



SANTA MARIA *del* MAR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

—SURSUM CORDA—

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JANUARY 16, 2022

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



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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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

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves

and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

PSALM:
Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING:
But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

GOSPEL:
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

TUES JAN 11
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
1 Sm 16:1-13
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Mk 2:23-28

THU JAN 13
ST. FABIAN
ST. SEBASTIAN
1 Sm 18:6-9;
19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13
Mk 3:7-12

SAT JAN 15
DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mk 3:20-21

SUN JAN 16
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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

3rd Week
December 2021

Offertory:
\$15,822.01

Online Giving:
\$5,512.50

3rd Week
December 2020

Offertory:
\$11,317

Online Giving:
\$3,355

STEWARDSHIP ~ A WAY OF LIFE

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

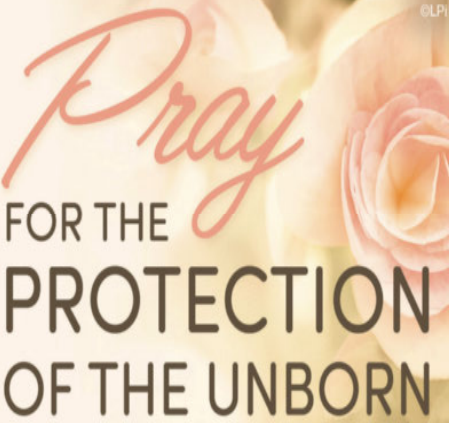
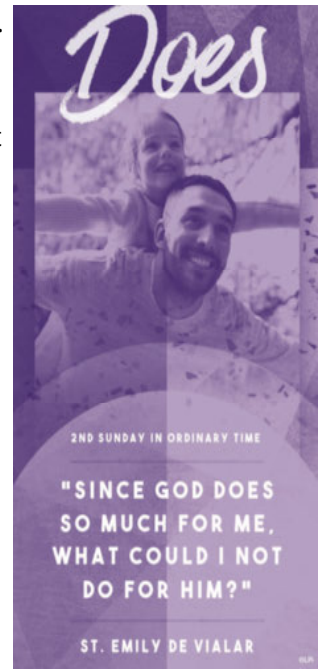
Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY SALUTE

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

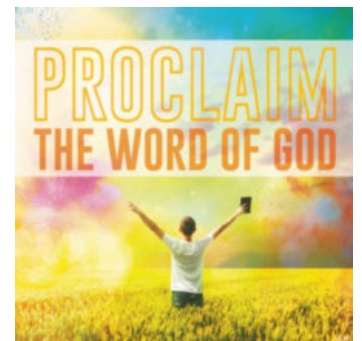
LECTOR'S MINISTRY—PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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.



16TH ANNUAL

MARCH FOR LIFE ST. AUGUSTINE

HEAL OUR WOUNDED CULTURE CHOOSE LOVE...CHOOSE LIFE



10:30 MARCH BEGINS
MAIN EVENT: JAN 15, 2022
Speakers, Music & Activities!

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, 101 San Marco Ave.
9AM - Mass with Bishop Felipe Estevez
Mass outside (weather permitting)
March Speakers begin at 10AM
KOC #611 Spaghetti Dinner - Noon to 4PM
259 St. George Street - Benefits the March



DR. MONIQUE RUBERU, M.D.
PAM STENZEL, COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CENTER
SARA DEJULIO, APR
ANDY SECOLA, STUDENTS FOR LIFE FL

SPEAKERS

FRIDAY KICK-OFF!

SHRINE
2-4PM - Leadership Training
Workshop for College Students
5PM - Adoration & Praise and Worship Music
6PM - Mass followed by Rosary
DINNER: We recommend dining at one
of the many restaurants that downtown
St. Augustine has to offer.

**PLEASE BRING A DONATION OF DIAPERS TO
HELP OUR PREGNANCY
CARE CENTERS
IN NEED**



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Scott Hahn

THE RICHES OF OUR FAITH

STUDY SCRIPTURE FROM THE HEART
OF THE CHURCH WITH ONE OF
TODAY'S MOST RESPECTED SCHOLARS

 **SATURDAY,
JANUARY 29TH**

 **8:30 AM - 12:35 PM**

 **\$20**

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CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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PALM COAST, FL 32164



To register visit

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JANUARY 16, 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 17

Patricia Albert, Rome Rhee,
Maryann Riccoboni, Raymond Albiger,
Nikol Proud, Cooper Blaine

JANUARY 18

James Berryhill, Joan Blow,
Anthony Cataline, Robert Gein,
William Moody, Bill Myers,
Amy Pedigo, Craig Rossi,
Tyler Pinho, Pamela Sellars,
Christine Sudano, Maya Chavez

JANUARY 19

Johanna Parisi, Edmond Giancola,
Patrick Burns, Eileen McCabe,
Stephen Jenkins, Warren Emerson,
Robert Coviello, Lauren Perilli,
Mary Stella, Kylee DeLorenzo,
Violet Ruffalo, Margaret Savone,
Hanna Szymanski, Alec Troy,
Andrew Gaspar

JANUARY 20

Louis Bailath, Carol Anelli,
Elaine Borowy, Karen Bodge,
Teresa Cortes, Deidre DeCosta,
Elizabeth McIntyre, Tina Mongiardo,
Dolores Munson, Lenny Coe,
Marty Klein, Maria Teixeira,
Doug Wenzel, Carrie Tygrest,
Felix Alvarez, Samantha Nelson,
Olivia Ellison

JANUARY 21

Robert Oehl, John Dunkin,
Paul Mager, Anthony Trocchia,
Stuart Rockett, Kathleen Laverty,
Jackie Shopshear, Antonio dos Santos,
Bill Raszl, Neal Harris,
Bonnie Williamson, Abigail Sabia,
Billy Kutik, Robert Dowling, Colt Davis

JANUARY 22

Shirley Garcia, Walter Mergelsberg,
Margaret Neary, Bonnie Lochead,
Taylor Montonez, Nevaeh Santiago,
Violet Gomes

JANUARY 23

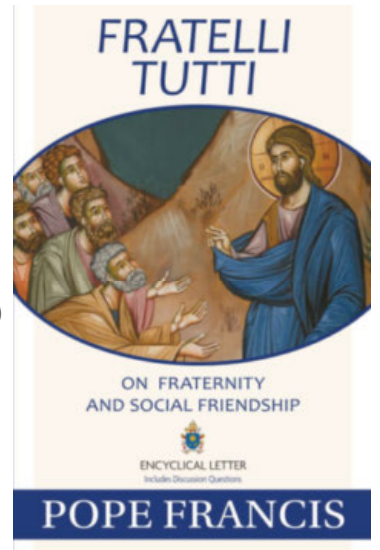
Frank Cotton, Chaisen Grey,
Lois Jaskulsky, Chaisen Marlin,
Max Martin, Janice Romanish,
Joseph Sacca, Shawn Singh,
Matthew Ciaburri, Naomi Santos,
Jayden Magsino, Deborah Wolak

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

Meetings Postponed Until Further Notice

In preparation for the 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

UPCOMING FOOD COLLECTIONS

February 5th and 6th

March 5th and 6th

April 2nd and 3rd

Thank you all for your continued support.

Food donations can be dropped off at the

Church foyer any time throughout the

month 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.



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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 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.



**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.

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.

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>

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
- John Check
- Lisa Dakdduk
- Nicole Davidis
- Patty Davis
- Elaina Dawson (baby)
- Rosario "Rocky" DiBella
- Noah Dionizio
- Renee Donaghy
- Susan Donlon
- Shalini & Vernon Drego
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- Tabitha Fernandez
- Anthony Freda
- Lucille Freda
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- Barbara Motta
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- John Newsome
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- Ed Stowe
- Elaine Torma
- Carol Tures
- Janice Williams
- Baby Wise
- 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)
- 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!

WE COMMEND TO GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE




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



- 01/19: 9am †Lawrence Forella, †Marjorie Forella
- 01/20: 9am †Ruth Morrissey, †Roger Descoteaux, †Eric Brennan
- 01/21: 9am †Katherine Donahue, Maria Palicio (Healing), †Anna Colletti
- 01/22: 4pm †Rose Cole, †John and Eleanor McCabe, †Jackie Neth
- 01/23: 9am †Kent Pech
11am Efren and Corinna Martinez (Anniversary), †Jane Theroux, †Barbara Brust



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We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**COULD YOU BE OF ASSISTANCE
IN THE PARISH LIBRARY?**

Being a member of and helping in the Parish Library takes very little time (maybe just one half hour a month). If you could help us enter new titles in our Excel program, that could even be done at home.



Formally, the group meets together twice a year, before Advent and before Lent to offer special readings for Christmas and Easter. This is an opportunity for anyone who appreciates books and wants to learn more about our faith and enhance their own spirituality.

If you feel called, please email maria@smdmcc.org or call the Parish Office, 386-439-2791.



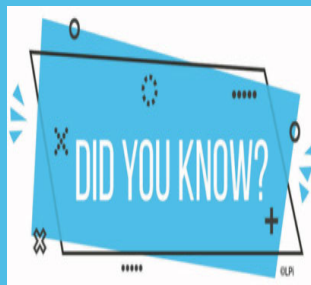
WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question: How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer: We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2 each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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The Old Covenant has never been revoked. The Church has always opposed the idea of rejecting the Old Testament under the pretext that the New Testament has rendered it void. The Old Testament declares in prophecy the coming of Christ and prepares us for it. (CCC #121-123)



2021-2022 Faith Formation Schedule

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Faith Formation (K-8)

Sunday 9:45-10:45am

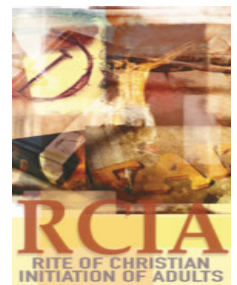
*First Sunday of the Month Children's
Mass at 11am. Attendance encouraged.

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

WELCOME HOME

Wednesday 6pm RCIA Classes through June 12

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.



**Classes to resume
on Jan 19th**

*Seeking Volunteers to
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For more information, contact:

• Jack Williamson, RCIA Coordinator

Catechumenate Period

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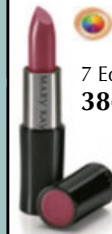
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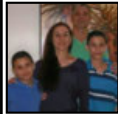
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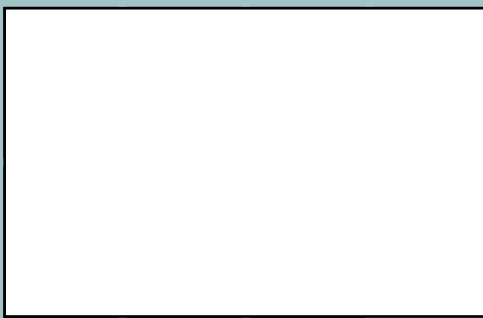
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