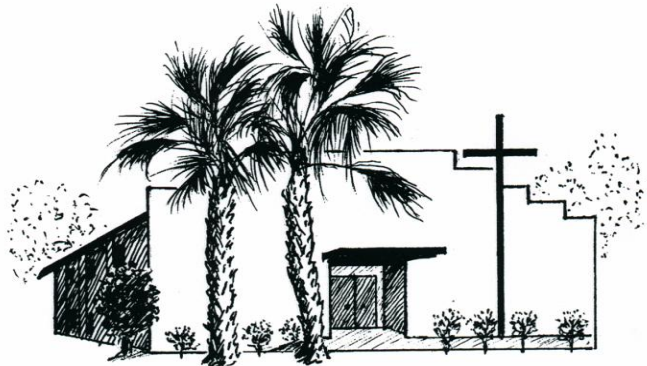


# San Juan Catholic Mission

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

May 7th, 2006-Fourth Sunday of Easter



*San Juan Catholic Mission  
Branford, Florida  
1981*

## **Pastoral Staff**

Fr. Ed Murphy, Pastor  
Fr. Jim Cottrell, Asst. Pastor  
Mr. John Meyers, Pastoral Asst.

## **Support Staff**

Director of Religious Education: Janet Samson  
RCIA: John Meyers  
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Sharon Hudson  
Maintenance: George Hertel

## **Telephone Numbers**

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## **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday – 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

## **Mass Times**

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

## **Adoration**

1<sup>st</sup> 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)

## **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.

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,

In our readings this weekend, we hear Jesus state that He is the Good Shepherd and that He will lay down His life for His sheep. Later Jesus says that He has other sheep and will bring them together with His flock and that there will be one unified flock. In another passage of John's gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that He prays that everyone will be united and that there will be no divisions among His children. One of the serious challenges of the early Christian Church was the efforts of certain Christians to drift away from the true teachings of the Church and form sects. Many of the New Testament epistles warn against divisions and those who sow them by false teaching or gossip.

In years past, when my family gathered together for some holiday celebration or birthday bash, there were some occasions when what was supposed to be a festive occasion turned into a situation where family members stopped talking to one another. Usually, the cause was gossip. One family member revealed something confidential about another member and then the matter got around to everyone.

The same thing happens unfortunately in parishes. Since in many cases a parish is like a huge family, there is the proclivity to embellish a truth or alter it. Gossip is very tempting and it can spread like wildfire. I have known pastors from years past who struggled against unbridled rumors about their health and private lives. Some pastors have had their reputations severely maligned as a result of rumors and gossip. It took many years before they could reestablish their reputations.

Gossip can also weaken the virtue of unity in a parish. There is nothing worse than when I get wind of rumors that are being spread about this parishioner or that parishioner. Regrettably, I also have gotten sucked into some rumors about others, and I am not proud of this. Gossip and rumors can be very enticing. However, they can also be very hurtful and destructive.

St. Madeleine's and San Juan Mission have some of the greatest parishioners in the diocese in my estimation. They are dedicated and very spiritual. Let's all try to work toward unity and avoid anything that could possibly harm anyone's reputation. When Jesus says, "Love one another," don't you think He means, "Work toward unity?"

Father Ed

*MAY: The Blessed Virgin Mary*

Toward the end of the eighteenth century a zealous Jesuit priest, Father Lalomia, started among the students of the Roman college of his Society the practice of dedicating May to Our Lady. The devotion, which others had promoted in a small way, soon spread to other Jesuit Colleges and to the entire Latin Church and since that time it has been a regular feature of Catholic life.

***Remember, O Virgin Mother of God, when thou shalt stand before the face of the Lord, that thou speak favorable things in our behalf and that He may turn away His indignation from us.***

**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](http://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 14, 2006**

1<sup>st</sup> – Acts 9: 26-31  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1 John 3: 8-24  
 Gospel – John 15: 4a, 5b

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sun. May 7 + Vivian King  
 by Dorothy Henrion  
 Wed. May 10 + Timothy Petre  
 by Dorothy Henrion

**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 30, 2006**

**Offertory: \$985.02**

**Other: \$280.00**

**\$1,265.02**

Attendance: 147

**Do You Know Your Faith?**

**Question:** What is the title of the Bishop of Rome?

Answer on pg. 4

**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.

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**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.

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**Today is the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations:**

We encourage all our parishioners to read Pope Benedict XVI Vocation message. You may find message by going to Google and entering Pope Benedict World Day of Prayer.

**Know your faith:**

**Answer:** The Pope

**HAPPENINGS IN MAY:**

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| <b>May 7</b> | <b>May crowning of the Blessed Virgin. Ceremony will begin at 9:15 am.</b>                                                 |
| May 14       | First Communion/Mother's Day.                                                                                              |
| May 17       | Building Committee meeting:<br>6:30 pm                                                                                     |
| 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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**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, is the anniversary of Fr. Ed's ordination. Please remember him in a special way in your prayers on that day.**

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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.

**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.

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**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.

*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.*

### MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – The 43<sup>RD</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI message for Word Day of Prayer:

Remembering the counsel of Jesus: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Mt 9,37), we acknowledge the great need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. **It is not surprising that, where people pray fervently, vocations blossom.** The holiness of the Church depends essentially on union with Christ and on being open to the mystery of grace that operates in the heart of the Christian. Therefore, I should like to invite all the faithful to nurture an intimate relationship with Christ, the Teacher and Pastor of his people, imitating Mary who kept the divine mysteries in her heart and meditated them diligently (cfr Lk 2, 19). Together with her, who occupies a central position in the mystery of the Church, we pray:

O Father, raise up among Christians  
numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood,  
to keep the faith alive

and guard the gracious memory of your Son Jesus  
through the preaching of His word  
and the administration of the Sacraments,  
with which you continually renew your faithful.

Give us holy ministers of your altar,  
who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist,  
the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ  
for the redemption of the world.

Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation,  
spread the joy of your forgiveness.

Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy  
numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son  
and, docile to His teachings,  
may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood  
and to the consecrated life.

Sustain the Bishops, priests and deacons,  
consecrated men and women, and all the baptized in Christ,  
so that they may faithfully fulfill their mission  
at the service of the Gospel.

This we pray You through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

*From the Vatican, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2006*

**Benedict XVI**