



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 / 12 DE NOVIEMBRE 2023

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM-4:00 PM
closed for lunch
12-1:00 PM

MASSES TIMES

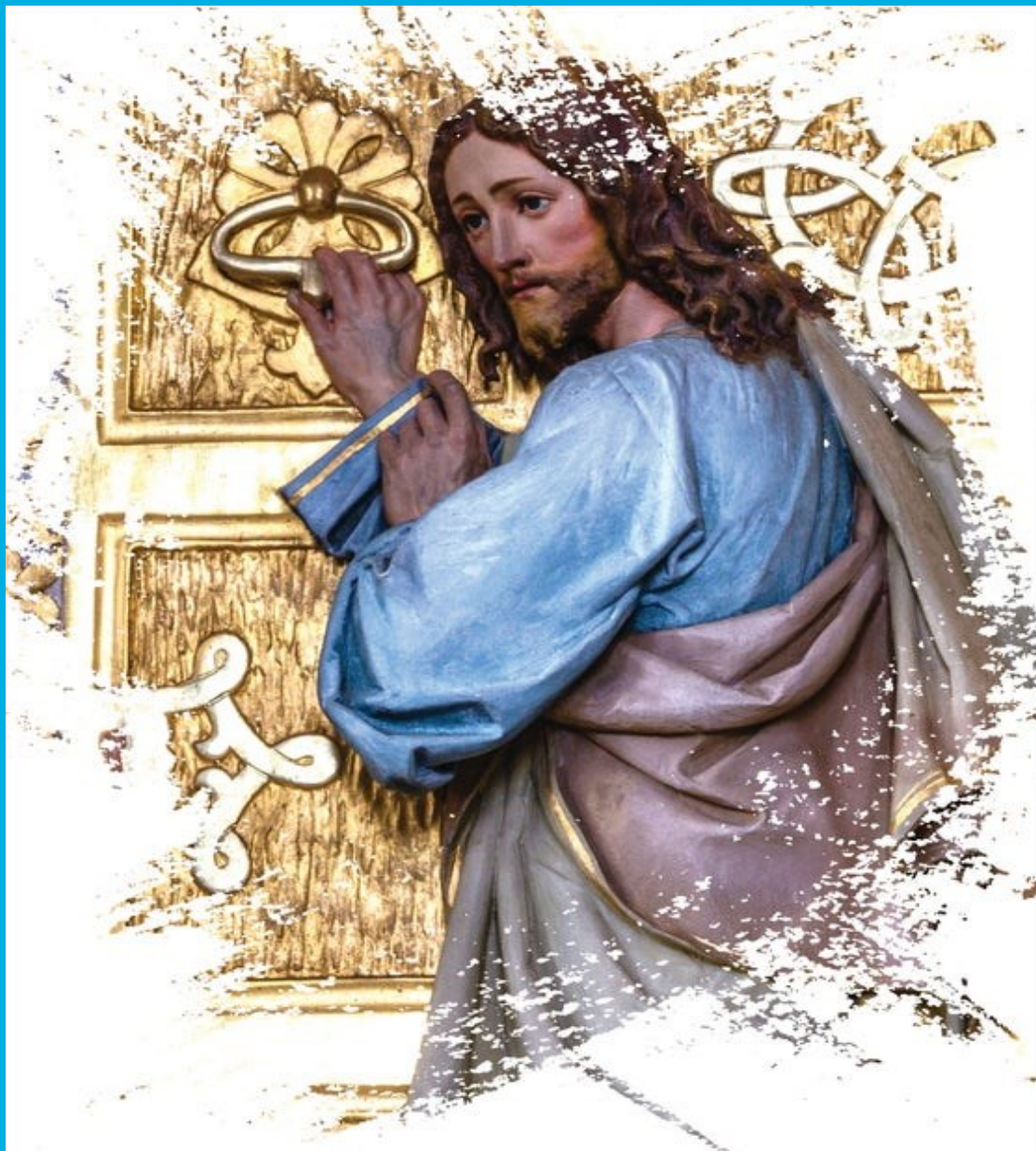
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses:
8:00 AM in English
9:30 AM in Spanish
11:00 AM in English

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM
Monday-Saturday

MISSION

*The Mission of St.
Joan of Arc Parish is
to put Jesus first in our
lives by seeking to
know Him in
Scripture,
Encountering
Him in Prayer,
Celebrating His
Presence among us
in praise and worship
and uniting with one
another in loving
service.*



“‘LORD, LORD, OPEN THE DOOR FOR US!’ BUT HE
SAID IN REPLY, ‘AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, I DO NOT
KNOW YOU.’” — MT 25:11-12



DIACONO JOSE

Las lecturas de hoy nos piden que permanezcamos vigilantes mientras esperamos la venida de la luz, de la alborada, del Señor que dijo que él es la luz del mundo. ¿Qué puede ayudarnos mientras esperamos con añoranza jubilosa? Pues, para empezar, la sabiduría, pues ella nos ilumina. Para encontrar la sabiduría hemos de buscarla, tal como lo indica nuestra primera lectura. Para reconocerla tenemos primero que percibirla. Y para percibirla hemos de amarla. Nos preparamos para nuestra vigilia con sabiduría, o sea, reflejando e intensificando esa luz, como las cinco vírgenes que llevaron los frascos de aceite, ya que no sabemos cuándo llegará el Señor, ni tampoco sabemos cuándo y cómo lo veremos en medio de nosotros. Por tanto, siempre debemos estar preparados para la llegada de esa nueva alborada, aprendiendo a percibir a Cristo en lugares inesperados y dispuestos a reflejar su luz a todos a nuestro alrededor.

Qué bueno si el esposo hubiera llegado a tiempo. Qué bueno que no se hubiese tardado tanto. Pero, desafortunada e impensadamente, “el esposo tardaba”. Consecuentemente, a las cinco vírgenes descuidadas se les acabó el aceite para sus lámparas. Todos hemos pasado por la experiencia de tener que esperar más, tal vez mucho más, de lo que pensábamos. En vez de que se nos acabara el aceite, probablemente se nos acabó la paciencia. Sería, por tanto, sabio empacar alguna paciencia adicional diariamente, a fin de estar preparados para aquellos momentos en que necesitamos esperar.

Los eruditos bíblicos han determinado que la carta de san Pablo a los tesalonicenses es el libro más antiguo del Nuevo Testamento, escrito sólo veinte años después de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Durante los primeros días de la Iglesia los cristianos creían que el fin del mundo podría ocurrir en cualquier momento. Es por eso que la duda se fue apoderando de aquellos que se preguntaban por qué la segunda venida aparentemente se “tardaba”. ¿Qué pasaría con aquellos que esperaron, esperaron y esperaron, pero murieron antes de que Jesús regresara? Pablo les asegura que aquellos que murieron en Jesús resucitarán como resucitó el Señor. Remplacen la tristeza con la esperanza, escribe Pablo, pues aquellos que han muerto —y los que morirán antes del fin del mundo— permanecerán con el Señor.

Pregunta de la Semana

¿Qué es lo que me ha ayudado en el pasado cuando comencé a sentirme impaciente? En adelante, ¿qué podré hacer para tratar de sacar más paciencia?



FATHER PAT

In last week's reading from the prophet Malachi, God rebukes the priests for failing to give the people the direction they need. The priests fail to bring the people closer to God through prayer and worship.

The priests have used their position to advance their own interests. Among their responsibilities, the priests were to interpret the laws of Moses for the people. Malachi criticizes the priests for not applying the Divine Laws equally. They favor the wealthy in their decisions so that they can achieve political gains and more wealth for themselves. The priests forget to remember that God is the master of the law that He gave them.

In this passage, we see the ideal that the priests were supposed uphold. They were to give glory and praise to God's name. They were supposed to remind the people that God is present to them at all times. They were to remind the people that God is their Father and Creator. At the time, the priests had the great privilege of pronouncing a blessing over the people in God's name. But the priests have strayed so far from the ideal they lose the privilege of serving as agents of God's benefits for the people. They were so self-absorbed in their own self-interest that they failed to serve God and His chosen people.

In last week's Gospel, Jesus gives similar complaints of religious leaders in His time. Jesus first tells the crowd that the Scribes and Pharisees have legitimate authority as leaders of Israel. They sit on the chair of Moses. They know the law. You need to listen to them when they proclaim and teach the law. But Jesus tells them not to follow their examples of how they live.

The Scribes and Pharisees lay heavy burdens on the people. They expect the people to follow all 613 laws in the Bible. However, they do not follow all these laws themselves. They refuse to help these people when the people ask them for support and guidance. These Scribes and Pharisees perform religious rituals like actors in a drama or play. They are totally self-centered and do whatever it takes to be the center of attention. They want to have the best seats at banquet halls and synagogues. They want titles of honor like Teacher or Rabbi.

Jesus is not saying it is wrong to have titles like Rabbi, teachers, master or father. Many fundamentalists will criticize the Catholic Church for using the title Father when describing their ordained leaders. But they fail to realize that is not a glorified title that praises a Church leader, it is a position of service. It describes what a person is, like a policeman, doctor, lawyer, engineer or fireman. These are not titles to build up one's ego. Jesus states that whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. What Jesus is telling us is that if we are truly followers of God we are there to serve and not be served.

Saint Mother Theresa stated,

“Each person's mission is a mission of love... Begin in the place where you are, with the people closest to you. Make your homes centers of compassion and forgive endlessly. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier... At the hour of death when we come face-to-face with God, we are going to be judged on love; not how much we have done, but how much love we put into the doing.”



NYLON AMERICAN FLAGS ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE!

These flags are manufactured by Annin and are the same flags that are raised and flown over the US Capital. These flags are the finest quality and fade resistant.

3'x5' \$20.00— 4' x 6' \$25— (Checks only please)

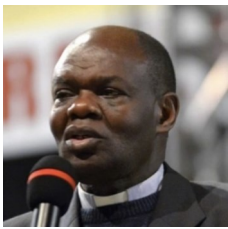
Offered in the Parish Office for the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly 3603

I just want to send a quick thank you note for your generous donation of feminine supplies to our school clinics. These items are in high demand, especially in the high school level, and your thoughtfulness did not go unnoticed. Wishing you all the best,

Cheryl Perdue

School Health Provider

Springstead High School



If you would like to donate to Fr. John Boshobora's ministry in Uganda, please write checks to:

American Friends of the Father Bash Foundation, Inc.

(or abbreviate AFFBF, Inc.)

6525 Pine Meadows Drive - Spring Hill, FL 34606

Fr. Bosh uses these funds to support over 20,000 orphans in Uganda.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St Joan of Arc Parish helps the poor with their monetary needs. Frequently, that can mean paying a light bill, a water bill or assisting with housing. The Society depends in part on the generosity of parishioners to assist in meeting the needs of the poor. Presently our requests are close to exceeding the monies available for assistance. There is a box with envelopes at the West entrance to the church. Please consider a monetary donation. The poor of our area need our support.

A NEW CATHOLIC CEMETERY WILL PROVIDE PEACE AND PERPETUAL REST

The Diocese of St. Petersburg is opening a new Catholic cemetery later this year in Hillsborough County that is easily accessible throughout West Central Florida. Even though Resurrection Catholic Cemetery will serve people of all faith backgrounds, Catholic identity will be a prominent feature of the grounds, which upon completion will be blessed by Bishop Gregory Parkes and considered sacred for all time.

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery is located on a 120-acre nature preserve in Seffner and will exclusively provide above-ground arrangements, the only cemetery of its kind in Florida. Tours of the cemetery grounds, including the mausoleum, are currently available for those interested in learning more. Cemetery staff are available to answer questions and provide a brochure on "Planning Your Cemetery Arrangements." To learn more, call 813-961-8400, email Terry Young via terry@resurrectioncemeteryfl.com or visit <https://resurrectioncemeteryfl.com>.

Into your hands O Lord, we commend the souls of our recently departed. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Go to our website:

www.StJoanofarefl.com and click on

Online Giving. Thank you.

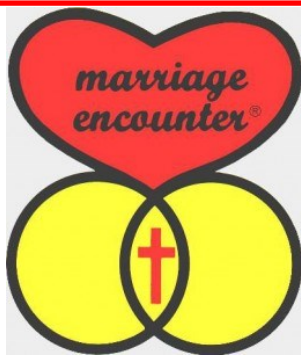
STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER 29, 2023

*Try tithing 10% for three months
and see how God blesses your life!*

Attendance: 712

Sunday Offertory: \$6138.75 Holy Souls: \$520.00 Debt: \$65.00

Online Giving: October 2023: \$4,907.00



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you to connect more deeply. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

The retreat weekend is November 17-19, 2023 at the Franciscan Center in Tampa. Learn more at www.WWME.org. Use Promo Code **SAVE50** to save 50% on application fee.

Questions? Contact Steve and Suzie 813-270-7832 or wwmetampabay@gmail.com.

PRAY FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

The violence and warfare between Gaza and Israel impacts us. The reports are tragic, and we unite in prayer for a peaceful resolution.

As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events. We call on the faithful, and all people of good will, to not grow weary and to continue to pray for peace in the land Our Lord, the Prince of Peace, called home



THE GIVING TREE FOR CHRISTMAS 2023

This year we are going back to the old way of giving gifts. We will be putting up the "Giving Tree" on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 24 in the East Narthex of the Church. Please take an ornament or two from the tree.

We are asking parishioners to purchase a NEW gift. Wrap it and securely fasten the ornament tag to the gift. Gifts should be brought to the Church Library instead of putting them under the tree for security reasons.

Bring gifts no later than Tuesday, December 12th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS BY ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

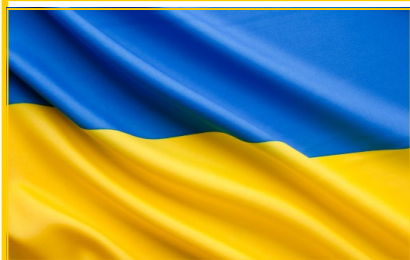
O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who've absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I've assisted and who've given me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who've taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way, especially_____.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

SUPPORT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN UKRAINE

If you would like to donate to the ongoing efforts to assist the people of Ukraine, please make your checks out to: St. Andrews' Church and write in the memo line: **UKRAINE**. All checks will be given to Fr. Mike Kouts and he will get the money directly to Ukraine. **THANK YOU!**





ST MARIA GORETTI SCHOLARSHIP

is available to All active Catholic 12th Grade High School young women entering College or Vocational Training.

1st Scholarship prize \$1000.00

2nd Scholarship \$500.00

3rd Scholarship \$500.00

Visit spdccw.org to obtain Scholarship application and details.

Under Events follow the link to St Maria Goretti Scholarship Forms and Information.

Deadline for submission is March 1, 2024.

Sponsored by the St Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership and Service. SPDCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and Society in the modern world.

St Vincent de Paul THRIFT STORE & FOOD PANTRY, 1291 Kass Circle—Spring Hill 352-688-3331 (Food list 4)

Our SVdP Food Pantry collects these suggested items each month. Please donate based on the first letter of your last name to help those in our area.

A,B.....rice, Spaghetti O's, Beef-a-Roni, ravioli.

C,D.....toilet paper, personal products, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

E,F,G.....canned vegetables, canned fruit, baked beans, instant potatoes.

H,I,J.....boxed cereals, powered milk.

K,L,M.....peanut butter, jelly, All Fruit, canned fruit drinks.

N,O,P.....spaghetti meat sauce, dry spaghetti.

Q,R,S,T...beef stew, canned tuna, canned ham, Spam.

U,V,W,X...chunky soup, clear broth, Ramen noodles.

Y,Z.....Rice-a-Roni, macaroni & cheese, Hamburger Helper.



NEEDED: A MASON

We need to hire a Mason to assist the Knights of Columbus Council #11317 in erecting a memorial on the grounds of St. Joan of Arc for the Unborn. Materials including cinder blocks, bricks and a carved granite plaque have already been obtained. The design has been approved. We need a mason to bring this memorial to the final stage. Funds have been donated to pay for this work.

Please contact:

Norman Aldrich at 352-585-3175

if you are interested in applying for this position or if you know of someone that could assist us in this endeavor. If you wish to donate additional funds for this project, they will be gratefully accepted and will be used to enhance this memorial site.

PARISH RETREAT ON PURGATORY

The Knights of Columbus council 11317 will be facilitating a retreat on Saturday, Dec. 9 2023 in the St. Joan of Arc church hall. The theme of the retreat will be Purgatory with presentations on saints who have seen purgatory, prayers to assist the souls in purgatory, and much more. Reconciliation will be offered at the end of the retreat to anyone who is interested. All parishioners are invited and lunch will be provided at no charge. Attendance count is needed so to reserve a spot or spots at the retreat or any questions concerning the retreat, please call Doug Stone at 352-549-4998 or you can sign up after weekend Masses.

What – Parish Retreat

Theme - Purgatory

When – Saturday December 9, 2023

Where – St. Joan of Arc church Social Hall

Time – 9am till 3:30pm

Speakers – Mary Jo W., Fr. Pat, Fr. Dennis, Deacon Jose and Deacon Tom

Cost- Free

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/

Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

OBSERVANCES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

MONTHLY EVENTS

Choir Practice 6:00PM

4th Degree Knights 1st Thursdays 2:00PM

Knights of Columbus Board 2nd Thursdays 2:00PM

Knights of Columbus Meeting 2nd Thursdays 7:00PM

Prayer Group in English every Thursday 6PM

Youth Group—every Wednesday 6:30-8:00PM

St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Monday 9:30AM

Adult Ed—Thursdays 1:00PM

RCIA—Sunday 9:00AM

Rosary Making - every Wednesday 9:30 AM

Estudio de la Biblia los lunes a las 6:00PM

Legionarias de María cada miércoles 9:30AM

Adoración los jueves 9:45AM

Adoration Thursdays at 6:00PM

MASS INTENTIONS JOIN IN PRAYER-DAILY ROSARY IN THE CHURCH BEGINNING AT 8:25 AM—MON-FRI

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

9:00 AM † Jackie Butterfield req by
her Loving Husband, Chuck

4:00 PM † Richard Olley req by a Family Friend

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

8:00 AM † Max and Mary Best req by
Michelle and Kristy Best

9:30 AM For our Parish Community

11:00 AM † Sam and Agnes Bocola req by
daughter Rosemarie and family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 AM † Theodore and MaryAnn Statuto
req by Loving Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 AM † Martin Gormley req by his loving Family

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15

9:00 AM † Donald Frank req by Mary Frank

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16

9:00 AM † Jorge Pita req by Maria Fernandez

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17

9:00 AM † Al Surkis req by Gene and Carol Saucier

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18

9:00 AM † Dan and Sue DeVico req by Lora Balatsos

4:00 PM † Monsignor George Dudak req by
Maureen and Kate

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

8:00 AM † Howard Bowles req by John Herron

9:30 AM For our Parish Community

11:00 AM † Paul Sirois
req by His loving Wife, Anne

PARISH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Patrick Rebel
Asst. Priests: Rev. Edward Reiter
..... Rev. Michael Kouts
..... Rev. Dennis Kaelin

Deacons: Deacon Jose Cruz
..... Deacon Tom Casey
Deacon Jose Cruz
Pastoral Consultant Mark McGovern

Business Manager Melinda Pataki
Director of Faith Formation Mary Jo Waggoner
..... Ffofficesjao@gmail.com
Director of Junior High and Youth Ministry Nancy Lovelock
..... Sjoa-youth@tampabay.rr.com
Director of Music Joyce Thorpe
..... Sjoaorganist@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 10:00 am-11:00 am or by appointment.

BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN
Please call the Parish Office to pre-register. (352) 688-0663.
Workshop is 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6pm.

MATRIMONY If you are contemplating marriage at St. Joan of Arc Church, please be mindful that there is a six month, prior Notice Request, required.

PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE EMAIL
Sjoa-office@tampabay.rr.com

BULLETIN EMAIL sjoa-bulletin@tampabay.rr.com

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY
FFofficesjao@gmail.com & Sjoa-youth@tampabay.rr.com

RCIA/RCIC
Rite Initiation into the Catholic Faith

“IN HIS FOOTSTEPS” SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH
Served in our Parish Family Hall the 4th Thursday of each month from Noon-2:00 pm & on 2nd Thursdays lunches are delivered to our homebound.

MARY & MARTHA’S GIFT SHOP
SjoaGiftShop@gmail.com
Saturday 3:30 pm-5:30 pm
Sunday 7:00 am-12:30 pm
Wednesdays 9:30 am-10:30 am
Closed during all Masses.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
(352) 556-3670

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL
(352) 683-0755
www.ndcsfl.org