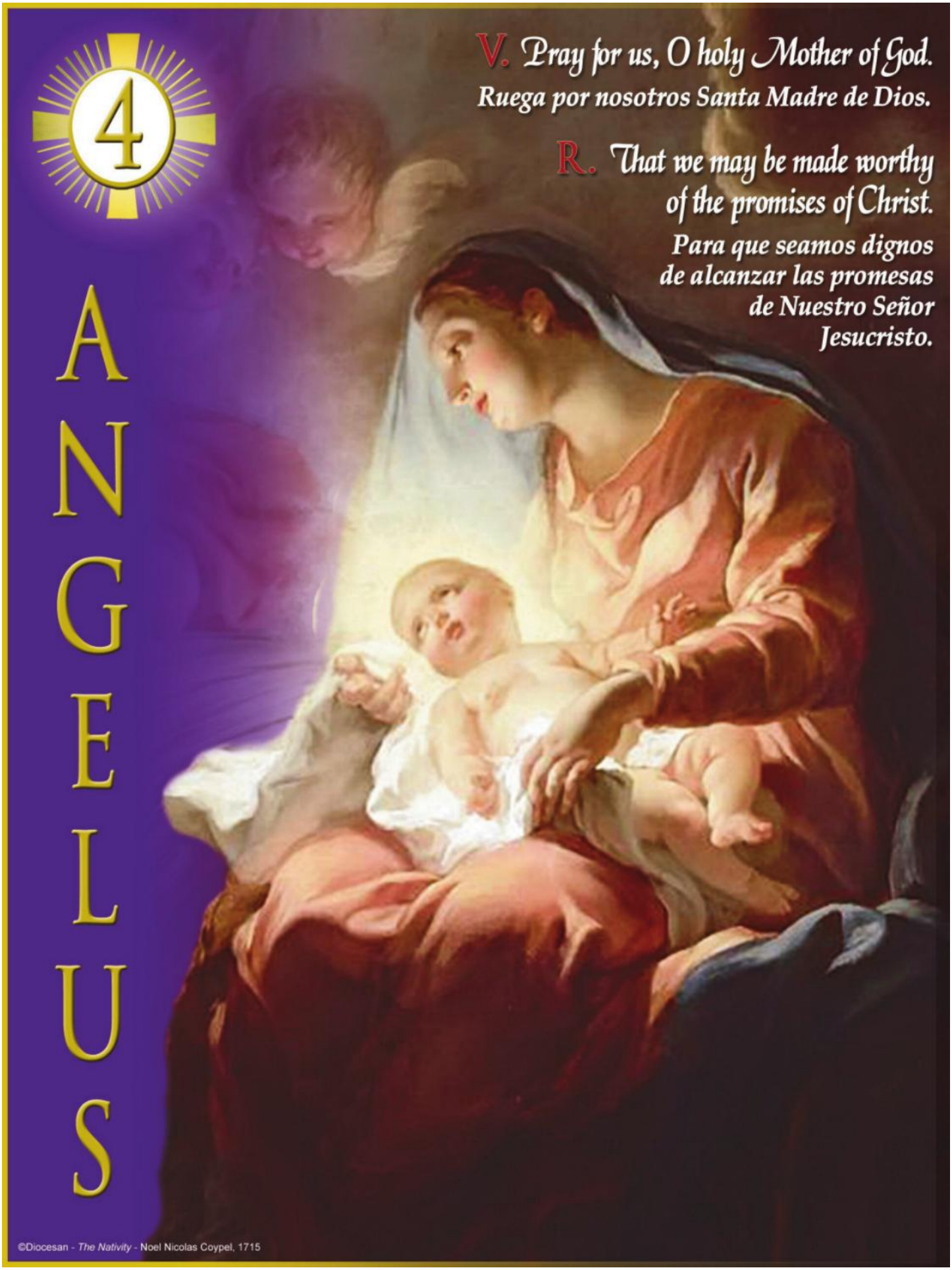
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V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
Ruega por nosotros Santa Madre de Dios.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Para que seamos dignos de alcanzar las promesas de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.
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Parish Prayer Intention

In your daily prayers this week please pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, that our hearts may leap for joy at the promise of salvation made possible by the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem.

"Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, that she might be holy and immaculate."
-Ephesians 5:25-27

Pastor's Notes

December 19, 2021—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent and we are on the threshold of the great Feast of Christmas. I pray that the past four weeks of this special liturgical season have allowed you the time to prepare for the gift of Christ, in just a few days. In this weekend's Gospel we read the beautiful story of the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. Soon after Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel, and through her humble obedience to God she conceived the infant Jesus. Mary's immediate response to the presence of God within her womb was to share this joy with her cousin. The gift of Christ is not meant to be kept hidden and to oneself. The gift of Christ is meant to be given and shared with all the world. As we continue our preparation for Christmas, I encourage you to seek out the ways and means in which you can share the gift of Jesus. God is continually giving to each of us, and it is our responsibility to share our blessings with those around us. As we approach the New Year, I hope you will look for ways to further grow in your service to our parish and community. We have a wide range of ministries here at St. Joseph's and I know there are many ways for each of you to share your gifts and talents.

I look forward to greeting you and your loved ones at the end of this week at the Christmas

Masses. This time of year we often see those who don't attend Mass as frequently as prescribed by the Church. The grace of conversion is particularly strong during this time of year, and I encourage you to invite your friends and family to attend Mass with you here at St. Joseph's. We are overfilled with joy to see the Church full on Christmas, and hope that this will continue week after week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Sebastian

Our campus will be closed
for Christmas: from Friday, December 24 - Monday, December 27
for the New Year: from Friday, December 31 - Monday, January 3
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

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Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Liturgy Schedule

The LORD's Day

Mass in English
Saturday Vigil—Main Church
5:30 p.m.
Sunday—Main Church
8:00 a.m. (Rosary at 7:30 a.m.)
10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
5:00 p.m. (Youth Mass)

Mass in Polish
2nd and 4th Saturdays—Cody Center Chapel
5:00 p.m.

Mass in Portuguese
Sunday—Main Church
6:30 p.m.

Mass in Spanish
Sunday—Historic Church
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Traditional Mass in Latin
Sunday—Historic Church
12:00 noon
On the first Sunday of the month immediately following the Traditional Latin Mass there will be Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Weekday Masses

Mass in English
Monday through Friday—Main Church
8:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
Saturday—Main Church
8:00 a.m.

Mass in Spanish
Thursday—Historic Church
7:00 p.m.
Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass in the celebrant's line upon request.

Reconciliation

In English
Saturday—Marian Center, Main Church
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Monday through Saturday—Gathering Area, Main Church
7:30 - 7:55 a.m.

In Spanish
Sunday—Historic Church
7:30 - 7:55 a.m.
9:40 a.m.
Thursday—Cody Center
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Confessions are also available by appointment. Please contact the parish office, 268-5422.

Eucharistic Adoration

Cody Center Chapel

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
First Friday
7:30 p.m. Friday - 7:15 a.m. Saturday
Second Friday
7:30 p.m. Friday - 7:15 a.m. Saturday
Last Friday
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Adoration for Vocations)

Beginning Sunday, January 2,
the Traditional Mass in Latin will be moved to the Main Church at 1:30 p.m.,
and the Mass in Spanish will be moved to the Tally Auditorium at 9:00 a.m.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Please Pray for our Families and Friends who are sick and suffering

Mason Adams
Laura Adkinson
Benjamin Allard
Tom Bain
Sandy Bezio
Millie Cannillo
Peter Casella
Pat Clark
Crucieda Deli-Campagni
Angie Catalano
Jo Anne Connolly
Chuck & Donna Davis
Allan Decker
Alex Decker
Baby Michael Dees
Dewey DeTrude
David Eden
Daric Elliott
Reesa Ford
Dr. Michael Freeman
Peyton & Judy Frye
Pam Fuchs
Larry Gaskins
Grace Goldbeck
Delores Hambleton
John Hanson
Marie Hart
George Hodges
Paul Hutchins
Msgr. Eugene Kohls
Tony Lagunavich
Cathy Lester
Erin Malone
Mark McCourt
Winnifred McCrea
Gloria McPhillips
Ken Moncrief
Lance Mora
Peter Morin
Fernando Morales
Cristina Muñeton
Stephanie Nesmith
Karen Rasmussen
Mary Jo Russell
Dale Schram
Lucy Sembach
Cecil & Patty Sparkman
Janet Szlosek
Eileen Terlizzi
Sydney Timmons
Charlie Walsh
Mason Westover
Les Willey
Connar Williams

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24
Mass—Main Church
3:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. (Children's Liturgy)
7:30 p.m.
11:00 p.m. (Lessons and Carols followed by Midnight Mass)

Please note: Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. only.

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25
Mass—Main Church
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Mass—Historic Church
10:00 a.m.—Mass in Spanish
12:00 noon—Traditional Mass in Latin

Mass—Cody Chapel
12:00 noon—Mass in Polish

Please Note: There will be no 5:30 p.m. vigil Mass on Christmas Day

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 26
Mass—Main Church
8:00 a.m.—Rosary begins at 7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
5:00 p.m.—Youth Mass
6:30 p.m.—Mass in Portuguese

Mass Historic Church
8:00 a.m.—Mass in Spanish
10:00 a.m.—Mass in Spanish
12:00 noon—Traditional Mass in Latin

Solemnity of Mary

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Friday, December 31
Vigil Mass—Main Church
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1, 2022
Mass—Main Church
10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon

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Rouse your power, and come to save us.

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish. We truly appreciate it.

This weekend marks the one-year anniversary of the reopening of the Main Church. Over the past year we have received a great number of positive feedback regarding the renovations, and the new rooms created in the Marian Center have provided much-needed meeting space for our ever expanding ministries.

In early January we will close the Historic Church for a four-month renovation. We are so very excited about completing this vital project which will conserve our beloved Historic Church for years to come.

Thank you for all you do for our parish. All of these necessary renovations would not be possible without your support.

May God bless you in this beautiful season and always!

Because of early deadlines,
the offering for the weekend of
December 12
will be included in a later bulletin.

Christmas Flower offering envelopes
are available in the gathering area.
Please have them in the office
no later than Monday, December 20.
Thanks!

Offertory Envelopes

Because it is the church's responsibility to see that we are not wasteful with our resources, we will not send offertory envelopes to those who have not used them for six consecutive months. Some parishioners prefer to drop cash in the basket and some are unable to contribute. Not receiving the envelopes does not affect your status as a registered parishioner, you will just not receive the envelopes.

For information regarding Faith Direct or your offertory envelopes, please contact Angela Drain at the church office, 904-268-5422 Ext 109. Thank you and God bless you.

This weekend the second
offering will be for
Parish Assessments.

There will be no second
offering next weekend.

Capital Campaign

Phase 1 & 2 Total Given
$3,849,123.49
Donors—1,633

Phase 1
Preserving Our Past,
Embracing Our Future
Pledged—$5,566,549.49

Phase 2
The Legacy of Fr. Bernie
Pledged—$1,550,260.00

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Alpha

On Friday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cody Center we will start a Marriage renewal for all married couples who wish to revitalize and develop a closer marriage to their spouse. We will discuss enhancing relationship, communication skills, resolving conflict, forgiveness, and Love in action.

On Friday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cody Center we will host an evening for unmarried couples who are engaged or thinking about marriage. We will discuss communication, conflict, Commitment, Connection, and adventure.

Books and sign-up are required in order to reserve your seats for all couples.

Contact: Tony Hassert thassert@gmail.com or cell: 904-234-6560.

Annulments

Your parish priests and deacons understand the pain of those for whom divorce seemed the only recourse. The *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* (USCCB) encourages divorced persons who wish to marry in the Catholic Church to seek counsel about existing options that may remedy their marital situation, including the suitability of an annulment when there is no longer any hope of reconciliation of the spouses.

An annulment is a declaration by the Diocesan Tribunal (a local Catholic church court) that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union.

Please contact one of our Parish Priests, Deacons or Annulment Advocate if you have questions regarding an annulment.

"Visit the Blessed Sacrament of some church at least once a day."
- Pope John XXIII

Ladies Bible Study

We will begin a new 8-week study on Wednesday, January 5, from 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. The study is called *Wisdom: God's Vision for Life* by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith. It will examine how biblical wisdom relates to daily life. Workbooks are available through AscensionPress.com for $24.95 plus tax & shipping fees.

Please call/text Mary Monfort at 904-651-3567 or email maryvictor@comcast.net for more information and to sign up for this study. The only cost is the workbook fee.

Sexual Misconduct

The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator (904) 262-3200, ext. 129, or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96-Abuse (800) 962-2873.

La Diócesis de San Agustín le da seria consideración a toda acusación de mala conducta sexual y dispone de todos dichos casos de manera pronta, completa y confidencial. Para reportar tal abuso, llame a: Coordinador Diocesano de Auxilio a Victimas (904) 262-3200, ext. 129 o Departamento de Niños y Familias del Estado de la Florida1-800-96Abuse (800) 962-2873.

Diecezja Świętego Augustyna traktuje powaznie wszystkie zarzuty dotyczące wykroczeń seksualnych oraz rozpatruje zarzuty w sposób niezwłoczny, poufny i gruntowny. Aby zgłosić naduzycie zadzwoń: Diecezjalny Koordynator Pomocy Poszkodowanym 1-800-775-4659, wew. 129 lub Wydział Dzieci i Rodzin 1 -800-96Abuse (800) 962-2873.

ATENCAO A Diocese de Santo Agostinho trata de todas as alegacoes de conduta sexual impropia seriamente e lida com as alegacoes deligentemente e de modo confidential.Para denunciar qualquer abuso ligue:ao Cordenador Diocesano de Assistencia a Vitimas (904) 262-3200, ext 129 ou ao Departamento de Familias e Criancas (800) 962-2873.

ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Tree Sale

We open each day at 10:00 a.m.

We are located at the corner of
Old St. Augustine and Hood Landing Roads

For more information contact Vinny,
904-742-8777 or vaterlizzi@gmail.com

Music Ministry

Gingerbread House and Bake Sale

This weekend, December 18/19

Come and buy a gingerbread house;
One for your child, one for your spouse.

We have all kinds of sumptuous treats,
And lots and **lots** and ***lots*** of sweets!

Cookies, and muffins, and candy, and cake;
We not only sing, we also can bake!

So come to our tables and take a long pause.
We *thank you* so much for supporting our cause!

And our cause, we proclaim,
Is the Capital Campaign!

I have a Story to Tell

A great gift; a book full of the jokes Fr. Bernie used before his homilies.

You may purchase one for $10 at the Gift Shop on the weekends, and at the Cody Center during the week.

All proceeds go to Capital Campaign Phase II, *The Legacy of Fr. Bernie*.

Job Opportunities

The Divine Mercy House is looking to hire mature, responsible women who would like to supervise, mentor, and support pregnant young ladies.

Two positions are needed
Overnight: This is an hourly position to direct and oversee activities at the Divine Mercy House from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. daily, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Sunday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, and requires the person to stay overnight in the home. The evening staff does leave at 9:00 a.m. daily and return at 6:00 p.m. that evening.
Part Time/Weekend: This position begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and ends at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday for 1-2 weekends per month. This flexible and rewarding position pays approx. $260./ weekend. If interested, please email your resume to: director@divinemercyhouse.org or call for 904-268-6282 with any questions.

The drawing for this beautiful 11-piece nativity is this Sunday, December 19.

Tickets are on sale in the Gift Shop for $5 each, or 3 for $10.

Men's Club

All men of St. Joseph's parish are invited to join us for the next Men's Club meeting on Monday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cody Center. We will have socializing followed by a meal and some words from Fr. Clay.

We will put the final plans on our Christmas gift-giving, and collecting donations for the family meals that we will provide on Friday, December 24. We will also give updates on other future events such as our March 2022 Fish Fry, Men's club Golf Tournament, and any other Men's Club events or issues.

It should be a very busy and informative meeting that you would not want to miss.

If you have any questions about the Men's Club please contact Dave Page at 704-575-0153.

Mandarin Food Bank

We are selling Christmas cards again this year. A donation can be made to provide a meal for a family. Cards can be purchased at the food bank during business hours, MWF from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Please Pray for our Deployed Military

Janice Alvey, USN
Casey Dugan, USA
Andrew Field, USN
Andrew Fiore, USMC
Blake Fleming , USCG
Christopher Heywood, US
Betty Henderson
Gabriel Kaszanits, USA
Michael Katte, USN
Edgardo Madera, USA
Conner Moon, USAF
Joe Pultro, USA
and his unit
Jackie Robinson
Zack D. Rome, USMC
Peter Samson, USN
Alex Serradas, USA
Miles Schumacher, USN
Alex Templeton, USA

May they return home safe and sound.

Congratulations
to
Alec Marmo
and
Amanda Marr

Married on
November 20
In the
Main Church

Officiated by
Fr. Briggs

Happy Birthday to long-time parishioner, Milton Tooke!

He turns 92 on December 22.
Milton shares his birthday with a grandson and a great-granddaughter.

"You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream."
- C.S. Lewis

Baptisms

Charlotte Jeanne Brown
Sherperd Harrison Brown
Mateo Gjergji
Maximus Alexander Roldan
Jude Augustine Smith
Colby James Stone
Ethan David Tanner
Ramson Augustine Williamson

Welcome to God's Family!

Congratulations
to
Joshua Penatzer
and
Maureen Flanary

Married on
November 14
in the
Historic Church

Officiated by
Fr. Briggs

In Loving Sympathy

To the Family and Friends of Ferdinand Padua
To the Family and Friends of Annette Radel
To the Family and Friends of Robert Walker

"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life."
- John 3:16

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

Mass Intentions

"How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes.
You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him.
He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment."

- St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, December 18—6:45 a.m. (Mass in Latin)
Main Church
♥ Michael Garcia—His Family

8:00 a.m.
♥ In Thanksgiving—Maribel

5:30 p.m. Vigil
♥ Robert Greene—Celia

Jeremiah 23:5-8/Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, December 19—8:00 a.m.—Main Church
† Carlos & Maria Dextre—The Luensman Family

10:00 a.m.
♥ For an End to Racism—Women of Faith Group

12:00 noon
♥ St. Joseph's Parish Family

12:00—Traditional Mass in Latin—Historic Church
† Ann Van Riper (Anniversary of Death)—Her Children

5:00 p.m.—Main Church
† Larry Stockton—The Stockton Family

Micah 5:1-4a/Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/
Hebrews 10:5-10/Luke 1:39-45

Monday, December 20—8:00 a.m.—Main Church
† Bonnie Wenner—The Salvatore Family

12:00 noon
† Dolette Ajoc—Mark & Theresa Abood

Isaiah 7:10-14/Psalm 24:1-6/Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 21—8:00 a.m.—Main Church
† Ann Kopko—Judy & Bruce Toth
† Fr. Bernie—Chip, Carolyn & Kimberly Nofal
† Catherine Mary Schaffer—Linda & Dave Hauck

12:00 noon
† Rosemary Del Monte—Alex & Joannes Sagun
† Luis Mojica—Alex & Joannes Sagun
† Ronnie Mesina—Alex & Joannes Sagun

Song of Songs 2:8-14/Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Luke 1:39-45

Wednesday, December 22—8:00 a.m.—Main Church
† Cenon Bantigue—The Bantigue Family

12:00 noon
† Christopher Paul Nofal—Chip, Carolyn & Kimberly Nofal

1 Samuel 1:24-28/1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8/Luke 1:46-56

Thursday, December 23—8:00 a.m.—Main Church
† Consolacion Baron—The Go Family
† Lourdesita Lesiques—The Go Family
† Lee & Janice Chancey—Chip, Carolyn & Kimberly Nofal

12:00 noon
† Maria Patricia Tojeiro—Her Husband & Children
† Rose Marie del Monte—The Lazarte Family
† Fr. Cody—The Filipino-American Ministry

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14/Luke 1:57-66

Friday, December 24—8:00 a.m.—Main Church
♥ For our Beloved Parish Priests

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 15/
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29/Luke 1:67-79

All Christmas Masses
are offered for
St. Joseph's Parish Family

Merry Christmas!

Isaiah 53:7-10/Psalm 98:1-6/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18

Sunday, December 26—8:00 a.m.—Main Church
♥ George Heaney—The Tookes

10:00 a.m.
† Bob Thompson—The Monfort Family

12:00 noon
† Louis & Julie Danese—Their Loving Family

12:00—Traditional Mass in Latin—Historic Church
† Majorie Douglass—Her Loving Family

5:00 p.m.—Main Church
♥ St. Joseph's Parish Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/Psalm 128:1-5/
Colossians 3:12-21/Luke 2:41-52

Liturgy of the Word

December 19, 2021—Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading—Micah 5:1-4a

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

The Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19,

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power, and come to save us. **R**

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **R**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **R**

Second Reading—Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.' "

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, :Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation—Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading—Luke 1:39-45

† Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

The Gospel of the LORD.
Praise to you, LORD, Jesus Christ.

To access the readings and music online please see our liturgy guide at www.stjosephsjax.org

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host
by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Synod Discernment Evening (The third of 6)

Sacred Heart Parish in Fleming Island—January 13, 2022—Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Bishop Felipe Estévez is calling all Catholics to come and participate in one of six discernment evenings around the diocese for the local process of the Synod on Synodality. Each evening will explore these three questions. For more details, visit https://synod.dosafl.com or email emcgeever@dosafl.com.

LISTENING: Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice. How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore? How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people? What facilitates or inhibits our listening? How well do we listen to those on the peripheries? How is the contribution of consecrated men and women integrated? What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own? What space is there for the voice of minorities, especially people who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION: Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church, in which all members are called to participate. Since we are all missionary disciples, how is every baptised person called to participate in the mission of the Church? What hinders the baptised from being active in mission? What areas of mission are we neglecting? How does the community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment, etc.)? How does the Church help these members to live out their service to society in a missionary way? How is discernment about missionary choices made and by whom?

FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY: Synodality entails receptivity to change, formation, and on-going learning. How does our church community form people to be more capable of "walking together," listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue? What formation is offered to foster discernment and the exercise of authority in a synodal way?

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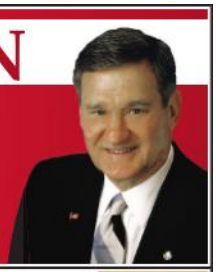

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