



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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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

IF ANYONE WANTS  
TO BE

*Priest.*

HE SHALL BE  
LAST OF ALL  
AND SERVANT  
OF ALL.

MARK 9:35

## 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!

## ST. PIUS V CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Dilip Pally  
Administrator

Rev. Cristian Cardenas  
In Residence Priest

### TODAY'S READINGS

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

### CHURCH OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 10 AM - 3 PM  
**Appointment with the Priest:**

Contact the office  
**Phone:** (904) 354-1501  
**Fax:** (904) 354-7240

### Facebook:

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Things in Christ

### Business Manager:

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday Mass**  
10:30 AM

**Saturday Vigil Mass**  
5:00 PM

**Adoration & Benediction**  
First Fridays 6:00 PM

### CONFESSION

**Saturdays**  
4:30 PM or by appointment

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 15, 2024: 88  
Saturday, September 14, 2024: 12

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

Sunday, September 15, 2024  
Offerings: \$1,292.00  
Saturday, September 14, 2024  
Offerings: \$355.00

*Bring the whole tithes 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!

## The Greatness of Holiness

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. ~ Mark 9:33-34



One of the desires that we all have is for greatness. This is a good and natural desire. This desire is manifested in competitiveness in sports and games. It becomes a driving force in business and politics. It drives us to do better in life, such as in school, artistic endeavors, and hobbies, working hard to perfect various skills and talents so as to excel. The problem is that every good and natural desire we have is now disordered to a certain degree because of original sin. As a result, the desire we have for greatness can become an obsession, a cause of discouragement when we fail, a source of jealousy when others appear to do better and can lead us to pursue empty and fleeting goals in life.

Even within the life of faith, we can be affected by both the natural desire for greatness and the fallenness of that desire. The natural desire for greatness, when mingled with faith, will lead us to the desire to be a saint and to do great things for the Kingdom of God. But as a fallen natural quality, we can also fall into the trap of seeing ourselves in competition with others within the Church, and we can become jealous of those who appear to be holy and who are recognized for their good work for Christ.

Just prior to the passage quoted above in which the disciples were discovered to have been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest, Jesus predicted to them, for the second time, that He would suffer and die. Recall that after the first prediction of His passion, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain and was transfigured before them. Perhaps some of the other disciples became jealous of this apparent special treatment. Then, after Jesus predicted His passion to them for the second time, they might have wondered if some of them would likewise share in a similar experience as the Transfiguration.

Regardless of what motivated the disciples to argue among themselves about who was the greatest, the fact remains that they did so. This was not the result of a holy and purified desire. It was the result of a good desire for greatness that became distorted and turned into an unholy competition based on jealousy and selfishness.

Reflect, today, upon the desire within your own soul for greatness. Pray that this desire will not fall into selfishness or lead you to see others as competitors. Instead, pray that your desire for greatness will lead you to holiness so that you will be able to store up for yourself the most abundant treasures in Heaven and radiate that glory forever.

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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 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.



September 21st 5:00 PM

Parishioners of St. Pius V,  
Crucifixion and Holy Rosary  
Parishes

September 22nd 10:00 AM

+ Peter Michael Fouche  
(Rachel Dobbs)

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



Earlene Burroughs, Deborah Furlough, Leonard Goggins, Yvonne Highsmith, Maudella Hymes, Barbara Jackson, Glen Mills, Casslena Mobley, Charles Parson, Eileen Scott, James Shelton, and Thelma Walker.

Please contact Fr. Dilip at 354-1501 if a loved one is in a hospital or nursing home. **Medical Emergency Only** call (904) 994-8463.

### STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS SUNDAY

*If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.* ~ MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Just as the saints have greatly contributed to the manner in which we celebrate the Eucharist, they have also provided much of the core teachings to which we refer in order to understand the sacrament correctly. For instance, "... St. John Chrysostom declares: 'It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered.'... St. Ambrose says about this conversion: 'Be convinced that this is not what nature has formed, but what the blessing has consecrated. The power of the blessing prevails over that of nature, because by the blessing nature itself is changed.... Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist, change existing things into what they were not before? It is no less a feat to give things their original nature than to change their nature' (# 1375).



### PRAY THE ROSARY

Please join the Adult Sunday School Class every Thursday, at 7:00 PM to pray the rosary via Zoom.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 890 1958 1742 and Passcode: 179658**

### 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

### SEASON OF CREATION 2024



On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, please join the St. Pius V Lawn & Landscaping Ministry for their annual celebration, the observance of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

There will be special treats and take-a-ways. The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "To hope and act with Creation", and the symbol is "The firstfruits of hope", inspired by Romans 8:19-25. The biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). You are invited to wear different shades of green.

### DECOLORES!

We want the Cursillo Movement to become active here at St. Pius. If you are a Cursillista, please provide your name and telephone number on the Sign-Up Sheet located on the Religious Articles Display Counter. You will be contacted to discuss what and how the Cursillo Movement can become active in our parish and if you want to participate. Remember, we bloom where we are planted.



### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Adoration & Benediction returns on First Fridays at 6:00 PM, here in the church, followed by Mass.

### BLESSING OF HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

A mass and blessing of homeschool families will be held on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at San Jose Catholic Church, at 5:30 PM. Please register at <https://form.jotform.com/241794570722158>.

### 2024 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> (or more) wedding anniversary in 2024, are invited to join Bishop Erik Pohlmeier for the 2024 Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 2, at noon. The event will take place at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in St. Augustine and will also be livestreamed for virtual participation. Bishop Pohlmeier will lead a renewal of wedding vows and provide a special blessing. Couples will receive a certificate, be honored in a digital slideshow and enjoy a light reception following the Mass. To register, visit [family.dosaf.com](http://family.dosaf.com) or call (904) 208-6963 by the Oct. 25 deadline.

### 2024 FR. CHESTER P. SMITH

#### National Black Catholic Men's Conference

The Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference will be held in Baltimore Maryland on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Conference attendees will be able to partake in workshops, health fair, praise and worship sessions, as well as fellowship with other Black Catholic Men of Faith.

Register at [www.bowmanfrancis.org](http://www.bowmanfrancis.org).

Registration cost: Adults \$175.00, Youth (age 10-17) \$100.00.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

### BASA SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE

Below is the update for the parish on the 2022 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, captured through September 15, 2024.



2023 Goal: 52 Donors  
Current Donors: 46  
Percent of Family Participation: 35.94%  
Amount Pledged: \$11,644.00  
Amount Paid: \$8,509.00  
**Balance Due: \$3,135.00**



# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope  
(Rom 8:19-25)

## Mass Schedule/Events

*Sunday service streaming live on Facebook*

**Monday, September 23rd**

**Tuesday, September 24th**

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

**Wednesday, September 25th**

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

**Thursday, September 26th**

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

**Friday, September 27th**

11:00 AM St. Martin de Porres Food Distribution, Conf. Center

**Saturday, September 28th**

4:30 PM Confession, Church

5:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

**Sunday, September 29th**

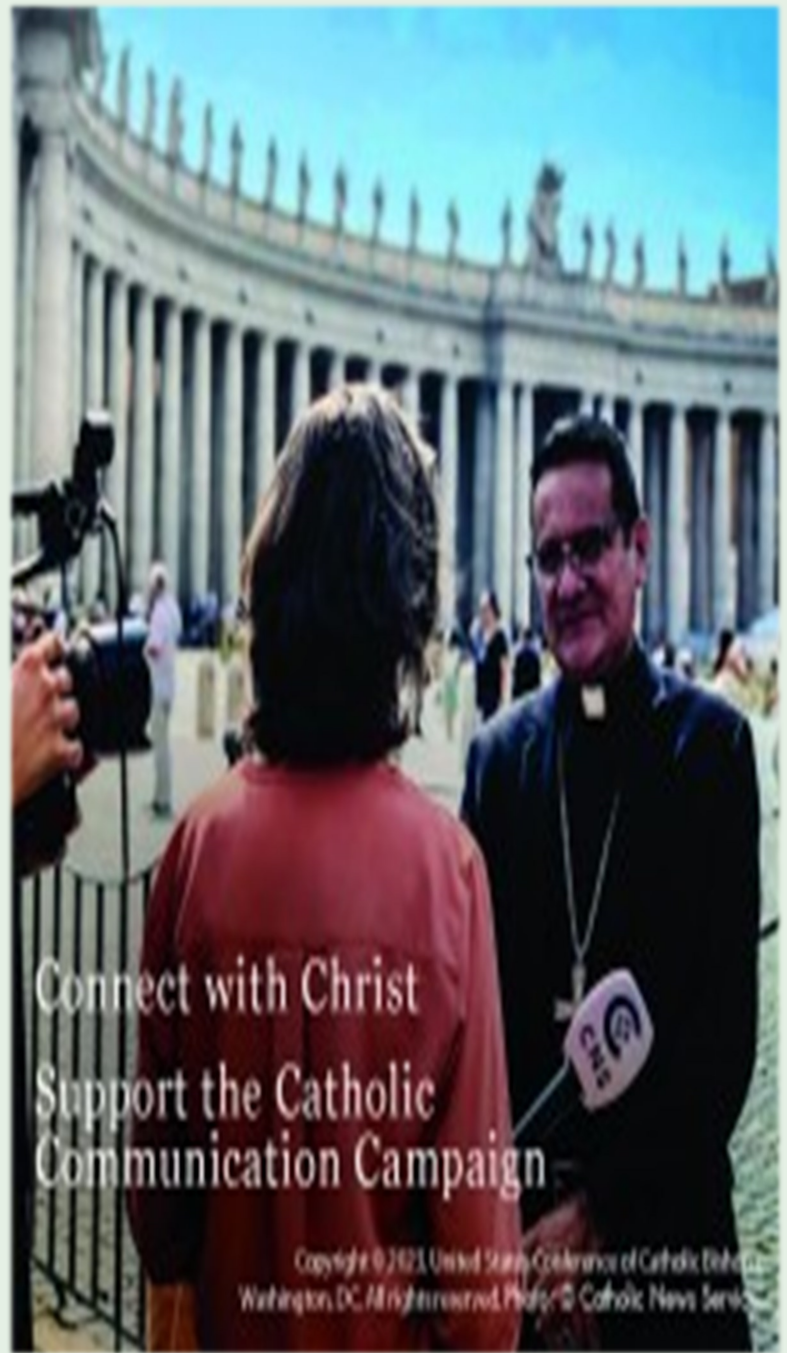
9:00 AM CCD/Sunday School, Conference Center

10:00 AM Rosary, Church

10:30 AM Mass, Church

## Parish Ministries/Organizations

<b>Administrator/Religious Ed.</b>	Regina Taylor-Murphy	629-1664
<b>Adult/Family Ministry</b>	Endya Freeman	463-2392
<b>Altar Rosary Council</b>	Angela Myers	358-1866
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Leah Mills	713-1968
<b>Annulment Companion</b>	Sr. Elise Kennedy	509-7493
<b>Bereavement Committee</b>	Anethette Durham	751-6397
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	Nezzar Battle	235-9313
<b>Choir - 5:00 PM Adult</b>	Paul Witkowski	504-9952
<b>Choir</b>	Que-Thanh Le	703-300-2493
<b>Counters</b>	Deirdre Clayton	463-6994
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers</b>	Brenda Battle	765-9738
<b>Finance Council</b>	Dr. Mark Dawkins	557-4937
<b>Jr. Dgtrs. of Peter Claver</b>	Loretta Breaker	764-9180
<b>Jr. Knights of Peter Claver</b>	James Breaker	764-9180
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Alexander Hice	751-0956
<b>Knights of Peter Claver</b>	Amadeus Amador	206-683-5075
<b>KPC Ladies Auxiliary</b>	Janice Hice	751-0956
<b>Lectors/Commentators</b>	Dr. Tameiko Allen Grant	233-1455
<b>Lawn/Landscaping</b>	Selena Mendez	450-2899
<b>Parish Nursing</b>	Tinye Dawkins	764-2248
	Ta'Kiesha Franklin	541-0263
<b>Pastoral Council</b>	Joanne Thayer	765-3768
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Shirley Mills	768-9155
<b>RCIA</b>	Vacant	
<b>Respect Life</b>	Gloria Mendez	707-9203
<b>Social Media Committee</b>	Regina Taylor Murphy	629-1664
	Endya Freeman	463-2392
	Dr. Tameiko Allen Grant	233-1455
	Jalen Chance	888-4077
<b>Sound System Engineer</b>	Roy Wilson	382-5183
<b>St. Bernadette Council</b>	Mitzi Ellis	230-2058
<b>Stewardship Committee</b>	Mitzi Ellis	230-2058
<b>Ushers - Adult</b>	Patricia Wilson	930-8386
<b>Ushers - Junior</b>	Lisa Axelson	945-8881
<b>Welcome and Outreach</b>	Patricia Sampson	614-6271
<b>Webmaster</b>	Padrica Mendez	676-0843
<b>Youth/Young Adult Ministry</b>	Kimberly Small	993-7240
	LaTonya Edwards	504-460-3017



## *Ministry Schedule: September 28th & September 29th*

Mass	5:00 PM	10:00 AM
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Emily Massengale-Morton	David Fuentes Evan Edwards Tyrell Coleman
<b>Lectors</b>	Lisa Axelson	Janice Hice Selena Mendez
<b>Commentator</b>	Lisa Axelson	Regina Taylor Murphy
<b>Extra-Ordinary</b>	TBD	Brenda Battle Janice Hice Veronica Taylor
<b>Ushers</b>		Robert Jackson
<b>Counters</b>		TBD