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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

Sunday Masses
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
12:30 PM Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses
9:00 AM Monday to Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays
9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays
2:30 to 3:15 PM



September
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2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

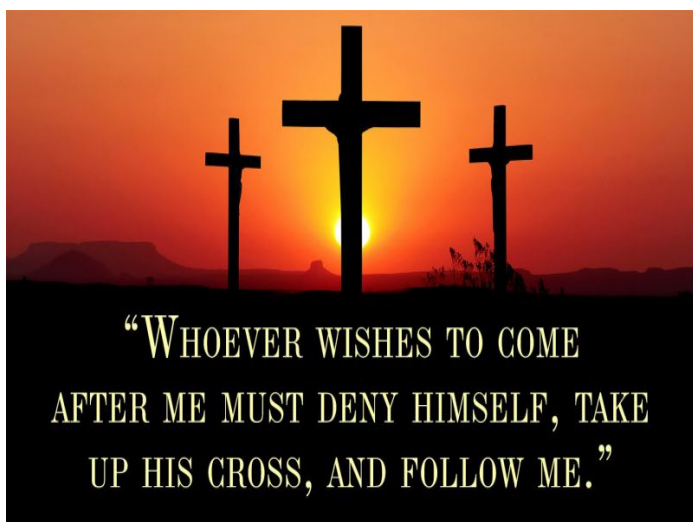
Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot, circa 1886 and 1894
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Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 3, 2023

Sunday	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
Saturday	Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

PRAYER

“Almighty God, every good thing comes from you. Fill our hearts with love for you, increase our faith and protect the good you have given us. Amen.”



THE EYES OF A CHILD

Christian churches sometimes advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add “challenging” to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way—rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus’ mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Like Satan’s temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God’s will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom—and much sleep—when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus. Tom Schmidt



Join us in praying the rosary at 8:00 AM before the Mass starts, Monday-Friday.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



This is Revival

“The Blessed Sacrament is indeed the stimulus for us all...Without the constant Presence of our Divine Master upon the altar in my poor chapels, I never could have persevered casting my lot with the lepers of Molokai...I feel myself happy, well pleased, and resigned in the rather exceptional circumstances in which it has pleased Divine Providence to put me” (*Blessed Damien, Apostle of the Lepers*).

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, September 4**

9:00 AM ♥ ROBIN WILMES
By Jeanette Yates

TUESDAY, September 5

9:00 AM ♥ ROBIN WILMES
By Jeanette Yates

WEDNESDAY, September 6

9:00 AM † MARGE HENRY
By family

THURSDAY, September 7

9:00 AM † BEVERLY DULCE
By May & Grace Costales

FRIDAY, September 8

9:00 AM † LARRY LAGASCA & FLORALINDA
ESTRADA
By Luz & family

SATURDAY, September 9

4:00 PM † DECEASED MEMBERS OF KUEBLER
& JOHANDES FAMILIES
By Kuebler family

SUNDAY, September 10

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 AM ♥ THANKSGIVING
By Marlene Gelin

12:30 PM † CONFESORA LOPEZ
By Fr. Erwin & staff

Pray for our sick...

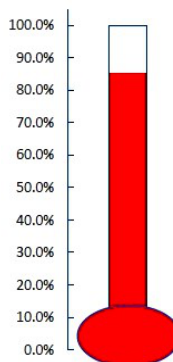
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Starts
September 9th
PLC**

SEPTEMBER 2023**SANCTUARY LAMP**

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By family

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*In Memory of
MARIE KLUN*

By husband, Frank

**BREAD & WINE**

*Special Healing of
PJ & JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ*

By friend, Bob Hackett

**Remember Our Deceased**

We remember our brothers and sisters who have died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

KEN GOSS



2024 **Mass Book** will open on Wed. Sept. 6, 2023.

Please call the Parish office 352-746-2144 to offer your intention in honor or in memory of someone special (living or deceased). Please take note of the allowance of three weekday Masses and one weekend Mass. Thank you very much.



*Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus
Abbot Francis Sadlier Council 6168*



Ladies Auxiliary Installs New Slate of Officers



The Knights of Columbus Council 6168 Ladies Auxiliary has a new board of officers, and they are from the left: Denise Uva, president, Joanne Sakal, vice president; Pat Louque standing in for Pearl Sheehan, recording secretary; Christine Mekovetz standing in for Rosemary Kabacinski, treasurer; Rose Schena, corresponding secretary; and Veronika Nansen, standing in for Barbara Murtagh, membership chair. Council 6168 Grand Knight Mike Prendergast presided over the installation ceremony in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Lecanto. Each lady is wearing a ribbon necklace and holding a candle the color of which represents the responsibilities of her office. The Ladies Auxiliary raises money for local charities, annually gives a "Women Helping Other Women" scholarship and conducts fundraisers to support Council 6168 activities. New members are welcome.

MEETING-NEW DATE AND NEW TIME-3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 11 AM

Lecanto at the Knights of Columbus Council 6168 Hall on Norvell Bryant Highway.

All Catholic Women of our Diocese over 18 years of age are welcome to join us for our first meeting. Each month interesting speakers and activities are planned. Sheriff and Grand Knight Michael Prendergast will "kick off" our new year with his energetic words of wisdom and inspiration. Meetings last about 1 hour and then we have social time with coffee and snacks. Dues are \$7. Kindly consider bringing a nonperishable food item to feed the homeless.

We are the only Ladies Auxiliary in Citrus County. Our goal is to foster the growth of members and women through prayer, education, service and fellowship.

For more information, please call Barbara Murtagh at (352) 601-1599 or Denise Uva at (973) 896-7180.

May God Bless you.

FLORIDIANS SHOULD DECLINE TO SIGN PETITION FOR DANGEROUS PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment on the November 2024 ballot. This amendment would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women.

Floridians should not sign the petition.

Please spread the word to your spheres of influence and continue to pray for the protection of the unborn.



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Parent Support Group for those with Children on the Spectrum



Are you a parent who would be interested in gathering with other parents loving children on the Autism Spectrum? If so, please join us the first Tuesday of each month beginning September 5th at 6:30pm- 7:30pm in the educational wing of the Parish Life Center. We will meet to learn, build relationships and share information.



CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday at 3 PM will resume September 5 at the PLC. Everybody is invited.



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Our Lady of Grace
CCW NEWS



Welcome Back! Our first meeting will be on Sept.11 at 11:00 in the Parish Life Center. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Our main focus is to pray and work together to support our parish and community. And, of course, have fun. We have a guest speaker at most meetings, snacks and social time. We hope you can join us!

Call Cathy for more info at 352-501-1468 or email cathyannhoyer@gmail.com. Peace and blessings.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Have you lost a loved one and are now or sometimes feeling the weight of that loss? Have you been through a loss and now feel strength and want to share hope with others? There is support for you in our community. Come and join a group that seeks to find joy in life each day through learning, shared stories, support and scripture. The Grief Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 5:00pm in the Education wing of the Parish Life Center. You are welcome to join us.



All ladies of Our Lady of Grace Parish are invited to come and join our group of shawl makers. We meet every first Wednesday of each month at 11AM in the PLC. Please contact the Parish Office 746-2144 or Pat Howland 746-1626 for more details. Starting September 6th. Hope to see you!

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The first issue of Gulf Coast Catholic's new magazine will be mailed into your home this September.

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Adult Faith Formation



Join us *every Wednesday, at 11:00am* in the educational wing of the Parish Life Center as we begin breaking open the scriptures and “discovering the Mass in the Old and New Testaments.” This is a 10 week look through the scriptures with Dr. Brant Pitre of the Augustine Institute in which we hope to grow in our understanding of the Mass so we may more fully encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. All are welcome to join us for Lectio: Eucharist



Youth Group will resume on Sept. 6, 7-830 PM!

Our first meeting will be in the A/B room of the PLC. Our next meeting will be at the Parish Hall of St. Scholastica. Come join us for fun, fellowship and food! ALL 6th-12th Grade students welcome.

Questions? Email or text Ms. Mylene at youthgroup@ourladyofgracefl.org or (352) 422-3491



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ALL ARE WELCOME
Starting Sept. 17th

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

9:15-10:15 AM

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in the Parish Office Library (during the Faith Formation Program season)

Adults spending time together in fellowship and conversation about topics important to our faith.

Baptisms: Registered parishioners should contact the office to make arrangements. If possible, this should be done at least three months before the birth of your baby. Baptisms will be celebrated three times a year.

Marriages: Registered parishioners should contact the office at least one year in advance of making marriage arrangements.

OCIA: This process is open to anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. Please contact the office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the office if you need a priest to come to your home to anoint you, or to be anointed at a weekday Mass.

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Lecturas de las Escrituras

Para la Semana del 3 de Septiembre de 2023

Domingo Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Jer 20, 7-9; Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9; Rom 12, 1-2; Mt 16, 21-27

Lunes 1 Tes 4, 13-18; Sal 95, 1 y 3. 4-5. 11-12. 13; Lc 4, 16-30**Martes** 1 Tes 5, 1-6. 9-11; Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14; Lc 4, 31-37**Miércoles** Col 1, 1-8; Sal 51, 10. 11; Lc 4, 38-44**Jueves** Col 1, 9-14; Sal 97, 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6; Lc 5, 1-11**Viernes** **Fiesta de Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María**

Miq 5, 1-4 o Rom 8, 28-30; Sal 12, 6ab. 6cd; Mt 1, 1-16. 18-23 o Mt 1, 18-23

Sábado **Memoria de San Pedro Claver, Presbítero**

Col 1, 21-23; Sal 53, 3-4. 6 y 8; Lc 6, 1-5

Domingo **Vigésimo Tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Ez 33, 7-9; Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; Rom 13, 8-10; Mt 18, 15-20



ORACIÓN

"Dios Todopoderoso, todo lo bueno viene de ti. Llena nuestros corazones de amor por ti, aumenta nuestra fe y protege el bien que nos has dado. Amén."



Los ojos de un niño

Las iglesias cristianas a veces anuncian que son una iglesia contemporánea e informal. Una cosa que me preocupa es que no agregan "desafiante" a esa descripción. Algunas personas tratan de enseñar que, dado que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos, también deberíamos poder vivir de esa manera, regocijándonos, pero nunca afligidos. Pero si predicamos la resurrección sin la cruz, estamos actuando como Pedro en el Evangelio.

Pedro acababa de proclamar que Jesús era el Mesías, pero no entendió que la misión de Jesús no era traer riqueza y gloria a Israel. Al igual que las tentaciones de Satanás en el desierto, quería que Jesús tomara el camino fácil hacia la gloria.

En cambio, Jesús nos pide negarnos a nosotros mismos. Mientras centremos nuestras vidas en nuestro propio placer y comodidad, estamos rechazando la cruz. Negarse a sí mismo significa elegir la voluntad de Dios sobre la nuestra. Significa estar dispuesto a sufrir por ser honesto. Significa darle a Dios el primer lugar en nuestras vidas. Significa que obtengamos más alegría sirviendo a los demás que sirviéndonos a nosotros mismos.

Es una de las razones por las cuales me gusta la imagen de Dios como padre. Los padres perderán gran parte de su libertad, y mucho sueño, cuando traen un hijo al mundo. Pero encuentran una nueva alegría en los ojos de ese niño. Todos estamos llamados a perder nuestras vidas egoístas y encontrar la alegría de vivir para Jesús. Por Tom Schmidt



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"El Santísimo Sacramento es en verdad el estímulo para todos nosotros... Sin la Presencia constante de nuestro Divino Maestro sobre el altar en mis pobres capillas, nunca hubiera podido perseverar echándome la suerte con los leprosos de Molokai... Me siento feliz, bien complacido, y resignado en las circunstancias un tanto excepcionales en que ha querido ponerme la Divina Providencia" (*Beato Damián, Apóstol de los Leprosos*).



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