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This Week in Our Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:30 a.m. – RCIA, Verot Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 **Rectory office closed**

8 a.m. – Mass (Mary, Mother of God), St. Benedict the Moor Church

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. – Masses (Mary, Mother of God), Cathedral

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

6:15 p.m. – Alpha, Bosco House

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

7:45 a.m. – Altar Guild, Cathedral

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

7 p.m. – Cathedral Schola rehearsal, St. Benedict the Moor Church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 a.m. – First Friday Mass, St. Benedict the Moor Church

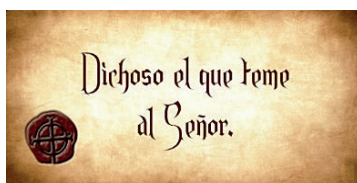
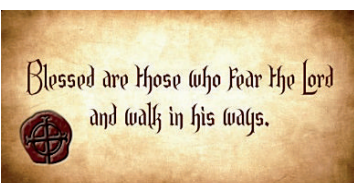
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

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

6:15 p.m. – Blessing of Infants in the Womb, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Above right: The Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph with the Christ Child and an Angel, mezzotint after Lorenzo Lotto (1480-1556)

On the cover: Mary and Joseph with the Baby Jesus, Julius Frank (1826-1908)



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

CATHEDRAL

12/30	Saturday 5 p.m.	Victoria Manlandro †
12/31	Sunday 9 a.m.	Charles R. Bayman †
1/1	Monday 9 a.m.	
1/2	Tuesday 7 a.m.	Catherine "L"
1/3	Wednesday 7 a.m.	Gino Pala †
1/4	Thursday 7 a.m.	Pamela Edwards †
1/5	Friday 7 a.m.	Bernice Klevence †
1/6	Saturday 7 a.m.	Dolores Bentkowski †

SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR

12/31	Sunday 8 a.m.	
1/5	Friday 8:30 a.m.	The benefactors of Cathedral Parish "L"



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Monday, January 1

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Nm 6:22-27 ■ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 ■ Gal 4:4-7 ■ Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2 SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

1 Jn 2:22-28 ■ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 ■ Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3

1 Jn 2:29-3:6 ■ Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 ■ Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4

SAINT ELIAZBETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn 3:7-10 ■ Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 ■ Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5 SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

1 Jn 3:11-21 ■ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 ■ Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6

1 Jn 5:5-13 ■ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 ■ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

Sunday, January 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6 ■ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 ■ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 ■ Mt 2:1-12



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1

Masses celebrated at
8:00 a.m. at St. Benedict
the Moor Church
9:00 and 11:00 at
the Cathedral

[P.N. – Because this day occurs on a Monday, in accordance with the U.S. Bishop’s decision in 1991 and confirmed by the Holy See, the obligation to participate at Mass is abrogated.]



Are you expecting the birth of a child?

THE CHURCH SHARES YOUR JOY, AND WANTS TO BLESS GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS TO YOU!

The Church’s Blessing of an Infant in the Womb will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral on Saturday, January 6 at 6:15 p.m. and Sunday, January 7 at 10:15 a.m.

Expectant parents and their families are encouraged to seek the Lord’s blessings and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE SAINT JOHN’S BIBLE

❖ Sunday, January 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Cathedral Parish welcomes the Saint John’s Bible Heritage Edition

Cathedral Parish welcomes the Saint John’s Bible! Please join us in the Cathedral for Vespers and a presentation by Jim Triggs, Director of the Heritage Program, on Sunday, January 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The Saint John’s Bible is the first handwritten illuminated Bible of its scale in over 500 years. The Cathedral will host the edition for the months of January and February, with events both in the church and in the community. More information to come soon.

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.

Mass Schedule at the Cathedral

Monday-Saturday 7:00 a.m. ■ Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule at our Mission Church, St. Benedict the Moor
86 Martin Luther King Avenue Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions at the Cathedral

Every Saturday: following the 7 a.m. Mass, and from 3:30-4:30 p.m.



FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

A Prayer for the New Year

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God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Through Christ our Lord, born of the Virgin Mary, living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

*On behalf of the clergy and staff
of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine,
may you and yours have a
Blessed and Happy New Year.*

Love, Father Tom



First Friday and First Saturday

Friday, January 5 is the First Friday of the month.

Masses: 7 a.m. (Cathedral) and 8:30 a.m. (St. Benedict the Moor)

The Litany of the Sacred Heart will be prayed following Mass.

Saturday, January 6 is the First Saturday of the month.

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be prayed following the 7 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral.

Confessions will be heard following the praying of the Litany.

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

Bulletin editor: ssmekasavant@aol.com

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 one guest from a previous Alpha shared about their experience: "A very positive experience. Discussions helped open my thoughts to a more spiritual way life—more at peace."

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.

Time is running out! Register by December 31 on the parish web site. Look for the Alpha Banner at the top of the home page and click the *Learn More* button.

Help is needed with preparation of meals for Alpha sessions!

Greetings Alpha friends, past, present, and future! As you heard at Mass several weeks ago, a big part of the Alpha experience is the meal, because breaking bread together is a great way to build community and get to know each other.

Our Alpha ministry has expanded to four sessions this winter and many hands are needed to provide entrees, sides, and desserts. Would you be willing to donate a bit of your time and talent to this ministry by preparing part of a meal this winter? If so, please email Joanne Robinson at jcr2339@att.net. Thanks!



❖ January 9: "Follow the Star," a day of prayer and reflection with Sr. Kathleen Power SSJ

Sister Kathleen Power SSJ will present *Follow the Star* on Tuesday, January 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 241 St. George Street. All are invited to attend. For further information or to RSVP, contact Mary Adams at (904) 824-1752 or maryadams@ssjfl.org.



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL OF THE CATHEDRAL
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CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOLS' 33rd ANNUAL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

Cathedral Parish Early Education Center is proud to announce that we will host the Silent Auction at the 33rd Annual Cathedral Parish School Festival on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

The Cathedral Festival helps raise funds to assist Cathedral Parish School and Cathedral Parish Early Education Center. This Festival is the major fundraiser for our schools and its success is vital to ensure that we are able to offer a Catholic, faith-based education to our community.

Last year, thanks to the community, we raised thousands of dollars for both Cathedral Parish School and Cathedral Parish Early Education Center through the Cathedral Festival. Please consider donating an item to contribute to our Silent Auction this year.

If you have an item to donate, please call Jill or Peggy at (904) 829-2933, or e-mail valleycpeec@aol.com to arrange delivery.

We appreciate your faithful support!



Cathedral Parish Early Education Center

10 Sebastian Ave.
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(904) 829-2933

Cathedral Parish Early Education Center (CPEEC) will begin registration for our current CPEEC families for the 2018-2019 school year January 8, 2018. We will open registration to all others on January 22. One-year-old, two-year-old, three-year-old and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) classes are available. The VPK program is designed to prepare children for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. VPK extends eligibility for four year olds with birthdays February 2 through September 1. Parents may enroll their child in the state's free VPK educational program that year or wait until the following year when their child is five, providing they are a resident of Florida. *Therefore, if your child turns 4 anytime from 2/2/17 through 9/1/18 he or she may participate in the VPK program for the 2018-2019 school year.* Care beyond the VPK hours is additional. Space in all classes is limited. Please telephone CPEEC at (904) 829-2933 to secure your spot!



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITY FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND MEMORIALS

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.

❖ **January 9 at St. Catherine of Siena Parish: Responding to Bullying in our Culture**

Speaker: Kevin Dowd, Ph.D. Cand., shares with parents and grandparents the way to respond to, and protect youth from, the culture of bullying online, on the playground, and in the classroom. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Orange Park. Childcare and dinner will be available, but RSVP to Vincent Reilly by Friday, January 5. For further details, call (904) 264-0577 or visit <http://www.stcatherineop.com/bullyingculture/>

❖ **12th annual March for Life St. Augustine, January 12 and 13, 2018**

The 12th Annual March for Life St. Augustine will be held on **January 13, 2018** at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche (101 San Marco Ave.). The message we bring this year is "I Have Called You by Name," mirroring our Lord's invitation to us all to follow Him.

March activities begin with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Estévez at 9 a.m. at the Shrine Church, followed by music and information booths. Speakers will take the stage at 10:30 for powerful testimonies. At 11:30 we march through town to the Plaza for the keynote speaker, **Stephanie Gray**. And on't forget the finale: a spaghetti dinner hosted by the KOC Council#611 at the Cathedral Parish Hall.

MFLSA Friday Night Kick-off for the March begins at 4 p.m. on **January 12** with Holy Hour followed by Mass at 5 p.m. and the March for Life tradition of the **illuminated Living Rosary** at 6 p.m. At 7:30 there will be a Praise and Worship concert and food at the Mission Grounds, as well as a **Human Trafficking Workshop** from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

We invite you to join us, and to check out our website at www.marchforlifestaugustine.com.

❖ **You and Me and God Makes Three, beginning January 18**

You and Me and God Makes Three is a spiritual, biblical based program for single parishioners ages 35 and up who are tired of fighting the dating scene and tired of failed relationships and broken hearts. Using the book *Dear God, Send Me a Soul Mate*, by Rose Sweet, you will take a wonderful journey through the Old Testament story of Isaac and Rebecca. This six-week course follows eight specific steps that will aid you in developing healthy relationships with God as a partner and guide. Classes begin on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Center and continue every Thursday through February 22. The cost is \$40. Pre-registration is required and can be done online at www.dcf.org or by calling the Diocesan Center for Family Life at (904) 551-2619.

ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS

We receive many requests from parishioners to qualify for weddings here, or to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at the Cathedral. Part of that request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of the Cathedral Parish. Because of the nature of our congregation, having so many visitors, it is difficult to know everyone.

An "active member" of this parish is one who:

- Is properly registered and on the parish census
- Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
- Participates in parish activities when possible
- Uses the parish envelope system or contributes via Faith Direct

While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination.



Brrr, it's cold outside! St. Vincent de Paul is looking for donations of coats and jackets for our homeless brothers and sisters. Please feel free to drop off them off at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located at 19 McMillan Street. Any questions can be directed to the store at (904) 824-3333.

❖ **Stewardship reflection for the Feast of the Holy Family**

The primary purpose of The Feast of the Holy Family is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families.

In Italy there is a saying, "*La famiglia é tutto*," which means, "the family is everything." Our Holy Father Pope Francis has made families one of the focal points of his papacy. He organized a conference on families in 2015. Speaking to the gathered families, he said, "You cannot have a family without dreams. I am very fond of dreams in families. For nine months, every mother and father dream about their baby. They dream about what kind of child he or she will be... You can't have a family without dreams. Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, love does not grow, life shrivels up and dies. So I ask you each evening, when you make your examination of conscience, to also ask yourselves this question: Today did I dream about my children's future? Today did I dream about the love of my husband, my wife? Did I dream about my parents and grandparents who have gone before me?"

All of today's readings have to do with families and family life. The reading from Sirach, our First Reading, emphasized the Fourth Commandment, "Honor thy father and mother." We are commanded to respect and love our parents. However, it is a two way street. The Gospel Reading speaks of the development of Jesus, and that should inspire parents to understand that our prayers are the same as the prayers of Joseph and Mary — that our children will become strong in spirit and filled with wisdom.

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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...

Kory Kammerman, Barbara Carberry, Yolanka Tracy, Fr. John Gillespie, Margery Bonnett, Lane Carter, Andy Carden, Fr. Slawomir Podsiadlik, 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

William E. Beach, Alex Carames, Will Soffera, Daniel Soffera, Lt. Col. Dr. Eric J. Colon, Kathryn Emery, CPT Derrick Hoxie IV, LCDR Sean Morrison, Robert Moran, Pamela Kassandra DeVoto, Ryan Olschewske, Patrick Connaway, Nick Brooky, Brandon McFall, Benedetto M. Santorelli, Jr.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2018

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

There is HOPE for your FUTURE

● **Caring Choices** is a program of Catholic Charities which reaches out to those in an unplanned pregnancy. Counseling, education, support and resources are made available to those facing a crisis pregnancy. This is one decision not to face alone! Call 1-866-901-9647.

● Struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard**, a post-abortion healing ministry, will help transform your pain into love and hope. To find out more, call 904-221-3232.



Want to receive updated news from Cathedral Parish and the Catholic church? "Like" us on The Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine Facebook page!

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.

"... the peoples of the earth ... are called to build relationships of solidarity and cooperation among themselves, as befits members of the one human family."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, World Day for Peace, 1 January 2008

Cathedral Social Justice Ministry 501-2632

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

SSJ 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.

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

The historical Father Miguel O'Reilly House Museum is re-opening!! 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.

OFFERTORY FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 24 AND 25 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN.



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Did you know you can use your IRA "RMD" (Required Minimum Distribution) to make a gift to your parish, Catholic school, favorite Catholic ministry or the Diocese?

Who is most likely to benefit from an IRA charitable gift?

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For more information Contact Cliff Evans at DOSA Catholic Foundation at: cevans@dosafll.com or call (904) 262-3200 ext. 139 or visit our website at: <http://www.dosafll.com/catholic-foundation>

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