



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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Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 7, 2024



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

Sunday of Divine Mercy P903B

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

CHURCH OFFICE

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Appointment with the Priest:

Contact the office

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

10:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturdays

By appointment

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 31, 2024: 150

Thursday, March 28, 2024: 54



Sunday, March 31, 2024

Offerings: \$5387.11

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Offerings: \$937.50

Bring the whole tith 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!

Eternal Contemplation of God's Mercy

Saint Faustina writes in her *Diary*:

"My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (*Diary* #699).



What will it be like to contemplate the love and mercy of God for all eternity? To some, this might not at first seem that appealing. Won't it become boring if all we do for all eternity is contemplate God's mercy? If that is a question that resonates with you, then the reason this idea initially lacks appeal is because you cannot fathom how fulfilling and glorious this will be. Jesus said, "My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

God willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents.

By analogy, if you were given a new car but never drove it, the car would be of no use. Or if you won the lottery and the money simply sat in your account unused, what's the benefit? Or if you were gravely ill and were given a medicine that would cure that illness but you never took it, then you would remain ill. So also, if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, but never allow the Mercy that is given by that act to transform us, then we have missed the point. The Divine Mercy is the point of life. It's the only thing worth seeking. It's the only source of satisfaction and fulfillment. It's the only cure for our ills. It's the only source of true riches. In three short words: It Is Everything!

When Jesus says that our eternity will be spent contemplating His Mercy, He doesn't only mean that this is something we will do after we die. True, the fullness of the revelation of His Mercy will be set before us when we enter into the Beatific Vision and contemplate God forever. But "eternity" includes today. It includes the here and now. Therefore, our contemplation of The Divine Mercy must be the single most important goal in our life today. When it is, everything else in life will fall into place in support of this goal.

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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

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own... - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents, and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

DID YOU KNOW?

"The other sacraments, as well as with every ministry of the Church and every work of the apostolate, are tied together with the Eucharist and are directed toward it. The Most Blessed Eucharist contains the entire spiritual boon of the Church, that is, Christ himself, our Pasch and Living Bread, by the action of the Holy Spirit through his very flesh vital and vitalizing, giving life to men who are thus invited and encouraged to offer themselves, their labors and all created things, together with him. That is why...the eucharistic sacrifice [is called] "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC #26).



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own but held everything in common and distributed to each whatever was needed.



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.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

~ John 20:29

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@dosaf1.com.

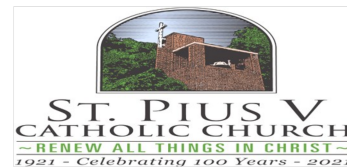
To report abuse by a bishop, call: (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

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



A BIG THANK YOU



A Big Thank You goes out to the St. Bernadette Council and Religious Education for the return of the Easter Social and Egg Hunt. Special thanks to the coordinator Regina Taylor-Murphy and decorators Padrica Mendez, Shermiah Mendez, and Veronica Taylor.

A Big Thank You also goes out to Coach Battle and Jerry Battle on helping to transform the church from the season of Lent to the beautiful season of Easter.

STOCK THE PANTRY

The St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry will soon reopen. Therefore, Welcome & Outreach needs your help, to restock the shelves 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, peanut butter, and jelly.



RAFFLE TICKETS

The St. Bernadette Council is raffling off three theme baskets: movie night, game night, and date night for Come Together Day. Tickets can be purchased after mass for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 through April 14th. Please fill out your ticket stubs and submit for entry.



COME TOGETHER DAY

The Ladies of the St Bernadette Council invites you to join the St Pius V Faith Community for great food, fun and fellowship at our parish Come Together Day on Sunday, April 14, 2024 in the Parish Conference Center. Taste Off Food Sample Tickets are only \$0.50 cents each and we will pull the winning raffle tickets for the game night, date night and movie night baskets. You do not want to miss this event!

JUMBO SHRIMP CATHOLIC DAY

At the Park, April 20

Looking for a fun-filled evening with family and friends? Look no further than the Jumbo Shrimp Catholic Day at the Park! Hosted by the Diocese of St. Augustine, this exciting event takes place on April 20 at the 121 Financial Ballpark in Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp will take on the Norfolk Tides at 6:35 p.m. Two ticket options are available. You can purchase discounted \$14 ticket to the game or a \$33.43 Circle K deck picnic ticket, which includes 90 minutes of all-you-can-eat burgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies, soda and water. Stick around after the game for a spectacular fireworks show. Gates open at 5 p.m., the first 2,000 fans will receive a Jumbo Shrimp hockey jersey giveaway. Purchase your Circle K deck picnic ticket online at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Diocesest> before the April 08 deadline. Discounted \$14 tickets, can purchased at: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Diocesest>.

THANK YOU!

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget the last day to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl is Sunday, April 14, 2024. Please place your Rice Bowl in the basket that is on the religious article cabinet. You can also pay online at their website crsricebowl.org/donate.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus, I trust in You.



Mass Schedule/Events

Sunday service streaming live on Facebook

Monday, April 8th

Tuesday, April 9th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Wednesday, April 10th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Thursday, April 11th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Friday, April 12th

Saturday, April 13th

12:00 PM Welcome & Outreach Meeting, Conf. Center

5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Holy Rosary

Sunday, April 14th

9:00 AM CCD/Sunday School

9:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mass, Church

11:30 AM Come Together Day, Conference Center

Ministry Schedule: April 14th

Mass	10:00 AM
Altar Servers	TBA TBA
Lectors	Danese Tremble Hazel Campbell
Commentator	Lisa Axelson
Extra-Ordinary	TBA TBA
Ushers	Patricia Wilson Robert Jackson
Counters	Wayne Ford Patricia Wilson

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	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

