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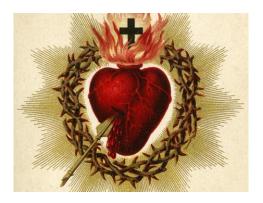
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"Therefore, brethren, stand fast; and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word, or by our epistle." –St. Paul, 2 Thess. 2:14, DRV

In honor of Our Lord, we are dedicating this issue to His Precious Blood.



Cor Jesu, in sinu Virginis Matris a Spiritu Sancto formatum, miserere nobis!

Offering of the Precious Blood
Eternal Father! We offer Thee the most Precious
Blood of Jesus, shed for us with such great love
and bitter pain from His right hand, and
through its merits and its might we entreat Thy
divine Majesty to grant us Thy holy benediction,
that by its power we may be defended from all
our enemies and freed from every ill, whilst we

say: "Benedictio Dei omnipotentis Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super nos et maneat semper. Amen." Pater, Ave, Gloria, Patri.

One hundred days each time; plenary once a month

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

L. J. Hammonds

Hello faithful fellow Catholics,

In our last newsletter I mentioned finding who owns the copyright licensing of a certain Sacred Heart image, painted by Fratelli Bonella. My research led me to the William J. Hirten Company, (www.wjhirten.com) a wholesale company, established in 1922. They do not sell directly to the public. Here are a few companies who sell their products: The Catholic Shop, Discount Catholic Products, Catholic Online, St Patrick's Guild, and NeedZo.

Also in past newsletters, I have talked about listening to good podcasts and YouTube videos. A good Traditional priest told me to be careful of Church teachings from laymen, some do very good

work and that is a good thing, but to focus more on the tried and true teachings of the Church. Read the Counsel of Trent, the Baltimore Catechism, I would also recommend reading The Catechism of Saint Pius the X, My Catholic Faith – A Catechism in Pictures taken from the Baltimore Catechism originally published in 1954. It is available at Angelus Press and of course the Douay Rheims edition of the Bible. He also said Catholic faith is very simple. Pray the rosary and obey the Commandments. Very good and simple advice! Thank you for the prayers and support of Our Lady of Guadalupe chapter, Una Voce of N. Fla.

Viva Christo Rey!

Chairman Hammonds

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Kevin McLaughlin

We have 22 active members who have paid the 2021 dues which are \$10 per family.

We also have an additional way to donate through Paypal. This can be done through my new email: kevinmcla@unavocejax.org.

PARISH NEWS

Births/Weddings/Deaths/Prayer Requests/ Special Events

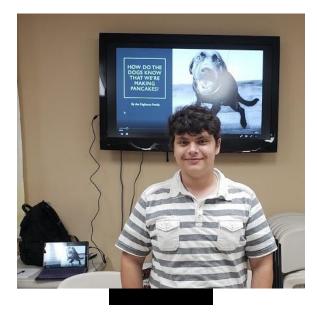
St. Edward's

Science Fair held at St. Edward!

As the school year drew to a close, homeschooling families at St. Edward held a "For-the-Love-of-Science" Fair in May in the Family Center. So many interesting projects!









On, Wednesday, June 23rd, Ft. Michael started a new tradition for the Vigil of the Feast of St. John the Baptist. All who attended Vespers afterwards enjoyed food, fun, and fellowship.





Please note that there **will not** be a Latin Mass on Sunday, August 15th due to a conflict on Father's schedule. However, the traditional blessing of an herb, fruit, and flower basket in honor of the

Assumption will be done after all the Ordinary Form Masses on August 14th and 15th.

Immaculate Conception

As of Sunday June 20th, since parishioners are still unable to use the downstairs meeting hall, if it is raining we will be unable to serve donuts. So, if you are scheduled for donuts that day and it is raining, you don't need to pick them up that morning. —Marie Rowe

"Duval County Parishes in the Diocese of [St. Augustine] entered Phase 2 of the 'normalization plan.' You will notice this weekend, that Holy Water is in the fonts, hymnals / missals are available, printed bulletins will be returning (soon), all pew barriers in place for social distancing have been removed. The fully vaccinated can attend without masks." ~ June 26th update

| Sunday, July 4 th | Fr. Charles |
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| Sunday, July 11 th | Fr. Rodolfo |
| Sunday, July 18 th | Fr. Briggs |
| Sunday, July 25 th | Fr. Charles |

St. Joseph's

The next Sunday Social will be after Mass on Sunday, July 11th.

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Fr. Briggs will do a formal investiture into the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular for anyone interested. Please bring your own Brown Scapular. If you do not have one, you can visit Queen of Angels Catholic Store at 11629 San Jose Blvd #3, Jacksonville, FL 32223. You will be supporting a local, faithful Catholic business at the same time.

St. Michael's

On Sunday, June 6th, four children of the chapel received their First Holy Communion.

On Father's Day, June 20th, four more children celebrated their First Holy Communion. Here, with

Fr. Gerrity, are sabel Gutierrez, Emily Walsh, Roy Patrick "Patch" Hatten III, and Dante Gutierrez.



The Holy Name Society and Alter and Rosary Society will be holding their first meetings in July. The homeschool mother's group are taking July off. Meetings will resume on Monday, August 16th.

St. Patrick's

No news for July.

UNA VOCE FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wnorowski donated two Our Lady of Guadalupe throws to our Una Voce chapter to use as a fundraiser in 2020. Our first attempt at the fundraiser happened very quickly and did not garner much attention. We will be doing a drawing for one throw on 8/15/21 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and for the second on 12/12/21 (Gaudete Sunday; Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe). Here are pictures of both:







The money raised by Una Voce will be used for good projects. Money from our chapter in the past has been used to send Diocesan priests to institutes to learn to say the Latin Mass, purchase altar missals, etc.

Tickets for the raffle are \$5 and so far we have 3 people who have donated. You may purchase tickets through Paypal using kevinmcla@unavocejax.org or by check made out to "Kevin McLaughlin" and sent to 272 Camelia St. Atlantic Beach, FL 32233. I'll keep track of your purchase and confirm everyone who has donated by email. Physical tickets won't be sent out.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Updating Prayers for Priest Calendar

Despite best intentions, a lack of time meant our priests did not get a 6-month holy card during Lent letting them know we are praying for them. For the Feast of the Assumption, they will all receive a new holy card letting them know we are keeping them in prayers.

Please review the calendar at the end of this newsletter and let Katherine Owens know by **July 10**th if there needs to be any adjustment (deletion/addition) of names of faithful priests in our Diocese so the correct number of cards are sent out. ~ Thank you!

THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The feast of the Precious Blood was instituted by Pope Pius IX in 1849 in thanksgiving for the victory of the Papal and French army over the revolutionary forces which had driven him from Rome. Pius XI in 1934 raised it to the rank of double of the 1st class to mark the

nineteen hundredth anniversary of Our Lord's death.

St. Andrew's Daily Missal, 1952. Reprint.

The heart of Jesus has made this adorable Blood circulate in His limbs; wherefore, as on the feast of the Sacred Heart, the Gospel presents to our view the thrust of the lance which pierced the side of the Divine Crucified, blood and water gushing forth.

St. Andrew's Daily Missal, 1945. Reprint.

OUR LADY SPEAKS

Kevin McLaughlin

I recently listened to a sermon by the Venerable Fulton Sheen on the topic of the Devil. It was quite enlightening like all his sermons are. In the end he said that there are three weapons against the Devil:

The Holy Name of Jesus Christ, The Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, and The Intercession of His Blessed Mother Mary.

Why is her intercession so powerful? One reason may be the fact that the union between the Two Hearts is so unimaginably strong! Our blessed Mother says as much while speaking to St. Bridget of Sweden as the co-editor Katherine Owens explains later.

For my part I'd like to share a passage from *The* Secret of the Rosary by St Louis De Montfort as an example of the Virgin Mary's intercession:

Blessed Thomas of Saint John was well known for his sermons on the Most Holy Rosary, and the devil, jealous of the success he had with souls, tortured him so much that he fell ill and was sick so long that the doctors gave him up. One night when he really thought that he was dying, the devil appeared to him in the most horrible form imaginable. There was a picture of Our Lady near his bed; he looked at it and cried with all his heart and soul and strength: "Help me, save me, my sweet Mother!" No sooner had he said this than the picture seemed to come alive, and Our Lady put out her hand, took him by the arm and said:

Do not be afraid, Thomas my son, here I am and I am going to save you: get up now and go on preaching my Rosary as you used to do. I promise to shield you from your enemies When Our Lady said this the devil fled and Blessed Thomas got up, finding that he was in perfect health. He then thanked the Blessed Mother with tears of joy. He resumed his Rosary apostolate and his sermons were marvelously successful.

MARIAN FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Katherine Owens

There are two important connected Marian feast days this month. The first is on July 2nd, the Visitation of Blessed Mother to St. Elizabeth (and St. John the Baptist), and July 16th, Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The first feast is alluded to on the Ember Friday of Lent and for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist on June 24th. "Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

On July 16, 1251, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, the then general of the new Carmelite Order and promised special blessings on all those who wore the scapular she gave him. So was born the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This date became a Carmelite-specific feast day in 1332, and for the whole Church in 1726.

From St. Simon came, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a popular Catholic devotion at the level of a sacramental. It is not necessary to have a new scapular blessed when an older one has worn out if you have been enrolled in the Brown Scapular Confraternity. Any priest can enroll a Catholic in the Confraternity. Certain conditions apply to fulfill what Our Lady asks so that she can release you from Purgatory on the Saturday after your death: Saint Simon Stock and the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel | Catholicism Pure & Simple (wordpress.com).

There are other scapulars; does anyone know enough about one of the others to write about it for the August issue of this newsletter?

ASK FATHER

Father, If I ever get the chance, I want to touch a 1st or 2nd class relic with my Rosary; however, I worry there might be the temptation to superstition by putting too much confidence in the object and not in the power of God. Please advise.

Yes, it is true that anyone can make a Third Class Relic. First let's review the different classes of relics:

First Class: These relics are the physical remains of a saint. These can include pieces of bone or hair.

Second Class: These relics are items touched by a saint, also known as "contact relics." Examples of second-class relics can include clothing or a rosary the saint used for prayer.

Third Class: These relics refer to articles that have come into contact with a first- or second-class relic. An example of a third-class relic would be a cloth that touched the tomb of a saint.

While anyone can make 3rd Class Relics, there is no official document to support the fact that the Relic is actually a 3rd Class Relic. When the Catholic Church produces official Relics, it also produces an Official Document that states the item is a Relic, the item usually being in a reliquary (a container that holds a relic). If you intend to touch your rosary to a First Class Relic, make sure it is authentic, and once again be aware of 3rd class relics that are for sale, which is forbidden.

Remember, relics are sacramentals- not sacraments. How can mere material things help us on the way to heaven? How can water, metal, or a piece of cloth help save our souls? You must ever remember that these objects in themselves have no power to save or help us. It would be superstitious to say they had any such power. But things like a crucifix, a holy picture, a statue, a candle, do excite spiritual thoughts and feelings in those who use them correctly. They excite the fear and love of God; they arouse trust and hope in His

mercy; they awaken sorrow and joy in the Lord. Their value lies in the fact that they have been set aside by the Church for sacred purposes, by the power of the Church's official prayer, and by the merits of Christ, preserved and distributed by His Church.

St. Jerome clarified Catholic belief in his Ad Riparium:

We do not adore, I will not say the relics of the martyrs, but either the sun or the moon or even the angels – that is to say, with the worship of "latria"...But we honor the martyrs' relics, so that thereby we give honor to Him Whose [witness] they are: we honor the servants, that the honor shown to them may reflect on their Master... Consequently, by honoring the martyrs' relics we do not fall into the error of the Gentiles, who gave the worship of "latria" to dead men.

--Fr. Ligouri



Have a burning theological or practical question related to the Catholic Faith not appropriate for the Confessional? Please email one or both editors and we'll forward your question to our participating priests.

WHERE IN THE DOUAY?

The answer to last month's question was the book of **Proverbs** from the O.T.

"My son, give me thy heart: and let thy eyes keep my ways." Prov 23:26

For the month of July we will go to the N.T. and read some passages about the Blood of Christ:

"But Christ, being come an high priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hand, that is, not of this creation: Neither by the blood of goats, or of calves, but by his own blood, entered once into the holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and of oxen, and the ashes of an heifer being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who by the Holy Ghost offered himself unspotted unto God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God?"

Can you name the book where this passage is from?

HINT: Tradition names St. Paul as the author of this letter but he doesn't open this letter with his name.

First correct responder gets a mention in the next newsletter.

Submit your guesses to Kevin McLaughlin

CHURCH SYMBOLISM

"The Cross, Part I" Submitted by Katherine Owens

Please do not let your very young children read this month's column.

- Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Friday of Passion Week)
- Finding of the Holy Cross (May 3rd)
- Feast of Constantine the Great (either May 21st or July 27th)
- Feast of Corpus Christi (Thursday after Trinity Sunday)
- Feast of the Sacred Heart (Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi)
- Feast of the Precious Blood of Jesus (July 1st)
- Feast of St. Helena (August 18th)
- Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14th)
- Feast of St. Michael the Archangel (September 29th)
- Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7th)
- John of the Cross (November 24th)

Do you see the Cross as a weapon?

And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed. Luke 2:35

But one of the soldiers with a spear opened his side, and immediately there came out blood and water. John 19:34

Because I was very close to Him during His Passion and did not allow myself to be separated from Him, for I stood right next to His cross, and because the nearer something is to the heart the keener is its stab, so His suffering was more painful to me than to others. And when He looked down at me from the cross, and I looked up at Him, tears streamed from my eyes like blood from veins. And when He saw me so overwhelmed with grief, my sorrow made Him suffer so much that all the pains which He felt from His wounds were surpassed by the sight of the grief in which He beheld me. Therefore I boldly assert that His suffering became my suffering, because His heart was mine. And just as Adam and Eve sold the world for an apple, so in a certain sense my Son and I redeemed the world with one Heart....

And while they were saying this, a man came up and drove a spear so forcefully into His side that it almost came out on the other side. And as soon as he drew it out, its point was all red with blood. The Heart of my beloved Son was so violently and mercilessly pierced that the spear split His Heart in two.

When I saw that my Son's Heart had been stabbed through, I felt that my own heart was likewise pierced, and it was a wonder that it did not break.

~ The Mother of Sorrows to St. Bridget of Sweden



Rogier van der Weyden, close-up of "Crucifixion Triptych," c. 1445

I know this last quote was very difficult to read, and that is why there is a Reader's Advisory at the beginning of this month's column. I promise the rest is less graphic, but I felt it was important to quote Our Lady's words in their entirety.

The Cross is a symbol by which Christians identify one another. A plain Cross or a Celtic Cross is preferred by Protestants because they worry that the preferred Crucifix of the Catholics is a form of idolatry. Ask any Christian and they will tell you that this most revered symbol is a symbol of triumph over death. But the Cross is an instrument of torture, the most extreme form of capital punishment meted out by the ancient Romans.

Christ's death on the Cross on Good Friday and Resurrection from the dead on Easter is the victory over death that opened the gates of Heaven to mankind. The Cross, therefore, is a powerful symbol of spiritual victory. But what we tend to forget is it is also a symbol of the physical body's victory over death as well, not just a spiritual victory.

And the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God. Mark 16:19

I'm afraid there is so much to say on this topic, that I have to split this article. A teaser for next month: In hoc signo vinces (In this sign you shall conquer).

Brown, Raphael. The Life of Mary as seen by the Mystics. Milwaukee: The Bruce Publishing Co., 1954. Reprinted.

BUDDING JOURNALISTS

"The Food Pantry"
Submitted by , age 10

The food pantry gives food donations to the poor. It is located at the Saint Edwards Catholic Church. It welcomes people without jobs, single moms, and many others. It gives out canned vegetables, tuna, cereal, meats, and much more. But it needs your help to keep feeding the hungry, so donate nonperishable food to the Saint Edwards food pantry today! Thank you!



Budding author at home? Please encourage them to submit an article for the children's section.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Katherine Owens, Kevin McLaughlin

Deadline to submit news, articles, information, or Mass schedule changes for **the August newsletter** is July 25th.

- Please submit list of Mass times/locations to Kevin McLaughlin.
- Please submit names of faithful priests who need prayers to Katherine Owens.
- Parish news for Immaculate Conception, St. Patrick's, and St. Joseph's should be submitted to Kevin McLaughlin.
- Parish news for St. Michael's and St. Edward's should be submitted to Katherine Owens.
- All other information can be sent to both or either editor.

Articles longer than 500 words may be edited or split between two newsletter issues at the discretion of the editors.

2021 JULY

Please pray for our priests!

St. Augustine our patron, Ora pro nobis!

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

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| 04 1. Msgr. Mortimer Danaher 2. Fr. Michael Donovan | 05 1. Fr. Darius Sleszynksi 2. Deacon MacHill | 06 1. Fr. Pierre Duverger 2. Fr. Richard Rasch | 07 1. Fr. Samuel Fabula 2. Fr. David Ruchinski | 08 1. Fr. Philip Gagan 2. Fr. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil | 09 1. Fr. Sebastian George 2. Fr. Stephen Zehler | 10 Fr. Sean Gerrity |
| 11 Fr. Rodolfo Godinez | Fr. James Haynos | 13 Fr. Briggs Hurley | 14 Fr. Joshua Jacobs | 15 Fr. David Keegan | 16 Fr. Joseph Kuhlman | 17 Fr. Christopher Liguori |
| 18 Msgr. Daniel Logan | 19 Fr. Clay Ludwig | 20 Seminarian Esteban Merkt | 21 Fr. William Mooney | Fr. Edward Murphy | 23 Fr. Denis O'Shaughnessy | Fr. Charles Padathuruthy |
| 25 Fr. Dilip Pally | 26 Fr. Frederick Parke | 27 Fr. Martin Arokie Raj | 28 His Excellency, Bishop Felipe Estevez | 29 His Excellency, Bishop Felipe Estevez | 30 His Excellency, Bishop Felipe Estevez | 31 His Excellency, Bishop Felipe Estevez |

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CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

Mass Schedule

Traditional Latin Una Voce of N.E. http://www.un Florida avocejax.org/

SUNDAY FIRST DAY OF WEEK

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