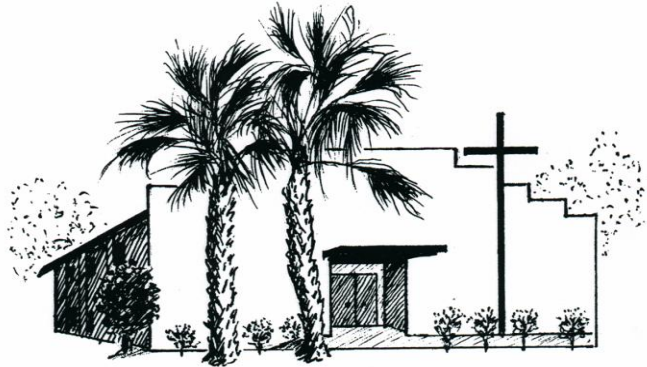


San Juan Catholic Mission

304 S.E. Plant Avenue - P.O. Box 949 - Branford, Florida 32008

April 30, 2006 – Third Sunday of Easter



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Mr. John Meyers, Pastoral Asst.

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday – 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Mission Statement

San Juan Catholic Church adheres to the laws of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church for faith guidelines to meet all spiritual needs of the parishioners and faith community with evangelization as one of our primary goals.

Mass Times

Sunday – 9:30 am
Wednesday – 6:00 pm
(First Wednesday – Healing Mass)

Adoration

1st Friday – 9:00 am – 3 pm

RCIA

Sunday – 10:45 am – 12:00 Noon

CCD Education

Sunday – 10:45 am – 12:00 Noon
(September-May)

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY OUR LORD AND YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS.

Prayer for the Pope

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd Benedict XVI a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build Your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners,

Earlier this month the Diocese of St. Augustine awarded St. Madeleine's Parish and San Juan Mission an endowment fund in the amount of \$500 for each church. The endowment fund is governed by the Catholic Foundation of the diocese and is not touched by the diocese. Rather, it serves as an added financial bonus to local churches that are seeking ways to build up their funds.

The Catholic Foundation reinvests the endowment fund and gives the parish or mission 4% interest on the fair market value. The endowment fund works similar to an annuity in the sense that the parish or mission can never touch the principal of the fund but will receive interest payments each November. The pastor and the advisory committee can either direct the Catholic Foundation to reinvest the interest into the principal fund or receive a disbursement each November. Obviously, the larger the principal becomes over time, the greater will be the disbursements paid out to the parish or mission.

Parishioners can donate to the endowment fund by making checks payable to "The Catholic Foundation." These checks can be placed in the weekly offering basket or can be mailed directly to the diocese. Please make sure that when you make your check please write in the memo "St. Madeleine's Parish" or "San Juan Mission."

Father Ed

WHO AM I?

I have received the Spirit of God into my life that I might know the things freely given to me by God.
(1 Cor. 2:12)

Sacrament of Marriage: Begin visiting your priest 10 months prior to the wedding and **before** setting a firm date. In addition to meeting with a priest, you will be asked to attend diocesan programs. Registration is mandatory for all programs. For dates and locations of programs please contact the church office or call 904-308-7474 or www.dcf1.org.

Sacrament of Baptism: Children: Contact Pastoral Associate. Adults must go through the RCIA program and be in a marriage the Church can recognize (only one marriage or an annulment before joining the Church).

First Holy Communion: The class meets at 10:45 am every Sunday in the library. Regular attendance is required.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation is a two-year program and meets Sundays at 10:45 am in the church. Confirmation completes the Sacraments of Initiation, which begins at Baptism and continues with First Holy Communion. Service to community and church is a required part of this program as well as attendance at class, Mass and the retreat.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before or after Masses or by appointment.

RCIA: Baptized and unbaptized adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church.

Visitation of the Sick: Please notify the office if you or a loved one will be hospitalized or is homebound and would like to be visited or receive Communion.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: This is a prayer of healing; please call the church office if you are planning to be in the hospital so that you can be anointed prior to surgery, tests, etc.

FELLOWSHIP:

Sundays following the 9:30 am Mass is the "Coffee and refreshment" fellowship in the Social Hall.

Readings for Sunday, May 7, 2006

1st – Acts 4: 8-12
 2nd – 1 John 3: 1-2
 Gospel – John 10: 11-18

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. April 30 + Robert Lowe
 by the McGann family
 Wed. May 3 + Corinne Tomasi
 by the McGann family

Sanctuary Candle: 5/1/06-5/31/06 - Will burn for the Meehan and Haggerty families.

MINISTRIES

Angels of Mercy	
Carole McGann	935-0341
Elizabeth Ministry-	
Maureen Meyers	935-6784
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist-	
Sharon Hudson	935-1301
Lectors-	
George Hertel	935-1019
Liturgy-	
Shirley Rogachesky	935-6929
Music/choir-	
Dorothy Henrion	497-4927
Prayer Network-	
Sharon Hudson	935-1301
Religious Education	
Janet Samson	963-5484
Respect Life-	
Carole McGann	935-0341
Sacristans-	
Brigid Danaher	935-1911
Ushers/Greeters-	
Wayne Topham	935-6913

Please contact the church office if you would like more information regarding any of these ministries.

COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Building Committee	Jim Hudson
Finance Committee	Dorothy Cassube
Parish Council:	
Bob Cassube-At-large	
Dorothy Cassube-Finance	
Jim Hudson-Building Comm.	
Carole McGann-At-large-	
Maureen Meyers-Evangelization	
Shirley Rogachesky-Liturgy	
Janet Samson-Education	
John Meyers-Pastoral Assistant	
Sharon Hudson-Church secretary/bookkeeper	
Sr. Yolanda-Religious representative	

Chairperson:	Carole McGann	935-0341
Secretary:	Maureen Meyers	935-6784

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: Sunday, April 23, 2006

<u>Offertory:</u>	<u>\$844.25</u>
<u>Other:</u>	<u>\$351.49</u>
	\$1,195.74

Attendance: 159

Do You Know Your Faith?

Question: What is the great commandment of Christ?

Answer on pg. 4

LITURGY COMMITTEE: There will be a meeting for Liturgy committee members immediately after Mass this morning. Meeting will be held in the church.

FIRST FRIDAY SERVICES: First Friday services will be held on Friday, May 5th. Services will begin at 9 am with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 pm. Services will conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm. Adorer signup sheets are located on the bulletin boards in the church.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLE STORE: Our religious article store has just received samples of two new bibles. The first is "The Catholic Teen Bible". This is the most amazing book you will ever read. It's full of drama, heroes, poetry, wisdom, and most important of all...*truth*. It is easy to read and understand. The second is a bible for adults called "The Catholic Answer Bible". This Bible is easy to read, and helps those who want to: Learn more about the Catholic Faith; Increase their knowledge of Scripture and deepen their appreciation for it; Better respond when others ask them about the Catholic Church and its teachings. Great gift idea. Stop by and see them today.

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SHAWL MINISTRY: Our ladies shawl ministry meets every Wednesday, beginning at 3:30 pm. Come join the ladies for fun, prayer, and bunches of crocheting, knitting or whatever your specialty may be. For more information on this ministry please contact Maureen Meyers, 935-6784 or Ruth Montaque, 776-2095.

NEEDED: The following ministries are in desperate need of volunteers.

- Sacristan
- Lectors
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Ushers/Greeters

For information on these ministries please contact the church office.

Know your faith:

Answer: Love the Lord your God with your heart, mind and soul, and your neighbor as yourself.

HAPPENINGS IN MAY:

May 7 **May crowning of the Blessed Virgin. Ceremony will begin at 9:15 am.**

May 14 First Communion/Mother's Day.

May 28 Honor all graduates- Please notify the church office if you will be graduating from High School or College in May or June.

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**AROUND THE DIOCESE:
Job Opportunities:**

Advertising Sales Rep Needed- The St. Augustine Catholic magazine. Contact Kathleen Bagg-Morgan at (904) 262-3200.

School Maintenance Man Wanted: San Jose Catholic School, Jacksonville. Contact Mrs. Magiera at (904) 733-2313.

Part-time Homeless Prevention Worker for St. Augustine Regional Office- Submit resume to Rebecca Stringer, St. Augustine Regional Office, 225 W. King St., St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Immediate opening: Principal for Resurrection school, Jacksonville. Send resume to Msgr. Vincent Haut, 3383 University Blvd., N. Jacksonville, FL 32277.

Rosary March for the Unborn – Sunday, May 7, 2 pm., Prince of Peace Parish, Jacksonville. Please come pray to seek an end to abortion. There will be a march at two abortion sites on University Blvd. Rain or shine. All ages are welcome. There will be no use of signs. For more information, call (904) 998-8577.

Mass in Honor of Our Lady and Her Advocations - Saturday, May 6, 7 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish, Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 772-0870.

Please pray for our sick and homebound, especially Fr. Jim

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, Jesus, Savior of the world, show forth, we beseech, Thee, in Thy Church the Holy Spirit with whose power the apostles were so abundantly filled. We thank Thee for the blessings bestowed upon the work of priests and religious; and we pray that Thou will add to the number of those who now pray, labor, and sacrifice themselves for Thy glory and the salvation of souls. Give them unselfish zeal for Thy glory. O good Jesus, give us more priests and religious after Thine own Heart.

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion-murder.”

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted baby who is in danger of abortion – murder - will be known only to God, but in the world to come and throughout eternity, both you and the child will find happiness in each other’s company.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests: You yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil’s traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priest. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priest, for You can do all things....I ask You for a special blessing and for light, O Jesus, for the priests before whom I will make my confessions throughout my lifetime.

PRAYER TO MARY

O Mary, my Mother and my Lady, I offer You my soul, my body, my life and my death, and all that will come after it. I place everything in Your hands. O my Mother, cover my soul with Your virginal mantle and grant me the grace of purity of heart, soul and body. Defend me with Your power against all enemies, and especially against those who hide their malice behind the mask of virtue...Fortify my soul that pain may not break it. Mother of grace, teach me to live by God’s power...O Mary...a terrible sword has pierced Your holy soul. Except for God, no one knows of Your suffering. Your soul does not break; it is brave, because it is with Jesus. Sweet Mother, unite my soul to Jesus, because it is only then that I will be able to endure all trials and tribulations, and only in union with Jesus will my little sacrifices be pleasing to God. Sweetest Mother, continue to teach me about the interior life. May the sword of suffering never break me. O pure Virgin, pour courage into my heart and guard it.

Easter Duty

Easter duty is the obligation of Catholics to receive Communion at least once a year during the Easter season. If a baptized person has sinned in a grave manner, there is a requirement that they go to confession before receiving Communion.

This year Easter fell during our annual tax time. The process of preparing for filing an annual tax return is a top priority in people’s lives that requires time and energy. We should also approach our preparation for reconciliation with the same time and energy that we do our tax return. Like the variety of forms available to taxpayers, there are a variety of “forms” or models to use to prepare for confession. A person could: (a) refer to the Ten Commandments and resort to the same guidelines learned at the time of their first confession, (b) use the “7-deadly sin” short form, which includes the sins of pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth; or (c) take extra time to look more closely at their thoughts and behaviors since their last confession and reflect on their level of being faithful.

People’s lives are sometimes overbooked these days, but an hour of television or computer time could be traded for reflection. Looking over one’s thoughts and behaviors not only takes time, but also takes patience, humility, inner strength and courage.

Some questions you might ask yourself are:

1. Have I been honest with God, others, especially those near to me and myself?
2. Do I treat other people, as I’d like to be treated?
3. Have I purposefully hurt anyone?
4. Have I verbally, emotionally or physically abused another or myself?
5. Am I grateful to God for the daily gifts of nature, family, food and shelter?
6. Have I been harsh or unjustly critical of others?

Catholics are blessed to have confession as a spiritual tool that allows them to reflect upon their lives, recognize negative patterns, confess their wrongdoings, say prayers of penance and be forgiven. Most importantly it is an opportunity to learn from the mistakes made and make living amends by mindfully choosing to change harmful acts and thoughts.

There is a bit of forgiveness for those who may have missed filing taxes on April 15. The IRS grants extensions to those who were not able to meet the deadline.

Those Catholics who have not made their Easter duty are also granted an extension. The Code of Canon Law states that the season for making annual Easter duty includes Holy Week through Pentecost. As for Catholics in the United States, the season is extended until Trinity Sunday, June 11, 2006, this year. **THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO GO TO CONFESSION AND COMMUNION.**