



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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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

John 15:12-13



This is my commandment,

that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this,

that someone lay down his life for his friends.

## 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter P914B

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10  
Jn 15:9-17

### 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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Things in Christ

#### Business Manager:

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass  
10:00 AM

### CONFESSION

Saturdays  
By appointment

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 28, 2024: 98  
Sunday, April 21, 2024: 83

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
Offerings: \$2,695.50  
Sunday, April 21, 2024  
Offerings: \$3,373.00  
Sunday, April 14, 2024  
Offerings: \$1,138.00

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!

## Friendship with God



FRIENDS CHRIST

"I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." ~ John 15:15-17

Just prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus says, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." Is that the measure of true friendship? That we do what our friend commands us to do? That depends upon which friend we are speaking about.

There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus' friendship is not one that simply makes us "buddies." Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It's a way of relating to another in which a person's sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one's own self-interest. It's not a matter of "what do I get out of it?" In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.

*My God and true Friend, You offer me everything in life. You offer me Your perfect love, given fully and without reserve. I pray that I will reciprocate that depth of love and offer to You all that You deserve. I offer You my love, worship and obedience, dear Lord. May this mutual love form a bond that will never end. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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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.



April 28th	10:00 AM	+ Nancy Luke (Janet Conner)
May 5th	10:00 AM	+ Dorothy Conner Loftice (Janet Conner)

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

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*  
- John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him, we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation, or do you share freely out of love?

#### DID YOU KNOW?

"The person who shares worthily in the Eucharist is enabled more and more to live the new law of love given by Christ precisely because Christ communicates himself in the sacrament of the altar. The foundation of our personal and moral transformation is the communion with himself that Christ establishes in Baptism and deepens in the Eucharist. In the celebration of the Mass, we are shown what love truly is, and we receive grace that enables us to imitate the love that Christ shows us" (#34).



#### WORD OF LIFE

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid"  
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*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. ~ John 14:23*

#### 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](mailto:inquiries@dosaf1.com).

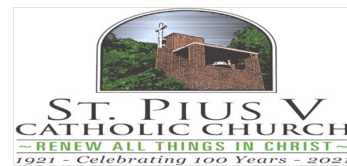
To report abuse by a bishop, call:  
(800) 276-1562 or visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

## 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**



### FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

The St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry will have their food distribution on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 - 2PM. Please help support the pantry by donating non-perishable food items. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Tri-Parish Mass for this service. You are invited to **wear red** for the fire of the holy spirit.



### 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

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised funds to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/homemissions](http://www.usccb.org/homemissions). #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection—see [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org)

### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

#### Marywood Retreat & Conference Center

Make plans for the annual Mother's Day Brunch at Marywood Retreat & Conference Center in St. Johns! Celebrate mom with a delicious brunch buffet on Sunday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be many tasty options, including new favorites like giant stuffed pancakes and made-to-order omelets. The first seating will begin at 10 a.m., and the last will be available at 12:30 p.m. Prices for adults are \$33, and children ages two to 11 are \$12. Please call Ansley Irwin at (904) 436-6591 to make a reservation.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

### BASA SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE

Below is the update for the parish on the 2022 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, captured through April 28, 2024.

2023 Goal: 52 Donors  
Current Donors: 42  
Percent of Family Participation: 32.81%  
Amount Pledged: \$10,424.00  
Amount Paid: \$4,084.00  
**Balance Due: \$6,340.00**





# REMAIN *in my love.*

John 15:9, NIV

## Mass Schedule/Events

*Sunday service streaming live on Facebook*

**Monday, May 6th**

Nothing Scheduled

**Tuesday, May 7th**

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion canceled

**Wednesday, May 8th**

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion canceled

**Thursday, May 9th**

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

**Friday, May 10th**

Nothing Scheduled

**Saturday, May 11th**

5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Guardian Catholic School Cafe

**Sunday, May 12th**

**Mother's Day**

9:00 AM CCD/Sunday School

9:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mass, Church

### *Ministry Schedule: May 12th*

Mass	10:00 AM
Altar Servers	TBA TBA
Lectors	Selena Mendez Karen Kincade
Commentator	Lisa Axelson
Extra-Ordinary	Mary Granger Wayne Ford Mitzi Ellis
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	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

