



SANTA MARIA *del* MAR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

—SURSUM CORDA—

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



JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Matthew 28:19-20 contains what has come to be called the Great Commission. Jesus tells his followers: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. CCC #1275.

Jesus told Nicodemus: "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." (John 3:5).

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" CCC #1275. (Ref. Matthew 28:19-20).

"Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism" CCC #1277.

"The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ." CCC #1279.

"Baptism imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual sign, the character, which consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because of the character Baptism cannot be repeated" CCC #1280.

"In case of necessity (emergency due to danger of death), any person can baptize provided that he have the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidate's head while saying: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." #1284.

"Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." CCC #1285.

The ministers of Baptism are either Priests or Deacons.

ON-LINE CHURCH DOCUMENTS AND SCRIPTURE:

- Holy Bible (NAB 3rd Edition), at: <https://bible.usccb.org/>
bible at: Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:5.



Parish Resources During the COVID-19 Crisis

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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: Daily Mass 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: 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](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748): www.osvonlinegiving.com/1748



GOSPEL REFLECTION

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of

those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

PSALM:
O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

SECOND READING:
He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

GOSPEL:
After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MON	JAN 3	TUES	JAN 4	WED	JAN 5	THU	JAN 6	FRI	JAN 7	SAT	JAN 8	SUN	JAN 9							
1 Sm 1:1-8	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd	Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10	Mk 1:29-39	ST. HILARY 1 Sm 4:1-11	Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25	Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	Ps 89:16-17, 18-19	Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Mk 2:13-17	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 62:1-5	Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]	1 Cor 12:4-11	Jn 2:1-11



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

2nd Week
December 2021

Offertory:
\$17,761

Online Giving:
\$4,887.50

2nd Week
December 2020

Offertory:
\$15,591

Online Giving:
\$5,135

STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE



"This is my beloved Son with him I am well pleased."

We all hope to hear those words on our judgment day. We have been baptized, thus we must (given our free will) decide how we will live out our life calling. Through our baptism we have received power from the Holy Spirit. This privilege makes it possible for us to step up and be *Stewards* in our everyday behavior to one another.



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. 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:

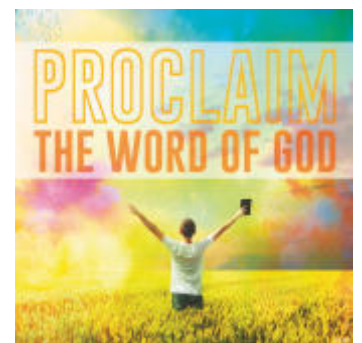
LECTOR'S MINISTRY—PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Ministry: The call of all Christians is to join with Jesus in his mission to bring all humankind into one People under the Father's love.

The Ministry of Lectoring is a positive contribution to the proclamation of God's word in the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies. Readers bring the word of God to the assembled faith community.

The Word of God is not merely read, but proclaimed within the liturgy. Effective proclamation involves the delivery of the message with clarity, conviction and at an appropriate pace. It demands the ability to invoke faith in others by demonstrating one's own faith. The worshippers experience not only unity but the very presence of Christ speaking to them in His word through the Lector.

Santa Maria del Mar Parish has 39 active members involved in this ministry. A Lector must diligently and faithfully prepare the scriptural readings prior to the liturgy. They thankfully give their time and their God-given talent to proclaim the word. The parish is grateful and humbled that these members help the congregation to hear the word with not only their ears but their heart. We salute all those involved who share with our parish community within the liturgy.



12th Flagler Ecumenical Celebration of Unity in Prayer and Song

Saturday, January 22, 2022
12:00 to 2:00 PM



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2022

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
5400 Belle Terre Pkwy. Palm Coast, FL 32137

***We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him.
(Matthew 2:2)***

Participating Churches and Choirs

Flagler Beach United Methodist Church, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Palm Coast United Methodist Church, Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church, Christ Lutheran Church LCMC

Healing from the pain of abortion

(904) 221-3232
rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

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

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!*



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 10

Laveta Aliffi, Thomas Rodwick, Jack Westbrook, Robert Rizzo, Ginette Consentino, Paul Gordon, Jean Kopsky, Jacqueline Celestino, Kristen Beck, Maria Pisarczyk, James Szymanski, Kim Kania

JANUARY 11

Michael Appolonia, Carmen Muir, David Geszler, Maria Duarte, Richard Mancuso, Margaret Rossow, Gary Maurer, Mary Mas, Cathleen Mizak, Maria Asevedo, Francisco Sanchez, Alice Scidmore, Daniel Labaredas, Javier Pages, Erin Tule, Sydney Russell, Kaylin Brennan, Alaina Grover

JANUARY 12

Nancy Cusack, Patrick Bentley, Diann Dries, Frank Lago, Moses Hazo, Edwar Gehl, William Hockla, Nicholas Carrube, Stephany Velosa, Mikaela Garcia, Alexandra Pitts, Madeline Brinker, Francesco Cazzaniga, David Verdugo

JANUARY 13

Joan Bartz, Barbara Bennett, Patricia Cotton, Carol Sutton, Carol Triano, G. Dillion, Sharlene Eldredge, Luciano Lima, Diane Rusche, Marcela Medina, Carmen Garces, Doris Thomas, Joaquin Ledesma-Galvan

JANUARY 14

Robert Haughton, Brittney Houle, Thomas Campbell, Joan Fields, Debora Medeiros, Elaine Sepe, George Francis, George, Donahue, Cynthia Cobb, Zbigniew Sawicki, Glenn Ferrer, Maria Reyes, Christopher Holley, Brandilynn Castillo, Daniel Scarcella

JANUARY 15

C. Rodwick, Robert Persch, Lucille Toto, Paul Battista, Joan Hanvey, Jennifer McColgan, Gianna Mauro, Southwick, J. Woodgate, Diana Salerno, Gina Ruddell, Paul Mucciolo, Carlos Garces, Janie Ruddy, David Bowman, Gabriel Wolff Cady

JANUARY 16

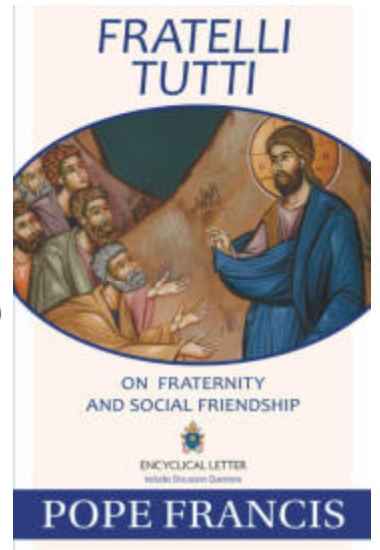
Paul Dries, Rosa Holt, Reed Easton, Mary Mathey, Carol Goimarac, Mary Jordon, Liva Lugara, Thomas Mullaney, JoAnn Will, Gary Watkins, Cedric Early, Jack Stevens, Kathleen Ryan, Madeline Venegas, Logan Mesta, Lynn Pinho, Thomas Ruddy, Joshua Mauro

FRATELLI TUTTI STUDY GROUP

Pope Francis' encyclical letter, Fratelli Tutti (Brothers and Sisters All), was released in October 2020. An invitation to renewed social friendship and universal fraternity, this encyclical was published as the global community was seven months into the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fratelli Tutti provides a starting point for renewing our commitment to caring for our neighbor and a global society built on justice and the common good. (USCCB)

The Social Justice Ministry is facilitating a study group to read, discuss, and reflect upon the encyclical. The first session is on Thursday, February 3, 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom. Future sessions will take place on the fourth Thursday of the month at the same time via Zoom. All materials are free. For more information or to join the study group, send email to socialjustice@smdmcc.org.



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 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.

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

ONGOING MINISTRIES AND EVENTS

SVDP FOOD COLLECTION

Last year we provided food for 1,131 Families, feeding 3,457 family members! We could not feed the families without your continued support! Thank you so much for your generosity! This weekend is our monthly food drive. You may 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.

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 12pm in the Chapel.

WE KNOW IT HURTS & 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.

FELLOWSHIP FOR WIDOWS

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 Holzhuetter at 386-986-9266 or email her at jeanstmarks@gmail.com.

Sweetheart

Dinner/Dance

Saturday, February 19, 2022

➔ Music by *Traces of Gold* ➔



Dancing
'til
10:00 PM



Make Reservations Early
E.Y. (386) 986-1163
Brian (386) 263-7288

\$30.00/person Dinner 6:30 pm

We now accept credit cards (Visa/Mastercard)



Santa Maria del Mar Parish Hall



Public Invited!

Sponsored by KofC Council 10514



Menu:

Kielbasa (direct from St. Louis Prestigious Piekutowski's Packing House,
Kapusta, Golumpki, Pierogi (all homemade), Salad, Dessert, Coffee

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.

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| • Lois Ambrosia | • Yolanda Germano | • Gary Paterno |
| • Dagmar Barron | • Cheryl Greenier | • Diane Pires |
| • Kenneth Bebealt | • Fran Hayes | • Vanessa Powers |
| • Joseph Beneducci Jr. | • Patricia Johnson | • Landen Prestwood |
| • Lorraine Bianculli | • Sivestre Labaredas | • Ronald Ramsey |
| • Tina Bjorkum | • Scott Lavonas | • Rick Rider |
| • Leo & Barbara Blank | • Frank Leonardo | • Robert Rizzo |
| • Suzanne Bryant | • Lounsberry Family | • Lenai Rocco |
| • Ralph Buchanan Jr. | • Claude Mancini | • Casey Ryan |
| • Marie Butts | • Dina Mancuso | • Amanda Scharck |
| • John Caruso | • Frankie Mancuso | • Russell Scott |
| • Will and Shirley Chappel | • Teresa Mancuso | • Cindy Ser |
| • Lisa Dakdduk | • Gordy Maske | • Nelson Shaffer |
| • Nicole Davidis | • Jane Maske | • Michael Sheridan |
| • Patty Davis | • Matthew H. | • Sandy Silva |
| • Elaina Dawson (baby) | • Nicole Merced | • Dan Smith Jr. |
| • Rosario "Rocky" DiBella | • Joseph T. Milici | • Paula Staffer |
| • Noah Dionizio | • Baby Minicozzi | • Steven G. |
| • Renee Donaghy | • Americo Morgado | • Ed Stowe |
| • Susan Donlon | • Stacey Morris | • Elaine Torma |
| • Shalini & Vernon Drego | • Amy Motta | • Carol Tures |
| • Patricia Federico | • Barbara Motta | • Janice Williams |
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| • Fr. Sal | • John Newsome | • Mary Ann Woika |
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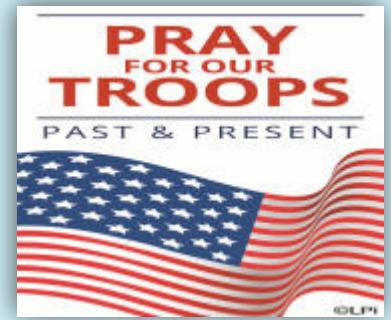
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| † <i>Barbara Petrella</i> | † <i>John Walsh</i> |
| † <i>Laurance Coppa</i> | † <i>Jonah Finn</i> |
| † <i>Henry Canale</i> | † <i>Judy Finsterbush</i> |
| | † <i>George Betz</i> |



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| 01/12: | 9am | †Angela Castro, †Trinidad Guevera |
| 01/14: | 9am | †Mariano Corrente, †Marybeth Hunter, †Donald Swanson |
| 01/15: | 4pm | †Maria Nagy, †Nick and Louise DeRita, †Thomas Trott |
| 01/16: | 11am | †Renato Turano |



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)
- 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 Wimsatt (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!



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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.

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

- Jeff Cavin's "*Revelations*" Jan 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.

WITNESS TO FAITH
with Spiritual University

A recent course—A Biblical Walk through the Mass with Dr. Edward Sri—evoked reactions that we'd like to share. Read as these fellow parishioners lend witness to our Faith. May the Holy Spirit move you to greater understanding of our Faith by participating in the wonderful course offerings from Spiritual University. Our current offering is Revelation. Thank you Santa Maria del Mar for providing this enlightening resource.

Witness to Faith from our Parishioners

Pat Jorgensen: Attending "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" was exactly what I needed. It awakened me. I am not just 'going to Mass,' I am celebrating the Eucharist with angels and saints. Jesus, in the Eucharist unites heaven and earth for us to partake. What a wonderful privilege.

Joan Birch: All Catholics should take this course as a refresher on the Mass. It explains the history and each part of the Mass from the sign of the cross to the final blessing. For me, the Mass has taken on a deeper and more intensified experience.

Sarah Ritcey: Our Catholic Mass is ancient, rich in meaning, drawing its treasures from the Old Testament Jewish liturgy and bringing to us today the fruit of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary, His very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. My awareness of Jesus being present at every Mass, offering himself once again to His Father for our sakes has deepened and increased my gratitude for this Holy Eucharistic banquet. Dr. Sri has done a wonderful job with this course and I would recommend it for every Catholic, newly converted or Catholic "from the cradle." Eat the same food as the Apostles at the Last Supper, worship our Lord Jesus with the Holy Angels, join the priest as he enters the "'holy of holies" to offer the Holy Sacrifice for himself and for us and rejoice in the greatest gift we have on earth, and the One that brings us closest to Heaven! Thanks, Dr. Sri and thanks to the Spiritual University of Santa Maria.

Hear from more Witnesses to Faith in upcoming Bulletins.



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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.

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 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>



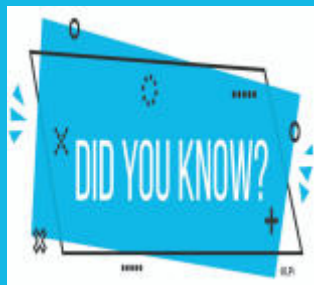
WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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We can distinguish between two main senses of Scripture: the literal and the spiritual. The literal sense refers to the meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and is discovered by following the rules of sound interpretation. The spiritual sense speaks to how the realities and events about which the text speaks can be signs. (CCC #117)



2021-2022 Faith Formation Schedule

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or contact Denise@smdmcc.org
for more information!

Faith Formation (K-8)

Sunday 9:45-10:45am

*First Sunday of the Month Children's
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Jan. 9	Class/Children's Mass 11am
Jan. 16	NO CLASS
Jan. 23	Class
Jan. 30	Class
Feb. 6	Class/Children's Mass 11am
Feb. 13	Class
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 10am
May 7	Confirmation @ 10am

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For more information,
contact:

- Jack Williamson, RCIA Coordinator
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Catechumenate Period

Scenes from the 2021 Christmas Pageant





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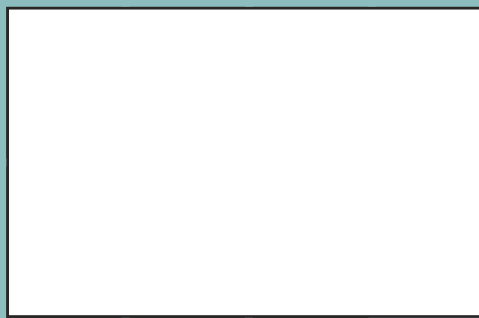
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