



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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Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025



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! Happy New Year 2025!!!

PASTORAL STAFF

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

CHURCH OFFICE

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

Contact the office

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

10:30 AM

Adoration & Benediction

First Fridays 6:00 PM

CONFESSION

By appointment only

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 29, 2024: 75

Saturday, December 28, 2024: 12

Wednesday, December 25, 2024: 70

Christmas Offering



Sunday, December 29, 2024

Offerings: \$2,072.69

Saturday, December 28, 2024

Offerings: \$118.25

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Offerings: \$879.00

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!

A Manifestation to the World



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." ~ Matthew 2:1-2

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So, when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times, when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. 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.



January 5th 5:00 PM + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph (Rita, Rea, 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, Msgr. James Boddie Jr., 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

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

DID YOU KNOW?

“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me.” – Jer 29:11-13



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the infant Jesus. How far will I go, and what will I offer to do in homage to this newborn King and Savior?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry needs your help! Volunteers are needed to help distribute food on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 11-2 PM. The next distribution date is Friday, January 10th.

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

*We saw his star at its rising,
and have come to do him homage. ~ Matthew 2:2*

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.

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

Announcements

COME TOGETHER DAY



The Ladies of the St. Bernadette Council invite you to join us for our St Pius V Parish “Come Together Day –Taste Off & Basket Raffle”. This event will be held immediately after 10:30am Mass on Sunday, February 9, 2025 in the Parish Conference Center.

“Tasting Tickets” are only \$0.50 cents per ticket!
Date Night, Game Night and Movie Night Basket Raffle Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Invite your friends and family to join you for MASS & COME TOGETHER DAY!!!

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ’s love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

THE HISTORICAL LEGACY OF WATCH NIGHT

On the night of December 31, 1862, enslaved and free African Americans gathered, many in secret, to ring in the new year and await news that the Emancipation Proclamation had taken effect. Just a few months earlier, on September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the executive order that declared enslaved people in the rebelling Confederate States legally free. However, the decree would not take effect until the clock struck midnight at the start of the new year. The occasion, known as Watch Night or “Freedom’s Eve,” marks when African Americans across the country watched and waited for the news of freedom. Today, Watch Night is an annual New Year’s Eve tradition that includes the memory of slavery and freedom, reflections on faith, and celebration of community and strength.

The occasion is customarily marked by celebrations of fellowship and a worship service, followed by a fortuitous meal on New Year’s Day. Celebratory foods include a diverse collection of culinary traditions that can be traced back to Southern superstition, influenced by beliefs across West Africa. Chief among these foodways is the practice of eating collard greens, representing the promise of prosperity, and eating black-eyed peas with rice, also known as Hoppin’ John believed to bring good fortune to those who eat it. Some other common dishes include candied yams, cornbread, potato salad, and macaroni and cheese.

Initially meant to welcome emancipation, today the Watch Night service encourages reflection on the history of slavery and freedom, as well as reflection on the past year—both its trials and triumphs—while also anticipating what the new year will have in store. It is a continuation of generations of faith that freedom and renewal lie ahead.

~ Smithsonian, National Museum of African American History & Culture

BASA SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE

Below is the update for the parish on the 2024 Bishop’s Annual Stewardship Appeal, captured through December 29, 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



Welcome, 2025!

Mass Schedule/Events

Sunday service streaming live on Facebook

Monday, January 6th

Tuesday, January 7th
8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Wednesday, January 8th

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

Thursday, January 9th

8:00 AM Mass at Crucifixion

Friday, January 10th

11:00 AM St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry distribution

Saturday, January 11th

12:30 PM Welcome & Outreach, Conference Center
3:00 PM St. Bernadette Council, Conference Center
5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Holy Rosary

Sunday, January 12th

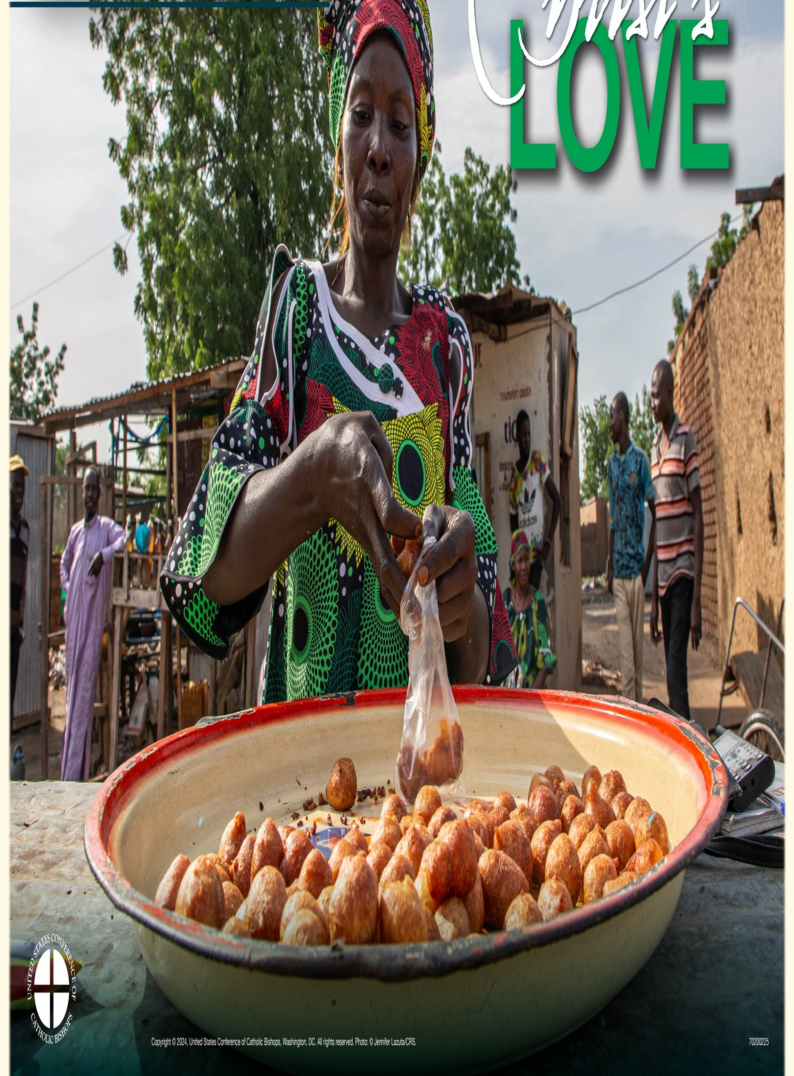
9:00 AM CCD/Sunday School, Conference Center
10:00 AM Rosary, Church
10:30 AM Mass, Church

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

SUPPORT
THE CATHOLIC RELIEF
SERVICES COLLECTION

REVEAL
Christ's
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Ministry Schedule: January 12, 2025

Mass	10:30 AM
Altar Servers	Khloe Small Orielle Small Angela Freeman
Lectors	Stephanie Fisher Regina Taylor-Murphy
Commentator	Lisa Axelson
Extra-Ordinary	Wayne Ford Mitzi Ellis Brenda Battle
Ushers	Patricia Wilson Robert Jackson
Counters	Wayne Ford Patricia Wilson