



SEPTEMBER 24th, 2023—TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR MISSION: We are the temple of the living God, transformed by the Spirit into sacred vessels for the treasure of Christ. Like the monstrance, we present the love and light of Christ for all to see. Together, we become the dwelling place of God.

SACRAMENTS

HOLY MASS

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Sunday 6:00-6:45 p.m.

ADORATION

Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Classes offered First Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
Registration requested—call parish office

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PASTOR'S CORNER



Rev. Leonard Chuwa, Ph.D.

A priest was consoling a man who felt he was being treated unfairly. "I don't know what the issue is, Father. I saw on the news that this guy was a hero for donating a kidney, but when I donated four I got arrested!"

It is easy to victimize ourselves and think that we are being treated unfairly, especially when others are rewarded for doing less! In a merit-based society we are conditioned to think that one's reward is commensurate to one's contribution, lest we fall into a dystopia of fruitless labor.

When we read the Gospels, it is clear that a great deal of Christ's efforts are spent challenging his disciples to open their minds. We must realize that the logic of the Lord is much different than our pragmatic way of thinking.

In the example of the parable of the workers, we expect proportional rates of pay for the time each laborer spent on the job. So, when compared to the late-comers, the man who worked the full day should be paid 100% of the possible wage. But this is not the case. Although it seems unfair, the landowner does not shortchange the full-day laborer by paying the late-day laborer the same wage.

Perhaps this makes more sense in the context of eternity. Can a cradle Catholic expect a greater heaven than a late convert? Of course not! All of heaven will

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On Saturday, September 30th at 5:30 p.m., the Don Thompson Chorale will be performing Will Strassberger's original composition, *The Josephine Octave*, in the main church building.
- Regarding the offertory envelopes: please write the envelope number on the memo line of your check. This will help the money counters keep track of your donations.

rejoice when both enter and claim their reward of everlasting life with Christ.

It is all too easy to put ourselves in the shoes of the full-day laborer, but recall the last time you offended the Lord by sinning; we should be so grateful to have a God who rewards repentant sinners the same as saints. *The last will be first, and first will be last. (Matthew 20:16)*

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RECURRING EVENTS

Sunday

Rosary

Before 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Mass

Led by Chuck and Joan Wingfield

Sunday

Adult Choir Practice

After 11:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday

Solemn Adoration

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Church

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:00 p.m. in the Church

Saturday

Solemn Adoration

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Church

First Tues.

St. Paul's Guild/

Council of Catholic Women

6:00 p.m. Meeting

Second Wed.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

6:45 p.m. in the Lower Parish Hall

First Sat.

Baptismal Classes

10:00 a.m.—Call (904) 387-2554

DID YOU KNOW?

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL are archangels that appear in the scriptures. Michael does battle with Satan in the book of Revelation, Gabriel appears to Mary in Luke's Gospel, and Raphael serves as a guide in the book of Tobit. St. Thomas Aquinas theorized nine choirs of angels, with the seraphim and cherubim at the top, and archangels towards the bottom. A powerful point to draw from this ranking is that even the "weakest" of the angels is stronger than the devil. Even their names are signs of God's power; Michael means "Who is like God?", Raphael is "God heals," and Gabriel, "Strength of God".

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 23rd, 2023 4:00 p.m.: Rev. George Vaniyapurackal <i>Requested by Ann Staley</i>
Sunday	September 24th, 2023 9:00 a.m.: Eileen Smith <i>Requested by Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i> 11:00 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Paul's 7:00 p.m.: Rev. George Vaniyapurackal <i>Requested by Patty Howell</i>
Monday	September 25th, 2023 8:00 a.m.: †Paul & †Mary Torsanko <i>Requested by Midge Daniell</i>
Tuesday	September 26th, 2023 8:00 a.m.: Bern Moran
Wednesday	September 27th, 2023 8:00 a.m.: Barbara Crissman <i>Requested by Ann Staley</i>
Thursday	September 28th, 2023 8:00 a.m.: †Sarah Stinger <i>Requested by Patty Howell</i>
Friday	September 29th, 2023 8:00 a.m.: Charlie & Cathy Fetzer <i>Requested by the Fetzer family</i>
Saturday	September 30th, 2023 4:00 p.m.: Kathy Fleming <i>Requested by Bill & Patsy O'Brien</i>
Sunday	October 1st, 2023 9:00 a.m.: †Otho Gill <i>Requested by Georgia Gill</i> 11:00 a.m.: †Rose Wilkerson <i>Requested by Patty Howell</i> 7:00 p.m.: Mary Patricia Seibert <i>Requested by Ann Staley</i>

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Ezr 9:5-9; (Ps) Tb 13:2, 3-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday	Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Pope's Intention: *We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	September 30th, 2023 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Gia Donnalley
Lector:	Nick Tichy
EMHC:	Cathy & John Roberts
Sunday	October 1st, 2023 9:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Eileen Smith
EMHC:	Stephen Turner, Robert Brown
Sunday	October 1st, 2023 11:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Toni Finger
Lectors:	Terry McGee
EMHC:	Cathy Roberts, Karen Boulware
Sunday	October 1st, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Will Strassberger
Lectors:	Emily Golden
EMHC:	Laura Dodson, Missy Parkison

THE JOSEPHINE OCTAVE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th | 5:30 P.M.

Welcome to an evening of sacred music at the historic St. Paul's Catholic Church! Witness the Jacksonville premiere of *The Josephine Octave*, a series of eight motets inspired by the life of St. Joseph and composed by Will Strassberger. Other selections include works from Vivaldi, Tchaikovsky, Orbán, and more! This concert will feature the Don Thompson Chorale, conducted by Adam Hooper. Admission is free, but a suggested donation of \$10.00 will be appreciated.



Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves—by wise use of their time and talents—in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

OFFERTORY | SEPTEMBER 16th—17th

OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
\$7,549.00	\$1,345.00	\$8,894.00

Please write the envelope number on the memo line of your check. This will help the money counters keep track of your donations. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's Catholic Church!

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's flowers were donated by Kate Fetzer for Charlie & Cathy Fetzer's Anniversary! You can sponsor a weekend of Masses by beautifying our sanctuary with flowers. Please call (904) 387-2554 or email parishoffice@spsjax.org.



PHOTO CREDIT—FRONT COVER

Gleichnis von den Arbeitern im Weinberg, "Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard" by Jacob Willemszoon de Wet (1610-1675), color on panel, dated 2. Drittel 17. Jr., 2nd third of the 17th century, Szépművészeti Múzeum, Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest, Hungary. This painting depicts the landowner doling out payments to his fieldhands after the day of labor. As in the Gospel, the laborer who worked all day is paid the same as the laborer who showed up late. But the landowner is not stingy—he pays both laborers a full day's wages. "What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Mt 20:14b-16).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We all put off to the eleventh hour some piece of work that we have to do with respect to God or each other: prayer, forgiveness, charity, justice, etc. If this parable teaches us something about how great God is and how generous, then we are called to this same greatness and generosity. Wouldn't nations be different if debts could be forgiven and those who have were generous to those who have not? Wouldn't families be different if hurtful behavior ceased and was forgiven generously? Wouldn't individuals be different if we measured another only by his or her goodness? The landowner says to his grumbling laborers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" God's generosity with us goes far beyond any measurement by human standards. (*Living Liturgy*, p. 240)

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor, (904) 553-7644. All calls are confidential.

PRAYER LIST

ILL AND HEALING

Billy Winfree, Bill Strassberger Sr., Jack DeClemente, Becky Scheller, Barb Crissman, Paul Staley, Glenn Andrews, Jean Schott, Nicholas Narducci, Joan Mattingly, Jeff Pickett, Nicole Mendoza, Ron Guzman, William Gary Pettigrew

DECEASED

†Frank Rossi, †Rev. Sal DiFazio, †Rev. Thomas Sullivan, †Madison Yontz, †Most Rev. Victor Galleone

MILITARY SERVICE

Johnathan Neufville, USN, Alex Ondina, USN, Shelby Wood, USAF, Michael Palaski, USN, Justin Moredock, USAF, Allen Watkins, USN

EXPECTANT AND NEW MOTHERS

Alicia Moya, Olivia Kerrigan Taylor, Mallory Patten Rice, Holly Bailey, Anna Nalos, Ana Turner

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Merrick Salud, Blaire Washington, Thomas Sacchi, Luca Sacchi, Roman Garcia, Autumn Taylor

WELCOME ONIE LEE!

NEW DIRECTOR of YOUTH MINISTRY
& FORMATION COORDINATOR



Onie Lee

We are thrilled to introduce you to the newest addition to our team, Onie Lee. With a passion for youth development and a commitment to empowering the next generation, Onie is set to bring fresh energy and vision to our programs for young people.

Onie brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion to this vital role. She has served as D.R.E. (Director of Religious Educa-

tion) and Director of Youth Ministry throughout the diocese. She co-founded Rise Up and served as the Executive Director for seven years. She grew up in Gainesville, FL, where she attended St. Patrick's Catholic School, was involved in youth ministry, and attended the University of Florida. During this time, her passion for serving the young church began. Onie lives in Ortega with her husband and twin children, who are college freshmen. She is a huge football fan and enjoys watching the Florida Gators and Jaguars play.

Armed with a heart ablaze with devotion and a spirit eager to embrace change, she aspires to fuse timeless Catholic teachings with the modern experiences of today's young people. She has a proven track record of creating engaging and impactful youth initiatives.

Onie is dedicated to nurturing the potential of our young members. She looks forward to bringing innovative and exciting youth and family programs and events to St. Paul's.

We invite you to warmly welcome Onie and connect with her as she embarks on this exciting journey. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or simply want to say hello, feel free to reach out to Onie at onie.lee@spsjax.org or call the office at (904) 387-2554 ext. 102.

Let's unite as a community to support Onie's mission of inspiring and guiding our youth towards a brighter future. Stay tuned for upcoming youth events and initiatives!

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

on the FEAST of the HOLY ROSARY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th | 8:00 A.M.

4131 University Blvd. So. Bldg. #3

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier has given permission to Fr. Joseph Kuhlman to celebrate Mass on the grassy area of Family for Life/313's office at 8:00 a.m. followed by a Eucharistic Procession. The Real Presence of Jesus Christ will be at the threshold of the abortion clinic, A Woman's Choice of Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will be on the premises.



ST. PAUL'S CHOIR

Qui cantat bis orat

"He who sings prays twice."

- St. Augustine

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. | Youth Chorus
Any child/young adult is welcome to sing

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. | Adult Chorus
Practice at Noon after Mass

Cantors for Sat. 4:00 p.m.
and Sun. 7:00 p.m. Masses
are also welcome.

We have made great progress by moving to the choir loft, now help us grow even more!

Please contact the Parish Office at
parishoffice@spsjax.org to join.

If the Lord has blessed you with a beautiful voice,
sing and give it back to the Lord.
If you have not been blessed with a beautiful voice,
sing and give it back to the Lord.

FAITH FORMATION

If you would like to sign up for O.C.I.A. or C.C.D., it is not too late. Please contact the Parish Office to reserve your spot for the 2023-2024 year.



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



Last weekend, St. Paul's Catholic Church and School celebrated its long-awaited 100th Anniversary as a parish. We were blessed to have Bishop Erik Pohlmeier preside over the Centennial Mass (top) and officially install Fr. Leonard as our pastor (bottom right). The entire church was packed with staff, parishioners, and visitors, including Msgr. Michael Morgan, Msgr. Vincent Haut, Fr. James Kaniparampil, Fr. Adam Izbecki, Fr. Ed Rooney, Dcn. Mike Elison, Dcn. David Yazdiya, Dcn. Scott Conway, Dcn. Steve Arnold, and several religious orders: Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of St. Louis, and the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family (bottom center). We are also incredibly grateful for our excellent altar servers (bottom left)! We will provide a link to more pictures next week.





DIOCESAN CORNER




EUCCHARISTIC COMMENTARY

The liturgy in its turn moves the faithful, filled with "the paschal sacraments," to be "one in holiness"; it prays that "they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith"; the renewal in the Eucharist of the covenant between the Lord and man draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire. From the liturgy, therefore, and especially from the Eucharist, as from a font, grace is poured forth upon us; and the sanctification of men in Christ and the glorification of God, to which all other activities of the Church are directed as toward their end, is achieved in the most efficacious possible way. (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* §10)

Did you know your parish can accept gifts from your donor-advised fund?

- And did you know you can open or transfer an existing DAF to a Catholic Foundation donor-advised fund, where your gifts will be invested with Catholic values?
- You can also name your parish as beneficiary of your DAF and ensure your gifts support what you believe in.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SAUTRDAY, NOVEMBER 4th | 1:00 P.M.

Couples observing wedding anniversaries for 25 through 50+ years of marriage in 2023 are invited to celebrate with Bishop Pohlmeier at Holy Family Catholic Church, 9800 Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville at 1:00 p.m. During Mass, the bishop will facilitate a renewal of commitment to the wedding vows and impart a special blessing. The event will also be livestreamed for people to participate virtually. A light reception will follow. To register, visit <https://family.dosaf.com/> or call (904) 262-3200. Registration ends on Oct. 27. For a flyer, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mseybwcm>.

5th ANNUAL HOMESCHOOL FAMILY MASS, BLESSING, & DINNER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th | 5:30 P.M.

Holy Family Catholic Church, 9800 Baymeadows Rd. in Jacksonville, is inviting all families with homeschooled children for Mass at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Pohlmeier. Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall and a special blessing. RSVP is required through this form link, <https://form.jotform.com/232016481244145>. For more details or questions, contact Erin McGeever at emcgeeve@dosafl.com.

EXHIBITION of the EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

SEPTEMBER 29th—OCTOBER 8th

Join us at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 4600 Belle Terre Parkway, in Palm Coast for this traveling display of photographs and historical descriptions of Eucharistic miracles recognized by the Catholic Church that have taken place throughout history. The times are 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29th through Sunday, October 8th and 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on October 9th and 10th. For more details, call (386) 445-2246.

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT

WEEKEND of OCTOBER 14th-15th
MISSION NOMBRE DE DIOS

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat will be held at Mission Nombre de Dios, 101 San Marco Ave., in St. Augustine. This is a unique opportunity for young adults (18+) and adult children of divorce, separation or family brokenness to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown, together with others who know this pain and knowledgeable, compassionate retreat leaders. With the help of God, retreat attendees learn to see how their life-draining wounds can become a life-giving mission of love for themselves, their relationships and others. For more details and to register, visit <https://family.dosaf.com/adult-children-of-divorce/>. For a flyer, visit <https://tinyurl.com/muh762pz>. Contact Mike Day, director of the Family Life Office, at mday@dosafl.com or call (904) 262-3200 for more information.

ABUSE HOTLINE

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 reportbishopabuse.org.