



BISHOP'S LETTER

LET US PONDER ANEW WHAT BEING EUCHARISTIC MEANS

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The month of June is upon us! We begin with prayer to God, asking for His deliverance to calm the storms which may descend upon our earth these coming months. As we pray for this, we also kneel before Him asking that He calm the storms of our heart; those things within each one of us that separates or divides us from God.

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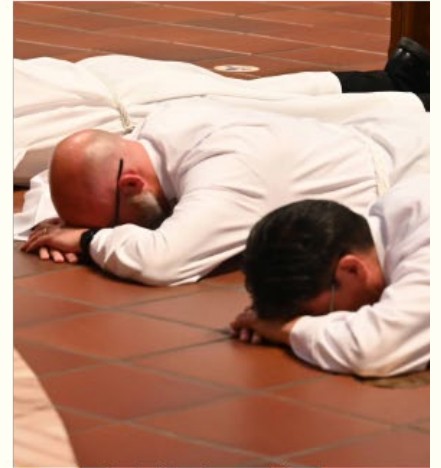
DUE NOW - Please send in your annual forms. If you haven't already, please meet with your Pastors.

FORMATION

We are inviting 18 couples into the Discernment year beginning in September. Please pray for these couples.

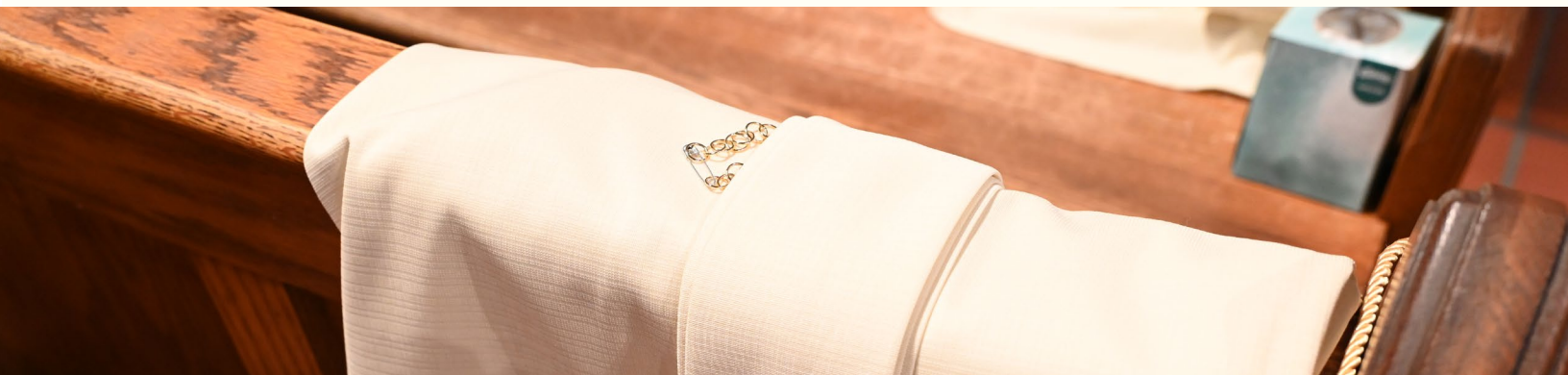
GOOD NEWS

Two men were ordained into the priesthood on May 23rd at the St. James Cathedral. Father Sinclair Cushmore will be serving St. Mary Magdalen in Altamonte Springs and Father Daniel Bassile will be serving Holy Family Parish in Orlando.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS!

Eight men were ordained into the Diaconate on June 6th at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.



PARISHES STILL IN NEED OF DEACONS

Several pastors have requested additional deacons be assigned to their parishes. If you feel God may be calling you to one of these parishes, or that God may be letting you know it is time to change parishes, please contact **Deacon Dave** to discuss one or more of these opportunities:

ST. ANDREW PARISH

801 N. Hastings St., Orlando | Needs a bilingual English/Spanish deacon.

Pastor: Father Leo Hodges

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH (WINTER HAVEN)

532 Ave. M, NW, Winter Haven | Needs a bilingual English/Spanish deacon.

Parochial Administrator: Father Glenn Lopez

BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

4545 Anderson Rd., Orlando | Needs a bilingual English/Spanish deacon.

Pastor: Father Phil 'Skip' Negley

ST. PAUL PARISH AND SCHOOL

1330 Sunshine Ave., Leesburg | Needs a deacon (bilingual Spanish/English preferred).

Parochial Administrator: Father Stephen Ogonwa

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1136 Seminole Drive, Rockledge | Needs a bilingual English/Spanish deacon.

Pastor: Father Joseph Shaute



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, PATHWAYS TO CARE

Learn how to volunteer.

TOURISM

Serving at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe** continues to be a deeply rewarding ministry. The beauty of the liturgy, our collaboration with the Diaconate Formation Program, and the opportunity to accompany pilgrims in prayer and conversation make this service especially meaningful.

As visitation grows, we are having trouble covering all scheduled Mass times. We invite deacons to consider **volunteering**—even once per quarter—to support this important ministry to the thousands who visit the Basilica.

If you would like to be included in the rotation, please contact **Deacon Joe Gassman**.

DIVINE MERCY/FIRST FRIDAYS

We are looking for deacon couples to lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet on First Fridays at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. For more information, contact **Deacon Joe Gassman**.

MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED

If you want to learn more about this ministry, reach out to **Deacon Jimmy Avellan**. If you know of prisons or jails that are underserved, please let us know.

SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

JUNE CALENDAR

San Damiano Senior Day- Holy Scripture: The WORD Made Flesh

Thursday, June 11, 2026 | 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

How was the Bible formed, and how can it shape your life today? Come discover, reflect, and pray with Scripture.

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The Great Vigil of the Two Hearts

*Friday, Jun 12, 2026 | 7 P.M. **through** Saturday, Jun 13, 2026 | 1 P.M.*

Join Bishop John Noonan and the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary for the Great Vigil!

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VIVET- Youth and Young Adult Formation & Adoration

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 | 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

All youth and young adults are invited to join the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary for Adoration, Praise, Worship and Prayer!

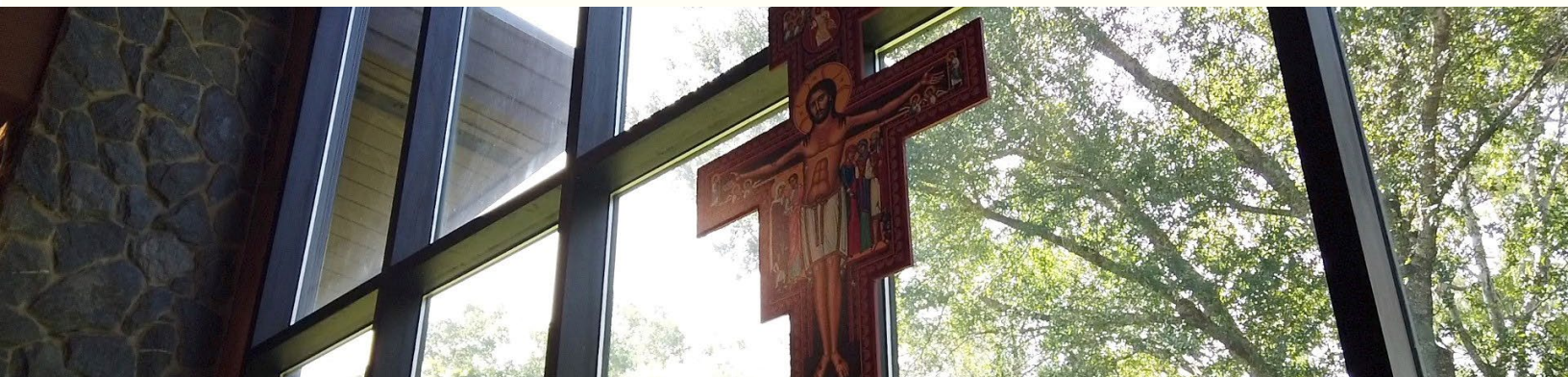
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Fill Your Cup: Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told Video Series by Father Michael Gaitley (PART 1)

Thursday, June 25, 2026 | 7 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

In this powerful 10-part video series, Father Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Our Lady of Fátima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. Pope John Paul II. Featuring the cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy unfolds as a story to be experienced.

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SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

JULY CALENDAR

San Damiano- Everyday Leadership with Deacon Joe Gassman

Thursday, July 9, 2026 | 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

As the United States marks its 250th anniversary, we celebrate 250 years of history, innovation, leadership, and unity. This historic milestone invites us to reflect on our shared past that formed this great nation

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Life In The Eucharist Retreat with Father George Dunne, SSS

Friday, Jul 10, 2026 | 4:30 P.M. through Sunday, Jul 12, 2026 | 1 P.M.

This retreat offers a unique opportunity to encounter Christ in the Eucharist in a deeper and more personal way. Come and allow the Lord to renew your heart, strengthen your faith, and draw you more fully into His abiding presence.

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Fill Your Cup: Divine Mercy In the Second Greatest Story Ever Told Video Series by Father Michael Gaitley (PART 2)

Thursday, July 23, 2026 | 7 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

In this powerful 10-part video series, Father Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Our Lady of Fátima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. Pope John Paul II. Featuring the cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy unfolds as a story to be experienced.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

What is included in a course

Some courses are special single-session presentations, some are three sessions of recorded content plus an extra live discussion session (which will be recorded for later playback), and some courses have more than three sessions.

All courses will link to their own private web page which includes:

- Additional resources and/or links on the topic;
- The video presentations;
- An audio file of each presentation. Participants can download the audio file to their mobile device for use as “podcasting” option as well, receiving another option for taking the course in a way most convenient for them.

*Most courses are available and **registration is now open.***

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DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

Single-Session Courses

Jesus Was a Refugee

This course is being offered to all ministry personnel (priests, deacons, lay ecclesial ministers, other parish leaders). Dr. Barnabas Aspray applies his particular interest in theology to the reality of migrants, refugees, and modern society's response to them today. In this single session, he looks to the experience of Jesus as a refugee for insight to our current experiences.

Presenter: Dr. Barnabas Aspray

Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore

Cost: \$50

Sessions: 1 Session

Ministering to Persons with Autism

This course is being offered to all ministry personnel (priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers). Dr. Lawrence Sutton is the author of *How to Welcome, Include, and Catechize Children with Autism and Other Special Needs: A Parish-based Approach and Teaching Students with Autism in a Catholic Setting*. In this course, he brings his expertise to address all ministers, inviting us to explore the challenges and opportunities of ministry with persons with autism.

Presenter: Rev. Mr. Lawrence Sutton, Ph.D.

Director of Pre-Theology Formation, St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA

Cost: \$150

Sessions: 3 Sessions plus 1 live/recorded discussion session with the presenter

Multi-Session Courses

Guiding Sponsors and Candidates

Many deacons have responsibility for parish OCIA processes or sacramental preparation programs. This course examines ways the deacon can more effectively guide sponsors and candidates on their faith journeys.

Presenter: Rev. Mr. Lawrence Sutton, Ph.D.

Director of Pre-Theology Formation, St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA

Cost: \$200

Sessions: 3 Sessions plus 1 live/recorded discussion session with the presenter

Living a Balanced Life

This course will explore how necessary ongoing formation is critical to keeping a balance between our marriage and family responsibilities (our first vocation), the work we do in the world to support and care for our households, and seeking to be a faithful and effective minister of the Word and Sacrament to, with, by, and for the people of God.

Presenter: Deacon Larry Matheny

St. Ignatius Parish, Ijamsville, MD

Cost: \$200

Sessions: 5 Sessions

LITURGY UPDATES & SEASONAL RESOURCES

FDLC

Two publishers have been chosen to print the four volumes of the Liturgy of the Hours – Ascension Press and Word on Fire.

- The publishers have announced that they will begin accepting pre-orders on July 1, 2026.
- The volumes will be released gradually.
- The first volume to ship will be Volume II – Lent and Easter seasons.
- Each volume will be shipped approximately one month before its permitted first use date.
- It is anticipated that digital and one volume editions will be available by the first Sunday of Advent 2028.
- Mandatory use for the revised translation of the Liturgy of the Hours is the first Sunday of Advent 2028.

JUNE 11, 2026: CONSECRATION OF THE COUNTRY TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

At the November 2025 Plenary Assembly, the Bishops of the United States voted to consecrate the USA to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in recognition of the nation's 250th birthday. Details of the celebration were assigned to the Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty.

*For more information including various resources and articles on religious liberty and patriotism, please refer to the website at **We Hold These Truths | USCCB**.*

Please click here for the Liturgical Resources for Local and Parish Celebrations of the Consecration of the United States of America to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This resource was created for use in dioceses and parishes to encourage celebration of the bishops' Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Recognizing the wide number of cultures and languages that make up the beautiful diversity of the Church, we invite communities to adapt the following celebration guide. A guide in Spanish is fully translated and **available for use**.

2026 EMHC WORKSHOPS

EMHC Coordinators or Liturgy Directors ONLY:

Please fill out our EMHC Formation Workshop Host Application to schedule a workshop for the Spring 2026 season. *Please note these workshops are for new EMHCs and are open to the whole deanery.*

Those looking to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can apply this Fall. EMHC Candidates must register for a workshop online via Eventbrite. A completed Petition for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion with the pastor's signature must be sent to the Office of Liturgy. [Click here to visit EMHC webpage and register.](#)

Blessed Trinity, Ocala (N)

June 27, 2026

St. Timothy, Lady Lake (N)

July 11, 2026

St. Isaac Jogues, Orlando (C)

July 11, 2026 (English & Spanish)

Basilica of St. Paul, Daytona Beach (E)

July 18, 2026

Basilica of St. Paul, Daytona Beach (E)

July 25, 2026 (Spanish only)

St. Mary of the Lakes, Eustis (N)

August 22, 2026

Resurrection, Lakela (W)

August 8, 2026

Epiphany, Port Orange (E)

August 29, 2026

Annunciation, Altamonte Springs (CN)

September 19th, 2026

Nativity, Longwood (CN)

October 17, 2026 (English & Spanish)

Resurrection, Lakeland (W)

October 24, 2026

St. Stephen, Winter Springs (CN)

November 8, 2026

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS

Join us for the 50th anniversary of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians in 2026! This year's theme, "Forever We Will Sing," takes its inspiration from Psalm 89. NPM's work to foster the art of musical liturgy has shaped Catholic worship since the Second Vatican Council – and our work is not done yet. [Click here to register.](#)

Join us on July 19-24 at Catholic University of America for 4 days of:

- Plenum Addresses – Breakouts
- Networking Opportunities – Community
- Special Events – National Awards – Exhibits

Happy Birthday

DEACON AL SOMMA 89

DEACON FELIX MORILLO 83

DEACON LARRY HERBERT 81

DEACON STEVE LUMBERT 81

DEACON MIKE BALCHUS 80

DEACON DAN PALLO 80



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

ENGLISH - FRIDAY THE 26, JUNE - 8:15 A.M.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL

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