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MASS SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday (livestreamed)

5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil

7:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

8:00 a.m. Sunday (livestreamed on Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Sunday

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4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Saturday

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STEWARDSHIP

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

9:00 a.m. Soup Kitchen in Green Cove Springs

9:00 a.m. Advent clean up in the church

2:30 p.m. GriefShare in Building A

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

9:05 a.m. Religious Ed in Buildings A, B, Activity Center

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

9:00 a.m. Small Group in Building A

6:00 p.m. Evening Reflection in the church

6:30 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Prayer Group in Green Cove

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy in Building A

6:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Family in Green Cove Springs

7:00 p.m. OCIA in the church

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Building B

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

4:30 p.m. Religious Ed-Bldg A, B, Activity Center

6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry High School-Activity

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Church

7:15 p.m. Youth Ministry Middle School-Activity

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

8:30 a.m. Rosary in the church

6:00 p.m. K of C in the Activity Center

4:30 p.m. Pageant Practice in Buildings A and B

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

5:30 p.m. Adoration and Exposition in the church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Drive in the parking lot

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

9:05 a.m. Religious Ed in Buildings A, B, Activity Center

A Letter from the Bishop...

Dear Friends in Christ,

The national effort for a Eucharistic Revival has been underway for over a year. At the heart of every effort is a desire to respond more fully to God's invitation. The same God who gives us life wants to nourish us for our human journey. We live in a world filled with joys and challenges. We must respond, but the path forward is often difficult and uncertain. God does not abandon those who call out to him. He responds to give us strength as we follow the narrow way, as we carry our crosses alongside Jesus.

No part of human existence brings us as near to Jesus as the Eucharist. He tells us in a very direct words, "unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you." "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (John 6)

As powerful a promise as Jesus makes, we can easily remain indifferent. The Eucharistic Revival is meant to awaken our hearts and minds so that we receive the gift of God that gives abundant life. Every time we gather for Mass, we enter a privileged place for intimate contact with our Living God.

For this reason, I am asking every parish to begin a more direct preparation for the encounter with Jesus at Mass. I ask every parish to create a more intentional environment of prayer before Mass begins. The main area of the church, especially around the altar, should preserve silence before Mass. The goal of this silence is not merely a greater quiet. This silence should promote a kind of prayer that turns the heart to God in anticipation. Enter your parish church with expectation for the gifts that God gives. Bring your joys and sorrows to the altar. Take time before Mass to speak with the Lord in your heart. Pray for your intentions. Surrender your burdens. Open your heart and mind to the Word of God in the Scriptures.

I am also asking those who plan the liturgy and those who serve as ushers and greeters to look for ways to promote quiet prayer in the final minutes before Mass begins. While we also value the welcoming nature of our parishes, it is possible to promote both friendly interaction and intentional preparation to meet the Lord in the Eucharist. We can better use the spaces outside of the sanctuary and the time after Mass for strengthening our community.

My hope is that the Eucharistic Revival can teach us a deeper prayer, especially in the privileged location of our churches. With this initiative we also releasing some materials to guide our prayer. Because we are easily distracted, we need to help to turn our minds to God as we prepare for Mass. Please take advantage of the guidance these materials provide and develop a habit of arriving early enough to silence your heart and turn your attention to God.

Our encounter with the Lord in the silence of our hearts takes practice and is well worth the effort. Together, let us Seek First the Kingdom of God, joining in prayer for the many needs of our world and the conversion of our hearts.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Erik T. Pohlmeier, Bishop of St. Augustine

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on **Tuesday, December 12th at 7 p.m. in the church.** There will be several priests hearing confessions. We invite you to join us for this great Advent experience.

Our neighboring parishes will have their Advent Reconciliation services on :

December 5th at 7 p.m. Mary Queen of Heaven

December 6th at 7 p.m. St. Luke

December 18th at 7 p.m. St. Catherine's

MUSIC SELECTIONS

1st Sunday of Advent
Gather Book #992

Opening: Prepare the Way of the Lord #400
Psalm 80: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Communion: Jesus, Hope of the Word #909
Closing: O Come, Divine Messiah #401

THANK YOU



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HOLY DAY

Friday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have mass at **8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Council of Catholic Women

The December Meeting & Potluck Dinner is just around the corner!

- Monday, December 11, 2023, in the Activity Center.
- Our gathering time is from 6:00 – 6:30 PM.
- Please bring your favorite dish to share. Dinner at 6:30 PM.

It will be a festive evening with Father Marek joining us for dinner and as our guest speaker. There will be a short business meeting and the installation of Julie Rodriguez as CCW Vice President. Ladies, come enjoy an evening of fellowship & fun. For information contact: Lilli Moniot - (904)309-1011 lmoniot@comcast.net

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMMITTEE

We will be meeting on Monday, December 4th at 9:30 am to prepare the church for Christmas. New volunteers are welcome to join us!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

We will have mass for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Green Cove Springs Church on Saturday, December 9th at 7 p.m. Mass will be followed by a play of Our Lady performed by the children of the parish. After the play, we will have dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

MAÑANITAS

On December 11th at 11:30 p.m., we will have a rosary followed by mañanitas (the custom of serenading Our Lady of Guadalupe) at the Green Cove Church. A potluck will follow in the fellowship hall.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry is on **Wednesday, December 6th**.

High School: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

6th - 8th Grade: 7:15 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.

DYC IX "Believe"

Registration is now open for our annual Diocesan High School Youth Conference, DYC, February 16-18, 2023, at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Florida. All high school youth are invited to attend the diocesan-wide conference with a theme of "Believe." In our society, where teens feel so much pressure and stress at home and school, this is an opportunity to unplug, relax, have fun, and nurture their faith. Participants will enjoy workshops, low ropes course, live music, games, Mass, Adoration, faith sharing and our keynote speakers. Early Bird cost is \$150.00. Price increases to \$165.00 on January 31. Deadline to register is Feb. 10. For details call (904) 284-3811, ext. 205 or email Nancy Valdes at nancy.valdes@sacredheartcatholicchurch.org



Christmas Pageant

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

You're invited to Sacred Heart's Annual Christmas Pageant and Live Nativity on Friday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Sullivan Hall. Reception to follow.

You are invited to a Night of Song and Praise to the Christ Child

at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm featuring two harps and a violin. Local musicians Sue Carmichael, Sandy Emery, and Victoria Sterjna.

Admission is free. A love offering will be taken to benefit the local non-profit Heart of the Good Shepherd.



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We are very grateful for the ongoing generosity of our parishioners. We are offering online giving in an effort to make things easier for you. We know that times are tough, and any amount of donations, given in any way, are appreciated but not required.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2nd, 5:30 pm - For the special intention

of Amy and David Snyder requested by Rebecca Smith

Sunday, December 3rd, 8:00 am - In memory of Michele Schoonmaker requested by Karen and Bert Smith

Sunday, December 3rd, 10:30 am - For the parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, December 4th, 8:00 am - In memory of Bob Hambleton requested by Kathy and Lee Bates

Tuesday, December 5th, 8:00 am - In memory of Jay Oliverio requested by Marilyn Wojciechowski

Wednesday, December 6th, 8:00 am - In memory of Felina Almira requested by Tom and Dorothy Riddle

Thursday, December 7th, 8:00 am - For the special intention of Mother Mary Elizabeth requested by the Watkins family

Friday, December 8th, 8:00 am - In memory of Joan Petruska requested by Chuck Petruska

Friday, December 8th, 7:00 pm - In memory of Francisca Gaona requested by the Curtis family

Saturday, December 9th, 5:30 pm - In memory of Linda Langford requested by Barbara Boothby

Sunday, December 10th, 8:00 am - For the special intention of Garrison Cook requested by Kristin Belleza

Sunday, December 10th, 10:30 am - For the parishioners of Sacred Heart

PRAYER LIST

With compassion and concern, we pray for those in need of our prayers...

Anne Brauner, Rose Guevara, Phil Leatherbury, Diane McLaren, Ron Milton and family, Tony Ortiz, David Parkes, Luis Rios, Jim Slayton and family, Alice Smith, Millie Streibel,

David Betts, Becky Blenker, Zach Hathaway, Ed Mossien, James Thomas, Dick Trache,

Gloria Allen, Jerry Allen, Gayle Anderson, Bennett family, Jere Cook, April Dickerson, Kitty Estes, Julie Ferry, Janet Forgea and family, Tom Garofalo, Cheryl Gomes, Peter Gomes, Barbara Graf, Stacey Harbeson, Betty Harper, Mark Hathaway, Becky Hogan, Rich Hogan, Jeff, Justin, Mark Jones, Al and Carol Karolewicz, John Keene, Suzie Kelley, Jr Lindsay, Virginia Lavarine, Cindy Mackert, Joann Mann, David Moniz, Tommy Nolan, Mary O'Connor, Mary and Michelle Peterson, Tommy Purrington, Yonathan Roberts, Nereida Robles, Russ Sheffield, Charley Swayne, Nancy and Roger Verboncoeur, Carl Wallace, Bonnie Willis,

April Dickerson, Howie, Koss, Mary Latham, Diane Sabo Miller, Denise Murray, Tim and Sherry, our prayer blanket recipients and our homebound parishioners.

READINGS

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 3, 2023

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday

Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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Mark your calendars!

Penance Service:

Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 23rd at 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

THERE WILL BE NO 8:00 A.M. MASS!

Sunday, December 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule:

Sunday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24th Carols at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24th at 11:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

Christmas Day Mass Schedule:

Monday, December 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars for 2024!

New Years Eve Mass Schedule:

Sunday, December 31st at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 31st at 10:30 a.m.

New Years Day Mass Schedule:

Monday, January 1st at 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany Program:

Friday, January 5th at 7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES - TIMES TO BE DETERMINED

Church Mission:

Monday-Wednesday, February 5-7th

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Friday, June 7th and Sunday, June 9th

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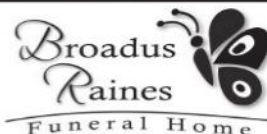
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