

JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



# St. Matthew's

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## Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil- 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

## Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday at 8:30am

## Adoration

Wednesday 5:00pm-7:00pm

Rosary at 6:30pm Wednesdays

First Friday 7:00pm-8:00pm

## Confession

Saturdays 3:30pm-4:30pm  
or by appointment

Daily Masses and 10:30 Sunday Mass will be broadcast online.

Find a direct link to the livestream of the Mass on [stmatthewsjax.com](http://stmatthewsjax.com).

## Sacraments

**Baptism:** Mike Kelley  
617-359-3842

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318-2711

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388-1207

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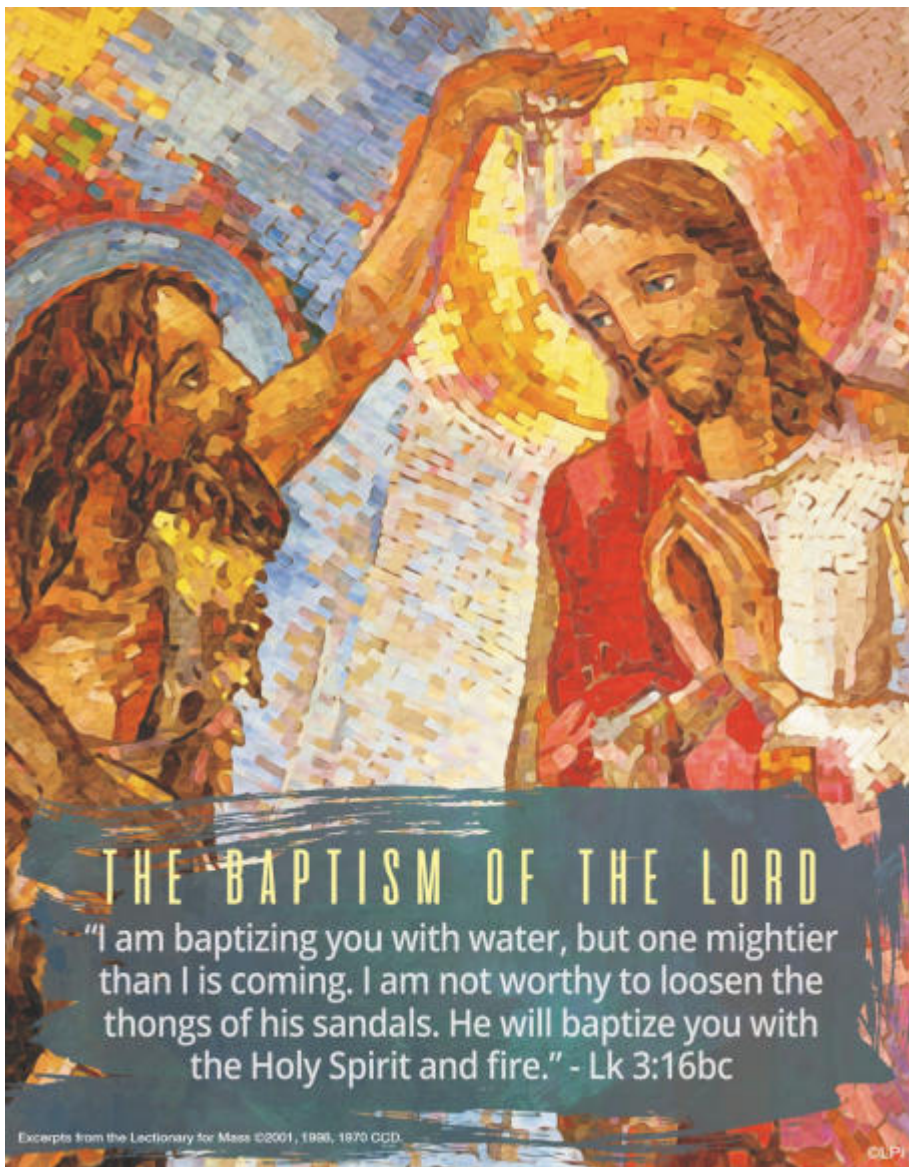
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**Hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m-4:30 p.m.



Nourished by the word of God and Eucharist, we gather as one family, to grow in faith, and bring the loving presence of Jesus Christ to all.

**Fr. Jose Kulathinal, CMI, V.F.**

Fr. Pradeep Aerthayil, CMI – Parochial Vicar

Deacon George Good

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### *the Stewards' Message* † *sharing the gifts we have been given*

*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' -Luke 3:16*

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human being of the die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus— the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



### Mass Intentions

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:30AM: DR. JAMES TRIMBLE †

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

8:30AM: EMMA SPENCE †

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:30AM: SOULS IN PURGATORY †

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH

8:30AM: MARY KEANE †

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH

8:30AM: RAY NASRALLAH †

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8:30AM: RAY NASRALLAH †

5:00PM: ALINE STOMFAY-STITZ †

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

8:30 AM: JULES DENITTO †

10:30 AM: TONY SHERIDAN †

5:00 PM: FRANCES DEBIAK †

### SANCTUARY LIGHT IN HONOR OF

ANDREW & THERESA ROTH  
70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

## The History of Joseph the Sacristan and The Florida Martyrs

Presented by Dr. Mary Soha

Wednesday January 12th at 6:30 p.m.

In the Schiavone Parish Center

Light Refreshments will be served after the  
presentation.

We hope to see you there!



# St. Vincent de Paul Society

**"He who labors as he prays, lifts his heart to God with his hands." -  
St. Benedict of Nursia**

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers are available to assist our parish family and those in our parish community during this critical time. Please call the SVdP emergency phone at 388-7008 to let us know of anyone who needs assistance.

If you would like a blessed blanket to give to someone who is ill or someone in need of comfort, please call Shirley Barton at 389-6036 or Robin LaByer at 716-2612.

There is also a prayer blanket request box in the narthex of the church.

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## **After Christmas Clearance Sale in the Gift Shop!**

**Many items marked half price. Hurry in while items are still available!**



**Coffee 'n Donuts** - will return in a limited capacity beginning in February. We need YOU to assist with this ministry to keep it going. It's not difficult, and there are always two people for each Mass. Family's can do it, couples can do it, senior youth can do it and earn service hours. Without you, we may lose this much enjoyed ministry. Contact Debra Harris @ 904-894-1923 if interested. Thank You!

**Potluck** - will be returning in February, stay tuned to the weekly bulletin for upcoming dates and themes.

## Parish Support

Our parish services are budgeted for weekly collections of \$17,000.00.

### Offertory for the week of 01/02/2022

<u>Offertory:</u>	\$9,694.00
<u>Faith Direct:</u>	\$9,596.29
<u>Total:</u>	\$19,290.29

**Thank you for your support!**

We appreciate your faithful support of our parish efforts. Several of our parishioners have asked how they can continue to support our church. Please consider the options offered here:

### *Faith Direct—Online Giving*



Through Faith Direct you can make all of your contributions to St. Matthew's Catholic Church via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card – just as you may do now with your mortgage, household bills, and other monthly payments. This is a great way to simplify your giving – and it's the most cost-effective, environmentally-friendly way for us to receive your gifts.

#### **To Register:**

1. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or call (866) 507-8757
2. Enter our church code: FL65
3. Enter personal information

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You can also mail your offertory envelopes to our office if you'd prefer.

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**Bishop John J. Snyder High School** is hosting an **Open House** on **Saturday, January 22nd from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.** Please join us to meet our principal, Deacon David Yazdiya, administrators, faculty, coaches and students. Learn more about our college-preparatory academics, competitive athletics, extracurricular activities and our faith-filled environment as you tour the campus and meet our community. To RSVP, call 904-771-1029 or email [admissions@bishopsnyder.org](mailto:admissions@bishopsnyder.org).

The **High School Placement Test** (HSPT) is required for all rising freshmen to attend a Catholic high school in the Diocese of St. Augustine. **Bishop John J. Snyder High School** is offering the HSPT on January 22nd at 8:30 a.m. Online registration can be found on our website at [www.bishopsnyder.org/admissions](http://www.bishopsnyder.org/admissions). To learn more about the High School Placement Test, call Shelley Gudzak at 904-908-8978.

**1. Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA) (Formerly Gardiner or McKay Scholarships)** allows parents of students with unique abilities to personalize the education of their children. This includes any student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a qualifying documented disability from a licensed physician. Many diagnoses by a physician qualify, including anaphylaxis, autism, intellectual disability, and other health impairment (i.e. ADD, Asthma, and Type 1 Diabetes).

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*Additionally, all children in a family who have a sibling on the FES-UA scholarship, regardless of income, will qualify for a "Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options" (FES-EO).*

**Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO) and the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program** give parents the ability to choose a school that best meets their children's needs. Eligibility is determined by household income. For applications for the 2022-23 school year, we anticipate a family of four could make nearly \$120,000 annually and qualify. These numbers are not usually finalized until later in the year.

*Dependent children of a reservist or an active-duty military member of the United States Armed Forces automatically qualify for this scholarship based on his or her parent's service to our country, regardless of income.*

More information can be found on these state scholarships by visiting [www.stepupforstudents.org](http://www.stepupforstudents.org).



We invite everyone to a Holy Mass of Anointing of the Sick for the Diocese of St. Augustine hosted by the Order of Malta. We are thrilled that the sixth annual Malta Holy Mass of Anointing will be led by Father Richard Pagano at San Jose Catholic Church and accompanied by the Jacksonville University choir. The JU choir has sung at the Vatican and bring a beautiful aura to this wonderful sacrament. This Mass is open to anyone in the Diocese and we ask that you arrive early to hear the choir. Please remember this Mass is for more than just physical suffering; think also of embracing emotional and spiritual wellness. As you know the Order of Malta has a special trip to Lourdes each year, when able, bringing the sick to the grotto. Please mark your calendars today.

**At San Jose Catholic Church**

**3619 Toledo Rd # A, Jacksonville, FL 32217**

**Saturday, February 12th, 2022**

**The JU Choir will begin singing at 10:30AM**

**Anointing Mass at 11AM (arrive early!)**



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### *Healing the Pain of Abortion*

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any man or woman who is struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion in their life. Come and receive peace, forgiveness of self and others and the compassion of God. These retreats are private, strictly confidential and for people of all faiths. Our next retreat is March 4-6, 2022. Call 904-221-3232 or email [rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com). All calls & inquiries are very confidential. Come and be restored!



Join the Young Catholic Professionals for views and brews on the rooftop of River & Post for our January Networking Happy Hour from 5-7pm on Monday, January 10th.

Catch up with friends following the holidays and make new Catholic connections! Register at [ycpijax.org](http://ycpijax.org).

A Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council 648 is in the process of being formed. The purpose of this group will be to support the Knights of Columbus Council 648, our parish priests, to enhance the spiritual growth and sociability of the members and to engage in charitable and civic endeavors. If you are a woman of 18 years of age or older and a practicing Catholic you are eligible to join. You do not have to be married to a knight or have a father as a knight. We will meet starting in January on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Schiavone Parish Center. If you are interested in joining or would like more information call Lola Higgins at 856-628-1006.

### Around the Diocese

#### **January 13**

#### **Synod Discernment Evening #3 of 6**

Bishop Estévez invites the people of God to participate in the third session of six as part of the local discernment process for the Synod on Synods.

6:30 p.m. doors open to the church; 6:45 p.m. session begins

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Fleming Island

For more information and discernment questions to review in advance, visit <https://synod.dosaf1.com>.

#### **January 13**

#### **Presentation on the Life of St. Padre Pio**

Presenter: Deacon Robert DeLuca

6:30 p.m., St. Jude Hall of St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 5205 A1A South, St. Augustine 32080. For more information, email Denise Pressley at [dre@saccfl.org](mailto:dre@saccfl.org).

#### **January 16-17**

#### **Relics of St. Padre Pio coming to St. Anastasia Parish**

In preparation for the veneration of the relics of St. Padre Pio, the community is invited to a presentation on the life of St. Pio: the Capuchin friar, the priest, the stigmatist and mystic. The presentation will be given by Deacon Robert DeLuca on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Jude Hall. For more information and a schedule, email Denise Pressley at [dre@saccfl.org](mailto:dre@saccfl.org).

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>8:30am: Mass</p> <p>10:30am: Mass</p> <p>5:00pm: Mass</p>	<p>8:30am: Mass</p>	<p>8:00am: Respect for Life Rosary</p> <p>8:30am: Mass</p>	<p>8:30am: Mass</p> <p>5:00-7:00--Adoration</p>	<p>8:30am: Mass</p>	<p>First Friday</p> <p>8:30am: Mass</p> <p>7:00-8:00pm- Adoration</p>	<p>8:30am: Mass</p> <p>5:00pm: Mass</p>
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Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Saturday, Jan 15, 5:00 PM	Sister Louise	Eileen O'Brien (3B) Ursula Shaw (4B) Don Detky - Upstairs	Lacie Patten NOT FILLED (sub req.)
Sunday, Jan 16, 8:30 AM	Misty Cameron (1) Joan Shewbrooks (2)	Carlisle Stone (3B) Kim Neill (4B) Tabatha Rhodes - Upstairs	Marlyn Bravo Trey Brennan
Sunday, Jan 16, 10:30 AM	Douglas Eurom (1) Todd DeClemente (2)	Melissa Merritt (3B) Kelly Gray-Eurom (4B) Kristen DeClemente - Upstairs	Isabella DeClemente Gabi DeClemente
Sunday, Jan 16, 5:00 PM	Abigail Catman	Art Doss (3B) Amelia Litchfield (4B) Meredith Rodriguez - Upstairs	Andres Griffin NOT FILLED

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