



# SANTA MARIA *del* MAR

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

—SURSUM CORDA—

CATHOLIC PARISH *by the sea*

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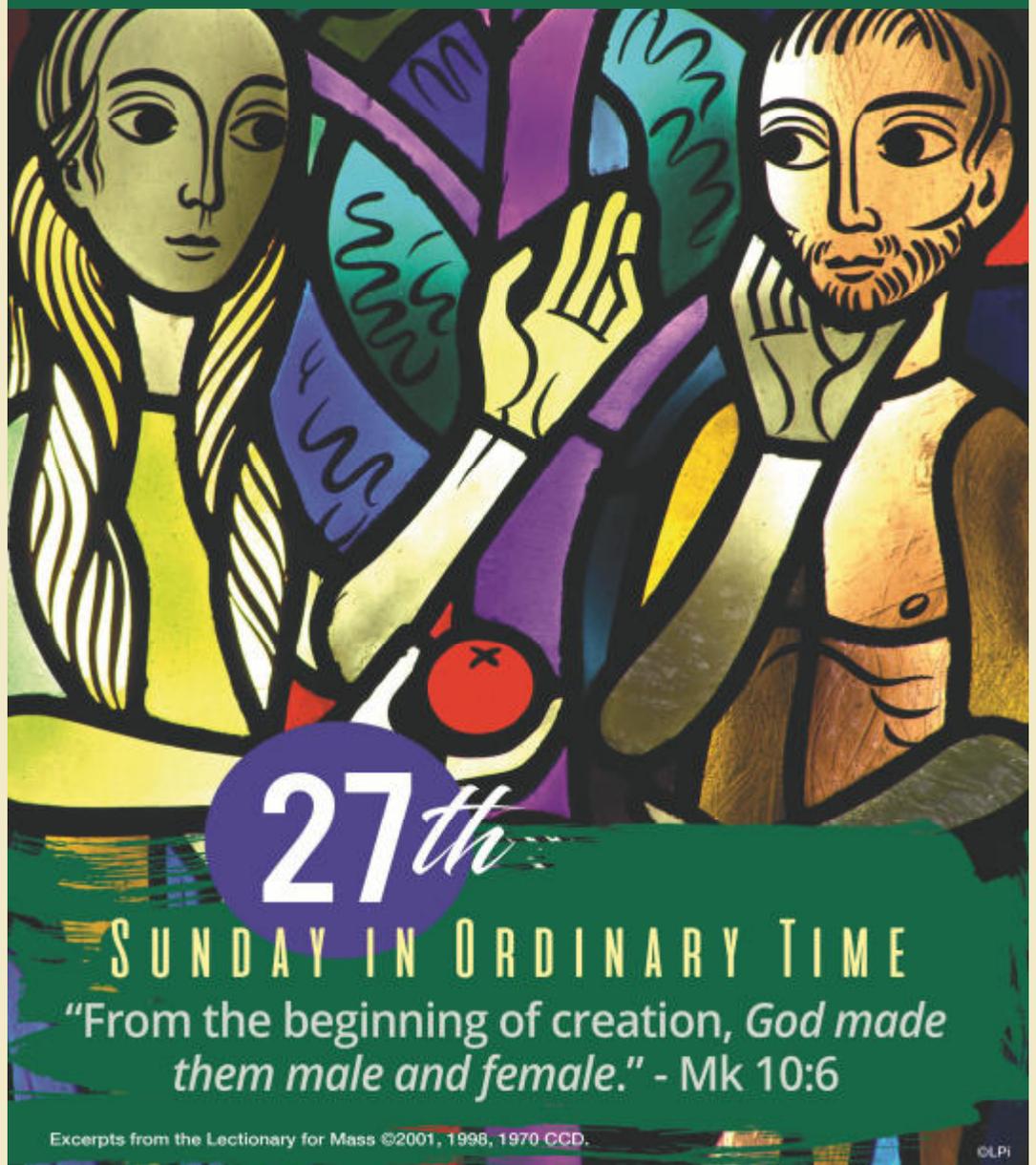
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Wed-Fri: 9am  
Sat (Vigil): 4pm  
Sun: 9&11am  
Sun: 1pm

**OCTOBER 3, 2021**



**27<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"From the beginning of creation, God made  
them male and female." - Mk 10:6*

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## KNOWING YOUR FAITH with Fr. Manny

A once-a-month series of articles that will address different topics of our Catholic faith. Many times some of the faithful and some ordained mistake personal preferences and opinions on matters of worship, with official Church doctrine and what the Church teaches. This monthly series will attempt to clarify, illustrate and explain that doctrine thru official documents and guidelines.

### THE EUCHARIST: WHAT DOES THE CHURCH TEACH

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) clearly states that: *"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life"* (CCC #1324). We believe that Christ is here with us. All of us, the community of Faith, listening to the Word, are gathered around the altar, His table, sharing of His body, blood, soul and divinity in each consecrated host.

The CCC further states: *"In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."* (CCC #1365).

*"Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite."* (CCC #1390).

The Catholic Church traces the origins of the Eucharist to the very actions and words of Jesus Christ himself as recorded in the three synoptic Gospels (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14: 22-24; Luke 22:17-20), the Gospel of Saint John (John 6: 53-56), and as described by Saint Paul in 1st Corinthians (1st Corinthians 11: 23-29) in the New Testament of the Bible.

**How to receive (posture):** *"Some have asked about references, asserting a special "reverence" accorded to one receiving communion in one posture or another, and many have misquoted Church doctrine. "Reverence" is a matter of the awe and wonder with which one receives the great gift of the Eucharist—it is not a matter of a posture or how one receives it."* (DOSAFI Update 5, pg. 2).

#### REFERENCES:

- NAB Bible (USCCB) At: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible>
- Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) #1324, #1365, #1390. At: [https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_P41.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P41.HTM)
- DOSAFI Chancery Guidelines: Update 5: Public Celebration of Masses and Precautions Following Infection by Covid-19, pg. 2.



## Parish Resources During the COVID-19 Crisis

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**Parish Office:** The parish office is open Tuesday—Friday, 9am-4pm with a break for lunch. All other buildings are closed until further notice. Please see Mass schedule below:

- Sunday Mass: 9 am ,11am and 1pm in the church. .
- Saturday Vigil Mass at 4pm.
- Weekday Masses: Wednesday—Friday at 9am in the church.
- High-Risk Individuals—Sunday 1pm Mass is recommended as the attendance is low.
- Adoration—Wednesday—Friday, 9:30am-2pm. (Contact Ginette Consentino (508) 423-9360 to sign up for Adoration.)
- Confessions— Saturday 3:30-3:50pm (before 4pm Vigil Mass), Sunday 8:30-8:50am (before 9am Mass), 10:30-10:50am (before 11am Mass) 12:30-12:50 (before 1pm Mass).

*Visit the parish website for additional information.*

**Daily Readings:** [Daily Mass readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) (<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>) and brief video reflections (<http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections/>) are available from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**Spiritual Communion:** The Church encourages us to make an act of 'spiritual communion' when we are prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen." (*St. Alphonsus Liguori*)

**Diocesan Resources:** The [Diocese of St. Augustine](https://www.dosafl.com/) (<https://www.dosafl.com/>) has a special [Coronavirus resource page](https://www.dosafl.com/coronavirus/) (<https://www.dosafl.com/coronavirus/>), including links to televised, online, and radio Masses in our diocese and beyond.

**Magnificat:** This monthly publication used for our weekday Masses is offering [complimentary access](https://us.magnificat.net/free) online (<https://us.magnificat.net/free>) and via its [iOS](#) and [Android](#) apps.

**Laudate:** The free [Laudate app](#) ([iOS](#) and [Android](#)) is a gateway to many Catholic prayers and other resources.

**Want to help others?** You can help others in our community by mailing donations to [Society of St. Vincent de Paul](https://www.facebook.com/flaglersaintvincentdepaul/) (<https://www.facebook.com/flaglersaintvincentdepaul/>), P.O. Box 1328, Flagler Beach FL 32136. Contributions for international relief can be sent to [Catholic Relief Services](https://www.crs.org/) (<https://www.crs.org/>).

**Offertory Contributions:** If at all possible, please continue to support Santa Maria del Mar by mailing your offerings (checks only) to the church (address above) or use our convenient online giving system: [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748)



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times,

very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity.

God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING:**  
That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

**PSALM:**  
May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

**SECOND READING:**  
He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 2:11)

**GOSPEL:**  
"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MON OCT 4	TUES OCT 5	WED OCT 6	THU OCT 7	FRI OCT 8	SAT OCT 9	SUN OCT 10
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Lk 10:25-37	BL. FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3] Lk 10:38-42	ST. BRUNO BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15] Lk 11:1-4	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a] Lk 11:5-13	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9] Lk 11:15-26	ST. DENIS & COMPANIONS ST. JOHN LEONARDI Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a] Lk 11:27-28	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14] Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

Your offering of as little as one hour's wage will help us meet our daily needs.

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you! Please consider making your weekly donation to Santa Maria del Mar online at: [www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748)

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

3rd Week  
September 2021

Offertory:  
\$10,859.01

Online Giving:  
\$4,582.50

3rd Week  
September 2020

Offertory:  
\$8,579

Online Giving:  
\$3,790

## STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE

Husband and wife are interlaced together for life. Their love and commitment is another example of how love is shared by God for all of us. The pledge of God is to care and watch over all of those who are committed and have hope in Him.

"Let the children come to me." In God's eyes we are all children and as a loving father, God wants us all to enjoy heaven with the angels, saints and all the wonders that heaven offers.

*Stewards* express by words and actions their faith by honoring and respecting others, especially those who are different from us.



## THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT TO US, WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND BLESS:

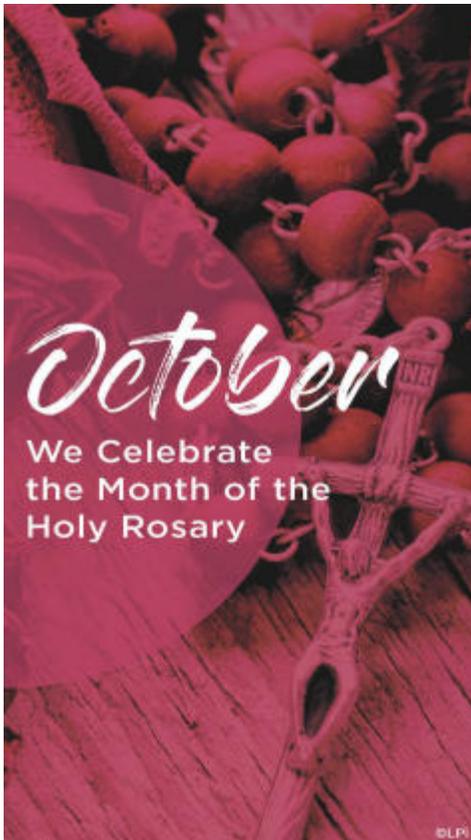
### THE BEFRIENDERS MINISTRY

Befrienders Ministry is an organization of volunteers who are trained to provide support and companionship to an individual who might need help if emotionally distressed or lonely. Usually a meeting takes place for an hour a week in a home or mutually neutral venue. At times in life individuals might feel lonely or socially isolated and this ministry provides support and compassion.



We salute and thank the dedicated members of the Befrienders Ministry. They are available to listen and walk the walk with you. Telephone Jeannie Johnson (386-439-2791) in the parish office for further information.

**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 & Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email [inquiries@dosaf1.com](mailto:inquiries@dosaf1.com). To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).



# LIFE CHAIN

SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 11AM-NOON, RTE 100 (VETERANS PARK SIDEWALK)

You can join thousands across our nation who are willing to stand in prayer and peaceful public witness for unborn children.

Since 1972, over 62 million unborn children, almost one-third of our current generation, have been killed by abortion.

Today millions of mothers and fathers live in anguishing regret for their abortion decisions.

If you are willing to stand for only one hour in witness of the children who have been lost, and in loving support of those hurting from abortion, then join us for Life Chain.

From SMDM Church you can go to the park on foot, by car or ride in the golf carts which will be available. If you would prefer, the church will be open for personal prayer and meditation.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Every Tuesday at Santa Maria del Mar Parish Hall

Doors open at 11am

A free lunch is served at 11:30am when you buy a bingo pack for only \$15

Bingo starts promptly at 12:15pm

Jackpot up to \$200

Contact E.Y. at 986-1163 or John at 225-4456



## STARTS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2



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**BINGO**  
GAMES

- Bulls Eye
- Regular Bingo
- Postage Stamp
- 50/50 Special
- 'Crazy Kite'
- Jackpot
- ... and more!





In the early 1600s, Spanish settlers brought with them to the New World a special devotion to Our Lady of La Leche y Buen Parto. Four hundred years later, the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche has kept this devotion alive through countless people of faith. And the Holy Father himself has recognized the importance and sanctity of this devotion by granting a Canonical Coronation for Our Lady of La Leche on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 2pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

This once-in-a-lifetime and completely unique event is an incredible blessing for the Diocese of St. Augustine and the oldest Marian shrine in the United States!

A canonical coronation is a formal act of the pope to crown an image of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or St. Joseph in the name of the Holy Father. The crowning acknowledges that the specific image, while having local significance, also has universal importance for the Catholic Church as it pertains to the Salvation Christ won for us by the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection. The practice began in the 17<sup>th</sup> century but became increasingly popular in the late 1800s. Many people are familiar with a May crowning as many parishes and schools annually have one as a sign of their devotion to Mary. A canonical coronation is different in that this will only happen once to this specific image of Our Lady of La Leche.

### Saturday, October 9

#### *Afternoon Events Open to the Faithful*

- 11am Confession is available at the National Shrine Church
- Noon Mass, National Shrine Church
- 1-5pm Rosary Celebration – various groups will lead the rosary on the mission grounds throughout the day.
- 1:30pm Spanish Mass, National Shrine Church
- 2-5pm Eucharistic Adoration, National Shrine Church
- 5pm Reposition of the Holy Sacrament and quiet time until 6pm

#### *Evening Events for the youth, young adults, YCP and college pilgrims at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios, St. Augustine*

- 6-7pm Opening Music, Worship and Prayer with Father Richard Pagano
- 7-8pm Candlelight Rosary
- 8-8:15pm Traditional Spanish Marian Lullabies at the Pavilion
- 8:15-9pm Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament and Adoration

### Sunday, October 10

#### *Afternoon Events at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche (101 San Marco Avenue, St. Augustine) Open to the faithful*

- 12:15pm Gates of the National Shrine open for pilgrims
- 1:15pm Rosary
- 2pm Pilgrims will view the Canonical Coronation of Our Lady of La Leche and Diocesan Consecration via live-stream on Jumbotron. Holy Communion will be distributed to pilgrims on the National Shrine grounds. You may also watch from your home by going to <https://coronation.dosafl.com>.
- 4pm Procession (motorcar) of the newly crowned image to the National Shrine. Procession of the image on the mission grounds. Bishop Estévez will recite the Our Lady of La Leche prayer with pilgrims. Private procession of Our Lady of La Leche across the Gannon Bridge for enthronement in the Historic Chapel. The National Shrine will close after Our Lady's enthronement.

### Monday, October 11

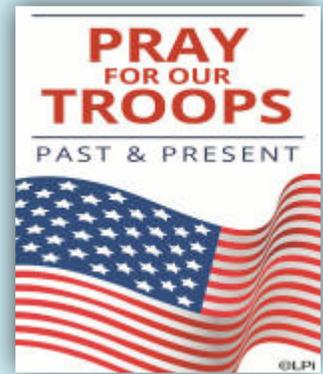
#### *Feast Day of Our Lady of La Leche at the National Shrine, St. Augustine. Open to the public*

- Noon – Mass with Father Erlin Garcia, ICC, as celebrant
- 1:30pm – Spanish Mass with Father Erlin Garcia, ICC, as celebrant
- 6pm – Mass of Enthronement with Bishop Felipe Estévez as celebrant

## PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Heal us, Lord, and we shall be healed; save us, and we shall be saved; for it is You we praise. Send relief and healing for all our diseases, our sufferings and our wounds; for You are a merciful and faithful healer. Blessed are You Lord, who heals the sick.

- Lois Ambrosia
- Baby Avery
- Kelly Baffa
- Jennifer Bagshaw
- Brittney Baker
- Joseph Beneducci Jr.
- Mary Alice Bevaque
- Leo & Barbara Blank
- Kathy Bless
- Sheri Bless
- Julie Callahan
- Fabienne Carlisto
- John Caruso
- Chuck Cella
- Will Chapel
- Gwen Chin-See
- Valerie Ann Cipolla
- Adam Dennis
- Blonie Deza
- Don
- David Dunn
- Jonah Finn
- Jamie Fischer
- Kelly Fitzgerald
- Fr. Sal
- James Green
- Susan & Roger Gronert
- Maureen Guiglotto
- Joey
- Beth Keefer
- Paula Kiley
- Joyce Kolosky
- Ann Kozanecki
- Sivestre Labaredas
- Scott Lavonas
- Frank Leonardo
- Sean Liston
- Donald Longo
- Frank Magee
- Dina Mancuso
- Frankie Mancuso
- Teresa Mancuso
- Maria Marzano
- Bobi Mason
- Athena McPartland
- Nicole Merced
- Joseph T. Milici
- Kelly Mincey
- Theresa Mincey
- Tony Monopoli
- Ralph Morello
- Americo Morgado
- Barbara Motta
- Diana Musella
- Susan Musella
- Jean O'Brien
- Barbara Orandello
- Maria Palicio
- Marylou Pape
- Patricia Perszyk
- Diane Pires
- Pat Reilly
- Rick Rider
- Robert Rizzo
- Lenaj Rocco
- Amanda Scharck
- Tara Scilabra
- Cindy Ser
- Nelson Shaffer
- Sandy Silva
- Stephen
- Gina Stokes
- Brian Taylor
- Vera
- Jeffrey Wheeler
- Mary-Ann Woika
- Carol Woodard



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- Col. Andrew Morgado (US Army)
- Jay Matthews (US Navy)
- SSG Benjamin Wurtz (US Army/ Ft. Benning, GA)
- Honor Otmar (US Air Force)
- Matthew Callegari (USCG)
- Jayson Trucksess (US Navy)
- Chief Gregory Worman (US Navy)
- Joshua Raffaele (USMC)
- Lt. Rachel Mincey (US Navy)
- LCDR Brandon Aten (USCG)
- Joseph Otmar (USMC)
- Casey Henrikson (US Navy)
- Chad M.R. Schuch (USAF)
- Emma J. Schuch (US Navy)
- Col. Daniel O'Connor (USMC)
- Sgt. Sean Collins (US Army)
- Michael Martins (USMC)
- Dr. Nick Patellis (NG/Kuwait)
- Justin Smallwood (USMC)
- Lt. JG Barret Manfre (US Navy/ USS San Diego)
- Bryan Donohue (USMC)
- Cpl. Ryan Rindge (US Army)
- Trent Jerdon (US Army)
- Lt. Adam Aten (US Navy)
- Master Chief Samuel Barfuss (USS Theodore Roosevelt)
- Chief Daniel Goodwin (US Navy)
- Capt. Connor Allender (USMC)
- SGT David DiSorbo (US Army)
- Nate Guerreiro (US Navy)
- Lt. Matthew DiSorbo (USAF)
- Lt. Col. Roland Devries (US Army)

*If you have a family member in the military and would like us to pray for them, call the parish office to have their name added to the bulletin, or email your request to [Denise@smdmcc.org](mailto:Denise@smdmcc.org) Please advise when a person above is no longer deployed so we can remove their name from our list. God bless them all & continue to pray for them!*



### WE COMMEND TO GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE

- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| † Evelyn Duffy        | † Rosemary Gorman        |
| † Andrew Boullion Jr. | † Mary Gurnee            |
| † Peter Brehm         | † Margaret Janus         |
| † Joan Roberti        | † Elizabeth Westenheiser |
| † Sal Mangano         | † Fran Chiodo            |



- 10/06: 9am †Herman Mehling, Jessica Brandes and Sarah (Spec. Int.)  
Alicia Japitana (Healing).
- 10/07: 9am †Charles Sanders
- 10/08: 9am †Juan Vega, †Sal Mangano, †Renata Foti
- 10/09: 4pm †Rose Cole, †Andrew Boullion Jr, †Paul Kidd, †Fabio Gomez
- 10/10: 9am †Anthony Favara, †Thomas Campbell, †Evelyn Duffy  
11am †Clara Nicosia, †Millie Juliano, †Robert and †Richard Go

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

OCTOBER 2-3

A special collection for the U.S. Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund will be taken up in all parishes of the Diocese of St. Augustine the weekend of Oct. 2-3. Donations will assist with the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and significant church needs stemming from Hurricane Ida, which made landfall in the Gulf Coast and made its way inland as a tropical storm, causing damage across several states.

The Diocese of St. Augustine received nearly \$1 million in 2018 from the Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund to help rebuild and repair parishes and schools hit hard by Hurricane Irma. Insurance paid for most of the damage, but the deductible for the claims came to \$1.02 million.

The special appeal will also support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services. These official relief agencies and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and recovery efforts.

### ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

OCTOBER 3

A visual prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life along our streets and highways. 2pm in Jacksonville. Chain begins Atlantic Blvd./Monument Rd. intersection & extends East on Atlantic Blvd. past St. Johns Bluff. Sidewalks only! JSO is with us. All ages welcome! Signs provided. Sponsor: Holy Spirit Parish, Jacksonville. For more information, call Joey Sims at (615) 653-8965 or send an email to [joneysims29@gmail.com](mailto:joneysims29@gmail.com).

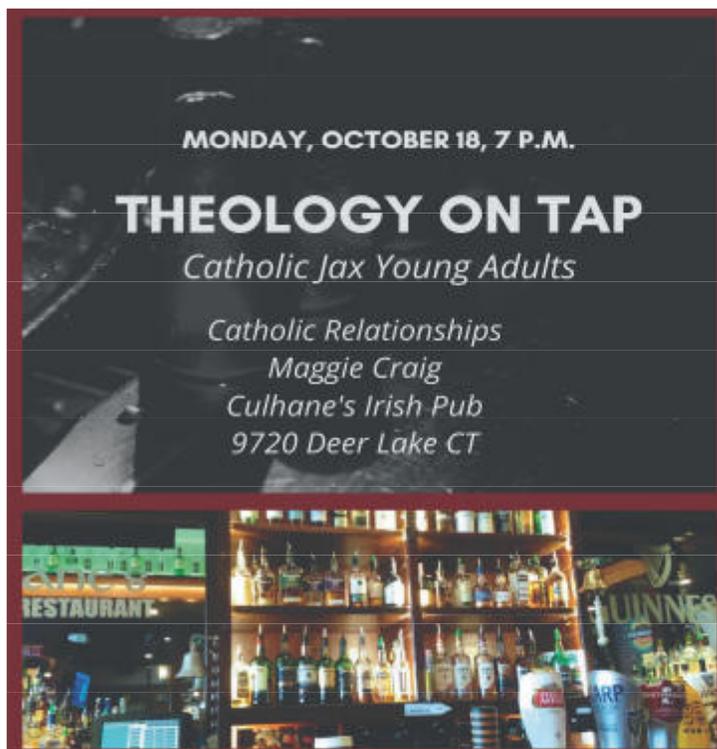


### FREE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 15, 8:30AM-1PM

In addition to being Respect Life Month, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The U.S. bishops have written extensively about the devastating effects that domestic violence has on victims and families. The USCCB website has valuable resources for parishioners, clergy, and pastoral staff at [www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/domestic-violence](http://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/domestic-violence). The Family

Life Center ([familylifecenterflagler.org](http://familylifecenterflagler.org)) is Flagler County's domestic violence service provider. It operates a victim shelter and a 24-hour crisis helpline (386-437-3505) among other services. On October 15, the Family Life Center, the Flagler County Domestic Violence Task Force, and Daytona State College will offer a FREE half-day conference at the DSC Palm Coast campus open to the community. Six breakout sessions are available for attendees to choose from, including one for clergy, pastoral staff, and those involved in church ministry. For more information on the event and to register, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/wb4mjhaj>.



### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

DECEMBER 3-5

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 December 3-5. Call 904-221-3232 or send an email to [rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com).

All calls and inquiries are very confidential. *Come and be restored!*



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10514 SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DEC. 1, 2021

The Knights of Columbus Council 10514 will be offering two scholarships of \$500 each for the 2022-23 school year. The grants will be awarded in February 2022.

Applicant should be a member of Santa Maria del Mar parish, looking to attend a two- or four-year college or technical college. Applicant may be an entering freshman or upper classman.



Each applicant will be asked to write an essay to include:

- What school or schools are you looking to attend
- What is your intended course of study
- What are the goals you hope to achieve
- What activities have you been involved in:
  - Parish
  - School
  - Community
  - Free time (hobbies)
- How would the grant monies be used

Submit your essay along with a letter of recommendation from a non-relative that is over the age of 18 by December 1, 2021.

Essay and recommendation letter should be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to "K of C 10514, Attention: Scholarship Committee." Please leave the envelope in the SMDM church office.

October 2021

## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*St. Joseph,  
defender of life,  
pray for us!*



[respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)



## HELPING ALL IN FLAGLER TO HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We at the Santa Maria del Mar Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul Society would like to thank you for the continuing support that you give us as we strive to help the poor. Since Christmas isn't that far off, we are planning ahead and again asking for your support. In the past and continuing this year, Catholic Charities St. Augustine, has helped us give toys to the children of Flagler County who otherwise would have none. We thought we'd like to now give the families the means to have a wonderful Christmas dinner.

There is a Christmas tree in the gathering space with envelopes decorating it. *Here's where your help comes in.* Please take an envelope from the tree and follow the instructions which say to return the envelope with a \$25 gift card from either Publix, Target or Walmart. Put the gift card inside the envelope and return it to the offertory basket the next week, or before November 1. In this way we can help the whole family have a blessed Christmas.

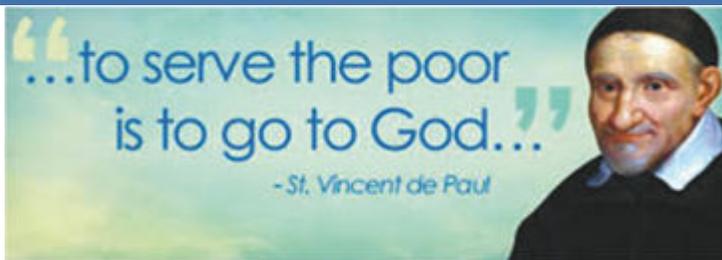
Thanking you in advance for your ongoing generosity to the less fortunate of Flagler County.

God Bless You All,  
The members of the Santa Maria del Mar Conference of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul



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## ONGOING EVENTS



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION DATES:

OCT. 2-3

Food donations can also be dropped off at the church foyer any time during the week.



### SAVE THE DATE: ALL MINISTRY LEADERS

NOV. 3—3-5PM; NOV. 10—6-8PM

RSVP: [parishcouncil@smdmcc.org](mailto:parishcouncil@smdmcc.org)

### BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY SUPPER MINISTRY

#### FEEDING THE POOR: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A little over five years ago a new ministry was created at Santa Maria del Mar to help individuals and families in need of food and friendship. The Bread of Life (BOL) Ministry was developed to meet some of those needs.

Until the coronavirus hit, the ministry was serving nearly 80 meals every Monday night in our parish hall and sending an additional 100-120 meals to shut-ins and others needing relief. Any remaining food was packaged and sent to the Family Life Center. This has all been accomplished by a cadre of outstanding cooks and six teams of volunteers totaling over 130 parish members.

On May 12 we fired up the ovens and opened the virtual doors to begin take out service once again. We are currently serving nearly 200 meals each week. Bread of Life has been given the "go ahead" to resume in-house dining and will begin this service starting in mid October and continue each Monday thereafter with in-house dining served from 4-5pm and take outs available from 5-6pm. Presently, only take out is available from 4-6pm.

To meet the demands of this dual-service ministry we need more volunteers. Please consider spending a few hours of your time in this very worthwhile ministry. Call the office and leave your name, phone number and email address. We will contact you with orientation and team assignment.

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is one of the largest lay apostolic associations in the Catholic Church, with several million members serving in most countries of the world. The goal of the Legion is to make its members better Catholics – through a balanced program of prayer and service in union with the Holy Spirit as He operates through Mary, the Mother of the Church.



Our members participate in the life of the parish by visiting families, the sick (both in their homes, nursing homes, and hospitals), and by collaborating with other ministries in any apostolic undertakings sponsored by the Parish.

Our members meet weekly for prayer, spiritual reflection, discussion, and planning in a family atmosphere. Then, we are assigned an apostolic work and report back the following week.

For more information, contact Steven Neyer at 215-527-7411.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Wednesday at 1:30pm in the Chapel.

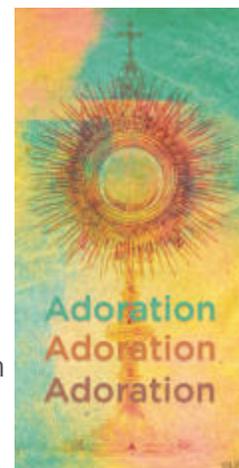
### ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY, 9:30AM—2PM IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

God gives us every breath and second of our lives, why not give Him back one hour in Adoration?

Contact Ginette Consentino (508-423-9360) for information or to sign up for Adoration.

ADORERS NEEDED FOR  
WED-FRI 9:30-10:30AM



### WE KNOW IT HURTS AND WE WANT TO HELP!

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LEARNING CENTER

Contact: Lois Ambrosia: 386.871.5371



# CLAUDIA GASPARINO

*"...if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, Nothing will be impossible for you."*

Tony Gasparino met Claudia when she was a senior in high school; they were married when she turned 21 years of age. There is so much more to their story than high-school sweethearts through 51 years of marriage.

A-larger-than-life statue of Our Lady of Fatima looks over the small town where Claudia, her mom, dad, brother and two sisters lived. What an everlasting memory she has of being with family members and friends gathering at the outdoor shine to recite the rosary.

Being active in the Catholic Church was a big part of Claudia's upbringing and she even was honored that a great uncle who is ordained married them and baptized family members. Her dad was a Knight and was an active member of the music ministry while her mother and grandmothers helped with hospitality.

It always was a special treat for her to spend time with her mom and grandmothers and cousins helping with baking. While in high school, Claudia was a member of an acclaimed a capella choir and the touring choir. All the members of her extended family were a valuable part of her growing-up. Aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors were always available to provide extra family love and protection.

Her beautiful childhood set the tone for the path of Claudia's life. She and Tony have two daughters, Michele and Tina. They also have been an important part in the life of their nephews as they grew up, spending quality time with them as well as their own daughters. Growing up in a close-knit family made it natural to continue being a close family since Tony was happy with these caring



(Left) The statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Claudia Gasparino's (Right) hometown.

relationships.

When Claudia walked behind Tony's casket draped with our American flag, trying to hold back her tears, she said it was as if the whole world stood still. She realized that she was alone now. At that moment in silence, she asked God to increase her faith, help her to be thankful every day and to be a forgiving person. She says that having faith does not mean not having difficulties but having the strength to face them.

There were things during their life that Claudia and Tony wanted to accomplish. They wanted to travel to France (to view the

artwork first hand and walk through the Gardens of Giverny) and to Italy (where their grandparents immigrated from), tour the Vatican, and be "snowbirds." Most importantly, she wants to spend time with her grandchildren and to be able to visit them.

If you are looking for Claudia, you might find her at the beach watching the sunrise and listening to waves, painting or taking photos of glorious scenes of nature, flowers and surrounding sights, baking, learning to play her digital piano, flower arranging or tending to her rose garden. She keeps busy and takes nothing for granted.

Claudia feels that the isolation of the pandemic has helped her know herself better and to become a better person. She knows that God is with her and that Tony is still looking out for her. She would like to be remembered as a person of faith who helped others with compassion and kindness. Claudia's middle name is Faith and she truly walks in faith.

## THE SPIRITUALITY OF COMMUNITY

Author: Adele J. Gonzalez

A community can be almost anywhere we make it. Maybe where we work, at the gym, with our neighbors, with our relatives, where we go for entertainment, etc. In this publication, the author presents and provides why the church (parish) should be our foremost community.

She refers to the many references in the Bible about how community is formed and especially in the New Testament. We would like to think that a parish community is perfect but Adele Gonzalez refers to many times when a spiritual community has fallen

short but offers concepts of how it was handled in the early church and how we can handle it in our own day and time.

When we engage in conflict which is normal and healthy and then hopefully turn to compromise, we truly are a Community of Spirituality. The author affirms that growth and transformation of individuals originates from our loving one another. If we love one another then God lives in us.

The utmost definition of a Community of Spirituality is Christians praying, sharing, celebrating and proclaiming, wrapped in a blanket of active service to each other and to the world.

*Adele Gonzalez was one of my professors when I was certified in the Adult Ministry in Miami. — Maria Flake*



# BIRTHDAYS

## OCTOBER 4

John Calfa, Avelino Dos Santos Medeiros, Dawn Evans, Katherine Fitzgerald, Anthony Freda, Isabella Garcia, Michael Jones, Nico Koswaski, Revella Ortiz, Eladio Perez, Don Pierce, Herbert Satzger, Beanca Secor, Anna Veilleux, Keith Wiltfong

## OCTOBER 5

Kim Cazzaniga, Sally Collins, Toni Gardner, Tom Gillin, Lorraine Jackson, Leslee Kubiet, Carlene Mahan, Jacqueline Morelewicz

## OCTOBER 6

Rosaria Barletta, Douglas Bentley III, Sierra Bispo, Richard Brendell, Albert DiFrederico, Thomas Donaghy, Patricia Forister, Denis Greene, Nancy Greene, Michelle Harris, Ann Kozanecki, Todd Martin, Juana Metrock, Briana Mitchell, Patrick Mulvihill, Corrie Myers, Paul Ouellette, Joan Roberti, Jen Sitra, Wendy Vidor

## OCTOBER 7

Roseann Bianchi, Patricia Connell, Vasliki Constantinou, Jay Cosgrave, Gwendolyne Gill, Ralph Johnan, Nicole Marcelli, Robert Nichols, Pat O'Brien, Michele Snyder, William Wargo, Brodie Whitmore, Robert Williams, Laura Yorio

## OCTOBER 8

Laia Dias, Lorenzo Forte, Susan Howell, Sheila Lawless, George Lehan, Daniel Mulvenna, Marlene Trizis

## OCTOBER 9

Mary Bevacqua, Mercedes Connelly, Mary Conzemius, Teresa Eaton, John Giordano, Zachary Harris, Rosalina Lalog, Angela Ledford, Howard McDonald, Linda Steele

## OCTOBER 10

Raymond Barbire, Shelley Bommer, Christian Bryant, Mario Carmo, Ben Cazzaniga, Kristi Chiumento, John Cubit, Matthew Eaton, Elisabeth McIntyre, Brenden Neff, Kathleen Settle, Margaret Shelko, Mary Thoubboron, Kerry Vierengel

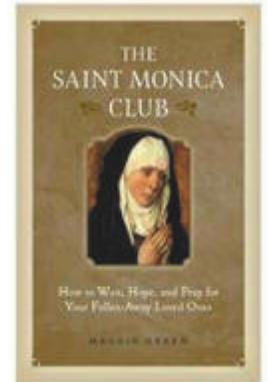
## "The Saint Monica Club" by Maggie Green Now Available at the Gift Shop

So who was Saint Monica? She was a pious Catholic mother with a son that turned his back on the Church. His mother continued to pray for his return to his faith. She wrestled daily with the pain of having a loved one, her precious son, to fall away from the Catholic faith. Like many Catholics today, she feared that her pain, her prayers, and her tears were of little worth as her son turned far away from the Catholic values she had taught him.

In her case, it took almost 20 years but her son did return to his Catholic faith. Will your son or daughter or grandchild return? Only God knows the answer to that question but Maggie Green has provided wise, compassionate guidance for members of what she calls

"The Saint Monica Club" who are good Catholics suffering like Monica the rejection of the faith by persons they love dearly.

"The Saint Monica Club" is available in the Gift Shop for \$12.



## SYNODUS EPISCOPORUM

*"For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission"*

### XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

*The fifth synod of the pontificate of Pope Francis will follow a different protocol than previous synods. This one will have the normal three phases, but these phases will be: local, continental, and universal. Bishop Estévez has appointed a Steering Committee and co-chairpersons for the synodal process. The consultations for this local phase will be broad, engaging with as many people as possible. The first thing that we must do is to have formation on the concept of synod and synodality.*

#### The call for worldwide synodality

Cardinal Grech, the General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, recalled in the proclamation of this Synod, that synods were a typical practice of the first millennium of the Church, a practice that continued within the Orthodox Church. He described this process as "a great vision, which unites the tradition of the Eastern and Western Churches, giving to a synodal Church that principle of unity that was even lacking in the Church of the Fathers...from this synodal journey, we can also expect with confidence great fruits on the ecumenical level." <https://bit.ly/3d42VEg> (Synod of Bishops website for interview)

The official kick off weekend across the world will be Sunday, Oct. 17. Our event will be held at St. Joseph Parish, starting with a 2pm Mass, followed by formation and information.



# Pope's Prayer Intentions

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## OCTOBER MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.



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## WELCOME TO SANTA MARIA DEL MAR SPIRITUAL UNIVERSITY

Father Manny's *Bible Study* sessions will be held the 3rd Thursday of the month.

*Upcoming courses include:*

### Morning sessions

Fridays at 10-11:30am in the Learning Center

- Bishop Barron's *Pivotal Players "Saints Augustine and Benedict"* Nov 5, 12, 19
- Jeff Cavin's *"Revelations"* Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar 4, 11
- Dr. Ed Sri's *"No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion"* Mar 18, 25, Apr 1, 8

### Evening session

Thursdays at 6-7:30pm

- Steve Ray's "Footprints of God" Apr 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; Jun 2, 9, 16

*We pray the Holy Spirit will move you to join us in these sessions.*

## SMDM PARISHIONER AWARDED PAPAL HONOR

Chau T. Phan, a Santa Maria del Mar parishioner since 2003, received from Bishop Felipe J. Estevez the Papal Benemerenti gold medal award at a special Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine on Sunday, September 19, 2021, for his "exceptional service to the Church" in the Diocese of St. Augustine. Seventeen other persons in the diocese were also honored at this Mass.

Many of Chau's major supporters in his ecumenical endeavors since 2006 attended the Mass. Among the bishop's co-celebrants were two former SMdM pastors, namely Monsignor John Tetlow, current pastor of the Cathedral Parish, and Fr. Alberto Esposito, current pastor of the Queen of Peace parish in Gainesville. Assisting in the Mass was Deacon David Williams who succeeded Msgr Morgan as Chancellor and who supported Chau's work for the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Vespers. It was Fr. Tetlow who gave Chau Phan and Phyllis Rotunno the permission to start the Christian Unity ministry at SMdM in 2006. His successor, Fr. Al and the parish manager, Cindy Ser, encouraged Chau to be "Santa Maria del Mar's ambassador to other churches in Flagler County" when he wanted to quit this ministry. Cindy, Lynne and Mike McCabe, were in attendance. Lynne was Chau's main deputy at SMdM for many years and succeeded him as head of the Christian Unity ministry.

In April 2013, Fr. Al arranged for a joint meeting with the diocesan chancellor and diocesan ecumenical officer, Fr. [now Monsignor] Mike Morgan who appointed both Fr. Al and Chau to be associate diocesan ecumenical officers for the purpose of organizing the first ever Ecumenical Vespers at the bishop level in the United States during the January 2014 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Lynne McCabe oversaw the catering and Mike McCabe took over as parking supervisor for the First Ecumenical Vespers at the Cathedral Basilica.

Chau is preparing for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Vespers at the bishop level to be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday at 7pm, January 18, 2022. It will be Bishop Estevez's and Chau's final Ecumenical Vespers together as both are retiring.

## The Parish Council Listening Post

Do you have a comment or suggestion for the Parish Council to consider? Submit items on paper by placing them in the Listening Post box located on the cabinet under the wall-mounted TV in the Gathering Area, or you can submit items via email by sending them to: [listeningpost@smdmcc.org](mailto:listeningpost@smdmcc.org).

All submitted items must be civil and respectful, and be within the scope of the Parish Council, i.e., the pastoral life of the parish.

From the Office of the Chancellor COVID-19 Safety Note: Given Bishop Estévez's recent decision to lift the mask requirement for fully vaccinated persons attending Mass begs the question concerning persons who are unvaccinated. Persons who have hesitated in obtaining the vaccination are strongly encouraged to do so. Until such time, unvaccinated persons older than age two should wear a mask. DO NOT put masks on children younger than 2-years-old. Additional CDC guidance may be obtained at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

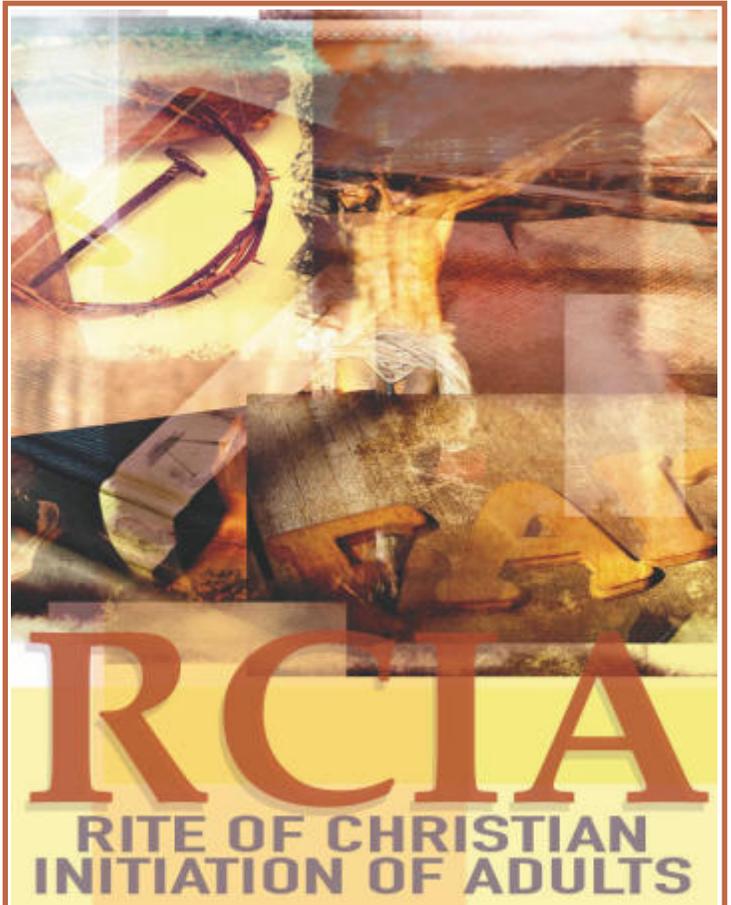
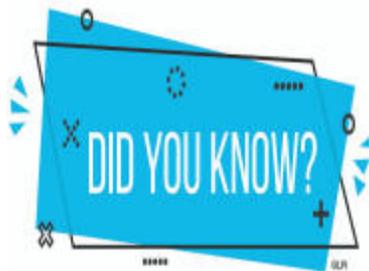
Question: Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer: For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).

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The name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayer. In Hebrew, Jesus means "God saves." The Angel Gabriel gave Him the name Jesus because it was indicative of both his identity and mission. The name Jesus signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of His son, who united Himself to all men. (CCC 430,432,435)



## WELCOME HOME, WELCOME BACK

*Wednesday 6pm RCIA Classes  
September 22, 2021 to June 12, 2022*

### Precatechumenate Period

Oct 6	Church History
Oct 13	Church History
Oct 20	Liturgy
Oct 27	The Creed
Nov 3	The Creed

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a rite which welcomes people seeking to explore the Catholic Faith and join our church family.

If you would like more information please contact:

- Denise Collins, DRE ([denise@smdmcc.org](mailto:denise@smdmcc.org))
- Jack Williamson, RCIA Coordinator ([buvezvin@aol.com](mailto:buvezvin@aol.com)).

# St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to *Joseph* in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. *Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.*

*Dear St. Joseph, help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.*

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## 2021-2022 Faith Formation Schedule

Visit our website: [www.smdmcc.org](http://www.smdmcc.org) or contact [Denise@smdmcc.org](mailto:Denise@smdmcc.org) for more information!

Faith Formation (K-8) Sunday 9:45-10:45

\*First Sunday of the Month Children’s Mass at 11am. Attendance encouraged.

Oct. 3	Class/Children’s Mass 11am	Dec. 19	Class/ Pageant Practice/Costumes	Mar .6	Class/Children’s Mass 11am
Oct. 10	Class	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Pageant	Mar. 13	Class
Oct. 17	Class	Dec. 27	No Class/ Christmas Break	Mar. 20	No Class/ Spring Break
Oct. 24	Class	Jan. 9	Class/Children’s Mass 11am	Mar. 27	Class
Oct. 31	NO CLASS	Jan. 16	NO CLASS	Apr. 3	Class/Children’s Mass 11am
Nov. 7	Class/Children’s Mass 11am	Jan. 23	Class	Apr. 10	Class
Nov .14	Class	Jan. 30	Class	Apr. 17	Easter Sunday
Nov. 21	NO CLASS/ Thanksgiving Break	Feb.6	Class/Children’s Mass 11am	Apr. 24	Last Class
Nov. 28	Class	Feb. 13	Class	Apr. 30	First Communion time TBA
Dec. 5	Class/Children’s Mass 11am	Feb. 20	Class	May 7	Confirmation @ 10am
Dec. 12	Class	Feb. 27	Class		

**Altar Servers Needed! Third grade and up! Contact Ms. Denise!**

# RISEUP



Photos from our recent trip to the Rise Up event! The next Rise Up is planned for December 4!



## OCTOBER 6

Wednesday Worship, 6-8 pm in the Youth Room

## OCTOBER 10

Life Teen Mass & Youth Group  
11am – 2 pm

## OCTOBER 15-17

Life Teen Retreat (15-16) and Family Sunday (17) with Maggie Craig (see flyer)

## OCTOBER 20

Wednesday Worship, 6-8 pm in the Youth Room

## OCTOBER 24

Life Teen Mass & Youth Group,  
11am – 2pm

## CALLING ALL TEENS

If you are interested in serving in our church, we are looking for Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, Musicians and Eucharistic Ministers to serve at the 11am Mass. E-mail Kim Cazzaniga for more information:  
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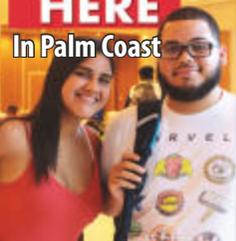
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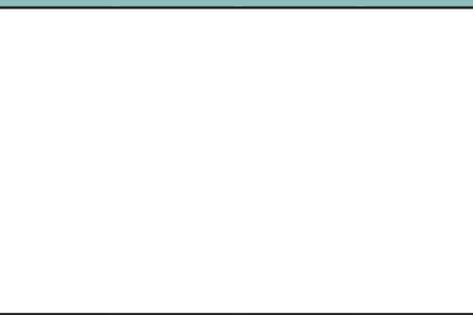
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