



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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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

Luke 3:16

John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.



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 Advent!!!

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Dilip Pally
Administrator
Rev. Cristian Cardenas
In Residence Priest

TODAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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

10:30 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, December 8, 2024: 105

Saturday, December 7, 2024: 12



Sunday, December 8, 2024

Offerings: \$2,479.00

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Offerings: \$120.00

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!

Turn From Sin



The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"
~ Luke 3:10

Among those within the crowds who were asking Saint John the Baptist this question were tax collectors, soldiers and ordinary people. John gave an answer to them all, first telling them to turn away from the sins that they struggled with the most. Sin takes on many forms and often is closely associated with our daily duties in life. Some sins are sins of commission, meaning sins we commit by an intentional act. Some sins are those of omission, meaning a lack of certain virtues or a failure to do what we ought to do.

After addressing the particular sins that those in the crowds were struggling with, John then turns their attention to Christ. He states to them that "one mightier than I is coming" and that "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In other words, John was giving the people a twofold command. First, work to overcome sin. And second, turn your eyes to Him Who is coming to you. Repenting from sin is not enough. Once we repent, we must then fill the void within our souls with the presence of Christ.

Advent, just like Lent, is an important time within our liturgical year to heed these messages. Though it's true that we must work to overcome sin and turn to Christ every day of the year, God knows we need a special time each year when we give concerted effort to these spiritual endeavors. So before Advent passes you by, heed the words of the Baptist and take some time to examine your conscience thoroughly. Perhaps use a detailed list of the Ten Commandments or the Seven Capital Sins. Once you do that, seek out an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Doing so is essential to a fruitful Advent season.

Once you thoroughly repent of the sins you struggle with the most right now, turn to the Savior of the World with special attentiveness to the miracle of the Incarnation this Advent. Spend time adoring the God Who came to us in the form of a little child. Meditate on this Gift. Gaze at a nativity scene prayerfully. Read the Scripture passages about the birth of Christ. Close your eyes and imagine yourself there at His birth.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold exhortation from John and apply it to your Advent preparations. Cleanse your soul in a special way from all sin this Advent. Then prayerfully ponder and meditate upon the reality we are preparing to celebrate. As John says, allow the Christ Child to truly "baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" through your deepening devotion and prayer this Advent.

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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.



December 14th 5:00 PM Alexander Family
(Rosemary Alexander)

December 15th 10:30 AM Rosemary Alexander

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

Rosemary Alexander, Earlene Burroughs, Deborah Furlough, 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

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

DID YOU KNOW?

Not only does Jesus teach us how to pray, but so too do the saints. For example, Mary the Mother of God demonstrates the importance of having full and total confidence in the will of God. Namely, “She whom the Almighty made ‘full of grace’ responds by offering her whole being: ‘Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word.’ ‘Fiat’: this is Christian prayer: to be wholly God’s, because he is wholly ours” (# 2617). Love is reciprocal; our relationship with God is lacking if it is only Christ who is fully giving of himself to us. We must do the same always.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today’s Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: “Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same.”

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: 849 5603 0957 and Passcode: 695742

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. ~ Isaiah 61:1

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:

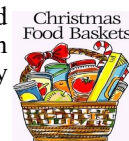
The police or the Department of Children and Families at (800)962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email inquiries@dosaf1.com.

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

Announcements

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

If you are interested in receiving a Christmas Food Basket, please sign up on the sign-up sheet located on the religious display counter or contact the rectory office during business hours at (904) 354-1501. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, December 22nd.



SNEAKERELLA

Calling all St. Pius V middle and high schoolers. You are cordially invited to the third annual Sneakerella. Ditch your formal attire because this year it’s an Ugly Sweater and Sneaker Jam! Join us Saturday, December 21, 2024 from 6pm to 9:30pm at the Guardian Catholic School. Please see the flyers on the religious display counter to RSVP by December 19th



TRI-PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil, Tuesday, December 24th, 7:00 PM at Holy Rosary
Midnight Mass, Tuesday, December 24th, 12:00 AM at St. Pius V
Christmas Mass, Wednesday, December 25th, 9:30 AM Crucifixion

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year’s Day

9:00 AM Mass here at St. Pius V

BLESSING OPPORTUNITY

Do you own rental property near St. Pius V that is vacant or know someone who does? If so, there is a parishioner looking to rent a room or a low-cost rental home. Please contact the rectory office for details on how you can be a blessing to someone.

VIGIL MASS CHANGE

Beginning Saturday, January 4, 2025, Vigil Mass returns to Holy Rosary Catholic Church at 5:00 PM.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

Women and men religious offer gratitude. “Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next,” says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters, Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement.

To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

WORD OF LIFE

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”



USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

BASA SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE

Below is the update for the parish on the 2024 Bishop’s Annual Stewardship Appeal, captured through December 8, 2024.

2023 Goal: 52 Donors
Current Donors: 48
Percent of Family Participation: 37.50%
Amount Pledged: \$12,744.00
Amount Paid: \$10,749.00
Balance Due: \$1,995.00





Mass Schedule/Events

Sunday service streaming live on Facebook

Monday, December 16th

Tuesday, December 17th
8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Wednesday, December 18th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion
5:30 PM Prayer Group, Church

Thursday, December 19th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Friday, December 20th

Saturday, December 21st

4:30 PM Confession, Church
5:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church
6:00 PM Sneakerella at Guardian Catholic School

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00 AM CCD/Sunday School, Conference Center
10:00 AM Rosary, Church
10:30 AM Mass, Church

Parish Ministries/Organizations

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| 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 |
| KPC Ladies Auxiliary | 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 |
| | Jalen Chance | 888-4077 |
| Sound System Engineer | Roy Wilson | 382-5183 |
| St. Bernadette Council | Lucille Trotter | 608-1739 |
| Stewardship Committee | Mitzi Ellis | 230-2058 |
| Ushers - Adult | Patricia Wilson | 930-8386 |
| Ushers - Junior | Lisa Axelson | 945-8881 |
| Welcome and Outreach | Patricia Sampson | 614-6271 |
| Webmaster | Padrica Mendez | 676-0843 |
| Youth/Young Adult Ministry | Kimberly Small | 993-7240 |
| | LaTonya Edwards | 504-460-3017 |

Joy



Ministry Schedule: December 21st & December 22nd

| Mass | 5:00 PM | 10:30 AM |
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| Altar Servers | Emily Massengale-Morton | David Fuentes Jameson Grant Christopher Freeman |
| Lectors | Regina Taylor-Murphy | Selena Mendez Leah Mills |
| Commentator | Regina Taylor-Murphy | Mitzi Ellis |
| Extra-Ordinary | Emily Massengale-Morton | Mary Granger Veronica Taylor Brenda Battle |
| Ushers | | Robert Jackson David Fuentes |
| Counters | | Wayne Ford Regina Taylor Murphy |