

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,

The staff of San Juan Mission and I would like to extend to the Teixeira family our deepest sympathy for the loss of Tom's father Ray Teixeira. Ray passed away last Sunday and was buried on Thursday. Please keep the Teixeira family in your prayers.

Sometimes we tend to forget to pray for all those who have lost loved ones in our parish. Grief can many times draw people away from those they have known and loved for years, especially in parish communities. Many widows have great difficulty coping with loneliness and loss. I ask that you might consider taking some time out of your busy schedule to visit those who have recently lost a loved one. As one of the corporal works of mercy, we have an opportunity to receive a wealth of God's grace.

The Building Committee met this past Wednesday to discuss a number of projects. We continue to investigate estimates on the construction of a canopy roof over the patio area in back of the church. Costs will likely run around \$17-20,000. We hope to get this project going soon. There is a proposal to construct a playground with slides, swings and monkey bars. Dottie Cassube is overseeing this project, and we hope to have this done by September. Be aware that commercial playground equipment is pricey. However, we feel it is imperative that we give our children some place to gather and play instead of around the parked cars in the back of the church. The new playground will be located to the east of the church. You will also notice the addition of two new containers. We will be using these buildings for more storage.

If you would like to offer input on these projects, please see Jim Hudson or John Meyers. We welcome your suggestions.

We still are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. These are wonderful ways you can serve the Lord. Please consider offering your time and talent to our masses.

God bless,

Father Ed

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.dcf.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 28, 2006

1st –Acts 1:1-11

2nd –Ephesians 4:1-13

Gospel –Mark 16:15-20

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. May 21 + Carl Deden III
by Virginia Deden
Wed. May 24 + Vivian King
by San Juan Ladies Guild

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

MINISTRIES

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| 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:

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| 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 14, 2006

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| Offertory: | \$1,310.00 |
| Other: | \$375.00 |
| | \$1,685.00 |

Attendance: 188

Do You Know Your Faith?

Question: What is the most important Sunday?

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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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 24th 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: Easter

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| 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. |
| May 29 | Church office closed |

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

Job Opportunities:

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.

MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of their home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God’s mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance: (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

The Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts, which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order – by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The following practices, which are recommended by the Magisterium, are offered as suggestions for honoring Our Lady during Her month.

The Regina Coeli-Antiphon to Mary for the Resurrection of her Son

The Rosary-Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer.

Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Long series of invocations to Our Lady

Consecration and Entrustment to Mary-Roman Pontiffs have frequently expressed appreciation for the pious practice of “consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary’ and the formulas publicly used by them are well known.

The Brown Scapular and other Scapulars Medals-External sign of the filial relationship between the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

Medals-These are witnesses of faith and a sign of veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as of trust in her maternal protection.