

# St John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Diocese of St Augustine, Interlachen, Florida

"We are a welcoming and embracing community centered on Jesus in the Eucharist."

**May 6, 2018**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Because May is the Month of Mary

For centuries the Catholic Church has dedicated the entire month of May to honor the Virgin Mary, the mother of God and our mother. The custom was born in ancient Greece because the month of May was dedicated to Artemis the goddess of fecundity. Something similar happened in ancient Rome because the month of May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of vegetation. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centered on the arrival of good weather and the distance of winter. The first of May was considered the height of spring, during this period before the twelfth century, entered "The devotion of thirty days to Mary." This celebration was held between August 15 and September 14 and can still be observed in some areas. The idea of a month specifically dedicated to Mary goes back to the baroque seventeenth century. Although not always carried out in the month of May, the month of Mary included thirty daily spiritual exercises in honor of the mother of God and our mother. It was at this time that the month of May and Maria were combined, making this celebration have special devotions organized every day throughout the month of May. This custom was extended especially during the 19th century and is practiced until today.



Porque Mayo es el Mes de Marí

Durante siglos la iglesia católica ha dedicado todo el mes de mayo para honrar a la Virgen Marí la madre de Dios y madre nuestra. La costumbre nació en la antigua Grecia porque el mes de mayo era dedicado a Artemisa la diosa de la fecundidad. Algo similar sucedió en la antigua Roma pues el mes de mayo era dedicado a Flora, la diosa de la vegetación. En la época medieval abundaron costumbres similares todo centrado en la llegada del buen tiempo y el alejamiento del invierno. El primero de mayo era considerado como el apogeo de la primavera, durante este período antes del siglo XII, entró "La devoción de treinta días a Marí" Esta celebración se llevaba a cabo entre el 15 de agosto y el 14 de septiembre y todavía pueden observarse en algunas áreas. La idea de un mes dedicado específicamente a Marí se remonta a los tiempos barrocos siglo XVII. A pesar que no siempre se lleva a cabo en el mes de mayo, el mes de Maria incluía treinta ejercicios espirituales diarios en honor a la madre de Dios y madre nuestra. Fue en esta época que el mes de mayo y de Maria se combinaron, haciendo que esta celebración cuente con devociones especiales organizadas cada día durante todo el mes de mayo. Esta costumbre se extendió sobre todo durante el siglo XIX y se practica hasta hoy.

## It's Official

From the Office of the Bishop

**Rev. Ron Camarda** – from administrator at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Interlachen while remaining pastor at St. Monica Parish, Palatka, and retaining all present assignments; effective May 15, 2018.

**Rev. Pablo Fuentes** – from parochial vicar at St. Monica Parish, Palatka and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Interlachen, to administrator of St John the Evangelist Parish, Interlachen; effective May 15, 2018.

## Upcoming Events

May - Rosary class every Saturday at 10:00 in the hall  
May 9 - 9 AM Faith Sharing  
May 13 - After 11:30 Mass - Mother's Day/May Crowning/Special Social and a tribute to Father Ron  
May 17 - 6 PM PPC Meeting  
May 30 4:30 PM Father Ron's Bible Study Class  
June 6 4:30 PM Father Ron's Bible Study Class  
June 24-30 Urban Plunge

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Pastoral Administrator: Joe Grasso

## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

### Sunday, May 6 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:30 AM - Parishioners of St John

2:00 PM - Repose of Angel Ortiz

*Requested by the Knights of Columbus*

### Monday May 7 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

### Tuesday May 8 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

### Wednesday, May 9 - Easter Weekday

6:00 PM - Repose of Angel Ortiz

*Requested by the Knights of Columbus*

### Thursday, May 10 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM - Word Service

### Friday, May 11 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM - Health and Well Being Connie and Vesper Mikan

*Requested by Mary Mikan*

**Please note: All 11:30 AM Sunday Mass intentions will be for Parishioners of St John.**

## The Ascension of the Lord - 05/13/2018

*Altar Servers - Samantha - Corey*

*Readers - Ed - Bud*

*EMHC - Joe - Carmen - Milton - Grace*

## Your Parish Support

Combined Collections for 04/29/2018

Offertory \$1620.10

Maintenance/Building Fund 350.00

Capital Improvements 100.00

Total \$2070.10

**Please note that there is no Sunday Social this Sunday, but there will be a final Sunday Social next Sunday.**

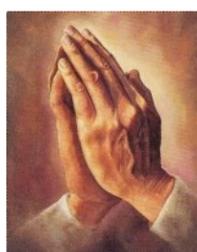
## Women's Retreat

San Sebastian Catholic Church is proud to host a Women's Retreat on Saturday May 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a day of spiritual reflection, fellowship and fun. Retreat includes Mass, procession to Mary's garden, rosary, luncheon and guest speaker. Tickets are \$20 per person. Proceeds will benefit the San Sebastian Religious Education Enrichment Center. For Tickets or more information please Contact Tyra Rousseau at the church office (904) 824-6625, ext 102 or email [tyra@sansebastiancatholicchurch.com](mailto:tyra@sansebastiancatholicchurch.com)

## The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Gerald James Olenik

*Requested by Parishioners of St John*

Let us pray this week for all families, who are mourning the death of a loved one. May all our departed find rest and peace in the Mercy of God.



## Please Remember in Your Prayers

All members of our parish who are not in perfect health: **Allison Widmeyer, Roger Coutu, Luisa Velazquez, Pat Hintz, and Barbara Hogue.** Note: Names on our prayer list are for individuals who are hospitalized, undergoing surgery, in hospice care, or dying. *Please remember Carmen Concepcion who has passed away in your prayers.*



### St. Vincent de Paul Food Drop

Friday, May 11, 2018, 9 AM - 11 AM (or until food is gone) — at 111 N Francis St, Interlachen. Please bring containers for food. Also, it is first come, first serve, and you should bring water, food, and a chair if you need them while waiting. To qualify for food, total household income must not be in excess of established income level for appropriate household size. Call 386-684-2797 for further information.

### Volunteer Opportunity

Bud Surratt has faithfully served as head of our Altar Server Ministry, but is in need of cutting back on some of his responsibilities. We need someone who can step up and take over for Bud. If you are interested please contact Joe Grasso 386-684-2528 or contact Bud Surratt at 386-972-4034.

### Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) News

The next PPC meeting will be Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6 PM. All members are requested to attend.

### Cursillo Ultreya

There will be an Ultreya for all our Cursillistas and friends who are interested in learning more about Cursillo. The Ultreya will be on Friday, May 11th at 6:30 PM in the parish hall at St Monica Church located at 114 S. 4th St. in Palatka. It will be hosted by Pam Mathes 386-916-9581 and Rita Lambert 386-336-5687. "Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ."

### Lots Going on Next Sunday

Get ready! Next Sunday is Mother's Day. After the 11:30 AM Mass, we will have our annual May Crowning in front of our statue of Mary. We will then proceed to the hall for a special Sunday Social and a tribute to Father Ron. You won't want to miss this.



### Rosary Making Class

Have you ever wished you could make something meaningful to give to others? Well, here is your opportunity. Judy Surratt is an expert rosary maker and has made rosaries that are used by Catholics in many countries. During May, Judy is conducting a class each Saturday morning at 10 AM in the church hall to teach you how to make rosaries. Everyone is welcome.

### A Special Gift from Our Lord

At the Last Supper our Lord gave us His most precious body and blood. As Catholics we celebrate the Eucharist each time we come to Mass. Sometimes we need to be reminded how precious this gift really is. If you go to YouTube on your computer and search for *the eucharistic miracle of buenos aires*, you will find an 8 minute and 9 second video the is truly inspirational. Check it out. It is worth your time.



"432. What are the precepts of the Church?

They are (1) to attend Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation and to refrain from work and activities which could impede the sanctification of those days; (2) to confess one's sins, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once each year; (3) to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season; (4) to abstain from eating meat and to observe the days of fasting established by the Church and (5) to help to provide for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability."

Taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

### E-Mail Address Change

Please note that Father Pablo has a new e-mail address. He has asked that we not use the old e-mail address anymore. His new address is: PadrePablo2501@gmail.com.

### EWTN Airs Documentary on the Florida Martyrs

On June 6, at 10:00 p.m., famed "Miracle Hunter" Michael O'Neill's original EWTN series *They Might Be Saints* will air a special one-hour episode on the courageous and heroic witnesses who gave their lives for the Catholic faith during the Spanish missionary period. The cause for the Martyrs of la Florida was formally opened on Oct. 12, 2015, in Tallahassee and is currently being prepared for submission to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

This episode of "They Might Be Saints" was filmed on location at various sites in Florida and includes interviews with expert witnesses including Bishop Estévez. Before the episode's debut on June 6, Father Mitch Pacwa will have as his guests on *EWTN Live* at 8:00 p.m. Father Len Plazewski, vice-postulator for the Florida Martyrs cause and Heather Jordan, who serves on the Board of the Martyrs of La Florida Missions, Inc. To learn more about the cause and the Florida Martyrs, visit [www.martyrsfloridamissions.org](http://www.martyrsfloridamissions.org).

### Reflecting on the Gospel

"When we are young we learn a list of "dos" and "don'ts." Don't cross the street without looking both ways. Do show respect for your elders. Don't misbehave. Do treat people the way you would like to be treated. Lend a hand in cleaning the dishes after a meal. The list is seemingly endless. Some grade school children learn to list well and follow all the rules. And some of these might even become a little self-righteous with the way they follow the rules in the midst of many others who do not. There is a comfort that can come from following the rules, doing what is expected, keeping the list. But there also comes a time when we grow out of childhood, internalize the purpose of the rules, and live as adults.

Even the Old Testament had a list, which today we refer to as the Ten Commandments. Honor your father and mother. Do not covet another's belongings. Here again, learning the list and following it is rather easy and straightforward. It's literally a checklist as to how to be good and honorable in God's sight. And too often we encounter (or have become ourselves) those who are a bit smug in the way they keep the rules and follow the list, much like proud grade-school children who find comfort and validation in mere obedience.

But Jesus gives us a command in today's gospel that supersedes all others. It is simply this: "love one another." Of course, with a command like this, it can be seductive to return to a checklist! How much easier would it be to maintain a checklist, such as, going to church, celebrating the sacraments, fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But the command issued by Jesus is much more difficult. A command to love knows no bounds, knows no checklist. It can be much easier to simply attend church once a week, and again on days of obligation, than it can be to "love." By this command Jesus invites us to an adult spirituality, no longer satisfied by keeping a list. We are not children who need to be told to help with cleaning up after dinner. We do this naturally out of love. And we likely do much more.

There is no box to check for "love." Love does not count to cost or put a limit on what price is too high. Love can always do more. Love is based on a personal relationship with another that is not transactional but self-giving. As Jesus says in the gospel, his love for his friends reaches the point of laying down his own life for them. There is no boundary to what love calls us to do. And for that reason, we might prefer a list of dos and don'ts. But that is not what we receive from Jesus. We receive from him a command simple but demanding: "love one another."

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