



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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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



**I**  
am the vine, you are  
the branches: He that stays  
in Me, and I in Him, the same  
brings forth much fruit: for  
without Me you can do  
nothing **John 15:5**

## 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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter P911B**

Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

### CHURCH OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 10 AM - 3 PM

**Appointment with the Priest:**

Contact the office

**Phone:** (904) 354-1501

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday Mass**

10:00 AM

### CONFESSION

**Saturdays**

By appointment

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 21, 2024: Not Available



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Offerings: Not Available

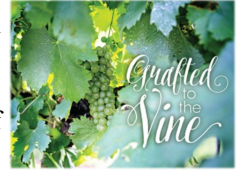
Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

~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!

## Seeking to be Pruned

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you." ~ John 15:1-3



Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful.

Jesus' teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the "true vine." He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, he doesn't leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that "it bears more fruit."

To apply these teachings to your own life, begin by looking at your faith as if it were a branch firmly attached to a vine. Do you believe all that God has spoken through His holy Word? It is useful to regularly examine your conscience in regard to your faith. Since faith is the first step in the spiritual life, it must remain firmly grounded in the Truth God has revealed. This means we must regularly study the Word of God as it is revealed through the Scriptures and the catechetical teachings of the Church, and assent to those teachings with all our mind.

Next, after affirming your faith in all that God has spoken through the Scriptures and the Church, try to examine your charity. Do you see concrete acts of love in your life that result from your faith? In other words, we can "love" many things in a purely emotional sort of way. But charity is based on faith, not on how we feel. Charity is the fruit of faith. What acts of charity can you point to in your life? What have you sensed God calling you to do in a selfless and sacrificial way? Have you done it?

Finally, when you discover the ways that charity is alive within you, know that God will focus His pruning there. Pruning can be painful. It will require sacrifice, patience in the face of trial, overcoming selfishness, and doing things you don't feel like doing. In fact, sometimes God even makes charitable acts seem unpleasant as a way of pruning your motivations and making them more pure, based more on faith than on emotion. But this is good.

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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.



If you are interested in having someone remembered in a mass intention, please contact the rectory office at (904) 354-1501. The suggested mass stipend is \$10 or more.

### 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

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”  
-1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” “Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

### DID YOU KNOW?

“In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the eucharistic celebration. Receiving the Eucharist means adoring him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with him, and are given, as it were, a foretaste of the beauty of the heavenly liturgy... St. Teresa of Calcutta reportedly once said: ‘When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now’” (CCC #33).



### WORD OF LIFE

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

*Remain in me as I remain in you, says the lord.*

*Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit. ~ John 15:4a, 5b*

### 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.com](mailto:inquiries@dosaf.com).

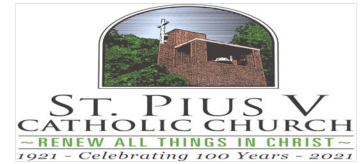
To report abuse by a bishop, call:  
(800) 276-1562 or visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

## 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**



### ST. PIUS V FEAST DAY PRAYER

April 30th

*Saint Pius V, you were unwavering in your faith and unwavering in your courage. God used those virtues to help defend and reform His Church at a time when it was suffering greatly. Please pray for me, that as the Church continues to be in need of renewal and the Gospel in need of proclamation, I will be a holy instrument in the hands of God. May I also be courageous and faithful until the end, no matter the cost. Saint Pius V, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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### 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, 11b bags or boxes of rice, bags of beans, boxes of grits, peanut butter, and jelly.

### VIGIL MASS CHANGE

Due to the recent remodeling at Holy Rosary Church, 5:00 Vigil Mass location has been changed. All services are now being held at the Guardian Catholic School Cafeteria until further notice.

### WEEKDAY MASS CANCELED

Due to the priest convocation, Weekday Mass for Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, has been canceled at the Church of the Crucifixion. Weekday Mass will resume on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.



### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### OUR PASTORAL VISION

- 1) Ongoing faith formation for parishioners with emphasis on the Holy Eucharist.
- 2) Greater use of social media for evangelization with focus on our youth and young adults.
- 3) Increase attendance at weekend masses.

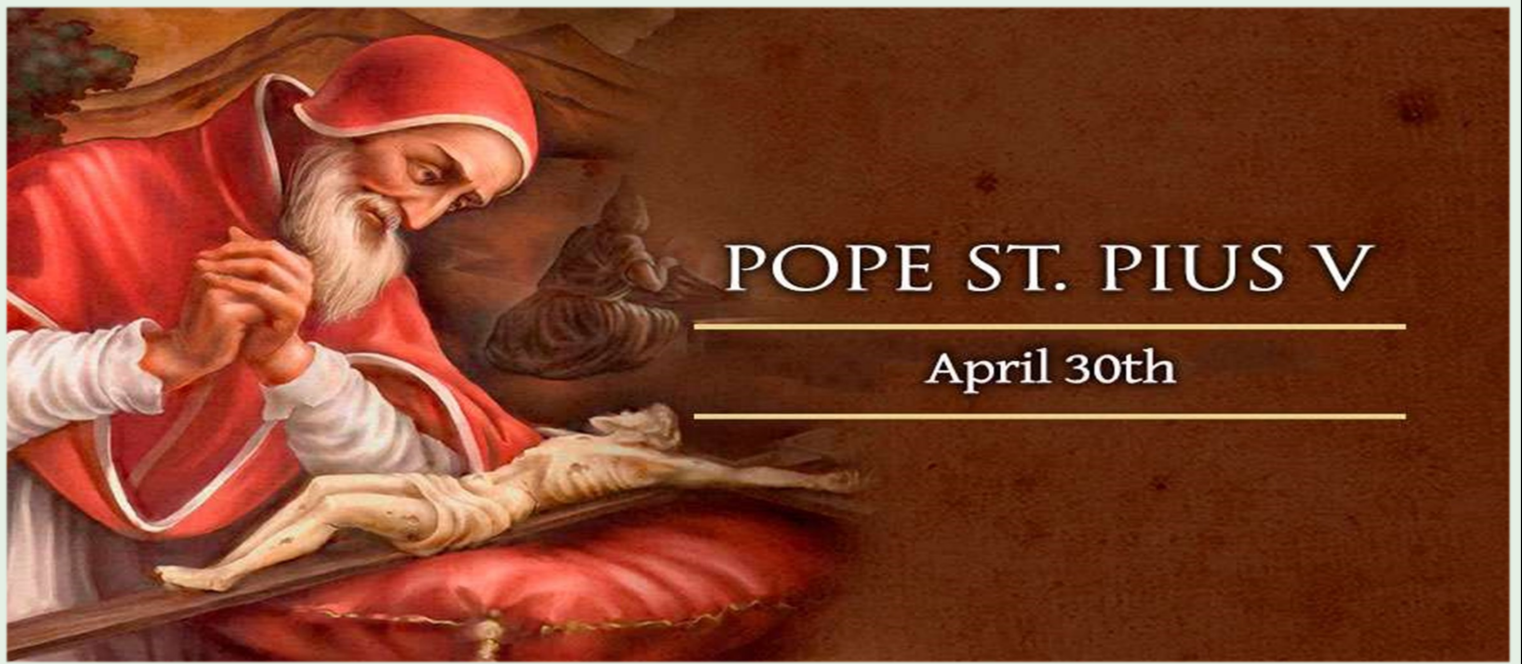


### BASA SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE

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**





# POPE ST. PIUS V

April 30th

## Mass Schedule/Events

*Sunday service streaming live on Facebook*

### Monday, April 29th

Nothing Scheduled

### Tuesday, April 30th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

### Wednesday, May 1st

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

### Thursday, May 2nd

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

### Friday, May 3rd

Nothing Scheduled

### Saturday, May 4th

5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Holy Rosary

### Sunday, May 5th

9:00 AM CCD/Sunday School

9:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mass, Church

## *Ministry Schedule: May 5th*

Mass	10:00 AM
Altar Servers	TBA TBA
Lectors	TBA TBA
Commentator	TBA
Extra-Ordinary	TBA TBA TBA
Ushers	Jhova Aybar Carlos Breaker
Counters	Endya Freeman Julie White

## 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

