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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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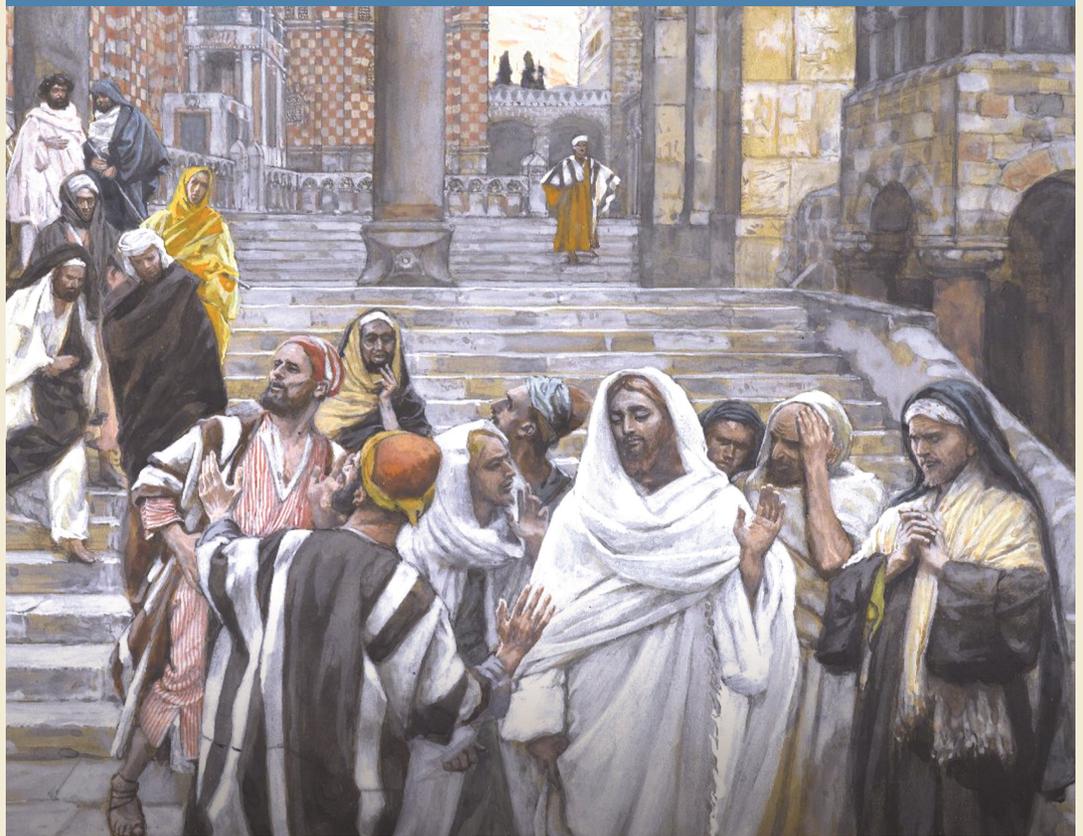
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IN-PERSON MASS TIMES
Wed-Fri: 9am
Sat (Vigil): 4pm
Sun: 9&11am
Sun: 1pm

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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:

- **Sunday Mass** will be celebrated at 9 am ,11am and 1pm in the church. .
- **Saturday Vigil Mass** will resume at 4pm.
- **Weekday Masses** will be celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am in the church.
- **High-Risk Individuals**—Sunday 1pm Mass is recommended as the attendance is low.
- **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), 10:30-10:50am (before 11am Mass) 12:30-12:50 (before 1pm Mass).

Visit the parish website for additional information.

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*)

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).



Diocesan Resources: The [Diocese of St. Augustine \(https://www.dosaf1.com/\)](https://www.dosaf1.com/) has a special [Coronavirus resource page \(https://www.dosaf1.com/coronavirus/\)](https://www.dosaf1.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.

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/).



The Flagler Beach Police Department has asked that we be mindful of the speed limits when arriving and leaving the Church. Thank you for adhering to the posted speed limits.

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



TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

PSALM:
The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:
Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)

GOSPEL:
"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to.

There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be

used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others.

All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MON SEP 27
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Zec 8:1-8
Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]
Lk 9:46-50

TUES SEP 28
ST. WENCESLAUS ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS
Zec 8:20-23
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]
Lk 9:51-56

WED SEP 29
ST. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]
Jn 1:47-51

THU SEP 30
ST. JEROME
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]
Lk 10:1-12

FRI OCT 1
ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS
Bar 1:15-22
Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]
Lk 10:13-16

SAT OCT 2
THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]
Mt 18:1-5, 10

SUN OCT 3
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
RESPECT LIVESUNDAY
Gn 2:18-24
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]
Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-1



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

2nd Week
September 2021

Offertory:
\$12,414

Online Giving:
\$4,227.50

2nd Week
September 2020

Offertory:
\$8,684

Online Giving:
\$4,735

STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE

Jesus went to Nazareth and "his own did not accept him".

We do accept Jesus and his example and teaching. We receive Jesus/God when we receive the Body and Blood of our redeemer who died for us. Thus we have the strength to show forgiveness and mercy. As Catholic Christians, we have the spirit, an undeniable life-force of strength to make a difference.

As *Stewards* listen to your conscience and act with compassion and power.



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

Keep up-to-date on announcements from the Diocese of St. Augustine regarding COVID-19 here: www.dosaf1.com/coronavirus/

THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

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

TEAMS OF OUR LADY—MARRIED SPIRITUALITY

The parish is blessed to have a special movement of Married Spirituality. This group promotes and sustains:

- + Growth in the love of God and each other a little more each day
- + Assisted by the mutual help and support of other similar-minded couples that gather monthly to share a meal, pray and study
- + To better follow the *One* who assured us that: "I am the way, the truth and the life." (John 14:6)

Personal and couple spiritual growth is promoted by daily personal prayer; family prayer; regular reading and reflection on the Bible; attending an annual retreat; sharing in a monthly sit-down with your spouse to discuss spiritual couple and family matters; following a personal spiritual "rule of life".

If you are interested in having more information about this group, please contact Nate and Barbara Flach (386-569-7876; nwflach@aol.com). There are currently nine couples actively involved and have shared that: "participation within the group has truly enriched our spiritual life and our marriage."



Teams of Our Lady

SCENES FROM SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL AND BLUE MASS





In the early 1600s, Spanish settlers brought with them to the New World a special devotion to Our Lady of La Leche y Buen Parto. Four hundred years later, the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche has kept this devotion alive through countless people of faith. And the Holy Father himself has recognized the importance and sanctity of this devotion by granting a Canonical Coronation for Our Lady of La Leche on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 2pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

This once-in-a-lifetime and completely unique event is an incredible blessing for the Diocese of St. Augustine and the oldest Marian shrine in the United States!

A canonical coronation is a formal act of the pope to crown an image of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or St. Joseph in the name of the Holy Father. The crowning acknowledges that the specific image, while having local significance, also has universal importance for the Catholic Church as it pertains to the Salvation Christ won for us by the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection. The practice began in the 17th century but became increasingly popular in the late 1800s. Many people are familiar with a May crowning as many parishes and schools annually have one as a sign of their devotion to Mary. A canonical coronation is different in that this will only happen once to this specific image of Our Lady of La Leche.

Saturday, October 9

Afternoon Events Open to the Faithful

- 11am** Confession is available at the National Shrine Church
- Noon** Mass, National Shrine Church
- 1-5pm** Rosary Celebration – various groups will lead the rosary on the mission grounds throughout the day.
- 1:30pm** Spanish Mass, National Shrine Church
- 2-5pm** Eucharistic Adoration, National Shrine Church
- 5pm** Reposition of the Holy Sacrament and quiet time until 6pm

Evening Events for the youth, young adults, YCP and college pilgrims at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios, St. Augustine

- 6-7pm** Opening Music, Worship and Prayer with Father Richard Pagano
- 7-8pm** Candlelight Rosary
- 8-8:15pm** Traditional Spanish Marian Lullabies at the Pavilion
- 8:15-9pm** Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament and Adoration

Sunday, October 10

Afternoon Events at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche (101 San Marco Avenue, St. Augustine) Open to the faithful

- 12:15pm** Gates of the National Shrine open for pilgrims
- 1:15pm** Rosary
- 2pm** Pilgrims will view the Canonical Coronation of Our Lady of La Leche and Diocesan Consecration via live-stream on Jumbotron. Holy Communion will be distributed to pilgrims on the National Shrine grounds. **You may also watch from your home by going to <https://coronation.dosafi.com>.**
- 4pm** Procession (motorcar) of the newly crowned image to the National Shrine. Procession of the image on the mission grounds. Bishop Estévez will recite the Our Lady of La Leche prayer with pilgrims. Private procession of Our Lady of La Leche across the Gannon Bridge for enthronement in the Historic Chapel. The National Shrine will close after Our Lady's enthronement.

Monday, October 11

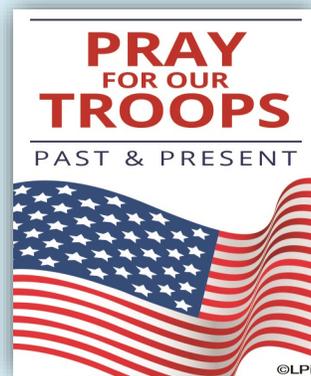
Feast Day of Our Lady of La Leche at the National Shrine, St. Augustine. Open to the public

- Noon** – Mass with Father Erlin Garcia, ICC, as celebrant
- 1:30pm** – Spanish Mass with Father Erlin Garcia, ICC, as celebrant
- 6pm** – Mass of Enthronement with Bishop Felipe Estévez as celebrant

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.

- Lois Ambrosia
- Baby Avery
- Kelly Baffa
- Jennifer Bagshaw
- Brittny Baker
- Joseph Beneducci Jr.
- Mary Alice Bevaque
- Leo & Barbara Blank
- Kathy Bless
- Sheri Bless
- Julie Callahan
- Fabienne Carlisto
- John Caruso
- Chuck Cella
- Will Chapel
- Gwen Chin-See
- Valerie Ann Cipolla
- Blonie Deza
- Don
- David Dunn
- Jonah Finn
- Jamie Fischer
- Kelly Fitzgerald
- Fr. Sal
- James Green
- Susan & Roger Gronert
- Maureen Guiglotto
- Joey
- Beth Keefer
- Paula Kiley
- Joyce Kolosky
- Ann Kozanecki
- Sivestre Labaredas
- Scott Lavonas
- Frank Leonardo
- Sean Liston
- Donald Longo
- Frank Magee
- Dina Mancuso
- Frankie Mancuso
- Teresa Mancuso
- Maria Marzano
- Bobi Mason
- Anthena McPartland
- Nicole Merced
- Joseph T. Milici
- Kelly Mincey
- Theresa Mincey
- Tony Monopoli
- Ralph Morello
- Americo Morgado
- Barbara Motta
- Diana Musella
- Susan Musella
- Jean O'Brien
- Barbara Orandello
- Maria Palicio
- Marylou Pape
- Patricia Perszyk
- Diane Pires
- Pat Reilly
- Rick Rider
- Robert Rizzo
- Lenaj Rocco
- Amanda Scharck
- Tara Scilabra
- Cindy Ser
- Nelson Shaffer
- Sandy Silva
- Stephen
- Gina Stokes
- Brian Taylor
- Vera
- Jeffrey Wheeler
- Bruce Williamson
- Mary-Ann Woika
- Carol Woodard



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)
- Lt. Rachel Mincey (US Navy)
- LCDR Brandon Aten (USCG)
- Joseph Otmar (USMC)
- Casey Henrikson (US Navy)
- Chad M.R. Schuch (USAF)
- 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)
- Lt. JG 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)
- Chief Daniel Goodwin (US Navy)
- Capt. Connor Allender (USMC)
- SGT David DiSorbo (US Army)
- Nate Guerreiro (US Navy)
- Lt. Matthew DiSorbo (USAF)
- Lt. Col. Roland Devries (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 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!



WE COMMEND TO GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE

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| † Evelyn Duffy | † Rosemary Gorman |
| † Arthur Bouillion | † Mary Gurnee |
| † Peter Brehm | † Margaret Janus |
| † Joan Roberti | † Elizabeth Westenheiser |
| † Sal Mangano | † Fran Chiodo |

Mass INTENTIONS

- 09/29: 9am †Michael Hewson, Susan & Roger Gronert (Special Intention) Alfonso Ramirez (Special Intention).
- 09/30: 9am †Alfonso Ramirez, Dolores McCrary (Special Intention), Go-Wiess (Special Intention).
- 10/01: 9am †For the Intention of the Blessed Mother, †Lisa Meloni, †Sylvester Ricci, †John & Jean Prandini, †Alfonso Ramirez.
- 10/02: 4pm †Signe Bachman, †Linda Almond, †Moses Rogers.
- 10/03: 9am †Joan Roberti, †Sal Mangano, †Bill Ilavsky.
11am †Mary & Thomas Cunningham, †Sandra Danforth, Kim Cazzaniga (Birthday)
1pm †Herman Mehling, Patrie Family (Special Intention).

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE PETS

OCTOBER 1

Bring your special pet(s) to be blessed at 10am on Friday, October 1. We look forward to seeing you and your furry friends!



ADULT CHOIR OFFERING MODIFIED OPTION

Our Adult Choir will be meeting in Sectionals moving forward and if you are interested in joining us, please contact the church office and leave them your name and contact information. Links to the new Mass parts are on our website under Music Ministry.



ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

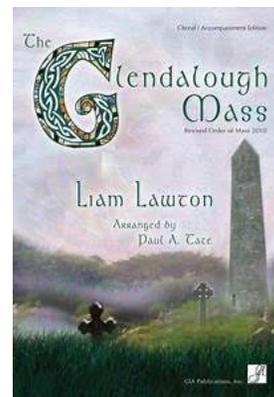
OCTOBER 3

A visual prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life along our streets and highways. 2pm in Jacksonville. Chain begins Atlantic Blvd./Monument Rd. intersection & extends East on Atlantic Blvd. past St. Johns Bluff. Sidewalks only! JSO is with us. All ages welcome! Signs provided. Sponsor: Holy Spirit Parish, Jacksonville. For more information, call Joey Sims at (615) 653-8965 or send an email to joeysims29@gmail.com.

NEW MASS SETTING!

We have been using the Mass of Renewal for almost 2 years and so it is time for a change. We are introducing *The Glendalough Mass!* Go to the website to listen:

www.smdmcc.org/music-ministry

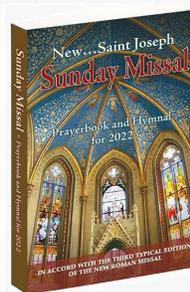
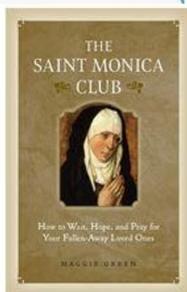


"The Saint Monica Club" by Maggie Green Now Available at the Gift Shop

So who was Saint Monica? She was a pious Catholic mother with a son that turned his back on the Church. His mother continued to pray for his return to his faith. She wrestled daily with the pain of having a loved one, her precious son, to fall away from the Catholic faith. Like many Catholics today, she feared that her pain, her prayers, and her tears were of little worth as her son turned far away from the Catholic values she had taught him.

In her case, it took almost 20 years but her son did return to his Catholic faith. Will your son or daughter or grandchild return? Only God knows the answer to that question but Maggie Green has provided wise, compassionate guidance for members of what she calls "The Saint Monica Club" who are good Catholics suffering like Monica the rejection of the faith by persons they love dearly.

"The Saint Monica Club" is available in the Gift Shop for \$12.



Pre-order the 2022 St. Joseph Sunday Missal

The SMDM Gift Shop is placing an order for 2022 St. Joseph Sunday Missals! Order by September 30, 2021, at a price of \$5. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Stop by the Gift Shop and place your order. If you are unable to get to the Gift Shop during the weekend Masses to pre-order your copy,

please email giftshop@smdmcc.org or contact the Parish Office.

Pre-order today to guarantee the \$5 price.

If you are unfamiliar with the St. Joseph Sunday Missal, it's an easy-to-use 2022 Sunday Missal with the complete Masses for all Sundays and Holy Days, along with the Easter Triduum. This version has large type, people's parts in bold print for quick identification, and a large selection of more popular hymns. Order yours today.



THE DIOCESE OF
St. Augustine

THIRD  ANNUAL
ROSARY CONGRESS

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 1, 2021
(Adoration begins at the conclusion of morning Mass)

SEPTEMBER 24 – National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, St. Augustine » **Noon Mass**
In thanksgiving to Our Lady of La Leche for hearing the prayers and petitions for fertility and the gift of a child.

SEPTEMBER 25 – Corpus Christi Parish, St Augustine » **9am Daily Mass**
In thanksgiving to Our Lady of La Leche for the blessings of our country.

SEPTEMBER 26 – St Catherine of Siena Parish, Orange Park » **9am Daily Mass**
In thanksgiving to Our Lady of La Leche for the growth of our Catholic faith in the U.S. and preserving our Catholic heritage especially through the martyrs of Florida.

SEPTEMBER 27 – Christ the King Parish, Jacksonville » **8am Daily Mass**
In thanksgiving for the protection of all human life especially those with special needs.

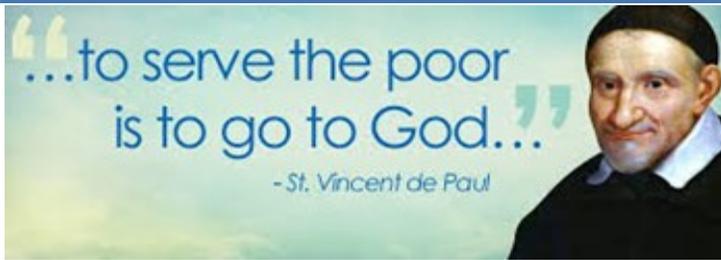
SEPTEMBER 28 – St Patrick Parish, Jacksonville » **8am Daily Mass**
In thanksgiving to Our Lady of La Leche for nurturing our sons to become Catholic priests who proclaim the Gospel of Life.

SEPTEMBER 29 – Holy Family Parish, Jacksonville » **9am Daily Mass**
In thanksgiving to Our Lady of La Leche for all the faithful who stand for the protection of human life at the most vulnerable stages.

SEPTEMBER 30 – St Augustine Parish, Gainesville » **12pm Daily Mass**
In thanksgiving for the encouragement of the youth and young adults who are seeking a relationship with your Son.

OCTOBER 1 – Santa Fe Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, St Madeleine Sophie Parish, High Springs » **8:30am Daily Mass**
In thanksgiving to Our Lady of La Leche for faithful Catholic families following in the footsteps of the Holy Family.

ONGOING EVENTS



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION DATES:

OCT. 2-3

Food donations can also be dropped off at the church foyer any time during the week.



SAVE THE DATE: ALL MINISTRY LEADERS

NOV. 3—3-5PM; NOV. 10—6-8PM

RSVP: parishcouncil@smdmcc.org

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY SUPPER MINISTRY

FEEDING THE POOR: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A little over five years ago a new ministry was created at Santa Maria del Mar to help individuals and families in need of food and friendship. The Bread of Life (BOL) Ministry was developed to meet some of those needs.

Until the coronavirus hit, the ministry was serving **nearly 80 meals every Monday** night in our parish hall and **sending an additional 100-120 meals to shut-ins and others needing relief**. Any remaining food was packaged and sent to the Family Life Center. This has all been accomplished by a cadre of outstanding cooks and six teams of volunteers totaling over 130 parish members.

On May 12 we fired up the ovens and opened the virtual doors to begin take out service once again. We are currently serving nearly 200 meals each week. Bread of Life has been given the "go ahead" to resume in-house dining and will begin this service starting in mid October and continue each Monday thereafter with in-house dining served from 4-5pm and take outs available from 5-6pm. **Presently, only take out is available from 4-6pm.**

To meet the demands of this dual-service ministry **we need more volunteers**. Please consider spending a few hours of your time in this very worthwhile ministry. Call the office and leave your name, phone number and email address. We will contact you with orientation and team assignment.

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.

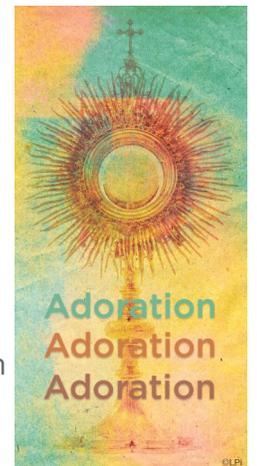
Chaplet of Divine Mercy every
Wednesday at 1:30pm in the Chapel.

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY, 9:30AM—2PM IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

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

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

**ADORERS NEEDED FOR
WED-FRI 9:30-10:30AM**



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DIAKONOS: GREEK WORD FOR SERVANT

Santa Maria del Mar Parish is blessed to have three Permanent Deacons, assigned by Bishop Estevez for the needs of our parish. There are two kinds of deacons in the Roman Catholic Church. One is a Transitional Deacon who prepares for the priesthood and will be ordained a priest. The second kind of deacon, a Permanent Deacon, is a member of the clergy who is ordained, not to the priesthood, but to a sacred calling. They assist bishops and priests in the needs of the parish and the diocese to include: distribution of Holy Communion, preparation of the altar during Mass, presiding at marriages and baptisms, funerals, and proclamation of the Gospel during Mass and providing homilies and special dedication to various ministries of charity.

Acts 6:1-7 – At that time, as the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.” The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. These men were presented to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them.

Deacon Manny Almeida

Deacon Manny and his wife Maria relocated here from Elizabeth, New Jersey (Our Lady of Fatima Parish). He was ordained in May, 2011, after



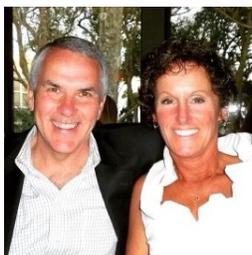
having been raised in a very devoted Catholic family. His father was his inspiration to both study, and be ordained as a Deacon. Deacon Manny says that he continues to follow his father's example and continually feels his presence. His father was truly his friend and mentor.

Maria and Deacon Manny have three grown sons and two grandsons. Maria also attended the diaconate formation program with her husband. Attending the program has allowed Maria to provide significant support to Manny's ministry of service. She gives him the

love and support necessary for ministry and joins with him in serving God and the Church.

Deacon John Harvery

Deacon John and his spouse Donna relocated to Florida from Atlanta, Georgia in 2016. Prior to serving at our parish, Deacon John served the needs at both St.



Brendan's and St. Mary's. Deacon John completed his undergraduate work at Gannon University, a Catholic college in Pennsylvania, and then completed his graduate degree in Theology at Spring Hill College in 2014. Answering a calling to serve, he completed his studies in diaconate formation resulting in his ordination as a deacon in 2015. After ordination, Deacon John completed three years of study at the Audire School for Spiritual Direction resulting in his certification as a

spiritual director.

Donna and Deacon John have three children, five grandchildren, and recently celebrated 45 years of marriage. Donna has been an important partner in Deacon John's journey. She attended classes with him and continually offers support and encouragement. Donna looks forward to being involved with some of the ministry opportunities offered at Santa Maria del Mar.

Deacon Bob Krol

Deacon Bob and his wife Gayle have been providing for the needs of our parish for three years working tirelessly at Masses while contributing significantly to the needs of the poor and those in prison. Thank you Deacon Bob for all that you do for us!



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BOOK REVIEW

BEAUTIFUL MERCY: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love So We Can Share It with Others An Invitation by Pope Francis and Many more...

This publication is offered by the *Dynamic Catholic Institute* as a companion to Pope Francis declaring that December 2015 would begin An Extraordinary Year of Mercy. Many renowned authors have written short articles on The Corporal Works of Mercy and The Spiritual Works of Mercy including Pope Francis.

Jesus's actions were all merciful. He healed the sick, he fed an enormous crowd, he raised the dead, he helped the poor and

marginalized and he forgave sinners. Jesus left us with the task to propagate his merciful love.

Each author offers narrations of how they see and have seen mercy in action. They share thoughts and ideas that might be useful in our lives and our way of deliberating without being judgmental. Without receiving and giving mercy we are lost in this life and without the fullness of God's mercy, we would be genuinely lost.

Please, do take time to read this book. It is a quick read and offers excellent reviews on how to and why to incorporate mercy in our lives.
- Maria Flake

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 27

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

SEPTEMBER 28

Harold Backmann, Joseph Barnett, Dennis Blevins, Pamela Ciafone, 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, Michael Zeff

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, Beverly Osborne, Patricia Rivera, Charles Scharf, Craig Williamson, George Zampella

OCTOBER 1

Delia Cortez, Albert DiCroce, Therese Dy, Anthony Janna, Serena Kravantka, Ruth Nagy, Beatriz Silva

OCTOBER 2

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

OCTOBER 3

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

OCTOBER is Domestic Violence AWARENESS MONTH



In addition to being Respect Life Month, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The U.S. bishops have written extensively about the devastating effects that domestic violence has on victims and families. The USCCB website has valuable resources for parishioners, clergy, and pastoral staff at www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/domestic-violence. The Family Life Center (familylifecenterflagler.org) is Flagler County's domestic violence service provider. It operates a victim shelter and a 24-hour crisis helpline (386-437-3505) among other services. On October 15, the Family Life Center, the Flagler County Domestic Violence Task Force, and Daytona State College will offer a FREE half-day conference at the DSC Palm Coast campus open to the community. Six breakout sessions are available for attendees to choose from, including one for clergy, pastoral staff, and those involved in church ministry. For more information on the event and to register, visit eventbrite.com and search for "rise up flagler."



SYNODUS EPISCOPORUM

"For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission"

XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

The fifth synod of the pontificate of Pope Francis will follow a different protocol than previous synods. This one will have the normal three phases, but these phases will be: local, continental, and universal. Bishop Estévez has appointed a Steering Committee and co-chairpersons for the synodal process. The consultations for this local phase will be broad, engaging with as many people as possible. The first thing that we must do is to have formation on the concept of synod and synodality.

Opening of the next synod

The next Synod of Bishops will open locally in October, 2021, officially on October 10 in Rome and October 17 in each of the dioceses of the world. Prior to this opening, the general secretariat will send each of the bishops a preparatory document, a handbook for training, and logistics for the local event. Each bishop will have appointed a contact person or committee to lead the local consultation. After this consultation, the input will be synthesized into a cohesive document to be submitted to the U.S. Bishops as part of the second step of this process.

The official kick off weekend across the world will be Sunday, Oct. 17. Our event will be held at St. Joseph Parish, starting with a 2pm Mass, followed by formation and information.



SANTA MARIA del MAR
CATHOLIC CHURCH
—SURSUM CORDA—

WELCOME TO SANTA MARIA DEL MAR SPIRITUAL UNIVERSITY

It's time to register for our initial course of the 2021-2022 session. Please contact Jeannie in the office or call her at (386) 439-2791 to register. Cost is \$27 for the study guide only. Please register by Friday, September 17.

Dr. Edward Sri's Biblical Walk Through the Mass
Fridays 10-11:30am
Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
in the Learning Center.

We look forward to seeing you there.

And remember, *Father Manny's Bible Study* sessions will be held the 3rd Thursday of the month.



Additionally, *upcoming courses* also on Friday mornings in the Learning Center include:

Morning sessions

Fridays at 10-11:30am in the Learning Center

- Bishop Barron's *Pivotal Players "Saints Augustine and Benedict"* Nov 5, 12, 19
- Jeff Cavin's *"Revelations"* Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar 4, 11
- Dr. Ed Sri's *"No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion"* Mar 18, 25, Apr 1, 8

Evening session

Thursdays at 6-7:30pm

- Steve Ray's *"Footprints of God"* Apr 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; Jun 2, 9, 16

We pray the Holy Spirit will move you to join us in these sessions.

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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.

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.

From the Office of the Chancellor COVID-19 Safety Note: Given Bishop Estévez's recent decision to lift the mask requirement for fully vaccinated persons attending Mass begs the question concerning persons who are unvaccinated. Persons who have hesitated in obtaining the vaccination are strongly encouraged to do so. Until such time, unvaccinated persons older than age two should wear a mask. DO NOT put masks on children younger than 2-years-old. Additional CDC guidance may be obtained at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question: What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer: Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe "in the resurrection of the body." Does that mean Christ's resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus' resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it's also a sign of what's to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It's an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus' resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don't really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

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WHO WAS POPE DURING VATICAN II?

- a) Pope John Paul II
- b) Pope John XXIII
- c) Pope Benedict XV
- d) Pope Pius IX

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Answer:



RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

WELCOME HOME, WELCOME BACK

*Wednesday 6pm RCIA Classes
September 22, 2021 to June 12, 2022*

Precatechumenate Period

Sep 29	Church Tour
Oct 6	Church History
Oct 13	Church History
Oct 20	Liturgy
Oct 27	The Creed
Nov 3	The Creed

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a rite which welcomes people seeking to explore the Catholic Faith and join our church family.

If you would like more information please contact:

- Denise Collins, DRE (denise@smdmcc.org)
- Jack Williamson, RCIA Coordinator (buvezvin@aol.com).

CAROL LYNN BARI: Lost Faith but discovered again!

Carol Lynn was born and raised in the Catholic Church. Her parents valued Catholic Education and made that possible for their four children. In her early years she was exposed to and guided by many priests and nuns. But during her middle years, her faith took a turn and she was not active in any church. Life seemed too trying and too problematic for her to think that God was really caring for her.

Carol Lynn is married to Lloyd; they met and lived in North Miami Beach. Then in 2001 they relocated to Flagler Beach. Carol Lynn and Lloyd have a blended family of sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who all live in Florida, so it's easy to enjoy them often. Lloyd and Carol Lynn have been blessed with and cherish their 35 years of marriage.

After being absent for 30 Years from the Catholic Church, Carol Lynn was encouraged to seek out Santa Maria del Mar Parish. There within the friendly, compassionate community, she was able to understand that God has always been by her side. Over the years she acknowledges the many people who helped her including Father Al, Fr.



Grasso, Fr. Sal, John & Diane Pires, Tricia Culligan and others (too many to list here).

Coming back to the Church and receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist was a tearful and joyful experience for Carol Lynn. Following her return she has participated in many ministries including Catholics Returning Home, Small Christian Communities, St. Vincent de Paul, Adoration, Lectors, Bible Studies, Ladies Club and Parish Council.

During the years that Carol Lynn was separated from her faith, she was still very much on a faith journey because all the things that she did during that time showed really who she is. She always was involved in projects, positions and undertakings where she functioned as an active trainer, facilitator and mentor by serving others. She was involved as an adult literacy tutor, as a mentor for 10 years for elementary students, and as a mediator for 15 years for the civil court. She was always on a strong spiritual mission with God but didn't recognize it as such.

Carol Lynn is a model for all of us when we encounter life's hardships and trials that test us to never give up hope because the foundation of faith comes through if given a chance to develop and grow. She reminds us to surrender to God and the pathways of peace will develop even through hardships.

Carol Lynn is a joyful, hope-filled, happy woman who has devoted her life through service to others as a way to be a servant to our Creator. "Well done, good and faithful servant... (Matt. 25:21)"

- Maria Flake



2021-2022 Faith Formation Schedule

Visit our website: www.smdmcc.org or contact Denise@smdmcc.org for more information!

Faith Formation (K-8) Sunday 9:45-10:45
*First Sunday of the Month Children's Mass at 11am. Attendance encouraged.

Sept. 26 Class
Oct. 3 **Class/Children's Mass 11am**
Oct. 10 Class
Oct. 17 Class
Oct. 24 Class
Oct. 31 NO CLASS
Nov. 7 **Class/Children's Mass 11am**
Nov. 14 Class
Nov. 21 NO CLASS/ Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28 Class
Dec. 5 **Class/Children's Mass 11am**
Dec. 12 Class

Dec. 19 Class/ Pageant Practice/Costumes
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Pageant
Dec. 27 No Class/ Christmas Break
Jan. 9 **Class/Children's Mass 11am**
Jan. 16 NO CLASS
Jan. 23 Class
Jan. 30 Class
Feb. 6 **Class/Children's Mass 11am**
Feb. 13 Class
Feb. 20 Class
Feb. 27 Class
Mar. 6 **Class/Children's Mass 11am**

Mar. 13 Class
Mar. 20 No Class/ Spring Break
Mar. 27 Class
Apr. 3 **Class/Children's Mass 11am**
Apr. 10 Class
Apr. 17 **Easter Sunday**
Apr. 24 Last Class
Apr. 30 **First Communion time TBA**
May 7 **Confirmation @ 10am**

Altar Servers Needed! Third grade and up! Contact Ms. Denise!



SEPTEMBER 26

Life Teen Mass & Youth Group
11am-3pm (lunch provided)

OCTOBER 6

Wednesday Worship, 6-8 pm in the Youth Room

OCTOBER 10

Life Teen Mass & Youth Group
11am - 2 pm

OCTOBER 15-17

Life Teen Retreat (15-16) and Family Sunday (17) with Maggie Craig (see flyer)

OCTOBER 20

Wednesday Worship, 6-8 pm in the Youth Room

OCTOBER 24

Life Teen Mass & Youth Group,
11am - 2pm

CALLING ALL TEENS

If you are interested in serving in our church, we are looking for Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, Musicians and Eucharistic Ministers to serve at the 11am Mass. E-mail Kim Cazzaniga for more information:
kim@smdmcc.org