

SANTA MARIA del MAR CATHOLIC CHURCH —SURSUM CORDA—

CATHOLIC PARISH by the sea

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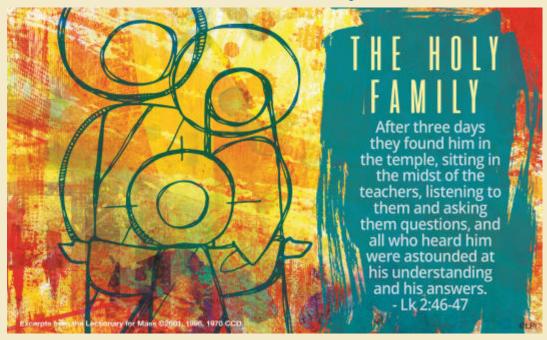
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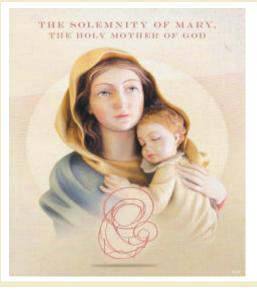
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IN-PERSON MASS TIMES

Tues (Portuguese) 9am Wed-Fri: 9am Sat (Vigil): 4pm

Sun: 9&11am Sun: 1pm **DECEMBER 26, 2021**





New Year's Eve Friday, December 31 10am Mass

New Year's Day Saturday, January 1 10am Mass (Remembrance Mass)

Regular Vigil Mass Saturday, Jan. 1 at 4pm

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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 through official documents and guidelines.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The other sacrament of healing is the Anointing of the Sick. During this sacrament, the church brings healing, comfort and strength to those who are ill, elderly or in danger of death. The person can be suffering of physical, emotional or spiritual illness.

A priest administers this sacrament because the individuals sins are forgiven. The oil of the sick and laying on of hands by the priest <u>are the symbols of this beautiful sacrament that can be received more than</u>

once if necessary.

As St. Paul said about the Body of Christ, "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26), therefore, the church reaches out to the suffering with the healing of the anointing. As the Body of Christ, we are called to visit the sick, pray for them often and look for ways to be a sign of Jesus' love and care for them.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

"By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. and indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ." CCC #1499

"Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death." CCC #1500

"Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people" 103 and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; 104 he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of... His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul..." CCC #1503

"However, the apostolic Church has its own rite for the sick, attested to by St. James: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." Tradition has recognized in this rite one of the seven sacraments." CCC #1510

ON-LINE CHURCH DOCUMENTS AND SCRIPTURE:

- Holy Bible (NAB 3rd Edition), see (James 5: 14-16; Mark 6:7-13) at: https://bible.usccb.org/bible

- Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), paragraphs 1499-1535 at: https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/



Parish Resources During the COVID-19 Crisis

Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church 915 North Central Avenue Flagler Beach, FL 32136 386-439-2791

www.smdmcc.org • Facebook (www.facebook.com/smdmcc/)

Parish Office: The parish office is open Tues—Fri, 9am-4pm with a break for lunch. 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: <u>Daily Mass readings</u> (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)

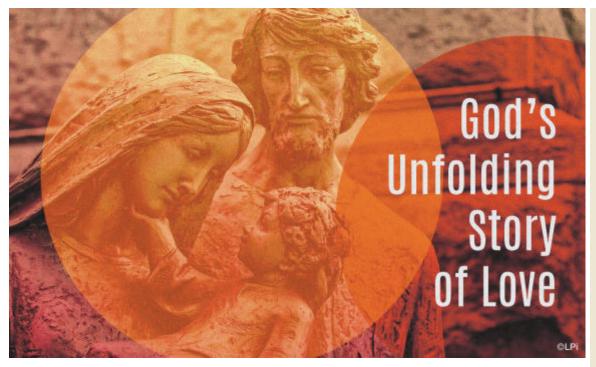
Diocesan Resources: The <u>Diocese of St. Augustine</u> (https://www.dosafl.com/) has a special <u>Coronavirus resource page</u> (https://www.dosafl.com/coronavirus/), including links to televised, online, and radio Masses in our diocese and beyond.

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

Laudate: The free Laudate app (<u>iOS</u> and <u>Android</u>) 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 <u>Society of St. Vincent de Paul</u> (https://www.facebook.com/flaglersaintvincentdepaul/), P.O. Box 1328, Flagler Beach FL 32136. Contributions for international relief can be sent to <u>Catholic Relief Services</u> (https://www.crs.org/).

Offertory Contributions: 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



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast

of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which" comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

PSALM:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

SECOND READING:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

GOSPEL:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MON DEC 27	TUES DEC 28	WED DEC 29	THU DEC 30	FRI DEC 31	SAT JAN 1	SUN JAN 2
ST. JOHN	THE HOLY	ST. THOMAS	1 Jn 2:12-17	ST. SYLVESTER I	NEW YEAR'S DAY	EPIPHANY OF
1 Jn 1:1-4	INNOCENTS				MARY, THE HOLY	
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6,	1 Jn 1:5—2:2	1 Jn 2:3-11		1 Jn 2:18-21	MOTHER OF GOD	STS. BASIL THE
11-12 [12]	Ps 124:2-3, 4-5,	Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,	Lk 2:36-40	Ps 96:1-2, 11-12,	WORLD DAY OF	GREAT &
Jn 20:1a, 2-8	7b-8 [7]	5b-6 [11a]		13 [11a]	PEACE	GREGORY
	Mt 2:13-18	Lk 2:22-35				NAZIANZEN
					Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8	
						Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-
						11, 12-13 [cf. 11]
					Lk 2:16-21	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
						Mt 2:1-1



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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

1st Week December 2021

Offertory: \$15,301

Online Giving: \$7,107.50

1st Week December 2020

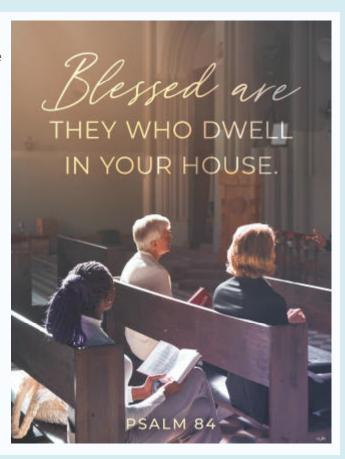
Offertory: \$14,129

Online Giving: \$6,846

STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE

The simplicity of the Holy Family should be reflected in our own family.

The goal in families is to "honor our parents" and to honor each other. Support, encourage and forgive family members recognizing that we will not always agree but act without anger and act with kindness and love. We recognize that we don't understand everything about our faith but as Christians and Stewards, we believe in God and keep faith.



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Have you experienced the loss of a child or grandchild? We will be celebrating a special remembrance Mass on January 1 at 10am beginning at the Mary statue. Please bring a friend the Mass is open to all!

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@dosafl.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Holy Eucharist is the Sacred Sacrament, which as Catholics, we believe, becomes the body and blood of Christ with a priest's consecration of the communion wafers and



wine. Holy Eucharist is the Source and Summit of Christian Life (Vatican II, Lumen Gentium). Eucharistic Ministers, sometimes called Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, help priests to prepare and to serve the Eucharist – Holy Communion – at Mass.

In case of sickness or those infirmed, the church is obliged (as possible) to meet the spiritual needs of those in hospitals, homebound or elderly. Involved with carrying the Eucharist to those unable to physically attend liturgies is the sharing of prayer and the word of God during visits. The Eucharistic Minister must also be in contact with the pastor or deacon as to the condition and circumstances of those they visit.

Santa Maria del Mar Parish has 72 active members involved in this ministry. Eucharistic Ministry is truly a gift to the minister to be able to share the Body and Blood of Christ with others. The parish is grateful and humbled that these members take their commitment to their faith with compassion and love. We salute all those involved in this vital ministry who share with our parish community.

SAVE THE DATE



Women of the parish, you are invited to save the date of March 5, 2022 for our annual Women's Day of Peace Retreat. We look forward to seeing you!

Who were Jesus' Grandparents? Saint Ann and Saint Joaquim

The beautiful statue in the Gathering Area has drawn a

lot of attention, and a lot of questions about who were Anne and Joachim. Most sources indicate St. Anne (sometimes spelled Ann) and her husband St. Joachim (sometimes spelled Joaquim or Joaquin) were the parents of the Virgin Mary. While there is no mention of either St. Anne or St. Joachim in the Bible, some non-biblical books



from the early Christian centuries acknowledge Mary's parents as Anne and Joachim. These sources claim Anne and Joachim were childless until the Angel Gabriel appeared to them and declared they would have a child who must be dedicated to God. The church celebrates their feast day on July 26. There is a beautiful prayer to St. Anne and St. Joachim that speaks to the power of their intervention with Jesus. Holy cards are available in the Gift Shop for \$1.00. Many other special prayers are found on Holy Cards and are also available in the Gift Shop. Stop by before or after weekend Masses to see what's available.

The Respect Life Ministry wishes the Santa Maria del Mar Parish Christmas Blessings and a Happy and Healthy New Year





DECEMBER 27

Brynn Akialis, Cristina Alvarez,
Noreen Bartolotta, Jacob Chavers,
Tracey Cobb, Robert Colon,
Jaisa Ferlazzo, Francis Gerosa,
Janet Holland, Khloe Jones,
Matthew Marcusky, Lynne McCabe,
Margaret McDonnell, Timothy Sanchez,
Dominick Santoianni, Robert Will,
Gavin Winfree

DECEMBER 28

Carol Bari, Gary Butts, Timothy Collins, Tim Collison, Don Hanchar, Cara Hoffman, Vincenza LoMonaco, Steven Mikutel, Rebecca Reynolds, Helen Troidle

DECEMBER 29

Dalia Bankaitis, Sharon Bodoh, Robert Cichocki, Scott Garafalo, Peter Loprete, Joseph McLellan, John McLellan, Lee Mulvihill, Tara Strickland, Bob Thomas, Jackson Tollas, Zachary Selic

DECEMBER 30

Suzanne Gibson, Kathryn Kleinschmit, Rory Martin, Angela Perdue, Amber Peterson, Stacey Robinson, Edward Smith, Marcus Velazquez

DECEMBER 31

James Brand, Don Brennan, Christine Brink, Charles Brittain, Tessa Carlisi, Chris Cicacci, Mae Fasnacht, Kimberly Klemstine, Patricia McGinnis, Soi Nguyen, Madilyn Nixon

JANUARY 1

Eileen Lewis, Marian Hoffine, Roy Bresloff, Cristina Campo, Ron Cote, Janice Devereux, Patrick Devereux, Timothy Devereux, Elizabeth Everett, Rosemarie Miller, Richard Probst, Michael Radike, Guy Strutz, Julie Krupa, Kim Stevens, Ana Abreu, Ana Palumbo, Tamara Santos, Karina Kuchta, Sherry Krupa, Bowie Reitzel, Avary Kelley

JANUARY 2

Judy Killeen, Mrs. Morelli, McKenna Jones, Larry Lehtonen, Ann Raffestin, Veronica Stansfield, Joyce Camarda, Peter Bianchi, Stephanie Leroux, Rick Micciohe, Frank Spallone, Vincent Cautero, Miguel Limeres, Savanna Lee



ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS!

As we emerge from COVID restrictions, the Parish Council has been working on ways to better connect parishioners with our many ministries and to provide support to our ministry leaders.

Details will be provided at ministry leaders meetings on Jan. 19, 2-4pm and on Jan. 20, 6-8pm. Ministry leaders need to attend only one of these important meetings—whichever is more convenient.

In preparation for the January meetings, if you are currently leading a parish ministry formally or informally, please provide your ministry's name

VERY IMPORTANT

Now that ministry events are getting started again, please remember to call Jeannie Johnson in the parish office to place your ministry events on the calendar that occur in the Hall, the Learning Center or the Gathering area. 386-439-2791

and your contact information to the Parish Council at parishcouncil@smdmcc.org or put the information in the Listening Post box in the church's gathering area. Questions? Contact the Parish Council via email or call the parish office and leave a message for the Council.



SMdM staff celebrated the season recently with a staff dinner. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

ONGOING MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

SVDP FOOD COLLECTION

In November, thanks to your generosity, we served 139 families, 247 adults, 213 children. Thank you! Drop off food at church foyer any time during the week. For assistance—(386) 693-4806.



WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us after the 9am Mass for a time of reflection on the Sunday Gospel readings. What is He calling you to? How is God speaking to you? Where is He touching your heart? Come listen, reflect and share as we break open the Word.

Questions? Contact Theresa at 386-517-3739 or Judy at 407-491-4982 judyncih@yahoo.com

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.



Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Wednesday at 12pm in the Chapel.

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.

WE KNOW IT HURTS AND WE WANT TO HELP! TUESDAYS, 9:30AM, LEARNING CENTER

Contact: Lois Ambrosia: 386.871.5371



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

COLD WEATHER SHELTER HELP CHURCH ON THE ROCK, BUNNELL

Need for Assistance:

A dinner team of friends to make and serve dinner for approximately 20 guests, and clean up. This is a hearty high-protein meal...consisting of soup, salad, entrée, vegetable and dessert. Coffee and juice are provided.



- An overnight team of two or three people from 10pm to 6am to stay awake and oversee both the guests and the facility. Guests have been 'vetted' and approved. They received dinner earlier and will be provided a breakfast. This is not for only one person—a team is needed.
- The next morning, a team of two or three to assist in the replacement of the bedding, wipe tables, throw out trash and get the 'sanctuary' back to a workable position. This normally takes 30-60 minutes and starts around 7:30am.

This is done in coordination with Sheltering Tree, headed by Sue Bickens. Please contact Deacon Bob at 630-640-3552 if you are available to assist.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Every Tuesday at SMdM 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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS BOOKS

To help us get in the mood to celebrate The Birth of Jesus, the Library Ministry has sent up a special table in the back of the sanctuary next to the Chapel. There are books available for all ages. As we make preparations for Christmas, let's also prepare our hearts. You are invited to borrow and enjoy one of the parish's holiday books. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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Are You a Widow Looking for a Fun, Friendly, Godly Group of Women to Join for Fellowship? Try Widow's Next Chapter "WNC" at St. Mark's By the Sea Lutheran Church. Meets once a month for fun outings and activities. All widowed women are welcome! For more information, please call Jean Holzhueter at 386-986-9266 or email her at jeanstmarks@gmail.com

WELCOME HOME

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

Catechumenate Period

Dec 29 New Testament

Jan 05 Baptism

Jan 12 Reconciliation

Jan 19 Eucharist

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

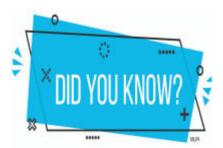


and join our church family.

Seeking Volunteers to Assist in Faith Sharing!

If you would like more information please contact:

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



Truth is expressed differently through various types of historical, prophetical, and poetic texts as well as other forms of literary expression. Because of this, the conditions of the time and culture, the literary genres used at the time and the modes of narrating should all be taken into consideration when trying to interpret the sacred author's intention. (CCC #110)

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
- Dagmar Barron
- Kenneth Bebealt
- Joseph Beneducci Jr.
- Lorraine Bianculli
- Tina Bjorkum
- Leo & Barbara Blank
- Suzanne Bryant
- Ralph Buchanan Jr.
- Marie Butts
- John Caruso
- Will and Shirley Chappel
 Teresa Mancuso
- Lisa Dakdduk
- Nicole Davidis
- Patty Davis
- Elaina Dawson (baby)
- Rosario "Rocky" DiBella
- Noah Dionizio
- Renee Donaghy
- Susan Donlon
- Shalini & Vernon Drego
- Patricia Federico
- Tabitha Fernandez
- Fr. Sal
- Rob Frank
- Yolanda Germano

- Cheryl Greenier
- Susan & Roger Gronert Vanessa Powers
- Fran Hayes
- Patricia Johnson
- Sivestre Labaredas
- Scott Lavonas
- Frank Leonardo
- Lounsberry Family
- Claude Mancini
- Dina Mancuso
- Frankie Mancuso
- Reilly Maresca
- Gordy Maske
- Jane Maske
- Matthew H.
- Nicole Merced
- Joseph T. Milici
- Baby Minicozzi
- Americo Morgado
- Stacey Morris
- Barbara Motta
- Irene Munson
- John Newsome
- Shirley O'Hern
- Gary Paterno

- Diane Pires
- Landen Prestwood
- Ronald Ramsey
- Rick Rider
- Robert Rizzo
- Lenai Rocco
- Casey Ryan
- Amanda Schark
- Russell Scott
- Cindy Ser
- Nelson Shaffer
- Michael Sheridan
- Sandy Silva
- Dan Smith Jr.
- Paula Staffer
- Steven G.
- Ed Stowe
- Elaine Torma
- Carol Tures
- Ianice Williams
- Baby Wise
- Mary Ann Woika
- Carol Woodard



- † Barbara Petrella
- † Laurance Coppa † Henry Canale
- † Virginia Klein
- † John Walsh
- † *Jonah Finn*
- † Judy Finsterbush
- † George Betz



12/29: 9am †George Thomas Murphy, †Robert Fetzer, †Margarita Marta

12/30: 9am †Elizabeth Doak, Tommy Knott (Healing)

01/01: 4pm †Rocco Polyak

01/02: 9am †Charles, †Eva, †Frank Jr., and Dan Scofi, †Joan Roberti

11am Justin Smallwood (Birthday)



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)
- Ioshua Raffaele (USMC)
- Lt. Rachel Mincey (US Navy)
- LCDR Brandon Aten (USCG)
- · Joseph Otmar (USMC)
- 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. Conner Allender (USMC)
- SGT David DiSorbo (US Army)
- Nate Guerreiro (US Navy)
- Lt. Matthew DiSorbo (USAF) Lt. Col. Roland Devries (US) Army)
- Senior MSGT Fernando
- Buitrago (USAF) Deployed Austin Wozniak (A1C USAF)
- Maj. Christopher Wimscott (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 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!

Thank you to those who donated for Christmas flowers

- Anderson, Jeanne
- Augustin, Kurt & Maryann
- Badger, John
- Baj, Aloysius & Deborah
- · Bari, Carol
- Beck III, Hilaire
- Berreth, Duane & Janice
- Briguglio, Thomas & Glenna
- Buckel, Andrew & Pat
- Butler, James & Juanita
- Calloway, Carolyn
- Campbell, Alice
- Carter, Louise
- Comiskey, Mary
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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

- Jeff Cavin's "Revelations" Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar 4, 11 (\$30 for study materials)
- Dr. Ed Sri's "No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" Mar 18, 25, Apr 1, 8 (\$27 for study materials)

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.

Exciting news! Back by popular demand! REVELATION: The Kingdom Yet to Come

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see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Explore the Church's teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.

This course will be held in our Learning Center on Friday mornings at 10am on the following dates: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11,18 and March 4, 11.

Please contact Jeannie in the office or call her at 386-439-2791 to register. Course material cost is \$30.



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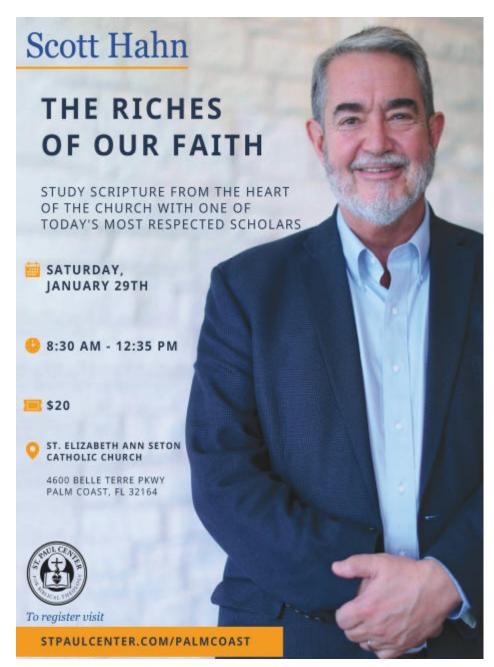
You can donate to Bread of Life by going to this website: https://www.osvhub.com/smdmcc/funds/ bread-of-life

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.

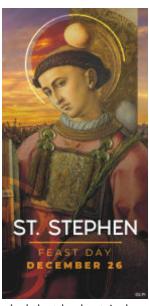
All submitted items <u>must</u> be civil and respectful, and be within the scope of the Parish Council, i.e., the pastoral life of the parish.

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/



ST. STEPHEN FEAST DAY DECEMBER 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local



population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin. Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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2021-2022 Faith Formation Schedule

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Faith Formation (K-8) Sunday 9:45-10:45
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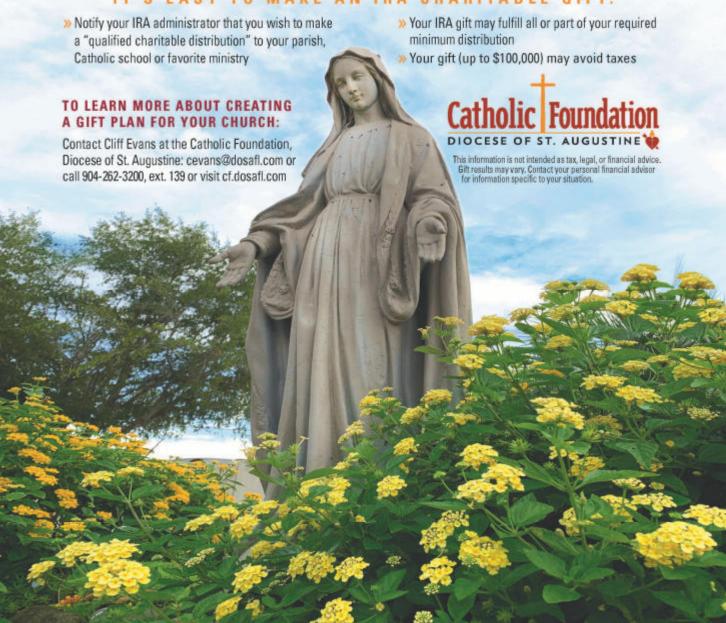
- Dec. 27 No Class/ Christmas Break Jan. 9 Class/Children's Mass 11am
- Jan. 16 NO CLASS
- Jan. 22 Confirmation Retreat (8th)
- Jan. 23 Class (no class 8th)
- Jan. 30 Class
- Feb.6 Class/Children's Mass 11am
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- Feb. 20 Class
- Feb. 27 Class
- Mar .6 Class/Children's Mass 11am
- Mar. 13 Class
- Mar. 20 No Class/ Spring Break
- Mar. 27 Class

- Apr. 3 Class/Children's Mass 11am
- Apr. 10 Class
- Apr. 17 Easter Sunday
- Apr. 24 Last Class
- Apr. 30 First Communion time TBA
- May 7 Confirmation @ 10am

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Tues.—Fri. 1/18-1/21 7-9pm

Saturday 1/22 9:30am-9:00pm

Sunday 1/23 9:30am-5:00pm

Post Sessions 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 7pm

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