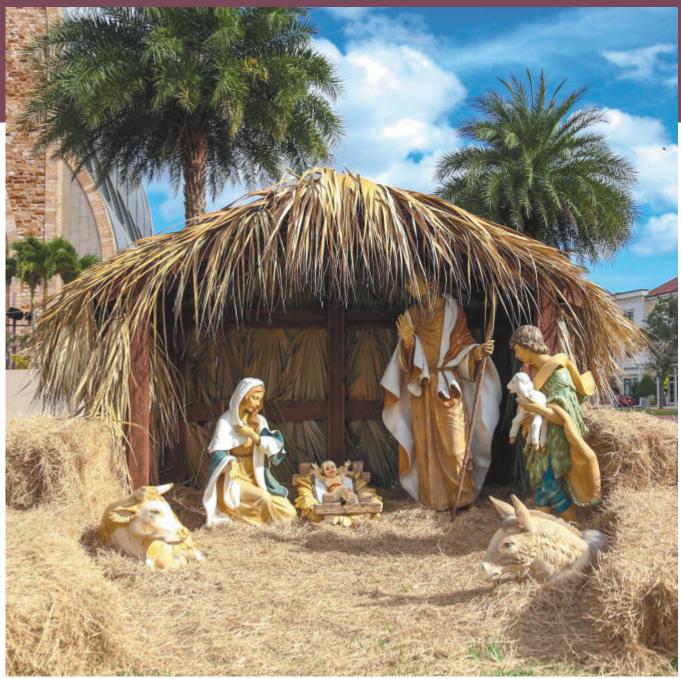
Dec. 25-26, 2021 | Christmas Day and Holy Family

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH



5078 Pope John Paul II Blvd., Ste. 107, Ave Maria, FL 34142 | 239.261.5555 | office@avemariaparish.org | M-F 9am-5pm

Weekly Reflection



St. Leo the Great teaches: "Lowliness is assured by majesty, weakness by power, mortality by eternity . . . The Word of God took the nature of a servant without stain of sin, enlarging our humanity without diminishing his divinity. He emptied himself; though invisible he made himself visible, though Creator and Lord of all things he chose to be one of us mortal men. Yet this was the condescension of compassion, not the loss of omnipotence."

The lowliness of his human nature is assumed in the majesty of His Divine nature. Then, Jesus true God and true man is powerful as God and humble as man.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us to pay the debt of our sinful state. A nature that was incapable of suffering was joined to one that could suffer. He assumed a nature capable of suffering, and even more, destined to suffer for our salvation and reconciliation with God.

Contemplating the mystery of the Nativity of Our Lord, with the angels, we sing: "Glory to God in the Highest and peace to his people on earth!"

May God bless you and your families in abundance! May the joy, peace, and grace that the Child Jesus brought with his birth be always in your hearts! Merry Christmas!

Our Priests

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Collection Summary

• 12/11 & 12/12 Total	\$22,529.96	
Weekly Budget*	\$18,943.24	
Donations to CFA \$83,421.50		
CFA Goal	\$210,000	
Campaign Victory Goal	\$3,000,000	
Total Campaign Pledges	\$1,919,607	
Pledges Collected to Date	\$1,256,744	
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MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

Sat. December 25

Christmas Day Masses

	10:00am	Bishop Frank Dewane
	12:30pm (EF)	The Parish Community
Hol	y Family Eve Mass	
	5:00pm	The Parish Community

Sun. December 26

8:00am	+ Karen Apang
10:00am	The Parish Community
12:30pm (EF)	The Murray Family

Mon. December 27

• 7:30am	The Lucy Guevara Family
• 12:00pm	+ Manuel Soares
e l 2:45-3:45pm	Confessions
5:00pm	Mark Modeste

Tues. December 28

7:30am	+ Olga Duarte
12:00pm	+ Ofelia Jaramillo
5:00pm	+ Dean Tamisiea

Wed. December 29

7:30am	The DeMasi Family
• 12:00pm	+ Angela Kay Gallagher
🔵 😑 2:45-3:45pm	Confessions
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5:00pm

ons + Santo J. Battaglia

Thur. December 30

7:30am	Eunice Fischetta
12:00pm	Ken Evans & Family
5:00pm	Richard & Kathy Tamisiea

Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace

Fri. December 31

• 7:30am	Our Parish Priests	
• 12:00pm	Rick Evans	
🔵 🛑 2:45-3:45pm	Confessions	
Mother of God Eve Mass		
5:00pm	+ Julio Caballero	

9:00pm-12:00am Holy Hour & Confessions

Color Key for Priests

Fr. David Vidal	🛑 Fr. Joseph Lugalambi
Fr. John Andem	Fr. Ignatius
Fr. Piotr Paciorek	🛑 Fr. Anbu
Fr. Romanus Cessario	FSSP
Fr. Rick Martignetti	Fr. Bob Garrity
🛑 Fr. Guy Mansini	

Contact the Parish Office to remember your own dearly departed loved ones in the Holy Mass.

Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial por Intenciones de Misas.

Prayer of the Week

Libera Me (Deliver Me, Lord Jesus Christ)

Deliver me, Lord Jesus Christ, from all my iniquities and from every evil, make me ever hold fast to Thy commandments and never allow me to be separated from Thee. Amen.

Libera me, Domine, Iesu Christe, ab omnibus iniquitatis meis et universis malis, fac me tuis semper inhaerere mandatis et a te numquam separari permittas. Amen.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

Welcome to the Church!

December 18:

- Damian Martinez Avalos
- Emma Lois Karas

*Contact the parish office for information on scheduling a baptism and the required classes for parents and godparents.

Holy Matrimony

By creating man and woman God called them to an intimate communion of life and of love: "So that they are no longer two, but one flesh," (Mt. 19:6).

*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.

Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.

*Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick. For an emergency, call 239.261.5555 and follow the instructions.



PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A renewed effort for our Parish to continue our Capital Campaign, **Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future** is beginning!

Capital Campaign Donations are distributed in the following way: 85% is directed to debt reduction and 15% is allocated to capital improvements. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Please join us in this effort! For more information, contact our Parish Office **Office@AveMariaParish.org** or visit our website **www.AveMariaParish.org** \$3,000,000





PARISH LIFE Events and Updates



Ave Maria Parish Players Live Nativity Play

Ave Maria Parish Players (a working title for the newlyfounded parish drama club) is rehearsing now for the parish Nativity Play, which will feature live animals, music, and a glorious angel choir.

The club will perform the nativity play this Sunday, December 26th, at 3:30pm in front of the Church. Petting of the animals will be allowed from 3:00 to 3:30pm. Children of all ages are invited to come and be part of this celebration of the birth of Jesus!

Everyone is working hard to make the play a beautiful gift for the Baby Jesus, and for our parish," says Candelaria Forero, director of this year's play. Assistant directors Scholastica Niewald and Mita Boivin, and Musical Director, Anne Patterson, agree.

Please come and experience this joyful beginning of the Christmas season! Lawn chairs are encouraged. For questions regarding Ave Maria Parish Players, or the Nativity Play, please contact the parish office, or email **vero.abandano@gmail.com**

DARE TO ream

Ave Maria Parish Gala

You can now make your reservations for our **Dare to Dream Gala** in honor of Tom Monaghan, founder of Ave Maria, by visiting our secure website

www.avegives.org

Place: Vineyards Country Club, 400 Vineyards Drive Date: February 12, 2022 from 5-10:30pm. For more information on sponsorships, email gala@avemariaparish.org or call Beatrice Sanford, 757-707-0146

Mark Your Calendar!

New Year - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Masses (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)

Fri, Dec 31, 5pm Vigil, and 9pm-Midnight Exposition Sat, Jan 1, 10am and 12:30pm (EF)

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday Masses

Sat, Jan 1, 5pm Vigil (English), 7pm Vigil (Spanish) Sun, Jan 2, 8am, 10am, and 12:30pm (EF)

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

Fraternus in Ave Maria In Ave Maria Parish

Fraternus begins **on Wednesday January 5th!** For over 10 years Fraternus has been mentoring boys into virtuous Catholic men. With over 26 chapters in 13 states, "Ave Maria Fraternus" will now begin meeting **Wednesday, January 5th** and each Wednesday throughout the remainder of the school year. All meetings will be held **from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Donahue Academy.**

Fraternus meetings are called "Frat Nights" and form the foundation of a Fraternus chapter. Frat Nights are structured but simple: recreation time, teaching, squad time discussion, and challenge. Fraternus allows Fathers to meet their sons "where they are" in their walk of faith as they confront the challenges of growing up in today's secular society.

Fraternus Chapters are born from and always pointed back to the parish, the local community of men, because it is in the Eucharist that Christian fraternity is most manifest. Fraternus helps to unite the men of a parish into a brotherhood seeking virtue and holiness, and then provides a framework to make sure that passes on to the next generation through intentional mentoring. This makes a Fraternus Chapter truly a "brotherhood for all ages."

Please meet the formation team outside church after any Mass the weekends of January 2 and January 9. Registration for our newly formed chapter is now available at **fraternus.net** More questions? Please write to us at **avemariafraternus2022@gmail.com.**





Legion of Mary

Monday, December 27 7-8:30pm | Mary & Mercy Ctr. Bill Bradt *bradtbill@aol.com*

AA Meeting

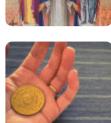
Thursday, December 30 7-9pm | Parish Hall Dan Linton *dlinton58@gmail.com*

Secular Franciscan Order

Sunday, January 2, 2022 12:30-3:30pm | Parish Hall Carol Bart *cabart51@gmail.com*

Lay Cistercians

Sunday, January 9, 2022 1:15pm | Ann Brefka residence Bud Karbach *naplesbud@yahoo.com*







Ave Maria Youth Group

On Wednesday, January 19, 2022 approximately 100 high school youth and chaperones will depart Ave Maria around noon for Washington D.C. We will take part in the **Annual March for Life.** The group will travel by bus and sleep (or not sleep) on the bus Wednesday night.

We will arrive in D.C. on Thursday morning and attend Mass near the Capitol. The young people will then go with an assigned group with a chaperone to venue in D.C. Some will go to the Holocaust Museum, others will go to the Air and Space Museum or the American History Museum; some groups will go to Arlington Cemetery, the Pentagon, or to the John Paul II Museum. All groups will have a chance to go through the Archives and see the original Declaration of Independence and Constitution and Bill of Rights.

On Friday, after Mass we will make our way to a nearby Planned Parenthood to pray a rosary and other prayers. Then we will travel to the Mall in order to participate in the March for Life. We will gather at the Supreme Court after the March and depart for Ave Maria. Our first stop will be in the Richmond area for dinner. We will then hunker in for the ride home. We should arrive in Ave between 1 and 4 pm on Saturday.

On January 8, 2022, I will be speaking at our **Knights of Columbus fundraiser** in order to raise money for this youth pilgrimage. Please be generous in supporting our young people in their desire to witness to the truth of the dignity of all human life. If any high school age student or adult is interested in joining our group for this pilgrimage, we do have about 20 spots available. You may contact me at

thomas.kinnick@avemariaparish.org Thank you to all, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Deacon Thomas M. Kinnick



Donahue Academy

Merry Christmas! Donahue Academy wishes the entire parish a Merry Christmas. If you were unable to see the parish school's First Grade Nativity Play, we invite you to visit our website to watch it. They practiced it many times and the video is a composite of their performance at the Hometown Christmas event and their dress rehearsals.

We would also like to remind anybody interested in starting their child on the path of encountering Christ and pursuing excellence that the application for admission deadline is January 15th. Our application numbers so far this year are far higher than anything we've ever experienced. If you want your child to attend Donahue Academy for the 2022-2023 academic year, be sure to apply soon.

Religious Education

Holy Family of Nazareth! Make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen! The Ave Maria Faith Formation team wants to wish the families of Ave Maria Parish, a beautiful and Merry Christmas! You are loved by many! Becky Hampton.

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Reflexión Semanal



San León Magno enseña: "La pequeñez está sostenida por la majestad, la debilidad por el poder, y la mortalidad por la eternidad . . . El Verbo de Dios tomó la naturaleza de siervo sin la mancha del pecado, engrandeciendo nuestra humanidad sin disminuir su divinidad. El se anonadó a sí mismo. Aunque invisible se hizo visible; aunque Creador y Señor de todas las cosas, eligió ser un hombre mortal como nosotros. Sin embargo, esta fue una condescendencia por compasión y no una pérdida de su omnipotencia."

La pequeñez de su naturaleza humana es asumida por la majestad de su naturaleza divina. Entonces, Jesús, verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre, es poderozo como Dios y humilde como hombre. El Verbo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros para pagar nuestra deuda de pecado. Una naturaleza incapaz de sufrir, se unió a una naturaleza que podía sufrir. El Verbo de Dios asumió una naturaleza capaz de sufrir, e incluso más, destinada a sufrir para nuestra salvación y reconciliación con Dios.

Contemplando el misterio del nacimiento de Nuestro Señor, con los ángeles cantamos: "Gloria a Dios en el cielo y en la tierra paz a los hombres!" ¡Qué Dios los bendiga abundantemente! ¡Qué la alegría, la paz, y la gracias que el Niño Jesús nos trajo con su nacimiento siempre esté en sus corazones! ¡Feliz Navidad!

Sacramentos, Preparación, Quinceañera, y RCIA

El **bautismo,** nos introduce a las aguas salvadoras que nos trae el Espíritu Santo y nos hace miembros de la Iglesia.

La **confesión,** nos hace vivir la misericordia de Dios, ejercida a través del ministerio de los sacerdotes.

Primera Comunión, nos hace participar de la vida de Jesús, recibiendo su Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad bajo la apariencia de pan y vino.

Confirmación, nos sella por medio de los dones del Espíritu Santo para ser testigos vivos de Cristo.

Unción de los enfermos, nos da la fortaleza espiritual e incluso física en tiempos de enfermedad o en peligro de muerte.

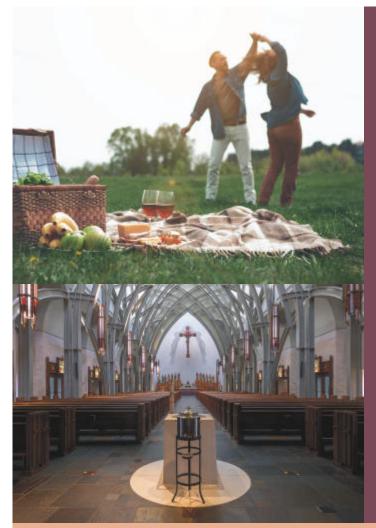
Las **quinceañeras** son celebraciones que tradicionalmente las familias hispanas hacen para dar gracias a Dios por el don de la vida de quien cumple los 15 años y para pedir las bendiciones de Dios.

¿Cómo me hago católico? Tal vez has asistido a misa con nosotros por un tiempo, o tal vez acabas de conocer a un católico y estabas intrigado por su fe. Quizás fuiste bautizado cuando eras niño, asististe a algunas clases de catecismo, pero realmente no has estado practicando la fe estos últimos años. Entonces, ¿por dónde empiezas?

Para más información, contacta a Martha Baca, Martha.B@avemariaparish.org

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Matrimonios Transformados

El Grupo de Matrimonios de Ave Maria se reúne en **Donahue Academy los sábados de 11:20am a 2:30pm** en las siguientes fechas:

Enero 15 "¿Qué pasó el día de nuestra boda?" Enero 29 "Deleitarse en la intimidad." Febrero 12 Retiro Matrimonial Parroquial. (No Reunión) Febrero 26 "Manejando nuestro dinero."

Para más información, contacta Karla y Jorge Cebreros, **mtavemaria@gmail.com**

Misa en Español en Ave Maria

weekly Saturday 7:00pm Vigil Mass.

Desde el sábado 1 de enero 2022, se ofrecerá la Santa **Misa en español los sábados a las 7:00pm** (Vigilia de Domingo). Aquellos que estén interesados en participar como lectores, ministros de la eucaristía, ujieres, o coro, por favor, manden un mensaje al **Fr.David@AveMariaParish.org** On Saturday January 1, 2022, Ave Maria Parish will start offering the Holy Mass in Spanish. We will have a

Oración de la Semana

Súplicas para Tiempos Difíciles Divino Niño Jesús

Tengo mil dificultades: ayúdame. De los enemigos del alma: sálvame.
En los desaciertos: ilumíname. En mis dudas y penas: confórtame.
En mis soledades: acompáñame. En mis enfermedades: fortaléceme.
Cuando me desprecien: anímame. En las tentaciones: defiéndeme.
En las horas difíciles: consuélame. Con tu corazón paternal: ámame.
Con tu inmenso poder: protégeme. Y en tus brazos al expirar: recíbeme. Amén.

SOME UNIQUE TREASURES

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MARCH FOR LIFE LUNCHEON

FEAT. DCN. TOM KINNICK (KEYNOTE) HELP SEND OUR STUDENTS TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN D.C.

JANUARY 8, 2022 | 12 PM TO 2 PM OASIS, GRAND HALL, DEL WEBB \$35 PER TICKET

Please consider supporting the students of Donahue Academy and the cause for life. For more info contact John Lanham at john432apfegmail.com

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