

THE CATHEDRAL PARISH AND CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT AUGUSTINE = ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER = MAY 10, 2020



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The Cathedral is open daily for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, personal prayer and lighting of votive candles from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

As our parish priests can, they are making themselves available, especially for the Sacrament of Penance.

The Cathedral Rectory Office is closed to the public until further notice. However, you may call the Rectory, (904) 824-2806, during regular office hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday.

As so much continues to be unknown as our nation faces the COVID-19 pandemic, it is best for planning purposes to consider **all parish activities canceled or postponed until further no-**<u>tice</u>. Once there is some indication that it is safe for people to be able to assemble, parish staff and leadership will assess how best to get events re-scheduled as well as for meetings and other activities to start anew. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of the Cathedral Parish.

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.

On the bulletin cover: Section of a fresco in the Niccoline Chapel, Vatican City, depicting Saint Peter consecrating the Seven Deacons. Saint Stephen is shown kneeling. Fra Angelico, c. 1449.



<u>CATHEDRAL</u>

5/9	Saturday	Helen Adeeb † and Margaret Horton †
5/10	Sunday	Agnes Mantini †
		Missa pro populo
5/11	Monday	Souls in Purgatory
5/12	Tuesday	Frank Skalnik †
5/13	Wednesday	Father Joseph Kuhlman and Family "L"
5/14	Thursday	Ferris George, Sr. †
5/15	Friday	William Brent Moore +
5/16	Saturday	Francis MacNutt †
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Sunday

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Michael and Tiffany Rodriguez "L"



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Monday, May 11 Acts 14:5-18 **•** Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 **•** Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 12 Acts 14:19-28 ■ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 ■ Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 13 Acts 15:1-6 • Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 • Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 14 SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 • Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 • Jn 15:9-17

Friday, May 15 Acts 15:22-31 • Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 • Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 16 Acts 16:1-10 • Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 • Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 17 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 • Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 • 1 Pt 3:15-18 • Jn 14:15-21

Above: Eastern Orthodox icon of Christ as the Vine, 16th century

Diocese of St. Augustine Announces Public Masses to Begin May 16 & 17

On Monday, May 4, Bishop Felipe Estévez announced that the parishes of the Diocese of St. Augustine will begin the celebration of public Masses for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 16 and 17). Weekday Masses will begin on Monday, May 18.

The staff of the Cathedral Parish is drawing up plans now to be able to accommodate the faithful. Please watch for announcements on our parish's web site (www.thefirstparish.org) as well as the Cathedral's Facebook page, MyParish App and Flocknote.

Blessings to Father Jeff. Johnston and Father Martin . Ibeh who celebrate their Anniversary of Priestly Ordination this week.

Let's Connect Through Flocknote!

If you have a smart phone, iPad or other mobile electronic device, the Cathedral Parish and your



pastor, Fr. Tom, would like to stay connected with you. To join this community, all you have to do is text **Firstparish** (no spaces) to **84576**. Follow the easy instructions and you'll be connected.

THE BULLETIN MARCHES ON!

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It's Mother's Day in our nation – a time to honor our mothers, living and deceased. Happy Mother's Day to all the women of our parish. We pray that God, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, Mary, will bless you abundantly.

Over the past several weeks, the news media has highlighted medical professionals and other "front line" workers as they have faced the COVID-19 pandemic. Their sacrifices and heroic efforts are to be lauded by all. Another group that also has to be acknowledged are the mothers (and fathers and other family members) who overnight had to come up with a "new normal" for life in their homes. From figuring out how children would be able to be on-line for school work while workers had to have access to computers and the like to get jobs taken care of, the balancing act has been a stress for all. Thanks to the moms and others who made it all happen!

This is a day to honor with profound love the women of our lives who have loved us beyond measure. Let us do so with an extra big hug for each of them.

Love, Father Tom

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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



Register now for CPS Summer Camp

Cathedral Parish School Summer Camp registration is now open. Camp is projected to begin on June 8 and end on July 31. VBS will take place the last week of camp.

For more information, please contact Lisa Verdugo, lverdugo@cpsschool.org. You may visit the school website (www.thecathedralparishschool.org) to download registration paperwork.





CPEEC is registering for Summer Camp for

CAMP infants through VPK+!

Special note: We will have a classroom dedicated to fun review of 2019-2020 VPK. If your child missed out on the end of VPK at any school, or you would just like your child to refresh, come join Ms. Mari for some VPK Fun in the Sun.

Please call (904) 829-2933 for more information.

Registration for 2020-2021 School Year

Cathedral Parish Early Education Center (CPEEC) has begun registration for the 2020-2021 school year. We are happy to announce we will once again be accepting infants, along with oneyear-olds, two-year-olds, three-year-olds, and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) children.

The VPK program is designed to prepare children for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. VPK is a free prekindergarten program for 4- and 5-year-olds who reside in Florida. Participating children must be 4 years of age on or before September 1. Wrap around care is available beyond the VPK hours.

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





To Live in Communion with God's Creation

In 2015, Pope Francis released his second encyclical: "Laudato Si' - On Care for Our

Common Home," a pivotal work on climate change. It is transforming the Church's role in the environmental movement and galvanizing the faithful to respond to the Holy Father's call for stewardship. On the occasion of the 5th Anniversary of the encyclical's publication, the global community will celebrate Laudato Si' Week, May 16-24. During "The Great Pause" of the pandemic, we have witnessed stunning environmental changes: reduced air pollution, cleaner waters, the sound of birds chirping in Central Park.

While social distancing guidelines prevent us from public gatherings, families and individuals are encouraged to mark this moment as a new beginning-to commit to living in communion with God's creation and to making changes that lead to a more sustainable, equitable world for future generations.

The Cathedral Parish has a Laudato Si' Creation Care Ministry that was formed to respond to the Holy Father's urgent and hopeful call to action. Please visit us online at www.LaudatoSi-SA.org for details about Laudato Si' Week and how you can become involved locally. Please join us!

NOTE: Watch Father Tom's special message during Laudato Si' Week on the Cathedral Facebook page. (www.thefirstparish.org)

Did You Know? The angel Gabriel referred to Mary as being "full of grace." Over time, the Church has increasingly understood this to mean that Mary was redeemed from the moment of her conception and preserved from original sin. By the grace of God and the merits of her Son, Jesus Christ, she remained free from personal sin her entire life. (CCC 491 - 492

Walking with amain Need a year of service

From the Diocesan Office of Human Life & Dignity: **URGENT** call to action

We pray you are well, safe and not discouraged during this COVID 19

outbreak. This request is for "Mothers in Need." When you next purchase groceries, please consider buying diapers and wipes for moms who critically need them. Drop them at an area food bank, pregnancy center or at a Catholic Charities food pantry.

Our diocese is joining with the USCCB "Walking With Moms in Need" program, and together with the March for Life St. Augustine sending out the call for help for mothers and infants who are struggling right now. May God bless you until we meet again! If you have questions, email moliver@dosafl.com.

*2020 Eucharistic Congress canceled

The 2020 Florida Eucharistic Congress, scheduled for May 15-16, is officially canceled. The Eucharistic Congress Steering Committee explored several options to reschedule the congress later this year, but unfortunately, the venue is unavailable. Bishop Felipe Estévez has decided to save the money and use the funds for next year's gathering. Mark your calendar for the 2021 Florida Eucharistic Congress, scheduled for June 4-5, at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville. Please visit https://flec.dosafl.com/ and the diocesan social media channels for updates on next year's program.



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FROM A COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN BY SAINT CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP (378-444) Office of Readings for Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

The Lord calls himself the vine and those united to him branches in order to teach us how much we shall benefit from our union with him, and how important it is for us to remain in his love. By receiving the Holy Spirit, who is the bond of union between us and Christ our Savior, those

who are joined to him, as branches are to a vine, share in his own nature.

On the part of those who come to the vine, their union with him depends upon a deliberate act of the will; on his part, the union is effected by grace. Because we had good will, we made the act of faith that brought us to Christ, and received from him the dignity of adoptive sonship that made us his own kinsmen, according to the words of Saint Paul: *He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.*

The prophet Isaiah calls Christ the foundation, because it is upon him that we as living and spiritual stones are built into a holy priesthood to be a dwelling place for God in the Spirit. Upon no other foundation than Christ can this temple be built. Here Christ is teaching the same truth by calling himself the vine, since the vine is the parent of its branches, and provides their nourishment.

From Christ and in Christ, we have been reborn through the Spirit in order to bear the fruit of life; not the fruit of our old, sinful life but the fruit of a new life founded upon our faith in him and our love for him. Like branches growing from a vine, we now draw our life from Christ, and we cling to his holy commandment in order to preserve this life. Eager to safeguard the blessing of our noble birth, we are careful not to grieve the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, and who makes us aware of God's presence in us.

Let the wisdom of John teach us how we live in Christ and Christ lives in us: *The proof that we are living in him and he is living in us is that he has given us a share in his Spirit*. Just as the trunk of the vine gives its own natural properties to each of its branches, so, by bestowing on them the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, the onlybegotten Son of the Father, gives Christians a certain kinship with himself and with God the Father because they have been united to him by faith and determination to do his will in all things. He helps them to grow in love and reverence for God, and teaches them to discern right from wrong and to act with integrity.

From an Interview with Pope Francis

by Austen Ivereigh of Commonweal, April 2020

I was curious to know if the pope saw the crisis and the economic devastation it is wreaking as a chance for an ecological conversion, for reassessing priorities and lifestyles. I asked him concretely whether it was possible that we might see in the future an economy that—to use his words—was more "human" and less "liquid."

What comes to mind is [a] verse of Virgil's: "Perhaps one day it will be good to remember these things too." We need to recover our memory because memory will come to our aid. This is not humanity's first plague; the others have become mere anecdotes. We need to remember our roots, our tradition which is packed full of memories. In the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius, the First Week, as well as the "Contemplation to Attain Love" in the Fourth Week, are completely taken up with remembering. It's a conversion through remembrance. You ask me about conversion. Every crisis contains both danger and opportunity: the opportunity to move out from the danger. Today I believe we have to slow down our rate of production and consumption (*Laudato si*', 191) and to learn to understand and contemplate the natural world. We need to reconnect with our real surroundings. This is the opportunity for conversion.

Yes, I see early signs of an economy that is less liquid, more human. But let us not lose our memory once all this is past, let us not file it away and go back to where we were. This is the time to take the decisive step, to move from using and misusing nature to contemplating it. We have lost the contemplative dimension; we have to get it back at this time.

And speaking of contemplation, I'd like to dwell on one point. This is the moment to see the poor. Jesus says we will have the poor with us always, and it's true. They are a reality we cannot deny. But the poor are hidden, because poverty is bashful. In Rome recently, in the midst of the quarantine, a policeman said to a man: "You can't be on the street, go home." The response was: "I have no home. I live in the street." ... They are there but we don't see them: they have become part of the landscape; they are things.

St. Teresa of Calcutta saw them, and had the courage to embark on a journey of conversion. To "see" the poor means to restore their humanity. They are not things, not garbage; they are people. We can't settle for a welfare policy such as we have for rescued animals. We often treat the poor like rescued animals. We can't settle for a partial welfare policy.

I'm going to dare to offer some advice. This is the time to go to the underground. I'm thinking of Dostoyevsky's short novel, *Notes from the Underground*. In another book, *The House of the Dead*, the employees of a prison hospital had become so inured they treated their poor prisoners like things. And seeing the way they treated one who had just died, the one on the bed alongside tells them: "Enough! He too had a mother!" We need to tell ourselves this often: that poor person had a mother who raised him lovingly. Later in life we don't know what happened. But it helps to think of that love he once received through his mother's hope.

We disempower the poor. We don't give them the right to dream of their mothers. They don't know what affection is; many live on drugs. And to see them can help us to discover the piety, the *pietas*, which points toward God and toward our neighbor.

Go down into the underground, and pass from the hypervirtual, fleshless world to the suffering flesh of the poor. This is the conversion we have to undergo. And if we don't start there, there will be no conversion.

I'm thinking at this time of the saints who live next door. They are heroes: doctors, volunteers, religious sisters, priests, shop workers—all performing their duty so that society can continue functioning. How many doctors and nurses have died! How many religious sisters have died! All serving.... What comes to my mind is something said by the tailor, in my view one of the characters with greatest integrity in *The Betrothed*. He says: "The Lord does not leave his miracles half-finished." If we become aware of this miracle of the next-door saints, if we can follow their tracks, the miracle will end well, for the good of all. God doesn't leave things halfway. We are the ones who do that.

What we are living now is a place of *metanoia* (conversion), and we have the chance to begin. So let's not let it slip from us, and let's move ahead.



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

Dee Dee DiSalvo, Hannah Park, John McBryde, Maria Pineda, Arthur Hemmy, Allison Bennett, Greg Marquis, Rusty Oldenburg, Sean Spicer, Betty Joyner, John Shanahan, Anita Pierce, Josh and Sara Eberle, Sue Boothe, Betty Scheer, Simon Edgett, Joseph Zelenski, Pauline DeSaulniers, Frank Zygmont, Will Waldron, Melody Smith, Terry Elder, Jose Bascon, Hannah Park, Lisa Amesbury, Brennen Bednarik, Audrey Harlow, Wayne Bish, Marilyn Beach, Daniel Harford, Fr. Jeff Johnston, Mel Kulhanek, Connie Higgins, Kory Kammerman, Pat DiMuzio, Sam DiMuzio, Nancy McAlister, Susan Buron, Diana Kanaszka Long, John Fazio, Ann Algreen, Allyson Turner, Nancy Totino, Judy Mills

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

LCpl. Angelica Green, Major Terrence Gorman, 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.

ATTENTION

The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with the allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.

To Report Abuse Call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator 1-800-775-4659, ext. 129 or Department of Children and Families 1-800-96Abuse / 1-800-962-2873

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence." St. Augustine of Hippo

Caring and confidential Catholic support is available...

The Catholic Therapist Network is a listing of counselors who are Catholics in good standing and loyal to the theology, traditions, and values of the Catholic faith. Though not affiliates or employees of the diocese, all participating mental health professionals are independent practitioners, currently licensed and insured. They are committed to extending their expertise and offering full discretion in meeting with clients. Contact information for network participants is available at https://family.dosafl.com/therapists/.



"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes

towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.







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