



St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church

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Mass Times:

Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (The 10:00 a.m. Mass is livestreamed)

Monthly on third Thursday of month, 1:00 p.m., at Lake Prince Woods

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick:

Sacrament of the Sick is offered on the 4th weekend of the month at all Masses.

Baptism:

Contact the Parish Office to register for the parent Baptismal preparation class.

Marriage:

Contact the Parish Office six months prior to the wedding to learn about Engaged Encounter or Pre-Marital classes.

Religious Education:

Julie Francis, cre@stmarysuffolk.org

Youth Ministry:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Geralyn Bryne, Contact Parish Office.

Adult Faith Formation:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

Church Ministries

(Contact the Parish Office if not otherwise noted):

Altar Servers: Duane Anderson

Extraordinary Ministers: Dave Von Rump, dvonrump@aol.com

Lectors: Dave Von Rump, dvonrump@aol.com

Liturgical Music Director: Julie Francis

Liturgy Committee: Andrew Graf

Pastoral Care: Tillie Rivenbark, 757-934-1803

Sacristans: Andrew Graf

Additional Ministries:

Altar Flowers: Sandy Nance, 757-373-9928

Buildings and Grounds: Mike Bibbo, fs7363@vakofc.org

Communications:

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Knights of Columbus: Patrick Kahoe, Contact Parish Office.

Parish Council Chair: JoAnn Farabaugh, Contact Parish Office

Parish Life: Lauren Kahoe, 540-408-8801

Elaine Reyes, Contact Parish Office

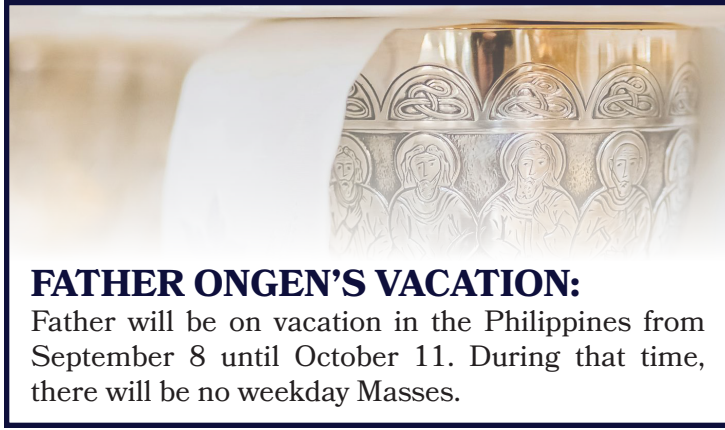
Prayer Partners: Ed Collum, Contact Parish Office.

Respect Life:

Whitney Lothamer, 937-654-8398

Women's Club:

Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.



FATHER ONGEN'S VACATION:

Father will be on vacation in the Philippines from September 8 until October 11. During that time, there will be no weekday Masses.

CELEBRANT THIS WEEKEND WILL BE:

Saturday, September 13

- 4:00 p.m. Confession – Fr. Dan Klem
5:00 p.m. Mass – Fr. Dan Klem

Sunday, September 14

- 8:00 a.m. Mass – Fr. Rafferty
10:00 a.m. Mass – Fr. Dan Klem

MINISTRY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Are you or someone you know unable to attend Mass due to illness or other challenges? The volunteers at the Pastoral Care Ministry are dedicated to bringing the Holy Eucharist to those in need. If you would like to arrange for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, please call the Parish Office, or Tillie Rivenbark at 757-335-1078.

PLEASE PRAY:

- **For our ill or shut-in parish family members:** Mary Barnes, Peg Cicirelli, Kathy Hansinger, Donald Hartman, Margie Hayden, Kathy Mallet, Ron Pyle, Mary Stevens, and Josephine Walters
- **For those serving in the military:** Flora Dontsap, Rafael Soriano, Joshua Graf, Chris Rosado, and Joyce Jankielsztajn

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY:

- Weekdays immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- Weekends on: Saturdays at 4:20 p.m.
- Sundays at 7:20 a.m. and 9:20 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS:

The Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth. Pray for your loved ones in a special way united to the Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office at 757-539-5732 to request a Mass for your special intention.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Begins after Mass on the First Friday of the month and ends on the following Saturday after Benediction at 9:30 a.m.

FORMED.ORG:

St. Mary's has gifted all parishioners with a free subscription to the many resources of the Augustine Institute's FORMED website. Simply go to www.stmarysuffolk.org and push the Formed link under St. Mary's name in the parish listings. You will then have access to hundreds of videos, Bible studies, movies, programs, children's content, books, etc.

HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:

Please help our twinning parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Belladere. A \$100.00 donation will support one Haitian student for one year. Currently there are 200 students, so please be generous. Contact Paul Fletcher to help, fletcherpaul@gmail.com.

SALVATION ARMY PARISH OUTREACH:

Please donate pantry items and place them in the bin in the vestibule as often as possible. Much help is needed. Contact Paul Fletcher for questions, fletcherpaul@gmail.com.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP WILL BE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:

Special thanks to Colleen and Mike McCarrier and Lauren and Patrick Kahoe for funding the donuts this month. Thanks also to the Parish Life Committee for their service to the Lord and our parish family by hosting delicious and enjoyable events.

Meetings

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Bible Studies take place on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday mornings at 11:15 a.m., and Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:

Alternate Sundays

FINANCE COUNCIL:

Meets on 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Meets on 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. All parishioners are invited to attend.

RESPECT LIFE:

Meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S CLUB:

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except July and August).

FAITH FORMATION:

It's not too late to jump into an Adult Faith Formation class! Join us for a chance for food, fellowship and discussion as we journey together in our faith. "Catechism in a Year" meets Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" meets Tuesday mornings at 11:15 a.m. "Jesus and the Eucharist," a special video study, meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. All Adult Faith Formation classes are held in the Social Hall. You can sign up online, in the vestibule, or just show up! More details on each of the classes can be found on the website and in the posters on the church bulletin board.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Traditional Choir Membership is open to all parishioners aged 16 and older. Bi-weekly practice is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Informal vocal training provided, classical and contemporary Catholic repertoire. Traditional Choir members provide music for the Saturday (Vigil) Mass and/or Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. Choirs meet 45 minutes prior to each Mass to warm up and prepare voices.

CANTORS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS:

Special ministries for those gifted with individual talent and extra training. Requires an interview with the Music Coordinator.

SCHOLA CANTORUM:

Schola is a small vocal ensemble for singers with more advanced musical skills, choral experience, and familiarity with Latin chant. Bi-weekly practice is on 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. The Schola sings at the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. Repertoire includes the Ordinary of the Mass (Latin), as well as both English and Latin traditional hymns, chants, and antiphons. Schola meets 45 minutes prior to 8:00 a.m. Mass to warm up and prepare voices. The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art (Vatican II, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, §112). For more information or to become a member of St. Mary of the Presentation Music Ministry, contact: Julie Francis, Music Coordinator at 757-539-5732 or CRE@stmarysuffolk.org.

FATHER'S CORNER:

Don't let the fear of what's ahead stop you from moving forward. The only way to conquer it is to step through it.

*Saint of the Week***SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS**

Saint of the Day: September 20

Patron Saints of Korea

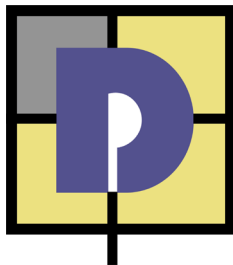
Following his Baptism at the age of 15, the first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded. Andrew Kim Taegon's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. The two were beheaded. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized. Around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

Read the full article: "Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-andrew-kim-tae-gon-paul-chong-hasang-and-companions/> (Accessed September 1, 2025).



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