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St. Peter holding the keys to the Kingdom

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## A Higher Court than One of Justice

The *Tell-Tale Heart* is probably the most famous short story written by American writer Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849). It tells the story of the cold-blooded murder of an older man who is not identified by name. The murderer also has no name, and he tells the story. The story neither tells us who the older man is nor how he is related to the murderer. We know from the story that both lived in the same house and were friendly to each other. The older man could have been his father, landlord, or a resident sharing the facilities of the same place.

Even after reading the story, we are clueless why he committed the ghastly murder. "Object there was none," he says while narrating the incident. "Passion, there was none. I loved the old man. He had never wronged me. He had never given me an insult. For his gold, I had no desire." Then as an afterthought, he says, "I think it was his eye! Yes, it was this! One of his eyes resembled that of a vulture!" He says he did not like his "Evil Eye," which haunted him for no rea-

His narration focuses not on why he murdered the older man but on how he committed this crime. How did he do it? After deciding to kill the older man, he prepared himself mentally for seven days. Then on the eighth day, he entered the room of the older man at midnight, dragged him to the floor, and pulled the heavy bed over him, suffocating him to death. Then he took the dead body to the bathtub, dismembered it, and buried it under the older

man's room after removing a few planks from the floor-

After the gruesome murder and burial, he hit the sack, falling into a deep sleep immediately. However, within two hours, three police officers knocked at the door. Half asleep, he opened the door for them. They were there because a neighbor had heard a shriek at night and had alerted them as he was suspicious of foul play. Suddenly, coming to his senses, he welcomed the police officers inside and assured them everything was fine.

He told them the shriek the neighbor had heard was his own while he had a bad dream and that the older man had gone to visit some relatives in a faraway place. He then showed them all the rooms of the house, especially the older man's bedroom, where all his treasures were secure and undisturbed. Feeling confident that the police officers believed his story, he asked them to sit down and relax. And he sat on a chair exactly above the place where he had buried the older man.

The officers talked about familiar things, and he joined them in their chatter. Pretty soon, he became nervous and began to feel a terrible headache and a ringing in his ears. He wished they would leave, but they kept on chatting. He also talked about one thing and another, hoping his headache and the ringing in his ears would go away. However, the more he spoke, the more distinct the ringing became.

Suddenly, he found out the noise was not coming from his ear but from elsewhere. He panicked, his face becoming pale. Yet, he did not stop talking; on the contrary, he spoke more loudly to drain out the noise, which sounded like a heartbeat. Getting up, he paced the floor, talking and arguing about trifles. Nevertheless, the noise level steadily increased, making him suspicious of whether the officers heard the noise.

As the noise level increased further, he was sure they also heard the thumping beat of a heart. He could not endure the noise anymore. He felt either he should scream or die! "I admit the deed!" he shrieked. "Tear up the planks – here, here! It is the beating of his hideous heart!"

Was it the heartbeat of the older man he kept on hearing? No, it was the voice of his conscience. He thought he would never be guilty of a crime as long as he could cover up the murder successfully. However, even be-

> fore the police brought him to justice, he was convicted of murder by his conscience, which forced him to acknowledge his crime before the officers.

Mahatma Gandhi once wrote, "There is a higher court than one of justice, and that is the court of conscience. It supersedes all the courts." If we commit a crime, our conscience will incessantly remind us of our guilt and the need to make amends for it. Until we acknowledge our offense and make amends for it, our conscience will

Edgar Allan Poe never be at peace. Our guilt will always haunt us and will keep us in never-ending agony.

> Some people may not feel the sting of conscience immediately after they commit serious crimes since their hearts are like stone. However, as they are human beings, one day, they too will be haunted by their crimes until they acknowledge their guilt and make amends for them. Austrian novelist Stefan Zweig says, "No guilt is forgotten so long as the conscience still knows of it."

> It is often said that conscience is the voice of God in the soul. When we listen to and live by God's voice in the soul, we will never stray away from the right path. On the contrary, we will have the grace to walk with him and will have total peace in our life.

## Funny Stories



By a close shave: "Mom," a small girl asked, "how come men don't ever go to heaven?" "Of course, men go to heaven," her mother replied. "Why do you ask that?" "Because all the angels I've ever seen don't have whiskers," the child said. "That's because most men get to heaven by a close shave," the mother said. – Msgr. Arthur Tonne

Not a full moon yet: "A small boy knocked on my door on Halloween night and said, "I'm a werewolf. Trick or Treat." "But you are not wearing a costume," I said.
"You've got your everyday clothes on." "Yeah, well, it's not a full moon yet, is it?" the boy replied. – via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft Dover, DE



# Un Tribunal Superior a Uno de Justicia

The *Tell-Tale Heart* es probablemente el cuento más famoso escrito por el escritor Americano Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849). Cuenta la historia del asesinato a sangre fría de un hombre mayor que no se identifica por su nombre. El asesino tampoco tiene nombre, y cuenta la historia. La historia no nos dice quién es el hombre mayor ni cómo se relaciona con el asesino. Sabemos por la historia que ambos vivían en la misma casa y eran amigos entre sí. El hombre mayor pudo haber sido su padre, el dueño de la casa, o un residente que compartía las instalaciones del mismo lugar.

Incluso después de leer la historia, no tenemos idea de por qué cometió el espantoso asesinato. "Objeto no había ninguno", dice mientras narra el incidente. "Pasión, no había ninguna. Amaba al viejo. Nunca me había hecho mal. Nunca me había insultado. Por su oro, no tenía ningún deseo". Luego, como una ocurrencia tardía, dice: "¡Creo que era su ojo! ¡Sí, era esto! ¡Uno de sus ojos parecía el de un buitre!" Dice que no le gustaba su "Ojo Malo", que lo perseguía sin motivo alguno.

Su narración no se centra en por qué asesinó al anciano, sino en cómo cometió este crimen. ¿Cómo lo hizo? Después de decidir matar al anciano, se preparó mentalmente durante siete días. Luego, al octavo día, entró en la habitación del anciano a medianoche, lo arrastró al suelo y tiró de la pesada cama sobre él, asfixiándolo hasta la muerte. Luego llevó el cadáver a la bañera, lo desmembró y lo enterró debajo de la habitación del anciano después de quitar algunas tablas del piso.

Después del horripilante asesinato y entierro, se echó a dormir y se durmió profundamente de inmediato. Sin embargo, al cabo de dos horas, tres policías llamaron a la puerta. Medio dormido, les ábrió la puerta. Estaban allí porque un vecino había oído un chillido en la noche y les había alertado porque sospechaba de un juego sucio. De repente, recobró el sentido, dio la bienvenida a los policías adentro y les aseguró que todo estaba bien.

Les dijo que el grito que había escuchado el vecino era suyo mientras tenía un mal sueño y que el mayor había ido a visitar a unos parientes en un lugar lejano. Luego les mostró todas las habitaciones de la casa, especialmente el dormitorio del hombre mayor, donde todos sus tesoros estaban seguros y sin ser molestados. Sintiéndose seguro de que los policías creían su historia, les pidió que se sentaran y se relajaran. Y se sentó en una silla exactamente encima del lugar donde había enterrado al anciano.

Los oficiales hablaron de cosas familiares y él se unió a ellos en su charla. Muy pronto, se puso nervioso y comenzó a sentir un terrible dolor de cabeza y un zumbido en los oídos. Deseaba que se fueran, pero siguieron charlando. También hablaba de una cosa y otra, esperando que se le pasara el dolor de cabeza y el zumbido en los oídos. Sin embargo, cuanto más hablaba, más claro se volvía el timbre.

De repente, descubrió que el ruido no provenía de su oído sino de otra parte. Entró en pánico, su rostro

palideció. Sin embargo, no dejó de hablar; por el contrario, habló más alto para drenar el ruido, que sonaba como un latido del corazón. Levantándose, caminó por el piso, hablando y discutiendo sobre bagatelas. Sin embargo, el nivel de ruido aumentó constantemente, haciéndolo sospechar si los oficiales escucharon elruido.

A medida que el nivel de ruido aumentaba aún más, estaba seguro de que también escucharon el latido de un corazón. Ya no podía soportar más el ruido. ¡Sintió que debía gritar o morir! "¡Admito el hecho!" gritó. "Rompe las tablas, jaquí, aquí! ¡Es el latido de su horrible corazón!"

¿Era el latido del corazón del hombre mayor que seguía escuchando? No, era la voz de su conciencia. Pensó que nunca sería culpable de un crimen mientras pudiera encubrir el asesinato con éxito. Sin embargo, incluso antes de que la policía lo llevara ante la justicia, su conciencia lo declaró culpable de asesinato, lo que lo obligó a reconocer su crimen ante los oficiales.

Mahatma Gandhi escribió una vez: "Hay un tribunal superior al de justicia, y ese es el tribunal de la conciencia. Sustituye a todos los tribunales". Si cometemos un delito, nuestra conciencia nos recordará incesantemente nuestra culpa y la necesidad de repararla. Hasta que reconozcamos nuestra ofensa y la enmendemos, nuestra conciencia nunca estará en paz. Nuestra culpa siempre nos perseguirá y nos mantendrá en una agonía interminable.

Algunas personas pueden no sentir el aguijón de la conciencia inmediatamente después de cometer delitos graves, ya que sus corazones son como piedra. Sin embargo, como son seres humanos, un día, ellos también serán perseguidos por sus crímenes hasta que reconozcan su culpa y los enmienden. El novelista austriaco Stefan Zweig dice: "Ninguna culpa se olvida mientras la conciencia aún la conozca".

A menudo se dice que la conciencia es la voz de Dios en el alma. Cuando escuchamos y vivimos por la voz de Dios en el alma, nunca nos desviaremos del camino correcto. Al contrario, tendremos la gracia de caminar con él v tendremos una paz total en nuestra vida.

## **Cuentos Graciosos**



Por un afeitado apurado: "Mamá", preguntó una niña pequeña, "¿cómo es que los hombres nunca van al cielo?" "Por supuesto, los hombres van al cielo", respondió su madre. "¿Por qué preguntas eso?" "Porque todos los ángeles que he visto no tienen bigotes", dijo la niña. "Eso es porque la mayoría de los hombres llegan al cielo por estado al rac" dijo la madre. — Mons. Arturo por un afeitado al ras", dijo la madre. – Mons. Arturo Tonelada

Todavía no hay luna llena: "Un niño pequeño llamó a mi puerta la noche de Halloween y dijo: "Soy un hombre lobo. Truco o trato". "Pero no estás usando un disfraz", la disa "Tiara trata de las disa" "Cíchiara". le dije. "Tienes tu ropa de todos los días". "Sí, bueno, aún no es luna llena, ¿verdad?", Respondió el niño. a través del Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft Dover, DE



# Um Tribunal Superior ao de Justiça

The Tell-Tale Heart é provávelmente o conto mais famoso escrito pelo escritor Americano Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849). Conta a história do assassinato a sangue frio de um homem idoso que não é identificado por nome. O assassino também não tem nome e é ele que conta a história. A história não nos diz quem é o idoso nem o relacionamento com o assassino. Sabemos pela história que ambos moravam na mesma casa e eram amigáveis um com o outro. O idoso poderia ter sido seu pai, senhorio ou um morador compartilhando as instalações da mesma casa.

Mesmo depois de ler a história, não sabemos qual foi a razão do macabre assassinato. "Objectivo não havia nenhum", diz ele enquanto narra o incidente. "Paixão, não havia. Eu amava o velhote. Ele nunca sido injusto para comigo. Ele nunca me tinha insultado. O ouro dele, eu não o desejava." Então, como uma reflexão posterior, ele diz: "Acho que foi o olho dele! Sim, foi isso! Um dos seus olhos assemelhava-se ao de um abutre!" Ele diz que não gostava do seu "Mau-olhado", que o assombrava sem motivo.

A sua narração não se concentra no motivo pelo qual ele assassinou o idoso, mas em como ele cometeu esse crime. Como ele o fez? Depois de decidir matar o idoso, ele preparou-se mentalmente durante sete dias. Então, no oitavo dia, entrou no quarto do idoso à meia-noite, arrastou-o para o chão e puxou a cama pesada para cima dele, sufocando-o até à morte. Em seguida, levou o cadáver para a banheira, desmembrou-o e enterrou-o debaixo do quarto do idoso depois de levantar algumas tábuas do chão.

Após o horrível assassinato e enterro, ele deitou-se, caindo num sono profundo imediatamente. No entanto, em duas horas, três policias bateram à porta. Meio adormecido, abriu-lhes a porta. Eles estavam lá porque um vizinho ouvira um grito durante a noite e alertou-os, suspeitando algo de mal. De repente, apercebendo-se, acolheu os polícias dentro de casa e garantiu-lhes que estava tudo bem.

Disse-lhes que o grito que o vizinho ouvira era seu, de quando teve um sonho ruim, e que o homem idoso tinha ido visitar alguns parentes num lugar distante. Ele então mostrou-lhes todos os cantos da casa, especialmente o quarto do idoso, onde todos os seus tesouros estavam seguros e imperturbáveis. Sentindose confiante de que os policias acreditavam na sua história, ele pediu que eles se sentassem e relaxassem. E sentou-se numa cadeira exactamente acima do lugar onde tinha enterrado o idoso.

Os policias falaram sobre coisas familiares e ele juntouse a eles nas suas conversas. Em seguida, ele ficou nervoso e começou a sentir uma dor de cabeça terrível e um zumbido nos ouvidos. Ele desejava que eles saíssem, mas eles continuaram conversando. Ele também falou sobre uma coisa e outra, esperando que sua dor de cabeça e o zumbido nos seus ouvidos desaparecessem. No entanto, quanto mais ele falava, mais distinto o barulho se tornava.

De repente, ele descobriu que o barulho não vinha dos

seus ouvidos, mas de outro sítio. Ele entrou em pânico, o seu rosto ficou pálido. No entanto, ele não parou de falar; pelo contrário, falava mais alto para eliminar o ruído, que soava como um bater de coração. Levantando-se, ele percorreu o chão, falando e discutindo sobre ninharias. No entanto, o nível do ruído aumentou constantemente, o que o fez suspeitar se os policias tinham ouvido o barulho.

À medida que o nível do ruído aumentava mais, ele tinha a certeza de que eles também ouviam o bater de um coração. Ele não aguentou mais o barulho. Sentia que ou gritava ou morria! "Admito o crime!", gritou. "Levantem as tábuas – aqui, aqui! É o bater do seu horrível coração!"

Seria o bater do coração do idoso que ele continuava ouvindo? Não, era a voz da sua consciência. Ele pensou que nunca seria culpado de um crime, desde que pudesse encobrir o assassinato com sucesso. No entanto, mesmo antes de a polícia o levar à justiça, foi condenado por homicídio pela sua consciência, o que o obrigou a reconhecer o seu crime perante os agentes.

Mahatma Gandhi escreveu uma vez: "Há um tribunal superior ao de justiça, que é o tribunal da consciência. Sobrepõe-se a todos os tribunais." Se cometermos um crime, a nossa consciência relembra-nos incessantemente da nossa culpa e a necessidade de reparar a mesma. Enquanto não reconhecermos a nossa ofensa e não a repararmos, a nossa consciência nunca estará em paz. A nossa culpa sempre nos assombrará e nos manterá em agonia sem fim.

Algumas pessoas podem não sentir o picado da consciência imediatamente após cometerem crimes graves, uma vez que os seus corações são como pedra. No entanto, como são seres humanos, um dia, também eles serão assombrados pelos seus crimes até reconhecerem a sua culpa e os repararem. O romancista Austríaco Stefan Zweig diz: "Nenhuma culpa é esquecida enquanto a consciência ainda a lembrar".

Costuma-se dizer que a consciência é a voz de Deus na alma. Quando ouvimos e vivemos pela voz de Deus na alma, nunca nos afastaremos do caminho certo. Pelo contrário, teremos a graça de caminhar com Ele e teremos paz total na nossa vida.

## Histórias Engraçadas



Ida para o céu: "Mãe", perguntou uma menina, "como é que os homens nunca vão para o céu?" "Claro, que os homens vão para o céu", respondeu a mãe. "Por que você pergunta isso?" "Porque todos os anjos que eu já vi não têm bigodes", disse a criança. "Isso é porque a maioria dos homens vão para o céu depois de serem barbeados", disse a mãe. - Dom Arthur Tonne

Halloween: "Um menino bateu à minha porta na noite de Halloween e disse: 'Eu sou um lobisomem. Trick or treat." "Mas você não está mascarado?", eu disse eu. "Você tem as suas roupas do dia a dia." "Pois, porque, ainda não é lua cheia", respondeu o rapaz. - via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft Dover, DE

Sunday Readings Explained - 215 - Fr. Tony Kadavil



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Mathew 16:13-20

## Jesus as Lord and Personal Savior

#### Introduction

investiture of a royal court official. The robe, the sash, to the king and the keys are insignia of this office. The Lord God, through Isaiah, tells Shebna that the keys of authority The "master of the royal palace" proudly carried the will be taken away from him, the unfaithful, proud "key," an iron bar of considerable size, on his shoulder "master of the royal palace." In the Responsorial Psalm during state occasions. This "key" symbolism recalls (Ps 138), David thanks God for having raised him from Eliakim's installation as "major domo" (second in

foundation of Peter, to whom he will then give the Keys invested with authority. symbolized by a change of name, Cephas (Peter), the -20, in which Jesus grants Peter "the keys to the rock (petros), on which Jesus will build his Church which Kingdom of Heaven." The "key of David" connects with the power of evil cannot overcome. Peter will be given Matthew's "keys to the Kingdom of Heaven." Isajah the Keys of the Kingdom and the power to bind and to emphasizes the charismatic dimension of authority, loose (make laws; exercise authority) on earth, stating that it is Yahweh who gives certain individuals decisions which Heaven will ratify. Thus, Jesus the charism of leadership. "Isaiah foretells that the keys in the Church.

#### First Reading, Isaiah 22:19-23

official, is severely criticized and told by the Lord God, next. through Isaiah, that he will have to yield to a

replacement named Eliakim: "I will thrust you from We might call this Sunday "Power Sunday," because your office and pull you down from your station." The the main theme is the handing over of the "Keys" which reason for the degradation of Shebna, the "master of open and shut, representing authority in the Church the royal palace," (the most powerful person next to and in the Kingdom. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the King), was that he had tried to immortalize himself us to know him personally and to serve him and love by beginning to construct his own tomb in a lofty place him as Lord, and he wants from each one of us our on the mountain. The Lord demands faithfulness to His total, whole-hearted response. The first reading, taken way and His word. Hence, Shebna was removed from from Isaiah, gives a detailed description of the his position of controlling access both to the city and

lowly origins and given him authority as King over the command to the king) in King Hezekiah's palace. The people of Israel.

The reference to the "key of the house of David" in this text prompted some Fathers to see in it a Messianic In the second reading, St. Paul points out that God is prophecy, foretelling the removal from power of the the Source of all authority on earth and in Heaven. leaders of the Chosen People of the Old Testament, Today's Gospel passage, giving the Petrine promise of and the transfer of that power to Christ, who in turn Mt. 16:16-20, defines Catholicism. Here, Jesus reveals would hand it on to Peter as head of His Church. The his plan to build his Church on the strong bedrock robe and the sash indicate that Eliakim has been The symbolizes key of teaching and governing authority in the Church. jurisdiction, and the tent peg is a sign of stability. This Simon Bar-Jona receives a new mission passage prepares us for today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13 commissions Peter, giving him authority and leadership to David's Kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God's people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the Kingdom's keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). (Dr. Scott Hann). Chapters thirteen through twenty-three of Isaiah The purpose of authority in the Church, or of authority record oracles in which the prophet Isaiah pronounces at any level, is not to control the lives of others, but God's judgment against various nations. In chapter rather to help them to seek the values that will bring twenty-two, Shebna, the proud, unfaithful royal them lasting joy, both in this changing world and in the

#### Second Reading, Romans 11:33-36

ways of bringing salvation to all people. Paul marvels at puted in the New Testament. Historically, they have the Divine Goodness, Wisdom and Knowledge. He emphasizes the wisdom of God (described in chapters 9- cially of the authority of the episcopacy and of the Bish-11), which allowed the Jews to reject Jesus and called a op of Rome. Jesus' promise to Peter is the Catholic bafew Jewish believers, like Paul, empowering them sis for the position of the Pope and of the Church. The to evangelize the Gentiles. When the Gentiles had been Church teaches that Peter was given the keys which converted, some of the Jews might be impressed and admit a man to Heaven or exclude him from it, and that accept Christ themselves. These Jews would attain sal- to Peter was given the power to absolve or not to abvation through the example provided by the Gentiles. solve a man from his sins. In other words, Jesus gave to The result would be the salvation of the whole world – Peter the authority to determine what courses of aca good greater than the election of Israel. Thus, the an-tion would be permitted or forbidden in the Church. It cient promise of God to Abraham would be fulfilled. is further argued by the Catholic Church that this power With this in mind Paul exclaims, "Oh, the depth of the given to Peter has descended to all the Bishops of riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscru- Rome throughout all ages, and that it exists today in

#### Gospel Reading, Mathew 16:13-20

Two questions and the answers. In Matthew and Mark, Jesus asked certain questions about his identity. This incident took place at Caesarea Philippi, (presently called Banias), twenty-five miles northeast of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus asked a question in two parts.

ers Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." John the Baptist was so great a figure that it might well the Son of the living God' (Matthew 16:16), it was to be that he had come back from the dead. Elijah, the greatest of the prophets was believed to be the forerunner of the Messiah. ["Behold, I will send you Elijah blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who the prophet before the great and terrible day of the is in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this Lord comes" (Mal 4:5). In 2Esdr 2:18 the promise of God is: "For thy help I will send my servants Isaiah and Jeremiah."] The phrase "one of the proph-The phrase ets" suggested that Jesus had a ministry like that of the former prophets. When the people identified Jesus with Elijah and with Jeremiah, they were, according to their lights, paying him a great compliment and setting him in a high place, for Jeremiah and Elijah were the expected forerunners of the Anointed One of God. When they arrived, the Kingdom would be very near indeed.

Second question: "What is your personal opinion?" For the first time in their relationship Peter, speaking for the other disciples, declared publicly: "You are the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God." Peter was the first apostle to recognize Jesus publicly as the Anointed One (also translated Messiah or Christ. Christ is the Greek word for the Hebrew word Messiah). Peter was saying that Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God, Immanuel, the Salvation of God -- God who became Man to save sinners! It is evident that Jesus was well pleased with Peter's answer. Jesus first pronounced a blessing upon Peter, the only disciple in the Gospels to receive a personal blessing. "Blessed are you, Simon son of John!" Next, Jesus confirmed Peter's insight as a special revelation from God. "No mere man has revealed this to you, but my Heavenly Father." differences between this passage and the one from However, Jesus was quick to explain to the disciples Isaiah. Where Eliakim has the key placed on his shoulthat he was not a political Messiah. He was, rather, a Messiah who must suffer, die, and be raised to life open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut and none

my Church." Ever since Pope Stephen I (254-257), used earth shall be loosed in Heaven."

this text against Cyprian of Carthage to defend Roman Paul praises the wisdom of God and His inscrutable primacy, these verses have been among the most disbeen central to issues of authority in the Church, espetable are His judgments and how unsearchable His Pope Francis, who, as the direct successor of Peter, is ways!"

The Magisterium of the Church in the First Vatican Council defined the doctrine of the primacy of Peter and his successors in these terms: 6 "We teach and declare, therefore, according to the testimony of the Gospel, that the primacy of jurisdiction over the whole Church was immediately and directly promised to and The first question: "What is the public opinion?" The Lord. For to Simon, Christ had said, 'You shall be called apostles' answer was, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Simon alone that the solemn words were spoken by the Lord: 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona. For flesh and rock I will build my Church, and the powers of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and what you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven' (Matthew 16:17-19). Then, after His Resurrection, Jesus conferred upon Simon Peter alone the jurisdiction of supreme shepherd and ruler over His whole fold with the words, 'Feed my lambs ... Feed my sheep'" (John 21:15-17). [...]

Keys of Heaven and the binding power. The wording has its roots in Isaiah 22:22, (today's first reading): will place on Eliakim's shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open." Eliakim thus became the steward of the house, responsible for opening the house in the morning, closing it at night, and controlling access to the royal presence. According to Jewish historian Josephus, "The power of binding and loosing was always claimed by the Pharisees. Under Queen Alexandra the Pharisees became the administrators of all so as to be empowered to banish and readmit whom they pleased as well as to loose and bind." (http:// www.canapologetics.net/peter and papacy 2.html) So here, in the New Testament, we see Jesus handing over these "keys" to the Kingdom of Heaven, to one of the apostle's, Peter. We notice the similarities and der, Jesus hands the keys to Peter; Where "he shall shall open," Peter is told "whatever you bind on earth Promise: "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on

authority, Martin Luther, who, five years after the Church, were given to his lawful successors – the Reformation, declared "So we stand here and with Popes.

open mouth stare heavenward and invent still other keys. Yet Christ says very clearly in Mt 16:19 that he will give the keys to Peter. He does not say he has two kinds of keys, but He gives to Peter the keys He Himself has and no others. It is as if He were saying: "Why are you staring heavenward in search of the keys? Do you not understand I gave them to Peter? They are indeed the keys of Heaven, but they are not found in Heaven. I left them on earth. Don't look for them in Heaven or anywhere else except in Peter's mouth where I have placed them. Peter's mouth is my mouth, and his tongue is my key case. His office is my office, his binding

and loosing are My binding and loosing" [Martin Luther, "The Keys," in Conrad Bergendoff, ed., trans. Earl Beyer and Conrad Bergendoff, Luther's Works, volume 40, (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1958), p 365-366.]

Catholic Church teaches that by giving Peter the "keys" Catholic Dialogue remind contemporary disciples of Jealong with the promise that all his decisions would be sus that all Christian authority is rooted in Christ and in ratified in Heaven, Christ gave Peter the power of free- the Gospel, a word of power from God (Romans 1:16) dom from error when he was officially teaching the uni- which is proclaimed by various witness-servants who versal Church. In other words, Peter received primacy in are given a share in the authority of Christ, the Witnessthe Church and the gift of infallibility in his official Servant-Model for us all.

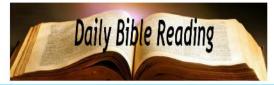
The Anchor Bible commentary, an Interfaith work teaching on matters of Faith and morals. The first Vati-(Catholic, Protestant and Jewish scholars), says this: "By can Council defined this Dogma, and the second Vatican conferring the power to bind and loose upon Church Council reconfirmed it. As the Church was to continue leadership, Jesus authorizes it to interpret the Scrip- long after Peter had died, it was rightly understood tures and establish norms for Christian behavior (vol. from the beginning that those privileges given to him 1)." One final quote comes from a primary Protestant which were necessary for the successful mission of the



Authority for service: In a dramatic return to the Spirit of the Apostolic Church, the participants at the Second Vatican Council affirmed the teaching of Jesus, in that Authority is always to be exercised as a service and in a collegial manner for the building up of the community (Dogmatic Constitution on The Church, # 27). Following Vatican II, a number of ecumenical dialogues have resulted in more of a consensus among Christians concerning authority in the Church. The Anglican, Roman-Catholic International Commission issued a document entitled "An Agreed Statement on Authority in the Church" (1977). According to this commission, the model of authority in the

Church is not political, sociological, structural or juridical but rather one of *koinonia*, viz., a union based on mutual loving service in the truth of Christ, activated by the Holy Spirit, in order to create community with God Guarantees given to Peter and his successors: The and all persons. Similar statements by the Lutheran

In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans – and us – that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is a gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.



## Welcome to New Parishioners

We warmly welcome our newest members to our St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Community. If you haven't picked up a 'Welcome Bag,' please pick up one from the Welcome Desk in the gathering area of the church. Below are the members registered in our parish in July.

Buddy & Laura Anderson Anthony & Christine Brito & Family Scott & Stacey Bannon Pierre Felix Louis & Constancia Chaperon & Family Barbara Conrad Nixon & Dexsy Gonzalez & Family Ingrid Guzman & Family

Ylianotf Guzman Ana Herrera **Bruno & Vivian Marcondes** & Family Gloria Palomeno Alberto Polar Manuel & Maria Resendes Michael & Tara Simas & Family Marcario & Nohemi Verdel & Family

## Feast of St. Augustine Events, Aug. 27-28

Join us at the Cathedral Basilica, 38 Cathedral Place in St. Augustine, in celebrating our patronal feast of St. Augustine of Hippo. Sunday Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Pohlmeier at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow in the rectory courtyard. On Monday, Bishop Pohmeier will preside at solemn Vespers at 6 p.m. followed by an Augustinian Address given by Dr. Mary Soha and a reception to follow in the rectory courtyard. For more details, call (904) 824-2806.

#### 458th Anniversary of Founder's Day

At the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, Sept. 9 Join us from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mission Nombre de Dios, 101 San Marco Ave., in St. Augustine for Mass celebrated by Bishop Pohlmeier at the Rustic Altar, a reenactment of the landing of Pedro Menendez and the dedication of the Dr. Michael Gannon bridge. For more details, call (904) 824-2809.

LEARN THE COMPELLING STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS IN

Study begins Monday, October 16th at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. Also the study is offered Tuesday morning beginning October in the Hall at 9:00 after Mass. Each session is about 1 1/2

hours. This is a 20 week course. Please register early in order for us to order the books needed for the study. A 20-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING

#### JEFF CAVINS

The cost for materials is \$39.00 payable in the Hall at the beginning of the first class.

For More Information

Contact the Office - 386. 445-2247 or Fr. Jim. 386. 527-2246

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Capital Campaign

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Capital Campaign Growing in Faith, Building on Our Foundation for the Future



Capital Campaign Goal: \$7 million Family Pledges: \$3,592,221.96 Participating Parish Families: 593 Pavments received: \$803,925.70

We thank all of you who have already made the pledges and made the initial payments. If you still have not had the opportunity to turn your pledge in, please do so by mailing it to the rectory office, delivering it to the office, or dropping it in the offertory basket. We need every parish family to participate in the Capital Campaign to accomplish the ambitious goal of doing the maintenance and renovation work of the church building, Holy of Holies, parish hall, maintenance work of the school buildings, and the construction of a new Family Life Center, which will also serve as a gym for our school children.

# GROWING IN FAITH BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

Do you know about the many different ways you can support our campus improvement campaign?



#### QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)

Notify your IRA manager that you wish to make a QCD gift to your parish. And it may not raise your taxable income.

## BENEFICIARY

It's easy to complete a change of beneficiary form for life insurance, bank accounts, and IRAs.

#### REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD)

Your IRA gift may fulfill all or part of your RMD and may not raise your taxable income.

## APPRECIATED

You may qualify for a tax deduction and avoid paying capital gains on gifts of appreclated stocks.

## BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST \*\*\*

After providing for your loved ones, please include a gift in your will or trust for your parish.

#### DONOR-ADVISED FUND

You can make a grant from your DAF to your parish.

\*\*\* Go to FreeWill.com/staugustinediocese to complete a free will or trust.



More and more parishioners are giving smarter to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

Contact the Catholic Foundation for more information at 904-208-6931, kwoodedosafl.com

This information is not intended as tax, legal, or financial advice. Gift results may vary. Contact your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation.









## A day in the life of Kindergarten





#### Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Nonpartisan Public Policy Voice of the Catholic Bishops of Florida Florida Catholic Advocacy Network

## **Decline to Sign Petitions** for Dangerous Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase Pro-Life protections by banning government regulation of abortion in our state constitution. A network of abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to have a pro-abortion constitutional amendment placed on the statewide ballot in the November 2024 election. In order to do so, they need nearly 900,000 thousand signatures and are working right now in communities across Florida to collect them.

This amendment is deeply concerning because it will allow all abortions to be obtained until viability and includes a broad "health" loophole, essentially allowing abortion on demand up to birth. The amendment would hinder the Florida Legislature's ability to protect women and children from abortion. It could also naturally nullify current laws requiring parental consent before minors obtain abortions and a 24-hour waiting period prior to abortions, as well as the 15-week and 16-week abortion laws recently passed by the legislature.

Floridians should not sign the petition. Declining to sign is not impeding the democratic process; it is taking a stand against what would be a terrible state policy. The FCCB is following developments in the initiative process closely and diligently preparing to help defeat it. Continue your prayers for the protection of the Unborn and spread the word to your spheres of influence.

Thank you for helping to protect and respect all human life, especially the most vulnerable.

# Saints of the Week



Monday, August 28 Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 354-430

Saint Augustine, was a theologian, philosopher, and the bishop of Hippo Regius in Numidia, Roman North Africa. His writings influenced the development of Western philosophy and Western Christianity, and he is viewed as one of the most important Church Fathers of the Latin Church in the Patristic Period.

#### Tuesday, August 29

Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist



Today honors the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist. He was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ.

## Big Red Bus-Sunday, September 3

8:30am-1:30pm parking lot/oneblood.org to sign up

#### Did You Know?

"Rightly, then, the liturgy is considered as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. In the liturgy the sanctification of the man is signified by signs perceptible to the senses, and is effected in a way which corresponds with each of these signs; in the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members.

## San Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Celebration on Saturday, September 30



#### **First Filipino Saint**

The San Lorenzo Ruiz Devotees of Palm Coast will celebrate his feast day on September 30, 2023. Fr. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil will celebrate the mass at 8:30 am and breakfast reception will follow at the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Veranda after the mass and adoration at 10:30 am.

We will start the San Lorenzo Ruiz nine days novena from September 21-September 29, 2023 at the following site and times (variable).

September 21-24	4:00-5:00 pm	Rectory Meeting Room-
September 25	5:30-6:30 pm	Rectory Meeting Room-
September 26	4:00-5:00 pm	Rectory Meeting Room-
September 27	3:30-5:00pm	Rectory Meeting Room-
September 28 September 29	4:45-6:00 pm 5:00-6:00 pm	Rectory Meeting Room Rectory Meeting Room



## Cancer Support Group

Cancer Support Group in Rectory Meeting room every 2nd Thursday at 9:30am and every 4th Thursday at 2:30pm. Short session of light exercise is provided by OTA. On Contact Louise 386-235-5310

#### SEAS Black Catholic Guild

The SEAS Black Catholic Guild Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 1pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

## Caregiver Support Group

Support groups create a safe, confidential, supportive environment for participates to develop informal mutual support and social relationships as they deal with a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's/Dementia. We meet the 2nd & 4th Monday at 3:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

## **Seasons of Hope**

For those who have lost a loved one, the Grief Support Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Rectory Meeting Room. To sign up please call (386) 445-2246 or contact Healthministry@seaspcfl.org



## Charismatic Prayer Group

Please join us on Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Russo Room



## Cursillo-Ultreya

Please join us the third Wednesday of month at 6:30 in the Russo room for Ultreya! Please bring a covered dish to share! Anyone interested in Cursillo is encouraged to attend. Join us for a night of fellowship, witness and song! De Colores!"

## Faith & Fellowship

To follow on Social Media or for more info, visit the SEAS website. at seaspcfl.org/community-groups



## **Health Ministry**

The Health Ministry meets at 9:30 AM on Tuesdays in the Cody Room. Please call Louise Kummer for more info at 386-235-5310 or Pam Cowles at 386-523-7152.We are in need of volunteers for shopping, light housekeeping, wellness checks and rides to Mass.

## **Knights of Columbus Auxiliary**

The Knights of Columbus Auxiliary meets the third Thursday of the month at 11.00 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting room. Come join us and be a part of this organization of the Knights of Columbus, which does so much for our parish.

## The Lay Carmelites

If you are a practicing Catholic between the ages of 18 and 60 and are searching to deepen your faith, come join the Lay Carmelites. We are a Christ centered community that strives to get closer to God through scripture, prayer, meditation and contemplation. We meet the second Saturday of the month. For more information contact Ramonita Fiorentino @ 445-7477

## Legion of Mary

The Legion is a lay apostolic organization that meets every Tuesday at 9:30am in the Rectory Meeting Room.

## Listening for God

The 'Listening for God' Ministry will be on the first Friday of the month from 6:30pm -7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. For more info call the rectory or 386-264-2049.



## Our Lady of Fatima Portuguése Committee

Meetings are at 7:00pm on Wednesdays in the Rectory Meeting Room.



## Mother of Perpetual Help (MPH)

#### **Monthly Schedule**

First Wednesday Novena will be held at the **Cody Room** from **3:00 - 4:30 pm** first Wednesday of the month. September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6, 2023

## Mother Seton Rolling Library

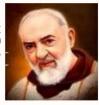
The aim of this library is to spread the word of our faith via Catholic books. The cart is Church Library available in the Gathering Space after all weekend masses. These books are free.



Monetary donations are graciously accepted and will be used for our school scholarship program. New/gently used Catholic books/bibles man be donated at the cart or rectory. Meetings are on Fridays at 9:30am in the Rectory Meeting Room.

## Padre Pio Prayer Group

Our St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet every Second Friday of the month at 9:30 am until 10:30 am. in the Russo. Please join us.



All are welcome!

## **Rosary Cenacles**

The Rosary Cenacles is in response to Our Lady's call which was made known in her message to Fr. Stefano Gobbi. We pray for the Holy Father and his intentions, for priests, to end abortion and for world peace. We say fifteen decades of the rosary. All are welcome to attend weekly meetings on Wednesday's at 1:00pm.

The Rosary Cenacles will resume in September. For more information call Marie Estabrook 386 447-0847

## **Rosary Makers Ministry**

Our Ministry is devoted to our Lady of Fatima and assembles rosaries to be distributed and sent to other parts of the world free of charge.



Join us to pray the rosary on Mondays at 9:30 am in the Rectory Meeting Room. We offer training and supplies to all members.

## **Secular Franciscans**

The Secular Franciscans meet monthly on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 in the Cody Room. If you are interested in learning more about the Secular Franciscans, please join us. Please call Pam Cowles 386-523-7152 for more information.

## **Sunday Scripture Prayer Group**

You are cordially invited to join with us each week for shared prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scriptures. We believe the Bible is the living word of God and speaks directly to our hearts. Our goal is to share the various perspectives in order to enrich each other. We will be meeting weekly through the summer and look forward to you joining us each Friday at 1:00pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

## **Opportunity to Enrich Your Marriage**

If you are a couple in a sacramental marriage and would like to connect with other couples, grow spiritually, have fun, and make your good marriage even better, let us know!!



Call or email us to learn more.

Teams of Our Lady

Larry and Mary Kay Kuchta 386-437-9288 (home) 386-503-7718 (cell) marykay@5gators.com

## Mission Collection, September 23-24, 2023 For Anointing Fire Sisters of Jesus and Mary (ASJM)

The ASJM sisters of India request our prayers and financial support for the construction of a dormitory and chapel for sisters and a hall for giving retreats and faith formation to newly converted Catholics in a remote mission area in the state of Orissa. ASJM is a newly founded religious community, and they deserve our wholehearted support. Kindly be generous in contributing to this second collection.

The vision of the ASJM congregation is to be a visible presence of the Holy Spirit in the world through contemplative prayer, radical renunciation, and self-emptying love. Their mission is the renewal of the Church through the proclamation of the Word of God and the constant intercessory prayers with penance and mortification for the whole world, especially for the pope, bishops, priests, and religious. Their ministries include retreat and counseling services for families and especially for the youth. For more information, kindly visit https://www.abhishekagnisisters.org/

# SEAS Parish Mission by Anointing Fire Sisters-October 9-12, 2023

This year, our Parish Mission will be preached by the Anointing Fire Sisters of Jesus and Mary (ASJM), led by Mother Amy from India. She will be assisted by four other ASJM sisters who were born in India but migrated with their parents to the US when they were children. Please mark your calendar and join us for this Parish Mission, which will include a healing service.

## Diocese of St. Augustine Night at the Ballpark

Let's all meet at the 121 Financial Ballpark, 301 A Philip Randolph Blvd., in Jacksonville for a double-header Sept. 16 between the Jumbo Shrimp and the Gwinnett Stripers starting at 5:05 p.m.! There is a reserved section with seats for \$14 per person or upgrade your ticket to include an all-you-can-eat buffet for \$33.43 per person. To purchase tickets, visit https:/tinyurl.com/54v9y568. For a flyer, visit https:/tinyurl.com/bddh37bx.

# **Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles September 29-October 10-Seton Hall**

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. -Sept. 29 and 30, & Oct. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Oct. 9-10) A traveling display of photographs and historical descriptions of Eucharistic miracles recognized by the Catholic Church throughout history.

## Diocese of St. Augustine- How to Report Abuse

**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 and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208 -6979 or email inquiries@dosafl.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

**ATENÇÃO**: A Diocese de St. Augustine toma muito sériamente todas as alegações de má conduta sexual e resolve todas as alegações de forma rápida, confidencial e completa. Para denunciar abuso(s), ligue para a polícia ou para o Department of Children and Families pelo (800)962-2873. Ou ligue para o Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator pelo (904)208-6979 ou por e-mail inquiries @dosafl.com . Para denunciar abusos cometidos por um bispo ligue para (800)276-1562 ou visite a website www.reportbishopabuse.org.

ATENCION: La Diócesis de San Agustín trata seriamente todas las acusaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada, de manera rápida, confidencial y minuciosa. Para reportar Abuso, llame a la policía o al Departamento de Niños y Familias al (904) 962-2873. O llame al Coordinador Diocesano de Asistencia a Víctimas (904) 208-6979 o envíe un correo electrónico a inquiries@dosafl.com. Para denunciar abuso por parte de un obispo, llame al (800) 276-1562

**PAUNAWA:** Ipinagbibigay alam na lubos na pinahahalagahan ng Diyosesis ng San Agustin ang mga paratang sa anumang uri ng abusong sekswal, at agad na masusing sinusuri ang anumang alegasyon habang pinananatiling kumpidensyal. Kung meron kayong nalalamang alegasyon tumawag agad sa Pulisya o kaya ay sa Department of Children and Families (800) 962-2873. O tawagan ang Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator sa (904) 208-6979 o kaya ay mag-email sa inquiries@dosafl.com. Kung ang irereport nyo naman ay isang Obispo, tumawag sa (800) 276-1562 o kaya ay tumungo sa www.reportbishopabuse.org



Monday, August 28

7:00am M/M Jose Bairos & sons

8:30am Donna Langford

Tuesday, August 29 7:00am Rosita Geliga 8:30am Nicole Whalen

Wednesday, August 30 7:00am Jim Bradley

8:30am **Bob & Shawn Harris** 

Thursday, August 31 7:00am Paul Mohn

8:30am Audrey M. Brailsford

September 1 Friday, 7:00am Adam Webb

8:30am Perpetual Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 2

8:30am June McDonough 4:00pm Ed & Mary McDonald 6:00pm\* Stephen Jr. & Christopher

Myers

6:00pm(P) Kyle John Wolf &

grandparents

Sunday, September 3

8:00am Rose Keane 10:00am **SEAS Parishioners** 12:00pm Gloria Sanguiliano 5:00pm (S) Epifania Dimas Jr. 5:00pm\* Stephen Chase

\* St. Stephens



# **Prayer Garden**

Our Prayer Garden is a peaceful place for prayer and meditation. Purchasing a brick in the Prayer Garden for someone who has died is a wonderful way to remember that the person is still with you in thoughts and through prayer. The purchase of a brick is \$100.00; please consider honoring a loved one. Contact the Rectory Office for more details.

## In Memoriam

We remember all our departed brothers and sisters with love and gratitude.



Pauline "Betty" Elizabeth Bonnick

1940-July 31, 2023

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



## Knights of Columbus



Sunday, August 27 **Seton Hall** Adults \$6.00 Children are free!

#### Improvement Project: Volunteers Needed

We are looking for skilled and motivated individuals to work on a volunteer basis with the SEAS Buildings Ministry to remodel the interior of Seton Hall. Specifically, we are looking for a locally licensed plumber; drywall installers/ tapers/spacklers; floor tile installers; and assistants to help with demolition, painting, tile work, etc. Ron Cowles @386-478-6133

## **Sunday Readings**

Readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time may be found on pages 1039 of St. Augustinė Hymnal.

#### Readings for the Week of August 27

Sunday 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3,6, 8; Rom11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mt

23:13-22

**Tuesday** Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6;

Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-

10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32 **Thursday** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-

13, 14 & 17; Mt 24:42-51 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-Friday

6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13 Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9;

Mt 25:14-30

Sunday 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, -9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



#### Bread & Wine donated this week by Eileen Byrnes in memory

#### of **Donald Byrnes**

## Annual Ziti-Meatball Dinner

Saturday September 16, 2023 starting at 6 PM with hall doors opening at 5 PM. Ticket donations are \$12.00 adults and \$6.00 under 12 years and will be available after Masses Aug. 26 & 27, Sept. 2 & 3, Sept. 9 & 10, after the 8 and 10 Mass, Coffee and Donut Gatherings and the Rectory Office and will end after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday Sept. 10. Salad, bread, dessert, coffee included and soda, wine and beer available. For questions or assistance please call Jim 386-447-9849, John 386-569-5880 or Ted 386-585-4291.

## Mark Your Calendar

**September 16, 2023** Men's Club Ziti Dinner October 9-12, 2023: Parish Missior October 14, 2023 Men's Club Rummage Sale-to benefit SEAS School October 20-22, 2023 **SEAS Community Fall Festival** November 4, 2023: Stewardship Retreat





## August 26 - September 1

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Roseann & Jim Bradley; Wendel Brendli; Peter Ryczak; Todd Schmelzer; Marie Seeley; Marian Morrissey; Patricia Hemstreet; M/M Jose Bairos & sons; Stephen Claude Serano Sr.

#### FOR INTENTIONS OF: Kelly Girtin

In our Holy of Holies, we have ten candles always burning around the tabernacle, just as in the temple in Jerusalem there were ten lights always burning around the Ark of the Covenant. They indicate the presence of our precious Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The candles used are seven day candles and may be purchased either in memoriam or for the intentions of a loved one for a \$10 donation through the Seton Shop. This space lists the names of those for whom candles have been purchased.

## **Please Pray for Our Military**

Although we pray for all of our military, space does not permit everyone's name to be printed.

Please advise when a person below is no longer deployed so we can remove their name from our list. Please contact the parish office if you wish to have the name of someone listed for 4 weeks. As a courtesy please notify the office when the name can be removed or if you wish to have the name continued. Be sure to get the person's permission first!

God bless them all & continue to pray for them!

Charles Salerno TSgt (US Air Force/Germany)
CPT. Brendan Leonard (US Army)
Stephen Hayes (US Air Force/Iraq)
Kevin Daley (US Navy)
LCP Dylan Vanore. USMC
Benjamin L Wurtz -- US Army

## **Please Pray for Our Sick**

Andrew Macready April Anderson Barbara Parziale Bill Thompson Calor Motycka Cash Krempecki Casandra Richard Charlie Salerno Christine Salerno Cindy Lewis Cynthia Blake Dale Nusbaum David Leonard Deanna Cardillo Derek Patrick Freeman Diane Ackeson Doug Drohan Elizabeth Cretella Ellen Denzel Fanny Velez Florence Elaine Smith Fran L. Thong Gail Reid Gary Martin George Bley Guy Hane Hank Theiling Henry Gardner Jack Évans Jake Fontaine Jake Romaine James Doggett Janine Kerry Jim Popour Joan Carter Joanie Phillips Joe Biggs John Frangipane John Kortas John Placenti John Relgan John Sandor Jonathan Schofield Jose Manuel Cruz Joseph Robert Keating Joseph Vacellaro

Judy Vershave Júlia Barrett Karen Marie Duda Karen Murphy Kathleen Theiling Larry DeCamillo Lisa Robak Lynn Englehart Madison Hope DeVane Maria Barros Maria Stewart Marie Bernadette Lamarre Marie Berry Mary Callaghan Mary MaryAnn DePalo Mary Doris Kolesar Maureen Flanagan Mason Brian DeVane Michell Pinto Mike Duda Mina Bico Myrtha Darboux Nancy Wright Nathaniel Burgess Neil Dorian Nicole Woodword Nivia Sandoval Pat Meenan Patricia Bayer Patricia Derrig Pinto family Randy Martin Richard Heinrich Rita Morris **Robert Burns** Roger Reid Ruby Strickland Sally Lombardo Scott Parkstrom Sharon Mary Erickson Tara Handsman Teresa Kinert

Theodore Simmons

Tom Bentzley

Vera Bell

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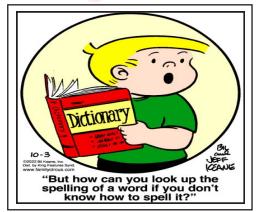
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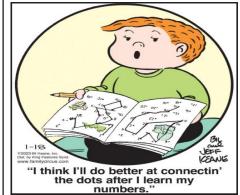


#### Mass on TV for the Homebound

https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule Sunday Mass-8:00am

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As A Gift Next Friday, September 1 is our next local opportunity to Stand for Life in front of SEAS from 4 - 5 pm. This witness for LIFE, holding a pro-life sign while praying the rosary is

a very important demonstration of our belief in the sanctity of LIFE. Many are not able to travel to Jacksonville to witness at one of the three abortion facilities (although about 6 parishioners do this every week) so this is an opportunity to impact a parent's decision to choose LIFE. The simple pro-life message -- Adoption Is A Loving Option, Smile Your Mother Chose Life, or Let's Stop Abortion, may be all an expectant parent needs to see, to CHOOSE LIFE. We will never know how many lives we have saved!! AND the abortion facilities do not like us praying in their vicinity - it ruins business.

#### Please keep your Saturday, September 9 calendar open for a pro-life activity.

9:30 am - Respect Life Committee meeting in the Cody Room -- update on "Decline to Sign" progress, final last minute plans for the 10:30 Memorial Service, perusal of annual SEAS Respect Life calendar and plans for Life Chain Sunday on October 1.

10:30 - Memorial Service for the Aborted Children at the SEAS Columbarium memorial stone. Half hour of prayer and witness. Seating will be available. 9:00 - Tee Time for the St. Gerard Campus Annual Golf Outing at St. Augustine Shores Golf Club - \$100 donation per player to benefit the young mothers at St. Gerard's.

Tuesday - September 12 - 10 am - AAD Workshop in Jacksonville (full particulars in next week's bulletin column.

Going to be out of town on the 9th, stop by the Respect Life bulletin board (North entrance to SEAS) and pick up a copy of the future detailed calendar of Respect Life events for September 2023 through June 2024. Please PRAY that all will do what they can to spread and live the pro-life message.

SEAS Respect Life Coordinator - Priscilla Positano 352-697-9436 pcposi2324@gmail.com Pregnancy Help Line - 800-848-LOVE Human Trafficking Hotline - 888-373-7888



**MORE SEAS** donations taken to Alpha's Women Center.

#### "La Llama de Amor del Inmaculado Corazón de María"

Cuando: Miércoles/Hora: 6:30pm Plataforma Zoom: Zoom.us (Bajar Zoom en las aplicaciones) Meeting ID: 2239918037 clave: lallama Preguntas: Alba Dimas, 939-332-5615 Norma Maisonet, 917-834-6181 email: flameoflovepcfl@gmail.com

## **Daily Exposition and Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for adoration after all the weekday Masses at 8.30 am till 10 am. Kindly join us and adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

## **Eucharistic Adoration Hours**

The hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy of Holies are from 9 am to 12 midnight, Monday through Friday, and 9 am to 9 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for adoration on Fridays from 9 am

to 9 pm. The Blessed Sacrament is also exposed on the altar Monday to Saturday for adoration after the 8.30 am Mass until 10 am.

Please remember that if the Holy of Holies is filled you are encouraged to pray in the main worship area of the church.

#### **Adorers Needed For:**

Sundays: 2-3 pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am Mondays: 10-11 am, 11pm-12am

Tuesdays: 1-2pm, 9-10pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am

Wednesdays: 10-11pm

Thursdays: 11am-12pm,1-2 pm,2-3pm,10-11pm,11pm-12am

Fridays: 9-10pm, 10-11pm

Saturdays: 10-11am, 11am-12pm, 1-2pm, 6-7pm, 9-10pm,

10-11pm, 11pm-12am

Anyone interested in spending time with Our Lord in Adoration should contact Candice Ringberg (386-213-0863 or candiceringberg@gmail.com) for availability and information.

## Saturday Group Adoration

All are invited to join the Group Eucharistic Adoration led by one of the deacons on Saturdays at 9:15 am. Adoration booklets will be available. For more information, Marilou Mallada at 609-468-1477.

## Las Reunionés del Comité Hispano

Son el último martes del mes a las 6:30 pm en el Cody Room adjunto al salón social. Este comité sirve para hablar de todos los asuntos de la comunidad hispana de la parroquia. Todos invitados. Para mas informacion llamar a Marina Medina a la oficina al 386-445-2246

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## Noches de Formación de Fe para Adultos

Se han suspendido por el verano. Las clases se reanudarán en septiembre. Para mas informacion llama ala oficina al 386 445-2246

#### **Sacraments**

#### **Baptism**

Every First and Third Sunday of the month after Noon Mass. One preparation class is required. Classes are offered every second Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Please contact the Rectory office in advance.

Holy Matrimony

Please contact the Rectory office at least 8 months prior to wedding.

Anointing of the Sick
If you or your loved one is in need of the Sacrament of Anointing please call the Rectory office. We also have dedicated Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 2:45-3:45pm, Sunday 30 minutes before Mass, & by appt.

#### **Devotions**

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

9 am to 12 midnight, Monday through Friday, and 9 am to 9 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am on Fridays till 9 pm. The Blessed Sacrament is also exposed on the altar Monday to Saturday for adoration after the 8.30 am Mass until 10 am.

8 am Monday-Saturday; Before all weekend Masses

#### Miraculous Medal Novena

After 8.30 am Mass every Tuesday.

## **Religious Education**

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Classes for Grades 1-8 on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm. For more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education at the Rectory office (386-445-2246; extension 112)

#### **Children's Catechism Classes**

All children from 1st through 8th grade who are not attending Catholic school should be attending PREP classes. Children preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Confirmation need to attend a two-year catechetical program.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist need to attend a two-year catechetical program which includes six Sunday classes of Sacramental preparation prior to each Sacrament.

#### **Confirmation Formation**

Children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation need to attend a two-year catechetical program which includes three Sunday classes of Sacramental preparation and the annual Confirmation retreat.

For more information about Catechism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact Katie Allio at 386-445-2246 extension 112.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please call the Director of Christian Formation at the Rectory office if any non-Catholic is interested in joining the Catholic Church (386-445-2246; extension 112). Classes will begin in October.

## Holy Orders and Religious Life

If you believe that you or someone you know has a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, please contact Fr. Jared DeLeo at frjared@saccfl.org



**Quotes of Saints** 

**St Thomas Aguinas:** "The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.'

**St Padre Pio:** "A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

St Cyril of Jerusalem: "Since Christ Himself has said, 'This is My Body,' who shall dare to doubt that it is His Body?"

St John Vianney: "I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master."

St Maximilian Kolbe: "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.

## Cenáculo La Llama de Amor del Inmaculado Corazón de María

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SUNDAY, August 27

Coffee & Donuts (and 11:00am)—Seton Hall 9:00am K of C Pancake Breakfast—Seton Hall 9:00am

9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass until 10:00am-Church

9:30am Rosary Makers \_ Rectory Meeting Room

3:30pm Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group-Rectory Meeting Room

5:00pm Music Ministry—Church

**TUESDAY, August 29** 

9:00am

Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass until 10:00am-Church Legion of Mary Meeting-Rectory Meeting Room Ladies Guild Arts & Crafts—Russo Room 9:00am 10:00am Hispanic Committee Meeting—Cody Room 6:00pm

6:00pm Portuguese Rosary Society-Rectory Meeting Room

7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group-Seton Hall

WEDNESDAY, August 30

Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass— Church
Seasons of Hope - Grief Support—Rectory Meeting Room
Spanish Bereavement Meeting—Rectory Meeting Room
English is the 2nd Language—Seton Hall
Portuguese Prayer Group—Cody Room 9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm

6:30pm

7:00pm

THURSDAY, August 31

9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass—Church

Charismatic Prayer Group -Russo Room 1:30pm 7:15pm Divine Mercy Cenacle (Spanish) - Cody Room

FRIDAY, September 1

Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass until 9:00pm-Church 9:00am

9:00am Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass—St. Stephens 9:30am Library Ministry—Rectory Meeting Room

1:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer Group—Rectory Meeting Room

3:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet—Church
Our Lord of Pardon Prayer Meeting—Rectory Meeting Room 3:30pm

Listening for God Ministry—Rectory Meeting Room 6:30pm

SATURDAY, September 2

Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass until 10:00am-Church 9:00am

9:00am Adoration Prayer Group—Church

9:15am Reparation-Rosary Heart Of Mary-Russo Room Secular Franciscans Meeting—Cody Room
St. Michael Ministry Meeting—Rectory Meeting Room
Ice Cream Social—Seton Hall 10:00am

1:00pm

5:00pm

SUNDAY, September 3

Big Red Bus—North Parking lot 8:30am

9:00am Coffee & Donuts (and 11:00am)—Seton Hall

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#### Need to update this list? email pjenkins@seaspcfl.org

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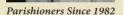


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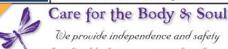
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