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From the desk of Fr. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil, December 17, 2023



All Day Adoration and Confession, Tuesday, December 19, 9 am to 9 pm.

To Find Joy and Peace

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) was a German philosopher who challenged the foundations of traditional Christianity in the late 19th century. On one occasion, he was asked to give a talk to a group of Christians. During the talk, he asked them, "Do you believe you are a redeemed people?" They said, "Yes." Immediately, he said, "Then why do you look so sad and gloomy? You should allow your faith to reflect on your faces."

Well, what Nietzsche told them is true. We should allow our faith to reflect on our faces, especially when preparing for Christmas. That is why the Church reminds us today to rejoice. The message of all three readings and the responsorial psalm for today is obvious. Rejoice and be happy, for the Lord is coming.

In the first reading from Prophet Isaiah, we hear him say, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord. In God is the joy of my soul." In the responsorial psalm, the Blessed Mother says, "My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior." In the second reading, St. Paul says, "Rejoice always." In the gospel reading, we hear John the Baptist talking about the joyful news of the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah.

Yes, the message of the readings is very clear. We should rejoice and be happy. Now the big question is, what will bring us happiness? Who will help us rejoice in the middle of our prob-

lems, anxieties, and frustrations in life? Sometimes, getting whatever we want will make us happy. But from experience, we know that having the best things in life alone does not make us happy. Even after getting all the material things we want, we will still be unhappy. What that means is that only in God can we find true happiness.

That is why St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice" (4:4). In today's second reading, which is taken from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he says, "Rejoice always." But in his letter to the Philippians, he makes it very clear that we have to find our joy and happiness in the Lord. That is why he says, "Rejoice in the Lord."

Now, the question is, how do we rejoice in the Lord? Or, how do we find happiness in the Lord? Well, the first thing to do to find joy in the Lord is to give up sin and receive forgiveness from the Lord. We know from experience that when we make a good confession, our heart is filled with joy and peace. So this is what we have to do to find peace and joy — to receive forgiveness from God and to live a sin-free life.

The second thing we must do is develop and maintain a solid personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. During baptism, we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior. During confirmation, we once again confirmed our faith in the Lord Jesus. Now, our challenge is to walk with him always as we promised, no matter what happens in our lives. If we do that, we will find true happiness in life.

Remember the words of Jesus, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. For without me you can do nothing" (John 15:7). Yes, if we remain with Jesus always, then we will bear much fruit in our life, and we will find true happiness.

The third thing we must do to find happiness in the Lord is keep his commandments. In the gospel of St. John, Jesus says, "Anyone who loves me will obey my commandments. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them" (John 14:23). What this means is, when we follow the commandments and teachings of Jesus, God himself will come and stay with us. Remember, if we have God in our hearts, we don't need anything else to find happiness. So, to find happiness in our life, we have to have God in our life, and to

have God in our life, we have to give him the first place in our life.

Today, we are entering the third week of Advent, and today, we are reminded to find joy and happiness in the Lord so that during the Christmas season, we can share our joy and happiness with others. However, as I mentioned before, to find joy and happiness in the Lord, we first need to receive forgiveness for our sins from the Lord. Hence, please remember to make a good confession during this advent sea-

son if haven't already done so.

We had our Advent Penance Service last Tuesday, during which many people made their confession. We are providing another opportunity for confession on Tuesday, December 19, from 9 am to 9 pm. Priests will be available for confession throughout the day, during which we will also have Eucharistic Adoration. Hence, kindly use this opportunity to make a good confession before Christmas. Then, you will be able to rejoice truly in the Lord, as St. Paul tells us.

Funny Stories



Small Man and Big Man: A small man was sitting in a bar with a glass of beer in front of him. A large bully of a man came in, grabbed the beer, and drank it down. The bully said to the small man, "Well, what are you going to do about that now?" "It's been a hard day," the small man replied meekly. "This morning, I went to work and found out I had gotten fired. Then I went outside to find out someone had stolen my car. Then I went home and found out my wife had left me and taken all our furniture. "I decided to come here to the bar and order this beer. Then I decided to end my life, and I put arsenic in my beer." — via Walker Batts Texas Township, MI.

Bridegroom: A little girl asked her mother, "Why do they rope off the aisle at a wedding? So the bridegroom can't get away?"

Desde El Escritorio del Pastor, Fr. Jose Panthaplamthottivil, 17 de Diciembre de 2023



Adoración y Confesión Durante Todo El Día, Martes 19 de Diciembre, de 9 am a 9 pm.

Para Encontrar Alegría y Paz

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) fue un filósofo Alemán que cuestionó los fundamentos del Cristianismo tradicional a finales del siglo XIX. En una ocasión le pidieron que diera un discurso a un grupo de Cristianos. Durante el discurso, les preguntó: "¿Creen que son un pueblo redimido?" Dijeron: "Sí". Inmediatamente dijo: "Entonces, ¿por qué estáis tan tristes y sombríos? Debéis permitir que vuestra fe se refleje en vuestros rostros".

Bueno, lo que les dijo Nietzsche es cierto. Debemos permitir que nuestra fe se refleje en nuestro rostro, especialmente cuando nos preparamos para la Navidad. Por eso la Iglesia nos recuerda hoy que debemos alegrarnos. El mensaje de las tres lecturas y del Salmo responsorial de hoy es obvio. Alegraos y sed felices, porque el Señor

En la primera lectura del profeta Isaías, lo escuchamos decir: "Me regocijo de todo corazón en el Señor. En Dios está el gozo de mi alma". En el Salmo responsorial, la San-tísima Madre dice: "Mi espíritu se regocija en Dios, mi Salvador". En la segunda lectura, San Pablo dice: "Estad siempre alegres". En la lectura del Evangelio escuchamos a Juan el Bautista hablar de la gozosa noticia de la llegada de Jesús, el Mesías.

Sí, el mensaje de las lecturas es muy claro. Deberíamos regocijarnos y ser felices. Ahora la gran pregunta es ¿qué nos traerá felicidad? ¿Quién nos ayudará a regocijarnos en medio de nuestros problemas, ansiedades y frustraciones en la vida? A veces, conseguir lo que queremos nos hará felices. Pero por experiencia sabemos que tener las mejores cosas de la vida por sí solo no nos hace felices. Incluso después de conseguir todas las cosas materiales que queremos, seguiremos siendo infelices. Lo que eso significa es que sólo en Dios podemos encontrar la verdadera felicidad.

Por eso San Pablo, en su carta a los Filipenses, dice: "Estad siempre alegres en el Señor. Repito, estad alegres" (4:4). En la segunda lectura de hoy, tomada de la carta de Pablo a los Tesalonicenses, él dice: "Estad siempre gozosos". Pero en su carta a los Filipenses deja muy claro que tenemos que encontrar nuestro gozo y felicidad en el Señor. Por eso dice: "Regocíjense en el Señor".

Ahora la pregunta es ¿cómo nos regocijamos en el Señor? O, ¿cómo encontramos felicidad en el Señor? Bueno, lo primero que hay que hacer para encontrar gozo en el Señor es renunciar al pecado y recibir el perdón del Señor. Sabemos por experiencia que cuando hacemos una buena confesión, nuestro corazón se llena de alegría y paz. Entonces esto es lo que tenemos que hacer para encontrar paz y gozo: recibir el perdón de Dios y vivir una vida libre de pecado.

Lo segundo que debemos hacer es desarrollar y mantener una relación personal sólida con el Señor Jesús. Durante el bautismo, aceptamos a Jesús como nuestro Señor y Salvador. Durante la confirmación, confirmamos una vez más nuestra fe en el Señor Jesús. Áhora, nuestro desafío es caminar con él siempre como lo prometimos, pase lo que pase en nuestras vidas. Si hacemos eso, encontraremos la verdadera felicidad en la vida.

Recuerde las palabras de Jesús: "Si permanecéis en mí y yo en vosotros, llevaréis mucho fruto. Porque separados de mí nada podéis hacer" (Juan 15:7). Sí, si permanecemos siempre con Jesús, daremos mucho fruto en nuestra vida y encontraremos la verdadera felicidad.

La tercera cosa que debemos hacer para encontrar la felicidad en el Señor es guardar sus Mandamientos. En el Evangelio de San Juan, Jesús dice: "El que me ama, mis Mandamientos guardará. Mi Padre los amará, y vendremos a ellos y haremos con ellos nuestro hogar" (Juan 14:23). Lo que esto significa es que, cuando seguimos los Mandamientos y las enseñanzas de Jesús, Dios mismo vendrá y permanecerá con nosotros. Recuerda, si tenemos a Dios en nuestro corazón, no necesitamos nada más para encontrar la felicidad. Entonces, para encontrar felicidad en nuestra vida, tenemos que tener a Dios en nuestra vida, y para tener a Dios en nuestra vida, tenemos que darle él primer lugar en nuestra

Hoy entramos en la tercera semana de Adviento y hoy se nos recuerda que debemos encontrar gozo y felicidad en el Señor para que durante la temporada Navideña podamos compartir nuestro gozo y felicidad con los demás. Sin embargo, como mencioné antes, para encontrar gozo y felicidad en el Señor, primero debemos recibir del Señor el perdón de nuestros pecados. Por lo tanto, recuerde hacer una buena confesión durante esta temporada de Adviento si aún no lo ha hecho.

El Martes pasado tuvimos nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento, durante el cual muchas personas se confesaron. Brindamos otra oportunidad de confesión el Martes 19 de Diciembre, de 9 am a 9 pm. Los Sacerdotes estarán disponibles para confesarse durante todo el día, durante el cual también tendremos Adoración Eucarística. Por lo tanto, aprovechen esta oportunidad para hacer una buena confesión antes de Navidad. Entonces podréis alegraros verdaderamente en el Señor, como nos dice san Pablo.

Historias Graciosas



Hombre Pequeño y Hombre Grande: Un hombre pequeño estaba sentado en un bar con un vaso de cerveza frente a él. Un hombre corpulento y matón entró, agarró la cerveza y se la bebió. El matón le dijo al hombre pequeño: "Bueno, ¿qué vas a hacer ahora?" "Ha sido un día duro", respondió dócilmente el hombre pequeño. "Esta mañana fui a trabajar y descubrí que me habían despedido. Luego salí y descubrí que alguien me había robado el auto. Luego fui a casa y descubrí que mi esposa me había dejado y se había llevado todos nuestros muebles. "Decidí venir aquí al bar y pedir esta cerveza. Luego decidí poner fin a mi vida y puse arsénico en mi cerveza." – vía Walker Batts Texas Township, MI.

Novio: Una niña le preguntó a su madre: "¿Por qué atan el pasillo en una boda? ¿Para que el novio no pueda escapar?".

Do Escritório do P. José Panthaplamthottiyil, 17 de Dezembro de 2023



O Dia Completo-Adoração e Confissão, Terça-feira, 19 de Dezembro, das 9h às 21h.

Encontrar Alegria e Paz

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) foi um filósofo Alemão que desafiou os fundamentos do Cristianismo tradicional no final do século 19. Numa ocasião, ele foi convidado a dar uma palestra para um grupo de Cristãos. Durante a palestra, ele perguntou-lhes: "Vocês acreditam que são um povo redimido?" Eles disseram: "Sim." Imediatamente, ele disse-lhes: "Então por que vocês parecem tão tristes e sombrios? Devem permitir que a vossa fé reflita nos seus rostos."

O que Nietzsche lhes disse é verdade. Devemos permitir que a nossa fé reflita no nosso rosto, especialmente quando nos preparamos para o Natal. É por isso que a Igreja nos lembra hoje para nos alegrarmos. A mensagem das três leituras e do salmo responsorial de hoje é óbvio. Alegrai-vos e sede felizes, pois o Senhor está a chegar.

Na primeira leitura do profeta Isaías, ouvimo-lo dizer: "Alegro-me de coração no Senhor. Em Deus está a alegria da minha alma." No salmo responsorial, a Santíssima Mãe diz: "O meu espírito alegra-se em Deus, meu Salvador". Na segunda leitura, São Paulo diz: "Alegrai-vos sempre". Na leitura do evangelho, ouvimos João Batista falando sobre a alegre notícia da chegada de Jesus, o Messias.

Sim, a mensagem das leituras é muito clara. Devemos alegrarmo-nos e ser felizes. Agora, a grande questão é: o que nos trará felicidade? Quem nos ajudará a regozijarnos no meio dos nossos problemas, ansiedades e frustrações na vida? Às vezes, conseguir o que queremos faz-nos felizes. Mas, por experiência, sabemos que ter as melhores coisas da vida somente, não nos faz felizes. Mesmo depois de obter todas as coisas materiais que queremos, continuamos tristes. O que isso significa é que só em Deus poderemos encontrar a verdadeira felicidade.

É por isso que São Paulo, na sua carta aos Filipenses, diz: "Alegrai-vos sempre no Senhor. Mais uma vez, digo: alegrai-vos» (4, 4). Na segunda leitura de hoje, extraída da carta de Paulo aos Tessalonicenses, ele diz: "Alegrai-vos sempre". Mas, na sua carta aos Filipenses, ele deixa bem claro que temos de encontrar a nossa alegria e felicidade no Senhor. É por isso que Ele diz: "Alegrai-vos no Senhor".

Agora, a pergunta é: como nos regozijamos no Senhor? Ou, como encontramos felicidade no Senhor? A primeira coisa a fazer para encontrar alegria no Senhor é desistir do pecado e receber o perdão do Senhor. Sabemos por experiência própria que, quando fazemos uma boa confissão, o nosso coração se enche de alegria e paz. Portanto, isto é o que temos que fazer para encontrar paz e alegria – para receber perdão de Deus e viver uma vida livre de pecado.

A segunda coisa que devemos fazer é desenvolver e manter um relacionamento sólido e pessoal com o Senhor Jesus. Durante o baptismo, aceitamos Jesus como nosso Senhor e Salvador. Durante a confirmação, confirmamos mais uma vez a nossa fé no Senhor Jesus. Agora, o nosso desafio é caminhar com Ele sempre como prometemos, não importa o que aconteça nas nossas vidas. Se fizermos

isso, encontraremos a verdadeira felicidade na vida. Lembrai-vos das palavras de Jesus: "Se permanecerdes em mim e eu em vós, dareis muitos frutos. Porque sem mim nada podeis fazer" (João 15:7). Sim, se permanecermos sempre com Jesus, daremos muitos frutos na nossa vida e encontraremos a verdadeira felicidade.

A terceira coisa que devemos fazer para encontrar felicidade no Senhor é guardar os Seus mandamentos. No evangelho de São João, Jesus diz: "Quem me ama obedecerá aos meus mandamentos. Meu Pai os amará, e nós iremos a eles e faremos nossa casa com eles" (João 14:23). O que isto significa é que, quando seguirmos os mandamentos e ensinamentos de Jesus, o próprio Deus virá e ficará connosco. Lembre-se, se temos Deus nos nossos corações, não precisamos de mais nada para encontrar a felicidade. Então, para encontrar a felicidade na nossa vida, temos que ter Deus na nossa vida, e para ter Deus na nossa vida, temos que lhe dar o primeiro lugar na nossa vida.

Hoje, entramos na terceira semana do Advento, e hoje, somos lembrados de encontrar alegria e felicidade no Senhor, para que, durante a estação do Natal, possamos partilhar a nossa alegria e felicidade com os outros. No entanto, como mencionei antes, para encontrar alegria e felicidade no Senhor, primeiro precisamos de receber do Senhor perdão pelos nossos pecados. Por isso, lembre-se de fazer uma boa confissão durante este tempo de advento, se ainda não o fez.

Tivemos o nosso Serviço de Penitência do Advento na passada Terça-feira, durante o qual muitas pessoas fizeram a sua confissão. Oferecemos mais uma oportunidade de confissão na Terça-feira, dia 19 de Dezembro, das 9h às 21h. Os sacerdotes estarão disponíveis para a confissão durante todo o dia, durante o qual teremos também a Adoração Eucarística. Por isso, aproveite esta oportunidade para fazer uma boa confissão antes do Natal. Assim, podereis alegrar-vos verdadeiramente no Senhor, como nos diz São Paulo.

Histórias Engraçadas



Home Pequeno e Homem Grande: Um homem baixo estava sentado num bar com um copo de cerveja à sua frente. Um grande valentão entrou, pegou na cerveja e bebeu. O valentão disse ao homem pequeno: "Então, o que é que vai fazer agora?" "Foi um dia difícil", respondeu o homem pequeno calmamente. "Hoje de manhã, fui trabalhar e descobri que tinha sido demitido. Depois saí e descobri que alguém tinha roubado o meu carro. Então fui para casa e vi que minha esposa me deixou e levou todos os nossos móveis. "Decidi vir aqui ao bar e pedir esta cerveja. Então decidi acabar com a minha vida e coloquei arsénio na minha cerveja." – via Walker Batts Texas Township, MI.

Noivo: Uma menina perguntou à mãe: "Qual a razão que eles atam cordas no corredor da igreja nos casamentos?" "Para que o noivo não possa fugir?"

Sunday Readings Explained - 230- Fr. Tony Kadavil

Third Sunday of Advent, Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; I Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Repent and Reform

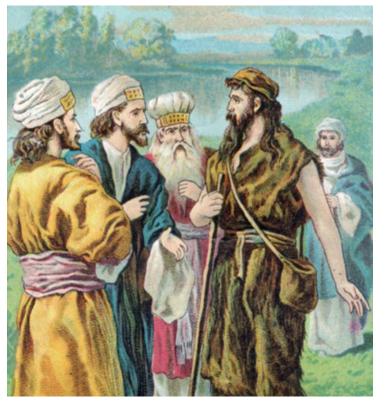
Introduction

Today is called "Gaudete Sunday" because today's Mass (in its Latin, pre-Vatican II form), began with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper" -- "Rejoice in the Lord always." In the past, when Advent was a season of penance, the celebrant of the liturgy used to wear vestments with the penitential color of purple or violet. To remind the people that they were preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, the celebrant wore rose -colored vestments on the third Sunday. (By the way, we have a similar break--*Laetare Sunday*-- during the Lenten season). Today we light the rose candle, and the priest may wear rose vestments, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus, our Savior. The primary common theme running through today's readings is that of encouraging joy as we meet our need for the preparation required of us who await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives. The second common theme is that of bearing witness. The prophet Isaiah, Mary and John the Baptizer all bear joyful witness to what God has done and will do for His people.

Scripture readings summarized: The readings for the third Sunday of Advent remind us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. The first reading tells us that we should rejoice because the promised Messiah is coming as our Savior and liberator, saving us by liberating us from our bondages. The Responsorial Psalm of the day is taken from Mary's *Magnificat*, in which she exclaims: "My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior." Paul, in the second reading, advises us to "rejoice always" by leading blameless, holy, and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ is faithful and will come again to reward us. Today's Gospel tells us that John the Baptizer came as a witness to testify to the Light, cause for rejoicing as Light removes darkness from the our lives so that we may radiate it and illuminate the dark engage in regular prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. lives of others around us. The joyful message of today's Second Reading, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with rejoicing will Paul was fond of the Thessalonians because they had liberate both the individual and the community, and its received Jesus' Gospel enthusiastically, and their example special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and had helped others to embrace the Faith. But he was powerful.

First Reading, Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

sixth century BC when the Jews were trying to re-establish despise prophecies. Test everything; retain what is good. themselves in their homeland after enduring a generation of Avoid any semblance of evil." He also commands us to exile in Babylon. The prophet says of himself that God has "rejoice always and pray without ceasing." We are to give anointed him with the Spirit and sent him to bring good news thanks in all circumstances because that is the will of God for to those in need of it. The good news is the healing of the us in Christ Jesus. We, who believe in Jesus and have been broken-hearted and the liberation of prisoners. Then the united with him in his death and Resurrection, should be in a prophet expresses Israel's joy at the coming of God's constant state of rejoicing, giving thanks to God for all that salvation, using the image of wearing exceptionally beautiful He has done for us in Jesus. Our joy here on earth, however, clothes, as a bride and groom do at their wedding. He also is not the fullness of joy waiting for us at Jesus' second uses the image of the earth in its bringing forth of new coming. Hence, Paul concludes his instruction with the vegetation in the spring. He says, "I rejoice heartily in the prayer: "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and Lord; in my God is the joy of my soul." This hope for the may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved. coming of salvation finds its fulfillment in the life, death blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.' and Resurrection of Jesus. Inaugurating his public



ministry in Nazareth, Jesus declares that he is the fulfillment of this passage from Isaiah (Luke 4:16-21), because he has been anointed by the Spirit of God to bring the Good News to the poor. We rejoice at the i.e., Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is fulfillment of the prophecy about Jesus in this passage. The "Spirit of the Lord is upon us" when we treat everyone world. We should be glad and rejoice also because, like John equally as brothers and sisters of Jesus, and so speak out the Baptizer, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ against social injustice, denounce cultural immorality, obey Jesus, the Light of the world. We are to reflect Jesus' Light in God's chosen representatives in the Church, and quietly

convinced that they needed the continued moral instruction which he offered them in this letter. The selection we read today contains Paul's practical suggestions for anyone trying This section of Isaiah comes from the turbulent period in the to be a follower of God: "Do not stifle the spirit. Do not Gospel Reading, John 1:6-8, 19-28

during the past 50 years suggest that John was probably a member of the Judean Qumran wilderness community, the Essenes. This community was a group of movement against Roman rule. They waited there, a few miles from Jericho, for the prophet," who did not claim to be the Messi-Messiah to come and rectify the horrible injustice they had experienced. They occupied themselves with on John was to find out why he baptized the Jews. Bap-Scripture studies and purification, continually studying, copying, and commenting on God's word. They also went through frequent baptismal rituals to symbolize the Messiah, or even Elijah or the prophet, John had their total dedication to God's will in living a life of spir- the right to baptize. The Jerusalem delegation finally itual purity. John's ministry seems to fit into what we came to the conclusion that John's baptismal rite was know about Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls' commu- only a symbolic action, a "baptism of repentance for nity. John preached a baptism of repentance, anthe forgiveness of sins," a rite symbolizing purification nounced the imminent coming of God, and gathered and cleansing, a return to God before the promised followers who, though not "official" Qumran members, Messiah arrived in their midst. Thus, they decided that followed some its teachings.

Biblical importance of today's text: Bible scholars generally agree that the prologue (1:1-18) in John's Gospel is a hymn, the overall purpose of which is to highlight the historical and theological significance of Jesus' origins as "Word," "true Light" and the "only Son." Verses 6-9 introduce John the Baptist in a manner that clearly distinguishes him from Jesus – John himself was not the Light, but he came to testify to the Light." Some scholars

such a forceful differentiation in order to counter a sect of John's disciples claiming that John the Baptist was his sandals. That was too menial a service for even a the light and the Messiah, and not simply the one testi- disciple to render. So John said: "One is coming whose fying to the Light. In John's Gospel, however, recurring slave I am not fit to be." John's mission was only to references to the Baptist suggest that Jesus and John "prepare the way." Any greatness he possessed came references to the Baptist suggest that Jesus and John preached and baptized concurrently for some time (see from the greatness of the O ne whose coming he fore-John 3:22-30; 10:40-42). But, in all he did and said, the told. John is thus the great example of the man pre-Baptist always bore witness to Jesus and his Messianic pared to obliterate himself for Jesus. He lived only to identity (John 1:6-8(9). "A man named John was sent point the way to Christ. from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the Light." John 1:19-28 is an Advent text that calls us to remember the origins and purposes of Jesus with the John's: The idea that the Baptizer came as a witness to kind of devotion that challenges us to be witnesses for testify to the Light (Jesus), is found only in the Gospel Jesus. John the Baptizer demonstrates what it means of John. According John, Jesus is the Light of the world to bear witness to the true Light coming into the world.

authorities in Jerusalem show concern for a marginal ness to Christ by word and deed, in good times and figure like John, who was attracting crowds to the wilderness and baptizing repentant sinners in the Jordan? of the Church, ironically, has often been more faithful The main reason was that, although John was the son under persecution than under prosperity. We need to of a devout rural priest, Zechariah, he did not behave like a priest. By his dress and diet, the Baptizer had dis- John did. John the Baptist's role as a joyful witness pretanced himself from the Jerusalem priests. He present- pared the way for Jesus. John also provides an example ed himself more like one of the older prophets who de- for us because our vocation as Christians is to bear clared the will of God for the Jews. Hence, the Sanhed- "witness" to Christ by our transparent Christian lives.

rin might well have felt it their duty to check up on John Context: Biblical studies made of the Dead Sea Scrolls to verify whether he was a false prophet. The Jerusalem priests also wanted to know whether John was an "action prophet," attempting to lead a liberation After questioning people who had left Jerusalem a century before Jesus' John, the delegation from the Jerusalem authorities birth because of a conflict with the Temple authorities. concluded that John was only a harmless "oracular ah. Another reason why the Sanhedrin kept a close eye tism at the hands of men was not for Israelites, but rather for proselytes from other faiths. If he had been there was no need to take any disciplinary action against John.

John's humility: The evangelist John presents John the Baptizer as the fulfillment of Isaiah 40:3, "a voice in the desert" calling for Israelites to prepare a way for the coming of Jesus. John in his Gospel takes special care to stress the fact that Jesus surpasses John the Baptist. The Baptizer declares: "I am baptizing only with water; but there is One among you--you don't recognize him--and I am not worthy to untie the straps of his shoes." There was a Rab-

maintain that the author of the Gospel may be making binic saying which stated that a disciple might do for his master anything that a servant did, except only to untie

Bearing witness to Jesus is our mission as well as (John 8:12). Just as the dawn of each new day brings joy, the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world, causes Why of Sanhedrin intervention: Why did the religious us to rejoice. We, the Church, are called to bear witbad—when it suits us and when it doesn't. The witness be messengers who point out Christ to others, just as Life messages

Christ and members of his Mystical Body, the Church, is to reflect Christ's Light to others, just as the moon reflects the world. Also, many feel lonely, unwanted, rejected, round, not just during Advent and Lent. and marginalized. All these people are waiting for us to reflect the Light of Christ into their worlds and to turn After all, we sin all year round, so why not fast also their lives into experiences of joy, wholeness, and integriall year round? Let us also find some spare time to adore ty. The joy of Jesus, the joy of Christmas, can only be ours Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us forgive those who to the extent that we work with Jesus to bring joy into the have offended us and pray for those whom we have

Jews asked the same question of John. His an-the means of bringing Jesus into other people's lives. swer was: "Repent and reform your lives, and prayerfully

wait for the Messiah." This means that we have to pray 1. We need to bear witness to Christ the Light: By Bap- from the heart and pray more often. Our Blessed Mother, tism we become members of the family of Christ, the true in her many apparitions, has urgently reminded us of the Light of the world. Jesus said, "You are the light of the need for more fervent and more frequent prayer. Let world." Hence, our mission as brothers and sisters of us remember that the Holy Mass is the most powerful of prayers. We must become a Eucharistic people, receiving the living presence of Jesus in our hearts so that we may the light of the sun. It is especially important during the be transformed into His image and likeness. We encoun-Advent season that we reflect upon and radiate ter Jesus in all the Sacraments. Regular monthly Confes-Christ's unconditional love and forgiveness every-sion makes us strong and enables us to receive more where. There are too many people who live in darkness grace in the Eucharist. Let us also listen daily to God and poverty, and who lack real freedom. There are others speaking to us through the Bible. Perhaps, we may want who are deafened and blinded by the cheap attractions of to pray the rosary daily and fast once a week all year

lives of others. Let us remember that Christmas is not complete unless we show real generosity to those who have nothing to give us in return.

The offended as and pray for those who will be shown to offended. Finally, let us share our love with others in selfless and humble service, "doing small things but with great love" (Mother Teresa). As we prepare to celebrate Christmas and the coming of God into our lives, we need 2. What should we do in preparation for Christmas? The also to remind ourselves that we have been called to be

Eucharistic Revival Talks at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Come! Listen to the Presentations. Learn more about the Eucharist. Join the discussion. Strengthen and Eucharistic deepen your faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The talks will be at 6 pm in the church.

See the schedule below.

December 18, 2023: Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist: Fr. Jose

January 15, 2024: Mass, Before and After Vatican Council II: Fr. Rob Trujillo

February 19, 2024: Mass: Rites and Countries: Deacon Tom Alayu

March 18, 2024: Roman Missal: Fr. Jim May

April 15, 2024: Saints and the Eucharist: Deacon Mike McKenna

May 20. 2024: Eucharistic Miracles: Deacon Ed Wolf June 17, 2024: Eucharistic Devotions: Deacon Tom Alayu

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: \$3,807,656.85 **Participating Parish Families: 633** Payments received: \$988,219.68

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.



The cost is \$15.00 a person. Checks may be made payable to SEAS and mailed to: SEAS 4600 Belle Terre Pkwy Palm Coast, FL 32164 Attn: Ladies Guild. Registration will be available after Masses on the weekends of Dec. 16-17 and Dec. 30-31

Ladies Guild





Following Filipino religious tradition, the Filipino community of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) parish is inviting everyone to a novena (nine-days) of masses as a spiritual preparation for the

coming of Jesus on Christmas. The dates/times/ location of these masses:

Dec 17 (Sunday) 7:00 PM SEAS

Dec 18 (Monday) 5:00 PM SEAS

Dec 19 (Tuesday) 5:00 PM *St. Stephens

Dec 20-22 (Wednesday-Friday) 5:00 PM SEAS

Dec 23 (Saturday) 7:30 PM SEÁS

*St. Stephens is located in 2400 E. Highway 100, Bun-

Please join us in this cherished tradition and spiritual preparation. A fellowship/reception follows the final Dec 23 mass.

Happy New Year!

St Elizabeth Ann Seton New Years Eve Party Fundraiser for the Capital Campaign

Sunday, December 31st 8:00 pm - 1:00 am

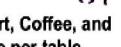


Doors open at 7 pm. Dinner at 8 pm. A Latin dance sit down dinner party. Cash bar (beer, wine, mix drinks) bottle of water and sodas.

Formal or semi formal attire.

Adults only!

Admission \$30.00



Includes: Dinner, Dessert, Coffee, and a bottle of champagne per table.

Music by D.J Marco.

Reserve a table for your family and friends. Call 445-2246, Ines 445-7759 or Marina 445-2200. Tickets can be purchased after all masses and at the rectory office. Tickets must be purchased before Dec. 23. No tickets will be sold at the door.







The seventh grade demonstrated how to create mitosis, and how to model the four phases of mitosis.

St. Nicholas visited the school on his Feast Day December 6th.

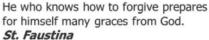






Presentation Speaker Nestor Buendia "A great treasury of revelations, teachings, insights, and prayers of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy."





For more information, call Elizabeth Steven (386) 338-5332 or Ines Becker (386) 387-1194



Come! Celebrate Christmas with Us with Family and Friends!

Christmas at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

4.00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass 6.00 pm: Lessons and Carols 7.00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass 12.00: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

Masses at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 Noon & 5.00 pm (Spanish) All Masses will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.



Bishop Erik Pohlmeier at St. Stephen Chapel on Saturday, December 23

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier will celebrate Mass at St. Stephen Chapel at 6 pm on Saturday, December 23, 2023, in honor of St. Stephen, whose feast is on December 26. All are invited to attend.



Come, Adore the Lord in the Eucharist and Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

All-Day Eucharistic Adoration and Confession 9 am to 9 pm, Tuesday, Dec., 19, 2023



Priests will be available to hear your confession in the church all day long



Come now, let us talk this over, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool (Isaiah 1:18).

Adoration—Saturday Group

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.

SEAS Black Catholic Guild

Please join us on the second Tuesday of every month from Sept-June at 1:30pm in Seton Hall Come a little early for refreshments and fellowship time and stay to pray for our families, church, community, and country. All are welcome. Contact Madeline (386) 864-0911.

Cancer Support Group

Meets in Rectory Meeting room every 2nd Thurs. at 9:30 am and every 4th Thurs. at 2:30 pm. Join us for support, education and resources. Contact Louise 386-235-5310



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.



Feeding Hands Mission at SEAS

Hopelessness ends. Enjoy a free hot meal every first and third Monday of the month at Seton Hall from 5 pm to 6.30 pm. Dine in or Drive-thru-Carry Out. Anyone in our community who is struggling financially to feed themselves or their children is invited to share a free hot meal with us.

Health Ministry

The Health Ministry meets at 9:30 AM on 2nd Tues of the month in the Cody Room. Please call Louise Kummer for more info at 386-235-5310 or Pam Cowles at 386-523-7152. We 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.

Lay Carmelites

If you are a practicing Catholic over the age of 18 and are looking 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 every 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 Portuguese 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. Next meeting is December 20, 2023

Mother Seton Rolling Library

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

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

Come join us each week for reflection on and sharing Sunday scriptures, the Bible, the Living Word of God. Our goal is to enrich each other by sharing the Living Word of God. We meet weekly each Friday at 1pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.



Homebound and Living Alone?

Do you have a friend or a family member who is a parishioner, homebound, and living alone? If you think they would like to get a phone call from a member of our parish, please give us a call at 445-2246, and we will make arrangements to have someone CALL them.

Catholic Charities

Human trafficking is a situation in which an individual is compelled to work or engage in commercial sex through the use of force, fraud or coercion. If the individual is under the age of 18 and engaging in commercial sex they are experiencing trafficking regardless of force, fraud, or coercion. National Human Trafficking Hotline toll-free at 1-888-373-7888 or text "Be free" to (233733). For more info, contact Ruby Peters, at rubygeerspeters@gmail.com (904) 448-6555.

Attention Talented Ladies

There is a group of ladies in our Parish who meet on Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Russo Room. We get together and make a variety of crafts and sell them at the many events that our Church has throughout the year. We have a lot of fun while making our crafts and it is very satisfying to know that others appreciate what we make. Forget the department stores that manufacture and mass produce, each item is handmade with precision and care. For any questions please call Dorothy at 386-283-4298.

In Need of Counseling?

The Catholic Therapist Network is a listing of Catholic therapists in the diocese for those in need of counseling and support. More information is available at https://family.dosafl.com/therapists.

Parking Lot Patrol

We are looking for volunteers (women or men) for both the 10am and Noon Sunday Mass. Volunteers would need to be available 15 minutes before Mass to pick up people in the parking lot. Once Mass begins you would patrol the parking lot as security. After Mass you would need to shuttle people back to their cars for 15 minutes.

To volunteer: Dennis Boucher-386 315-9994 or dboucher136@gmail.com

Teleministry

This new ministry has been busy calling new parishioners. We would also like to be able to call the retired elderly of the parish who can no longer attend mass. We need you to let us know who they are and their phone numbers. Leave their name and number at the rectory at 445-2246.

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

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, 7:00am

December 18

James Weinert 8:30am Celeste Catino

Tuesday,

December 19

7:00am Maria Loura & Elena Teixeira 8:30am Diane & Lee Bentzley

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Wednesday, December 20

7:00am Robert Pater Noster 8:30am

Manuel Sousa & Eugenia Cabral

Thursday, December 21

7:00am Yolanda Pozo 8:30am Antonio Arcuri

Friday,

December 22

7:00am Rita Avella

8:30am Olga Margarita Aparico

Saturday. 8:30am

December 23

Tera Joan 4:00pm Robert Maisonet

6:00pm* Deceased members of the

Bairos family

6:00pm(P) Antonio Dinis

Sunday. 8:00am

December 24

Donna Langford 10:00am **SEAS Parishioners** 12:00pm Reynoldo Hilo Landon Joseph Pram 4:00pm

7:00pm Helio Martinez Sr. 12:00am Giacomo Vullo

* 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 \$100.00; please consider honoring a loved one. Contact the Rectory Office for more April 21, 2024— 2 p.m., First Holy Communion details.

In Memoriam

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

Antoinette Tisi

September 2, 1923-November 28, 2023

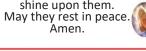




Salvatore Michael Della Ventura

April 7, 1928— December 2, 2023

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



3 Benefits Of Giving Stock To Your Parish



- · Avoid capital gains taxes.
- Receive a tax deduction for the total amount of your gift.
- Help your parish without affecting your cashflow.

Questions? Contact Kelly Wood, Questions? Contact Kelly Wood, 904-208-6931, kwood@dosafl.com





Bread & Wine donated this

week bν Eileen Byrnes in memory of Donald **Byrnes**



Knights of Columbus Sunday, December 31 **Adults \$6.00** Children free!

Sunday Readings

Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent may be found on page 914 of St. Augustine Hymnal.

Readings for the Week of December 17

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49

-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn

1:6-8, 19-28

Monday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-

19; Mt 1:18-25

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5 Tuesday

-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-

6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps

> 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-

Friday 7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8 Saturday

-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66 Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps

89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



Sunday



From: 11:30 - 1:30

Cold Weather Shelter Help Church on the Rock Bunnell

When the weather dips below 40 degrees, the county provides a location for those without 4 walls to sleep.

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



December 18 5:00pm **Seton Hall**

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 19, 2023 — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., All Day Eucharistic Adoration and Confession

December 23, 2023— 6 pm, St. Stephen Chapel -- Mass by Bishop Pohlmeier to celebrate the feast of St. Stephen.

January 26, 2024—6 pm -Mass and Eucharistic Adoration with Healing Service by Fr. Martin Ibeh

through prayer. The purchase of a brick is Feb. 11, 2024 — 2 p.m., Confirmation March 4-7, 2024 — Lenten Retreat by Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P.

Sept. 9-12, 2024—Parish Mission by Fr. Wade Menezes

December 16- December 22

IN MEMORY OF:

Roseann & Jim Bradley; Ruth Morrissey; JoAnn Baffa; Richard Butterfield; Beatrice E. Cox & family; Donald Byrnes; Thomas Larywon

FOR INTENTIONS OF:

Kelly Girtin; Cathy Butterfield; 50th Anniversary of Marilou & Efren Mallada

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Alfred Torris Andrew Macready Barbara Parziale Betty Beveridge Brian Sugden Carol Wissing Cash Krempecki Charlie Salerno Christine Salerno Cynthia Blake Dale Nusbaum Daniel Tearpock David Leonard Derek Patrick Freeman Diane Ackeson Elizabeth Cretella Fllen Denzel Florence Elaine Smith Gary Martin George Bley Gerry DePalo Hank Theiling Harriet Accocella Henry Gardner Jack Évans Jake Fontaine Jake Romaine James Doggett Janine Kerry Jerry DePalo Jim Popour Joan Carter Joe Biggs John Frangipane John Jack Derrig John Kortas John Placenti John Relgan Jonathan Schofield Joseph Bartollotta Joseph Robert Keating Joseph Vacellaro Judy Vershave Julia Barrett Karen Murphy

Kathleen Theiling Larry DeCamillo Les Reid Lisa Robak Louis Stanley Lubin Lynn Englehart Madison Hope DeVane Maria Barros Maria Stewart Marie Bernadette Lamarre Marie Berry Mary Callaghan Mary Ann Ahern MaryAnn DePalo Mary Doris Kolesar Mason Brian DeVane Mason Wurtz Michell Pinto Mina Bico Myrtha Darboux Nancy Wright Nathaniel Burgess Neil Dorian Nivia Sandoval Noreen Bradley Noreen Derrig Pat Meenan Patricia Baver Patricia Derrig Paul Masi Randy Martin Richard Heinrich Rita Morris Rose Marie Friest Ruby Strickland Sally Lombardo Scott Parkstrom Steven Fedak Tara Handsman Teresa Kinert **Theodore Simmons** Tom Bentzley Vincent Drahan



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Mass on TV for the Homebound

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

DIRECTV—Channel: 370/DISH—Channel 261
SPECTRUM— Channel 169/ATT U-Verse Channel 562
SIRIUS Radio—Channel 130 /XM/SPECTRUM—Channel 20



William Phillips Jr.

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.

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It is with great sorrow that we grieve the death of Paul Gloekler. He was a champion of the Unborn. He tirelessly raised funds to place ultrasound machines in many pregnancy centers throughout Florida. He and his wife Patti were very visible at Pro-life events and a constant Pro-life presence in their parish of Santa Maria del Mar here in Flagler Beach. The "team" was at the annual Life Chain here at SEAS and at Veteran's Park in Flagler Beach. They attended the monthly diocesan Luncheons for Life and were present at the opening of the new Alpha Women's Center on State Route 100. It is now time to pray for his wife Patti as she strives to fill that "empty space" with the love and support of family and friends.

As we grieve, we must also celebrate the efforts of all those who witness for LIFE each first Friday in front of SEAS. This is an opportunity to locally support LIFE, for those who are unable travel to Jacksonville to pray at one of the 3 abortion facilities there. We will never know who we may have influenced to choose LIFE in those that drive by. We do get many "honks" and "thumbs up". As we pray the rosary and hold our prolife messages, we are surely doing our pro-life effort for the unborn and those parents who have chosen LIFE.

Thank you to all who keep the bassinette full of baby clothes, hand-crafted baby blankets, baby food and other infant items. Two deliveries were made to Alpha this week and a special delivery to St. Gerard's of beautifully hand-crafted baby blankets. May the Lord bless you and all your generous efforts.

Reminders

DECLINE TO SIGN

December 28, 2023 - Thursday - special Respect Life Committee meeting

January 5, 2024 - Friday - Stand for Life - 4 -5 pm in front of SEAS

January 13, 2024 - Saturday - 9:30 am - Respect Life Committee meeting in the Cody Room

January 13, 2024 - Saturday - 10 am - March for Life Jacksonville -flyer on Respect Life bulletin board February 6 & 7 - Tuesday & Wednesday - Catholic Days at the Capitol - flyer on Respect Life bulletin board

Contact Information

SEAS Respect Life Coordinator - Priscilla Positano - 352-697-9436 pcposi2324@gmail.com

Pregnancy Help Line - 800-848-LOVE

Human Trafficking Hotline - 888-373-7888

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 6:30 am to 12 midnight, Monday through Friday, and 9 am to 9 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

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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

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

Saturday for adoration after the 8.30 am Mass until 10 am.

Adorers Needed For:

Sundays: 2-3pm, 9-10pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am Mondays: 6-7pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am Tuesdays: 9-10pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am Wednesdays: 2-3pm, 6-7pm, 10-11pm

Thursdays: 2-3 pm, 4-5pm, 9-10pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am

Fridays: 9-10pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am

Saturdays: 11am-12pm, 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.

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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

Las Reunionés del Comité Hispano

Son el último lunes 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

Acompañamiento en el proceso del Duelo

"Si estás pasando por la pérdida de un ser querido, dile sí a Jesús y María que quieren acompañarte en ese dolor. Únete al grupo "Acompañamiento en el proceso del Duelo" una vez a la semana y nos ayudamos uno al otro. Para más información comunicarse con Marina Medina en la oficina.

Noches de Formación de Fe para Adultos

Son cada miércoles a las 6:30 pm en el Rectory Meeting Room. El propósito de estos seminarios es para ampliar y profundizar nuestro conocimiento y experiencia de la fe. Incluyen series en estudio bíblico, teología y misión. Todos son invitados. Para más información llamen Padre Rob Trujillo al 386-445-2246.

Sacraments

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 SickIf 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

"The Sacrament of the Body of the Lord puts the demons to flight, defends us against the incentives to vice and to concupiscence, cleanses the soul from sin, quiets the anger of God, enlightens the understanding to know God, inflames the will and the affections with the love of God, fills the memory with spiritual sweetness, confirms the entire man in good, frees us from eternal death, multiplies the merits of a good life, leads us to our everlasting home, and re-animates the body to eternal life,

St. Thomas Aquinas

"Do you want many graces? Go and visit the Blessed Sacrament often. Do you want few graces? Visit the Blessed Sacrament rarely. Do you want none at all? Then never pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament,' St. John Bosco

"Ask Jesus to make you a saint. After all, only He can do that. Go to confession regularly and to Communion as often as you can,

- St. Dominic Savio

Third Sunday of Advent

All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist - seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?



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SUNDAY, 8:00am 9:00am 6:30pm	December 17 Angel Tree Distribution—Seton Hall Coffee & Donuts (and 11:00am)—Verandah Novena Al Nino Dios Spanish Ministry—Men's Club
MONDAY 8:00am 9:00am 9:30am 5:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	, December 18 Angel Tree Distribution-Seton Hall Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass/-Church Rosary Makers—Rectory Meeting Room Feeding Hands—Seton Hall Spanish Ministry—Men's Club Novena Al Nino' Dios Spanish Ministry—Men's Club
THESDAY	Docombor 10

, December 19
Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass until 10:00am-Church All Day Adoration & Confession –until 9:00pm
Legion of Mary Meeting-Rectory Meeting Room
Great Adventure Bible Study –Seton Hall
AM Guild Arts & Craft-Russo Room
Spanish Choir– Church
Portuguese Rosary Society-Rectory Meeting Room
Novena Al Nino Dios Spanish Ministry—Men's Club
Spanish Prayer Group—Seton Hall 9:00am 9:00am 9:00am 9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, December 20

DAY, December 20
Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass—Church
Seasons of Hope Grief Support—Rectory Meeting Room
Rosary Cenacle—Rectory Meeting Room
Spanish Bereavement—Rectory Meeting Room
Life Teen—Seton Hall
Novena Al Nino Dios Spanish Ministry—Men's Club
Portuguese Prayer Group—Seton Hall 9:00am 10:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm

6:30pm 7:00pm

THURSDAY, December 21
9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass—Church
11:00am Prayer Breakfast Committee Meeting—Cody Room—Seton Hall
1:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting—Russo Room K of C Board Meeting—Cody Room
Novena Al Nino Dios Spanish Ministry—Men's Club 5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm Spanish Community—Russo Room

7:00pm K of C Meeting—Seton Hall 7:15pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in Spanish—Cody Room

FRIDAY, December 22

9:00am No Exposition & Adoration today (due to decorating the church)-Church Seas Library Ministry— Rectory Meeting Room Sunday Scripture Prayer Group—Rectory Meeting Room Divine Mercy Chaplet—Church 9:30am 1:00pm 3:00 pm

3:30pm

Our Lord of Parden Prayer Meeting—Rectory Meeting Room

6:00pm Edge Youth Group—Seton Hall

6:30pm Novena Al Nino Dios Spanish Ministry—Men's Club

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

9:00am Adoration Prayer Group—Church

Novena Al Nino Dios Spanish Ministry—Men's Club 6:30pm

Simbang Gabi Dinner—Seton Hall 7:30pm

SUNDAY, December 24

8:00am Coffee & Donuts—Seton Hall

Ministries

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

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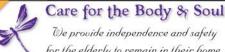
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