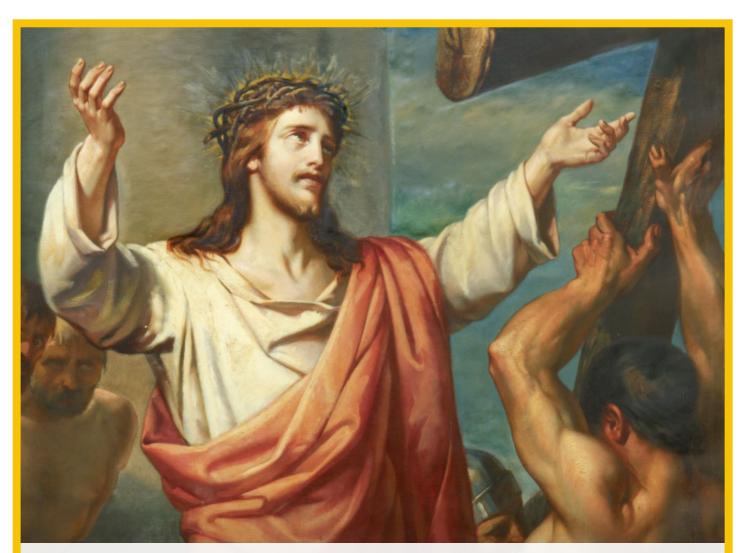
Sunday, September 3, 2023



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Matthew 16:24-25 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPi

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm Closed for lunch 12:00pm – 1:00pm

#### **PARISH STAFF**

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# Prayer & Worship



# LIGHT ME NATIONS

# LIGHT TO THE NATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - WE ARE ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST

## **HELP CHANGE THE WORLD**

"In the face of suffering or violence, poverty or hunger, corruption or abuse of power, a Christian can never remain silent. The saving message of the Gospel needs to be proclaimed loud and clear, so that the light of Christ can shine into the darkness of people's lives." - (Pope Benedict XVI)

At St. John Paul II Catholic Church, our daily mission is to bring the light of Christ to those in need physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually. The charity that pours from our ministries and our parish exemplifies the love that Christ has for His Church and for each of us. As we bring the vision of our campus sanctuary to fruition through the Light to the Nations Capital Campaign, we will provide a place for souls to find rest in Jesus Christ; not only locally, but through digital evangelization and outreach. Come, help us change the world.

#### **PLEDGE TODAY**

Whether you can commit \$10 per month or \$10,000 per month, every pledge is important and appreciated. Everyone has the capacity to love. Everyone has the capacity to help. If you have already pledged or have been donating regularly, THANK YOU!!

#### I'VE MADE MY PLEDGE - HOW DO I DONATE?

Drop off or mail a check to the parish office or scan QR code to donate online.

## I HAVE A QUESTION. WHO DO I ASK?

For specific questions about making your donation via your *Light to the Nations* Capital Campaign Portal in the Neon One CRM fundraising software, email *fundraising@ nocateecatholic.com*.

# OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 4 & 5

In observance of Labor Day, the parish office will be closed Monday, September 4th and Tuesday, September 5th. We will reopen Wednesday, September 6th.

#### A Stewardship Prayer for 2023

Dear Lord, thank you for teaching me to be generous as you have been generous with me. Thank you for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from you and that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared. Show me the joys of generosity. Help me to understand that others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help. Remind me that my world, my parish, needs "Good Samaritans" to heal the wounds of our times. Make me a gift to others in your name.

Amen.



PLEDGE



DONATE

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJPII

SEPT 24: FEAST OF SAINT SAN LORENZO; 12PM MASS FOLLOWED BY FESTIVAL OCT 6: THIRD ANNUAL BEACON OF LIGHT GALA OCT 22: FEAST OF ST. JOHN PAUL II & POLISH FESTIVAL

Lord, please strengthen us in the knowledge that, in Your Son's example in bearing the Cross for us, we can face with hope and prayer the crosses we must bear in our own earthly lives. Christ gave His life for us. May we respond by giving our lives to Him by bearing the crosses of love.

Amen.

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

OUR SICK & INFIRM — ESPECIALLY Javier-Maria Alonso, Kathe Anhalt, Kazimierz Banas, Jim Barber, Sanjeev Bode, James Boling, Joyce Bors, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Edward Carroway, Alan Damascus, John Deesburg, Deepak Dey, Diane Duffy, Tim Dunn, Peter Early, John Egolf, Robert Engl, Sharon Escamilla, Christy Fader, Levi Fisher, Sergio Garcia Jr., Rick Gerber, Elveta Guinn, Raymond Husveth, Ian Hall, Alex James, Jim, Joan, Joe, Kathy, Dillon Kind, Paul Kurtz, Fr. Michael Larkin, Kyle Lindholm, Antonia Lima de Sousa, Francisca Lima de Sousa, Vicente Lima de Sousa, Limbaugh family, Magdalena Lovejoy, Maria, Derek Martin, Pat Mayhew, Nancy McTighe, Joe Middlesworth, Michael N., Jenifer Owens, Brenda Phillips, Paula Phillips, Noelle Porter, Jay Rudometkin, Linda Sacco, William Sandel, Allen "Joe" Savilla, Peg Scrone, Roseanbe Scruggs, John (Jack) Slater, Louis F Smith, Maria Smith, Merle B Smith, Anne Speed, Greg Somers, Linda Teubner, David V. Townsend, Kent Vanderkolk, Victor, Melissa Wadely, Gail Wood, Larry Wood, Mary Ann Yaeger

**OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS** Ashley Chalmers, Sarah Martin, Laura Oring **OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY** LCDR Alex Alonso; Captain Connor G. Byrne, USA; 2Lt. Aidan Byrnes, USA; LCDR Trevor Hoyt; 2Lt. Matthew Mahlmeister, USA; SGT Daniel O'Connor; Cadet 1/C Erin Sass, USCG; AT2 Kyle Swanson, USN; Command Master Chief Avagayle Williams, USN

If you wish to add an individual's name to the prayer list, please send a request: *nocateecatholic.com/prayer-request*. In addition to prayers, if you would like a blessed Prayer Shawl, please contact: **Mary Therese Capone:** *prayershawl@ nocateecatholic.com*; text **631 413-7267** or **Marcia Garrett: 904 373-0786** 

Altar flowers are in loving memory of Jim Gosselin & in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Maureen LaFleur

# **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday – Friday 8:30am Saturday Vigil 4:00pm & 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm Confessions Saturday 2:30 – 3:45pm Holy Days of Obligation Vigil Mass 7:00pm Holy Day Masses 8:30am, 12:00pm

# PRAYER & ADORATION WEDNESDAYS

Morning Prayer 8:00am Daily Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:00am – 4:00pm Evening Prayer & Benediction 4:00pm

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, September 24:00pm Rose Simpson (100th birthday)6:00pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, September 3 8:00am † Diana Salak 10:00am † John Mascellino 12:00pm † Richard Clinton

MONDAY, September 4 8:30am Ryan Capone

TUESDAY, September 5 8:30am † Frances & David Boglioli

WEDNESDAY, September 6 8:30am † Marge Duffy

THURSDAY, September 7 8:30am † Sherley Craig

FRIDAY, September 8 8:30am † Marie & Harry Sintif

Mass intentions through December 2023 have been filled. Intentions can be reserved through January 2024 at this time.

# THE THIRD ANNUAL BEACON OF LIGHT GALA IS ONLY ONE MONTH AWAY!!

Seating is limited! Tables are filling up fast. Purchase your tickets today! **Want the Ultimate VIP Experience??** Add the VIP experience to your Gala ticket and get access to the VIP room.

#### VIP ROOM: Opens 1 hour before the gala.

- Bourbon & Wine Tasting
- Special Photo Booth to capture these memories
- Early access to premium drinks
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Special Guests
- Private entry into the ballroom
- Unique Keepsake & more!

#### COME JOIN THE PARTY TO SUPPORT THE LIGHT TO THE NATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Friday, October 6th Sawgrass Marriott 6 o'clock in the evening

# YOU COULD GO HOME WITH SOME INCREDIBLE GOODIES!

The Silent Auction will be PACKED with fantastic items to suit every hobby, leisure activity, and taste bud. We always look forward to watching the bids roll in, trying to win our favorite baskets and bundles, and taking home great items that were donated with so much love, thought, and creativity.

We Need YOUR Help! You can donate new, unused items, or purchase items from our Amazon Wish List by scanning the QR code. Drop off items at the parish office or email reception@nocateecatholic.com with questions.

Many thanks!! The Gala Auction Committee











## **CALLING ALL WINE LOVERS**

Come participate in this year's Beacon of Light Gala **WINE PULL!** 

At the Gala you can purchase chances to win amazing bottles of wine... up to \$100 in value!

To make this Wine Pull a SUCCESS, please donate bottles of wine valued at \$25 or more to include in the Wine Pull.

Donations can be dropped off in the boxes in the back of the church or brought to the Parish Office during the week.

#### SIP AND SHOP DRESS EVENT

Ladies of the parish! Join us **September 8th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm** at SJPII for an evening of wine, gowns, and charity!

## HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE:

1. Gown Loans: If you have a collection of beautiful gowns & dresses that you are willing to share for the Gala, we would be thrilled to showcase them. Your gown will be properly handled, cared for, and returned to you in the same condition after the event.

2. Gown Donations: If you have gently used gowns that you no longer need, please consider donating them to our event. Your generous donation will contribute to making someone's evening truly special & unforgettable.

3. Purse Donations: If you have a purse that you no longer need that is appropriate for a gala event, please consider donating it to our event.

#### Contact Amy Ayres amyayres@verizon.net or Stacey Polito

*staceypolito33@gmail.com* if you would like to loan or donate gowns & dresses. **HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:** 

Attend the event! Come browse and try on a stunning array of gowns, & dresses. Those who find a gown that they like are asked to make a donation to the capital campaign.

All money raised, and donations made will benefit the *Light to the Nations* Capital Campaign. We request that each participant bring a bottle of wine valued at \$25+ to contribute towards the Gala Wine Pull.



# SAVE THE DATE

#### SAINT SAN LORENZO RUIZ FEAST DAY: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

The Filipino community of our parish will be celebrating the feast day of the first saint from the Philippines, Saint San Lorenzo Ruiz, on **Sunday, September 24**. There will be Filipino food, dance presentations, a fashion show, songs and music of the Philippines. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact **Teena Agcanas** at *sanlorenzo@nocateecatholic.com* 

# **FOUNDER'S DAY**

458th Anniversary of Founder's Day at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, Sept. 9. Join us from **10:00am to 1:00pm** at **101 San Marco Ave.** in **St. Augustine** for Mass celebrated by **Bishop Pohlmeier** at the **Rustic Altar**, a reenactment of the landing of Pedro Menendez and the dedication of the Dr. Michael Gannon bridge. For more details, call **(904) 824-2809**.

# LOCAL CONFESSION TIMES

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA Wednesday: 5:30pm - 6:30pm Friday: 9:00am - 9:45am

OUR LADY OF LA LECHE NATIONAL SHRINE (Available in English & Spanish) Monday - Saturday: 11:00am - 11:55am ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH Sunday: (Iglesia histórica - En español)

8:40am - 9:00am 10:10am - 10:30am Monday - Saturday: 7:30am - 7:55am (Historic Church; Offered before Daily Mass) Thursday: 5:30pm - 6:00pm (Iglesia histórica - En español) Saturday: 4:30pm - 5:30pm (Main Church - Marian Center)



# Faith Formation

# **UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION DATES**

# FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!

K-6 Family of Faith (including First Holy Communion)

Parent Formation Night: **Thursday, September 7th at 6:00pm** Thursday Family Community Meeting: **September 14th at 6:00pm** Sunday Family Community Meeting: **September 17th at 1:30pm** 

**Confirmation Year 1 (Blaze/Masterpiece & Fraternus)** Parent Orientation Meeting: **Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00pm** Classes begin on **Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00pm** 

## **Confirmation Year 2**

Classes begin on Sunday, September 10th at 6:00pm

Missed the deadline for Faith Formation registration? Please reach out directly to **Dominic Salamida**, *Family Life Coordinator* at **904-330-0153** or *flc@nocateecatholic.com* 

# **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

Persons in our community who are young, mentally or physically challenged, or elderly make up the most vulnerable persons subject to abuse. PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN is an interactive workshop designed to provide information in order to recognize concerning behavior and provide participants with definitive steps for intervention when warranted to protect persons at risk.

Any adult who desires to work or volunteer within the Archdiocese with at risk persons is required to complete the Protecting God's Children workshop and submit to a background/fingerprint check. Protecting God's Children is offered throughout the Archdiocese on various dates. Information on all currently available course dates and locations is listed on the VIRTUS website at www.virtus.org.

St. John Paul II will facilitate the Protecting God's Children Workshop in the Parish Center at various times throughout the year. Currently, we are accepting registrations for the following workshop: September 11 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm.

Registration on the VIRTUS website is limited to 30 people for each course. Course availability is on a first come/first served basis. All required materials will be provided on the day of attendance. Please note:: due to the sensitive nature of the course material, attendance is limited to registered adults.

If you have any questions, please email **Dominic Salamida**, the Family Life Coordinator at: *flc@nocateecatholic.com*. Additional information can be found on our website: *https://nocateecatholic.com/volunteering/* 

# **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

# IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR RCIA!!

Want to learn more about the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic but missed some of your early sacraments? Not baptized Catholic but interested in perhaps joining the Catholic Church? Practicing Catholic and curious about the faith? RCIA

You are welcome to Join us on Tuesday evenings from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** in the church.

Fill out the RCIA interest form at *nocateecatholic.com*. Join us with no pressure and no commitment required!



# **Ministry Activities**



# WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Our Walking with Purpose community invites ALL women to journey through Scripture together and build relationships that matter! You are welcome here. Together we can move mountains! Learn more, make new friends, share your prayer intentions.

We will meet on Tuesdays from **9:45am - 11:45am** beginning on **September 19th** in the Church/Tent for a Spiritual (not physical) journey.

The book we will be using is a 22 lesson Bible study. A study of women of the bible, **"Discovering Our Dignity."** Become well-armed to deal with unwanted circumstances and deferred hopes. To learn more, register or buy your book please see www.nocateecatholic.com/wwp



For more information, email: biblestudy@nocateecatholic.com

# BIBLE STUDY FALL BIBLE STUDY COFFEE SOCIAL:

Join the parish community for the introduction to our Fall Bible Study: The Letter Of James

Study Guides will be available to purchase for \$10.00.

Thursdays at SJPII from 9:45am - 11:30am

# FIRST THURSDAY'S MORNING COFFEE SOCIAL

Please join us for fellowship and light breakfast **following the 8:30am Mass on the first Thursday of every month**.

Our next social is this Thursday, September 7th.

We look forward to seeing you all there!





# **HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Please let our Ministry to the Sick volunteers bring you the Eucharist and pray with you. Only a commissioned minister should bring the Eucharist outside of church.

Send an email to *homebound@nocateecatholic.com* or contact the parish office at **904-330-0153** to schedule a visit.

# SAINT JOHN PAUL II KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# FOOTBALL MANIA CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER IS BACK!!

WIN up to \$400 in each of the 18 weeks of the NFL season, based on the teams on your game card. 32 people won \$25 to \$400 last season. Each card gives you 3 new teams to Win each week!!

For \$25 play the entire 18-week NFL season. Simply buy tickets.

Raffle-like, you don't need to know anything about football to Win! Winners are notified each week. Buy 5 get 1 FREE.

Purchase your e-tickets online through September 9th, scan the QR code, or go to http://www.charitymania.com/give/SD022

Play as a group: Families, friends or coworkers. A way to keep in touch.

With your support, The Patriotic Knights honored the Veterans at Lassen Nursing home with a BBQ, honored first responders at the Nocatee Fire station, sponsored veterans for a trip to Wash DC visiting national monuments and contributed \$4,000 to the Capital Campaign.

Proceeds benefit the KofC Patriotic and Civic activities, and the Capital Campaign. Questions to **Michael Worthey (319) 270-5152** or *fbmaniakofc@yahoo.com*.

# **MOMS MINISTRY**

**OUR MISSION:** Journeying with Catholic women in their vocation of motherhood to grow closer to Jesus through prayer, service, and fellowship.

GAME NIGHT! The Moms Ministry is having a Game Night on Wednesday, September 13th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm at Baptist HealthPlace of Nocatee. Join us for a casual, fun evening of fellowship!

Contact momsministry@nocateecatholic.com or visit our website at sjp2mom.com for more information. Join us on Flocknote for regular ministry updates: nocateecatholicflocknote.com/SJP2mom



"What a great favor God does to those He places in the company of good people!" – **St. Teresa of Avila** 

# **PRO LIFE**

## DECLINE TO SIGN PETITIONS FOR DANGEROUS PRO-ABORTION BALLOT INITIATIVES

Parishioners and Friends of SJPII, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops want to express their grave concern and disapproval of a pro-abortion ballot initiative currently ongoing in our state. Pro-abortion activists are seeking to collect 900,000 signatures to put a statewide question on the November 2024 ballot that, if approved, would allow abortion up to birth and wipe out other pro-life protections in Florida. It will also hinder the state legislature's ability to protect the unborn and mothers in need in the future. For more details, please look online. Floridians should not sign the petition. This isn't impeding the democratic process, but taking a stand against a terrible state policy and in favor of a vulnerable population that biology shows to be just as much of a living human as you and me. Please pray and spread this message to your loved ones and friends as we seek to promote what our patron Pope St. John Paul II called for: A Culture of Life.





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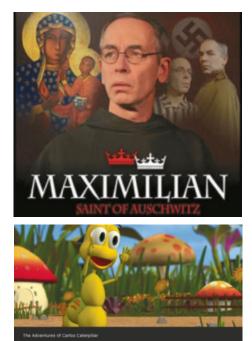
# PICKS OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 3

**Would you die to save a total stranger?** Would you do it to overcome evil? Listen to "Maximilian, Saint of Auschwitz" on *FORMED.org*. In this riveting true story, a priest comes forward to take the place of a Jewish prisoner condemned to die in the Auschwitz concentration camp. The dramatic struggle between good and evil is poignantly accentuated between St. Maximilian Kolbe and his Nazi persecutors. Maximilian's actions teach us the power of faith.

**Do your children ever ask for money to buy something they "must" have?** Watch "The Adventures of Carlos Caterpillar: No Prize Surprise" with them on *FORMED. org.* Carlos has a gleam in his eye for a cool gadget and doesn't understand why his Dad puts up a fuss when he asks for the money to buy it. A blunder by Carlos brings him to his senses and shows him the real treasure he possesses.

To set up your free account visit *formed.org/signup* and insert the SJPII zip code (32081).

Be inFORMED, be transFORMED, with FORMED.org



No Prize Surprise

# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

## MARRIED COUPLES

Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **3-5 November 2023 in Titusville, FL., Feb 16-18 in Tallahassee, or May 5-8 in Winter Park**. For more information visit our website at *wwme.org* or e-mail: *Applications@FLCNwwme.org* Or contact **Walt & Viv Paskowski** at *waltviv.wwme@gmail.com* if you have any questions.

# **BENEFICIARY GIVING**

# GIVE TO YOUR PARISH WITH A BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION GIFT

- Complete a simple change request form for your retirement accounts, life insurance, and bank accounts.

- You can modify it at any time without changing your will and don't need probate.

Questions? Contact Kelly Wood 904-208-6931 kwood@dosafl.com

# CHURCH ACCOUNT

# NEW DATABASE SYSTEM

We are currently using a new database system. If you are a registered parishioner of our parish, please sign in to the link below to create your



#### REGISTER

username and password. Your cooperation in updating your family account information of adding members, changing addresses and viewing your contributions will be easily done.

If you have questions, please contact the office.

# ST. JOHN PAUL II

www.nocateecatholic.com or check us out on social media:



@nocateecatholic

@nocateecatholic



@fatherpagano

Please follow us on YouTube by clicking "Subscribe". Click the bell icon to receive notifications for new content.

# **VISION STATEMENT**

The parish of St. John Paul II will cultivate an environment of discipleship to evangelize and reconcile our dynamic community.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

St. John Paul II Catholic Community is a welcoming and engaging parish family nourished by the Eucharist and called by Jesus Christ to discipleship through scripture, sacraments, and stewardship guiding us to eternal life.

#### MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Our community at SJPII is vibrant, with something for just about everyone! Whether you are simply looking for more information about our ministries, or are ready to join one (or more!), go to nocateecatholic.com/ministries, or scan the QR code below, for the SJPII Ministry Directory. For general ministry questions, email us at ministry@nocateecatholic.com.

God bless and welcome to SJPII!

#### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Please register online at our website, *nocateecatholic.com*, or come into the office for assistance. Only ONE person per household needs to register at the following address: *https://sjpiichurch.breezechms.com/form/5290c8* 



DIRECTORY

Once you have registered, a Welcome Email will be sent to you **REGISTER** 

with a link to create your own username and password so that you can manage your own account, add family members, view contributions etc.

#### ATTENTION

The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with the allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.

To Report Abuse Call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-775-4659, ext. 129 or Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96Abuse or 1-800-962-2873.

#### IMPORTANT

If you receive an email or text message that appears to be from Father Pagano requesting help, money, or donations, please be aware this is a phishing scam. If the email is not from *pastorsoffice@nocateecatholic.com*, please ignore, block, and delete the email. Block and delete text messages of this sort.

#### **NEVER MISS A BULLETIN**

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at *www.parishesonline*. *com*. You also can find the bulletin on our website at *www.nocateecatholic.com*.

Submit communications requests using the form on our website, *nocateecatholic.com/communications-request*.

Requests must be received by **5:00pm on Tuesdays;** twelve days prior to the Sunday bulletin publication date.

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will enable the church to minister to our community.



#### STAY CONNECTED WITH ST. JOHN PAUL II

Visit our website: www.nocateecatholic.com

Text **GOTJESUS** to **84576** to receive spiritual quotes, information and messages from SJPII.

Download the WeConnect Parish app for access to the bulletins, church calendar and important parish notifications. Text ParishApp1 to 555888 for iPhone Users; or Text ParishApp2 to 555888 for Android Users. Parishioners can visit parishesonline.com, locate your parish with the search tool, and sign-up to automatically get an email when a new publication becomes available.

#### GUIDELINE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers may be sponsored on a weekly basis in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion,



such as an anniversary, wedding or birth. Donation is \$120 for the center altar flowers. Due to certain holidays and feast days some weeks may not be available. Please call the Parish Office at 904-330-0153 for availability. **Donations may be made online by** scanning the QR code above or at the parish office.

#### GUIDELINE FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions may be made for a living or deceased loved one. Only one Mass Intention per Mass is permitted. Mass Intentions will be limited to 6 per person requesting the intentions per year and may be made up to 6 months in advance.



