



SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH AND CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

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PARISH INFO

MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:30 p.m. Vigil
Sunday	9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (Spanish) 5:30 p.m.

Mon.-Fri.	12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
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RECONCILIATION

Mon.-Fri.	4:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon.-Fri	4:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.
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OFFICE HOURS

Mon.[Wed.]	9:30 a.m. -
Fri.	4:30 p.m.

Reception	9:00 a.m. -
Desk Hours	5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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MINISTERIO HISPANO

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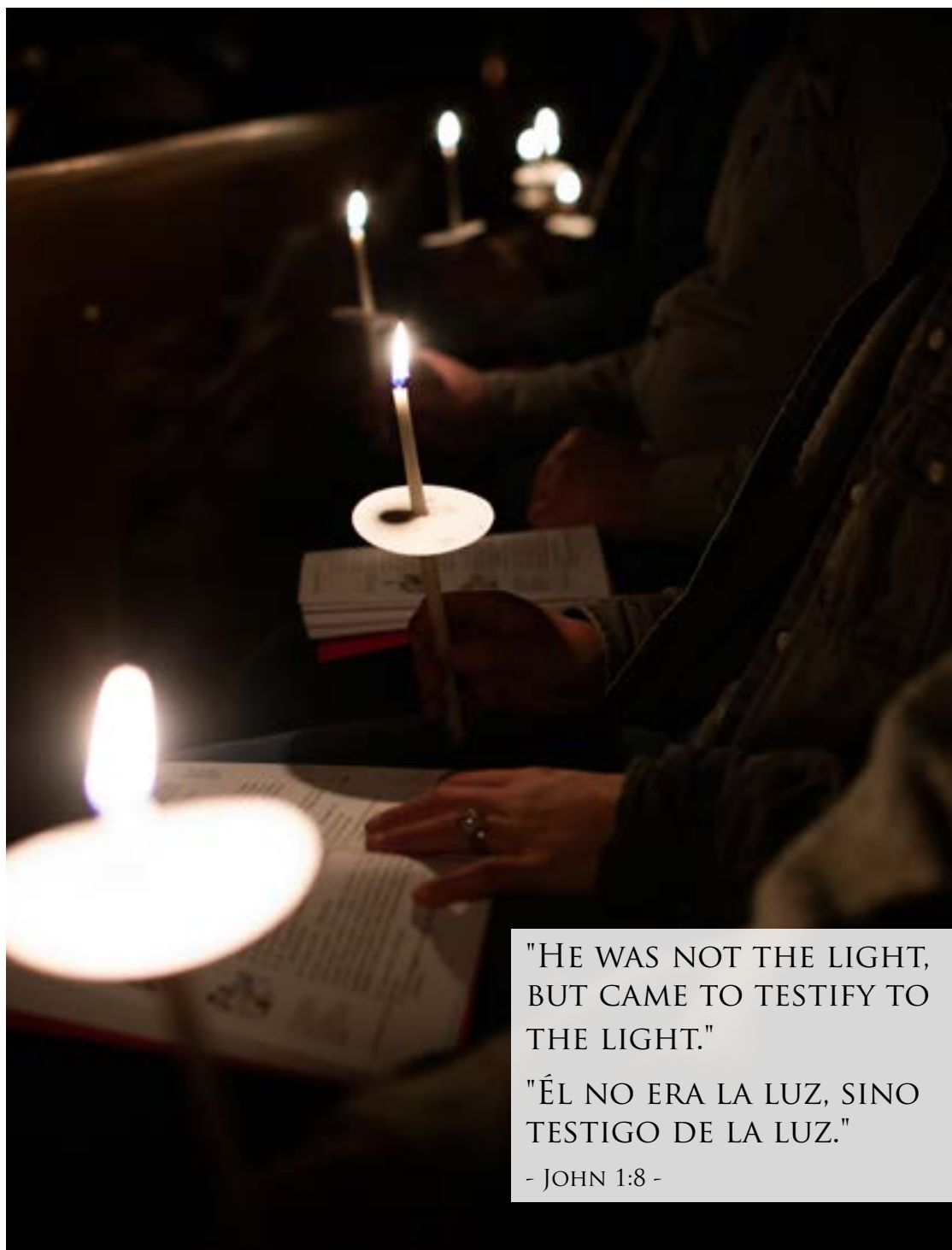
EMHC NEEDS

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BREAK WEEK

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SIGN UP FOR A
RECURRING GIFT!



"HE WAS NOT THE LIGHT,
BUT CAME TO TESTIFY TO
THE LIGHT."

"ÉL NO ERA LA LUZ, SINO
TESTIGO DE LA LUZ."

- JOHN 1:8 -

December 17 2023 | 17 de Diciembre de 2023

Third Sunday of Advent | Tercer Domingo de Adviento | Year B

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THIS WEEK’S MASSES

Date	Intentions	Reading
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 Third Sunday of Advent	9 a.m. 11:30 a.m. <i>For the Parish</i> 1:30 p.m. + <i>Numa Rincón by Amparo Neely</i> 5:30 p.m. + <i>Amador Celestiano by Sarah Guerrero</i> NO 7:30 p.m. MASS	Is 61:1-2, 10-11 Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 Monday of the Third Week of Advent	12 p.m. + <i>Barbara Vellely by Barbara and Michael Lorenzo</i> NO 5:30 p.m. MASS	Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent	12 p.m. <i>Birthdays and anniversaries for staff, clergy, and friends</i> NO 5:30 p.m. MASS	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25 Ps 71:3-6, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent	12 p.m. + <i>Louis Anthony Pinto by L. Savio Pinto</i> NO 5:30 p.m. MASS	Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 Thursday of the Third Week of Advent	12 p.m. + <i>Ann Pinto by L. Savio Pinto</i> NO 5:30 p.m. MASS	Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 Friday of the Third Week of Advent	12 p.m. <i>Lee Ann Andrewsiewicz by Gail Fitzsimmons</i> NO 5:30 p.m. MASS	1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Lk 1:46-56
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 Saturday of the Third Week of Advent	5:30 p.m. (Vigil) <i>In thanksgiving for the one-year wedding anniversary of Santiago and Nadia Zuvich</i>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

OFFERTORY FOR DECEMBER 9-10, 2023

Offertory	\$ 4,229.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 7,954.59
Second Collection	\$ 1,501.00
Holy Day	\$764.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,448.59

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Classes are the third Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. in English in the Parish Library and 11 a.m. in Spanish in Room 3, Hurley Hall. The registration and sponsor/god-parent forms are available at catholicgators.org. Please contact Gail (gail@catholicgators.org) with questions.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should meet with a priest 8 months prior to the wedding. The wedding date should not be scheduled prior to speaking with a priest. To schedule a preliminary meeting, contact Gail Fitzsimmons (gail@catholicgators.org).

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Call the office (352.372.3533) for information on First Reconciliation, First Communion, High School Confirmation, & Adult Confirmation preparation.

THIS WEEK AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH & CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

EVENT COLOR KEY:

Teal: Liturgical celebrations
Black: Event for All Parishioners
Blue: Catholic Gators/Student Event
Gray: Youth Event
Orange: Latino Community Event (Spanish)
Green: Young Adult Event

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Sunday Mass
Church | 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. en Español, 5:30 p.m., NO 7:30 p.m. MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Mass
Church | 12 p.m., NO 5:30 p.m. MASS or 4:30 p.m. HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS
Sp. Charismatic Prayer Group
Conference Room | 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Mass
Church | 12 p.m., NO 5:30 p.m. MASS or 4:30 p.m. HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Mass
Church | 12 p.m., NO 5:30 p.m. MASS or 4:30 p.m. HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Mass
Church | 12 p.m., NO 5:30 p.m. MASS or 4:30 p.m. HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Mass
Church | 12 p.m., NO 5:30 p.m. MASS or 4:30 p.m. HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Mass
Church | 5:30 p.m.
Pre Christmas Workday
Lounge | 10 a.m.

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OUR PARISH

FACT OF THE WEEK

Advent focuses on light as opposed to darkness. Christ enters our dark world and casts away the darkness of sin to redeem us. He will come again as the light of the world.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Pray with the readings each day this week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian.”

-St. Ignatius of Antioch



REFLECTION

The mystery of our reconciliation with God.

To speak of our Lord, the son of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as true and perfect man is of no value to us if we do not believe that he is descended from the line of ancestors set out in the Gospel.

Matthew’s gospel begins by setting out the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham, and then traces his human descent by bringing his ancestral line down to his mother’s husband, Joseph. On the other hand, Luke traces his parentage backward step by step to the actual father of mankind, to show that both the first and the last Adam share the same nature.

No doubt the Son of God in his omnipotence could have taught and sanctified men by appearing to them in a semblance of human form as he did to the patriarchs and prophets, when for instance he engaged in a wrestling contest or entered into conversation with them, or when he accepted their hospitality and even ate the food they set before him. But these appearances were only types, signs that mysteriously foretold the coming of one who would take a true human nature from the stock of the patriarchs who had gone before him. No mere figure, then, fulfilled the mystery of our reconciliation with God, ordained from all eternity. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon the Virgin nor had the power of the Most High overshadowed her, so that within her spotless womb Wisdom might build itself a house and the Word become flesh. The divine

nature and the nature of a servant were to be united in one person so that the Creator of time might be born in time, and he through whom all things were made might be brought forth in their midst.

For unless the new man, by being made in the likeness of sinful flesh, had taken on himself the nature of our first parents, unless he had stooped to be one in substance with his mother while sharing the Father’s substance and, being alone free from sin, united our nature to his, the whole human race would still be held captive under the dominion of Satan. The Conqueror’s victory would have profited us nothing if the battle had been fought outside our human condition. But through this wonderful blending the mystery of new birth shone upon us, so that through the same Spirit by whom Christ was conceived and brought forth we too might be born again in a spiritual birth; and in consequence the evangelist declares the faithful to have been born not of blood, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

From a letter of Pope St Leo the Great from today’s Office of Readings.

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS

WE NEED EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION!

Reception of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged for all the faithful to receive the grace and strength to live the Christian life. There is also a particular fullness in receiving the Body and the Blood of Christ, allowing us to fulfill the call by Jesus to “take and eat” and to “take and drink “. In order for this to be done in a manner that is honorable and reasonable for our community we are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are willing to be humbled by the call to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion in both the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood. This is a ministry born out of a need as we continue to pray that the Lord raise men willing to lay their lives down through the Priesthood

Our current numbers for our Masses and how many more EMHCs we need are as follows:

- vigil: 6 people who can serve; 4 still needed
- 9 a.m.: 7 people who can serve; 7 still needed
- 11:30 a.m.: 9 people who can serve; 5 still needed
- 1:30 p.m.: 10 people who can serve; no more necessary
- 5:30 p.m.: 5 people who can serve; 12 still needed
- 7:30 p.m.: 5 people who can serve; 6 still needed



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AND THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This year, the 4th Sunday of Advent is on Christmas Eve. We are obliged to attend Mass for both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas.

That means you must attend one of the following Masses:

- 4th Sunday of Advent Masses*
- December 23: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
- December 24: 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (Español)

AND one of these Christmas Masses as well:

- Christmas Masses*
- December 24: 7 p.m. Vigil, 12 a.m. Midnight Mass
- December 25: 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Español)

MINISTERIO HISPANO

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

El Viernes 8 de Diciembre se celebró la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción con nuestra misa en español a las 7:30 pm. Gracias por acompañarnos en este Día Santo de Precepto!



FESTIVIDADES POR LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

El 11 de Diciembre se celebró a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con el rezo del rosario, las mañanitas y un compartir con chocolate y pan. El 12 de Diciembre tuvimos la tradicional misa con mariachi y luego disfrutamos de la gastronomía mexicana en el lounge. Gracias por acompañarnos en las festividades de Nuestra Madre!



CAFECITO

Disfruta del Cafecito, todos los Domingos, después de la misa de 1:30 pm, en el lounge.

NUESTRA MISA EN ESPAÑOL
TODOS LOS DOMINGOS A LA
1:30 P.M.

NEWS & EVENTS



BREAK WEEK SCHEDULE

Due to the upcoming Christmas break for UF and Santa Fe students, there will be no 5:30 PM daily Mass or 4:30 PM Holy Hour/Confessions from December 18th to January 5th. We will also be suspending the 7:30 pm Mass on Sunday starting this weekend. It will return January 7th.



PRE CHRISTMAS WORKDAY

Please join us for our Christmas parish work day on Sunday, December 23rd and December 24. We will be preparing the church for our Christmas Masses. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. and have cleaning of church on the 23rd and the decorating of Church after the 1:30 pm Mass on Sunday the 24th,



ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The St. Augustine service committee is coordinating the angel tree for area migrant children. Please take an angel from the tree in the vestibule and return your unwrapped gifts (gift bags are OK) to the tree by December 20. Please do not leave gift cards in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity providing modest gifts to rural migrant children in religious ed and sacramental prep. Questions contact woestel@gmail.com



MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to make a difference and help our Neighbors in Need. Call 352-283-4333 to learn more or make a donation.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Couples: want to give each other something really special this Christmas? Join us for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Feb 16-18 in Tallahassee, or May 5-8 in Winter Park. For more information or for other scheduled weekends visit our website at wwme.org, e-mail Applications@FLCN-wwme.org, or contact waltviv.wwme@gmail.com.



GRACE MARKETPLACE FOOT CARE CLINIC

The Grace Marketplace Foot Care Clinic is in need of gently used shoe donations. You may drop them off in the bin in the vestibule.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

ATTENTION 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 www.reportbishopabuse.org

ATENCIÓN La Diócesis de San Agustín trata seriamente todas las acusaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada, de manera rápida, confidencial y minuciosa. Para reportar Abuso, llame a la policía o al Departamento de Niños y Familias al (904) 962-2873. O llame al Coordinador Diocesano de Asistencia a Víctimas (904) 208-6979 o envíe un correo electrónico a inquiries@dosaf.com. Para denunciar abuso por parte de un obispo, llame al (800) 276-1562 o visite www.reportbishopabuse.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS & FEEDBACK: Please email bulletin submissions to Sandy DeTeresa at sandy@catholicgators.org by noon on Monday. Do you have feedback or see something that needs to be corrected? Reach out to our Communications Director, Sandy DeTeresa at sandy@catholicgators.org!

GAINESVILLE AREA NEWS & EVENTS

FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES: HUMAN TRAFFICKING: HOW DID I NOT KNOW?
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=joLSyB0BsfsMqybM> and share it far and wide! For more information, email Ruby at rubygeerspeters@gmail.com.

SIMBANG GABI, DEC. 15-23
Simbang Gabi is a novena that consists of a nine-day series of Masses to honor the Blessed Mother and anticipate the arrival of Christmas. This religious event celebrated in the Philippines is held on the last nine days of Advent, which leads up to Christmas Day. Simbang Gabi Masses will be held Dec. 15 – Dec. 23 at Holy Faith, 747 NW 43rd Street, Gainesville

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JAN. 28 - FEBRUARY 3
Discover why Catholic schools are the best choice for your family. Find the perfect school for your student by searching campuses near you at www.dosaeducation.org.

9TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE, DYC IX – BELIEVE, FEB 16-18
The 9th Annual Diocesan Youth Conference, “Believe” is from Febr 16-18 at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs. This is an incredible opportunity to connect with other high schoolers who share the same faith and values and deepen your relationship with God. Keynote speakers include Rhyan Ramirez, Veronica Salgado, and Ansley Anderson. There will be performances by Stella, and Bishop Pohlmeier will celebrate Mass. The cost is \$160, but scholarships are available! To learn more and register, contact Robin Shipley at rshipley@dosafl.com or Norma Garcia at ngarcia@dosafl.com.

HOLY SPIRIT HEALING CONFERENCE, JAN. 26-27
Mark your calendar for the Holy Spirit Healing Conference on January 26-27, 2024 at Holy Faith. The keynote speaker is Terry Quinn, a lay Catholic evangelist from Ireland who has a passion for apologetics-evangelization, healing and discipleship. Other speakers: Tom Edwards, Dr. Mary Shaw, Jean Roach, and Philip Militante. The conference will conclude Saturday evening with a Healing Prayer Service and Mass led by Fr. Martin Ibeh and Fr. Mac Hill. Online pre-registration is encouraged. Lunch is included for the pre-registered. HolySpiritHealingConference.net.

MONTHLY DISCERNMENT EVENING, JAN. 8
This invitation is for young men, ages 16+, seeking to learn more about priestly vocations. Father Clay Ludwig will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. at the Marywood Chapel, 235 Marywood Dr., St. Johns, followed by a meal and small group discussion at San Juan de Rio Parish Live Center. There is no cost to attend. To register, email vocations@dosafl.com.

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY, JAN. 11
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Italy





May 7-17, 2024

Adventure Pilgrimage

Join the UF Catholic Gators and the USF Catholic Bulls on a pilgrimage to Italy! We will be exploring Rome, hiking the Way of St. Francis to Assisi, visiting the Pope’s summer palace at Castel Gandolfo, and more! For more information and application, please visit the website below:

 adventurepilgrimages.com



SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Be a Game Changer!

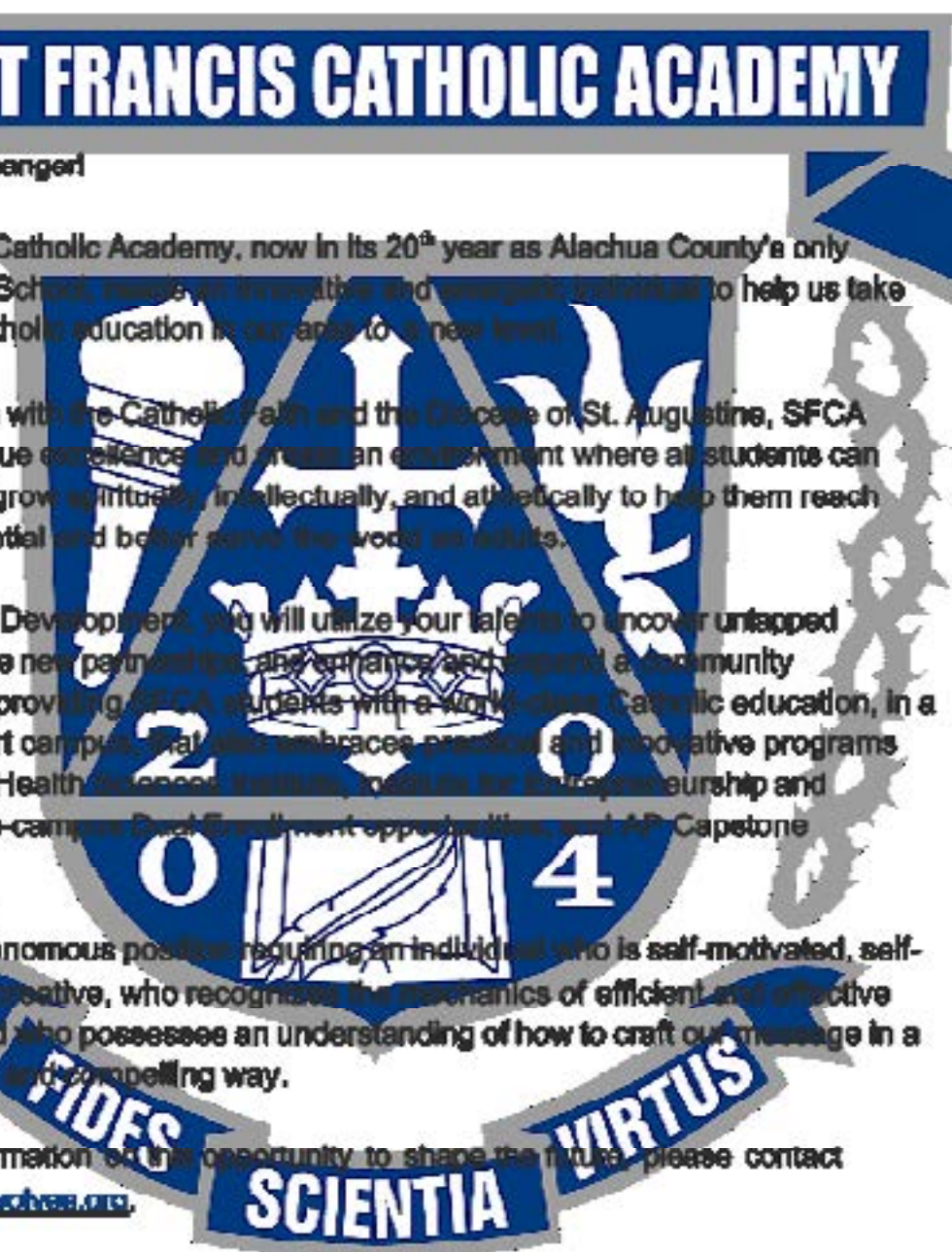
Saint Francis Catholic Academy, now in its 20th year as Alachua County's only Catholic High School, needs an innovative and energetic individual to help us take secondary Catholic education in our area to a new level.

In accordance with the Catholic Faith and the Diocese of St. Augustine, SFCA strives to pursue excellence and create an environment where all students can succeed and grow spiritually, intellectually, and athletically to help them reach their full potential and better serve the world as adults.

As Director of Development, you will utilize your talents to uncover untapped resources, forge new partnerships, and enhance and expand a community committed to providing SFCA students with a world-class Catholic education, in a state-of-the-art campus, that also embraces practical and innovative programs including our Health Sciences Institute, Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, on-campus Dual Enrollment opportunities, and AP Capstone program.

This is an autonomous position requiring an individual who is self-motivated, self-directed, and creative, who recognizes the mechanics of efficient and effective marketing, and who possesses an understanding of how to craft our message in a clear, concise and compelling way.

For more information on this opportunity to shape the future, please contact brooks@stfranciscatholic.org.



FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE, A DAY FOR COUPLES 2024, FEB. 10, 2024

This event is scheduled for February 10, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Resurrection Catholic Church, 3383 University Blvd N in Jacksonville. This annual pre-marriage and marriage conference is designed to inspire couples from all stages and ages of their relationship to live out God's plan for their marriages. The registration fee for the event is \$70, and you can register through <https://adayforcouples.com>. If you have any questions regarding the event, please get in touch with Raquel Tripp at raquel@missionariesofmarriage.org.

MEMORIALS AVAILABLE AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE

Celebrate special moments and people who matter most to you by contributing to memorial opportunities at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche. By choosing a memorial gift, you can pay tribute to your loved ones while supporting the sacred grounds and preserving the rich and holy Catholic heritage and Marian devotion of the Mission and Shrine. For more information on how to make a memorial gift, please contact Roberta Wente via email at rwente@missionandshrine.org or visit missionandshrine.org/about-us/support-us/memorial-opportunities.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. DAVID RUCHINSKI, OCT. 21 – NOV. 2, 2024

Join Fr. David Ruchinski from St. Joseph's in Jacksonville from Oct. 21 to Nov. 2, 2024, on this amazing walk in the footsteps of St. Paul! You will explore many amazing locations in Greece and Türkiye that were pivotal to his missionary journeys! For more information contact Nicole Lovell: bookingwithnicole@gmail.com or visit: https://www.etstours.com/files/uploads/XG24_102124L_32348_NicoleLovell_Final-1.pdf

MISAS DE AGUINALDO, DEC. 16-24

From December 16-24, the Puerto Rican community of the Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Jacksonville will be holding their "Misas de Aguinaldo" at 5:30 a.m. This is a popular religious tradition that spiritually leads one to Bethlehem. The biblical foundation is rooted in the call of John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord through conversion and a change of life to receive the Lord.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AT NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE

We are excited to invite you to sponsor altar flowers at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche. Your contribution will honor a loved one and help us adorn our sanctuary with fresh flowers, creating a beautiful and peaceful atmosphere for all who visit. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged by the name of a loved one displayed and announced approximately ten minutes before Mass. The flowers will be in the sanctuary for the week. Thank you for supporting our mission. To donate, visit missionandshrine.org/about-us/support-us/flowers-for-the-altar/#.

