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"To be the light of our World by: Praying and Celebrating as a Eucharistic Community, serving those in need with unconditional love & generosity."

PARISH VISION

"To be welcoming, multi-cultural and multi-generational Roman Catholic Faith Community, rooted in Scripture and Tradition, nourished by the Sacraments and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the light to our world by: Praying and celebrating as a Eucharistic Community, Instructing children and adults in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Serving the less fortunate with unconditional love & generosity and protecting human life in all its stages."



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

Luke 21: 27



DECEMBER 1, 2024

	MASS TIMES	<u>C</u> (ONFESSIONS	ADORATION	
Monday	8:30am	Wednesday	6:20pm-6:50pm Mon, T	Tue, Thur, Fri 9:00am-3:00	pm
Tuesday	8:30am	Saturday	4:00pm-4:50pm Wed	9:00am-7:00	pm
Wednesday	7:00pm with Novena of the Miraculous Medal				
Thursday	8:30am	СНІ	URCH OFFICE HOURS	CONTACT U www.holyspiritchurd	
Friday	8:30am	11665 Fort Ca	aroline Rd Jacksonville, FL 322		
Saturday	5:00pm Vigil Mass	White Sales and Sales	y-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm	-	
Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am		P: (904) 641-7244		

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SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Class — Registration required: Classes are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the FLC. You MUST be registered parishioner for at least 6 months.

Baptisms — 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 11AM Mass or during any of the weekend Mass liturgies is also available.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday—6:20pm & Saturday—4:00pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Saturday of the Month after the 8:30am Mass. You may also call the church office to make an appointment. We also have dedicated Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples must contact Father John Peter & Cheryl Bergman at least 8 months in advance.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MASS INTENTIONS



Sun Dec 1

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am
Blood Drive—9:00am
Coffee & Donuts—9:30am (FLC)
Bible Study—9:30am (FLC)
Life Teen—12:30pm (FLC)
SG Choir Practice—2:00pm

Mon Dec 2

Mass—8:30am Adoration—9:00am Legion of Mary Meeting—5:00pm (FLC)

Tue Dec 3

Mass—8:30am Adoration—9:00am (chapel)

Wed Dec 4

School Rosary club—7:30am (church) Adoration—9:00am (chapel) Youth Group Core Member Meeting—5:30pm (FLC) Confessions—6:20pm Mass—7:00pm

Thu Dec 5

Mass—10:00am Adoration—9:00am (chapel) Knights of Columbus Meeting—6:30am (FLC)

Fri Dec 6

Mass—8:30am Adoration—9:00am (chapel) Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Benediction— 3:00 pm Children's Choir practice—4:00pm Adult Choir practice—5:00pm

Sat Dec 7

Mass for 1st Saturday—8:30am Anointing of the Sick—9:00am Scripture Service for Jean Lucey—1:00pm Confessions—4:00pm Mass—5:00pm

Sun Dec 8

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am
OCIA/OCIC—9:00am (FLC)
CCD—9:30am
Coffee & Donuts—9:30am (FLC)
Bible Study—9:30am (FLC)
Life Teen—12:30pm (FLC)
CCD Confirmation Parent Meeting—12:30pm (FLC)
Light of Jesus meeting—1:00pm (FLC)
SG Choir Practice—2:00pm
Bethlehem Live Rehearsal—4:00pm (FLC)

Sat	Nov 30	5:00pm	+ Elizabeth Lehane By: Kathy Lehane + Jean Lucey By: Stephanie & Ken Wosneski (MSFS Mass Intention)
Sun	Dec 1	8:30am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners + Pat McCarthy By: B, M & J McVety (MSFS Mass Intention)
		11:00am	For Nhel Adams on his birthday By: Brian Chambers
Mon	Dec 2	8:30am	+ John Lehane By: Kathy Lehane
			+ Reynaldo Yusi By: Family (MSFS Mass Intention)
Tue	Dec 3	8:30am	For Paulynn Weber's intentions By: Penemarie Murphy
			+ Pat McCarthy By: Jim & Diane McVety (MSFS Mass Intention)
Wed	Dec 4	7:00pm	+ James & Geraldine Kallas By: Penemarie Murphy
			+ Elizabeth Camperson By: Bert Deberardinis (MSFS Mass Intention)
Thu	Dec 5	8:30am	For Conrad M. Sagnip on his birthday By: Family
			For deliverance, healing & protection of Christopher O'Brien (MSFS Mass Intention)
Fri	Dec 6	8:30am	For Kevin Main's intentions
			For deliverance, healing & protection of David (MSFS Mass Intention)
Sat	Dec 7	8:30am	+ Tim Hergenroether
		5:00pm	+ Carol lodice By: Nick & Natalie Winiewicz
			+ David Rachal By: Mom & Sister (MSFS Mass Intention)
Sun	Dec 8	8:30am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
			For JB & Stefanie Balanza on their wedding anniversary By: Balanza Family (MSFS Mass Intention)
		11:00am	+ Gapasin Family, Mauro, Esmenia, Fernandito, Emerlinda, & Romalynn

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



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Due to an early bulletin submission deadline for the Thanksgiving Holiday, last weekend's

sacrificial offering will be printed in next week's bulletin. Thank you!

Thank you for your constant generosity in taking care of our Holy Spirit Parish!

Being a steward means that one:

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Let's pray for those who are sick in our Holy Spirit community:

Alexis Chase Bill McCov Christine Caruso David Raschal Elizabeth Owens Flor Valerio Grace Tennerelli Haley Allen Henry Yaros Jean Luke Joanne Hughes Keith Coghlan Luke Parnaby Mariann Ulatowski Max White Nancy Arbelo Nick Tennerelli Patricia Bayer Rusty Bonifacio Steve Rash Sydnie Hayden Tillie Lightfoot Trey Campbell

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If you have a loved one that is sick or battling an illness, please call the church office to let us know so that we may include them in our list of prayer.

Let us also pray for our clergy: Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS

Dc. Pat Goin Dc. Ray Stiles

Wesley Shaeffer

Please pray for those in our community in the military.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

December 8: Retired Religious

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Let's pray for those in our Holy Spirit community that have passed away recently:

Jill Buda Alberto Alcantara David Rachal Jean Osinski

David Masse Elizabeth Camperson Lillie Ruth Blue

Dc. Tom Alayu

If you have a loved one that has recently passed away during this month, please call the church office to let us know so that we may include them in our list of prayer.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER



Mass Schedule

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be observed on Monday, Dec. 9 this year.

Monday, Dec. 9

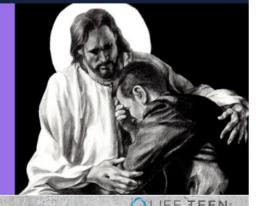
8:30am

Morning Mass with school

7:00pm Evening Mass

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a <u>Holy Day of Obligation</u>.

Advent Penance Service Dec. 19 at 6PM inside the church





SANGTUARY

Leading teens closer to Christ
Sundays from 12:30-2:00PM in the FLC

EDGE coming soon as well...

Moving? Changed Contact info?

Please notify us of any changes of address or if you are moving out of the parish. You can also double check with us if your current information is accurate.

Please contact the church office @ (904) 641-7244

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

- The following guidelines have been put in place to assist in planning all events to ensure our Family Life Center serves the needs of our parish. Please contact the office if need further help.
- All use of the FLC must be scheduled in advance with the church office. In case of a conflicting date, the first request will be honored.
- Request forms are available in the office and must be submitted/approved for each event except for recurring ministry/parish board meetings. These only require an initial request.
- 4) The church office will assign the event space in the FLC to ensure the most efficient use.
- 5) First scheduling priority: Parish functions as well as ministry meetings and events. This includes but is not limited to ministry and committee meetings, faith formation, youth ministry events, parish family nights, and funeral/wedding receptions for funerals/weddings held in Holy Spirit Church.
- 6) Second scheduling priority: Celebrations of milestone life events for parishioners, and family members of a registered parishioner living in the same household and/or dependent on the parishioner for support. Events include birthdays limited to years 1, 16, 18, 21, 50, 60, 70, and above, Baptism, First Communion, baby showers, wedding anniversaries 1, 25, 50 and over, and retirements.
- Third Scheduling Priority: Non-profit and charitable groups associated with DOSA.
- The Pastor will have final approval of all requests and based upon availability may be able to hold some events in the gym.
- 9) Events will be required to pay for certain fees, such as a cleaning fee and insurance. Details of all charges will be reviewed for each event by the church office.
- 10) No events/celebrations during Mass times.

Revised March 2024

SCAM ALERT

As we approach the holiday season, please be aware of new email, text, call and social media scams. If you receive a message or email from Fr. John Peter asking if you are available and can send him money or gift cards, even to surprise staff or others.

PLEASE IGNORE!!! This is a scam!!!

Common signs of scams are incorrect email addresses or unfamiliar caller id locations; scammers are now able to change caller id numbers to pretend to be a known number as well. Inconsistent or improper tone of language are also signs of scammers. Social media scams will use official photos but have low number of followers and posts will be irrelevant to the person.

Please be careful and feel free to call the church office to double check any inquiries.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, we begin the season of Advent, a time of joyful, faith-filled and patient waiting. We are invited to consider the weeks of preparation for Christmas as an opportunity for nurturing a spirituality of waiting in expectation - not a passive, inactive, idle and unimaginative presence in space and time - but a dynamic, active and positively imaginative waiting - a spiritual posture of waiting and longing for Christ, praying and preparing for his ultimate appearance among us – a

spirituality of hope, simple and pure optimism about us and the world around us.

The season of Advent reminds us that our faith in God, our hope in His promises and our love for Him and each other are the greatest wealth that we possess. It reminds us that we are a privileged people, a people blessed and graced by God's unconditional love revealed in Jesus; that God has not abandoned the world; that he continues to break into our history; that the presence of or even the height of evil must not discourage us. The apparent brokenness and disintegration of the world will be healed. God continues to bring about healing, integrity and wholeness. May the season of Advent and the good news challenge us to live lives that are faithful, blameless, loving, and joyful during these difficult and troublesome times.

Today's Gospel reminds us of how easy it is to become lazy in our life of faith. It reminds us that our hearts can become drowsy from "carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." First, any time we give in to an excess of one sort or another, we begin to let our hearts become drowsy on a spiritual level. Whenever we seek momentary escapes from life without turning to God, we allow ourselves to become spiritually drowsy.



Second, this passage identifies "the anxieties of daily life" as a source of becoming drowsy. So often we face anxiety in life, we can feel overwhelmed and overly burdened by one thing or another. When we feel burdened by life, we tend to look for a way out. And far too often, the "way out" is something that makes us spiritually drowsy.

On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus calls us to remain awake and vigilant in our life of faith. This will happen when we keep the truth in our minds and hearts and our eyes on the will of God. The moment we turn our eyes to the burdens of life and fail to see God during all things, we become spiritually drowsy and begin, in a sense, to fall asleep. Let us reflect upon the fact that God is calling us to become wide awake. He wants our full attention, and He wants us completely sober in our life of faith. Let us fix our eyes on Him and let Him keep us continually prepared for His imminent return.

I encourage you to take a few moments each day of this week to be still and reflect on how your day has been and pray, Lord, I do love You and I desire to love You even more. Help me to remain wide awake in my life of faith. Help me to keep my eyes on You through all things so that I am always prepared for You when You come to me. Have a Blessed Season of Advent!

Be sure to take a few still moments during the week. Bless yourself with stillness!

AROUND OUR PARISH



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Thank You!



The Quilts for Vets Ministry would like to thank the following for helping to make our 2024 Veterans' event a success:

Our Veterans, current and military personnel and their families,

Guest Speaker: Col. Mike Crider, USAF Ret. Fr. John Peter 4th Degree K of C

Fred Majeda Men's Club

Our Rosary Makers HSCS & CCD Children
Joey Cronologia Boy Scout Color Guard
The Altar Society Anchored for Life Team
A Special Thanks to Maria and Kermit Howell





































ADVENT PREPARATIONS

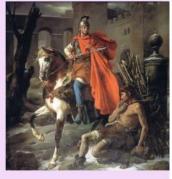
WHAT ARE ADVENT'S ORIGINS?

Written by Father Reginald Martin from Simply Catholic

Easter is the Church's principal liturgical feast, and Easter celebrations set the pattern for every other feast during the liturgical year. Although we cannot determine exactly when the Church began to celebrate Advent, the Church's celebration of the Advent season goes back at least 14 centuries. We have Advent sermons from Gregory the Great (who died in 604) and evidence shows the Church in Spain celebrated the Advent season by the middle of the seventh century.

Fifty years earlier, a Church synod (a meeting of Church leaders to discuss questions of Church discipline, faith or morals) determined that during the days from Nov. 11 to Dec. 25 should be

observed like the days of Lent. When November 11 came to be observed as the feast of St. Martin of Tours, this preparatory time became known as "St. Martin's Lent."





As this name suggests, Advent was initially far more penitential than it is today. After the Second Vatican Council, emphasis shifted from penance to spiritual preparation for Jesus' birth. Thus although we adopt violet vestments and forego the Gloria at Mass, our liturgical readings call us to anticipate Jesus' birth, sharing the joy of John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary.

WHY DO WE HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT JOHN THE BAPTIST DURING ADVENT?

Written by Michael R. Heinlein from Simply Catholic

The universal Church begins the new liturgical year with the arrival of the season of Advent — a season with two main themes: looking backward and looking forward. The word "advent" itself means "to come" or "to arrive." In Advent, we prepare for the Lord's coming at the end of time, an appointed time we know not. We are admonished to be watchful

and ready for that day (see, among other similar admonitions of the Lord, Mt 24: 42-44).

As a means to prepare for his Second Coming, we also look back to Christ's coming among us the first time — born a babe in Bethlehem. In Advent, the Church recalls Christ's identity as Redeemer and Savior as foretold by the prophets — chief among whom is St. John the Baptist. His role was to prepare the people for the first advent of the Messiah, especially through his preaching of repentance and conversion (see, for instance, Mt 3: 1-12). These are two primary themes of which we should be cognizant as we prepare to meet the Lord when he comes.



SHORT ADVENT PRAYERS

From Hallow (Recommended Catholic App)

Advent is a relatively short liturgical season, so perhaps it's fitting that short, simple prayers are all we need to feel God's calming presence in our lives amid the many distractions of November and December. Consider these brief Catholic prayers this Advent season:

- Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do-every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share-remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. Amen.
- Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and led me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth–a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen.

AROUND OUR PARISH & SCHOOL

Christmas Tag Trees

It's that time of the year! Grab a tag from our Christmas tree!

Please purchase the listed gift and return it UNWRAPPED with the original tag attached to it

Return by **December 8th** by the Christmas tree inside the church or to the church office

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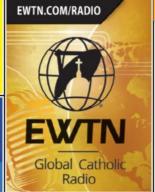


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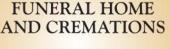
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