

ST. PIUS V CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Mother Church of African American Catholics in Jacksonville, Florida"

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020



Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Pius V Church family is to know, love and serve God and to share and build upon our rich Catholic African American legacy and culture. We proclaim Jesus as Lord through worship and service, education and social ministries.

Please remember St. Pius V Catholic Church in your will and final estate.

Welcome to St. Pius V Catholic Church, the Mother Church of African American Catholics in Jacksonville, Florida. Founded in 1921, our parish continues to proclaim the word of Jesus Christ for which it was founded in the spirit of love and in the spirit of giving. We are proud of our heritage! Happy Easter Season!!!

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Rev. Bernardine Eikhuemelo
Pastor

Today's Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

CHURCH OFFICE

Phone: (904) 354-1501 / FAX: (904) 354-7240

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10 AM - 3 PM

Appointment with the Priest: Call the office

Business Manager: Ms. Karen Kincade

Secretary: Ms. Selena Mendez

Bookkeeper: Mr. Cyril Traeye

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:00 AM

Thursday: 8:00 AM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

CONFESSION

Saturdays: by appointment



Sunday, April 19, 2020
Offertory Not Available

Sunday, April 12, 2020
Revised \$2,052.00

Sunday, April 5, 2020
Revised \$2,097.00

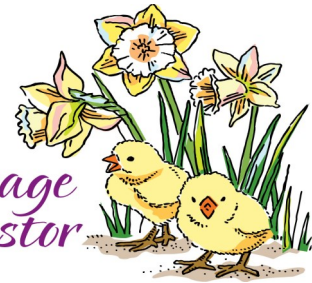
Lord, we are grateful for ALL you have given us!

Baptism: Parents who have registered for three months or more are required to attend Baptism preparation classes. Please call the Rectory office to schedule your class.

Bulletin Announcements: All items for the Church Bulletin are due to the Rectory Office by 10 AM, on Tuesday. Bulletin announcements must be brief and written by the submitting ministry or entity. Please email announcements to: spvsecretary@outlook.com or drop them off at the Rectory Office Monday-Friday 10 AM - 3 PM.

New Parishioners: St. Pius V Catholic Church wishes you a warm welcome to our parish. Registration forms are on the religious articles display counter. You may bring or send your completed form to the Rectory or drop it in the collection during Mass. Thank you.

Easter



Easter Message From the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Corona Virus and Parish Life 5 – Easter Season

If my math is right, we are now into the seventh week of this unwholesome Covid-19 pandemic 'lockdown' and the normal things that we are unable to engage in. Again, this period of the year 2020 is going to go down in history for all the wrong reasons.

I was looking ahead at the calendar a few days ago, and realized that, probably for the first time, one major celebration we have during the Easter season will not receive the deserved attention as in years past. While it is not a liturgical celebration, Mothers' Day is a huge deal, a very significant annual event. And in every faith community, it is marked in any number of ways to appreciate rightly the irreplaceable place of mothers in the family.

Unless there is a major shift in the course of the virus, Mothers' Day 2020 is going to be another casualty of the pandemic. And that is no fun! If this turns out to be the case, here is an early reminder and a call to celebrate all mothers as much as the current circumstances allow in our various families and extended families.

Now for the faith community of St. Pius V, the goal this year, if you remember, was for the men of the parish to prepare a meal for parishioners in honor of Mothers. The plan, as you might imagine and remember, was for no woman or mothers be part of that preparation; because as we all know very well, for virtually all other such events our mothers and sisters are always at the forefront. So, thanks, but no thanks to CV19, the men of St. Pius are going to have to wait till next year. Or who knows, we just might find another day to still honor our mothers; after all, it is not about the date, its about the substance of appreciation for them. So, stay tuned!

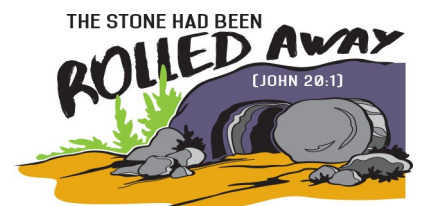
Secondly, for many parishes, Mothers' Day has traditionally been one for kids to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. This special occasion for a lot of kids has already been postponed, another religious consequence of the virus. Just think for one moment about grandparents who would have been at these occasions, but now have to wait; and God forbid, cannot make the new dates. Hopefully, whenever these finally take place, we pray the joy is complete for all involved in it.

As I mentioned in a previous post, I believe that, by the end of this Resurrection season, we shall rise from the restrictions, lockdowns and many other negative consequences of this pandemic. Thankfully to God, I think we are gradually rolling away the stone of Covid-19.

See you on Facebook and Zoom and have a blessed week everyone!

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr. Bernardine





MASS INTENTIONS

- April 26th 10:30 AM + Father Denis O'Regan
- April 29th 8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Pius V, Crucifixion and Holy Rosary Parishes
- April 30th 8:00 AM + Father Denis O'Regan

If you are interested in having someone remembered in a mass intention, please contact the Church Office at 354-1501. The suggested mass stipend is \$10 or more.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK OR HOMEBOUND



Thomasena Bell, Willie Bell, Sylvester Bossard, Aja Fisher, Richie Fluker, Lovie Gardner, Leonard Goggins, Will Grissett, Brenda Harris, Mildred Hunter, Maudella Hymes, Gwendolyn Lockett, Glen Mills, Casslena Mobley, Regina Taylor-Murphy, Michel Pettis, Sonya Sprott, Carolyn Thompson, Robert Trotter, Mary Walker, Nathan Walker.

Please contact Fr. Bernardine at 354-1501 if a loved one is in a hospital or nursing home. **Medical Emergency Only call (516) 557-8769.**

STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS SUNDAY

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

WORD OF LIFE

"From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Another Look at Abortion"

DID YOU KNOW?

The best way to overcome attachment to material things is by becoming poor in spirit. Jesus asked his disciples to prefer him over everything and everyone. This means that we turn our hearts to God and put a check on our desires for things through fasting and almsgiving. Over time, with the help of God's abundant grace, we will prevail over the temptations of pleasure and power. (CCC #2548-49)

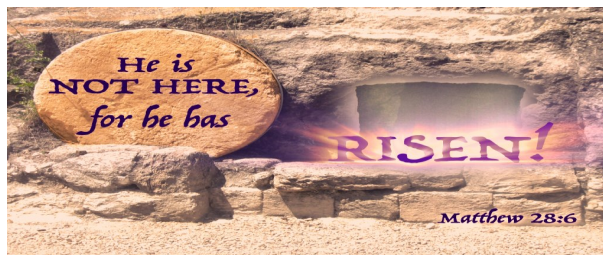


WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED



As part of the ["Walking With Moms in Need program,"](#) launched by the U.S. Catholic bishops in March, the diocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity is seeking help for mothers and infants who are struggling during the COVID-19 crisis. Consider purchasing diapers and baby wipes the next time you are at the store. You can drop them off at any area Catholic Charities food pantry, area food bank or pregnancy center. For more information, email May Oliver at moliver@dosafll.com.

Announcements



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Below is the update for *Renew All Things in Christ*, captured through April 19, 2020.



Challenge Goal: \$400,000.00
Minimum Goal: \$350,000.00
Amount Pledged: \$449,370.56
Amount Paid: \$177,210.34
Balance Due: \$272,160.22

ST. PIUS V ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected with your St. Pius V's Church Family by visiting St. Pius V Facebook page, Zoom or YouTube for Sunday Mass streaming live at 10:30AM. Also, visit the church website or myParish App to stay informed about our parish.



ONLINE GIVING

St. Pius V Catholic Church now provides online giving through ParishSOFT Giving software. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one time or recurring donation for our Offertory or Capital Campaign funds. Getting started is easy. Just visit our website at <http://stpiousjax.org/> and click on our Give Online link. When you participate your gift will transfer directly into the parish bank account. The parish can receive up to \$2000.00 in scholarship funds for our youth. To be eligible you must give at least \$50.00 a month over a minimum of a three month period.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Don't forget! Please mail in, drop off, or pay online your weekly tithes, offerings and contributions. Thank you in advance for your continuing support!



THANK YOU

Thank you for journeying with us throughout Lent! Given the realities of COVID-19 and that communities are unable to physically collect CRS Rice Bowls, you can submit your CRS Rice Bowl gift at the rectory or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give. During this difficult time, every contribution will help those most in need in your community and around the world. No matter how you choose to give, 25% of your donation goes back to your diocese to support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you to several parishioners for stepping up, in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic and who continues to give of themselves unselfishly. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Donations to St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry:

Regina Taylor-Murphy and co-worker Mary Kay Presston (CSX), Cyril Traeye, Sister Elise Kennedy, Sister Rea Wurmnest, James "Jimmy" Matthews and Karen Kincade.

Online Sunday Mass:

Father Bernardine, Sister Elise Kennedy, Sister Rea Wurmnest, Roy Wilson, James "Jimmy" Matthews, Regina Taylor-Murphy and Joan Petruska

Recycle bin Transporter:

Thomas "Pee Wee" Richardson





**HE TOOK BREAD,
BLESSED AND
BROKE IT, AND
GAVE IT TO THEM.**

**THEN THEIR EYES
WERE OPENED, AND
THEY RECOGNIZED HIM.**

LUKE 24:30-31, NRSV



Fr. Chester P. Smith, S.V.D.
Born: May 3, 1959 in Chicago, IL
Died: April 8, 2020, in Indianapolis, IN
Fr. Chester P. Smith was ordained a priest of the Society of Divine Word (SVD) Chicago Province, on Saturday, April 16, 1988.
Fr. Chester grew up on the South Side of Chicago. Fr. Chester attended Corpus Christi and Our Lady of the Gardens Schools. At the encouragement of

their mother Mae Ruth and parish priest, Fr. Edward Delaney, S.V.D they attended Divine Word High School Seminary in East Troy, WI. and the Divine Word College in Epworth, IA.

Fr. Chester often spoke of the encouragement he received from Father Delaney S.V.D. to become a priest 'because your people need you.' Father Delaney's comments are the foundation of his ministry encouraging black men and women to be leaders in both their communities, parishes, and churches.

In 1989 Fr. Chester founded the Ambassadors of the Word, a ministry focusing on youth rites of passage programs and cross culture experiences. In 1993 he became a founding member of the Bowman Francis Team. It's mission was focused on African American families and faith development. Fr. Chester also served as President of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus.

Fr. Chester was the co-author of two books, "Boyhood to Manhood" (1993), a rite of passage manual for African American boys and a manual for the African American Family Kwanzaa celebration, and "My Family, Our Family" (1995).

Fr. Chester ministry of liberation led him to travel throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and the Caribbean. "It just seems that people are so hungry for the Word and they want the truth about life, especially from a spiritual point of view," he said. During his travels,

Fr. Chester did missions, revivals, workshops, retreats, and motivational speaking. In his leisure, Fr. Chester had a passion for social causes and enjoyed fishing, reading, music (especially jazz and gospel), participating as well as watching sports especially his favorite Chicago teams, DA BEARS, Cubs, White Sox, Black Hawks and DA BULLS. He loved reaching out to family, friends, and especially his God-children.

Fr. Chester was preceded in death by his father Charles A. Smith (2008) and his mother Mae Ruth Forte Smith (2016). He is survived by his brother Fr. Charles Smith, his brother Kermit Smith and his sister Marcheta Smith. Memorial Services are pending.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bowman Francis Ministry Fr. Charles Smith S.V.D.
8681 Jaffa Court East Drive Apt 31
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Condolences can be sent to:
Smith Family
5140 South Hyde Park Blvd Apt 7A
Chicago, IL 60615-6021 *Please see Memorial Mass Dedication on YouTube at St. Raymond and St. Leo the Great in New Orleans, LA.

Parish Ministries/Organizations

Administrator/Religious Ed.	Regina Taylor-Murphy	629-1664
Adult/Family Ministry	Endya Freeman	463-2392
Altar Rosary Council	Angela Myers	358-1866
Altar Servers	Athanase Jones	997-0508
	Leah Mills	713-1968
	Shirley Mills	768-9155
Annulment Companion	Anethette Durham	751-6397
Bereavement Committee	Nezzar Battle	235-9313
Building Maintenance	Paul Witkowski	504-9952
Choir - 5:00 PM Adult	Roy Wilson	382-5183
Choir - 10:30 AM Adult	Leah Mills	713-1968
Choir - Youth & Wee Folk	Deirdre Clayton	463-6994
Counters	Mrs. Brenda Battle	765-9738
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Dr. Mark Dawkins	557-4937
Finance Council	Joanne Thayer	765-3768
ICARE	Janice Hice	751-0956
Jr. Dgtrs. of Peter Claver	Ricardo Stallings	625-1053
Jr. Knights of Peter Claver	Alexander Hice	751-0956
Knights of Columbus	Athanase Jones	997-0508
Knights of Peter Claver	Claudine Pannell-Goodlett	751-7060
Ladies of Peter Claver	Tameiko Allen Grant	233-1455
Lectors/Commentators	Selena Mendez	450-2899
Lawn/Landscaping	Tinye Dawkins	764-2248
Parish Nursing	Ta'Kiesha Franklin	541-0263
	Joanne Thayer	765-3768
Pastoral Council	Shirley Mills	768-9155
Prayer Group	Sr. Elise Kennedy	509-7493
RCIA	Gloria Mendez	707-9203
Respect Life	Gary George	354-1501
Sulzbacher Center Ministry	Martin Jackson	655-6151
Scouts - Boy	Mona Norris	924-1364
Scouts - Cub	Roy Wilson	382-5183
Sound System Engineer	Mitzi Ellis	230-2058
St. Bernadette Council	JoAnn Buggs	765-1223
Stewardship Committee	Patricia Wilson	930-8386
Ushers - Adult	Lisa Axelson	945-8881
Ushers - Junior	Anethette Durham	751-6397
Welcome and Outreach	Ms. Mary Granger	768-8062
Youth/Young Adult Ministry		



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