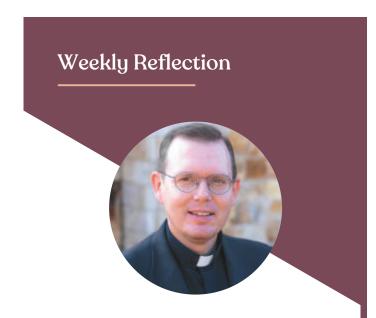
Jan. 1-2, 2022 | Mary, Mother of God and Epiphany

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The first Christians called Mary the "Mother of God" without hesitation. If Jesus was God, and Mary was his mother, then that made her the Mother of God.

In the fifth century, however, some people raised the same objections that many non-Catholics raise today: the objectors indicate that they could accept the title "Mother of Christ," but not "Mother of God." However, Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, who was and is a divine person. Mary gave birth to the whole person. She gave birth to Jesus Christ, who is both God and man. That is what we confess every time we say the Apostles' Creed.

Calling Mary "Mother of God" states a truth that must be stated in order to protect the essential truth about Christ. Venerable Fulton Sheen tells us: "There is never any danger that men will think too much of Mary; the danger is that they will think too little of Christ. Coldness toward Mary is a consequence of indifference to Christ. Any objection to calling her the "Mother of God" is fundamentally an objection to the Deity of Christ. The consecrated term Theotokos, "Mother of God," has ever since 432 been the touchstone of the Christian Faith," (Venerable Fulton Sheen, All Mothers Are Alike—Save One).

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Collection Summary

12/18 & 12/19 Total \$17,139.41

Weekly Budget* \$18,943.24

Donations to CFA \$83,421.50

CFA Goal \$210,000

Campaign Victory Goal \$3,000,000

Total Campaign Pledges \$2,004,726

Pledges Collected to Date \$1,256,744

*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace

Sat. January 1

Mother of God Day Masses

10:00am Diocese of Venice12:30pm (EF) The Parish Community

Epiphany Eve Mass

5:00pm Bishop Frank Dewane7:00pm (SP) The Spanish Community

Sun. January 2

8:00am The Parish Community
10:00am + Sonny Ruberto
12:30pm (EF) Diocese of Venice

Mon. January 3

7:30am + The Keena Family
 12:00pm + Amy Beth Bourdeau

2:45-3:45pm Confessions

5:00pm Colton Stone Pointz

Tues. January 4

7:30am In Reparation12:00pm Prayer Box Intentions

• 5:00pm

Wed. January 5

7:30amJohn & Laura Ruberto12:00pmHoly Souls in Purgatory

2:45-3:45pm

5:00pm Larry & Patty Butler

Thur. January 6

7:30am Amy Niewald
 12:00pm John Coglia

• 5:00pm Anthony J. Battaglia

Fri. January 7

• 7:30am + Mirta Urizarri

• **12:00pm** + Hermes Hernandez

2:45-3:45pm Confessions

5:00pm Joseph A. Battaglia

● **6:30-7:30pm** Holy Hour & Confessions

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Fr. John AndemFr. IgnatiusFr. Piotr PaciorekFr. 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: Sub Tuum Praesidium

Confessions

Emily Rae Daub

The title of Mary, Mother of God, appears in one of the oldest known Christian prayers, the *Sub Tuum Praesidium* ("Beneath Your Protection"), an early form of the *Memorare* that dates to the third century.

Sub tuum praesidium confugimus, Sancta Dei Genetrix. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus1, sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta. Amen.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

Welcome to the Church!

December 23, 2021 Kollyns James Feith

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

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations!

December 30, 2021 Savohn Hunt and Emily Baalman

*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.

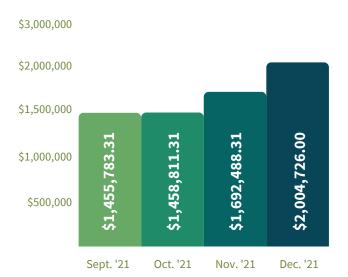


PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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. **Amount raised since we began our renewed efforts in October 2021: \$545,915.00** This has been raised from 45 donors! 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**



PARISH LIFE

Events and Updates



January 8

Altar Servers Practice

10:30am-12noon Church & Parish Hall



January 15

Parish Men's Retreat

7:30am-2:30pm AMU Ballroom



January 22

March for Life In Ave Maria

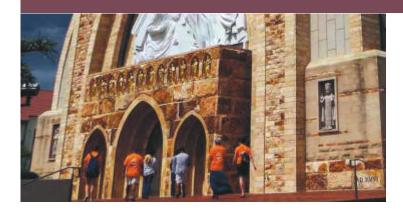
10am-1pm AMU-Church



January 29

The Steak Cook-Off Donahue Academy Fundraising

10am Piazza



Ave Maria Tour Day Ministry

The Ave Maria Tour Day will begin on **Tuesday January 11, through the end of April** (excluding Holy Week).
The Ave Maria Tour will only be offered on Tuesdays, the day the town runs trolley tours. Tours begin at **1:00pm and last until 3:00pm.** Approximately, three guides are offered per day. Sometimes, even smaller and more frequent groups are guided.

The Ave Maria Tour Day Ministry gives out about 8000 brochures a year; and it is estimated that between 40-50 thousand visitors will do a building walk through each year. If anyone is interested in joining this ministry, please contact **Robert Schoenborn**, **OFS**, **rschoe25@icloud.com**



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

Parish Men's Retreat

On Saturday, January 15, 2022, it will be offered a Retreat Day for Men on the Virtue of Fortitude guided by Fr. David M Vidal. It will take place at the AMU Ballroom, from 7:30am to 2:30pm. The requested donation is \$25 (Includes continental breakfast and boxed lunch). To register, contact John Lanham, john432apf@gmail.com, or call the parish office (239) 261-5555

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

Lay Dominican Group In Ave Maria Parish

Lay Dominicans are committed Catholics seeking to live a richer spiritual life in the world through formation in the charisms of St. Dominic and the 800-year-old order he founded. St. Dominic's life was marked by two driving passions: the salvation of souls trapped in sin, and the proclamation of Truth to those trapped by falsehood. If you share these passions, then perhaps you have a vocation to the lay Dominican life!

Any practicing Catholic of good standing, 18 years or older, who wishes to progress in the Christian life, is welcome to join. Becoming a lay Dominican is a five-year process of formation in the four pillars of Dominican spirituality: liturgical and contemplative prayer, study of our faith (including the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas), community, and apostolate. Meetings are held monthly, during which you will learn how to deepen your prayer life, how to explain and defend your faith, and how to bring your faith into the world around you. All this is done in community with brothers and sisters in Christ who share a love for souls, for the Truth, and for growing in faith and virtue.

Our first meeting will be held on Saturday,
January 8. Meetings will be held in Donahue
Academy every second Saturday, from 10:00am
to 1:45pm. If interested, please contact Ina Carr
at laydominicanavemaria@gmail.com



Secular Franciscan Order

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



Frat Night (Fraternus)

Wednesday, January 5 6:30-8:30pm | Donahue Academy Tom Nuttle avemariafraternus2022@gmail.com



AA Meeting

Thursday, January 6 7-9pm | Parish Hall Dan Linton dlinton58@qmail.com



Lay Cistercians

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

Children's Eucharistic Adoration

Weekly Guided Children's Eucharistic
Adoration is coming to Ave Maria Parish! Each
Monday from 7-8pm starting January 24,
2020. Children in grades 1-6 will gather together
as a group to adore our Eucharistic Lord Jesus.
Others are welcome to join in this beautiful time
of prayer using the pews in the back half of the
Church.

To receive the weekly emails that will include a children's Eucharistic story and music tracks, email your name, your child's name and grade to **Becky Hampton**, Director of Religious Education at: **Becky.H@avemariaparish.org**

"I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His presence? Like the young Samuel, by learning the words of the prayer of the heart, they will be closer to the Lord, who will accompany them in their spiritual and human growth," Saint John Paul II.

"I also recommend that, in their catechetical training, and especially in their preparation for First Holy Communion, children be taught the meaning and the beauty of spending time with Jesus and helped to cultivate a sense of awe before his presence in the Eucharist," Pope Benedict XVI.

"Moreover, I want to encourage everyone to visit – if possible, everyday – especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and His mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him," Pope Francis.



Donahue Academy

Blessed New Year! We hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas and is enjoying the Christmas Season. The students at our parish school, Donahue Academy, are returning to school this week. Please keep them in your prayers that they may have a studious and holy remainder of the academic year. 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. Contact Veronica Lendman, Admissions@donahueacademy.org

Religious Education

God of all, be our daily star that guides our lives as we search for your love. May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do, forever trusting, hoping, and believing in your word. Lift our eyes to the heavens so we too may follow your guiding star as we travel home to you. Amen!

We want to wish the families of Ave Maria a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you in class! Confirmation and RCIA sessions resume on Wednesday1/5/22 and Faith Formation classes resume on 1/9/22. Becky Hampton.

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



Los primeros cristianos llamaron a María la "Madre de Dios" sin dudarlo. Si Jesus es Dios y María es su Madre, entonces, esto hace de Ella la Madre de Dios. En el siglo quinto, sin embargo, algunas personas presentaron algunas objeciones que mucho no-católicos presentan hoy día: los objetores decían que ellos podrían aceptar el título de María "Madre de Cristo" pero no el de "Madre de Dios." Ahora, María dio a luz a Jesucristo, que fue y es una persona divina. María dio a luz a toda la persona. Ella dio a luz a Jesucristo, quien es

Dios y hombre verdadero. Esto es lo que confesamos cada vez que rezamos el "Credo."

El llamar a María "Madre de Dios" introduce una verdad que debe ser afirmada para proteger la verdad acerca de Cristo. El Venerable Fulton Sheen nos dice: "No hay peligro de pensar muy elevadamente acerca de María; el peligro es el que pensemos de un modo mezquino acerca de Cristo. La frialdad hacia María es consecuencia de la indiferencia hacia Jesucristo. Cualquier objeción de llamarla a Ella "Madre de Dios" se fundamenta en una objeción a la Divinidad de Cristo. La palabra 'Teotokos,' (Madre de Dios), siempre ha sido desde el 432 la marca de nuestra fe católica," (Venerable Fulton Sheen, *Todas las Madres son Iguales—Con Excepción de Una*).

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.

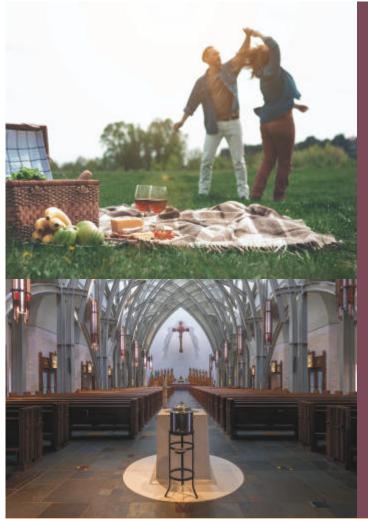
Las **quinceañeras** son celebraciones que tradicionalmente las familias hispanas hacen para dar gracias a Dios por el don de la vida de quien cumple los 15 años y para pedir las bendiciones de Dios.

¿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

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 weekly Saturday 7:00pm Vigil Mass.

Oración de la Semana

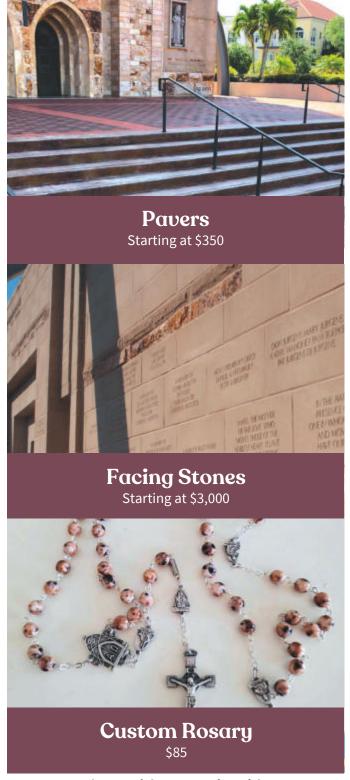
El título de María, Madre de Dios aparece en una de las oraciones cristianas más antiguas que se conoce, el Sub Tuum Praesidium ("Bajo Tu Amparo"), que precede en el tiempo a la oración del Memorare y se remonta al siglo tercero.

Sub tuum praesidium confugimus, Sancta Dei Genetrix. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus, sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta. Amen.

Bajo tu amparo nos acogemos, santa Madre de Dios; no deseches las súplicas que te dirigimos en nuestras necesidades, antes bien, líbranos de todo peligro, oh siempre Virgen, gloriosa y bendita. Amen

SOME UNIQUE TREASURES

from Ave Maria Catholic Church & Resources



Email memorials@avemariaparish.org for more info!



DONAHUE ACADEMY

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

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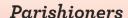
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