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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Tues (Portuguese) 9am
Wed-Fri: 9am
Sat (Vigil): 4pm
Sun: 9&11am
Sun: 1pm

JANUARY 23, 2022



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

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COVID-19 UPDATES

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From The Pastor, Fr. Manny
To: Our Parish Family, all our Parishioners

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Santa Maria del Mar,

As we continue to experience a very sharp increase of COVID omicron variant, and increase in infections, it is important to remind all of us of our duty to care for one another. Here are simple guiding points we all need to follow and observe:

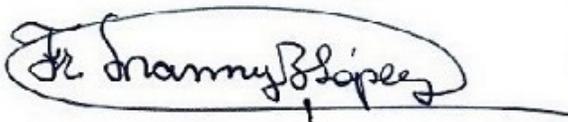
- If you are sick, or are not feeling well, PLEASE STAY AT HOME.
- If you have been tested for COVID 19 and the test came back Positive, please follow CDC guidelines regarding self-isolation AND STAY HOME.
- If you know you have been in contact with an infected person, please get tested for COVID, and follow CDC guidance AND STAY HOME IF YOU GET SICK until you are well, and not a risk of transmitting COVID to others.
- If you are suffering from a cold, Flu, or any contagious illness, PLEASE STAY HOME until you are well.

At right, find a link to the **HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL'S-Coronavirus Resource Center**.

This valuable site will help us understand the latest information regarding COVID 19, how it affects you and others. The enclosed handout will answer many of your questions such as: What to do if you tested positive for COVID-19. How long do you need to isolate? What to do if you have recently been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and other valuable information that will help you and others stay safe.

The words and command of our Lord and savior calls us to love God above everything else, and to love our brothers and sisters like ourselves.

Yours in Christ and Mary,



Fr. Manny Lopez, Pastor
Santa Maria del Mar Parish, Flagler Beach

HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL Coronavirus Resource Center

At: <https://www.health.harvard.edu/diseases-and-conditions/coronavirus-resource-center>

How soon can a person exposed to the virus expect symptoms to start?

On average, the time from exposure to symptom onset (known as the incubation period) is about five to six days. However, studies have shown that symptoms could appear as soon as three days after exposure to as long as 13 days later.

I have tested positive for COVID-19. How long do I need to isolate?

The most recent CDC guidance states that everyone who tests positive for COVID-19 should:

- isolate at home for five days
- if you have no symptoms or your symptoms are improving after five days, you can discontinue isolation and leave your home
- continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days.
- If you have a fever, continue to isolate at home until you no longer have a fever.
- Although not yet officially recommended by the CDC, consider having a rapid COVID test at the end of five days to determine if you should continue to isolate.

I was recently exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. When can I discontinue my self-quarantine?

Whether and for how long you need to quarantine depends on your vaccination status, according to the latest guidance from the CDC.

If you have been boosted OR had your first two Moderna or Pfizer shots within the last six months OR got a Johnson & Johnson vaccine within the last two months, you do not need to quarantine if you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19. However, you should

- wear a mask around others for 10 days
- test on day 5, if possible.
- If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home.

If you had your first two Moderna or Pfizer shots more than six months ago and are not boosted OR got a Johnson & Johnson vaccine more than two months ago and are not boosted OR are unvaccinated:

- Quarantine at home for five days. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for five more days.
- If you can't quarantine, wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.

If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home.



TURN SADNESS TO

JOY

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the

sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

PSALM:
Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

GOSPEL:
He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MON JAN 24	TUES JAN 25	WED JAN 26	THU JAN 27	FRI JAN 28	SAT JAN 29	SUN JAN 30
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30	THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117: 1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18	STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20	ST. ANGELA MERICI 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 Mk 4:21-25	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab] 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13 Lk 4:21-30



STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

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

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

www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

4th Week
December 2021

Offertory:
\$9,328

Online Giving:
\$6,785

4th Week
December 2020

Offertory:
\$9,198

Online Giving:
\$4,267

STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

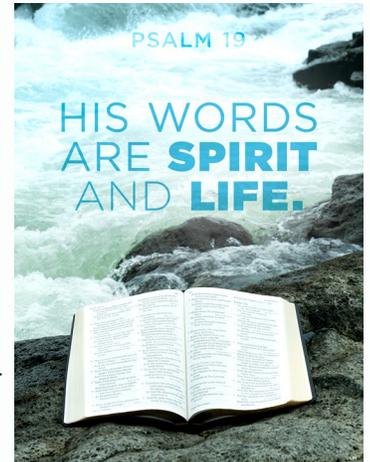
The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

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

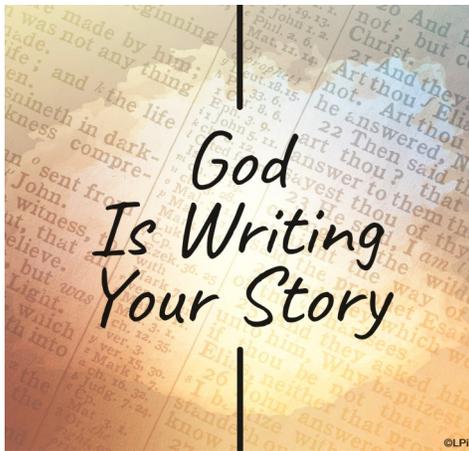
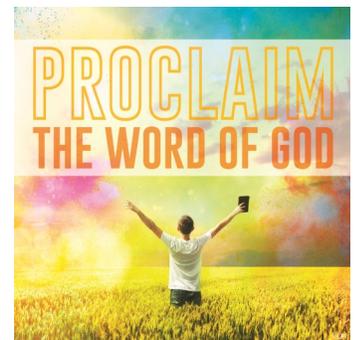
LECTOR'S MINISTRY—PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Ministry: The call of all Christians is to join with Jesus in his mission to bring all humankind into one People under the Father's love.

The Ministry of Lectoring is a positive contribution to the proclamation of God's word in the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies. Readers bring the word of God to the assembled faith community.

The Word of God is not merely read, but proclaimed within the liturgy. Effective proclamation involves the delivery of the message with clarity, conviction and at an appropriate pace. It demands the ability to invoke faith in others by demonstrating one's own faith. The worshipers experience not only unity but the very presence of Christ speaking to them in His word through the Lector.

Santa Maria del Mar Parish has 39 active members involved in this ministry. A Lector must diligently and faithfully prepare the scriptural readings prior to the liturgy. They thankfully give their time and their God-given talent to proclaim the word. The parish is grateful and humbled that these members help the congregation to hear the word with not only their ears but their heart. We salute all those involved who share with our parish community within the liturgy.



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.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL

PUBLIC POLICY BRIEFING

MEETINGS WITH LAWMAKERS

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

ANNUAL RED MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

FEB 1-2, 2022
TALLAHASSEE



Contact: May Oliver
904-262-3200 x159
moliver@dosafl.com

SAVE THE DATE



Women of the parish, you are invited to save the date of March 5, 2022 for our annual Women's Day of Peace Retreat. We look forward to seeing you!



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BOOK REVIEW

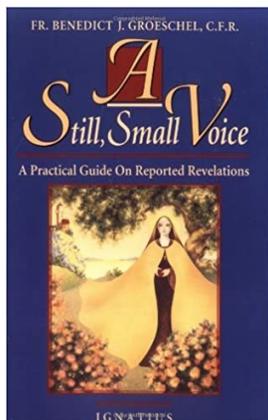
Currently, there is a strong interest in reports of visions and extraordinary religious phenomena that seems widespread from Mediugorie to the New Age.

Fr. Groeschel has spent time in research to share with us the Church's wisdom on this topic. He offers that great caution must be exercised with reports of visions because self-delusion or even diabolical influence is apparently common in some cases. He covers private revelations – authentic, questionable, false, and fake. He also includes some of our favorite saints and mystics like St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Bernadette at Lourdes, and St. Joan of Arc.

Also included in this book is a Glossary of terms or surprises. Referred to is *Extraordinary religious experiences, Exterior sounds, Imaginative words, Exterior and imaginative visions, Intellectual visions and Apparitions*.

This work is an intense investigation into a complex subject in which the boundaries of mysticism, psychology and spiritual direction intersect.

- Maria Flake



A STILL, SMALL VOICE
A Practical Guide on Reported Revelations

Author:
Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R.

Scott Hahn

THE RICHES OF OUR FAITH

STUDY SCRIPTURE FROM THE HEART
OF THE CHURCH WITH ONE OF
TODAY'S MOST RESPECTED SCHOLARS

 **SATURDAY,
JANUARY 29TH**

 **8:30 AM - 12:35 PM**

 **\$20**

 **ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

4600 BELLE TERRE PKWY
PALM COAST, FL 32164



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STPAULCENTER.COM/PALMCOAST

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JANUARY 23, 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PROJECT SHARE

Dear Father Manny,

Many thanks to you and the generous parishioners of Santa Maria del Mar for the hundreds of Christmas gifts that were provided to Project Share last month.

The Santa Maria del Mar family is such an important part of our Christmas toy and gift drive. With your help, we provided for 850 children both in Flagler County and in nearby Pierson, where many farmworker families live.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to the youth of the parish who were very helpful in the toy organizing and transporting. We also really appreciate being able to use the learning center as our toy packing center.

Thanks again for helping Project Share make Christmas morning a bit brighter for some of our most vulnerable neighbors. It is so inspiring to see how much our parish cares for our brothers and sisters that need help in our community.

Sincerely,

Roseanne Stocker,
Project Share chairperson
Rotary Club of Flagler Beach



Healing from the pain of abortion

(904) 221-3232
rachelvineyardjax@yahoo.com

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any man or woman who is struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion in their life. Come and receive peace, forgiveness of self and others and the compassion of God. These retreats are private, strictly confidential and for people of all faiths. Our next retreat is **March 4-6**. Call 904-221-3232 or email rachelvineyardjax@yahoo.com. All calls & inquiries are very confidential. Come and be restored!

FREE AARP TAX-AIDE PREPARATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

AARP Tax- Aide Foundation volunteers will be available Feb. 1—April 15 at multiple sites in Flagler County for free tax preparation.

Locations:

- Government Services Building, Bunnell (T, W)
- Flagler County Public Library, Palm Coast (Thurs)
- First Baptist Church of Palm Coast (Mon, Fri)
- Palm Coast Aquatics Center/Frieda Zamba Pool (Fri, Sat)
- Flagler Beach United Methodist Church (Tues)

All sites are on an "Appointment Only" basis! Call 386-313-4048, between the hours of 9am—4pm, Mon—Fri.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 24

Harriett Cullen, Carol Woodard, Lorenzo Perrone, Vincent Enright, Alice Coker, Marquette Rende, Jim Benavide, Victoria Cestaro, Casimiro Gaspar, Stephan Jones, Christina Vickers, Caroline DiCicco, Kara Dixon, Lizbeth Aicea, Michael Fanelli, Angie Alvarez, Kayla Colandrea, Katherine Bentley, Nicholas Renard, Alexander O'Reilly

JANUARY 25

Frances Biondolino, Michelle Borello, Joseph Chiarello, Joanne Jones, Raymond Akerman, Matthew Barron, George Roy, Justin Valdez, Milkyas Fabian, Sanuel Fabian

JANUARY 26

Elfriede Florkowski, Caden Dopp, Francis Magee, Arleen Cataline, David O'Byrne, Diana Tortelli, Deanna McGrath, Jay McNeill, Leanne Rossi, Christina Machado, Robert Flores, Valentina Janna, Fred Vierengel

JANUARY 27

Keith Clark, Kate Eisele, Mary Pape, Thomas Healy, Jack Kilday-Gorski, Cynthia Waters, Gaetana Anastasia, Zelia Silva, Chris Pickett, Michael Hogan, Monique Myers, Brice Winfree, Riley Valdez, Katherine Ouellette

JANUARY 28

Cheryl Adamonis, Charles Flaherty, Judy Tadros, Fenton Mallak, Wallace Whaley, Thelma Tumacder, Gina Secor, Justin Grubbs, Carter Ascone, Sheryl Ferrari, Jonathan Jozefek

JANUARY 29

Maria Triarsi, Kenneth Forister, Vic Villarejos, Peter Serecal, Maria Kratofil, Thomas Murphy, Luke Chrzanowski, Alexander Wolfe

JANUARY 30

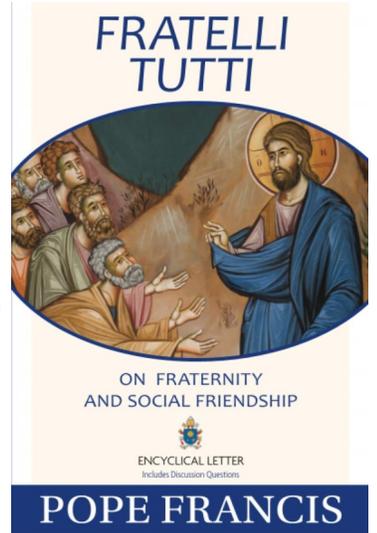
Arthur Teixeira, Maureen Constantinou, George Jaskulsky, Emily Eaton, Carter Goodman, Alycea Andolina, Brayden Grover, Mariseyl Rodriguez, Richard Mauro, Melina Cameron

FRATELLI TUTTI STUDY GROUP

Pope Francis' encyclical letter, Fratelli Tutti (Brothers and Sisters All), was released in October 2020. An invitation to renewed social friendship and universal fraternity, this encyclical was published as the global community was seven months into the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fratelli Tutti provides a starting point for renewing our commitment to caring for our neighbor and a global society built on justice and the common good. (USCCB)

The Social Justice Ministry is facilitating a study group to read, discuss, and reflect upon the encyclical. **The first session is on Thursday, February 3, 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom.** Future sessions will take place on the fourth Thursday of the month at the same time via Zoom. All materials are free. For more information or to join the study group, send email to socialjustice@smdmcc.org.



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.

Wednesday, Feb. 16th 6pm-8pm

Thursday, Feb. 17th 2pm-4pm

In preparation for the 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 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

ONGOING MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

SVDP FOOD COLLECTION

UPCOMING FOOD COLLECTIONS

February 5-6

March 5-6

April 2-3

Thank you all for your continued support. Food donations can be dropped off at the Church foyer any time throughout the month. You may 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 & 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.

FELLOWSHIP FOR WIDOWS

Are You a Widow Looking for a Fun, Friendly, Godly Group of Women to Join for Fellowship? Try Widow's Next Chapter "WNC" at St. Mark's By the Sea Lutheran Church. Meets once a month for fun outings and activities. All widowed women are welcome! For more information, please call Jean Holzhuetter at 386-986-9266 or email her at jeanstmarks@gmail.com.



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**WELCOME TO SANTA MARIA DEL MAR
 SPIRITUAL UNIVERSITY**

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

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

- Jeff Cavin's "*Revelations*" Jan 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.

WITNESS TO FAITH
with Spiritual University

A recent course—A Biblical Walk through the Mass with Dr. Edward Sri—evoked reactions that we'd like to share. Read as these fellow parishioners lend witness to our Faith. May the Holy Spirit move you to greater understanding of our Faith by participating in the wonderful course offerings from Spiritual University. Our current offering is Revelation. Thank you Santa Maria del Mar for providing this enlightening resource.

Witness to Faith from our Parishioners

Pat Jorgensen: Attending "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" was exactly what I needed. It awakened me. I am not just 'going to Mass,' I am celebrating the Eucharist with angels and saints. Jesus, in the Eucharist unites heaven and earth for us to partake. What a wonderful privilege.

Joan Birch: All Catholics should take this course as a refresher on the Mass. It explains the history and each part of the Mass from the sign of the cross to the final blessing. For me, the Mass has taken on a deeper and more intensified experience.

Sarah Ritcey: Our Catholic Mass is ancient, rich in meaning, drawing its treasures from the Old Testament Jewish liturgy and bringing to us today the fruit of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary, His very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. My awareness of Jesus being present at every Mass, offering himself once again to His Father for our sakes has deepened and increased my gratitude for this Holy Eucharistic banquet. Dr. Sri has done a wonderful job with this course and I would recommend it for every Catholic, newly converted or Catholic "from the cradle." Eat the same food as the Apostles at the Last Supper, worship our Lord Jesus with the Holy Angels, join the priest as he enters the "'holy of holies" to offer the Holy Sacrifice for himself and for us and rejoice in the greatest gift we have on earth, and the One that brings us closest to Heaven! Thanks, Dr. Sri and thanks to the Spiritual University of Santa Maria.

Hear from more Witnesses to Faith in upcoming Bulletins.



**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.

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>

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.
- Marie Butts
- John Caruso
- Will and Shirley Chappel
- John Check
- 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
- Frank, Rob
- Fr. Sal
- Yolanda Germano
- Susan & Rodger Gronert
- Fran Hayes
- Patricia Johnson
- Sivestre Labaredas
- Scott Lavonas
- Frank Leonardo
- Lounsberry Family
- Claude Mancini
- Dina Mancuso
- Frankie Mancuso
- Teresa Mancuso
- Reilly Maresca
- Gordy Maske
- Jane Maske
- Matthew H.
- Nicole Merced
- Joseph T. Milici
- Baby Minicozzi
- Americo Morgado
- Stacey Morris
- Amy Motta
- 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

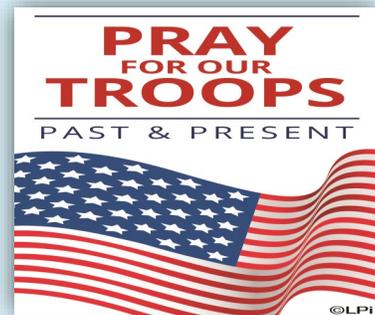


- † *Barbara Petrella*
- † *Laurance Coppa*
- † *Henry Canale*
- † *Lil Smith*
- † *John Walsh*
- † *Jonah Finn*
- † *Judy Finsterbush*
- † *George Betz*

Mass INTENTIONS

- 01/26: 9am Ralph Buchanan Jr. (Special Intention), †Juan Antonio
- 01/27: 9am †Freda Costello, †Margaret Shoer, †Julia Vasquez
- 01/28: 9am †Rudolf and †Martha Haller, Patricia O'Sullivan (Birthday)
- 01/29: 4pm †Julita Garcia, †Deceased members of the Lalley Family, Freddie Burns (Healing)
- 01/30: 9am †Nancy Lee Shively, †Christine Correa, †Mary Prete
11am †Stephen Carney, †Annita Mezzanotti, †Chris Jensen

***PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI ON RETREAT**



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 Wimsatt** (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!

OPENING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Do you feel called to serve on the Parish Council? Here's some information to help you in your discernment:

The Parish Council assists the pastor in supporting and cultivating the pastoral vitality of the parish. Its main functions are:

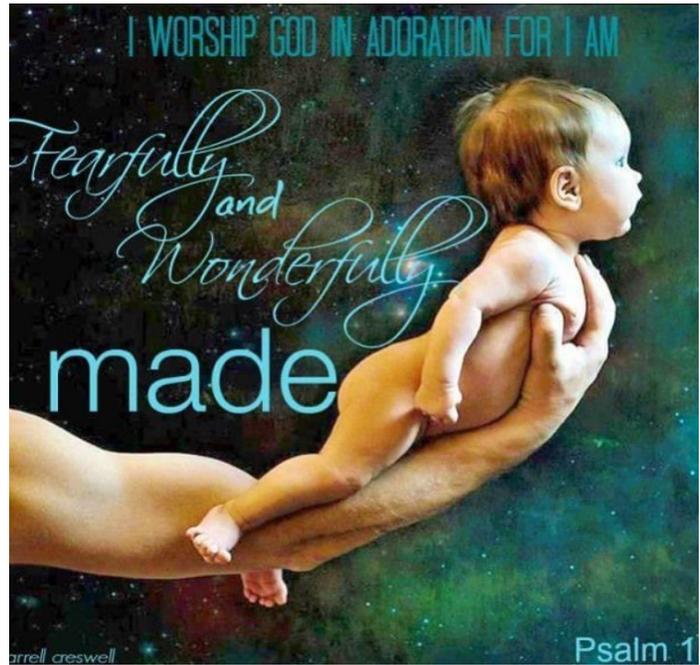
- makes recommendations to the pastor on issues that have significant pastoral impact
- develops the parish's long-term pastoral plan
- helps formulate parish policies and initiatives
- monitors, encourages, and supports the parish's ministries

Candidates for the Parish Council have the following qualifications and qualities:

- adult (age 18+) practicing Catholic
- registered and active in the parish for at least one year
- mindful of the common good, compassionate, prudent, and faithful in stewardship of time, talent, and resources
- willing and able to work cooperatively with others

An application form (required) can be obtained from the parish office or by sending an email to parishcouncil@smdmcc.org.

Completed applications, due by **February 3, 2022**, can be returned by email (parishcouncil@smdmcc.com), delivered to the parish office, or dropped in the Listening Post box in the church's gathering area. Questions? Send them to the same email address or contact any current Parish Council member.



The Respect Life Ministry is dedicated to promoting the Church's teaching that all life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death.

Ministry members and guests meet on the First Friday of each month. The Rosary for Life is recited at 8:30am, prior to the 9am Mass. After Mass, the meeting is held in the Learning Center.

All are welcome to join us, and for more information please contact Patti Gloekler at 386-310-4094, or email pag32124@gmail.com.

"The largest marginalized group in the world can be found in the U.S. They are the unborn."

~ Sr. Deidre Byrne

COULD YOU BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THE PARISH LIBRARY?

Being a member of and helping in the Parish Library takes very little time (maybe just one half hour a month). If you could help us enter new titles in our Excel program, that could even be done at home.



Formally, the group meets together twice a year, before Advent and before Lent to offer special readings for Christmas and Easter. This is an opportunity for anyone who appreciates books and wants to learn more about our faith and enhance their own spirituality.

If you feel called, please email maria@smdmcc.org or call the Parish Office, 386-439-2791.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

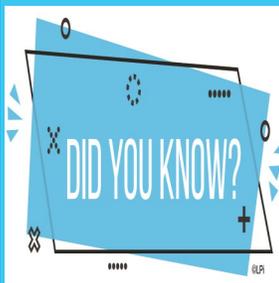
Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer: Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

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There are three distinguishable stages in the formation of the Gospels: The life and teaching of Jesus revealed through the way he lived among men and taught eternal salvation; The oral tradition, which handed on to its hearers what he had said and done; The written Gospels, which synthesized and explained the honest truth about Jesus. (CCC #126)



2021-2022 Faith Formation Schedule

Visit our website:

www.smdmcc.org

or contact Denise@smdmcc.org
for more information!

Faith Formation (K-8)

Sunday 9:45-10:45am

*First Sunday of the Month Children's
Mass at 11am. Attendance encouraged.

Jan. 23	Class (Confirmation Retreat)
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 10am
May 7	Confirmation @ 10am

WELCOME HOME

Wednesday 6pm RCIA Classes through June 12

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!*

For more information, contact:

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

Catechumenate Period

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY
“OUR REASON FOR HOPE”

2022 YOUNG ADULT RETREAT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

*Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction, and
faithful in prayer*

Rom 12:12

**ALL YOUNG ADULTS
18 TO 30 ARE INVITED
Cost: \$30**

For additional information, please visit:
www.svdp.edu/YAR2022

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Contact: Mrs. B. Kavanagh, Principal
bkavanagh@seaspc.org
386-445-2411

LIFE TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY

Life Teen started the New Year with Saint Pope John Paul III! He loved being outdoors with the youth and we started with games and a beautiful time of silence on the beach! After pizza and cookies, we went back to the Learning Center and learned about this magnificent saint from Bekah Cazzaniga, a former Life Teen member now studying Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University. It was a great day and start to the New Year.

