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This Week in Our Parish

Mass Schedule at the Cathedral:

Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. Saturday 5 p.m. ■ Sunday 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Mass Schedule at St. Benedict the Moor Church: 8 a.m. Sunday

Live streamed Mass from the Cathedral on the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine Facebook site, 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday.

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**tice. 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.





<u>CATHEDRAL</u>

5/16	Saturday 5 p.m.	Rose Turner †
5/17	Sunday 7 a.m.	Missa pro populo
5/17	Sunday 9 a.m.	Fr. Christopher Liguori "L" Anniversary of Ordination
5/18	Monday 8 a.m.	Catherine Bascon +
5/19	Tuesday 8 a.m.	Joyce and Albino Aragno "L"
5/20	Wednesday 8 a.m.	Tony Fabiano 🕇
5/21	Thursday 8 a.m.	Rebecca and Blake Fisher "L"
5/22	Friday 8 a.m.	Mildred Loveless †
5/23	Saturday 8 a.m.	Howard and Kathryn Flynn †

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

5/17 Sunday 8 a.m.

Kris Merski Brooks †



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Monday, May 18

Acts 16:11-15 • Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b • Jn 15:26-16:4a Tuesday, May 19

Acts 16:22-34 • Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 • Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 20 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 • Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 • Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 21 Acts 18:1-8 • Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 • Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 22 Acts 18:9-18 • Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 • Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 23 Acts 18:23-28 • Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 • Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 24 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Acts 1:1-11 • Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 • Eph 1:17-23 • Mt 28:16-20 **Above:** Saint Lydia of Philippi

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 Cathedral's Bell Tower Gift Shop is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Faith Direct is now offering a way for Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine families to give a **little bit extra each month** to offset these processing costs. We ask you please to prayerfully consider adding this 2.5% processing offset to your regular tithing so that the Cathedral can receive the full amount of your gifts each month. If you manage your giving online, you can log into your Faith Direct account at faithdirect.net and check the box on the page where you can update your payment information. You can also contact Faith Direct's customer service team (via the Faith Direct website) to make the change for you.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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

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.

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

On the bulletin cover: Christ Blessing, Hans Memling (c. 1430-1494)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

- Psaim 122:1 -

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome back! It's been eight weeks since Mass was celebrated publicly in the churches of the Diocese of St. Augustine. It's certainly a blessing to have you with us once more.

As we move ahead, the next several weeks and months will not get us back to normal. (And that may be a long time in coming!) However, as we move forward, please be aware of the following:

- Government and health agency guidelines for social distancing have determined the seats that will be available in the Cathedral and St. Benedict the Moor Church. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Once Mass has begun, to provide both safety and calm of all, no one else will be able to enter.
- The Diocese of St. Augustine has asked that all who attend Mass use a face mask or other covering except when receiving Holy Communion.
- After each Mass, the church will be locked so that staff can wipe down surfaces and prepare for the next Mass. Please be patient as this is done.
- Bishop Estévez has determined that, while the threat of the pandemic remains, Holy Communion may only be received in the hand. The Precious Blood will not be distributed to the faithful.

Finally, I want to express gratitude to those families and individuals who provided generous contributions to the parish over these last two months. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Since we have been without regular offertory income, your continued consideration, as best you can, is appreciated.

Love, Father Tom

Deadline for submissions to the Cathedral bulletin is noon on Monday, six days prior to bulletin distribution. Send submissions to bulletin editor Shannon McKay, ssmckasavant@aol.com



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.

Cathedral Parish Early Education Center 10 Sebastian Ave. St. Augustine, FL 32084 (904) 829-2933

Join us for Summer Camp!



Get those kids out of the house and into some summer fun! 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.

The St. Augustine Catholic digital magazine

The May/June issue of the *St. Augustine Catholic* magazine is hot off the (digital) press! Due to COVID-19 cutbacks, this issue of the magazine is only available in the digital format. The July/August issue will be mailed to homes as scheduled. **Inside this issue:** Learn ways you can help save the environment for our children's future; meet the six men who will be ordained to the priesthood in June; take a look back in history and read how the Church of North Florida dealt with two Yellow Fever epidemics; and discover ways our parishes are virtually connecting with their flock. You may view this digital issue at faithdigital.org/staugustine/SA0520/.

Cathedral Parish Parking: TRUE OR FALSE? Cathedral parishioners have a right to park in both the "Bank of America lot" or 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.





LAUDATO SI' WEEK May 16–24, 2020 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 Basilica of St.Augustine** Facebook page.

*Did You Know*⁹ The Church proclaims Mary to be "ever-virgin," and her giving birth to Jesus sanctified this reality in Mary. While many point to references to Jesus' "brothers and sisters" as evidence to dispute this claim, the Church believes that the word used in Scripture actually refer to other close relatives of Jesus, such as cousins, in keeping with ancient customs for referring to family members. (CCC 499-500)



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

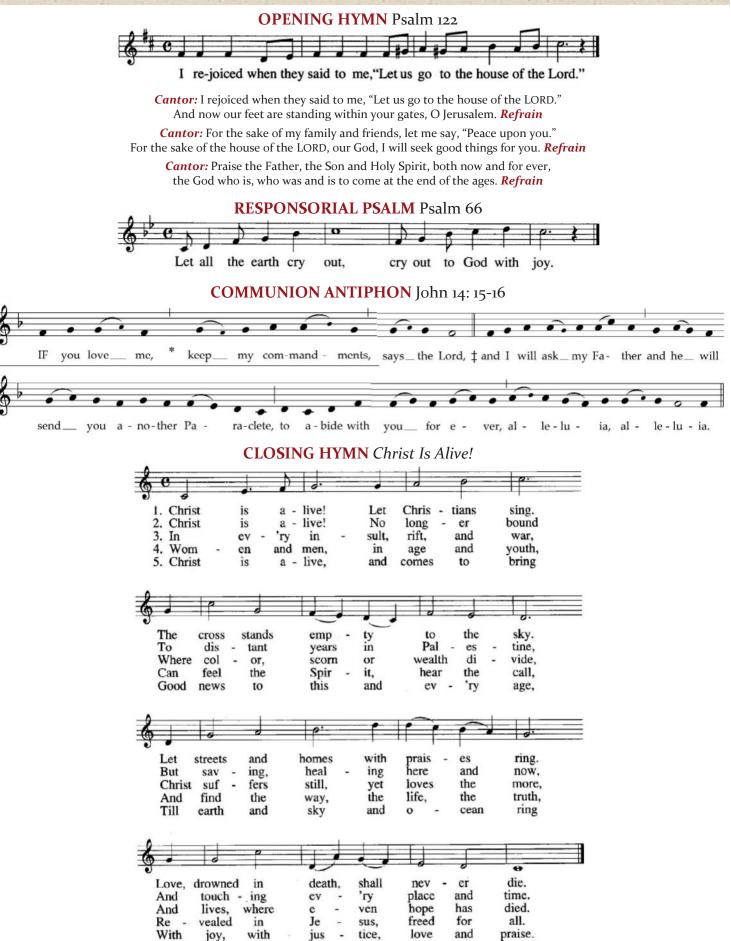
outbreak. This request is for "Mothers in Need." When you next purchase groceries, please consider buying diapers and wipes for moms who critically need them. Drop them at an area food bank, pregnancy center or at a Catholic Charities food pantry.

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.

Pro-Life Job Opening at Women's Help Center

Women's Help Center in Jacksonville has an opening for a parttime Client/Sidewalk Advocate. The Advocate reaches out to women walking into the abortion clinic, and offers them life-affirming options to abortion, with the objective of bringing them into Women's Help Center for a free ultrasound and options counseling. Full training is provided. Prior experience in sidewalk advocacy is helpful but not required. Please send a cover letter and resume to helpcenter@whcjax.com.





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...

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

Ian Whelan, 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.

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.





"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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