



# SANTA MARIA *del* MAR

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

—SURSUM CORDA—

CATHOLIC PARISH *by the sea*

**WELCOME TO SANTA MARIA DEL MAR CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**FR. MANNY B. LOPEZ**  
Pastor

**DEACON BOB KROL**  
deaconbob@smdmcc.org

**DEACON JOHN HARVEY**  
deaconjohn@smdmcc.org

**DEACON MANNY ALMEIDA**  
deaconmanny@smdmcc.org

**JOHN CARNEY**  
Special Advisor

**CHRISTINE SUDANO**  
Parish Administrator  
christine@smdmcc.org

**DENISE COLLINS**  
Director of Religious Education  
denise@smdmcc.org

**MARIA FLAKE**  
New Members/Hospitality  
maria@smdmcc.org

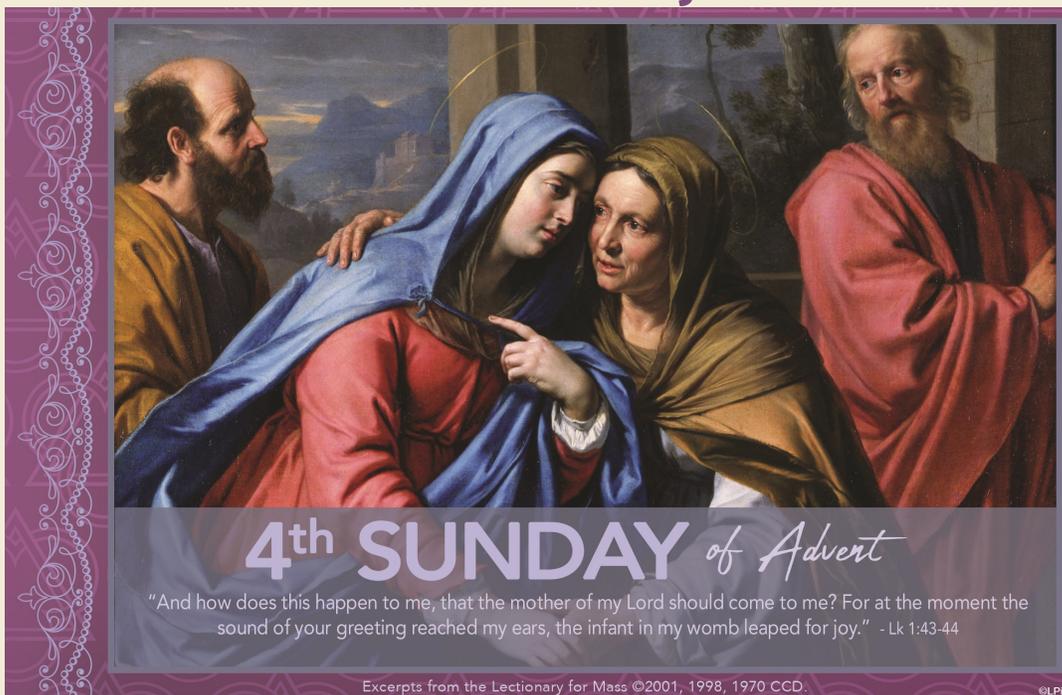
**KIM CAZZANIGA**  
Music Director/Youth Ministry  
kim@smdmcc.org

**JEANNIE JOHNSON**  
Parish Secretary  
jean@smdmcc.org

**NILTON BOTELHO**  
Maintenance Supervisor  
nilton@smdmcc.org

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

**DECEMBER 19, 2021**



# HOLIDAY

## Mass Schedule

©LPI

**Christmas Eve**  
Friday, December 24  
Masses at 4pm (Children's Mass) and  
9pm (Adult Choir Mass)

**Christmas Day**  
Saturday, December 25  
Masses at 10am and Noon

**New Year's Eve**  
Friday, December 31  
10am Mass

**New Year's Day**  
Saturday, January 1  
10am Mass (Remembrance Mass)

**Regular Vigil Mass**  
Saturday, Jan. 1 at 4pm

**WWW.SMDMCC.ORG**

**915 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE | FLAGLER BEACH, FL 32136 | PHONE: 386-439-2791 | FAX: 386-439-1362**

# KNOWING YOUR FAITH with Fr. Manny

A once-a-month series of articles that will address different topics of our Catholic faith. Many times some of the faithful and some ordained mistake personal preferences and opinions on matters of worship with official Church doctrine and what the Church teaches. This monthly series will attempt to clarify, illustrate and explain that doctrine through official documents and guidelines.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The other sacrament of healing is the Anointing of the Sick. During this sacrament, the church brings healing, comfort and strength to those who are ill, elderly or in danger of death. The person can be suffering of physical, emotional or spiritual illness.

A priest administers this sacrament because the individuals sins are forgiven. The oil of the sick and laying on of hands by the priest are the symbols of this beautiful sacrament that can be received more than once if necessary.

As St. Paul said about the Body of Christ, "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26), therefore, the church reaches out to the suffering with the healing of the anointing. As the Body of Christ, we are called to visit the sick, pray for them often and look for ways to be a sign of Jesus' love and care for them.

### CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

*"By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. and indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ."* CCC #1499

"Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death." CCC #1500

*"Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people"103 and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins;104 he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of...His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul..."* CCC #1503

"However, the apostolic Church has its own rite for the sick, attested to by St. James: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." Tradition has recognized in this rite one of the seven sacraments." CCC #1510

### ON-LINE CHURCH DOCUMENTS AND SCRIPTURE:

- Holy Bible (NAB 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition), see (James 5: 14-16; Mark 6:7-13) at: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible>

- Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), paragraphs 1499-1535 at: <https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/>

\_INDEX.HTM- Catechesis of the 7 Sacraments at: [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccs\\_archive/techism/2s2c2a5.htm](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccs_archive/techism/2s2c2a5.htm)



## 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](https://www.facebook.com/smdmcc/)

([www.facebook.com/smdmcc/](https://www.facebook.com/smdmcc/))

**Parish Office:** The parish office is open Tues—Fri, 9am-4pm with a break for lunch. Please see Mass schedule below:

- **Sunday Mass:** 9 am ,11am and 1pm in the church. .
- **Saturday Vigil Mass** at 4pm.
- **Weekday Masses:** Wednesday—Friday at 9am in the church.
- **High-Risk Individuals**—Sunday 1pm Mass is recommended as the attendance is low.
- **Adoration**—Wednesday—Friday, 9:30am-2pm. (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>) 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*)

**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.

**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/>).

**Offertory Contributions:** 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](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748): [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748)



# WE ARE GOD'S INSTRUMENTS

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We

are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me.

We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

©LPI

## TODAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

### PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

### SECOND READING:

“Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.’” (Heb 10:7)

### GOSPEL:

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Lk 1:42-43)

*The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MON DEC 20	TUES DEC 21	WED DEC 22	THU DEC 23	FRI DEC 24	SAT DEC 25	SUN DEC 26
Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b] Lk 1:26-38	<b>ST. PETER CANISIUS</b> Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a] Lk 1:39-45	1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a] Lk 1:46-56	<b>ST. JOHN OF KANTY</b> Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28] Lk 1:57-66	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a] Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c] Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b> Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52



## 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

4th Week  
November 2021

Offertory:  
\$14,483

Online Giving:  
\$3,842.50

4th Week  
November 2020

Offertory:  
\$10,082

Online Giving:  
\$3,180



Have you experienced the loss of a child or grandchild? We will be celebrating a special remembrance Mass on **January 1st at 10am** beginning at the Mary statue. Please bring a friend the Mass is open to all!

**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](mailto:inquiries@dosaf1.com). To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

## STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE

The Virgin Mary offered her life in obedience to God through the appearance of an angel. She is with child and shall bear a son and she will call him Emmanuel which means "God is with us".

As Christmas draws near may we grow in faith and love to celebrate the coming of our Savior. In daily activities, take some special moments to reflect with gratitude on the genuine meaning of the holy day and how fortunate we Christians recognize and honor our Savior. *Stewards*, fill your heart and life with hope and faith and share with generosity.



## THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

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

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Holy Eucharist is the Sacred Sacrament, which as Catholics, we believe, becomes the body and blood of Christ with a priest's consecration of the communion wafers and wine. Holy Eucharist is the Source and Summit of Christian Life (Vatican II, Lumen Gentium). Eucharistic Ministers, sometimes called Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, help priests to prepare and to serve the Eucharist – Holy Communion – at Mass.



In case of sickness or those infirmed, the church is obliged (as possible) to meet the spiritual needs of those in hospitals, homebound or elderly. Involved with carrying the Eucharist to those unable to physically attend liturgies is the sharing of prayer and the word of God during visits. The Eucharistic Minister must also be in contact with the pastor or deacon as to the condition and circumstances of those they visit.

Santa Maria del Mar Parish has 72 active members involved in this ministry. Eucharistic Ministry is truly a gift to the minister to be able to share the Body and Blood of Christ with others. The parish is grateful and humbled that these members take their commitment to their faith with compassion and love. We salute all those involved in this vital ministry who share with our parish community.

## ST. PETER CANISIUS

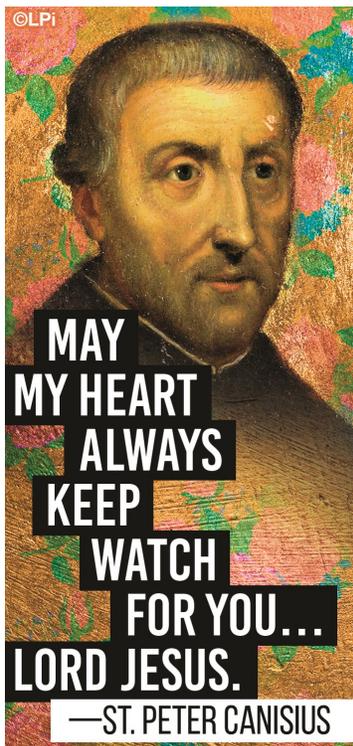
**FEAST DAY  
DECEMBER 21**

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

©LPI



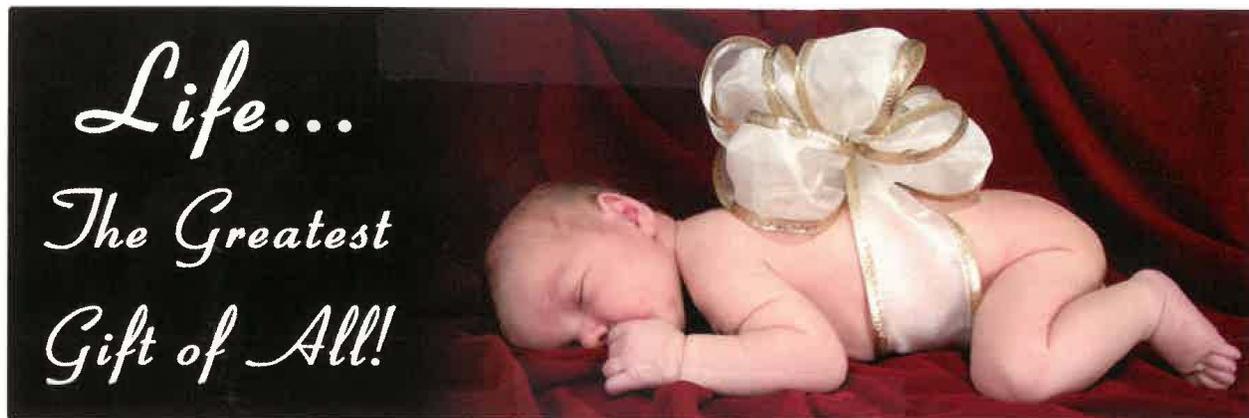
## Who were Jesus' Grandparents? Saint Ann and Saint Joaquim

The beautiful statue in the Gathering Area has drawn a lot of attention, and a lot of questions about who were Anne and Joachim. Most sources indicate [St. Anne](#) (sometimes spelled [Ann](#)) and her husband St. Joachim (sometimes spelled Joaquin or Joaquin) were the parents of the Virgin Mary.

While there is no mention of either St. Anne or St. Joachim in the Bible, some non-biblical books from the early Christian centuries acknowledge Mary's parents as Anne and Joachim. These sources claim Anne and Joachim were childless until the Angel Gabriel appeared to them and declared they would have a child who must be dedicated to God. The church celebrates their feast day on July 26. There is a beautiful prayer to St. Anne and St. Joachim that speaks to the power of their intervention with Jesus. Holy cards are available in the Gift Shop for \$1.00. Many other special prayers are found on Holy Cards and are also available in the Gift Shop. **Stop by before or after weekend Masses to see what's available.**



The Respect Life Ministry wishes the Santa Maria del Mar Parish Christmas Blessings and a Happy and Healthy New Year



# BIRTHDAYS

## DECEMBER 20

Lawrence Fiume, Beau Gomos,  
Charlie Gray, Owen McKinley,  
James Newman

## DECEMBER 21

Tyler Allen, Isaak Arroyo,  
Nicole Avena, Matthew Bryant,  
Kerri Carubia, Jolene Clark,  
Claire Collins, Richard Dors,  
Joseph Flecha, Anthony Hand,  
Jeffrey Karl, Maleah Lodi,  
Joseph McColgan, Janet Mosher,  
Edward Polak, Nick Riggio,  
Lee Robell, Holly Swider,  
Charlene Tamburrino, Deborah Zarajczyk

## DECEMBER 22

Tommy Aloia, Cayden Avena,  
Mary Callery, Frances Chiodo,  
George Foggia, Alanna Gallagher,  
Mary Giraulo, Bryce Graham,  
Elizabeth Leprohon, Ryan McDonald,  
Thomas McCann, Robert Oehl,  
Tyler Peeples, Selena Sellazzo,  
Carla Stevenson, Ozzie White

## DECEMBER 23

Ana Blaine, Luis Brown,  
Gina Carlisi, Janet Diluzio,  
Christine Gaspar, Chasity Santiago,  
Humberto Torrao, Michael Torre

## DECEMBER 24

Normand Descoteaux, Anita Dillon,  
T.J. Goco, Donna Grady,  
Allison Low, Michelle Manfredi,  
Nikolas Varvara

## DECEMBER 25

Madilynn DeLorenzo, Kevin Doherty,  
Daniel Kratofil, Thomas Muir,  
Shaun Porter, Frank Reubel,  
Elizabeth Savone, Ryan Sparrow,  
Linda Thibault, Thomas Troidle,  
Christy Vincent, Maureen Vitello

## DECEMBER 26

Linda Brittan, Joan Overbeck,  
Katelyan Kutik, Abbie LaFosse,  
Robert McGrath, Pilar Ocoy,  
Kathleen Overbeck, Lillie Roy,  
Carmen Velazquez, Arabella Wells



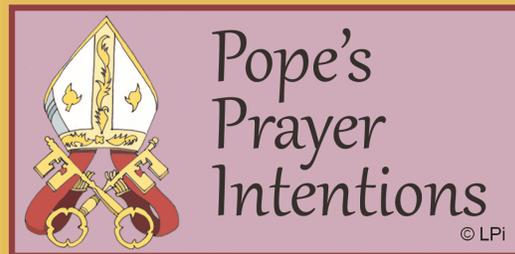
## ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS!

As we emerge from COVID restrictions, the Parish Council has been working on ways to better connect parishioners with our many ministries and to provide support to our ministry leaders.

Details will be provided at **ministry leaders meetings** on **Jan. 19, 2-4pm** and on **Jan. 20, 6-8pm**. Ministry leaders need to attend only one of these important meetings—whichever is more convenient.

In preparation for the January meetings, if you are currently leading a parish ministry formally or informally, please provide your ministry's name and your contact information to the Parish Council at [parishcouncil@smdmcc.org](mailto:parishcouncil@smdmcc.org) or put the information in the Listening Post box in the church's gathering area. Questions? Contact the Parish Council via email or call the parish office and leave a message for the Council.

**VERY IMPORTANT**  
Now that ministry events are getting started again, please remember to call Jeannie Johnson in the parish office to place your ministry events on the calendar that occur in the Hall, the Learning Center or the Gathering area. 386-439-2791



## DECEMBER: CATECHISTS

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## ONGOING MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

### SVDP FOOD COLLECTION

In November, thanks to your generosity, we served 139 families, 247 adults, 213 children. Thank you! Drop off food at church foyer any time during the week. For assistance—(386) 693-4806.



### WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us after the 9am Mass for a time of reflection on the Sunday Gospel readings. What is He calling you to? How is God speaking to you? Where is He touching your heart? Come listen, reflect and share as we break open the Word.

Questions? Contact Theresa at 386-517-3739 or Judy at 407-491-4982 judyncih@yahoo.com

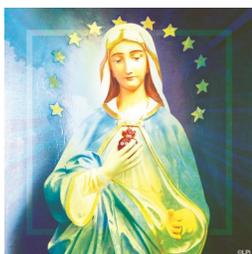
### LEGION OF MARY

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 12pm in the Chapel.

### WE KNOW IT HURTS AND WE WANT TO HELP! TUESDAYS, 9:30AM, LEARNING CENTER

Contact: Lois Ambrosia:  
386.871.5371



### 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**

### COLD WEATHER SHELTER HELP CHURCH ON THE ROCK, BUNNELL

Need for Assistance:

- A dinner team of friends to make and serve dinner for approximately 20 guests, and clean up. This is a hearty high-protein meal...consisting of soup, salad, entrée, vegetable and dessert. Coffee and juice are provided.
- An overnight team of two or three people from 10pm to 6am to stay awake and oversee both the guests and the facility. Guests have been 'vetted' and approved. They received dinner earlier and will be provided a breakfast. This is not for only one person—a team is needed.
- The next morning, a team of two or three to assist in the replacement of the bedding, wipe tables, throw out trash and get the 'sanctuary' back to a workable position. This normally takes 30-60 minutes and starts around 7:30am.

This is done in coordination with Sheltering Tree, headed by Sue Bickens. Please contact Deacon Bob at 630-640-3552 if you are available to assist.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Every Tuesday at SMdM Parish Hall. Doors open at 11am. A free lunch is served at 11:30am when you buy a Bingo pack for only \$15. Bingo starts promptly at 12:15pm. Jackpot up to \$200. Contact E.Y. at 986-1163 or John at 225-4456.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS BOOKS

To help us get in the mood to celebrate The Birth of Jesus, the Library Ministry has sent up a special table in the back of the sanctuary next to the Chapel. There are books available for all ages. As we make preparations for Christmas, let's also prepare our hearts. You are invited to borrow and enjoy one of the parish's holiday books. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

**Question:** Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

**Answer:** Epiphany means “manifestation,” or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew’s infancy narrative differs from Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph’s long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.



Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

©LPI

## WELCOME HOME

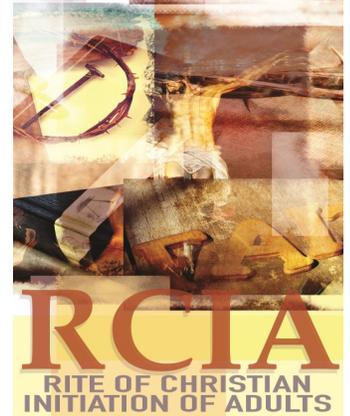
Wednesday 6pm RCIA Classes  
September 22, 2021 to June 12, 2022

Catechumenate Period

Dec 22  
Dec 29

Old Testament  
New Testament

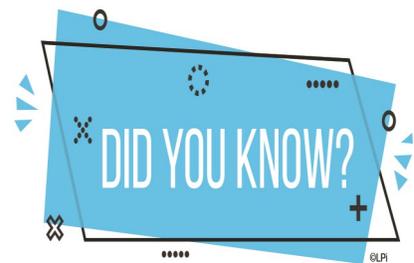
RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a rite which welcomes people seeking to explore the Catholic Faith and join our church family.



Seeking Volunteers to Assist in Faith Sharing!

If you would like more information please contact:

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



The Church accepts as sacred and canonical those books of the Old and New Testament which are, wholly and entirely, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and therefore have God as their author. Because of their divine inspiration, the Church acknowledges that these books teach faithfully and without error what he wished to reveal to us. (CCC 105, 107)

## 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
- Dagmar Barron
- Kenneth Bebealt
- Joseph Beneducci Jr.
- Lorraine Bianculli
- Tina Bjorkum
- Leo & Barbara Blank
- Suzanne Bryant
- Ralph Buchanan Jr.
- John Caruso
- Will and Shirley Chappel
- Lisa Dakdduk
- Nicole Davidis
- Patty Davis
- Elaina Dawson (baby)
- Rosario "Rocky" DiBella
- Noah Dionizio
- Renee Donaghy
- Susan Donlon
- Shalini & Vernon Drego
- Patricia Federico
- Tabitha Fernandez
- Fr. Sal
- Rob Frank
- Yolanda Germano
- Cheryl Greenier
- Susan & Roger Gronert
- Fran Hayes
- Patricia Johnson
- Sivestre Labaredas
- Scott Lavonas
- Frank Leonardo
- Lounsberry Family
- Claude Mancini
- Dina Mancuso
- Frankie Mancuso
- Teresa Mancuso
- Gordy Maske
- Jane Maske
- Matthew H.
- Nicole Merced
- Joseph T. Milici
- Baby Minicozzi
- Americo Morgado
- Stacey Morris
- Barbara Motta
- Irene Munson
- John Newsome
- Shirley O'Hern
- Gary Paterno
- Diane Pires
- Vanessa Powers
- Landen Prestwood
- Ronald Ramsey
- Rick Rider
- Robert Rizzo
- Lenai Rocco
- Casey Ryan
- Amanda Scharck
- Russell Scott
- Cindy Ser
- Nelson Shaffer
- Michael Sheridan
- Sandy Silva
- Dan Smith Jr.
- Paula Staffer
- Steven G.
- Ed Stowe
- Elaine Torma
- Carol Tures
- Janice Williams
- Baby Wise
- Mary Ann Woika
- Carol Woodard

### WE COMMEND TO GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE



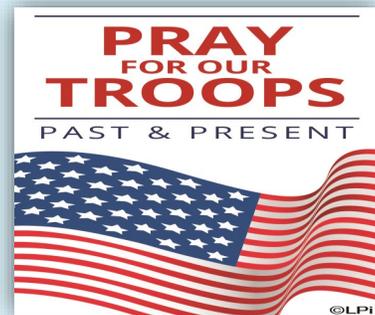
- † *Barbara Petrella*
- † *Laurance Coppa*
- † *Henry Canale*
- † *John Walsh*
- † *Jonah Finn*
- † *Judy Finsterbush*
- † *George Betz*



12/22: 9am †John Kuchta, †Jennifer Horsman, †Michael R. Torre

12/23: 9am †Ruth Morrissey, †Grace and Edward Goggin, †Marybeth Eikamp

12/26: 9am †Kenneth Klein, †Jonah Finn, †Fr. Tom Botheroyd  
11am Michael Melendez (Birthday), †Thomas Quinn, Ralph Buchanan Jr. (Special Intention)



### 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)
- 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. Conner Allender (USMC)
- SGT David DiSorbo (US Army)
- Nate Guerreiro (US Navy)
- Lt. Matthew DiSorbo (USAF)
- Lt. Col. Roland Devries (US Army)
- Senior MSGT Fernando Buitrago (USAF) Deployed
- Austin Wozniak (A1C USAF)
- Maj. Christopher Wimscott (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 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!*

# FLAGLER BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE



# FLAGLER BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE





**SANTA MARIA del MAR**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
—SURSUM CORDA—

## WELCOME TO SANTA MARIA DEL MAR SPIRITUAL UNIVERSITY

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

*Upcoming courses include:*

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

- Jeff Cavin's "*Revelations*" Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar 4, 11 (\$30 for study materials)
- Dr. Ed Sri's "*No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*" Mar 18, 25, Apr 1, 8 (\$27 for study materials)

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.*

### Exciting news! Back by popular demand! **REVELATION: The Kingdom Yet to Come**

*Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* is an intriguing eleven-session study program that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven.

Join with presenter Jeff Cavins (video) as he pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Explore the Church's teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.

This course will be held in our Learning Center on Friday mornings at 10am on the following dates: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18 and March 4, 11.

Please contact Jeannie in the office or call her at 386-439-2791 to register. Course material cost is \$30.



## 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.

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.

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.

You can donate to Bread of Life by going to this website: <https://www.osvhub.com/smdmcc/funds/bread-of-life>

### 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.

### 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>



## SANTA'S WORKSHOP LAST CHANCE!

This is a fun opportunity for your little ones to Christmas shop for all their loved ones! We accept gently used and new items for them to select and our elves wrap the gifts for the kids to take home.

**Sunday, Dec 19  
10am-1pm**

**LIFE TEEN CAMP**  
**COVECREST**  
**TIGER, GA**

**COME TO COVECREST 2022!**

Monday June 27th 2022  
thru Saturday July 2nd 2022

Located In  
Tiger, Georgia

**9-12TH GRADE**

**\$660 PER PERSON (\$100 DEPOSIT)**

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**

**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Contact Lizbeth Alicea @  
(386) 569-9691 or lizbeth@smdmcc.org



### 2021-2022 Faith Formation Schedule

Visit our website: [www.smdmcc.org](http://www.smdmcc.org)  
or contact [Denise@smdmcc.org](mailto: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.

Dec. 19 Class/ Pageant (Main Cast) 2-5  
Dec. 23 Pageant (All Cast) 10-1  
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Pageant (4pm)  
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

Una  
Noche de  
Navidad

December 18 & 19 • 5pm - 9pm

Las Posadas Procession • Eucharistic Adoration • Live Nativity • Hot Cocoa & Cookies



COME TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE  
& BRING THE FAMILY FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

Live Nativity Presentation

SATURDAY, 12/18 AT 6:30PM & 7:30PM

SUNDAY, 12/19 AT 6:30PM

Enter into Bethlehem, full cast, live animals



THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, THERE ARE MANY ACTIVITIES

**LAS POSADAS WALK**

A 16TH CENTURY SPANISH PROCESSION OF "LAS POSADAS" (THE INNS)

\*Las Posadas in the historic acre of the Shrine grounds  
Sat. & Sun 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm & 9pm Meet at the Bridge  
(FREE Tickets on eventbrite) Logon to shrine website

**ADORATION** in the Shrine Church, with Harp Music 6-9PM

**ROSARY GARDEN** Walk to Great Cross & New Rosary garden

**LIVE NATIVITY** Open to All (NO Tickets needed)

**HOT COCOA & COOKIES**





**NO JESUS  
NO PEACE**

**KNOW JESUS  
KNOW PEACE**

**DISCOVER THE PEACE THAT JESUS OFFERS**

**KERYGMA EVANGELIZATION RETREAT**

**JANUARY 18-23, 2022**



All sessions in new Parish Family Life Center!  
Childcare available upon request. No overnights!  
Meals provided on Saturday and Sunday.  
All are welcome. Cost: \$25.00 per person. Scholarships available.  
For more information, contact Vincent Reilly at [formation@stcatherineop.com](mailto:formation@stcatherineop.com).

**Retreat Schedule**  
*Intro. Session 1/11 7pm*  
**Tues.—Fri. 1/18-1/21 7-9pm**  
**Saturday 1/22 9:30am-9:00pm**  
**Sunday 1/23 9:30am-5:00pm**  
*Post Sessions 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 7pm*

**REGISTRATION FORM**—*January 18-23, 2022 at St. Catherine of Siena*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

M    F    Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Married    Divorced  
Single    Widowed  
Religion: \_\_\_\_\_



*Please deliver this form to St. Catherine Parish Office.*



The Diocese of St. Augustine invites you to join us  
for the 2022 Florida Eucharistic Congress!

Queen of Peace  
Catholic Church  
Gainesville  
Friday | June 17



St. Joseph  
Catholic Church  
Jacksonville  
Saturday | June 18

The event features tracks for adults, Spanish-speaking adults, teens, children, dynamic speakers and lots of opportunities for spiritual enrichment, including eucharistic adoration and confession.



Archbishop Nelson Perez  
of the Archdiocese  
of Philadelphia



Marilyn Santos, associate director  
of the Secretariat of Evangelization  
and Catechesis at USCCB



Joe Melendrez, a musical  
performer, inspirational speaker,  
youth minister and retreat leader



Curtis Martin, founder and CEO  
of the Fellowship of Catholic  
University Students (FOCUS)

**Get energized by music, inspiring speakers and fellowship with fellow Catholics around the diocese.  
For more information, visit <https://flec.dosafl.com>.**

