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This Week in Our Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:30 a.m. – RCIA, Verot Room 6:30 p.m. – Cathedral Parish Youth Ministry, Bosco House

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. – Christmas Vigil Mass, Cathedral
4:00 p.m. – Christmas Vigil Mass, Bishop Baker Center
6:00 p.m. – Christmas Vigil Mass, St. Benedict the Moor Church
7:00 p.m. – Christmas Vigil Mass, Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Midnight – Christmas Mass, Cathedral 8:00 a.m. – Christmas Mass, St. Benedict the Moor Church 9:00 a.m. – Christmas Mass, Cathedral 11:00 a.m. – Christmas Mass, Cathedral

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 7:45 a.m. – Altar Guild, Cathedral

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 p.m. – North Florida Women's Chorale concert, Cathedral 7:00 p.m. – Young Adults meeting, St. Benedict the Moor Rectory

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

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



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

<u>CATHEDRAL</u>

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James Noble † Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. Joseph Earl Turner **†** Monday 7 a.m. Ron Schmitz + Leonel Garcia + Tuesday 7 a.m. Wednesday 11 a.m. Missa pro populo Thursday 7 a.m. Gina Collings + Friday 7 a.m. Heather Greg "L" and Emma Loya "L" Saturday 7 a.m. Gina Collings †

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

12/22 Sunday 8 a.m.

John Santorelli +



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Monday, December 23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 **P** S 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 **L**k 1:57-66 **Tuesday, December 24** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 **P** S 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 **L**k 1:67-79 *Vigil Masses, The Nativity of the Lord* Is 62:1-5 **P** S 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 **A** Cts 13:16-17, 22-25 **M**t 1:1-25 **Wednesday, December 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** *Midnight Mass* Is 9:1-6 **P** S 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 **T** i 2:11-14 **L**k 2:1-14 **L**k 2:15-20 *Mass at Dawn* (St. Benedict the Moor Church) Is 62:11-12 **P** S 97:1, 6, 11-12 **T** i 3:4-7 **L**k 2:15-20

Mass During the Day Is 52:7-10 **P**S 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 **Heb** 1:1-6 **J**n 1:1-18

Thursday, December 26 SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 • Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 • Mt 10:17-22

Friday, December 27 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST 1 Jn 1:1-4 • Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 • Jn 20:1a and 2-8 **Saturday, December 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 • Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 • Mt 2:13-18

Sunday, December 29 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 • Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 • Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 • Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral, Monday through Friday following 7 a.m. Mass, until 3 p.m.

On the bulletin cover: The Dream of St. Joseph, Anton Raphael Mengs, 1773.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

<u>Consecration to the Holy Family of</u> Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. At the 9:00 a.m. Mass, parish families will be given the opportunity to consecrate their families to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This initiative of the Knights of Columbus invites families to have the model of the Holy Family as <u>the</u> model for familial love.

Synopsis of December 10 Pastoral Council meeting

The Cathedral Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, December 10. Discussion surrounded the Cathedral Parish's response to the Diocese of St. Augustine's Strategic Plan. Council members gave our pastor their suggestions for ways to integrate and reinforce the strategies of the Plan within the Parish's pastoral plans and programs. Council members provided feedback on current parish ministries as well as suggestions about other available programs and related resources. Assessments and research will continue to best discern, shape, and actualize the Parish's plan.

The next meeting of your Cathedral Pastoral Council is scheduled for <u>Tuesday</u>, January 7, 2020. We hope to see you there!



"Pivotal Players" studyprogram begins January 13

Join us as we continue to hear from Bishop Barron about the next two "*Pivotal Players*" — those saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization. This new program will begin on Monday, January 13 and Thursday, January 16 at 8:30

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS Fulton J. Sheen & Flannery O'Connor

a.m. It will feature Fulton J. Sheen, the Communicator, and Flannery O'Connor, the Storyteller. We will be meeting at the St. Benedict the Moor Rectory.

So, please register for this study program and walk with Bishop Barron as he traces the lives and contributions of these two pivotal figures. For more information, please contact Cheryl Kavanaugh kavcon@flash.net or (904) 540-2565. Looking forward to seeing you.



December 24

4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral 4:00 p.m. at the Bishop Baker Center 6:00 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Church

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 Church (Please note: there is no 7 a.m. Mass on 12/25)





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christ is born! Let us glorify him!

On behalf of the clergy and staff of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine we wish all our families and many visitors a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Love, Father Tom

BULLETIN DEADLINE: PLEASE NOTE!

The deadline for submissions to the January 5 Cathedral bulletin is 4 p.m. on Friday, December 27.

Bulletin editor: Shannon McKay, ssmckasavant@aol.com

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.



December Music in the Cathedral

North Florida Women's Chorale December 27

The North Florida Women's Chorale under the direction of Kerry Fradley will offer a holiday concert in the Cathedral on Friday, December 27 at 7 p.m. Admission is free; a goodwill offering will be taken.

Hospitality Ministry

Do you love coming to the Cathedral? Do you like to welcome others? Then the hospitality ministry needs you! We are looking for people to greet visitors and parishioners at all Masses. Please contact Alice at aldak35@gmail.com or by phone (904) 762-4889 if you are interested.



The music department of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine announces that CHANTICLEER, the internationally known a capella men's chorale and Grammy Artist winners, will be in concert at the **Cathedral on Thursday evening**, **January 23**, **2020**, **at 7:30 p.m.** Called **"the world's reigning male chorus**" by the *New Yorker*, the San Francisco-based GRAMMY[®] award-winning ensemble Chanticleer has just celebrated the 40th anniversary of its 1978 founding. Praised by the *San Francisco Chronicle* for its "tonal luxuriance and crisply etched clarity," Chanticleer is known around the world as "an orchestra of voices" for its seamless blend of twelve male voices ranging from soprano to bass and its original interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz and popular genres, as well as contemporary compositions. Chanticleer's 2019-20 season is the fifth under the direction of Music Director William Fred Scott.

Tickets are available online on the Cathedral's website: www.thefirstparish.org. Ticket prices: <u>premier seating</u> (first 7 rows in nave and transepts), \$50.00 each; <u>general seating</u>,\$35.00. For further information, contact Dr. Bernie Sans at cathstaugmusic@gmail.com.

Cathedral Parish Parking: TRUE OR FALSE?

If I have a parish parking permit, I can park anywhere I want in the "Bank of America lot" when I'm going to Mass on the weekend.

FALSE. Parishioners may NEVER park in the ATM spots or any other reserved spot.



MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

on Tuesdays before **7** a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine

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

January 13: Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love listening session

In response to the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on racism, Bishop Estévez has called for three listening sessions to discuss key elements of the letter, give witness, and hear positive actions that can be taken by our parish communities. The local listening session will be held on January 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at San Sebastian Church Parish Hall, St. Augustine. For more details and to register, email emcgeever@dosafl.com.

Sons of Italy fundraiser, January 16

The Sons of Italy St. Augustine Lodge 2780 will offer a fundraising dinner on Thursday, January 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at the St. Enda of Aran Formation Center at St. Anastasia Catholic Church. Live music by The Outta Sight Band from the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. \$18 donation per person includes entrée and dessert. Beverages (water, sodas, wine and beer) will be available at a slight extra cost. Tickets are limited! **Please RSVP by Friday, December 27.** For tickets and information, please contact Josephine Scher, (904) 460-0975.

Beginning January 16: You and Me and God Makes Three

You and Me and God Makes Three is a spiritual, Biblicalbased look at finding and building relationships God's way. Using the book, *Dear God, Send Me a Soul Mate*, by Rose Sweet, participants journey through the Old Testament story of Isaac and Rebekah. This six-week course offers eight specific steps for finding, identifying, understanding, and practicing steps to build meaningful, sincere and lasting relationships with family, friends, and future loved ones.

Classes are Thursday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Holy Family Parish Life Center, 9800 Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville, January 16 through February 20. Cost is \$40. Visit family.dosafl.com for more information and to register.



Cathedral Parish School 259 St. George Street St. Augustine, Fl. 32084 (904) 824-2861

Open House January 26, 2020 (10 -2)

- VPK and wrap around care available!
- National Blue Ribbon School Recipient
- Grades VPK, Kindergarten 8th grade
- Accepting registrations for 2020-2021 school year beginning Jan 26, 2020
- Private tours by appointment only
- Limited spaces available
- Please visit us on the web at <u>www.thecathedralparishschool.org</u>, or call (904) 824-2861 for information
- Step Up For Students and Florida Empowerment scholarships accepted
- Bus service available from Palacka

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Assisi

Spiritual Pilgrimage to Italy (Milan to Rome) June 20—July 2, 2020

Join Fr. Briggs Hurley and Fr. Tom Willis on a Spiritual Pilgrimage in Italy visiting Milan, Pavia, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Orvieto and Rome. Cost is \$4,499.00 based on double occupancy. [P.N. – Land only and single room options are also available.] Deposit of \$500 per person due December 31st! Act now for this grace-filled opportunity.

Contact Fr. Tom at frtomstaug@gmail.com to receive a full pilgrimage brochure. *This pilgrimage is not affiliated with the Diocese of St. Augustine, its parishes or other institutions.*

\$14th annual March for Life, January 18, 2020

The 14th Annual March for Life St Augustine is January 18, 2020 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche. The message this year is "Endangered, WORTHY of Protection," which focuses on the worthiness of all human life to be protected, especially those with special needs.

March for Life activities begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Estévez at 9:00 a.m. outside (weather permitting), followed by music and information booths. Speakers will take the stage following Mass at 10:20 a.m. for several powerful testimonies. At 11:15 a.m. we march through town to the Plaza de Constitucion for the keynote speaker, Doug Tooke, a national speaker for youth and young adults representing ODB films and the new series entitled *Restored*.

The KOC Council 611 will host a Spaghetti Dinner at the Cathedral Parish Hall in support of the March. MFLSA Friday Night Kickoff is January 17. The March begins at 5:30 p.m. with rosary followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. The movie *Restored* will be shown. Food trucks and a praise and worship concert begin at 7:30 on the mission grounds. Visit www.marchforlifestaugustine.com for more details.

OFFERTORY FOR DECEMBER 15, 2019	
CATHEDRAL	\$12,197.00
St. Benedict the Moor	
Faith Direct	\$8,762.66
Weekly Total	\$22,425.66
Weekly Amount Needed	
Weekly +/	\$(-)2,285.88
YTD actual thru 10/31/19**	\$359,192.47
YTD needed thru 10/31/19	
YTD +/	\$(-)52,474.19
*Weekly total does not include any offertory given via website, mail, etc. **YTD total includes all offertory, e.g. collection	

Healing Hearts Grief Retreat January 18-19 at Marywood Retreat Center

If you are struggling with the death of a loved one, help is here. You don't need to struggle alone. Please join us for a faith-based weekend of sharing, remembering and honoring your loved one. Come and let us take care of you this weekend. You will be surrounded by other caring bereaved who really do understand. This retreat is led by two licensed therapists who will teach you powerful coping skills to help you move forward in your grief. Cost is \$250 for the 2-day retreat which includes a beautiful private room, all meals and activities. For more information or to register for the retreat, please visit http://www.wellbeingstaugustine.com and choose the "events" tab. You can also call Linda Turner, LMHC at (240) 319-6050.

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

•The Diocese of St. Augustine Office of the Superintendent has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant. This individual will provide administrative support to the Superintendent's office. Must have strong administrative, technology and people skills. For further information about this position and to apply, please visit our careers web site at https://hr.dosafl.com/ careers/ under the "Administrative Assistant" section.

•The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche has full- and parttime openings in their maintenance department. Interested candidates are asked to apply online at https://hr.dosafl.com/careers/.

•The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche is seeking volunteers! We are looking for volunteers in our museum and in our church. If you have the calling to volunteer your time, please prayerfully consider your opportunity to volunteer at the National Shrine. For inquiries, please call (904) 829-0819 or email the Director Jon Carres at jcarres@dosafl.com.



Taking action to protect God's great gift to us — Mother Earth



"I wish to repeat that the ecological crisis is a moral issue." —St. John Paul II

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Reduce single-use plastic waste. It's everywhere, growing dramatically and lasts 100's of years. 40% of plastic is used once and tossed. Start simple. Focus on refusing plastic bags, water bottles, straws, cups, lids, utensils, dry cleaning bags, and take-out containers. Purchase and carry alternative reusable versions of those products. Let businesses know that you would like them to offer alternatives. Recycle what you do use-but know that 79% of plastic winds up in landfills.

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In re: the Bulletin Prayer List: PLEASE NOTE! It's time to begin the annual update of the Prayer List. The Prayer List will be completely updated for the bulletin of January 5, 2020. With 100-plus names on the prayer list as we approach the end of this year, it's time to do some bulletin "housekeeping." I personally know of many names that need to remain on the prayer list moving into 2020, and I'm sure that you, dear readers, know of many more. If there is a name that you wish to retain on the prayer list, please email Shannon McKay, bulletin editor, ssmckasavant@aol.com, to let me know; or you may convey this information by calling the Rectory, 824-2806, and it will be passed on to me. (And of course, it's a simple matter to replace a name that I may remove in error.) Thanks in advance for your help! Shannon McKay

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

Terry Elder, Jose Bascon, Gary Dempsey, Judith A. Lennon, Francis Kryzwick, Hannah Park, Lisa Amesbury, Brennen Bednarik, Audrey Harlow, Wayne Bish, Vee Williams, Janet Constantine, Patty Hopkins, Ray Couture, James Loberger, Lulu Wiegmann, Jan Scott, Alex Darabi, Leah Stancil, Joseph Solana, Pat Bucken, Michael and Patrick Leahy, Marilyn Beach, Greg Marguis, Allison Bolesta, Marsha Hemmy, Allison Bennett, Daniel Harford, Fr. Jeff Johnston, Paul Karolchyk, Betty Lefleur, Robert Lampert, Sue Booths, Mary Ellen Rick, Brigid Ann Kelly, Audrey Redmond, Fr. Ken Schaeser, Myra Rothenberg, Terry Spearman, Alicia Anne Ernst, Robert Moore Murray, Mel Kulhanek, Connie Higgins, Danny Birkhauser, Debbie Baker, Pauline DeSaulniers, Rebecca DeCamp, Victoria Smith, Jack Patrick Pean, Sue Garlanger, Edward Gillie M.D., John Santorelli, Joe Lyons, Irma Gonzalez and Family, Kory Kammerman, Yolanka Tracy, Lane Carter, Andy Carden, Ted Fontaine, Karon Williamson, Baby Pearl, Laubacker Family, Sophia Christine, Joe Merritt, Pat DiMuzio, Nick D'Amico, Nancy McAlister, Bridget Merkle, Margaret Schlotzhauer, Kevin McCarthy Sr., Susan Buron, Dan Burkhardt, Callen Spearman, Mary Grace Gardy, Diana Kanaszka Long, Joshua Solana, Sean Spicer, Delaney Nalepka, Cynthia Stephens, John Fazio, Elizabeth Fazio, Kevin Hollington, Anita Pierce, Shawn Hinkle, Maria Pineda, Sam DiMuzio, Ann Algreen, Allyson Turner, Nancy Totino, Kristen Beebe, Margaret McCutcheon, Mary Tinto, Guy Tinto, Kathleen Green, John McBryde, JoAnne Esposito, Julie Dopp Koziel, Jill Burger, Judy Mills

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Major Terrence Gorman, Stone Duro, 1st Lt. Connor Bryne, Eric Silvia, Lane Carter, Andrew Greenway, Michael Grimes, Delaney Luna, Edward Luna, William E. Beach, Alex Carames, Will Soffera, Daniel Soffera, Lt. Col. Dr. Eric J. Colon, Kathryn Emery, CPT Derrick Hoxie IV, LCDR Sean Morrison, Pamela Kassandra DeVoto, Patrick Connaway, Nick Brooky, Benedetto M. Santorelli, Jr.

You are not alone...

There is no need to feel alone when real help is available for an unplanned pregnancy. **Caring Choices** offers help through counseling, support, education, resources, and referrals. This is one decision not to face alone! Call (866) 901-9647.

If you are struggling with emotional or spiritual pain following an abortion, there are two post-abortion healing ministries available that will lovingly help transform your pain to hope, and through reconciliation provide peace: **Project Rachel**, (904) 923-9203, with professional counselors and individual priests; and **Rachel's Vineyard**, (904) 221-3232, a group weekend retreat.

NEED PRAYERS? If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, contact the Cathedral Prayer Network, cathprayerline@gmail.com.



Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine Behind the Scenes Tours

If you have ever wondered what is behind the scenes at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine, the symbolism and history of America's Oldest Parish, now is your chance to take "A Walk through History." Take a guided tour of the public and not so public locations within the

church. Tour stops include the choir loft, sacristy, confessional, baptistery, chapel and more.

Tour times: Monday-Thursday at 3 p.m.; First Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. Call the Bell Tower Gift Shop, (904) 829-0620, or visit the gift shop in person to reserve your spot; or, you may purchase tickets online at https://www.trustedtours.com/store/ behind-the-scenes-tour-of-the-cathedral-basilica.aspx. Space is limited to 20 people. Adults \$12.00; Military \$10.00; Children 6-12 yrs. \$10.00. Children under 6 are free. Tours are approximately 1 hour long and involve climbing stairs.

Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, Florida ST. JOSEPH RENEWAL CENTER SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE ST. JOSEPH RENEWAL CENTER 234 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.



Volunteers Needed Father Miguel O'Reilly House, St. Augustine, has undergone renovations and is now ready to share with the public. We need those interested in serving as docents while learning about St. Augustine history and the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and sharing the Catholic faith. We will train and mentor all docents. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., with shifts from 10-1 and 1-3. If interested, call Sister Bernard Joseph at (904) 325-3605.

Did You Know? The fifth commandment forbids the intentional destruction of human life. Therefore, all citizens and governments are obligated to work for the avoidance of wars. Every act of war that is directed toward total destruction of entire cities or vast areas is a crime against God and humanity. Every effort and must be made to find compromise prior to beginning an armed conflict. Likewise, there must be a possibility of a good outcome for the common good of humanity. (CCC#2309-2310)





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