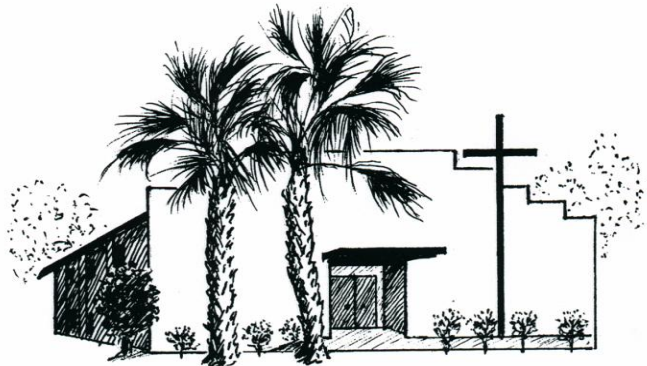


San Juan Catholic Mission

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May 14, 2006 - Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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

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)

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 this weekend's first reading from the Acts of Apostles we hear the following: "The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in number."

Last weekend, I spoke to you candidly about the importance of the family rosary and Our Lady of Fatima's recipe for peace in the world. We may wonder how saying the rosary daily can bring about world peace. First, contemplate how saying the rosary on a day-to-day basis has brought us peace of mind and heart, especially in times of distress. Then, consider how reciting the rosary with our families has helped to keep them united and healed their wounds and divisions. Translate that to the whole family of God saying the rosary. Do you really think that Mary doesn't take notice of a pious soul faithfully saying the rosary every day and its impact upon world peace? Think again! Even the smallest yet sincerest effort to invoke the help of the Mother of God is heard!

On October 7, 1995 the late Pope John Paul II was visiting the United Nations in New York and had joined a very large crowd assembled at St. Patrick's Cathedral to reciting the rosary. Following the rosary, the pope made the following remarks: "There are two immediate things which the Catholic families of America can do to strengthen home-life. The first is prayer: both personal and family prayer. Prayer raises our minds and hearts to God to thank him for his blessings, to ask him for his help. It brings the saving power of Jesus Christ into the decisions and actions of everyday life. One prayer in particular I recommend to families: the one we have just been praying, the Rosary. And especially the Joyful Mysteries, which help us to meditate on the Holy Family of Nazareth...The second suggestion I make to families is to use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn about the faith and to answer the questions that come up, especially the moral questions which confront everyone today."

Note that Pope John Paul II adds the study of the catechism to the prayer of the rosary. Why? Because study and prayer are our greatest weapons against the spirits of division, war and immorality. We will receive the consolation of the Holy Spirit when we turn to Mary every day. As one saint once said, we cannot lose with Mary. So take up the beads beginning today and pray for peace and grace.

Father Ed

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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 21, 2006

1st – Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

2nd – 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel – John 14:23

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. May 14 + Joan Power
by Dorothy Henrion
Wed. May 17 + Fr. Gerald Vallee
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, May 7, 2006

Offertory: \$1,799.82

Other: \$657.83

\$2,457.65

Attendance: 173

Do You Know Your Faith?

Question: What is the day that begins the church year?

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; A better response 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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BUILDING COMMITTEE: There will be a **Building Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 beginning at 6:30 p.m.** All members of the committee are asked to attend or contact the church office if you will not be present.

Know your faith:

Answer: The first Sunday in Advent.

May 7	May crowning of the Blessed Virgin. Ceremony will begin at 9:15 am.
May 14	First Communion/Mother's Day.
May 17	Building Committee meeting: 6:30 pm
May 24	Finance Comm. Meeting: 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

Job Opportunities:

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

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: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator (904) 262-3200, ext. 129, or Department of Children and Families, 1-800-96Abuse.

Join Bishop Victor Galeone as he ordains the first class of permanent deacons in the diocese. Saturday, June 3 at St. Joseph Parish, Jacksonville. The ordination begins at 10:30 a.m. and the Catholic community is invited to attend.

Counseling – The Diocesan Center for Family Life provides counseling. Fees are on a sliding scale. Appointments are available at St. Vincent's Medical center and the Catholic Center. For appointments, call (904) 308-7474.

The next **Marriage Renewal** weekend for couples that want to enrich their marriage is May 19-21 in Jacksonville. Call Tina or John Morrissey at (904) 744-6843 for more information and to register or visit www.diocesanmarriagerenewal.org.

Please remember to 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.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Roman Catholic’s life.

In order for anyone to receive communion, that person must be without sin and in a state of grace. Traditionally, those receiving communion for the first time must make their first confession before receiving.

First Communion is a cause for celebration but there is more to it than a pretty new white dress and a big family party. That is not what the occasion is about. The event means that the person has studied and understands, to the best of their abilities, the mystery of the transubstantiation, the changing of the substance of ordinary bread and wine into the substance of Christ’s body and blood.

*One the day of one’s First Communion, and whenever receiving communion thereafter, those partaking must, out of respect for the body and blood of Christ, observe another rule: At least one hour before reception of the sacrament, they must fast, which means they may not eat any food. Taking water and medicine, however, are exceptions. **After First Communion, the communicant must attend Mass every Sunday, and they are encouraged to receive communion as often as possible. If one has missed Sunday Mass without good reason or has committed a mortal sin, that person is expected to go to confession before receiving communion again.***

First Communion is a very important and holy day because the person is, for the first time, receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ. By continuing to receive Holy Communion for the rest of their lives, they become one with Christ and will, hopefully, share in His eternal life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Kiera Samson
Chenoa Burnett
Tyler Pierron