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BISHOP'S LETTER: JESUS THE EUCHARIST SHOWS US HOW TO SERVE GOD.

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Great is our Lord! My own eyes are opened when I visit your parishes and see the work of God in your ministries. My heart is full of love for you as you journey to His heavenly Kingdom.

When you hear the Gospel proclaimed, you and I learn how great is our Lord as Jesus the Eucharist shows us how to serve God. He takes on the presence of one another and in His divinity creates heaven on earth. He teaches us, then, how to continue the Covenant as we receive Him in the Eucharist.

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LENT

“So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you of two minds. Begin to lament, to mourn, to weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.”

James 4: 7-10

As we begin our Lenten journey, the passage above is a brilliant reminder of what we should always be doing. It is only when we humble ourselves before the Lord that we can make room for God to take control of our lives. May this season be one of profound ‘self-emptying’ for all of us.

Wishing you a Blessed Lent.



ANNUAL FORMS

Now is the time to schedule a meeting with your pastor so he can complete your annual assessment. Forms are due June 1st, 2024. In addition, please remember to keep a copy of what you turn in to our office. If there is a delay in meeting with your pastor, you can always turn in a copy of your self-assessment and continuing education forms and forward the pastor's form when it is completed.





REGISTER NOW! 2024 DEACON COUPLE RETREATS

Registration is open for 2024 Deacon Couple Retreats. All retreats at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center begin Friday evening and conclude midday Sunday.

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MARCH 15-17, 2024 **“COOPERATING WITH GOD’S GRACE IN HEALING”**

Directed by Deacon Keith Stroh, former Director of the Office for the New Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Chicago

A well-known international and conference keynote speaker, Deacon Keith has helped tens of thousands of men and women hear the Gospel message and encounter the mercy, love, and power of Jesus Christ. He has extensive experience in creating and sustaining processes and programs of evangelization and formation at the group, parish and diocesan level that focus on the making, maturation, and missioning of disciples of Jesus Christ.

HAGA CLIC PARA
REGISTRARSE



APRIL 26-28, 2024 (SPANISH LANGUAGE)

Retreat Director Monsignor Wilfredo Peña.

“Todo lo que hagan, háganlo de corazón, como para el Señor y no para los hombres” (Col. 3:23).

Nacido en Cuba y residente en Puerto Rico desde muy joven. Fue ordenado sacerdote en la Arquidiócesis de San Juan el 30 de marzo del 1974. Obtuvo su Bachillerato en Humanidades-Filosofía en la Pontificia Universidad de Ponce y un Bachillerato en Teología de la Universidad Gregoriana de Roma. Posee una Licenciatura en Derecho Canónico de la Universidad Lateranense de Roma y ostenta un Doctorado en Derecho Canónico de la Universidad de Santo Tomás de Aquino de Roma.

Fue asignado a los Estados Unidos a principios de los años ochenta. Llevó a cabo una intensa labor evangelizadora y pastoral en las Arquidiócesis de Miami, Florida y Los Ángeles, California. Fundó Cor-Jesu (Comunidad de Fe, Esperanza Caridad) junto a un grupo de laicos en Miami.

Desde el 1989, es Párroco y Pastor de la Parroquia Santa Bernardita de San Juan donde ha tenido una exitosa trayectoria desarrollando eventos pastorales y retiros. Por más de 28 años ha celebrado convivencias de renovación y evangelización para su comunidad de fe que se transmiten por internet al mundo entero. Cuenta con sobre 34 ministerios activos y se ha dedicado a cumplir con la formación cristiana de su feligresía que sobrepasa los mil creyentes.

Sacerdote soñador, emprendedor y dinámico, ha dado paso a nuevos enfoques de Evangelización de la Iglesia Católica con su lema “Abriendo Puertas para Cristo” y con ese carisma especial ha llevado el mensaje de la Buena Nueva a miles de almas a través de sus misiones en diferentes países.



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Email jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Our conference aims to equip Church leaders with essential skills and resources to establish or enhance mental health ministries in their local parish, diocese, and Catholic communities. To accomplish this goal, we've planned engaging keynote sessions, workshops, thought-provoking discussions, and practical resources. This event is an excellent opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for mental health ministry.

Register Now



**BUILDING A CULTURE
OF COMMUNITY:**
Equipping Leaders for
Mental Health Ministry
Conference



April 25-27, 2024



**University of St. Mary of the Lake
Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois**



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PREACHING SERIES GUIDE

The National Eucharistic Revival Preaching Series Guide has provided a resource for clergy to help them prepare kerygmatic, Eucharistic homilies this Lent. Use the following links [English](#) / [Spanish](#) to download the guide.

The intention of this guide is not to replace personal discernment and prayer with “talking points,” and it should not be taken as a homily substitute. Rather, the hope is that this resource will serve as a tool to help our clergy focus their homiletic reflections and identify missionary and kerygmatic themes and connections between the readings.

*Bishop John Noonan and Father Anthony Aarons, Rector,
invite you to the*



Vigil to Dry Tears

*our prayer of hope
within God's unceasing mercy*

*February 27th, 2024
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.*



*Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe
8300 Vineland Ave, Orlando, FL 32821*

CHRISM MASS

In the Diocese of Orlando, the Chrism Mass marks the beginning of Holy Week. The word "chrism" comes from the root word for Christ which means the **anointed one of God**.



MARCH 25, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary,
Queen of the Universe

Catholic Mental Health Gathering



FINDING PEACE IN HIS CARE

Keynote Speakers

Deacon Ed Shoener

President of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers

Catherine Galda, LCSW

Director of Behavioral Health Services for Catholic Charities of Central Florida

Holy Family Parish, Orlando

May 11, 2024

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM



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PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and may 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.



MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULE

Scheduled for Friday, February 23rd, 2024 at the Mary, Mother of God Chapel at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

- 8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours for the Dead
- 8:30 a.m. Memorial Mass for priests, deacons & laity recently buried

PRIESTS

Most Reverend Norbert Dorsey, C.P.
Monsignor Edward Thompson
Reverend Edward Codren
Reverend Brendan Donnelly
Reverend Michael Hanrahan
Reverend Larry Lossing
Reverend Patrick Malone
Reverend Anthony Palmese
Reverend Antonio Pons
Reverend Carlos Aizpun

DEACONS

Deacon Ismael Almodovar
Deacon Ron Keehner
Deacon Orlando Lendoiro
Deacon Edwin Maddex
Deacon Joseph McCabe
Deacon Frank McDonald
Deacon Gerard Ward
Deacon Gerard White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SENIOR DEACONS!

Deacon Rafael Gonzalez- 90

Deacon Richard Stevens- 82

Deacon Jude Arceneaux- 80

Deacon Tom Stauffacher- 80





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