



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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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



PREPARE THE WAY OF
THE LORD
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS *Luke 3:4*

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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

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10 AM - 3 PM

Appointment with the Priest:

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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 1, 2024: 90

Saturday, November 30, 2024: 13



Sunday, December 1, 2024

Offerings: \$2,015.00

Saturday, November 30, 2024

Offerings: \$478.00

November Online: \$4,356.62

Bring the whole tithing 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!

Removing the Obstacles to Grace

"Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." ~ Luke 3:5-6



These, the words of the prophet Isaiah, were spoken about the mission of Saint John the Baptist. John was to "Prepare the way of the Lord" and to "make straight his paths." In prophesying this, Isaiah goes on to give this very descriptive image of John's ministry. It would be one that levels mountains and valleys, straightens every winding road, and smooths out the rough terrain. In other words, John came to remove every obstacle to God, making it easy to encounter the Messiah.

How does John complete this mission? By calling the people of that time to the dry and empty desert where all the false allurements cease to exist. This is done by detachment from the many sins and temptations they faced. Their repentance was an act by which the people humbled themselves before God, admitted their sins and acknowledged their need for a Savior. This humble admission, coupled with the commitment to change their ways, prepared heart after heart for the grace and mercy that came through Christ the Lord.

Today, there are countless obstacles to grace that so many people encounter. Some have been drawn into the satisfactions of earthly riches and material comforts and find little need for God. Others have very little that this world can offer but are consumed with a desire for money and the passing comforts it promises. And still others are drawn into many other forms of sins and false satisfactions. But there are some who are like a dry and deserted desert, just waiting to soak up the gentle rain of God's grace. These are those who have sought to detach themselves from the false promises of this world and remain "empty" and "dry" so as to be prepared for the abundance of grace when it comes. These holy souls have heeded the call to repentance and have humbly acknowledged their need for the Savior.

Reflect, today, upon whether or not your soul is like that dry and barren desert, detached from all the false and passing satisfactions of this world, and prepared to soak up the mercy and grace of God alone. Repentance brings forth detachment, and detachment prepares the soul for God. When one is truly detached and free from the many obstacles to God, then the road from God to your soul will be straight and easily traveled. Reflect upon your soul today and where you see unhealthy attachments. Repent with all your heart so that you are among those most fully ready for an abundance of the grace and mercy of God.

Lord, I turn to You in my need and repent of the many lies and false promises of satisfaction in this world. Please free me from all that is not of You so that my soul will be more fully prepared to soak You and Your mercy up like a gentle rain upon a dry and barren desert. I open myself to You, my Lord. Come fill and satiate my soul. 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 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 7th 5:00 PM Alexander Family
(Rosemary Alexander)

December 8th 10:30 AM Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph
(Sisters Rea, Rita, and Elise)

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

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

DID YOU KNOW?

“The prayer of faith consists not only in saying ‘Lord, Lord,’ but in disposing the heart to do the will of the Father. Jesus calls his disciples to bring into their prayer this concern for cooperating with the divine plan” (# 2611).



Yes, it is important to trust in God, but we must also engage with and live the lives with which we have been blessed. Prayer is made manifest not just in our words, but also (and arguably more importantly) in our actions. The key phrase in this quotation is “cooperation with the divine plan.” We are not puppets being pulled on by some kind of heavenly string. We are children of God endowed with free will who are continuously invited to participate in and choose a relationship with the Maker of all things.

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

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. ~ Like 3:4, 6

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

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks goes out to our donors, who gave generously through #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday. Your donations will be used to help fund special projects, in our church for maintenance, repairs, and safety.

Special thanks to: Sr. Elise Kennedy, Sr. Aurelia Wurmnest, Brenda Tremble, Lucille Trotter, Selena Mendez, and a anonymous donor. We are grateful for your generosity!

JINGLE & MINGLE

“It’s time to Jingle & Mingle! The St Bernadette Council’s Annual Jingle & Mingle is Sunday, December 15th, 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!”



One of the activities will be the game Family Feud. The game pits a team of 5 against each other. So get your team together and get ready for the return of Family Feud.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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



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 11th at 6:30 PM.



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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”

BASA SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE

Below is the update for the parish on the 2024 Bishop’s Annual Stewardship Appeal, captured through December 1, 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



Peace



Mass Schedule/Events

Sunday service streaming live on Facebook

Monday, December 9th

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
 8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion
 6:30 PM Mass, Church

Tuesday, December 10th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Wednesday, December 11th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion
 6:30 PM Advent Penance Service at Holy Rosary

Thursday, December 12th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Friday, December 13th

Saturday, December 14th

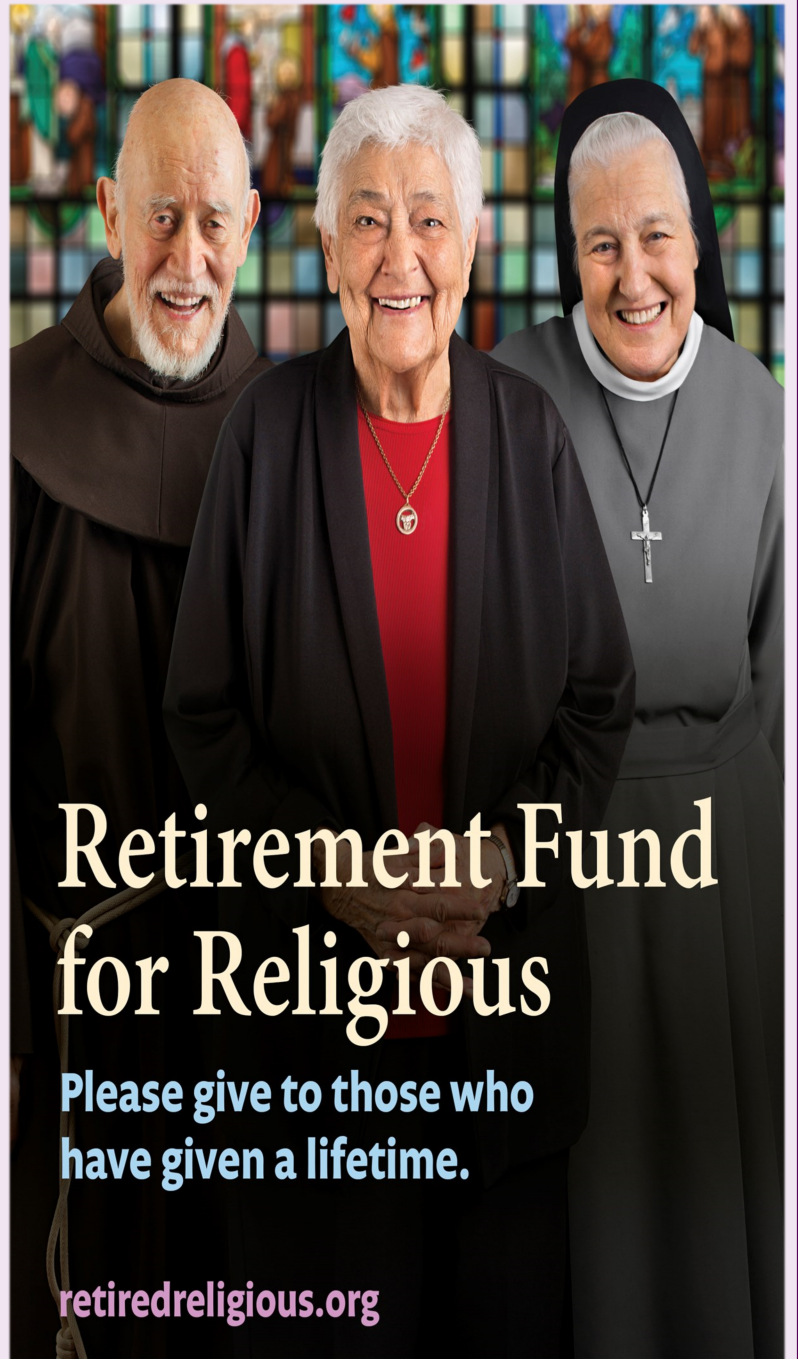
4:30 PM Confession, Church
 5:00 PM Vigil Mass, Church

Sunday, December 15th

9:00 AM CCD/Sunday School, Conference Center
 10:00 AM Rosary, Church
 10:30 AM Mass, Church
 11:45 AM Jingle & Mingle, Conference Center

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
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



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who
have given a lifetime.

retiredreligious.org

Ministry Schedule: December 14th & December 15th

Mass	5:00 PM	10:30 AM
Altar Servers	Emily Massengale-Morton	Evan Edwards Christopher Freeman Tyrell Coleman
Lectors	Loretta Breaker	Hazel Campbell Danese Tremble
Commentator	Loretta Breaker	Tameiko Grant
Extra-Ordinary		Xavier Clayton Selena Mendez Monique Fuentes
Ushers		Amiya Jones Kalen Axelson Jordynn Jones Ava Evans David Fuentes
Counters		Deidre Clayton Elizabeth Brown