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One of the Greatest Gifts

Oliver Barrett was the son of a blue-blooded multimillionaire, while Jennifer Cavilleri was the daughter of a run-of-the-mill baker. When they fell in love, he was a student at Harvard University while she was studying music at Radcliffe College. Oliver's father was dead against his son getting married to a baker's daughter. He even threatened to disinherit Oliver if he ever got married to Jennifer.

After graduation from college, Oliver married Jennifer, forfeiting his father's vast business empire and a considerable inheritance. Oliver continued his studies at Harvard to become a lawyer while Jennifer taught in a private school to support themselves. When Oliver completed his studies, he landed a job in New York, and the couple moved there.

Their life in New York was tranquil, and promptly, they decided to have a baby. However, Jennifer was unable to conceive, which forced them to get medical help. During medical examination, it was found out Jennifer had leukemia, and she had only a few months left to live, which hit them like a thunderbolt.

It had always been Jennifer's dream to study music in Paris. To make her happy, Oliver decided to take Jennifer to Paris and came home with two plane tickets. When he showed her the tickets, she said, "I don't want Paris; I don't need Paris. I just want you." "That you got, baby," Oliver comforted her. Then, tightly embracing Oliver, she said pleadingly, "And I want time, which you can't give me."

No, Oliver could not give Jennifer any more time even though he tried his best to get her the most expensive treatment. Jennifer succumbed to leukemia soon, as accurately predicted by her doctors. This tragic story in Erich Segal's award-winning novel *Love Story* ends with Oliver's reconciliation with his father.

As we enter another New Year, we may have the impression that we have plenty of time ahead of us to find success and make our lives happy. It is true to a certain ex-

tent. However, it doesn't mean we can squander our precious time because, as author and inventor Benjamin Franklin said, "Time is the stuff that life is made of." He also said he never met a successful person who didn't value his time.

Unless we value our time and use it judiciously by setting proper goals in our life and working hard for their realization, a time will come when we will be forced to say like Jennifer, "I want time," which nobody but God can give us. In Jennifer's case, she didn't waste her time. On the contrary, she always used her time by studying well, working hard, and supporting her family. But leukemia hit her like a bombshell, and there was nothing she could do. However, she could die with the satisfaction that she never frittered away her time for no reason.



Jean Baptiste Colbert (1619-1683) was the Prime Minister of France under King Louis XIV. While he was on his deathbed, he heard the king was on his way to visit him. "Please ask him to leave me alone to die in peace," Colbert said to his attendants. "If I had toiled for God as I had toiled for him, I could have died with better peace of mind."

When Colbert faced death, he remembered he should have spent his life for better things than slavishly serving his king. However, it was too late for him to do anything other than ask God for pardon. If we can spend the time given to us for noble purposes and not for ignominious goals and shameful things, then when our time comes to die, we will definitely die in peace.

Time is one of the greatest gifts given to us by God. Unfortunately, it often becomes the gift we use the worst. Hence, as we enter the New Year, let us ensure we will never misspend our costly time. Instead, let us strive to utilize our time to the best of our ability and do great and noble things for the glory of God and the good of mankind.



Great Quotes and Funny Stories



To Start a New Year: "A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within. Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, the strength to help those who need our help, and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with your help and guidance." (Anonymous)

I Am the New Year: I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time. I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months. All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination. All the good you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires. All that you dreamed but didn't dare to

do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose. I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new." (*Bible Illustrator*)

Long Training: A mother tells her pastor that her son seems very interested in becoming a priest. She would like to know what this would require. So the priest begins to explain: "If he wants to become a diocesan priest, he'll have to study for eight years. If he wants to become a Franciscan, he'll have to study for ten years. If he wants to become a Jesuit, he'll have to study for fourteen years." [*This joke originated back when young men entered seminaries right after high school.*] The mother listens carefully, and as the priest concludes, her eyes brighten. "Sign him up for that last one, Father -- he's a little slow!" (via Fr. Tony)



Uno de Los Mayores Regalos

Oliver Barrett era hijo de un multimillonario de sangre azul, mientras que Jennifer Cavilleri era hija de un panadero común y corriente. Cuando se enamoraron, él era estudiante en la Universidad de Harvard mientras ella estudiaba música en Radcliffe College. El padre de Oliver estaba totalmente en contra de que su hijo se casara con la hija de un panadero. Incluso amenazó con desheredar a Oliver si alguna vez se casaba con Jennifer.

Después de graduarse de la universidad, Oliver se casó con Jennifer, perdiendo el vasto imperio empresarial de su padre y una herencia considerable. Oliver continuó sus estudios en Harvard para convertirse en abogado mientras Jennifer enseñaba en una escuela privada para mantenerse. Cuando Oliver completó sus estudios, consiguió un trabajo en Nueva York y la pareja se mudó allí.

Su vida en Nueva York era tranquila y rápidamente decidieron tener un bebé. Sin embargo, Jennifer no pudo concebir, lo que los obligó a buscar ayuda médica. Durante el examen médico, se descubrió que Jennifer tenía leucemia y que solo le quedaban unos meses de vida, lo que los golpeó como un rayo.

El sueño de Jennifer siempre había sido estudiar música en París. Para hacerla feliz, Oliver decidió llevar a Jennifer a París y volvió a casa con dos billetes de avión. Cuando él le mostró los boletos, ella dijo: "No quiero París; no necesito París. Sólo te quiero a ti". "Eso lo tienes, bebé", la consoló Oliver. Luego, abrazando fuertemente a Oliver, dijo suplicante: "Y quiero tiempo, que tú no puedes darme".

No, Oliver no podía darle más tiempo a Jennifer a pesar de que hizo todo lo posible para conseguirle el tratamiento más caro. Jennifer sucumbió pronto a la leucemia, como predijeron con precisión sus médicos. Esta trágica historia de la premiada novela de Erich Segal, *Love Story*, termina con la reconciliación de Oliver con su padre.

Al entrar en otro Año Nuevo, podemos tener la impresión de que tenemos mucho tiempo por delante para encontrar el éxito y hacer felices nuestras vidas. Es cierto hasta cierto

punto. Sin embargo, eso no significa que podamos desperdiciar nuestro precioso tiempo porque, como dijo el autor e inventor Benjamín Franklin, "el tiempo es la materia de la que está hecha la vida". También dijo que nunca conoció a una persona exitosa que no valorara su tiempo.

A menos que valoremos nuestro tiempo y lo usemos juiciosamente, estableciendo metas adecuadas en nuestra vida y trabajando duro para lograrlas, llegará un momento en que nos veremos obligados a decir como Jennifer: "Quiero tiempo", que nadie excepto Dios puede darnos. En el caso de Jennifer, no perdió el tiempo. Al contrario, siempre aprovechaba su tiempo estudiando bien, trabajando duro y manteniendo a su familia. Pero la leucemia la golpeó como una bomba y no había nada que pudiera hacer. Sin embargo, podría morir con la satisfacción de nunca desperdiciar su tiempo sin ningún motivo.

Jean Baptiste Colbert (1619-1683) fue el Primer Ministro de Francia bajo el rey Luis XIV. Mientras estaba en su lecho de muerte, escuchó que el rey iba de camino a visitarlo. "Por favor, pídanle que me deje en paz para morir en paz", dijo Colbert a sus asistentes. "Si hubiera trabajado para Dios como lo había hecho para él, podría haber muerto con mayor tranquilidad".

Cuando Colbert enfrentó la muerte, recordó que debería haber dedicado su vida a cosas mejores que servir servilmente a su rey. Sin embargo, ya era demasiado tarde para hacer otra cosa que pedir perdón a Dios. Si podemos dedicar el tiempo que se nos ha dado a propósitos nobles y no a metas ignominiosas y cosas vergonzosas, cuando llegue el momento de morir, definitivamente moriremos en paz.

El tiempo es uno de los mayores regalos que nos ha dado Dios. Desafortunadamente, a menudo se convierte en el regalo que peor utilizamos. Por lo tanto, al entrar en el Año Nuevo, aseguremos de no malgastar nuestro costoso tiempo. En cambio, esforcémonos por utilizar nuestro tiempo lo mejor que podamos y hacer cosas grandes y nobles para la gloria de Dios y el bien de la humanidad.



Grandes Citas e Historias Divertidas



Para Comenzar Un Nuevo Año: "Un nuevo año se está desarrollando, como una flor con pétalos fuertemente enrollados que ocultan la belleza interior. Señor, deja que este año se llene de las cosas que son verdaderamente buenas: con el consuelo de la calidez en nuestras relaciones, la fuerza para ayudar a quienes necesitan nuestra ayuda, y humildad y apertura para aceptar la ayuda de los demás. Al hacer nuestras resoluciones para el próximo año, avancemos con gran esperanza de que todo puede ser posible, con su ayuda y guía." (Anónimo)

Yo Soy el Año Nuevo: Soy el Año Nuevo. Soy una página virgen en tu libro del tiempo. Soy tu próxima oportunidad en el arte de vivir. Soy tu oportunidad de practicar lo que has aprendido sobre la vida durante los últimos doce meses. Todo lo que buscaste y no encontraste está escondido en mí, esperando que lo busques pero con más determinación. Todo el bien que intentaste y no lograste es mío para concederte cuando tengas menos deseos conflictivos. Todo lo

que soñó pero no se atrevió a hacer, todo lo que esperó pero no quiso, toda la fe que afirmó pero no tuvo, todo eso duerme ligeramente, esperando ser despertado por el toque de un fuerte propósito. Soy tu oportunidad de renovar tu lealtad a Aquel que dijo: "He aquí, yo hago nuevas todas las cosas". (Ilustrador de la Biblia)

Formación Prolongada: Una madre le dice a su pastor que su hijo parece muy interesado en ser sacerdote. Le gustaría saber qué requeriría esto. Entonces el sacerdote comienza a explicar: "Si quiere ser sacerdote diocesano, tendrá que estudiar ocho años. Si quiere ser franciscano, tendrá que estudiar diez años. Jesuita, tendrá que estudiar catorce años". [Este chiste se originó cuando los jóvenes ingresaban al seminario inmediatamente después de la escuela secundaria.] La madre escucha atentamente y, cuando el sacerdote concluye, sus ojos se iluminan. "Inscríbelo para el último, padre. ¡Es un poco lento!"
(a través del padre Tony)



Um dos Maiores Presentes

Oliver Barrett era filho de um multimilionário de sangue azul, enquanto Jennifer Cavilleri era filha de um padeiro. Quando se apaixonaram, ele era estudante da Universidade de Harvard, enquanto ela estudava música no Radcliff College. O pai de Oliver era contra o casamento do filho com a filha de um padeiro. Ele ainda ameaçou deserdar Oliver se ele casasse com Jennifer.

Depois de se formar na faculdade, Oliver casou-se com Jennifer, e perdeu o vasto império de negócios do seu pai e uma herança considerável. Oliver continuou os estudos em Harvard para se tornar advogado, enquanto Jennifer era professora numa escola particular para se sustentarem. Quando Oliver completou os estudos, conseguiu um emprego em Nova York, e o casal mudou-se para lá.

A sua vida em Nova Iorque era tranquila e, decidiram ter um bebé. No entanto, Jennifer não conseguiu engravidar, o que os obrigou a procurar ajuda médica. Durante o exame médico, descobriu-se que Jennifer tinha leucemia, e ela tinha apenas alguns meses de vida, o que os entristeceu bastante.

Sempre foi o sonho de Jennifer estudar música em Paris. Para fazê-la feliz, Oliver decidiu levar Jennifer a Paris e regressou para casa com dois bilhetes de avião. Quando ele lhe mostrou os bilhetes, ela disse: "Eu não quero Paris; Eu não preciso de Paris. Eu só te quero a ti." "Que você tem, meu amor?", Oliver disse e consolou-a. Então, abraçando firmemente Oliver, ela disse suplicando: "Eu quero tempo, o que você não me pode dar".

Não, Oliver não podia dar mais tempo a Jennifer, apesar de ter tentado ao máximo dar-lhe o tratamento mais caro. Jennifer sucumbiu à leucemia, como previsto pelos seus médicos. Esta trágica história do premiado romance *Love Story*, de Erich Segal, termina com a reconciliação de Oliver com o pai.

Ao entrarmos em mais um Ano Novo, podemos ter a impressão de que temos muito tempo pela frente para encontrar o sucesso e fazer as nossas vidas felizes. Até certo ponto, é verdade. No entanto, isso não significa que

podemos desperdiçar o nosso precioso tempo porque, como disse o autor e inventor Benjamin Franklin, "o tempo é o material de que a vida é feita". Ele também disse que nunca conheceu uma pessoa bem-sucedida que não valorizasse seu tempo.

A menos que valorizemos o nosso tempo e o usemos criteriosamente, estabelecendo metas adequadas na nossa vida e trabalhando para a sua realização, chegará um momento em que seremos forçados a dizer como Jennifer, "Eu quero tempo", que ninguém além de Deus nos pode dar. No caso de Jennifer, ela não perdeu tempo. Pelo contrário, ela sempre usou o seu tempo estudando, trabalhando duro e sustentando a sua família. Mas a leucemia atingiu-a como uma bomba, e não havia nada que ela pudesse fazer. No entanto, ela poderia morrer com a satisfação de nunca ter perdido o seu tempo sem motivo.

Jean Baptiste Colbert (1619-1683) foi o primeiro-ministro da França sob o rei Luís XIV. Quando estava a morrer, ouviu que o rei estava a caminho para visitá-lo. "Por favor, peça-lhe que me deixe em paz para eu morrer em paz", disse Colbert aos seus assistentes. "Se eu tivesse trabalhado por Deus como trabalhei por ele, poderia ter morrido com mais paz de espírito."

Quando Colbert enfrentou a morte, lembrou-se de que deveria ter passado a vida por coisas melhores do que servir o seu rei. No entanto, era tarde demais para ele fazer qualquer outra coisa além de pedir perdão a Deus. Se pudermos gastar o tempo que nos é dado para fins nobres e não para objectivos humilhantes e coisas vergonhosas, então, quando chegar a nossa hora de morrer, definitivamente morreremos em paz.

O tempo é um dos maiores dons que Deus nos dá. Infelizmente, muitas vezes torna-se o dom que usamos pior. Por isso, ao entrarmos no Ano Novo, vamos garantir que nunca desperdiçaremos o nosso valioso tempo. Em vez disso, esforcemo-nos por utilizar o nosso tempo da melhor forma possível e fazer grandes e nobres coisas para a glória de Deus e o bem da humanidade.



Grandes citações e histórias engraçadas



Para começar um novo ano: "Um novo ano está a começar - como uma flor com pétalas enroladas escondendo firmemente a beleza interior. Senhor, que este ano seja preenchido com coisas que são verdadeiramente boas - com o conforto do calor nos nossos relacionamentos, a força para ajudar aqueles que precisam da nossa ajuda e a humildade para aceitar a ajuda dos outros. Ao tomarmos as nossas resoluções para o próximo ano, avancemos com grande esperança de que tudo pode ser possível - com a vossa ajuda e orientação." (Anónimo)

Eu sou o Ano Novo: Eu sou o Ano Novo. Eu sou uma página intocada do livro do tempo. Eu sou a sua próxima chance na arte de viver. Eu sou a sua oportunidade de praticar o que aprendeu sobre a vida durante os últimos doze meses. Tudo o que você procurou e não encontrou está escondido em mim, esperando que você o procure, mas com mais determinação. Todo o bem que você tentou e não conseguiu é meu para conceder quando você tiver menos

desejos conflitantes. Tudo o que você sonhou mas não se atreveu fazer, tudo o que você esperava mas não queria, toda a fé que você afirmava mas que não tinha - esses dormem levemente, esperando ser despertados pelo toque de um propósito forte. Eu sou a vossa oportunidade de renovar a vossa fidelidade àquele que disse: "Eis que faço novas todas as coisas". (Ilustrador da Bíblia)

Longa Formação: Uma mãe diz ao seu pastor que o seu filho parece muito interessado em tornar-se padre. Ela gostaria de saber o que isso exigiria. Assim, o padre começa a explicar: "Se quiser ser padre diocesano, terá de estudar durante oito anos. Se ele quiser se tornar franciscano, terá de estudar por dez anos. Se quiser ser Jesuíta, terá de estudar durante catorze anos." [Esta piada teve origem quando os rapazes entravam nos seminários logo após o liceu.] A mãe ouviu atentamente e, quando o padre concluiu, os seus olhos brilhavam. "Inscreva-o para essa última, Padre - ele é um pouco lento!" (via P. Tony)

Sunday Readings Explained– 232- Fr. Tony Kadavil

Feast of the Holy Family–Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3:12-21, Luke 2: 22-40

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Introduction

On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are here to offer all the members of our own families on the altar for God's blessing. The first reading is a commentary on the fourth commandment: "Honor your father and your mother." Ben Sirach has many good things to say about living properly according to the Torah. Sirach reminds children of their duty to honor their parents – even when it becomes difficult. He also mentions the five-fold reward which God promises to those who honor their father and mother. The first reward is "riches," and the second long life: "Whoever reveres his father will live a long life." Forgiveness of sins and God's prompt answer to prayers are the fourth and fifth rewards. He reminds children that God blesses them if they obey, revere and show compassion to their father. Paul, in the letter to the Colossians, advises us that we should put on love and remain thankful in our relationships with one another. Paul's advice is part of the "Household code" – the rules for members of the Christian family. Though its details date to Paul's time, the underlying message of being careful with one another – being full of care – is timeless. Paul teaches that children should learn and practice noble qualities like compassion, kindness, forgiveness and sharing in the warmth of the family. In a truly holy family all members are respected, cherished, nurtured and supported, united in the bond of love. Today's Gospel describes how Joseph presented Mary and the Child Jesus in the Temple for the ritual of the mother's purification and the child's "presentation."

Rights and duties of parents and children:

Although more emphasis is given in the first two readings on the obligation of children to their parents, there is a profound lesson here for parents too. "Like father like son" is an old saying, and very often true. If the parents fail to do what is right and just in the sight of God, they can hardly complain if their children turn out disobedient to God and to them. The young learn more from example than from precept. If parents give their children the example of a life of obedience to the laws of God and their country, the children will in turn carry out their duties to God, to their parents and to their fellowman.

Gospel Reading, Luke 2: 22-40

Context: Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the Baby Jesus in the Temple. The *Feast of the Presentation of Jesus* (celebrated formally on February 2), is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child in the Temple. It is known as the "Hypante" feast or *Feast of the Purification of Mary* (by the offering two pigeons in the Temple), the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* (by prayers and a sacrifice offered in the Temple to redeem or buy the firstborn male child back from the Lord), the *Feast of*

Candlemas (because candles are blessed for liturgical and personal use) and the *Feast of Encounter* (because the New Testament, represented by the Baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna).

Purification and redemption ceremonies: The Gospel describes how Joseph, as the head of the Holy Family of Nazareth, presented Mary and the Baby Jesus in the Temple of God for the mother's purification and the Child's "redemption." The Mosaic Law (Numbers 18: 15), taught that since every Jewish firstborn male child belonged to Yahweh, the parents had to "buy back" (*redeem*), the child by offering a lamb or turtledoves as a sacrifice in the Temple. In addition (Leviticus 12: 2-8), every mother had to be purified after childbirth by prayers and an offering made to God in the Temple. Joseph kept these laws as an act of obedience to God.



Encounter with Simeon and Anna:

By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the old, pious and Spirit-filled Simeon and Anna had been waiting in the Temple for the revelation of God's salvation. Simeon recognized Jesus as the Lord's anointed one, and in his prayer of blessing he prophesied that Jesus was meant to be the glory of Israel and the light of revelation to the Gentiles. While he blessed Mary, he warned her that her child would be "a sign of contradiction," and that she would be "pierced with a sword." Simeon was prophesying both the universal salvation that would be proclaimed by Jesus and the necessity of suffering in the mission of the Messiah.

Influence of the Holy Family on Jesus:

We know that the family of Jesus was steeped in Scripture. Mary's prayer, the *Magnificat*, is rich in Old Testament quotations. We know that Jesus' family had a deep life of piety that included pilgrimages and prayer to the angels. Both Mary and Joseph were accustomed to receiving the guidance of Heaven's messengers. From Jesus' adulthood, we can also glimpse the prayer life He learned from His parents. He prayed the morning offering of pious Jews (Mk 12:29-30). He prayed spontaneously. He took time to pray alone. Yet, He also prayed with His friends. Jesus fasted and marked the holy days. All these habits He probably acquired from His home life in Nazareth. We know that work was important to Jesus' family. In adulthood, Jesus was called not just "Joseph's son," but "the carpenter's son." Joseph was skilled in a trade that was highly regarded in his day, and he trained Jesus in the same craft. We can conclude from Jesus' preaching that Mary was industrious and frugal in keeping a house. It was likely from her example that Jesus drew many of His favorite stories: a woman finding just the right cloth to patch a piece of clothing, a woman setting aside leaven for tomorrow's baking, a widow searching her house for a lost coin. Hard work, struggling to pay the bills, taking long road trips, praying simple devotions — all of this we learn from the real Gospels. (mikeaquilina.com).

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Life Messages

1. We need to learn lessons from the Holy Family:

By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* gives the following advice to the parents: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by *creating a home* where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for *education in the virtues*. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery — the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the 'material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones.'" The CCC adds: "Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children." (CCC #2223).

2. Marriage: a Sacrament of holiness. The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted two Sacraments in His Church to make society holy — the Sacrament of priesthood and the Sacrament of marriage. Through the Sacrament of priesthood, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the Sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit

through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in the parish church through the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Similarly, Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home.

3. We need to make the family a confessional rather than a courtroom.

A senior Judge of the Supreme Court recently congratulated the bride and groom in a marriage with a pertinent piece of advice: "See that you never convert your family into a courtroom; instead let it be a confessional. If the husband and wife start arguing like attorneys in an attempt to justify their behavior, their family becomes a court of law and nobody wins. On the other hand, if the husband and the wife -- as in a confessional -- are ready to admit their faults and try to correct them, the family becomes a heavenly one." Thus, we can avoid the dangers we watch in dysfunctional families as presented in TV in the shows like *Married with Children*, *The Simpson's*, *Everyone Loves Raymond* and *Malcolm in the Middle*.



4. Every Holy Mass in which we participate is our presentation.

Although we were officially presented to God on the day of our Baptism, we present ourselves and our dear ones on the altar before God our Father through our Savior Jesus Christ at every Holy Mass. Hence, we need to live our daily lives with the awareness both that we are dedicated people consecrated to God and that we are obliged to lead holy lives.

5. Let us extend the boundaries of our family:

The homeless man or woman today in the streets of big cities, fighting the cold and the snow, is part of our family. The drug addict in a den, or living in fear and aloneness this day, is member of our family. The sick person, dying, alone, dirty and maybe even obnoxious, is a member of our family. The person sitting in the prison cell for whatever reason is also a child of God, and as such, according to St. John, is a member of our family. All these, as well as the cherished intimate members of our family, are "family valuables," and, as such, are worthy of safekeeping and reverence.

On the Feast of the only perfect Family that ever lived on this earth, all parents might examine themselves and see how well they are fulfilling the grave responsibility which God has placed on them. As they heard during their marriage ceremony: "children are a gift from God to you." Children serve as the joy of their parents' young years and the help and comfort of their old age, but above and beyond that, they are a gift for which their parents are accountable before God, as they must, in the end, return these, His children, to Him. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church. May God bless all our families in the New Year.

January 1, 2024

Feast of Mary Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians. 4:4-7; Luke 2: 16-21

Since we celebrate the *Feast of Mary the Mother of God* on New Year's Day, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year. I pray

that the Lord Jesus and his mother Mary may enrich your lives during the New Year with an abundance of God's blessings. Today's Feast of "Mary, Mother of God" is a very appropriate way to begin a new year. This celebration reminds us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Heavenly Mother.

Today's feast answers the question of why Catholics honor Mary. Non-Christians sometimes believe that we Catholics worship Mary as a goddess who gave birth to our God. Non Catholic Christians argue that there is no Biblical basis for honoring Mary, and that Catholics worship her and make her equal to God. They fail to understand why we honor Mary by naming churches and institutions after her. They do not understand what we mean by calling her the Mother of God. The truth is that we Catholics do not worship Mary as we worship, adore God.

We honor her, respect her, love her and seek her intercession praying, "Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners." We do not, ever, equate her with God nor

replace God with her. Rather, we honor her primarily because God honored her by choosing her to become the mother of Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, when He took on our flesh and became Man.



We learn the great truth that Mary is the Mother of God from St. Luke's gospel, in the message given by the angel to Mary: "You are going to be the mother of a Son and you will call Him Jesus, and He will be called the Son of the Most High." When the Blessed Virgin Mary visited Elizabeth, after the angel had appeared to her and told her that she would be the mother of Jesus, Elizabeth said, "Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me?" [Lk. 1:43]. The Holy Scriptures teach us that Jesus was both God and man. John writes: "The Word became flesh and lived among us" [Jn.

1:14]. St Paul refers to this event when he writes to the Galatians, "God sent forth His Son, born of a woman".

Eucharistic Revival Talks at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Come! Listen to the Presentations. Learn more about the Eucharist. Join the discussion. Strengthen and 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.

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

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Rugs, etc. **Free Verbal appraisals****

You can send photos of the antiques by email to mussallems@aol.com for a free appraisal. If you need help in emailing the photos, you may contact the rectory office.

If the Mussallem Galleries buy your antiques, they will make a donation to our SEAS Capital Campaign. You may give the proceeds from the sale of antiques to our Capital Campaign, or you may keep it for yourself.

You can visit Mussallem Galleries at 5801 Philips Highway, Jacksonville, FL 32216. (Philips Highway and Bowden Road) Open Monday-Saturday 10 am - 6 pm. 904-739-1551. www.mussallem.com

Saints of the Week

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin



Tuesday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great

330-379

Gregory Nazianzen

330-389

Bishops and Doctors of the Church

St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen ... the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, close friends who became bishops and doctors of the Church.

Wednesday, January 3

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.



Thursday, January 4

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1774-1821

She is the founder of the first Catholic schools in the United States and is the patron saint of Catholic schools, widows, and seafarers. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was born into a wealthy Episcopalian family in New York City.

Friday, January 5

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1811-1860

John Nepomucene Neumann was a Catholic priest from Bohemia. He immigrated to the United States in 1836, where he was ordained and later joined the Redemptorist order and became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. He is the first United States bishop to be canonized.



Saturday, January 6

Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious

1845-1937

Brother André was a lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross and a significant figure of the Roman Catholic Church among French-Canadians, credited with thousands of reported miraculous oil healings associated with his pious devotion to Saint Joseph.



**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU
KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who hasn't been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

For information please contact Katie Allio at 386-445-2246, ext 112 or by email at kallio@seaspcfl.org.




**St Elizabeth Ann Seton
Women's Prayer Breakfast
Continental Buffet Meal
Saturday, January 13th, 2024
9:30am till 12:30pm
at Seton Hall**

Join us for:

- ❖ Music
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Praise
- ❖ Presentation Speaker
- ❖ Book and CD Sale

Tickets \$15 each.
**Sponsored by the
Ladies Guild**





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

Keep Christ in Christmas



This year was a very competitive contest to judge. we had 190 entries from SEAS school and from the CCD program.



Youth Director
Chris Daley

K – 2nd
Grade

3rd – 5th
Grade

6th – 8th
Grade



Grace Elizabeth Callahn



Antonio Daily



Sarah Valko



Alana Matthews



Sophia Alea



Saya Galisin



Angelina Girgus



Amaries Daily



Judith Montiel-Martinez

Thank you to the students and the Knights of Columbus for the outstanding job they did with this competition.

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.

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



Teams of Our Lady

**Divine Mercy Presentation
At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton –
Seton Hall
Saturday, January 20th, 2024
9am – 2pm**



Presentation Speaker
Nestor Buendia

**“A great treasury
of revelations,
teachings,
insights, and
prayers of the
Devotion to the
Divine Mercy.”**



He who knows how to forgive prepares
for himself many graces from God.
St. Faustina

3 Benefits Of Giving Stock To Your Parish



- Avoid capital gains taxes.
- Receive a tax deduction for the total amount of your gift.
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Questions? Contact Kelly Wood,
904-208-6931, kwood@dosafl.com



Divine Mercy Seminar will be presented by Nestor G Buendia of the Divine Mercy Apostolate of Canada on January 20th 2024 at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Social Hall. Registration begins at 9AM and seminar begins at 10am. This Seminar Includes 2 lectures, Free Lunch, Guitar Music and songs throughout and will conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet by 2PM. Nestor G Buendia is affiliated with the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy Lay Ministry within the Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario Canada. As a Lay Minister has provided 26 years of Service and has traveled extensively promoting the Message of Divine Mercy in Seminars. Come Join us to learn more about our Lords Divine Mercy.

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

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 participants 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 6, 2023

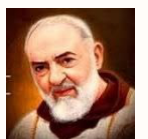
Mother Seton Rolling Library

The aim of this library is to spread the word of our faith via Catholic books. The cart is available in the Gathering Space after all 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!



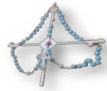
Music Ministry

Praise and Worship Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, and the Principal Choir on Thursdays.



Portuguese Rosary Society

Praying of the Rosary in Portuguese every Tuesday at 6:00 pm in a Rectory Meeting Room



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.



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 seriamente 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 pinahalagahan ng Diyosesis ng San Agustin ang mga paratang sa anumang uri ng abusong seksual, 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



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 1

7:00am Merlita Valdez
8:30am Maria Martins

Tuesday, January 2

7:00am Alice Pinard
8:30am Stephen Motylinski

Wednesday, January 3

7:00am John Shuman
8:30am Stephen Motylinski

Thursday, January 4

7:00am John Gardner
8:30am Mariel Mullings

Friday, January 5

7:00am Mary Ellen Whitfield
8:30am Perpetual Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6

8:30am Fred Reodica
4:00pm Anna & Raymond Calobrisi
6:00pm Gloria Martin
6:00pm(P) Maria Homem

Sunday, January 7

8:00am Rose Keane
10:00am SEAS Parishioners
12:00pm Christie Dawn Romino
5:00pm(Sp) Marie E. Avendano
1st Anniversary
5:00pm * Thomas Klingel

* 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.



James Rodriguez
August 20, 1953-
December 7, 2023

Lucrecia Cabrera

November 28, 1928-
December 14, 2023



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



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



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



**January
8/22
5:00pm
Seton
Hall**

**The Rectory office
will be closed on
Mon. January 1**

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



Mark Your Calendar

January 26, 2024—6 pm -Mass and Eucharistic Adoration with Healing Service by Fr. Martin Ibeh
Feb. 11, 2024 — 2 p.m. Confirmation
March 4-7, 2024 —Lenten Retreat by Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P.
April 21, 2024 — 2 p.m., First Holy Communion
Sept. 9-12, 2024— Parish Mission by Fr. Wade Menezes

Sunday Readings

Readings may be found on
page **923**
of
St. Augustine Hymnal.

Readings for the Week of December 31

Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40
Monday Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 28 - February 3

Discover why Catholic schools are the best choice for your family.
www.dosaeducation.org.

Ten Candles Burning in the Holy of Holies

December 30– January 5

IN MEMORY OF:

Isabel Ortiz; Lecrecia Cabrera; Marie Seeley;
Ricky Passaro; James Rodriguez

FOR INTENTIONS OF:

Mary Ester Qipacis; Ken Knaebel;
Family of Zach Kasper; Andy Gutierrez; Bob Kriel

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
Ellen Denzel
Florence Elaine Smith
Gary Martin
George Bley
Gerry DePalo
Glenda Restagno
Guy Cozzone
Hank Theiling
Harriet Accocella
Henry Gardner
Jack Evans
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



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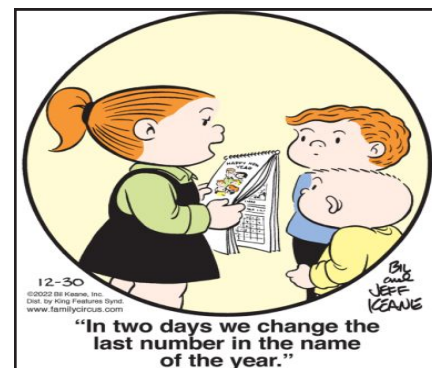
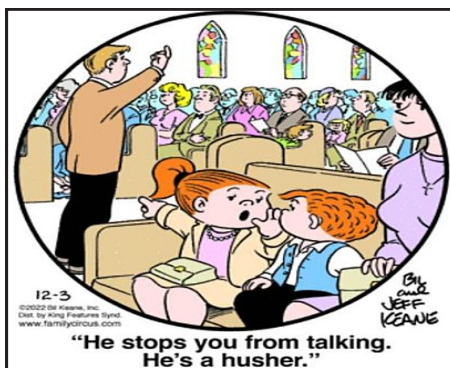
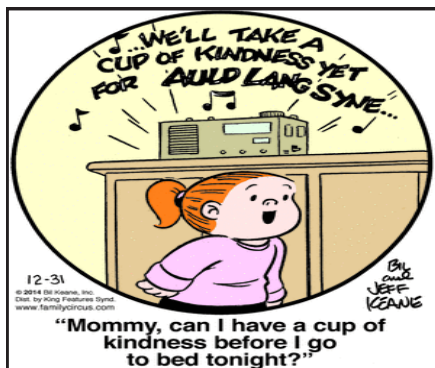


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Mass on TV for the Homebound

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There is so much to be thankful for as 2023 draws to a close. Your generous Mother's Day and Father's Day donations enabled the SEAS Respect Life Committee to distribute money to 7 local pro-life organizations, totaling over \$3000. The increase in Stand for Life participation is heartwarming. The interest in pro-life materials was outstanding during the Fall Festival. Interest in human trafficking - an event co-sponsored with the SEAS Youth groups was well-attended. The Knights of Columbus Respect Life seminar included people of neighboring parishes and enabled them to gain insight into many of the aspects of the diocesan Human Life and Dignity ministry, with focus on the unborn, born, miscarried, and healing after abortion. The bassinette is always full of diapers, wipes, baby clothes, formula, food and baby items. The Baby Bottle Drive was a great success. Alpha Women's Center was very grateful for all the donations - still counting the change.

As we enter 2024, there will be many opportunities to be pro-life. Reciting the Prayer for the Unborn at the beginning of mass with zeal and love is a great weekly pro-life effort. If your license plate needs to be renewed, this is an opportunity to purchase a "Choose Life" plate. \$20 of each plate fee is used for the adoption process. All are welcome to Stand for Life on first Friday in front of SEAS from 4 - 5 pm to witness for LIFE as we pray the rosary and hold pro-life messages. Please continue to fill the bassinette with baby items for Alpha Women's Center and St. Gerard's Campus.

But most of all PRAY. PRAY for those who are pregnant and have chosen LIFE. PRAY for those considering an abortion. PRAY for those hoping to adopt. PRAY for pregnancy centers offering support during an unexpected pregnancy and YES, PRAY for those who perform abortions. ALL things are possible with GOD.

Upcoming Events

January 5 - Friday - Stand for Life in front of SEAS from 4 - 5 pm - all are welcome
January 13 - Saturday - Respect Life Committee meeting - 9:30 am in Cody Room
January 13 - Saturday - March for Life Jax - 10 am - speakers include Frank Pavone and Sarah Neely from Operation Rescue (full information on Respect Life bulletin board)
January 21 - week-end masses - Diocesan Respect Human Life collection (pink envelope)

Contact Information

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



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: 2-3pm, 9-10pm, 10-11pm, 11pm-12am
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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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Norma Maisonet, 917-834-6181
email: flameoflovepcfl@gmail.com

Las Reuniones 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. Unete 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

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.

Rosary

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@sacfl.org



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Quotes of Saints

"The Eucharist is the link that binds the Christian family together. Take away the Eucharist and you have no brotherliness left,"

"In order that your thanksgiving may never cease and go on forever increasing, do what is done in heaven. Consider the goodness, the beauty ever old and ever new of the God of the Eucharist, Who for our sake is consumed and reborn without ceasing on the altar,"

St. Peter Julian Eymard

"The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us,"

- St. John Damascene

"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others,"

- Pope John Paul II

Feast of the Holy Family

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."



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SUNDAY, December 31

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

MONDAY, January 1



TUESDAY, January 2

9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass until 10:00am-Church
9:00am Legion of Mary Meeting-Rectory Meeting Room
1:00pm Black Catholic Guild Board Meeting—Rectory Meeting Room
6:00pm Portuguese Rosary Society-Rectory Meeting Room
6:00pm Men's Club Meeting—Men's Club
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group—Seton Hall

WEDNESDAY, January 3

9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass—Church
10:00am Seasons of Hope Grief Support—Rectory Meeting Room
1:00pm Rosary Cenacle—Rectory Meeting Room
5:00pm Spanish Bereavement—Rectory Meeting Room
7:00pm Portuguese Prayer Group—Seton Hall

THURSDAY, January 4

9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass—Church
11:00am Prayer Breakfast Committee—Cody Room
1:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting—Russo Room
6:00pm Life Teen—Seton Hall
6:00pm Nami Family to Family—Men's Club
6:00pm Portuguese Bible Study—Rectory Meeting Room
6:30pm Spanish Community—Russo Room
7:15pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in Spanish—Cody Room

FRIDAY, January 5

8:30am Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass-St. Stephen's
9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am mass until 10:00am -Church
1:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer Group—Rectory Meeting Room
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet—Church
3:30pm Our Lord of Pardon—Rectory Meeting Room
5:30pm Life Teen Confirmation Retreat Core Team—Seton Hall

SATURDAY, January 6

9:00am Exposition & Adoration after 8:30am Mass until 10:00am-Church
9:00am Adoration Prayer Group—Church
9:15am Reparation-Rosary Heart of Mary— Russo Room
9:30am Secular Franciscan Meeting—Cody Room

SUNDAY, January 7

8:00am Coffee & Donuts—Seton Hall

Ministries

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

Prayer And Devotional Groups

Adoration

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Adoration Prayer Group

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"Un Pueblo Mariano"

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January 6/7	Saturday 4:00PM Church	Saturday 6:00PM St. Stephens	Sunday 8:00AM Church	Sunday 10:00AM Church	Sunday 12:00 PM Church	Sunday 5:00PM St. Stephens
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