

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY-SATURDAY 7:00 A.M.

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.

**SUNDAY** 

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M.

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AT OUR MISSION CHURCH ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR 86 MARTIN LUTHER KING AVE.

SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.

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## CONFESSIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY 7:30 A.M. AND 3:30-4:30 P.M.

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## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL OF THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY-FRIDAY FOLLOWING THE 7:00 A.M. MASS, UNTIL 3:00 P.M.

ANGELUS AND ROSARY
12:00 NOON

BENEDICTION 3:00 P.M.

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#### This Week in Our Parish

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 a.m. - RCIA, Verot Room

6:30 p.m. - Senior Youth Group meeting, Bosco House

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER II

6:30 p.m. - Fraternus, Bishop Baker Center

6:30 p.m. - Religious Education, CPS classrooms

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30 a.m. & 4:45 p.m. - Legion of Mary meeting, St. Benedict the Moor Rectory

6 p.m. - Family Choir rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

6 p.m. – Respect Life meeting, Bracken Room

7 p.m. - RCIA, St. Benedict the Moor Rectory

#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

5 p.m. - Junior Youth Group meeting, Bishop Baker Center

5:30 p.m. - St. Benedict School Restoration meeting, St. Benedict Rectory

6:15 p.m. - Religious Education, CPS classrooms

7 p.m. – Choir rehearsal (11 a.m. choir), Rehearsal Room

7:30 p.m. - Young Adults Bible Study, St. Benedict Rectory

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:45 a.m. - Altar Guild. St. Benedict the Moor Church

10 a.m. - Living the Eucharist, St. Benedict the Moor Rectory

7 p.m. – Choir rehearsal (9 a.m. choir), Rehearsal Room

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

6 a.m. - Cathedral Men's Group, Bishop Baker Center

7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - Confessions, Cathedral

10 a.m. - Religious Education, Bishop Baker Center 10 a.m. - Cathedral Ushers meeting, Bracken Room

7:30 p.m. - St. Augustine Community Chorus Christmas concert, Cathedral



Above right: The Annunciation, James Tissot (1836-1902)



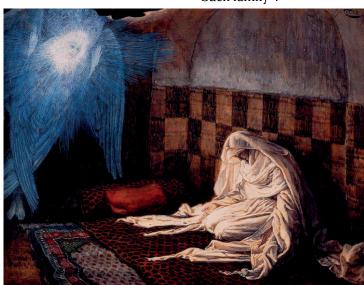
## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

#### CATHEDRAL

12/9	Saturday 5 p.m.	Frank Clark †
12/10	Sunday 9 a.m.	Helen Chakwin †
12/11	Monday 7 a.m.	Deceased members of the Kennedy family †
12/12	Tuesday 7 a.m.	Brandon and Christina Ghioto "L"
12/13	Wednesday 7 a.m.	Frank Clark †
12/14	Thursday 7 a.m.	Karen Schmidt †
12/15	Friday 7 a.m.	Charlie Latino †
12/16	Saturday 7 a.m.	John McCarthy and family "L"

#### SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR.

12/10 Sunday 8 a.m. Deceased members of the Guck family †



#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Monday, December 11

Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab • (Ps) Judith 13:18bcde, 19

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday, December 13 SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Is 40:25-31 • Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 • Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14 SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 41:13-20 • Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab • Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15 Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19 Saturday, December 16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 • Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 • Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 17 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 • (Ps) Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 • 1 Thes 5:16-24 • Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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#### ❖ 2017 ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE ❖

Our annual *Advent Penance Service* will be held on *Monday, December 18* beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. There will be a total of nine priests available to hear your confessions as we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to prepare for the celebrations of Christ's Nativity.

Confessions are also heard each Saturday following the 7:00 a.m. Mass and from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

#### Other Penance Services in nearby parishes

Two parishes in our community will hold their **Advent Penance Services** this week. San Sebastian Parish (on State Road 16) will have their service on Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. Then, on Wednesday, December 13, Saint Anastasia Parish (State Road A1A, south of St. Augustine Beach) will hold their Penance Service beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend the Cathedral's Penance Service on December 18, you may want to consider attending one of these.



### SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

#### December 24

4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral 6:00 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor (Please note: there is no 5 p.m. Mass on 12/24)

#### December 25

Midnight Mass (choral music begins at 11:30 p.m.)
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral
8:00 a.m. at St. Benedict the Moor
(Please note: there is no 7 a.m. or 5 p.m. Mass on 12/25)

#### Mission Statement of the Cathedral Parish St. Augustine, Florida

WE ARE CHRIST'S EYES, EARS, MOUTH, HANDS, AND FEET-SENT OUT TO DO JUSTICE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED,

TO MINISTER TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY,
TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION AWAKENING FAITH AMONG THE HOPELESS,
AND PROMOTING LIFE EVEN WITHIN THE CULTURE
OF DEATH.

The deadline for submissions to the Cathedral bulletin is noon on Monday, six days prior to bulletin distribution.

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#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



This week the Catholic Church in the United States joins the Church in Mexico and throughout Central and South America in celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 12. Under this title (also known as the Virgin or Madonna of Tepeyac), Mary appeared to Saint Juan Diego, a Náhautl-Aztec convert to Ca-

tholicism, beginning on December 9, 1531. On December 12, through a miracle of roses growing on a snow-covered hillside, she left an impression of herself on his *tilma* (cloak). This can still be venerated at the Basilica built in her honor just outside Mexico City.

One author, Arturo Pérez, has written, "Guadalupe's significance is both word and symbol. She (Mary) provides the answers to the prayers of her faithful people: 'God is with you!' Her very appearance, as one of the poor, aligns her with them. Guadalupe's proclamation can be seen as God's continuing care and concern for the poor."

Our Lady of Guadalupe is a perfect reminder of what Advent is about for us who are disciples of Christ. She proclaims the truth of the Good News of salvation in Christ by reminding us that we must care for the poor among us. The Good News she shares is that Jesus, her Son and Son of God, is *Emmanuel*, God-with-us! The image on the *tilma* reveals a woman, pregnant with her child, waiting to joyfully bring him forth for the good and peace of all in the world! This Gift of God is a gift we have been given to share. How is it that you, your family and our parish community will share Mary's Son and His Good News in Advent?

Love, Father Tom

## \*Family Choir forming for 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at the Cathedral



Dr. Sans is forming a **Family Choir** to sing at the **4:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Mass. This invitation is to Moms, Dads and their children who love to sing and would like to join together at that Liturgy to lead the assembly in song. There will be two short rehearsals on two Tuesday

evenings in preparation for the Mass. Please get in touch with Dr. Sans soon at cathstaugmusic@gmail.com or call him at 824-2806 x 331 to sign up and to get more information. He hopes to fill 40 choir seats (first come, first served) with joyful Christmas singers of all ages. Thank you, and a Happy Advent to All!!

## QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE? TRY ALPHA – New Session starts in January!

Do you, a family member or friend have questions about life or a desire to deepen your faith? Consider attending Alpha, the 11-week program that is changing lives and hearts in our Parish.

As Peggy M., a guest from a previous Alpha, shared about her experience: "I enjoyed meeting new people from my parish and other parishes and making new friends. It was a very welcoming environment. Non-judgmental. Loved every minute."

The winter session begins the week of January 7. In addition to the Wednesday morning and Thursday evening sessions, a Sunday afternoon course (with childcare available) and a Wednesday evening course specifically for Young Adults (ages 20 -39) are on the schedule.

To register, visit the parish web site (**thefirstparish.org**) and click the **Learn More** button on the home page – OR – pick up a registration form after Mass this weekend or next.

Prayerfully consider participating yourself or encouraging family or friends to consider attending. If you have questions, email alphacathedral@gmail.com.

St. Augustine said: "Our hearts are restless until they find rest in you". Let us help others find rest in the Lord.

## Catholic Young Adults (in their 20s and 30s) BIBLE STUDY!

Join us for faith and fellowship! Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
St. Benedict Rectory = 86 M.L. King Avenue
staugcatholicyoungadults@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook or call or text Mary = 904-501-7280



In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith

Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: FL144. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



### **EUCHARISTIC**

#### ADORATION

Eucharistic Adorers are needed for the following hours: Monday 1-2 Tuesday 12-1 Wednesday 8-9 Friday 11-12, 12-1 and 1-2 Please call Susan Partel, 829-5508 or 669-9351, to commit to an hour.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" Mt 26:40



#### ❖ Father Miguel O'Reilly House Museum reopening: Sisters of St. Joseph in need of volunteers

The historical Father Miguel O'Reilly House Museum is reopening!! The museum is located on 32 Aviles Street and its new operational hours will be from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday – Saturday. The Sisters **are in need of volunteers** to assist with this ministry. If you would like to share the Catholic history of Florida and the Sisters of St. Joseph, please call Sister Bernard Joseph at (904) 325-3605.

## ❖ December 17: The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to a Nativity Open House at Villa Flora

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ! A Nativity Open House will take place in the beautiful piano room of Villa Flora, 234 St. George Street, from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17. Reflect on the coming of the Savior as you move through salvation history in the Jesse Tree; follow the Magi through the multi-cultural nativity scenes to find yourself at the manger. You may enter the Sisters' parking lot from Cordova Street.



#### **❖**Explore the real St. Nick

The St. Nicholas Center is a great resource for teaching children and adults about the real St. Nicholas. The site includes Christmas customs from around the world, some free downloads that include games and activities, and an outline for a family gathering focusing around St. Nick. Visit www.stnicholascenter.org to learn more.

#### **OFFERTORY FOR DECEMBER 3, 2017**

CATHEDRAL	\$14,822.00
St. Benedict the Moor	\$1,669.00
Faith Direct	\$7,045.52
Weekly Total	\$23,536.52
Weekly Amount Needed	
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YTD needed thru 10/31/17	\$407,333.33
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\*Weekly total does not include any offertory given via website, mail, etc. \*\*YTD total includes all offertory, e.g. collection baskets, Faith Direct, website, mail, etc. YTD based on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year.



## **Solemn Exposition of the Riessed Sacrament**

IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL OF THE CATHEDRAL Monday through Friday, following 7 a.m. Mass, until 3 p.m.

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#### Miraculous Medal Novena

on Tuesdays before 7 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine "O MARY, CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO YOU!"

#### Cathedral Parish Parking: TRUE OR FALSE?

Cathedral parishioners have a right to park in both the "Bank of America lot" and the "Old Wells Fargo lot".

**FALSE.** Parking in either of these lots is a privilege not a right. Sadly, some of our own parishioners abuse this privilege and are no longer allowed to park in these lots.

#### ❖ From the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Advent Evening of Prayer, December 15

All young adults are invited to an Advent Evening of Prayer on Saturday, December 15 at The Shrine of our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. The evening will include a living rosary, adoration, praise, worship and end with a social gathering. For more information, contact the Young Adult Office at rshipley@dosafl.com.

## ❖ December 16: Secular Franciscan Fraternity meeting at Sacred Heart Church

The St Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity is now meeting at Sacred Heart Church in Fleming Island. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in Bldg. A Classrooms at 12:30 p.m. We invite visitors to "Come, Look ... See". You may be a Secular Franciscan and not know it yet! www.stbonaventureofs.org. Linda @ 904-704-7282, Nani @ 904-673-7250 or Joe @ 904-657-7860.

### ❖ December 30: A New Year's Resolution in Christ, a day of reflection at Villa Flora-Brown Hall Renewal Center

A New Year's Resolution in Christ will be offered at Villa Flora-Brown Hall Renewal Center on Saturday, December 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free will offering to benefit the Ministry of the Villa. For further information and to make reservations, please call or email Mary Adams, (904) 824-1752 or maryadams@ssjfl.org.

## ❖ Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy: first meeting January 9 at Corpus Christi parish

Oh how I love those souls who have complete confidence in Me - I will do everything for them (Diary of St. Faustina, 294)

Please join us on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 for the first meeting of the Cenacle of the Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy. We will be meeting at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in the Marian Hall at 10 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. This Cenacle, a prayer and study group, uses the Diary of St. Faustina, the Bible, and the Catechism to experience a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith. Its purpose is to spread the truth of the Real Presence in the Eucharist and live the Divine Mercy message based on a deeper trust in God, a greater ability to forgive, and being merciful to others. Please contact Mary Oliveros at (904) 377-0698 or Judy O'Neill at (517) 881-1630 for more information.



Simbang Gabi - the traditional Filipino custom of preparing for Christmas - gets underway December 15 in the Diocese of St. Augustine. The tradition was introduced in the diocese in 2007 by families who longed to celebrate the feast locally with their faith community. They also wanted to hand down this centuries-old custom as a gift to their young people.

For Filipino Catholics, Simbang Gabi is above all an expression of their filial devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. "For nine consecu-

tive days, they join and accompany her, so to speak, as she awaits the birth of her Son. For this reason, the Masses on these days are celebrated as solemn votive Masses in her honor," explained Oblate of St. Joseph Father Rafael Lavilla, parochial vicar at St. Paul Parish, Jacksonville Beach.

For a complete schedule of events, visit www.dosafl.com/event/simbang-gabi-6/

#### Stewardship reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent

Our readings from Holy Scripture on this Second Sunday of Advent remind us of what we are supposed to be doing during Advent; in fact, throughout our lives. The reading from Isaiah anticipates the coming of Christ and John the Baptist as it proclaims "... prepare the way of the Lord." This is a time of preparation for us.

That message is repeated in our Gospel from St. Mark. Today's Gospel is the absolute beginning of Mark's Gospel and it immediately gives us that same signal by declaring, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Of course, we all realize that the path to the Lord may not always be straight for us, but now is a time to correct that.

God is waiting for us. St. Peter in his Second Letter, from which our Second Reading is drawn, indicates that God, however, "is patient with you." You might say on this Second Sunday of Advent that the Lord is giving us a second chance to respond to His call. One of the basics of St. John the Baptist's messages was that we need to get ourselves right with the Lord, perhaps turn our lives in a different direction. We can change; now is the time to do that.

Pope St. John XXIII once stated during a homily in Advent, "We are all part of an immense family. This is proven by what is in our hearts during Advent and Christmas." Now is the time to put love in our hearts and to truly prepare the way of the Lord.

## Roman Catholic Norms for Those Who Serve as a Godparent or Sponsor

The role of those who serve as godparents and sponsors in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation is vitally important in the life of the Catholic Church. Those who are chosen for these roles are to show the person for whom they serve as godparent/sponsor a strong commitment to living the Catholic faith. And so, the Church has set up a minimum set of norms for godparents/sponsors:

- ■The godparent/sponsor must be designated by the one being baptized or confirmed;
- •In the case of infants being baptized, it is the parents who designate the godparents;
- ■Parents may never serve as godparents/sponsors for their children;
- •The godparent/sponsor must be a practicing Roman Catholic, be at least 16 years old and have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist);
- •They must be actively and regularly practicing the faith; if they are married, the Church must be able to recognize the marriage as sacramental.

In the United States, if the godparent/sponsor is not known to the pastor, a letter or affidavit is usually obtained from the person's parish stating that the person is a Catholic in good standing and may serve as a godparent/sponsor.

In the case of Baptism, a person may have two godparents; however, one must be male and the other female. A non-Catholic Christian may serve as a godparent, but they are listed as a "Christian witness" and the other godparent must fulfill the above norms.

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2017

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

If at any time you wish to add a name to, or remove a name from, the prayer lists, please email Shannon McKay, bulletin editor, ssmckasavant@aol.com, to let me know.

Or, you may call the Rectory, 824-2806, and convey your message to one of our staff; the information will be passed on to me. Many thanks! SMcK

#### LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Barbara Carberry, Yolanka Tracy, Fr. John Gillespie, Margery Bonnett, Lane Carter, Andy Carden, Fr. Slawomir Podsiedlik, Ted Fontaine, Karon Williamson, Baby Pearl, Laubacker Family, Sophia Christine, Bob Gardy, Joe Merritt, Pat DiMuzio, Nick D'Amico, Joyce Kaman, Nancy McAlister, Bridget Merkle, John Hession, Margaret Schlotzhauer, Kevin McCarthy Sr., Susan Buron, Dan Burkhardt, Callen Spearman, Terry Spearman, Linda Coffey, Larry Jenson, Mary Grace Gardy, Diana Kanaszka, Joshua Solana, Joey Leach, Pierre Thompson, Sean Spicer, Brenda Edwards, Delaney Nalepka, Cynthia Stephens, John Fazio, Elizabeth Fazio, Ellie Flanagan, Kevin Hollington, William "Pierre" Pierce, Shawn Hinkle, Maria Pineda, Sam DiMuzio, Ann Algreen, Allyson Turner, Donald Wehking, Nancy Totino, Kristen Beebe, Irvine Morrison, Ryan Olschewske, Margaret McCutcheon, Mary Tinto, Guy Tinto, Kathleen Green, John McBryde, JoAnne Esposito, Julie Dopp Koziel, Pricilla DeLaCruz, Jill Burger, Betty Latino, Judy Mills, Adolfo Sepulveda

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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**NEED PRAYERS?** If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, call 599-9455 or 824-2806 to be added to our prayer list.



#### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITY FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND **MEMORIALS**

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Anyone celebrating a special day, or wishing to honor someone's memory, is invited to do so by covering the cost of altar flowers, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel sanctuary lamp, or the Divine Mercy Icon candle.

Deadline will be noon on Monday for the following week.

Please contact the Rectory office at (904) 824-2806 for further information.

#### SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE VILLA FLORA-BROWN HALL RENEWAL CENTER

SSI MOTHERHOUSE, 241 ST. GEORGE STREET

#### Every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Christian Meditation hosted by the Sisters of St. Joseph

Christian Meditation, deeply rooted in Christian tradition, aims "to allow God's mysterious presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are..." Cost: Donations accepted. Call (904) 824-1752 to register or at www.ssjfl.org.

#### Every Saturday, 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Centering Prayer hosted by Sister Margaret Zapf, SSJ

Centering prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. Call (904) 824-1752 to register or at www.ssjfl.org.

Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But to reach him we also need lights close by people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Spe Salvi, 49

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