shop for \$25.** Over 300 pages of beautiful images, historical facts and pullout mementos. View a copy of the book prior to purchase in the Parish Office Tues.—Fri. from 9am to 4pm and in the Gift Shop before and after weekend Masses. Please note that there are limited quantities available. Please purchase a copy now! They make wonderful presents!



## BIRTHDAYS

### February 22

James Lyall, John Toto, Donna Querimit, Brian Taylor, Stacey Fabrizio, Terrie Baranek, Carlos Diaz, Mario Constantinou, Hunter Elebash, Mollie Ronan, Maybrie Ronan

### February 23

Charles Maher, Ema Smith, Richard Keiser, Patricia Rizzo, Lynda Rejkowski, Gloria McGhee, Christene Beyrer, Lisa Cammarano, Crystal Colletti, Rylie Evans, Jayden Sa, Avalyn Rhoads, Jayla Bletcher

### February 24

Rita Cominski, William Cullen, James McNicholas, Rosa Fick, Robert Carlesimo, Jim Jacobs, Martin Ford, Donna Molinelli, Mary Pickering, Leo Colmone, Adrienne Curran, Kristyleigh Flanagan, Christina Carlisi

### February 25

Edward Farley, Kathy Waltzer, Carmen Delgado, Robert Tartaglia, Stanley Niedzwiecki, Daniel Liskiewicz, Richard Lord II, Courtney Quinn, Francis Scheideler, Christopher Sovia, Michael Brown, Patrick Liston

### February 26

Mary Martins, Laura Shopshear, Dennis Metrock, Christine Stead, Vito LaBruzzo, Isabel Portal, Mark Peterson, Tim Dougherty, William Dyke, Ryan Sovia, Christopher Sovia, Alexandra Nelson, David Fabian, Brianna Cosgrave

### February 27

Andrew Kozer, Joseph Connell, Gary Paterno, Timothy Gervinski, William Skellenger, Hugh Bowman, Anthony Passalacqua, Lynn McDonnell, Gerard Pizzariella, John Harrington, Dennis Paterno, Alison Ballentine, Denise Ryan, Lisa O'Connor, Danielle Roux, Morgan Vickers, Megan Vickers, Adam Dewling, Americo Amaral, Samuel Matulj

### February 28

Kathleen Calabrese, David Schwoyer, Katherine McArdle, Marcia Stambouljian, Michelle Coe, Anthony De Lello, Yelena Gale, Gustavo Ramos, Valerie Diaz, Preston Heck, Briana Fries



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### SPIRITUAL UNIVERSITY

*An opportunity to more deeply understand and increase your faith.*

**Classes resume February 18 (Thursday)  
at 10 am in the Learning Center.**

**Our first course of the year will be Hebrews and will run for eight weeks. Cost is \$27 for the study book only. Please contact [jean@smdscc.org](mailto:jean@smdscc.org) or call (386) 439-2791 by February 8 to register.**

In extending an invitation to participate in classroom study we caution all to refrain from participating if they have a fever or any flu-like symptoms, and, very importantly, we will observe all proper CDC protocols requiring masks, proper distancing and the use of hand sanitizer on entering and leaving the classroom.

The book of Hebrews is like a little *Catechism*. It is steeped in rich truths that are foundational to our Catholic Faith, but its highly refined theological concepts can be difficult for even the most seasoned Bible scholars to unpack. Presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins,

*Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant* draws out the riches of this book in a way that makes them easier to understand. It draws connections between the Old and New Testaments, the Liturgy, the Eucharist, the priesthood, and so much more. Most importantly, *Hebrews* will help Catholics appreciate the astounding generosity of God as they see the wonders he has given us in the Church.

As always, we should recognize that everyone's circumstances are unique and ask that you pray and consult the Holy Spirit before making your decision to join in classroom participation for your good as well as the good of the entire group. God bless.



# LIFE TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY

## *FEBRUARY LIFE TEEN & EDGE schedule:*

Mass from 11am- 12pm

Life Teen Connect & Edge Connect from 12-2pm

### February 2021

- Feb. 21—Life Teen Connect @ Home (Catch up on ones you missed)
- Feb. 28—Life Teen Connect "The Barrio Bishop and The Singer @ Church

Life Teen is off to a great start! We are happy meet in person again. A big thank you to all who made this possible! We welcome all teens and their friends to join us! Next in person meeting is February 28, "The Barrio Bishop and the Singer."

Today we are off and encourage teens to catch up and look at our other resources found at: [Connect.lifeteen.com](http://Connect.lifeteen.com) and [themix.lifeteen.com](http://themix.lifeteen.com)

Kimberly Cazzaniga, *Youth Minister*  
(386) 931-8710 / [kim@smdmcc.org](mailto:kim@smdmcc.org)



Knights of Columbus Councils 10514, 17480, and 11961 in Flagler County held the Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on February 13 at the Carver Community Center in Bunnell. Pictured are the winners in each age category from 9 to 14-years-old. Each winner has the opportunity to compete in the Regional Knights of Columbus Basketball Championship in Middleburg, FL.







## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE UPCOMING DATES



March 6-7  
April 3-4  
May 1-2  
June 5-6

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you friends in SMDM for your continued support to Joy & Care-Giving Foundation. As the previous bulletin stated, this fundraising is to be used to establish scholarships to build future leaders in service to others.

We accumulated enough money to start the scholar's first year College in the Philippines.

If I can give you any more information or talk to a group about our mission I would be honored to do so.

Again, thank you for your generosity helping our mission. May God bless you.

Josie Garcia  
jcgfoundation@yahoo.com



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Rosary for Life, Alpha Women's Center

Please join our Rosary for Life at 8:30am before the First Friday Mass.

Thank you for your generous donations of diapers, wipes, and gift cards during our Annual Baby Shower. Please continue to donate to the Alpha Women's Center at 386-586-0210. Thank you for supporting our ministry.

*Pray for Unborn Human Life*



*Bundle of Joy, Fr. G. Pegoraro, S.C.  
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## 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.

For more information, contact Steven Neyer at 215-527-7411.

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Questions?

E-mail:

[Todd.Kathy.Nennich@wwme.org](mailto:Todd.Kathy.Nennich@wwme.org)

## The Parish Council Listening Post

Do you have a comment or suggestion for the Parish Council to consider? Submit items on paper by placing them in the Listening Post box located on the cabinet under the wall-mounted TV in the Gathering Area, or you can submit items via email by sending them to:  
[listeningpost@smdmcc.org](mailto:listeningpost@smdmcc.org).

All submitted items must be civil and respectful, and be within the scope of the Parish Council, i.e., the pastoral life of the parish.

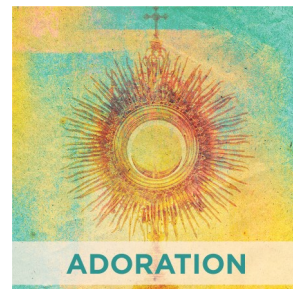
## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*God gives us every breath and second of our lives, why not give Him back one hour in Adoration?*

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:30am—2:00 pm in the  
Adoration Chapel

Contact Ginette Consentino (508-423-9360) for information or to sign up for Adoration.

**ADORERS NEEDED FOR  
WEDNESDAYS 11AM-1PM.**



## FREE BIBLES AVAILABLE

Many bibles have been donated to the Parish Library and now we are offering some of them to the parish community. The bibles are located on the bottom two shelves in the bookcase closest to the Chapel. Please feel free to take your choice. There are editions for adults, teens and children. Many have attractive, colorful pictures. Consider taking one to give to younger family members.

