



NOVEMBER 5th, 2023—THIRTY-FIRST 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

After a particularly demanding week, Fr. Jim sat down at his desk on Saturday night to write his Sunday homily. Much to his dismay, the pastor fell asleep on his notes and woke up just before the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Fr. Jim vested quickly and thought to himself, "I guess I'll just have to wing the sermon." Once he proclaimed the Gospel, his mind went blank and he delivered a homily of disconnected ramblings. The sacristan caught Fr.

Jim after Mass and offered some sage advice, "That was a good effort, Father, but you should really practice what you preach."

It is common for priests to feel uncomfortable when today's Gospel comes around. "They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' [...] Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven." Rather unsettling for the man who sits in the presider's chair in the sanctuary and who answers to the title "Father."

Jesus' intention in this Gospel passage, as it is understood by biblical scholars, is to preserve the foundation of fatherhood in God the Father. Likewise, this passage is read as an attack on the Pharisees who were not rooted in God and still demanded the respect given to the royal priesthood. There was an emptiness in the ministry of the Pharisees that Jesus found so distasteful—they did not practice what they preached, albeit in a more sinister manner than poor Fr. Jim.

Pope Francis' vision for the Church is for the shepherds to "smell like their sheep." That is, the clergy ought to be one with their parish and minister to their parishioners firsthand. Jesus commissioned his disciples to remain in him and unite themselves to God through prayer, lest the holy Church be corrupted by wicked men—*impastors*, if you will—such as the Pharisees. This week is National Vocations Awareness Week, so pray for our seminarians that they may become good and holy priests, rooted in the Fatherhood of God and worthy of the title "Father."

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Veterans' Day is this Saturday and the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 10th.
- The Parish Office will also be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday the 24th.
- #iGiveCatholic is in full swing! Please visit our website to find out how you can donate and get involved.
- Gift cards are available in the School Office.

RECURRING EVENTS

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| Sunday | Rosary
Before 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Mass
<i>Led by Chuck and Joan Wingfield</i> |
| 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?

The **Basilica of St. John Lateran** is the cathedral of Rome. “John” refers to St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, beloved by Christ, and “Lateran” refers to a palatial residence of the popes in Rome. In 324 A.D., Pope Sylvester I dedicated the cathedral, making it the oldest major basilica in Rome—the basilica of St. Peter was erected a few decades later.

Between the years 1123-1517, five councils were held at the basilica of St. John Lateran. The topics of these councils ranged from ecumenical relations to attempts to reform the Catholic Church. The anniversary of the dedication of any church is a cause for celebration for its local community, but the dedication of the Pope’s own cathedral is observed as a feast day for the entire world.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 4th, 2023 4:00 p.m.: Bill & Patsy O’Brien <i>Requested by the O’Brien family</i>
Sunday	November 5th, 2023 9:00 a.m.: †Souls in Purgatory 11:00 a.m.: Bill & Megan Staley <i>Requested by Ann Staley</i> 7:00 p.m.: Parishioners of St. Paul’s
Monday	November 6th, 2023 8:00 a.m.: †Carlos Medina Corrales <i>Requested by Ylia Corrales de Medina</i>
Tuesday	November 7th, 2023 8:00 a.m.: † Diane Verney Bradford <i>Requested by the Verney family</i>
Wednesday	November 8th, 2023 8:00 a.m.: †Mary Jo McGee
Thursday	November 9th, 2023 8:00 a.m.: †Jimmy Larson <i>Requested by the Dunn family</i>
Friday	November 10th, 2023 8:00 a.m.: Courtney Lewis
Saturday	November 11th, 2023 4:00 p.m.: †Ted Jenkins <i>Requested by Cristhel Ibarra</i>
Sunday	November 12th, 2023 9:00 a.m.: Jennifer Turner <i>Requested by the Turner family</i> 11:00 a.m.: †Dan Finger <i>Requested by Toni Finger</i> 7:00 p.m.: Steve Catone <i>Requested by his Bishop Kenny classmates ‘84</i>

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12
Monday	of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1cde, 2-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday	Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Pope’s Intention: For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	November 11th, 2023 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Louie Soule
Lector:	Jeff Staffaroni
EMHC:	G. Donnalley, J. Lippincott, M.J. Krumviede
Sunday	November 12th, 2023 9:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Eileen Smith
EMHC:	Dcn. Mike, K. Repper, R. Brown
Sunday	November 12th, 2023 11:00 a.m.
Sacristan:	Eileen Smith
Lectors:	Caroline Narramore
EMHC:	Dcn. Mike, A. Thompson
Sunday	November 12th, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Sacristan:	Sr. Louise McEachern
Lectors:	Georgia Gill
EMHC:	L. Dodson, B. Wilkinson

A FAMILY of FAITH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This month's meeting will be on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the rectory dining room. November focuses on how Jesus prayed and The Our Father: The Summary of the Whole Gospel. A Family of Faith, our new Religious Education program aims to encourage and equip parents to live and teach their children the Catholic Faith at home. With one monthly family meeting, this program replaces C.C.D. and will give parents the knowledge and tools to bring their children up in the Faith. If you have not registered or want more information, please call Onie at (904) 387-2554.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Jesus tells us that there is only one God (one Father, one teacher, one master) and all our direction comes from keeping God central. When our focus is right, then our relationships are right. God as center leaves us servants-both of God and of one another. Keeping our focus on God doesn't allow us to seek honors and recognition. It allows us to serve God in one another. The surprise and good news is that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us! (*Living Liturgy*, p.268)



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.

BAKE SALE!

ST. PAUL'S GUILD/COUNCIL of CATHOLIC WOMEN

Sunday | November 19th, 2023
After the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Home baked goodies
Gluten free options
Donations are welcome
Cash, check, or Venmo

OFFERTORY | OCTOBER 28th—29th

OFFERTORY	BUILDING	TOTAL
\$6,132.00	\$895.00	\$7,027.00

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's Catholic Church!

PRAYER LIST

Ill and Healing

Linda Cate & Tim Cate, Liz Ulrich, Jack DeClemente, Becky Scheller, Barb Crissman, Paul Staley, Glenn Andrews, Jean Schott, Nicholas Narducci, Joan Mattingly, Ron Guzman, William Gary Pettigrew

Deceased

†Galena Roberts, †Vera Boyle-Benjamin, †Frank Rossi, †Rev. Sal DiFazio, †Rev. Thomas Sullivan, †Madison Yontz,

Military Service

Drew Baker and company, 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

Adeline Goldsborough, Charlotte Lavalley, Madelyn Garland, Emma Guanchez, Merrick Salud

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

PREACHING UNTO NATION

Did you know that we livestream our 11:00 a.m. Mass every week? And, those Masses are archived for prosperity! If you have friends and family who live around the world or are otherwise unable to worship with us in person, make sure they subscribe to the YouTube channel for our parish: www.youtube.com/@stpaulsjax. (Turn notifications "on")



ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call (904) 387-2554 or email parishoffice@spsjax.org to sponsor a weekend of Masses with beautiful flowers.



PHOTO CREDIT

"A Fine Point" by Jehan-Georges Vibert (1840-1902), oil on panel, dated 19th century, private collection. Vibert's paintings of French cardinals were an attack on clericalism in the Catholic Church. His works often depict the princes of the Church in compromising positions, i.e. worshipping tables of food, eavesdropping on conversations, and throwing lavish parties. In this painting, we see a cardinal sneaking a glance at a certain statue rather than listening to a lesson from the monk; Vibert cleverly hides any inappropriate details, but the impression remains. While some might claim this depicts the Church in a poor light, it ties in with today's gospel perfectly—Jesus warns the faithful about the Pharisees who live sinful lives while hypocritically projecting piety. *They preach but do not practice [...] All their works are performed to be seen.*"

Congratulations
**CHRISTIS VIVIT
 NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS**



Julia Marquez



Gabby Rogers

Congratulations to Julia Marquez and Gabby Rogers for being Christus Vivit National Award winners. The Christus Vivit National Youth Award recognizes young Catholics who have helped bring Christ to life in their parishes, schools, and communities. Julia and Gabby are great role models of Christian living and serve as lights to our community. We are very proud of you both!

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

FROM ST. PAUL'S

Bishop Kenny High School

Wesley Revenaugh	Junior	First Honors
Mia Sandhu	Junior	Second Honors
Isabella Hovan	Sophomore	First Honors
Julia-Elizabeth Marquez	Sophomore	First Honors
Nyankir Deng	Sophomore	Second Honors
Anastasia Holzbaur	Sophomore	Second Honors
Sydney Jeffries	Sophomore	Second Honors
Marley Sandhu	Sophomore	Second Honors
Jaxson Smith	Sophomore	Second Honors

Morgan Maynard	Freshman	First Honors
Jack Muisenga	Freshman	First Honors
William Petersen	Freshman	First Honors
Alexander Silba	Freshman	First Honors
Landon Bell	Freshman	Second Honors
Joshua Inocencio	Freshman	Second Honors
Brandon Parliment	Freshman	Second Honors
Cooper Revenaugh	Freshman	Second Honors
Mary Wedekind	Freshman	Second Honors

Bishop John J. Snyder High School

Isabelle Newkirk	Senior	First Honors
Julia Newkirk	Senior	Second Honors

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 5th–11th, 2023

If you have a loved one in formation with the diocese or a religious order, send them a card to let them know that you are praying for them this week! Let us keep our own seminarian, Colter Brown, in our prayers as he finishes his first semester of Pre-Theology at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, FL.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

MINISTRY UPDATE

Mission:

To join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering.

How can you help?

- Contribute using the weekly collection basket. Make your checks payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All levels of contribution are appreciated.
- Supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop located at 9742-1 Old St. Augustine Road (904) 396-7473.
 - You can donate your gently used clothes and furnishings to the Thrift Store
 - You can shop at the Thrift Store
- You can become a Vincentian. Contact us at the following email address: stvdpeauriverside@gmail.com.
- You can pray for the poor and the needy.
- If you know anyone in need of assistance, please have them call (904) 553-7644. All calls are handled in a confidential manner. We limit our support to the parish boundaries (generally in Zip Codes 32204 and 32205). In general, we are able to help with short term needs, e.g. catch up with rent, utilities, food, etc.

HELP NEEDED

Are you passionate about guiding and inspiring the next generation?

Do you have a heart for young people and a desire to impact their lives?

We invite you to consider becoming a vital part of our Youth Ministry Team at St. Paul. As a first step in building our youth program, we are developing a volunteer Core Team to serve our young people.

If you are interested in this new exciting ministry, please contact Onie at 904-387-2554 ext. 102 or email her at onie.lee@spsjax.org.





ST. PAUL'S TRUNK-OR-TREAT





DIOCESAN CORNER



FROM THE OFFICE of STEWARDSHIP

“The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. What wonderful, good news for those who give their time in service to others!

EUCCHARISTIC COMMENTARY

“Matrimony is normally to be celebrated within the Mass, after the reading of the gospel and the homily, and before “the prayer of the faithful.” The prayer for the bride, duly amended to remind both spouses of their equal obligation to remain faithful to each other, may be said in the mother tongue. But if the sacrament of matrimony is celebrated apart from Mass, the epistle and gospel from the nuptial Mass are to be read at the beginning of the rite, and the blessing should always be given to the spouses”. (Sacrosanctum Concilium §78)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HOW DID I NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS?



Human trafficking is the world’s second-largest criminal enterprise. Ruby Peters, a Human trafficking educator for Catholic Charities, and her son Joe produced an educational video to enlighten teenagers about the tactics of human traffickers, the crime of sextortion and ways that pornography fuels sex trafficking. The goal is to increase teen awareness, reduce teen vulnerability and equip everyone with tools to stay safe. Visit <https://youtu.be/tF68m4sbh3k?si=joLSyB0BsfMqybM> and share it far and wide! For more information, email Ruby at rubygeerspeters@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN RED MASS, NOV. 7

The Catholic Lawyers Guild is inviting the executive, legislative and judicial members of government as well as law enforcement officers to join them in prayer that the Spirit of God will guide and direct them in their service to the people. Bishop Pohlmeier will celebrate the Red Mass at 5:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 121 E. Duval St., in Jacksonville. A selected honoree will be presented with the Law and Spirituality Award. Contact Elizabeth Webb, Red Mass chair for the Catholic Lawyers Guild, for more information at ehw@pd4.coj.net.

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@dosaf.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit reportbishopabuse.org.

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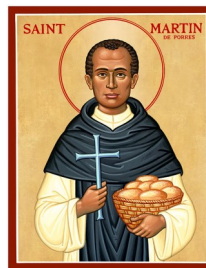
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BLACK CATHOLIC HERITAGE, NOV. 18-19

DAYS of REFLECTION



Join Bishop Erik Pohlmeier and the Black Catholic Commission for “Black Catholic Heritage Days of Reflection” at Christ the King Catholic Church, 742 Arlington Rd., in Jacksonville. Come discover the origination of black heritage within the Catholic church through a day of reflection with music, a historic timeline, evangelization efforts and the saints.

For the agenda on Saturday, November 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. visit <https://tinyurl.com/24vc345t>. The event will close on Sunday with Mass celebrated by Bishop Pohlmeier at 11 a.m. Space is limited. Registration is open Sept. 30 to Nov. 10. For more information and to register, contact Ernie Favors, chair of the Black Catholic Commission, by calling (904) 768-9934 or send an email to favorse@aol.com. In the email or if leaving a message, include your name and the parish you attend.