



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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

I AM *John 10:11*
THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.



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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 the Season of Easter!

ST. PIUS V CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Mazen Michael Elias
Administrator

Rev. Cristian Cardenas
In Residence Priest

TODAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Easter P908B
Acts 4:8-12, 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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MASS SCHEDULE

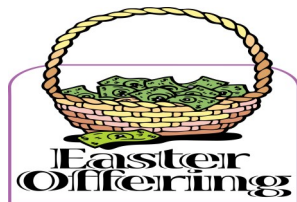
Sunday Mass
10:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturdays
By appointment

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 14, 2024: 135



Sunday, April 14, 2024
Offerings: Not Available

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://stpiousjax.org/>. Just click on the Give Online link. You can also give by texting "Donate" to 904-593-3354. Thanks for giving!

Instruments of the Good Shepherd

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep." ~ John 10:11-13



Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God's flock with the Heart of Christ.

Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." As a result of this man's healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus' healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, "I do believe, Lord." Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God's flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus' commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were "thieves and robbers" who came to "steal and slaughter and destroy." Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice "might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they "work for pay" and have "no concern for the sheep." Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the "pay" that these Pharisees worked for was their own self-importance—a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God's grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride.

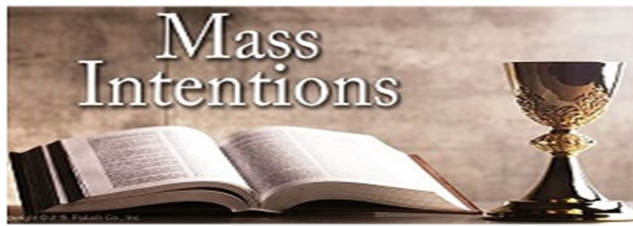
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Baptism: Parents who have registered for three months or more are required to attend Baptism preparation classes. All documentation must be received 90 days prior to baptism. Please contact the Rectory office to schedule your class.

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 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK OR HOMEBOUND



Joshua Alexander, Earlene Burroughs, Deborah Furlough, Leonard Goggins, Yvonne Highsmith, Maudella Hymes, Barbara Jackson, Glen Mills, Casslena Mobley, 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

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times, Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

DID YOU KNOW?

"St. John Paul II, writing of Sunday as 'a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life,' further asserts, 'Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human.' We have been reborn in Baptism and nourished by the Eucharist so that we may live in communion with God and one another, not only today but also in the fullness of the heavenly Kingdom. To worship God on Sundays, then, is not the mere observance of a rule but the fulfillment of our identity, of who we are as members of the Body of Christ. Participation in the Mass is an act of love" (CCC #28).



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
~ John 10:11-18*

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@dosaf.fl.com.

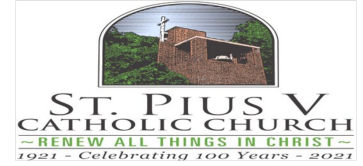
To report abuse by a bishop, call:
(800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

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



BLOOMING WITH THANKS



A Big Thank You goes out to the St. Bernadette Council on hosting a successful and awesome Come Together Day. It was a day filled with good food, good fun, and good fellowship. A special thank you goes out to the guest chefs: Endya Freeman, Dr. Tameiko Allen Grant, Selena Mendez, Leah Mills, Kimberly Small, Milta Tarrant, Lynn Teamer, and Ruby.

Congratulations also goes out to the winners of the 3 raffle baskets:
Movie Night — Monique Fuentes, **Game Knight** — Lisha Durden
Date Night — Tynye Dawkins

REOPENING OF THE FOOD PANTRY

Good news! The St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry will reopen on Friday, April 26th, from 11-2PM at it's new location, the parish the conference center. The pantry will service zip code 32209.

STOCK THE PANTRY

Please help restock shelves for the St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry with non-perishable food items. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Most needed food items are: canned meats, canned vegetables, soup, Ramen noodles, Jiffy Cornbread Mix, 1lb bags or boxes of rice, bags of beans, boxes of grits, peanut butter, and jelly.



8TH ANNUAL SISTER CELINE JOUBERT, SSJ AWARD for Catechetical Excellence

Congratulations to Sister Elise Kennedy for being nominated and chosen to receive the Sister Celine Joubert, SSJ Award for Excellence in Forming the Faithful. Sister Elise is among 10 recipients who will be honored by Bishop Erik Pohlmeier, at a reception on Monday, April 22nd, in the parish hall, at St. Matthew Catholic Church. The reception is open to all with an RSVP necessary. There will be appetizers and beverages served starting at 4:30 p.m. RSVP by JotForm: <https://form.jotform.com/240874616681161>

JOY OF THE GOSPEL RETREAT

Join us on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Assumption Parish, 2403 Atlantic Blvd. Jacksonville, for the "Joy of the Gospel" retreat. The retreat will be a day of rest and reflection with Christ, featuring talks based on *Evangelii Gaudium* by speakers Matthew Schmidt, Fr. Sebastian Musa, Home of the Mother and Joseph West. The retreat will start at Kohls Hall and include small group sessions, reflection, confession and adoration. This is an excellent opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ this Easter season. Registration for the event is free, but donations for lunch are appreciated. To reserve your spot visit:

<https://forms.gle/AJkTJMbFwUB3FKEC9>

BASA SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE

Below is the update for the parish on the 2022 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, captured through April 14, 2024.



2023 Goal: 52 Donors
Current Donors: 40
Percent of Family Participation: 31.25%
Amount Pledged: \$8,574.00
Amount Paid: \$3,724.00
Balance Due: \$4,850.00



Mass Schedule/Events

Sunday service streaming live on Facebook

Monday, April 22nd

Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, April 23rd

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Wednesday, April 24th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Thursday, April 25th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Friday, April 26th

Nothing Scheduled

Saturday, April 27th

5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Holy Rosary

Sunday, April 28th

9:00 AM CCD/Sunday School

9:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mass, Church

Ministry Schedule: April 28th

Mass	10:00 AM
Altar Servers	TBA TBA
Lectors	Stephanie Fisher Selena Mendez
Commentator	Tameiko Allen Grant
Extra-Ordinary	Wayne Ford Mary Granger Brenda Battle
Ushers	Robert Jackson David Fuentes
Counters	Wayne Ford Regina Taylor-Murphy

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	Leah Mills	713-1968
Annulment Companion	Sr. Elise Kennedy	509-7493
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
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
Social Media Committee	Regina Taylor-Murphy	629-1664
	Endya Freeman	463-2392
	Dr. Tameiko Allen Grant	233-1455
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	Kimberly Small	329-1395
	LaTonya Edwards	504-460-3017

