



**DECEMBER 7 - II SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 7 DE DICIEMBRE - II DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**THE LORD'S DAY**

**Mass in English**

SAT VIGIL (Main Church)

5:30 pm

SUN (Main Church)

8:00 am – Rosary at 7:30 am

10:00 am – Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:00 noon

5:00 pm – Youth Mass

**Traditional Latin Mass**

SUN (Historic Church)

7:30AM & 12:30 pm

**Mass in Polish**

2ND & 4TH SAT (Cody Center Chapel)

5:00 pm

**Mass in Spanish**

SUN (Main Church)

2:00 pm

**Mass in Portuguese**

SUN (Main Church)

6:30 pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Mass in English**

MON, TUE, THU - SAT (Historic Church)

8:00 am

MON - FRI (Main Church)

12:00 noon

WED (Main Church)

8:00 am

TUE & THU (Historic Church)

6:00 pm – Vespers at 5:40 pm

1ST FRI (Cody Chapel)

7:00 pm – Mass followed  
by Nocturnal Adoration

**Mass in Spanish**

WED (Historic Church)

7:00 pm

Please note: Low-gluten hosts are available at  
each Mass in the Celebrant's line upon request.

**EUCARISTIC  
ADORATION**

**Cody Center Chapel**

MON - THU

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

FRI

9:00 am - 6:30 pm

1ST FRI

7:30 pm Fri - midnight Sat

2ND FRI

9:00 am Fri - 7:30 am Sat

LAST FRI (Adoration for Vocations)

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**RECONCILIATION**

**In English**

SAT (Marian Center)

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

MON, TUE, THU-SAT (Historic Church)

7:30 am - 7:55 am

**In Spanish**

WED (Historic Church)

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Confessions are also available by  
appointment – 904-268-5422

**Second Sunday of Advent**



**BE READY**

The second candle of Advent urges us to  
prepare—to make ready for the coming Guest.  
Houses are certainly made ready this time of  
year. But are homes? Are hearts? Are YOU?

Prepare to meet your Savior!  
*PREPARE the way of the Lord...*

*Isaiah 40:3*

TODAY'S READINGS: ISAIAH 11:1-10 | Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | ROMANS 15:4-9 | MATTHEW 3:1-12

***"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever."***

– Psalm 72

# Clergy & Administration

## CLERGY

### Priests

**Pastor | Fr. David Ruchinski | [pastor@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:pastor@stjosephsjax.org)**

**\*For scheduling of appointments only. Please do not send any personal or confidential information to this email address.**

Parochial Vicar | Fr. Rodolfo Godinez

Parochial Vicar | Fr. Jhon Guarnizo

Parochial Vicar | Fr. Mark Lewis

### Deacons

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Dcn. Bob DeLuca, [dcndeluca@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:dcndeluca@stjosephsjax.org)

## CHURCH OFFICE – CODY CENTER | Hours: M - F 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **904-268-5422/904-880-6404**

### Administration

Parish Administrator / Director of Activities | Patrick Kinnare, [pkinnare@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:pkinnare@stjosephsjax.org)

Receptionist | Jackie Gould, [jgould@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:jgould@stjosephsjax.org)

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### Cemetery

Director | Patrick Kinnare, [pkinnare@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:pkinnare@stjosephsjax.org)

### Facility & Property Maintenance

Director | Bob Drain

Assistants | John Bohler

### Ministerial

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Baptismal Coordinator | Deacon Bob Repke, [dcnbobrepke@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:dcnbobrepke@stjosephsjax.org)

Director of Evangelization | Katie Gunkle, [kgunkle@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:kgunkle@stjosephsjax.org)

Music Minister | Frank DeProspo

OCIA | Mike & Michelle Peters, [ocia@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:ocia@stjosephsjax.org)

Wedding Facilitator | Genny Cruz, 904-304-4579 or [stjosephsweddings@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsweddings@gmail.com)

Youth Ministry | [youthministry@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:youthministry@stjosephsjax.org)

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL | Hours: M - F 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | **904-268-6688**

Principal | Brandi Peters, [www.stjosephcs.org](http://www.stjosephcs.org)

Assistant Principal | Joy Gallagher

Business Manager | Jenny Terrill

Office Manager | Lori Rowland

## PARISH DIRECTORS

Parish Council | Michael Broach

Stewardship | Karen Rasmussen

Finances/Building | John Alexander

## WEEKLY PARISH PRAYER INTENTION

In your daily prayers this week,  
as we commemorate the  
final apparition of our Lady  
of Guadalupe, **please pray**  
**for all our families**, that the  
Blessed Virgin help secure our  
protection and well-being.

***“Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, that she might be holy and immaculate.”***

~ Ephesians 5:25-27

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# Welcome BIENVENIDO

**Are you New to the Parish?** In order to better serve you, please fill out a blue registration card located at the table in the gathering area of the Church and leave it with a greeter or usher, or submit the form on the parish registration page of the website. In order to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, or to have a Baptism at the Parish, you must be a registered parishioner. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions, 904-268-5422.



**¿Es nuevo en la parroquia?** Para poder servirle mejor, por favor complete una tarjeta de registro azul ubicada en la mesa en el área de recepción de la iglesia y déjela con un saludo o ujier, o envíe el formulario en la página de registro parroquial en el sitio web. Para ser padrino o madrina de Bautismo o Confirmación, o para celebrar un Bautismo en la parroquia, debe ser un feligrés registrado. No dude en llamar si tiene alguna pregunta, al 904-268-5422.



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

### Mass Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Main Church:  
8 AM, Noon, 7 PM  
(English)

Historic Church:  
7 PM  
(Spanish & Portuguese)



Please visit our display

At your parish

**Saturday & Sunday**

**December 6th and 7th, 2025**

**After each Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf  
of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Pales-  
tine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy  
Land. When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have  
hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries,  
and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art.  
We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit  
cards.



## Daily Readings

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Isaiah 40:1-11 / Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Isaiah 11:1-10 / Psalm 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13 / Matthew 18:12-14

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Isaiah 40:25-31 / Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10 / Matthew 11:28-30

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Isaiah 41:13-20 / Psalm 145:1, 9-11, 12-13ab / Matthew 11:11-15

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / Judith 13:18bcde, 19 / Luke 1:39-47

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 / Psalm 80:2AC & 3B, 15-16, 18-19 / Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 / Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11

## BULLETIN ADVERTISERS NEEDED!



Jenny Lusk from Diocesan (our bulletin publishing partner) is working to renew the advertisements currently running on the bulletin and to secure NEW bulletin ad sponsors. The bulletin is available in print and online. We are grateful that this crucial communication piece is provided at no cost to our parish THANKS to the generous support of our bulletin sponsors. Jenny is calling the current sponsors so please let her know if we can count on your continued support by renewing your ad, and please call her if you're interested in placing a new advertisement in the bulletin on behalf of your business, family, favorite charity OR to memorialize a loved one. Bulletin sponsors recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our church family, and we ask our parishioners and guests to patronize our supporters when using a local service

Jenny can be reached at 913-205-6387 or [JLusk@Diocesan.com](mailto:JLusk@Diocesan.com).

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY – DECEMBER 6

**8:00 AM** (Historic Church)

♥ Geraldine Iselborn – Iselborn Family

**5:30 PM** (Main Church)

† Steve Blajian – Melanie Blajian

## SUNDAY – DECEMBER 7

**8:00 AM** (Main Church)

† Joan Metzger – Joe Metzger

**10:00 AM** (Main Church)

† Stephano Dang Le – Julie

**12:00 NOON** (Main Church)

† ♥ All Veterans living + deceased - Shall we never forget

**5:00 PM** (Main Church)

♥ St. Joseph Parish Family

## TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

**7:30 AM** (Historic Church)

† Christopher Milteil – Alisa L. Craddock

**12:30** (Historic Church)

† Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Zulaybar – Joanna Cipriano

## MONDAY – DECEMBER 8

**8:00 AM** (Main Church)

† Elizabeth Ann Bova – Michael Bova

**12:00 NOON** (Main Church)

† Nicole Darke – Love, Nana

**7:00 PM** (Main Church)

♥ Jayden Woodward – Special Intentions

## TUESDAY – DECEMBER 9

**8:00 AM** (Historic Church)

† Aldo Gjoka – For Healing

♥ Julieta Lisbo – Sylvia Torretijo

† Jose Encanto Happy 4th Heavenly Birthday – Lynn

**12:00 NOON** (Main Church)

♥ Karyn Hay – Carol Chodzko

† Juliana Gjuraj – Baptism Blessing

♥ Lillie Esposito – Comeaux Family

**6:00 PM** (Historic Church)

† Richard Wood Sr. – Your Loving Wife & Son

Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him rarely. Do you want the devil to attack you? Visit Jesus rarely in the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want him to flee from you? Visit Jesus often!

–St. John Bosco

## WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 10

**8:00 AM** (Main Church)

† Alan Mitchell -Healing – The Kaszyk Family

**12:00 NOON** (Main Church)

† Susan Howard – Her CRHP Sisters

## THURSDAY – DECEMBER 11

**8:00 AM** (Historic Church)

† Dianina T. Sable – The Lazarte Family

♥ Bora Gjoka – For Healing

† Tim Goeckner – The O'Mara Family

**12:00 NOON** (Main Church)

† Heidy A. David-Robinson – 5th Anniversary in Heaven – Your Loving Family

♥ The Gjuraj Family – Special Intentions

♥ Virginia Albanna – Melanie Blajian

**6:00 PM** (Historic Church)

♥ Holy Souls in Purgatory – The Hernandez Family

## FRIDAY – DECEMBER 12

**8:00 AM** (Historic Church)

† Anthony "Tony" Kling – Jim & Paula Mathews

**12:00 NOON** (Main Church)

♥ Eva & Our Foster Children – Dunn Family

## SATURDAY – DECEMBER 13

**8:00 AM** (Historic Church)

♥† Living & Deceased Members of the – Mathen Moozayil

**5:30 PM** (Main Church)

♥ St. Joseph Parish Family

## SUNDAY – DECEMBER 14

**8:00 AM** (Main Church)

† Eugene Joseph Morrow – Mr. & Mrs. James Morrow

**10:00 AM** (Main Church)

♥ Joseph Measor – Love, Mom

**12:00 NOON** (Main Church)

† Cecil Sparkman – The Pearsall's

**5:00 PM** (Main Church)

† Helen Willis – Richard Willis

## TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

**7:30 AM** (Historic Church)

† Souls in Purgatory – Jeanette Ghioto

**12:30** (Historic Church)

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Please consider donating Altar or Adoration flowers in memory or honor of a loved one.

**904-268-5422**

ADORATION: \$45 | ALTAR: \$125 (SMALL), \$200 (LARGE)

## In Loving Sympathy

Please keep the following members of our community in your prayers.

Fr. Conrad Cowart  
family & friends



# Please Pray

## FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jocie Berrios  
Carmen Ortiz  
Tim Gardner  
Monica Ida  
Noah Cromwell  
Robert Davis  
Cyndi Davis  
Eileen Terlizzi  
Bill Keegan  
Joyce O'Brien  
Lori Rowland  
Harold Daniels  
Gloria White  
Joanne Cetnar

Virginia Mathews  
Pam Howard  
Jeremy Grata  
Constantine Kulikov  
John Holechek  
Jason Karl Harrison  
Mike Soudas  
Dan Swing  
Donna Schultz  
Jean Mullaney  
Fernando Martin Mendoza  
David Esposito  
Libby Montgomery  
Barbara Adamson

Charlie Walch  
Teresa Lutz  
Leyda Garcia  
Samuel Reese  
Barbara Keegan  
Robert Fernandez  
Virginia Albana  
Toni Hess  
Sandler Upton

## EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Hayley Lhotka  
Alexandra Quinn  
Nicole Lovell  
Rebecca Price  
Brittany Ann Carter  
Sagra Hardy  
Elisabeth Williams

Andrea Egan  
Maura Webb Catalano  
ZerryMarie Hamby  
Jayde-Ilyse Cronin

To request a baptism, parishioners may complete and submit the baptismal packet forms online via our parish website.



ST. JOSEPH'S MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

A FESTIVAL OF

# Nine Lessons & Carols

Friday December 19  
7:00pm

Wednesday December 24  
11:00pm

SCAN FOR PROGRAM

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A good-will offering benefiting the St. Joseph's Music Ministry will be taken up during the program

ST. JOSEPH'S MAIN CHURCH  
11757 OLD ST. AUGUSTINE RD  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32258

If you would like to add your loved one to our prayer list, please contact the office at **904-268-5422**.

Prayers for the sick and suffering will run four weeks.

**For those who wish to have their loved one prayed for beyond that time, we encourage you to utilize the new prayer book, located in the Cody Chapel. Those in the book will be prayed for during Mass.**

## DEPLOYED MILITARY

Please pray for all our deployed military.

Lt. Matthew Hayes  
SSG Justin Pritchard, USA  
Charlotte Spencer, USA  
Bryan Walker, USN  
Angelo Relampagos, USN  
Jonathon Sanchez, USAF  
Corbitt Decordova, USN  
Capt. Colin Culver, USAF  
Matthew Satchwell, USN

Sean Thomas Bradley, USCG  
SGT Dakota Crable, USA  
Commander Alexander McMahon, USN  
Jillian Hoxie, LCDR, USN

Our next  
**BAPTISM SEMINARS:**  
ENGLISH: **DECEMBER 22**  
at 6:30 pm  
ESPAÑOL: **5 DE DICIEMBRE**  
a las 7:00 pm

REGISTER ONLINE | REGÍSTRATE EN LÍNEA:



ENGLISH SPANISH



# Rorate Caeli

December 5th & 6th

Friday December 5th at St. Joseph's Historic Church  
5:30 to 6:30 - Vespers  
6:30 to 9:30 - "The Daily Angelus Prayer: Cornerstone of Catholic Family Life and Culture"  
Dinner Reception with Keynote Address by Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial Superior of the ICKSP

Saturday - December 6th  
6:15AM - Rorate Mass in the Historic Church.  
Breakfast and Discourse to follow at the Cody Center

Donations of \$50 per person or \$100 per family

RSVP NOW

timjax.com/rorate  
St. Joseph's Historic Church, 4214 Loretto Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223

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# Fundraising Screening Event

## With Fr. David Ruchinski

### For the Florida Martyrs

**December 17th, 6:00PM**

**At the Cody Center**



Includes orderves, drinks, and a presentation of the award winning film, A Great Day, followed by spiritual reflection, Adoration, and a presentation on the new **Florida Martyrs** project at St. Josephs Church

**RSVP at**



or email

[Gabriella@OurLadyFilms.org](mailto:Gabriella@OurLadyFilms.org)



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**8AM-12NOON**

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CODY CENTER**  
**VISIT WITH SANTA & FREE BREAKFAST**  
**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY A**  
**PARENT/ADULT**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus  
 St. Johns River Council 10850

**A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people.**

**-Luke 7:16**



## *Christmas* **SCHEDULE**

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD

#### **December 24 - Vigil**

4PM Mass (Main Church)  
 6PM With Children's Program (Main Church)  
 6:30PM Portuguese Mass (Historic Church)

12AM Midnight Mass (Main Church)  
 12AM TLM High Mass (Historic Church)

#### **December 25**

8AM Mass (Main Church)  
 10AM Mass (Main Church)  
 12PM Spanish Mass (Main Church)  
 12PM Polish Mass (Cody Chapel)  
 12:30PM TLM Low Mass (Historic Church)

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

#### **December 31 - Vigil**

7PM Mass (Main Church)

#### **January 1**

10AM Mass (Main Church)  
 12PM Mass (Main Church)

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SCHEDULE

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, DEC 3

CLASS

WEDNESDAY, DEC 10

CLASS



For information about our program, or to volunteer,  
please contact Lourdes Flemming, A.R.E.:  
**904-268-5422 ext 122 or [lflemming@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:lflemming@stjosephsjax.org)**



### FMDoSA Simbang Gabi 2025 Schedule

Diocese of Saint Augustine Florida | December 15 – 23 7:00 pm

WESTSIDE

15 – Monday

ST. JOSEPH – 11757 Old St. Augustine Road | Jacksonville, FL 32258 (Combined)

SOUTHSIDE

SACRED HEART ..... 16 – Tuesday ..... ST. JOHN PAUL II  
5752 Blanding Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32244

127 Stonemason Way  
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

SAN JUAN DEL RIO ..... 17 – Wednesday ..... CHRIST THE KING  
1718 State Road 13  
St. Johns, FL 32259

742 Arlington Road N.  
Jacksonville, FL 32211

ST. MATTHEW ..... 18 – Thursday ..... BLESSED TRINITY  
1773 Blanding Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32210

10472 Beach Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32246

EPIPHANY ..... 19 – Friday ..... ST. PAUL'S  
1905 SW Epiphany Ct  
Lake City, FL 32025

523 Pablo Avenue  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

MOST HOLY REDEEMER ..... 20 – Saturday ..... HOLY SPIRIT  
8523 Normandy Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32221

11665 Fort Caroline Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32225

ST. LUKE ..... 21 – Sunday ..... RESURRECTION  
1606 Blanding Blvd.  
Middleburg, Florida 32068

3383 University Blvd. N.  
Jacksonville, FL 32277

MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN ..... 22 – Monday ..... ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
9401 Staples Mill Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32244

2400 Mayport Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32233

23 – Tuesday

St. Catherine of Siena – 1649 Kingsley Avenue | Orange Park, FL 32073 (Combined)

## MENS CLUB

Please join the men of the  
parish for food, fellowship and  
a guest speaker at our next  
meeting on Monday,  
December 8, at 7 pm in the  
Cody Center.

### Join St. Anne's Moms Ministry!

A Faith-Filled Community for  
Catholic Mothers

Being a mom is beautiful and busy!  
St. Anne's Mom's Ministry is here to support you  
with friendship, faith, and fellowship as we raise  
our children together in the Catholic Church.

#### What we offer

Moms' Night Out - time to recharge & connect

Playgroups - let the little ones play while we  
build friendships

Family Events - growing in faith together

Monthly Meetings - prayer, inspiration, &  
support

Faith & Fellowship Opportunities - journey  
together in Christ

For more information email us at  
[joinstannes@gmail.com](mailto:joinstannes@gmail.com)  
We hope to see you soon!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Living Nativity

## Walk-thru

Bringing the Light of Christ to the People of Mandarin

**DECEMBER 12 & 13**  
**6:30-8:30PM**

St. Joseph Grove  
Parking at the Main Church

Stroll through the authentic  
era shops of Bethlehem, pet  
the animals, visit the manger,  
hear the choir sing, and  
stop by our gift shop.

Ministries and volunteers are  
needed for the following:

- Shop "owners"
- Nativity cast
- Grounds Prep & Light stringing
- Village Set-up
- Nightly Clean-up
- Village Tear-down
- Cookie donations

A Living Nativity "Wish List" will be created  
for donation of items needed for the event.

Sign-up Genius' will be created for  
volunteer opportunities.

Watch the bulletin for more  
announcements.

For more information, contact Cathy  
NeSmith at [cat.b.nesmith@gmail.com](mailto:cat.b.nesmith@gmail.com).

### LIVING NATIVITY SIGNUP GENIUS

Please use the URLs or QR codes below to sign up for the many opportunities to assist and  
participate in the 2025 Living Nativity on December 12th and 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Living Nativity Wish List  
<https://tinyurl.com/2025LNWishList>

Living Nativity Shop Owners  
<https://tinyurl.com/2025LNshops>



Living Nativity Children's Cast  
<https://tinyurl.com/2025LNChildCast>



Living Nativity Adult Cast  
<https://tinyurl.com/2025LNAdultCast>



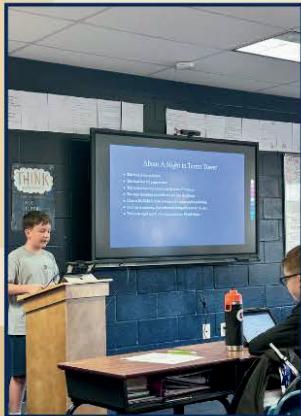
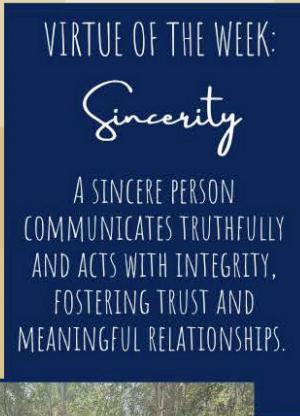
Living Nativity Volunteers  
<https://tinyurl.com/2025LNVolunteer>



Living Nativity Cookies  
<https://tinyurl.com/2025LNCookies>

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact  
Cathy NeSmith at [cat.b.nesmith@gmail.com](mailto:cat.b.nesmith@gmail.com)

# Living Our Virtues Everyday



## ATHLETICS

- Dec. 8   Volleyball Game vs. Cathedral
- Dec. 9   Volleyball Game vs. Palmer
- Dec. 11   Soccer Game vs. San Juan Del Rio  
Volleyball Game vs. San Jose

*\*\*For scheduling details, please reach out to the Front Office.*



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ST-JOSEPH  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## 7TH GRADE



The second quarter is off to a fantastic start for our 7th graders, with Mrs. Fagin and Ms. Pollard leading the way!

Students have been busy sharing their creativity through independent book reviews and presentations, exploring life science during an exciting field trip to the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, and visiting Bishop Kenny for Discovery Day to learn more about high school opportunities. They continue to meet monthly with their Big Brothers and Sisters, showing wonderful leadership and mentorship skills. An ongoing

Accelerated Reader competition has also brought out their best teamwork and effort. We are so proud of our 7th graders and all they continue to accomplish this year!



## AUCTION SPONSORSHIPS

*Available*

This is the school's major fundraiser, supporting our 158-year tradition of education. With an ambitious goal of \$100,000, sponsorship packages are available for both businesses and families. Proceeds by enhancing student safety and providing an updated fire alarm systems. Thank you!

[www.bidpal.net/starrynightauction2026](http://www.bidpal.net/starrynightauction2026)



YOUTH MINISTRY QUESTIONS? Contact [youthministry@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:youthministry@stjosephsjax.org)



## Donate to St. Joseph's Youth Ministry!

[stjosephsjax.org/donate-to-cym](http://stjosephsjax.org/donate-to-cym)

WHERE YOU ARE LOVED, KNOWN,  
& PRAYED FOR!



### ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY FALL RETREAT 2025

## RADIANT HOPE

Hosted by: Outreach Life Teen Missionary Team

DECEMBER 5-7, 2025

CAMP ST. JOHN

COST: \$100

REGISTER AT:

[TINYURL.COM/RADIANTOPERETREAT25](http://tinyurl.com/radiantoperetreat25)



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## St. Joseph Gift Giving Project Sponsored by the CCW

**WHO:** We, the Parishioners

**WHAT:** Provide gifts and gift cards to help families and individuals of our parish community

**WHEN:** Return the gifts and gift cards no later than noon, December 14th

**WHERE:** In the main church under the tree or in the gift card box near the tree



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Questions: Contact Suzy Cheesman at 1-780-722-4078 or Janice Bennett at 904-234-3281



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For more information or to sign up, please contact Michelle Ernst at 703-789-4314 [jandmernst@gmail.com](mailto:jandmernst@gmail.com) or Flo Woodall at [fwoodall@gmail.com](mailto:fwoodall@gmail.com). Let's come together to make the season brighter by honoring those who gave us the gift of freedom!

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Our Lady Queen of the Knights Assembly is collecting toys in support of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Annual Toys for Tots Campaign. Please place new un-gift-wrapped toys in the collection boxes in the Inside Gathering Area of the main church and the Cody Family Enrichment Center through 12 noon Monday, December 15.



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# Ministry News

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE:

Walking with Purpose invites all women to journey through Scripture together and build relationships that matter with Jesus and ladies of our parish. No walking is required!



Small group sessions resume on Thursday, January 8, 2026 for our "Reclaiming Friendship" (6 weeks) study in the Cody Center, Tally auditorium 7:00pm-8:30pm. It was written for any woman who wants a true and deep connection that lasts. We will understand what it means that God created each of us in His image and for those of us who crave an authentic community, the kind in which we experience His joy and goodness.

Books are available at <https://walkingwithpurpose.com>, or at The Blue Mantle bookstore in St. Augustine. Cost \$25 plus tax. Contact: Peggy Truss or Laura Geisel at [wwpstjosephjax2022@gmail.com](mailto:wwpstjosephjax2022@gmail.com)

## COLUMBIETTES:

The St. Johns River Columbiettes are part of a national fraternal organization for Catholic women ages 18 and older, united by a shared commitment to faith, fellowship, and service. Rooted in the teachings of Christ, our members support the Church, the Knights of Columbus, and charitable causes through prayer, volunteerism, and evangelization. From hosting parish events and supporting pro-life efforts to aiding families, veterans, and those in need, the Columbiettes live out their mission of faith, hope, and charity. All Catholic women seeking meaningful service and spiritual sisterhood are welcome. <https://stjosephjax.org/columbiettes>



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

The Women's Bible Study is now meeting on Wednesday mornings in the Cody Center, from 9:15 - 11:00 AM. This year we are doing a new study from Ascension Press called Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church by Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, and Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio. The video series takes you to 40+ places around the world to tell the story of the Catechism in 20 sessions. You can purchase online access to the workbook and videos directly from [www.AscensionPress.com](http://www.AscensionPress.com). All women are welcome to join us anytime! Please contact Mary Monfort for more information by call or text at 904-651-3567 or email [maryvictor@comcast.net](mailto:maryvictor@comcast.net).

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

### ('CLOW', 10 AM Mass only) - Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy sharing the love, truth, and joy of our Catholic faith with little ones?! CLOW is such a fun, easy ministry that takes place during the 10AM Mass most Sundays from Labor Day until Memorial Day weekends. We know our volunteers are busy, but many hands make light work. Did you know that our teachers are only scheduled every other month and that all materials are prepared for you? We will start back up the Sunday after Labor Day, and we could use a few more Teachers, Adult Volunteers, and Teens to help! Teens who volunteer will earn service hours for their time. Joyful teachers are such a treasure and are always especially needed. Parents, please note that all children ages 4-8 are welcome! (No registration is needed). Three year olds may also attend, but only with their own Safe Environment & CLOW verified adult. So, if you are already approved and would like to attend with your child, please email us so that we can confirm your Safe Environment status and let you know how to become an "Approved Observer." For more information or to volunteer, please email us at [stjelclow@gmail.com](mailto:stjelclow@gmail.com). For information about becoming Safe Environment approved, please contact the church office. Thank you!

## PEOPLE OF PRAISE:

People of Praise Charismatic Prayer Group is now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

We meet 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the side Marian Center Classroom located behind the Main Church Altar, to the right. All are welcome!

We meet from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

We begin with opening prayer and general intercessions. This is followed by disposing our hearts to the Holy Spirit during our praise and worship music time. Afterwards, we share a teaching and then pray with and for one another.

Come, pray, and praise with us!

For more information, please call or text Bob Albert 904-392-1593 Or Elaine Eckert 904-610-8411

## COURAGE WITH HOPE COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

We serve the homeless in downtown Jacksonville on the third Saturday of every month, rain, or shine. There are many ways you can help bring food, faith, and fellowship to those we serve. Please consider donating travel size toiletries, adult only socks and underwear. We have a bin in the church for collection. If you would like to participate by providing food or assisting downtown, we would love to have you! Please email [cekane1@comcast.net](mailto:cekane1@comcast.net) to be added to the monthly sign-up genius.

## CCW:

It's time to decorate the Cody Center! The week of December 1st starts advent and the Christmas Season. We will help create the Christmas spirit by having a beautiful presentation of decorations. Email [ccwstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:ccwstjoseph@gmail.com) with a time you can help and we will coordinate efforts or just stop by Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon to help.



Mass Christmas remembrance cards will be available December 13 and 14th after all the masses. This is a nice gift for everyone on your list! Cards will be available at the Cody Center after the 14th until December 22nd. If you are able to help sell the cards on this weekend please let us know at above email. Proceeds will benefit "Hugs for the Homeless" and our local homeless ministry.

Join us for our next Monthly gathering on December 9th at 6:00pm. We will have a Christmas party at the rectory where we decorate, share a meal, enjoy a gift exchange and sing Christmas carols. Bring a wrapped gift valued \$10 to \$15.

Get ready for the Live Nativity on December 12 and 13 for our "Bread of Life" booth. email [ccwstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:ccwstjoseph@gmail.com) to help



An invitation to join like-minded Catholic men that desire to be better husbands, fathers, and authentic men of God. Build friendships as together we grow closer to the men God is calling us to be. **Saturday mornings in the Cody Center 6:30-7:45am.** Join us!

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(Service hours provided)

### Practice Schedule:

Mon. Dec, 1 6PM Cody Center

Sat, Dec 13 12PM Main Church

Sat, Dec 20 2PM Main Church

Contact- [trinkett1274@comcast.net](mailto:trinkett1274@comcast.net) to sign up.



## Charitable Arts Ministry

We are a group of art lovers and artists of all levels and media.



The members of this ministry sincerely thank everyone who supported our latest exhibit, Falling in Love with Art, in any way.

The Opening was a success and the feedback has been very positive. The show exceeded previous years and we look forward to a repeat performance next Fall as well as our next event in the Spring.

Looking ahead, you are welcome to join us at our next quarterly meeting on January 6, 2026, in the Coyne Room, 7:00 pm, when we will be discussing plans for the Spring Show.

For further information please contact Sheree Jones, 904-910-7328 or [stjones93@gmail.com](mailto:stjones93@gmail.com).

## Renewal

### Women's

March 14-15

Traci Golden at

[tagolden7@gmail.com](mailto:tagolden7@gmail.com)

### Men's

April 18-19

Dcn Bob Gardner at

[dcnbobgardner@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:dcnbobgardner@stjosephsjax.org)

## Weekends

All men and women of the parish are invited to a Welcome/Christ Renews His Parish weekend.

This renewal experience offers an opportunity to grow in your relationship with God and a chance to meet other parishioners. For information about the weekends, please contact Deacon Bob Gardner.

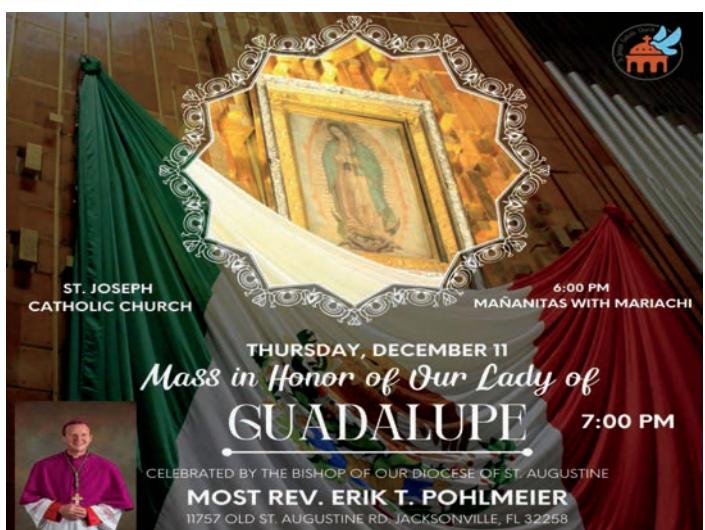
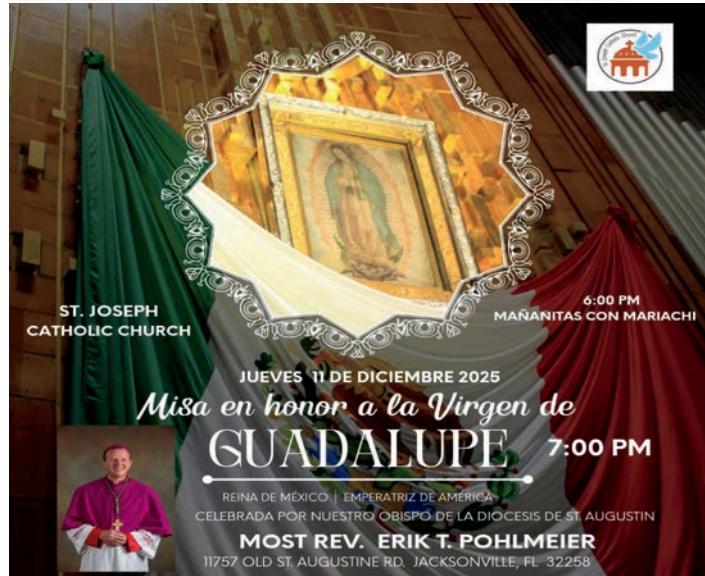
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Parish Assessments	\$ 300.00
Mass in Latin	\$ 1,901.96
Mass in Spanish	\$ 2,131.03
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Mass in Polish	\$ 215.00
Children's	\$ 47.00

Total Faith Direct Offertory September 2025: \$71,957.07

# Second Collection

THIS WEEKEND

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NEXT WEEKEND

No Second Collection

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## 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.

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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 Florida 1-800-96Abuse (800) 962-2873.

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Para denunciar qualquer abuso ligue: ao Cordenador Diocesano de Assistencia a Vítimas (904) 262-3200, ext 129 ou ao Departamento de Famílias e Crianças (800) 962-2873.

Please submit all announcements no later than 9:00 am two Tuesdays prior to the weekend you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

Announcements should be emailed to Ideliz Perez-Lebron: [bulletin@stjosephsjax.org](mailto:bulletin@stjosephsjax.org).

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