

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6, 2019

*Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
—Psalm 95: 6*

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MASS TIMES
Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 8:00 AM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM
Thursday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:00 AM

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Saturday 10:00 AM
And by appointment

**Baptism, Eucharist,
Confirmation and Marriage**
Please call the office regarding preparation
for these Sacraments.

**Communion and
Anointing of the Sick**
After Sunday Mass, the Eucharist is taken to
the sick. Please call the office to have a
parishioner included.

October 6, 2019

Sick Relatives & Friends

Justin McPherson
Joshua Rickert
Jimmy Hobson
Charlotte Carr
Lee Olson
Robert Carr
Bill Johnson Sr.
Elizabeth Bides
Richard Patey
Frank Crowder
Nestor Gil
Jennifer Kues
Karen Pendleton
Lynda Pendleton
Marty Klein
Eric Ebuon
Ron Heckman

Marguerite Schaffhauser
Bernice Schaffhauser
Edward Schaffhauser
Irena Osinski
Al Wagner
Ben Franzuela
Tony Barroso
Bob Dietrich
May Coons
Robin Hanson
Walter Hanson
Faye Carr
Elizabeth Boothe
Elisa Alonzo
Trish Caudill
Mike Ambrosio
Elfrida Powell
Rina Hopkins
Bill Cox
Cynthia Waggoner
Glenn Sisler
Suzanne Denemark

Barbara Ann Johnson
John Zesis
Benito Lopez
Noel de la Rosa
Joan Kelley
Ann Marie White
Loretta Wagner
Linda Sandmon
Joan Bell
Rosemarie Rickert
Rizalina Paterno
Cheryl Mark
Jim Lammie
Christine Lucas
Dan Benkert
Harvey Little
Jerry Carroll
Wayne Tolbert
Jim Burns
Mary Uraco
Dixie McCormack
Kaycee Smelser

Karen Holden
Ann Font
Joan Richards
Bobby Richards
Patricia Seelhoefer
Wilda Von Seggern
Keith Rickerts
Dolores Hazel
David Benedict
Richard Boyle
JoEllen Reoyo
Patricia Clarke
Andrew Buttner
Adam Herbert
Denise Jones
Phil Dancel
J.C. Kea
Ginny Ragland
Greg Isles
Rudy Chandia
Pat Mayhew
Josephine Gaudio

David Ritchie
Kayran Carroll
Armand Riendeau
Michael Walker
Tedd Metras
Marcia Conrad
Amor Guzman
Daniel Manning
Kathy Matkovic
Arlene Ritchie
Patricia Hinds
Mary Starr
Joanne Hoffmeister
Ron Kurth
Charles Garrett
Paul Weihs
Frank Lujan
Herman Ike Pundt
Archie Paez

HELP NEEDED FOR PROPERTY CLEAN-UP

You probably noticed that much of the large overgrowth is gone from the fields around the church, but help is now needed to remove the smaller branches and other debris. All are invited to a general grounds clean-up on Saturday, **October 12**, beginning at 9:00. You are asked to bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes (no flip-flops). Garbage bags will be provided. Following the event, hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings will be served to all participants!



Bishop Emeritus, the Most Reverend
John J. Snyder, D.D.
Good and Faithful Servant
May he rest in peace.



ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CLUB CHILI COOK-OFF

Do you make a mean bowl of chili? Let us be the judge of that! Enter the Men's Club Chili Cook-Off at St. John's on **October 19**. Entry forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex; there is no fee to enter. Chili sampling is from 6:00—8:00 PM in the parish hall. \$10.00/adults, \$5.00/kids. Tickets are on sale now. If you have questions, see Jimmy Hundley.



**MEMORY CAFÉ
October 21**

The Health and Wellness Ministry is sponsoring the next Memory Café on Monday, **October 21**, from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM in the parish hall. A Memory Café is a place where people with dementia AND their care-givers can come for coffee, tea, refreshments, games, and conversation in a social environment accepting of dementia. There is no structured program. For more information, call the parish office (246-6014).



MINISTRY SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

Attention, liturgical ministers. The ministers' online schedules for October—December are available at the *Ministry Scheduler Pro* site. For those who do not have internet access or who need a printed schedule, please sign the yellow tablet in the sacristy.



ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING

All altar servers will meet on Saturday, **November 2**, at 11:00 AM in the church. Anyone interested in becoming an altar server is also welcome to attend. Altar servers need to be in 5th grade or higher and registered at St. John's. Lunch will be served.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

October 17

The next meeting of the St. John's Men's Club will take place on **October 17**, at 7:00 in the parish library. All men, 18 and older, are invited to attend. Plans are in place for the Chili Cook-Off on October 19. Manly munchies will again be served at the meeting. If you have not attended yet, why not?



PRAY THE ROSARY

Join the Knights of Columbus in the Marian Chapel every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM for the weekly rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

AA MEETINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 AM in the library.



September 29, 2019

Offertory.....	\$6,552.09
Online Giving.....	\$1,481.00
Building Fund.....	\$2,273.00
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$15.00
Total.....	\$10,321.09
Emergency Assistance Ministry.....	\$490.40
Young Church.....	\$389.89

FUN-FILLED FABULOUS FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars! St. John's Annual Fun-Filled Fabulous Family Fall Festival is coming on **Sunday, October 27**, from 2:00 until 5:00! The final event of the fun-filled fabulous family fall festival will be the traditional, thrilling, tremendous trunk-or-treat candy distribution spectacular. The church will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and paper products; parishioners are asked to bring sides and desserts. In addition, there will be games, activities, a cake walk, music, and other exciting experiences.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades K-5

Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13
6:15—7:30

Grades 6-10

Sundays, October 6, 13, 20; November 3, 10, 17
6:15—7:30



Dear Padre,

My parish has become so multicultural, I hardly recognize it anymore!

This is happening across the United States. Immigrant populations are joining parishes, bringing their culture and values with them.

Years ago, Catholics strongly identified with a particular culture: Irish, Polish, Italian, for example. They built churches and sometimes found their own priests. They supported their own schools, teaching and praying in their own language. These ethnic parishes gave security to people in a new land.

However, people died, went to war, or left the neighborhood, changing the parish population. But the parish didn't die. Newcomers arrived, people who didn't share the same background or language. *Catholic* means "universal." It can never be identified exclusively with one particular parish church. A parish isn't a country club with an unspoken charter written by those who have been there the longest. One may have loyalty to a parish, but this should be rooted in love of the gospel.

When people experience change, they seek security. In parishes, however, security can lead to possessiveness. But the parish, as it exists, isn't meant to threaten newcomers with its norms and customs. A word of encouragement from you, a long-standing parishioner, can help overcome these tensions. You're encouraged to welcome these people and let them know that we all practice a faith that's Catholic—in the fullest sense of the word.

—*The Redemptorists*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The just ones, because of their faith, shall live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
Lk 17:11-19

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY **October 5**
5:00 P.M. **Those Impacted by Abortion**
..... by Trudy Perez-Poveda

SUNDAY **October 6**
9:00 A.M. †**Bishop John J. Snyder**
11:00 A.M. †**Virgilia Suyat**
..... by Luz Reyes

MONDAY **October 7**
8:00 A.M. **NO MASS**

TUESDAY **October 8**
8:00 A.M. **NO MASS**
..... (Priests' Retreat)

WEDNESDAY **October 9**
8:00 AM **NO MASS**
..... (Priests' Retreat)

THURSDAY **October 10**
8:00 AM **NO MASS**
..... (Priests' Retreat)

FRIDAY **October 11**
8:00 AM **NO MASS**
..... (Priests' Retreat)

SATURDAY **October 12**
5:00 PM †**Mr. and Mrs. Goyette**
..... by The Javier Family

SUNDAY **October 13**
9:00 A.M. †**Feliciano and Juana Casingal**
..... by Victoria Quedado
11:00 A.M. †**Bishop John J. Snyder**

Ministers' Schedule

October 12 and 13

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

5:00 P.M. (F) Reggie Dubay, Cindy Dubay
..... (I) Mary Ann Carroll, John Riendeau
9:00 A.M. (F) Fred Hidalgo, Hoa Ramirez
..... (I) Mike Crowder, Gwen Crowder
11:00 A.M. (F) Ramon Reyes, Susie Reyes
..... (I) Cristina Suyat, Aletta Santos

READERS

5:00 P.M. Bill Corley, Tita Agustin
9:00 A.M. Eileen Theis, Barbara Schuman
11:00 A.M. Jon Masinsin, Isabel Masinsin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 P.M. Sharyn Roettger, Mike McPherson,
..... Marilyn Ormond, Dorothy Schechterle,
..... Monica Trinidad, David Costa, Joan Cornelison
9:00 A.M. Rose Imray, Maura Wilburn, Valerie Matta,
..... Debbie Bunting, Scott Imray,
..... Ann Crowder, Tom Crowder
11:00 A.M. Jane Hart, Dee Fox, Nenita Romero,
..... James Ezelle, Josie Ezelle,
..... Dennis Stone, Aida Masinsin

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 P.M. Martin Ocampo, Bridgette Von Seggern,
..... Brynn Von Seggern
9:00 A.M. Liliana Cuaresma, James Lingerfelt,
..... Jillian Mendoza
11:00 A.M. Talia Samoeun, Gabe Santos,
..... Abigail Santos

YOU ARE CALLED:

We are called as a people of God, as members of the Catholic Church, and as parishioners of St. John's to stand up for our faith and to be Jesus' heart, hands, and feet. Jesus is calling us to do so by being the voice for the voiceless.

St. John's is committed to helping save lives – those of the unborn and those of their mothers – by standing and praying in solidarity at A Woman's Choice of Jacksonville, 4131 University Blvd. every Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Your presence and prayer lets the mothers know that they are not alone, that there are better alternatives than abortion, and that we can help. Please join the Respect Life Committee in this life saving ministry. Your presence is welcome for any amount of time you can stand in prayer. Please call Jim Burton at (904) 234-8763 or Dottie Klein at 472-7869 for more information.



ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Your Journey of Faith Begins Here!

Are you seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith or where to begin your journey? Our team will help you explore and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and help you uncover the great treasury of spiritual wisdom that is contained in the Catholic Church.

If you or your loved ones have questions about the Catholic faith, its beliefs, its practices, or if you or someone you know is thinking about becoming Catholic, come and explore the Catholic faith with us!

Our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team has many resources to help you. Please contact us at the parish office (246-6014).

MISSION HOUSE NEEDS MEDICAL HELP

Mission House is in need of medical volunteers. Sign up at www.missionhousejax.org/get-involved or call Mandy at 241-6767 ext. 111 for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY RAFFLE

The Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus is holding a 2019/2020 charity raffle. Our parish Council 14866 will be selling raffle tickets after each Mass. The first prize is \$25,000, the second prize is \$10,000, and the third prize is \$5,000. There will also be five \$1,000 prizes. The drawing will be **May 23** in Orlando, Florida, at the State Council meeting. Participants will not be required to be present at the drawing to win. Tickets are one dollar each. The charities supported by the Florida Knights of Columbus and local council 14866 include Catholic education, food for families, pro-life, citizens with disabilities, and Special Olympics. To purchase your tickets, see a parish member of the Knights of Columbus. Again, thank you for your support; as always, it's deeply appreciated.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
- Tuesday: Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) begins at sundown
- Wednesday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
- Friday: St. John XXIII
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

AMUSING ANECDOTE

A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: "I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because He knows what I'm thinking."



Do you know a great, clean church joke? Send your submissions to ewiley@outlook.com.

33RD ANNUAL STATE RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE

The 33rd Annual State Respect Life Conference, "In the Heart of Our Mother," will be held in the Diocese of St. Augustine on **Oct.11-12, 2019**. Featured speakers include Bishop William Wack of Pensacola-Tallahassee. There is also a youth track and concert with nationally known singer/songwriter Sean Forrest. The conference begins at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche on 10/11 and continues at St Anastasia 10/12. To register go to www.dosafl.com/respectlifeconference. For more information contact the Office of Human Life and Dignity at (904)262-3200, ext. 159.



EIGHTH ANNUAL WHITE MASS

The Diocese of St. Augustine's 8th Annual White Mass will be held on Saturday, **October 19**, for Catholic physicians, medical students and residents, healthcare professionals, and those in healing ministries. The Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM will be celebrated by Bishop Felipe Estévez at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre De Dios in St. Augustine. Fellowship will follow with a casual reception at The Pilgrim Center and Pavilion located on the mission grounds. The event is sponsored by our Catholic Medical Association "St. Gianna Guild of North Central Florida." Registration is requested by October 12: Contact Belinda at bsh1grace@aol.com.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH MISSION

St. Paul's Parish Mission will take place on **October 7, 8 and 9** at 7:00 PM each evening. Fr. John Anglin, a Franciscan Friar, will conduct the mission themed "*Living the Joy of the Gospel.*" During these days, we will see that Joy is something deep within us if we have truly embraced Jesus's call to discipleship. Scheduled talks include: 10/7—A Loving God: the Cause of our Joy, 10/8—The Gift of Mercy, and 10/8-Caring for our Common Home, our Brothers and Sisters and for all God's Creatures. Call MJ at 904-222-0608 with questions.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Are you interested in cultivating a more mature union with the Lord? Have you considered spiritual direction? Spiritual direction is a process in which the director helps the directee become more alert to the presence and prompting of the Holy Spirit in his or her life. The main goal is to help the directee listen more attentively and accurately to what the Lord is trying to convey to him or her. (Rosage, *Beginning Spiritual Direction*) If you are interested, please contact Dennis Stone, parishioner, at dennisjstone@comcast.net. He has a certificate in Spiritual Direction from Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida. (<https://divineprovidence.org/school-of-spiritual-direction>) For questions, call the office 246-6014.

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

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: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 262-3200 extension 129 or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96ABUSE.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$40.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Kindergarten through High School

Religious Education Director: Samantha Matthews 246-6014

CHOIRS:**5:00 p.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Practice is after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

11:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Youth Choir Practice

Seasonally, on Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

INFANTS and CHILDREN:

Parents, please help us to worship with attention and prayer by responsibly caring for your young one during Mass. A crying infant could be beseeching God for a walk outside. Please take your child to the gathering area if your child becomes disruptive during Mass and needs calming.

HALL RENTAL:

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG CHURCH:

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome. The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community. Contact Paul Trinidad (246-0592) or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are needed and welcome. Food is also distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight Jimmy Hundley at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY: A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You do not need a medical background to participate.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received prior to Friday, a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call Ellen at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to ewiley@outlook.com or fax to 246-1219. Prayer list changes and/or sympathy announcements have reserved space and are accepted up to transmission time.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:

Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

RECIPROCITY

If God loved us as much as we love God, where would we all be?

—Anonymous