

PARISH LENTEN MISSION
Renewed in the Eucharist



To provide a means for parishioners to grow in their understanding of the Eucharist and ways the Eucharist invites them to deeper Discipleship.

March 6 - 7 - 8
(Monday - Wednesday)

7:00 p.m.
Main Church
(11757 Old St. Augustine Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32258)

MONDAY – God's Word Calls to Us
TUESDAY – Our Unity in Christ
WEDNESDAY – Sent as Disciples

RENEWAL PREACHER:

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DAY ONE

Called

AIM: To help parishioners see that the celebration of the Word of God calls them to be active followers of Jesus and to underscore basic elements of the Word: revelation, covenant, and mercy.

1. Welcome (Pastor and mission preacher)

2. Opening Hymn

3. Opening Prayer: (mission preacher and congregation)

Lord, God of infinite love, you sent your Son Jesus to enter our lives, save us, and transform us through the Holy Spirit. Your Son gave us the Eucharist to continue touching and transforming our lives. At Mass we celebrate God's Word; at Mass we unite ourselves with Jesus, our Priest, who gives you unending praise. At Mass, the Holy Spirit comes upon us to make us Christ's living Mystical Body. We pray that our desire to deepen our understanding of the great gift of the Eucharist might help us grow as disciples, see Christ's presence in our families and our parish, and empower us to bring Christ Jesus every day into the world. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

4. Reading: Isaiah 6:1-10

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they hovered. One cried out to the other:

"Holy, holy, holy[c] is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!"

At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember which he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it. "See," he said, "now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" And he replied: Go and say to this people: Listen carefully, but do not understand! Look intently, but do not perceive! Make the heart of this people sluggish, dull their ears and close their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and their heart understand, and they turn and be healed.

5. Hymn Response

6. Talk (mission preacher)

7. Hymn Response

8. Ritual:

[A procession begins in the back of the Church with the mission preacher carrying a large lectionary of the Gospels, flanked by two candle-bearers. The mission preacher invites the congregation to come forward one by one and show veneration to the Book of Gospels in an appropriate way (e.g., bow, touching the book, etc.).]

9. Announcements, Final Blessing (mission preacher)

10. Closing Hymn

DAY TWO

Encountered

In the Eucharist Jesus encounters us in the most intimate way, and invites us to deepen our encounter with him and each other.

1. Welcome (Pastor and mission preacher)

2. Opening Hymn

3. Opening Prayer: (mission preacher and congregation)

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4. Reading: John 15:1-9

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love."

5. Hymn Response

6. Talk (mission preacher)

7. Hymn Response

8. Ritual:

[The altar will be prepared for Benediction; the Eucharist will be exposed and there will be a guided meditation by the mission preacher after which will be the actual benediction, Divine Praises, and closing hymn. (O Salutaris, and Tantum Ergo).]

9. Announcements, Final Blessing (mission preacher)

10. Closing Hymn: Holy God We Praise Thy Name

DAY THREE

Sent

Being called and encountered by God, we are empowered
to go forth as disciples serving the Kingdom of God.

1. Welcome (Pastor and mission preacher)

2. Opening Hymn

3. Opening Prayer: (mission preacher and congregation)

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4. Reading: John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

5. Hymn Response

6. Talk (mission preacher)

7. Hymn Response

8. Ritual:

[A small cruet of oil is placed on a table with some small glass bowls. The mission preacher prays over the oil and pours it into several small bowls. Assistants are invited to come forth (Pastor, staff, etc.) and people come forward in two's before each bowl. Each parishioner is invited to anoint the palms of the other parishioner and vice versa. Those holding the bowl say to each twosome: "May the Spirit empower us to serve as Jesus did."]

9. Announcements, Final Blessing, Mission Blessing (mission preacher)

10. Closing Hymn