



MOST HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

Most Holy Redeemer Parish is a diverse Catholic community of believers who celebrate and rejoice in the love of God and love of one another. Empowered by the grace of the Holy Spirit, our mission is to invite and welcome all.

MASS SCHEDULE

MASSES FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 PM
SUNDAY 8 AM AND 10:30 AM
DOMINGO (EN ESPAÑOL) 1:00

WEEKDAY MASSES

*TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY*
AT 8:30 AM
VIERNES (EN ESPAÑOL) 7:00 PM
(NO MASS ON MONDAYS
EXCEPT HOLIDAYS)

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 4:30-5:15 PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WILL FOLLOW MASSES ON
THE FIRST THURSDAY, FRIDAY
AND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

**"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.
Jn. 10**



Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2 , 2021

**First Thursday and First Friday will be celebrated with Mass at 830am
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

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Mass Intentions

Week of May 1-May 7

Requestors

1 st Sat	May 1	900am	+Maria Carmen Eced	Manny Manjon
Sat	May 1	530pm	+Felipe Abellaneda	Shirley Slonecker
Sun	May 2	800am	Santiago Family Special Intention	Elvira Demdam
Sun	May 2	1030am	+Feronon Marciano	Liza Garcia
Sun	May 2	100pm	Pro-Populo	
Mon	May 3	XXX	No Mass	
Tue	May 4	830am	+Gail McKillop	Gina Reynolds
Wed	May 5	830am	+Gail McKillop	Gina Reynolds
Thu	May 6	830am	Josephine Parsons Special Intention	Manjon Family
1 st Fri	May 7	830	+Joseph Lisowski	Majcak Family



Napoleon Avena, Peg Baker, Brendan Barret, Jennifer Bartruff Randy Bird, Chris Bunker, David Casidy, Carlie Brielle, Mary Jane Buergey, Mary Byrne, Susan Caquette, Armando Cazola, Mario J. Cazola, Peggy Farinas, Marcia Fletcher, David Fletcher, Dennis Grundman, Reynaldo Joaquin, Todd Jolly, Sandy Jolly, Azucena Martinez, Gerardo Montalvo, Nancy Moran, Sharon Nolan, Luis Palma, Lolly Ann Prieto Hutton, Leo Prieto Sr., Margaret Prucher, Mary Purvis, Donna Ridgway, Brittany Rowe, Genevieve Scherbenski, Debbie Searcy, Aaron Sellers, Rose Smith, Judith Soucie, Jennifer Stohl, Sally Tate, Ron Thayer, Gerald Thompson, James Tomore, Sophia Tuliao, Noli Vianzon, Ryder White, Katie Williams, Francis "Chip" Mielkey, Maria Watts, Julie Williams, Maureen Williams

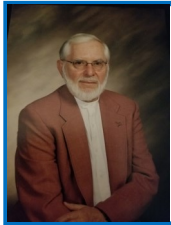
Scriptures and Saints May 2 to 8, 2021

Sun, May 2	Mon, May 3	Tue, May 4	Wed, May 5	Thu, May 6	Fri, May 7	Sat, May 8
St Athanasius	Sts Philip & James	Blsd Michael Giedroyce	St Hilary of Arles	Blsd Gerard of Lunel	St Rose Venerini	St Peter of Tarentaise
Acts 9: 26-31 Ps 22: 26-32 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8	1 Cor 15: 1-8 Ps 19: 2-5 Jn 14: 6-14	Acts 14: 19-28 Ps 145: 10-21 Jn 14: 27-31	Acts 15: 1-6 Ps 122: 1-5 Jn 15: 1-8	Acts 15: 7-21 Ps 96: 1-10 Jn 15: 9-11	Acts 15: 22-31 Ps 57: 8-12 Jn 15: 12-17	Acts 16: 1-10 Ps 100: 1-5 Jn 15: 18-21

Weekly Collections

April 20-26

Offertory + Midweek \$6,051.00
Online \$ 789.11
Total: \$6,480.11



Gospel Message *Deacon Jack Baker*

The readings for the fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness. Something much needed today given what we as a people of God are experiencing nowadays with so much turmoil going on around us.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord. It provides us the reason why we must abide in God, for He is the source of all goodness, and He will provide us the strength, wisdom, and fortitude to cope with the challenges with face in our lives.

As the world around us drifts away from their dependence on God, all sorts of problems are arising in our society. Therefore, we must hold on to our faith and continue the evangelization mission that our Lord Jesus Christ called us to do. We must reach out to those that have drifted away from God, for in the readings we heard how the Lord pruned the former Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, a fanatic who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel. And my dear brethren, in Paul we find the greatest conversion story in the New Testament, which proves to us that nothing is impossible for God.

John, in his first letter to the Church, tells us that if we remain united to Christ by putting our Faith in him and drawing our spiritual strength from him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love, loving one another as Jesus commanded us. In the Gospel, Jesus uses his favorite image of the vine and branches to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. Using this image, Jesus is explaining to us what our relationship with him should be like. For us this means that our lives are mutually dependent on him, as close as a vine and its branches.



Gospel Quote:

Jesus said, "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. Remain in Me as I remain in you."



This is My Body (LK 22:19)

FLORIDA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

June 4-5, 2021

Friday, June 4

Queen of Peace Catholic Church
10900 SW 24th Avenue, Gainesville

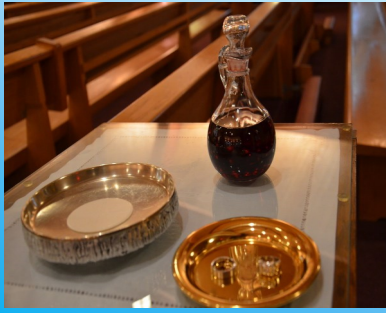
- 5:00 p.m.** – Doors Open / Reconciliation Available (Main Church) / Spanish Track (Parish Hall)
- 6:30 p.m.** – Mass with celebrant Bishop Robert Baker/ Homily by Bishop Felipe Estévez (Main Church)
- 8:15 p.m.** – Keynote by Father John Riccardo (Main Church) / Teen Track (Parish Hall)
- 9:15 p.m.** – Eucharistic Exposition and Closing Benediction

Saturday, June 5

St. Joseph Catholic Church
11757 Old St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville

- 8:00 a.m.** – Eucharistic Procession / Reconciliation available
- 9:00 a.m.** – Keynote Address by Father John Riccardo
- 9:45 a.m.** – Break
- 10:00 a.m.** – Mass with celebrant Bishop Robert Baker/Homily by from Bishop Felipe Estévez
- 11:30 a.m.** – Lunch / Reconciliation Available
- 1:00 p.m.** – Tracks Begin
- English Track: Lisa Breninkmeyer and Steve Ray
- Teen Track: Mike Buckler
- Spanish Track: Sister María Teresa Redó Matamoras, STJ
- Children's Track: The Donut Man
- 3:15 p.m.** – Eucharistic Exposition and Closing Benediction

Parish News



If you would like to bring the **Gifts** to the Altar, please sign up on the form in the back of the church.

Food-to-Go will be sold after all Masses the weekend of May 15-16 for only \$12.00 per box. Advance tickets can also be bought in in the office.



The Easter Season ends on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. For that reason, the Easter Prayer List will continue until Pentecost Sunday. There is still time to include the names of your loved ones in the prayer list. Please enter their names and your intentions on the **Easter envelopes** located in the back of the church.

Bread Wine Donated

By: Boots Hamilton



Sanctuary Lamp Offering

By Boots Hamilton



MHR's Rummage Sale
Saturday, May 15, in Bizier Hall. Please donate usable or gently used items. Large furniture items are not requested. Call Elvira at 904-955-9513.

May is the month of Mary



In the Middle Ages, the Religious planted 'Mary Gardens' to teach the faith. The flowers were given names that related to Mary. A Mary Garden would look like any other flower garden. The only difference is that a statue of Mary would be the focal point.

The Olympics for Kids, ages 5-13, will be held at Most Holy Redeemer on Saturday, June 12. Teams, formed by age ranges, will compete against each other. This will be a fun event which our kids (and adults) will remember. Parents, please sign up your kids today.

One particular choice of flowers are roses. Other flowers can be 'Lilies of the Valley' (Mary's tears; 'Marigolds' (Mary's gold; 'Lavender' (Mary's drying plant), and 'Daisies' (Mary's star.)

ANIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO HONOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA



**Thursday - May 13, 2021 @ 7:00 PM Holy Mass followed by
a candlelight procession by Our Lady of Fatima**

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Everyone is welcome to bring images of Our Lady of Fatima

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We will be in your neighborhood soon on Monday, May 17, 2021 at Jacksonville - Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Get your special Community Circle pricing!

Three ways to register:

Call toll-free: 1-866-229-0469

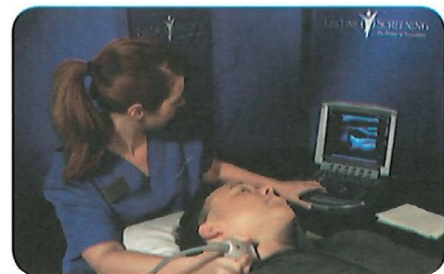
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Life Line Screening will be held at Most Holy Redeemer on Monday, May 17. For more information or to make your appointment, call 1-800-866-229-0469. Flyers with more information are available near the Church entrance.



Catechesis

Michael Fierro
Grace and Justification

What is justification?

Justification is the merciful, free act of God which takes away our sins and makes us just and holy. This is not merely an external covering of our sins but an actual interior change. This change makes us just and holy in our entire being.

In his Passion, Christ merited the grace of the Holy Spirit on our behalf. Through the Holy Spirit we join ourselves to His Passion by dying to sin and to His Resurrection by being born to new life through baptism. We are members of the Body of Christ, the Church, grafted onto the vine. Justification begins by our cooperation with the grace of the Holy Spirit which is manifested as the gift of faith in Christ.

What is the grace that justifies?

Grace is God's life in us, making us participants in the Trinitarian life and enables us to according to the charity of the Trinity. This grace is called habitual, sanctifying or deifying because it makes us holy and elevates our nature to the divine.

This grace is supernatural because it builds upon our nature, it is an entirely free gift bestowed on us and surpasses the abilities of the intellect and the power of men.

What other kinds of graces are there?

Besides sanctifying grace, there are actual graces, sacramental graces, and charisms.

Actual grace is that which enables us to do good works and to avoid evil in particular situations. It is a temporary gift of divine light.

Sacramental graces are the gifts that are particular to each sacrament. These enable each Sacrament to attain the end for which Jesus instituted each Sacrament. Every Sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God grants to those who receive them worthily.

Charisms are gifts that are intended for the common good of the Church. These accompany the exercise of ecclesial ministries and the responsibilities of life.

How are grace and free will related?

Free will enables us to choose the good. Grace precedes, prepares and elicits our response toward that good. It enables us to cooperate with God's will and leads freedom toward its ultimate perfection.

Put another way, all the good that we do comes from grace that is given to us by God. True human freedom is found in our ability to cooperate with God's grace, ordered toward the good.

What is merit?

Merit is the recompense for a good deed. We are not capable of meriting apart from God, from whom we receive every good thing. However, by fully cooperating with God's love we can merit by responding to the grace he freely gives us.

How can we merit?

Under guidance of the Holy Spirit we can merit the graces needed for our sanctification and the attainment of eternal life. Temporal goods can be merited if they are in accord with God's plan. However, no one is able to merit the initial grace which is the origin of conversion and justification.

Are all Christians called to be holy?

Yes. This is the fullness of the Christian life and the perfection of charity. It can only be brought about by intimate union with Christ and, in him, with the most Holy Trinity. The way of the cross is our path to holiness, and it is fulfilled in the final resurrection of the dead.