



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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First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



AND SO, BE VIGILANT,  
PRAYING AT ALL TIMES,  
SO THAT YOU MAY BE  
HELD WORTHY TO  
ESCAPE FROM ALL THESE  
THINGS, WHICH ARE IN  
THE FUTURE, AND TO  
STAND BEFORE THE SON  
OF MAN."  
LUKE 21:36

## 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

### First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## 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:

St Pius V Catholic Church-Jax, FL  
-Renew All Things in Christ

### Business Manager:

Ms. Karen Kincade  
SPVBM@outlook.com

### Secretary/Bulletin Editor:

Ms. Selena Mendez  
spvsecretary1@outlook.com

## 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, November 24, 2024: 91

Saturday, November 23, 2024: 11



Sunday, November 24, 2024

Offerings: \$1,090.00

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Offerings: \$152.00

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!

## Supernatural Instinct

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." ~ Luke 21:34-36



"That day." These two words are spoken twice in the passage above. To which day is our Lord referring? Clearly, He is referring primarily to the day of our final judgment and is warning us to make sure we are prepared for it in case it was to come at an unexpected moment. So how do we prepare?

Animals have the natural gift of instinct. They know how to survive, how to reproduce, how to gather food and how to avoid danger. They know this because God has implanted this knowledge within them. By this natural gift of instinct, they know what to do and what to avoid.

We, as humans, also have basic natural instincts. But our natural instincts are only sufficient to help us accomplish that which the animals accomplish. Therefore, if we are to gain an even greater knowledge and are to know how to properly prepare ourselves spiritually for the sudden and unexpected coming of Christ, then we need more.

The way we most properly prepare is through a special grace by which God reveals Himself and His will to our human reason. When that happens, we will know the best way to be fully prepared for "that day" the moment it comes. Perhaps one of the best ways to describe this ability is by describing it as a "supernatural instinct." When our natural instincts become open to grace, and when the information on which we base our daily decisions in life comes to us by an ongoing and personal revelation from God through the infused gift of faith, then we will find that we simply know what to do and what to avoid. By analogy, just as a bird knows to fly south for the winter or a salmon knows to return to its place of birth to lay its eggs, so we will "know" within our spirit how to best serve the will of God and, thus, be most fully prepared for His imminent return. "Supernatural instinct" is nothing other than us allowing the grace of God to enter our lives so as to take control of everything we do and to lead us into the fulfillment of the perfect and glorious will of God. When that happens, we can be certain that we are perpetually prepared for all that comes and will never be caught by surprise like a trap.

Reflect, today, upon whether you are daily led by the knowledge of God's will alive within you as a supernatural instinct. If this language seems foreign to you, then perhaps it is a time to ponder the question "Why?" Why aren't you led by God's grace through an ongoing gift of supernatural knowledge of His will? And if this language does resonate within you, then spend time pondering this gift and being grateful for the way that God has truly taken over your day-to-day life.

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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.




**November 30th 5:00 PM** + Damion Murphy II  
+ Mattye Taylor  
(Regina Taylor Murphy)

**December 1st 10:30 AM** Carol Alexander  
(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

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this, Advent.

### DID YOU KNOW?

"Just as Jesus prays to the Father and gives thanks before receiving his gifts, so he teaches us filial boldness: 'Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will.' Such is the power of prayer and of faith that does not doubt: 'all things are possible to him who believes.' Jesus is as saddened by the 'lack of faith' of his own neighbors and the 'little faith' of his own disciples as he is struck with admiration at the great faith of the Roman centurion and the Canaanite woman" (# 2610). We can be always confident in our prayer. Additionally, we should strive to recognize faith in all people, especially those whom we struggle to understand or are tempted to criticize.



### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

### 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**

### 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

### THANK YOU



Thank you to **Bishop Kenny High School** for donating food items for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

A special thank you to **Robert & Deborah Furlough** for donating turkeys for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. St. Pius V was able to feed eleven families Thanksgiving Dinner. We are truly grateful for your generosity!

A Big Thank You to the **Faith Community of St. Pius V** for donating food items to the Welcome & Outreach Ministry Thanksgiving Food Drive. The recipients expressed pure gratitude for your thoughtfulness. We appreciated kindness!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction will be held on first Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM, here in the church, followed by Mass. Confession will also be available from 6:00 - 6:30 PM.

### JINGLE & MINGLE

"It's time to Jingle & Mingle! The St Bernadette Council's Annual Jingle & Mingle is Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, immediately after Mass. So pull those ugly sweaters out of storage, assemble your teams, get your voices ready and join your St Pius V Catholic Church Faith Community for a FREE afternoon of Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Prizes!"



### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, is **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Services for our Tri-Parish Mass will be held at:

The angel said to (Mary),  
THE HOLY SPIRIT  
WILL COME UPON YOU  
and the power of  
THE MOST HIGH  
WILL OVERSHADOW YOU!  
LUKE 1:35, NRSV



**8:00 AM** at the Church of the Crucifixion  
**6:30 PM** at St. Pius V

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The Tri-Parish **Advent Penance Service** will be held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

### #IGIVECATHOLIC

Inspired by #GivingTuesday, the #iGiveCatholic initiative encourages us to "give Catholic," supporting the parishes, schools and ministries that strengthen our faith. St. Pius V Catholic Church will be participating in #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday. The funds collected this year will go towards maintenance, repairs, and safety. This year, #iGiveCatholic falls on Tuesday, Dec. 3 with advanced giving now underway. Give today at [staugustine.igivecatholic.org](http://staugustine.igivecatholic.org).

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

*Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.*  
~ Psalm 85:8

### BASA SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE

Below is the update for the parish on the 2024 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, captured through November 17, 2024.

2023 Goal: 52 Donors  
Current Donors: 48  
Percent of Family Participation: 37.50%  
Amount Pledged: \$12,744.00  
Amount Paid: \$10,524.00  
**Balance Due: \$2,220.00**





*A Season of Expectation*

**Mass Schedule/Events**

*Sunday service streaming live on Facebook*

**Monday, December 2nd**

**Tuesday, December 3rd**

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

**Wednesday, December 4th**

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

5:30 PM Prayer Group, Church

**Thursday, December 5th**

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

**Friday, December 6th**

6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction, Church

**Saturday, December 7th**

4:30 PM Confession, Church

5:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

**Sunday, December 8th**

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>      | Lucille Trotter         | 608-1739     |
| <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     |

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***Ministry Schedule: December 7th & December 8th***

| <b>Mass</b>           | <b>5:00 PM</b>          | <b>10:30 AM</b>                                |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Altar Servers</b>  | Emily Massengale-Morton | Khloe Small<br>Orielle Small<br>Angela Freeman |
| <b>Lectors</b>        | Desirea Fuentes         | Karen Kincade<br>Janet Conner                  |
| <b>Commentator</b>    | Desirea Fuentes         | Lisa Axelson                                   |
| <b>Extra-Ordinary</b> | Emily Massengale-Morton | Wayne Ford<br>Brenda Battle<br>TBD             |
| <b>Ushers</b>         |                         | Patricia Wilson<br>Robert Jackson              |
| <b>Counters</b>       |                         | Wayne Ford<br>Patricia Wilson                  |