



ST. PIUS V  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

~RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST~

1921 - Celebrating 100 Years - 2021

# St. Pius V Catholic Church

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

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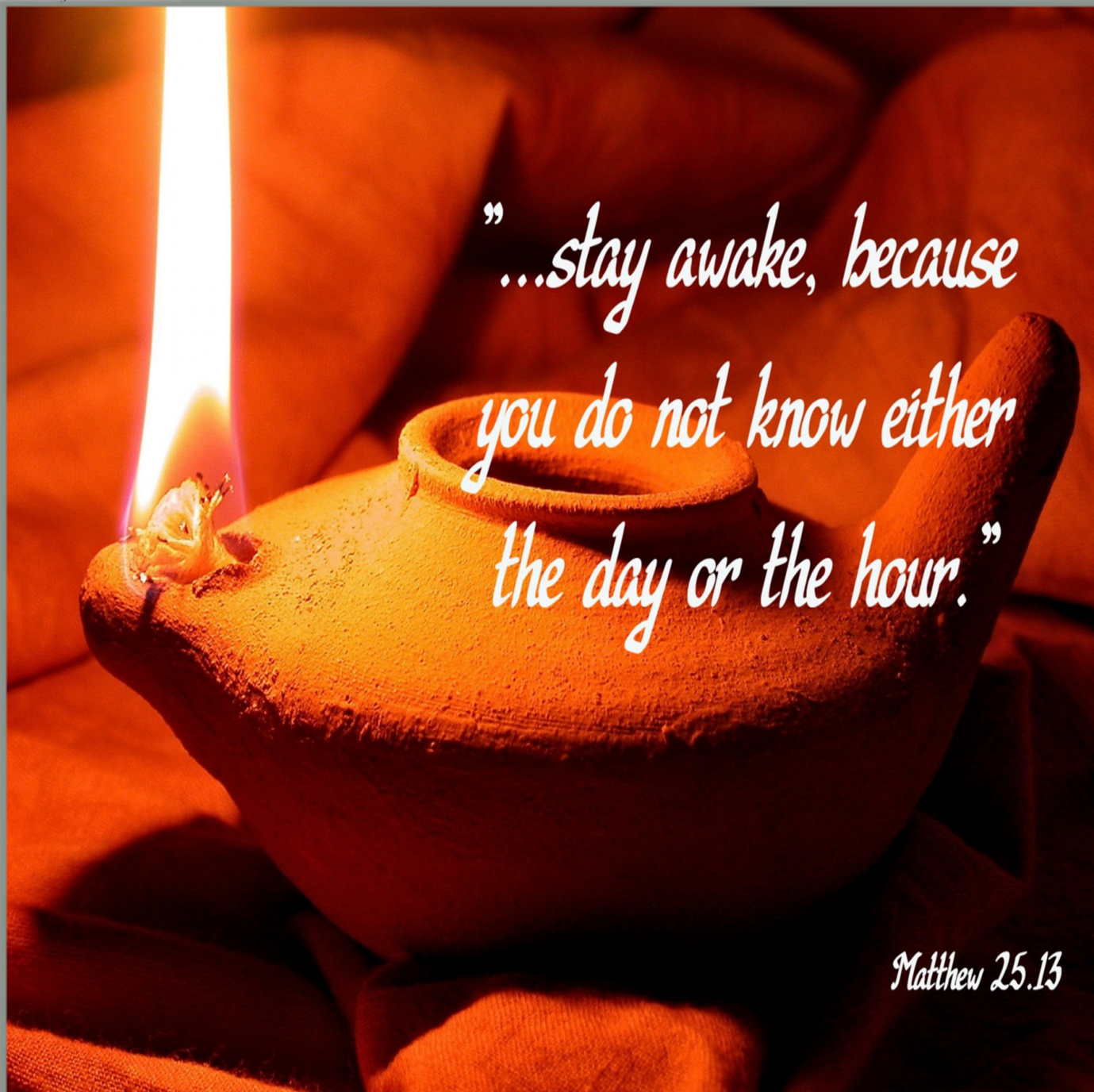
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*Celebrating Black Catholic History Month*

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023



*"...stay awake, because  
you do not know either  
the day or the hour."*

*Matthew 25.13*

## Mission Statement

Our 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! Celebrate Black Catholic History Month!!!

## ST. PIUS V CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Mazen Michael Elias  
Administrator

Rev. Cristian Cardenas  
In Residence Priest

### TODAY'S READINGS

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 13-14; Mt 25:251-13

### 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/Editor: Ms. Selena Mendez

Bookkeeper: Mrs. Nigelle Delgado Kohn

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil  
5:00 PM

Sunday Mass  
10:00 AM

### HEALING MASS

Second Fridays  
5:00 PM

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Second Fridays  
6:00 PM

### CONFESSION

Saturdays

4:30 PM or by appointment

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 5, 2023 83

Saturday, November 4, 2023 14



Sunday, November 5, 2023  
Offerings: \$2,775.54

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

~Malachi 3:10

ParishSoft online giving is a convenient giving option available on our church website at <http://stpiusjax.org/>. Just click on the Give Online link. You can also give by texting "Donate" to 904-593-3354. Thanks for giving!

## Windows to Your Soul



The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise." Matthew 25:1-2

Our five senses can be said to be a window to our souls. With our senses we perceive the world around us, take it into our minds and heart, and engage it according to the decisions we make. Several of the Church Fathers say that the five wise virgins in today's parable represent those who use their five senses in accord with God's will, whereas the five foolish virgins are those who indulge their five senses in a life of sin.

Interestingly, Saint John of the Cross teaches that the highest form of communication with God takes place when our five senses are silenced and all that we have learned through them is darkened so that God can communicate to us in a direct and spiritual way. But until we reach that level of spiritual perfection, accomplished by various purifications of our soul, we must rely upon our senses as a source of knowledge, especially our knowledge of God.

With our eyes we are called to perceive the beauty of God's presence within creation, especially in other people. With our ears we hear the Word of God proclaimed that then resonates within us, inspiring the gift of faith. Our senses of smell, taste and touch will also teach us in various ways, leading us either to the delights of the Kingdom of God, or to the indulgences of the fallen world.

If the five wise virgins represent the holy use of the five senses, then we must see the connection between them and the oil for their lamps. Many Church Fathers see the oil as a symbol of good works, or charity. Charity is necessary for the attainment of Heaven, for the meeting of the Bridegroom when He shows up at an unexpected time. The person who engages in charity is one who uses the natural gifts given by God for His glory. Their five senses are constantly seeking ways to glorify God and to accomplish His holy will.

The five senses can also easily lead us to the selfish pursuit of fleshly pleasures. When this happens, the oil of charity runs dry within us and we are unprepared for the moment of our death, when the Bridegroom returns.

Think about yourself being those wise or foolish virgins by considering how you use your five senses. What do you look at regularly with your eyes? Do you seek out the presence of God in our world? Do you see Him in the poor, the vulnerable, the lonely, and the needy? Or do you look at the many evils all around you and become infatuated with them, allowing yourself to be drawn into their practices?

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**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: [spvsecretary1@outlook.com](mailto:spvsecretary1@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. If you are interested in becoming a new parishioner of the church or are transferring from another parish, please fill out a registration form located on the religious articles display counter.

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? Do you want to learn more about our church teachings? Please contact the rectory office at (904) 354-1501.






**November 11th 5:00 PM** Parishioners of St. Pius V, Crucifixion, and Holy Rosary Parishes

**November 12th 10:00 AM** +Dorothy Conner Loftice (Janet Conner)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK OR HOMEBOUND

 Earlene Burroughs, Lovie Gardner, Leonard Goggins, Yvonne Highsmith, Maudella Hymes, Barbara Jackson, Patricia Lomax, Glen Mills, Casslena Mobley, Norris Reid, and Thelma Walker.

**Please contact Fr. Mike at 354-1501 if a loved one is in a hospital or nursing home. Medical Emergency Only call (904) 426-8319.**

### STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS SUNDAY

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*  
- Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

### DID YOU KNOW?

"By tradition going back to early Christian times, the divine office is devised so that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God. Therefore, when this wonderful song of praise is rightly performed by priests and others who are deputed for this purpose by the Church's ordinance, or by the faithful praying together with the priest in the approved form, then it is truly the voice of the bride addressed to her bridegroom; It is the very prayer which Christ Himself, together with His body, addresses to the Father" (#84).



### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

### BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY FACT

Four Josephite priests and three African-American laymen founded the **Knights of Peter Claver** on Sunday, November 7, 1909 - less than 50 years after the end of legalized slavery. The Noble Order delivered spiritual direction and fellowship at a time when the Black populace was battling for human and civil rights, true economic freedom and opportunity, and better educational options. Soon after the Order's founding, the Knights became a family organization - establishing the Junior Knights (1917), Ladies Auxiliary (1922), and Junior Daughters (1930). The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary is now the country's largest and oldest historically Black Catholic lay organization.

### ATTENTION

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:

The police or the Department of Children and Families at (800)962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email [inquiries@dosafll.com](mailto:inquiries@dosafll.com).

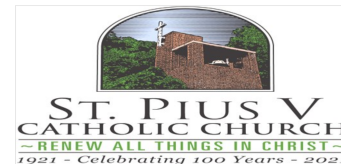
To report abuse by a bishop, call:  
(800) 276-1562 or visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

## Announcements

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Below is the update for *Renew All Things in Christ*, captured through August 20, 2023.

Challenge Goal: \$400,000.00  
Minimum Goal: \$350,000.00  
Amount Pledged: \$449,370.56  
Amount Paid: \$315,333.80  
**Balance Due: \$134,036.76**



### BLACK CATHOLIC HERITAGE DAYS OF REFLECTION

The Black Catholic Commission of the Diocese of St. Augustine, in commemoration of Black Catholic History Month, is hosting **"Black Catholic Heritage Days of Reflection on Nov. 18-19"**, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 742 Arlington Rd.. On Nov. 18, the day is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join Bishop Erik Pohlmeier to discover the origination of black heritage within the Catholic Church with music, a historic timeline, local evangelization efforts and the saints. On Sunday, Nov. 19, a Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Pohlmeier at 11 a.m. Space is limited so make sure you register by emailing [favorse@aol.com](mailto:favorse@aol.com) or call (904) 768-9934. In your message, include your name and the parish you attend.

### WEEKEND MASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL CANCELLED

Due to the Black Catholic Heritage Days of Reflection, there will be no weekend masses celebrated here at St. Pius V, on November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School and the Rosary for November 19<sup>th</sup>, has also been cancelled.

**Please note:** while attending mass at Christ the King or any other church, please do not place your tithes & offerings in the visiting church collection basket. Instead, a love offering is suggested. Please submit your tithes & offerings to St. Pius V by mail, drop off, text, online, or the following week's collection.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS CANCELLED

Due to the closing of our St. Martin de Porres (non-perishable) Food Pantry, there will be no distribution of Thanksgiving food baskets this year. A special thanks to Robert & Deborah Furlough, for their past support of turkey donations and Bishop Kenney High School, for their past support of food items donated for the Thanksgiving food baskets distribution. Because of their generosity, in the past, St. Pius V was able to supply families in need, a Thanksgiving Day dinner.

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Our Tri-Parish Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated here at St. Pius V on Thursday, November 23<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

### CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/ccchd](http://www.usccb.org/ccchd).

*Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ~ Matthew 24:42a, 44*

### BASA SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE

Below is the update for the parish on the 2022 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, captured through November 5, 2023.



2023 Goal: 52 Donors  
Current Donors: 47  
Percent of Family Participation: 36.72%  
Amount Pledged: \$15,444.00  
Amount Paid: \$13,914.00  
**Balance Due: \$1,530.00**



# ★ Veterans Day: ★ Thank You for Your Service!



## Black Catholic History Month

### Mass Schedule/Events

*Sunday service streaming live on Facebook*

#### Monday, November 13th

Nothing Scheduled

#### Tuesday, November 14th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

#### Wednesday, November 15th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

#### Thursday, November 16th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

#### Friday, November 17th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

#### Saturday, November 18th

8:00 AM Black Catholic Heritage Days of Reflection at Christ the King Catholic Church

#### Sunday, November 19th

11:00 AM Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church

### 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
Annulment Companion		Vacant
Bereavement Committee	Anethette Durham	751-6397
Building Maintenance	Nezzar Battle	235-9313
Choir - 5:00 PM Adult	Paul Witkowski	504-9952
Choir	Que-Thanh Le	703-300-2493
Counters	Deirdre Clayton	463-6994
Extra-Ordinary Ministers	Brenda Battle	765-9738
Finance Council	Dr. Mark Dawkins	557-4937
ICARE	Joanne Thayer	765-3768
Jr. Dgtrs. of Peter Claver	Loretta Breaker	764-9180
Jr. Knights of Peter Claver	James Breaker	764-9180
Knights of Columbus	Alexander Hice	751-0956
Knights of Peter Claver	Amadeus Amador	206-683-5075
Ladies of Peter Claver	Janice Hice	751-0956
Lectors/Commentators	Dr. Tameiko Allen Grant	233-1455
Lawn/Landscaping	Selena Mendez	450-2899
Parish Nursing	Tinye Dawkins	764-2248
	Ta'Kiesha Franklin	541-0263
Pastoral Council	Joanne Thayer	765-3768
Prayer Group	Shirley Mills	768-9155
RCIA		Vacant
Respect Life	Gloria Mendez	707-9203
Sulzbacher Center Ministry	Gary George	354-1501
Sound System Engineer	Roy Wilson	382-5183
St. Bernadette Council	Mitzi Ellis	230-2058
Stewardship Committee	Mitzi Ellis	230-2058
Ushers - Adult	Patricia Wilson	930-8386
Ushers - Junior	Lisa Axelson	945-8881
Welcome and Outreach	Anethette Durham	751-6397
Youth/Young Adult Ministry	Ms. Mary Granger	768-8062



*"In the Beginning,  
There Were Black Catholics"*

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier and  
the Black Catholic Commission

invite you to the

**BLACK HERITAGE  
DAYS OF REFLECTION**

Save the Dates:  
**NOVEMBER 18-19, 2023**

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

