Weekly Schedule
Changes are indicated at the bottom

Main Church

Mass
Friday—8:15 a.m. (School Mass—Everyone is welcome!)
Saturday—5:30 p.m.—Sunday Vigil
Sunday—8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Sign Interpreted), 12:00 noon

Reconciliation
Saturday—4:30 p.m. (Marian Center)
You may also call the office for an appointment, 268-5422

Historic Church

Mass in Polish
10:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month
Mass in Portuguese
Sunday—7:00 p.m.

Mass in Spanish
Misa en español todos los Domingos a las 8:30 a.m.
y todas los Jueves a las 7:00 p.m.
Misa de Sanacion el primer Miercoles de cada mes a las 7:30 p.m.
Confesiones y Consejería los Domingos 8:00 – 8:20 a.m.
Círculo de Oración los Martes a las 7:30 p.m.
en la Capilla de la Escuela St. Joseph

Traditional Mass in Latin
Sunday—11:15 a.m.
Confessions available before Mass
On the 4th Sunday of each month
immediately following Mass there will be Vespers
and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
On the 2nd Sunday after Mass
there will be Anointing of the Sick

Youth Mass
Sunday 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass
Monday-through Thursday and Saturday—8:00 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday—6:00 p.m.
First Friday Healing Mass—7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Cody Center
Monday, Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday:
9:00 a.m.- 5:45 p.m.

Children’s Eucharistic Holy Hour
Wednesday: 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Adoration for Vocations
Last Friday of each month 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

First Friday Adoration
9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Please see the Christmas Schedule
in this week’s bulletin

A Message from Fr. Thanh

The gospel of this fourth Sunday of Advent portrays two women on the move. Mary “set out” through the “hill country” to visit Elizabeth. Elizabeth receives Mary into her home and reaches out and blesses Mary for her belief expressed in her Yes to God’s will.

We too, are a people on the move. We must “set out” to encounter our God in our Christmas celebrations. We must express our own belief in God’s coming to us by our Yes to God’s will. We have few days to prepare for the coming of our God. In these last days of Advent, we have to realize the extent of our own blessedness before we begin our Christmas celebration. Our God comes to us, too.

With five days before Christmas, it is very easy to overlook the real demands of this festal season. It is too easy to sing the uplifting Christmas hymns with their wonderful, familiar melodies. It is too easy to glow with the warmth of the colorful lights, and the good cheer and generosity that this time of year tends to bring out in people. It is too easy to focus on the wonderful imagery of the virgin birth and delight in the natural appeal of the newborn. The challenge of this Sunday, however, is to shake us out of our lofty sentiments and help us realize that we must surrender ourselves to God’s presence and will.

Jesus’ body was “prepared” as the fruit of Mary’s womb. He came to “do God’s will.” Mary believed, and said Yes to God’s will and it was fulfilled. So must it be with us: our Yes also fulfills God’s will and makes the Word incarnate.
St. Joseph’s Mission Statement
The members of St. Joseph’s Parish believe that Jesus Christ is the focal point of a caring Christian Community. The mission of our Parish Family, therefore, is to create, maintain, nurture, and foster an environment that will encourage us, and assist us in reaching our full potential through growth in the knowledge and image of Christ in every facet of our lives. Challenged by life-long learning and affirmed by active participation, St. Joseph’s Parish Family proclaims boldly the Word of God, and with abounding joy celebrates the Holy Eucharist—the summit of Christian worship and spirituality—and through outreach, supports and ministers to the community at large.

Adoration for Vocations
Join the St. Joseph’s Adoration for Vocations group for the month of January as we keep in prayer the following seminarians:

Fernando Chang
Clay Ludwig
Patrick McCain

Our next prayer evening with adoration will be held in the Cody Center Chapel Friday, January 22, 2016 (7-8pm)

Please contact Kim with any questions, 636-8606 or Kbreen1575@comcast.net.

Advent and Christmas Calendar

- **Thursday, December 24**—Christmas Eve—Masses are 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 12:00 midnight—Lessons and Carols start at 11:00 p.m. Reconciliation—9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Main Church

- **Friday, December 25**—Christmas Day—Masses are 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the Main Church

- **Thursday, December 31**—Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God—7:00 p.m.—Main Church

- **Friday, January 1**—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation—10:00 a.m.—Main Church

St. Joseph’s Weekly Prayer Intention
Our almighty and glorious God loved us so much, he humbly accepted a human form to become one of us, to walk among us, teach us, laugh and cry with us—and then give his life for us so that we may live with him forever in paradise.

In your daily prayers this week, please pray that all members of our St. Joseph’s family honor the Christ child by honoring all God’s children during this Christmas season and throughout the year.

Parish Directors
Michael Broach—Parish Council President
John Alexander—Director of Finances/Building Coordinator
Steve Kerlin—Stewardship Director

Parish Staff
Clergy

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Staff—268-5422—Hours 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Patrick Kinnare—Parish Administrator
Jackie Gould—Office Manager
Wyndee Joseph—Bookkeeper
Laura Biancato—Youth Director
Frank DeProspo—Music Director
Ali Quinn—Echo Intern
Lourdes Fleming—Maintenance/Cemetery
Sheila Pearson—Assistant to the D. R. E.
Teresa Blumenstock—Business Manager

Cody Enrichment Center—880-6404
Hours 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Filomena Battista—Director of Activities/Building Manager
C.E.C.—activities@stjosephsjax.org
Dodi Flora—Director of Religious Education
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Lourdes Flemming—Assistant to the D. R. E.
Sheila Pearson—Office Assistant

School—268-6688—Hours 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Rhonda Rose—Principal
Theresa Twisdale—Assistant Principal
Cecile Fung—Office Manager
Teresa Blumenstock—Business Manager
**Vocations**

What ought we to do?" Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus. (Luke 3:10-18). If you have a question about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, contact Father David Ruchinski, Vocation Director, at (904) 262-3200 ext. 101, or email vocations@dosafl.com.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

During this very busy time of year, please take some time to be still and quiet with our LORD.

**Our Adoration schedule is as follows:**
- Monday & Wednesday—9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—9:00 a.m.-5:45 p.m.

**Christmas Offering**

Over the past year at St. Joseph’s Parish, Fr. Thanh has continued his goal of building the sense of fellowship and community within our Parish family. We have witnessed spiritual growth thanks to our Lenten Parish Mission, expanded adoration hours, and most recently, our Sunday evening youth Mass, which commenced the first Sunday of Advent. In March our Parish family came together with Bishop Estévez to celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint. Participation weekend and the Fall Festival were outstanding successes. In addition to these wonderful community events, so many parishioners volunteer on a regular basis assisting with the many duties associated with managing our expansive campus. It is thanks to the tremendous generosity of time, treasure, and talent that our Parish continues to be blessed, to thrive and to grow.

In order for our Parish to continue the work of evangelization, and preservation of our campus, we need your continued support. During this joyous season of Advent and Christmas we ask that you remember the Parish in your giving.

May God continue to bless you and your families for all you do to support the Parish community of St. Joseph’s.

**Offering**

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to your parish!

Because of early December deadlines, the figures for the offering on December 13 will be posted at a later date.

This weekend, the second offering will be for St. Joseph’s Parish Assessments. There will be no second offering next weekend.

**Faith Direct Electronic Giving**

If you would like to sign up for eGiving please visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, FL423. The contact number is 866-507-8757.

**Volunteers Needed:**

The opportunity you’ve been waiting for!

The Cody Center is in need of volunteers to assist with answering the phone and monitoring both the lobby area and Adoration Chapel. We are looking to cover the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have a few hours to share each week and think God is leading you to serve St. Joseph Parish in this way, please contact Fil Battista, Director of Activities, in the Cody Center. She can be reached by phone at 880-6404 or email activities@stjosephsjax.org.

Thank you!

**God’s Healing Prayer Ministry**

Trained prayer teams from our parish will gladly offer prayer to individuals, couples and families.

Please join us in the Marian Center on December 19 after the Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, December 20 after the noon Mass. We will pray for those who desire a healing in body, mind, soul, spirit and relationships, or want more life with God!

Over 2,250 parishioners have received healing prayer to date. Jesus, The Christ, our Healer, gifts us with His True Presence in The Eucharist’s healing power. The best time to receive prayer is after receiving Christ at Mass!

Our prayer takes only a few minutes and is confidential. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to come for prayer! For more info, please contact Greg and Diane Hemsoth at 262-0002 or dhemsoth@comcast.net.
Mandarin Food Bank
Our Christmas giveaway will be Monday, December 21. We thank everyone for their generosity during this beautiful season.

May you be blessed with a very Merry Christmas!

Are You Being Called to the EMHC Ministry at Our SJCC Parish?
We will have a Training and Re-Commitment session for all existing and new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) on Saturday, January 23, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

New EMHC Guidelines and Rules have been finalized and will be implemented in our parish starting soon after the training session. All existing and new EMHC must be at this training session, so as to be thoroughly trained to serve Communion in our parish and at our Masses.

We are asking current Home-Bound, Assisted-Living facility, Historic Church and Main Church Altar EMHC to attend the training and re-commitment session, so we are all on the same page and so that anyone who is trained will be capable and knowledgeable to serve in any of the 4 EMHC areas above, if they wish to do so.

In order to be an EMHC, you must be a parishioner at SJCC and a Catholic in good standing with the Church. The “rule” regarding one EMHC per family has been removed, so a married couple may now both apply to our ministry, if both are being called to be EMHC. Each person must send a letter to Fr. Thanh, as noted below.

For SJCC parishioners feeling a call to join us, you must send a one-page letter to Fr. Thanh with the following info: (1) brief statement of why you are feeling called to serve in this ministry (2) list current and past parish ministry involvement (3) list name of a SJCC parishioner, recommending you for this ministry (4) brief explanation of why this will be one of your most vital ministry efforts (5) all of your contact info: full name, email address, street address with zip code and phone number(s).

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a current SJCC EMHC serving in one of the 4 areas mentioned above AND have a valid EMHC certificate from our current (or a past) Bishop of St. Augustine, you do not need to send Fr. Thanh a letter, as detailed above!

You will be contacted in early January, if you are accepted to the training session on 1/23/16, so please send a letter (one-page) to Fr. Thanh, if you are feeling called. You may also contact any of our clergy to help discern your possible calling to our EMHC ministry. See bulletin for parish rectory address to mail your letter. (Please do not email your letter.) Thank you!

Becoming a Catholic

- Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- Are you baptized but have never received any formal religious education or embraced any specific church and are now considering a personal relationship with God?
- Are you not baptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- Are you married or engaged to a Catholic, do you already attend Mass, and want to further your life in the Church?
- Are you answering a call to become Catholic but are not sure how or where to begin?

If you are, please consider attending the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The Catholic Church uses the RCIA Process to instruct and welcome new members. The instruction covers all major aspects of the Catholic Faith. However, it’s much more than just a classroom experience. The RCIA process offers a living experience of the Catholic Community. The teaching staff includes our parish priests and deacons, religious, and members of the laity. Your sponsors are members of the parish community and will stand beside you throughout your journey. In addition to receiving instruction, you will have unlimited opportunity to ask questions about the Faith, enjoy the company of others on the journey with you, and see the parish community expressing and living the Faith.

Meetings are on Sundays in the Marian Chapel of the Main Church and begin at 9:00am. To enroll and for more information about St. Joseph’s RCIA process, please contact Roger and Linda Lestina at 288-9603 or 303-5799 or ljlest@bellsouth.net.
Honduras Medical Mission News!

We are now recruiting for our medical mission to Yoro, Honduras! We need volunteers: Docs, nurses, a pharmacist, a priest, and lots of new non-medical helpers. Our mission dates are: January 31-February 7, 2016!

You need a passport, but you do not need to speak Spanish. All volunteers pay their own expenses for lodging, food, transportation, immunizations, and airfare—about $1,500 or so. Our first team meeting will be on Sunday, November 8 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Cody Center.

If you are interested in joining our parish team, please contact Mary McCormick, Team Leader, at 226-1962 or mary@emprevmed.com.

If you are able to make a donation for medicines that we buy and take to Honduras to use for the poor people, please contact Greg Hemsoth at Friends of the Missions, Inc., 2643 Tacito Trail, Jacksonville, FL 32223. Greg’s contact information is 262-0002 or ghemsoth@comcast.net. Donations by credit card can be made on our website at www.friendsofthemissions.org. Click on Honduras Group. Friends is a 501(c)3 tax exempt group working with our parish in this medical mission effort to serve the poor people of Honduras and other impoverished areas.

Thank you, and may you be blessed

Council of Catholic Women

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

CCW general meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Cody Center, September through May. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

St. Anne’s Circle

Are you pregnant or a mother of a child from birth to 5 years old? Then St. Anne’s Circle is the place for you! In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we support each other throughout pregnancy and early parenthood. We offer outings for the moms and kids, weekly playgroups, Moms’ Night Out, monthly meetings with guest speakers, service opportunities within our parish, community, and so much more! We even have Mom’s Meals for moms with newborns! Come join an amazing group of mothers just like YOU! For more information or questions, please contact: Kathleen Cook at JoinStAnnes@gmail.com or (407) 617-7975.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, December 20—3:00 p.m.—Family Christmas Party
- Monday, December 21—10:00 a.m.—Nursing Home Caroling

Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass upon request. Please contact the office at 268-5422.

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with directing traffic in the parking lot on Christmas Eve.

To assist, please contact Michael Broach at mcbroach@stjosephsjax.org.

Homeless Outreach Ministry

Upcoming Outreaches for January:

- 2nd Saturday: January 9
- 3rd Saturday: January 16

We serve 60-125 each outreach downtown with clothing, toiletries, hot meals, snacks, water, drinks, sandwiches, and pass out inspirational devotions. The outreach is 100% funded through our parish and community volunteers and donations. Volunteers meet at the Mandarin Food Bank every 2nd and 3rd Saturday each month, at 3:30, leaving at 4:00 to travel to 369 North Newnan Street, downtown Jacksonville. We serve out of the back of our vehicles in a parking lot.

Thank you for all the donations for our Christmas outreach. It was a huge success with an amazing turnout of volunteers and for those we were able to serve. Thanks be to God!

We are collecting the following for our January outreach: New men’s and ladies’ underwear and socks, travel-size deodorant, disposable razors (desperate need), toothbrushes and travel-size toothpaste, ladies feminine hygiene products (desperate need), quart size ziploc bags (for toiletries), winter clothing (men and women), bed spreads, blankets, and throw wraps

All donations can be dropped off in the Homeless bin in the gathering area. Please place special project items (coats, Bibles, caps, knit caps) in the bin next to the blue homeless bin.

Contact Angela Fisher with any questions or to join our ministry, angelafisher365@gmail.com; (904) 562-0253. Also, check out our Facebook page: St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Homeless Outreach.
LORD, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Career Connections
Most people will have 5 or more job changes during their career. A job search requires specific skills not required in many types of jobs. Career Connections can help you learn the skills that are critical in finding the job you want, whether you are in need of a job now, or currently employed and seeking a change to a new company or a new position with your current employer. We provide instruction and ongoing coaching on the skills you will need to successfully execute a job search. Skills that are reviewed at every meeting include: handling the emotional impact of an unexpected layoff, inventorying your marketable skills, creating your job search plan, networking the correct way, resume writing, interview preparation and salary negotiation. We meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Cody Enrichment Center (except holidays and Church Holydays).

For questions on the weekly Career Connections meetings call: Marty Broach, 923-0439 or Tom Ackermann, 886-9428. If you would like to join this ministry as a meeting facilitator, please contact Marty or Tom.

The next meeting of the St. Joseph's Men's Club will be on Monday, December 21st at 7:00pm in the Cody Center. Our speaker will be parishioner Bill O'Leary who is an attorney specializing in Pro Life Estate Planning. Also at this meeting we will be finalizing plans for our Christmas Gift Giving event.

All men of the Parish are invited to attend and enjoy a great meal, hear a dynamic speaker and to interact with other men of the Parish. If you have any questions, contact Phil Sikora, President at 327-0058 or sikorajax@bellsouth.net. Can we count on you??

Don't miss the next Great Adventure Bible Study
Beginning in January!!

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins will explore Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will also learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in Salvation History.

Ladies Bible Study
Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:15 –11:00 a.m. starting January 6. At this time we are taking orders for books for the study. Please contact Mary Monfort at (904) 262-1602 or maryvictor@comcast.net for more information. Also, please let her know if you need childcare.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Classes are held on Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. starting January 6. We enjoy popcorn, soda, and a great DVD presentation on the big screen. This adventure is open to men and women. At this time we are taking orders for books for the study. Please contact John D'Amico at (904) 422-8584 or john.damico.tkc1@gmail.com for more information.

Christmas Book Giveaway
Volunteers Needed
As a parish community we will be giving away Matthew Kelly’s book Rediscover Jesus, An Invitation. 4,000 books given out at Christmas! We need your help.

If you would like to help give out books at a particular Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass, please email us: Tell us which mass and how many will help.

If you would like to be a Mass Captain for a particular Mass and coordinate the distribution of books at a particular Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass, email or call us. Contact: John D’Amico - 904-422-8584 or email – saintjosephevents@gmail.com.

Spiritual Bouquet Cards
The CCW will be selling Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards after all of the Masses starting this weekend. What a wonderful gift to give loved ones, a special family or friends during this most holy time of year. Look for the CCW table set up outside the Church after all of the Masses.
The Music Ministry will hold its annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Tuesday, December 24 just prior to Midnight Mass at 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, first presented in England on Christmas Eve in 1880, follows the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in nine short Bible readings, interspersed with carols and choir anthems. We hope to see you at this wonderful concert.

If you are unable to attend, there will be a reprise of the program on Sunday, January 3 (Epiphany) at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Church.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; . . .

Music Ministry Bake Sale

Come and buy a gingerbread house; One for your child, one for your spouse.

We have all kinds of sumptuous treats, And lots and lots and lots of sweets!

Cookies, and muffins, and candy, and cake, We not only sing, we also can bake!

So come to our tables and take a long pause.

We thank you so much for supporting our cause!

(By the way, we have lumpia too!)

ST. JOSEPH’S ANNUAL GIFT GIVING PROJECT

• WHO: We, the Parishioners
• WHAT: Provide gifts and certificates to the less fortunate for Christmas
• WHEN: Return the gifts and certificates no later than noon, December 20
• WHERE: The Christmas tree in the Gathering area, and the gift certificate box near the tree

Thank you for your generosity. We have more in need than ever before.

QUESTIONS: Contact Janice Bennett, 234-3281 or Eileen Bain, 318-9795.

Official Year of Mercy Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.
Take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Children's Nativity Story

We are looking for children who would like to participate in presenting The Nativity Story during the Children's Mass at 5 pm on Christmas Eve. All children four years old or older are welcome to be a part of the program. We are in need of angels, sheep, and shepherds, kings, and camels, children to sit around Father Bernie and to bring up the Offertory Gifts. We also need a young baby to play Baby Jesus.

The practice schedule is as follows:
Sunday December 20—3:00 p.m.
Tuesday December 22—6:30 p.m.

All practices will be held in the Main Church and attendance is mandatory. For more information or to sign your child up please contact Terry Chrisley at tchrisley@comcast.net or (904) 622-7305.

UPCOMING CHOSEN EVENTS

Jamaica Half Marathon Pledge Cards
Please visit the parish website (stjosephsjax.org) to donate to the efforts of fundraising for our mission to Kingston, Jamaica this summer.
If you picked up a pledge card, please drop them off at the Church Rectory or Cody Center. Thank you for your support!

EDGE Sundays
Open to Middle Schoolers who want to meet new people, get closer to God, play games with a purpose and experience the young church in a new way!
To register, visit the Youth Ministry website for a registration packet.

St. Joseph School
We are now accepting applications for grades Pre-K through 8 for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. You may apply online at http://www.stjosephcs.org/new-student-application. Applications are always available in the school office as well. Possible tuition assistance is available through www.stepupforstudents.org. Please call 268-6688 if you have any questions.

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.”

Chosen is a ministry for teens in High School (grades 9-12)

EDGE Sundays
St. Joseph’s Catholic Middle School Ministry
Open to Middle Schoolers who want to meet new people, get closer to God, play games with a purpose and experience the young church in a new way!
To register, visit the Youth Ministry website for a registration packet.

Education
CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish): CRHP is a process designed to bring members of the parish together in Christ—watch the bulletin for upcoming retreats.

Chosen: Youth Group for high school teens—Contact Laura Biancato, 880-6404 or lbiancato@stjosephsjax.org.

Edge: Youth Group for middle school teens

JPII Homeschool: Contact Diana Hartwell, diana@wnhartwell.com or Maggie Britt—dwbritt@comcast.net

Ladies Bible Study: “The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy”;
—Contact Mary Monfort at maryvictor@comcast.net or 904-262-1602.

PREP: 8th grade religion classes and sacramental preparation—Wednesday nights—Contact Dodi Flora, DRE dtflora@stjosephsjax.org, 880-6404.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): For adults wishing to become Catholic—Contact Roger or Linda Lestina, 303-5799, ljlest@bellsouth.net.

Reflections Newspaper: Reflections encourages all parishioners to share their inspirational stories, spread awareness of their ministries, and inform our readers of special events and occasions within our parish—Contact Angela Allala, Allala@bellsouth.net or 881-5941.

St. Joseph’s Adult Education Ministry: Contact John D’Amico, 422-8584, john.damico.tkc1@gmail.com or Mary Monfort, 262-1602, maryvictor@comcast.net.

St. Joseph Catholic School: Rhonda Rose, Principal—268-6688 or rose@stjosephpcs.org.

Thursday Evening Bible Study: 7:00-8:30 p.m.—Cody Center—We are doing a study on The Prophets—Contact Kerry Marie Walker at 571-9986.

Wee Worship: For children 6 months to 5 years old—Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass—Contact Terry Chisley, tchrisley@comcast.net or 622-7305.

Liturgy
Adopt an Island/Walking Rosary Garden: Members of this ministry maintain the landscape at the main church—Contact Karen and Paul Beikol 716-2119, keb0154@gmail.com.

Adoration for Vocations: We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life—Prayer Center on the 4th Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m.—Contact Ken or Shelley Shannon, 288-6421, or Matt and Kim Breen 636-8606.

Eucharistic Adoration: A personal invitation from Christ to spend time with Him in quiet, holy setting—See the bulletin announcement for times—Contact Dawn Mull 262-6181 or Rose Stockton 262-7065.

Altar Serving Ministry: Call Mrs. Sue Kelley at 268-4726 or email altarservicej@gmail.com.

Ambassadors: Our job is to ensure all functions of the Masses and Sacraments are able to be performed and all ministries are accommodated.

Children’s Choir: Mondays—Main Church—Cherubs grades 1-3, 6:15-7:00 p.m.—Choristers grades 4-12, 7:00-7:45 p.m.—Contact Nicole DeProspo, 477-8494, ndeprospo@comcast.net.

Eucharistic Adoration: Contact Dawn Mull, 262-6181 or Rose Stockton, 262-7065.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC): We assist at Mass by serving Holy Communion, and bring Holy Communion to the homebound, assisted living facilities, and Baptist South Hospital—Contact Greg Hemosoth 262-0002.

God’s Healing Prayer Ministry Is For Everyone: Every third weekend of the month after the 5:30 p.m. Mass and the 12:00 Noon Mass—Marian Center—Trained prayer teams will offer prayer to individuals, couples, and families—Contact Greg and Diane Hemosoth at 262-0002 or dhemosoth@comcast.net.

Hospitality (Ushers and Greeters): We welcome everyone as they enter the church, prepare for, and assist during Mass—Contact Steve or Pam Kerlin 460-2479.

Housekeeping: This ministry is responsible for keeping the interior of the Main Church clean and orderly—Contact Charlotte Peck 886-9855, or Mariette Woodard 292-2736.

Lectors: We proclaim the Word of the Lord at each liturgy—Contact John or Susan Rezsonya 268-7741, rezson@bellsouth.net.

Music Ministry: The purpose of music in the liturgy is to unify the prayer of the assembled; to harmoniously draw the gathered faithful together into one voice—Contact Nicole DeProspo at ndeprospo@comcast.net or 904-477-8494.

People of Praise: Tuesdays—7:00-8:45 p.m.—Prayer Center at the Cody Center. We will not meet on 12/8, 12/22, and 12/29—contact Greg Hemosoth at ghemsoth@comcast.net.

Religious Articles Gift Shop: Provides a wide variety of Catholic merchandise at affordable prices—Open before the 5:30 Saturday vigil Mass, and immediately following all the Masses on Sunday—Contact Trisch Brouch, 613-3834 sjgiftshop@hotmail.com.

Sacristian: We prepare and maintain the liturgical space—Contact, or Nadine Kwiatek 880-8029.

Sign Language Ministry: It is a ministry to our hearing impaired brothers and sisters in Christ—Contact Debbie Heaton, 940-7979 or Elaine Eckert 880-8556.

Transportation (Parish Bus, Tram, and Traffic): We provide transportation to and from Mass, tram rides from the parking lot to the church, and direct traffic for the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday as well as other major events—Contact Michael Brouch 891-0746 or mcbrouch@stjosephsjax.org.

Outreach
CD Ministry: The CD stand has been mounted on the back wall of the Church near the gift shop. The suggested donation is just $3 per CD—Contact: John D’Amico at 422-8584.

Career Connections: We meet Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Cody Enrichment Center (except holidays and Church Holy Days) - Contact: Marty Brouch, 923-0439 or Tom Ackermann, 886-9428.

Cemetery and Cemetery Commission: this ministry meets to plan and execute beautification, perpetual care, maintenance, growth and needs of our beautiful cemetery—Contact Tom Russo, 904-535-3880.

Consolation Reception Committee: Our ministry assists with serving families following the funeral Mass in the Cody Center. This is a wonderful and loving way to serve our parish community—Contact Deacon Tony Colichio at 535-0399 or deaconcolichio@gmail.com.
Council of Catholic Women (CCW): Contact President Dena Forrester at Dena.forrester@att.net. 
Covered in Prayer—Prayer blanket Ministry: We provide handmade prayer blankets to those who are sick or are suffering during a difficult time—Contact Sue Haywood at sjcjxprayerblankets@gmail.com, or Joann at 610-1694. 
Elizabeth Ministry: Women helping women and Families helping families—Contact Michelle Horning 635-7544 or horning@bellsouth.net. 
Fall Festival: This annual event brings our community together with fun and fellowship—Contact Tony and Trish Hassert 234-6560 or 859-4129. 
Filipino-American Ministry: Contact nic and Nellie Rocha, 292-5295, nicknel@comcast.net or mac and Lennie Delacruz, 386-2461, mac.delacruz4000@gmail.com. 
Hearts Afire (HAPP): Parish based retreats for total consecration to Mary (33 Days to Morning Glory) 6 weeks, and Divine Mercy (Consoling the Heart of Jesus) 10 weeks, guided by Father Michael Gaittley’s books and DVD’s. —Contact Carolyn Laing 553-0612 or celaing2010@aol.com. 
Homeless Outreach Ministry: We meet on the second and third Saturday of each month—Contact: Angela Fisher angela.fisher365@gmail.com or (904) 562-0253. 
Knights of Columbus: If you are a Catholic Gentleman, we invite you to join—Contact: Grand Knight Matt Mouzon at 772-4555. 
Little Flowers Girls’ Club® is a Catholic program for girls ages 5 and up based on learning Catholic virtues through the lives of Catholic Saints, Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Club strives to make Catholic faith come alive, and inspire the girls to become authentic Catholic women. Contact: Annette D’Amico, annette.damico1@gmail.com. 
Mandarin Food Bank: Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00-11:30 a.m.—Contact Bonnie McNulty or Mary Kaminski at 292-1675. 
Mandarin Meals on Wheels: We provide hot, nutritious meals each weekday to the homebound in our community who are sick, disabled, or unable to cook for themselves—Contact Pat Kowall at 262-2189. 
Men’s Club: All men of the parish are invited to join us. We meet once a month on Monday—Contact Phil Sikora, 327-0058, sikoraraj6@bellsouth.net. 
Parish Medical Mission: For more information, please visit www.friendsofthemissions.org. 
Respect Life: Join us from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Saturday mornings at A Woman’s Choice, University Blvd.—Contact Russ or Carron Tooke 705-3434, or tookerc@att.net. 
Saint Anne’s Circle (CCW): For mothers and young children—Contact Kathleen Cook at Join SAnne@comcast.net or 407-617-7975. 
Saint Elizabeth Circle (CCW): We are a cooking circle. 
Saint Margaret’s Circle (CCW): We are a craft circle—We meet every other Tuesday morning in the Cody Center—Contact Barbara Schultz at 288-7040 or schultzba@gmail.com. 
The Parish Nurse Ministry: If you would like the Parish Nurse Ministry to contact you, please call Jackie Borello RN 699-4749, 262-1805 or email jackie.borello@gmail.com. 
Special Needs Sports Night: Mondays 7:30-8:30 p.m.—school gym—Contact Larry and Diane Maaske at 262-4785 or dmaaske@comcast.net. 
The Legion of Mary: Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.—Cody Center—www.mqangelspraesidium.com or Linda at 607-4564. Public Rosary—Sundays—9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in front of the Cody Center. 
Two Hearts Enthronement: Blessed John Paul II encouraged this devotion of the Alliance of the Two Hearts, which has been associated with the revelation of Christ to St. Margaret Mary, and with the three sees at Fatima. Contact: Nic and Nellie Rocha—292-5295, Mac and Lennie Delacruz—705-9577, or Roberto and Dolly Gloria—880-9957. 
Welcome Ministry: Join the fun as we treat our parishioners to coffee, and lemonade—we set up/clean up before and after Mass. Volunteers typically help out once a month—Contact Vikki Hebert at vikkiabear@gmail.com or 880-3155. 

Organizations 
Boy Scouts: We meet weekly on Thursday nights in the school cafeteria. Scoutmaster: Chris Ziemathis 563-3701 cbziemathis@bellsouth.net. 
Cub Scout: We meet biweekly on Mondays at the school cafeteria. Scouting is strong and continues its tradition of reinforcing values, character, and citizenship. Any questions please call the Cubmaster, Bill Hobensack 422-7014. 
Divine Mercy House: Maternity home for unwed women in need—Contact Bill or Jackie Hardy, Executive Directors—268-6282. 
Fresh Start—Widows/Widowers: We meet once a month for lunch and fellowship—Contact Carmen O’Brien at 268-1267. 
Girl Scouts: For all grades; Kindergarten and up. All girls are placed in the appropriate level based on grade. Meetings for all levels vary during the week. For further information please contact Katie Yaalaly via email at girlscout1481@gmail.com. 
Mary Widows: We meet monthly for fun, prayer, and fellowship—Contact Jeanne D’Amico at 230-0546. 
Families Following Christ (FFC): Focused on Chris, our mission is to Strengthen families through faith formation, encourage them community and support them in living a sacramental life—Contact Jeff and Allison Mall at 349-5155 or jeff.mall@nm. 
Flos Carmeli Secular Carmelites (OCDS): We meet at St. Joseph’s. For more information visit ocdsjacksonville.org, or phone Carmen at 771-9218. 
The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy: Tuesdays—10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon—Cody Room. We learn about God’s mercy through reading from St. Faustina’s Diary, Sacred Scripture, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church—Contact Jim and Barbara Wasei at 262-4555. 
Theaters of the Little Way: We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. for Mass at the historic church, followed by a presentation and lunch at the Cody Center. Contact: Susana Suarez—629-2693. 
Young at Heart: For those of us who are 55 and older, but still feel young at heart. We meet once a month for different activities—Contact Roger Schockling at 268-6768.
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