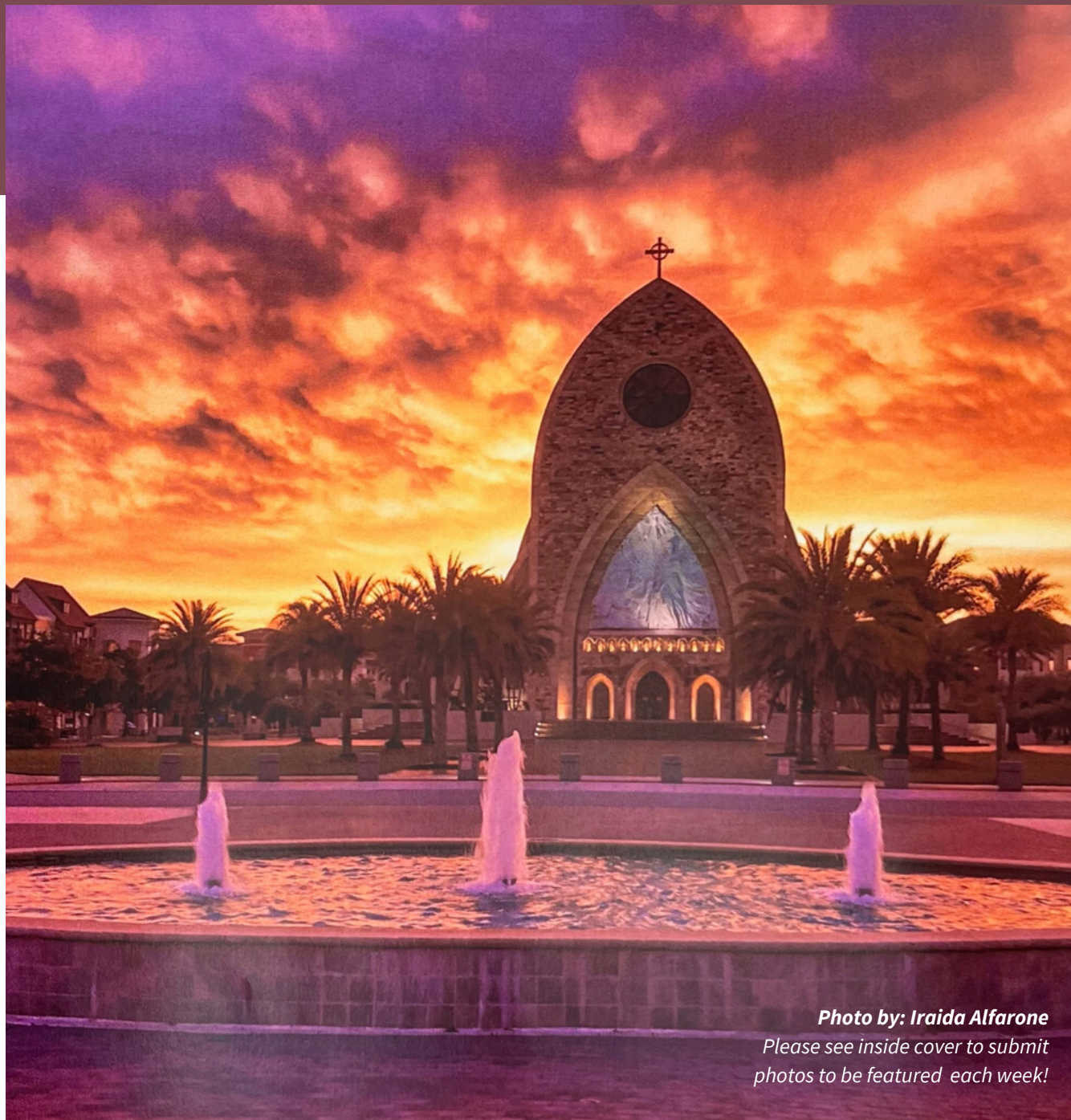


September 24-25, 2022 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# AVE MARIA

## CATHOLIC Church



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## Weekly Reflection



In his Encyclical Letter, *Deus Caritas Est* (2005), Benedict XVI considers the nature of Christian love. In his letter, he encourages us to be people “whose hearts Christ has conquered with his love, awakening within us a love of neighbor.”

Sometimes we busy ourselves with activities, and we forget that works without love have no soul, that actions without love are lifeless! This is Saint Paul’s teaching to the Corinthians: “If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing,” (1 Cor 13: 3).

What is the foundation of our activities? Why do we offer our service to our brothers and sisters? If our works have no other aim than improving the world, sooner or later, we will be disappointed. The world passes away! The ultimate criterion of our works must be rooted in something that does not pass away.

The love of Christ does not pass away: his love “endures forever.” Activities without love are lifeless, and love without Christ is weak. Love that is nourished by an encounter with Christ becomes the strongest foundation of our activities.

How is our love in Christ? Let us listen to the teachings of Saint Paul and learn: “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth,” (1 Cor 13: 4-6).

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Do you enjoy taking photos of our beautiful Church? Please share them with us! Send your photos to **[media@avemariaparish.org](mailto:media@avemariaparish.org)** and be featured on the cover of the bulletin. We will of course offer recognition for your beautiful work!

# MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



## Sat. September 24

- 9:00am + Vicente Crisstomo
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Ernie Mitchell
- 7:00pm (SP) + Joseph Casacci Sr.

## Sun. September 25

- 8:00am The Parish Community
- 10:00am Greater Respect of Human Life
- 12:30pm (EF) Richard Curley
- 7:30pm Joseph Paul Rowe

## Mon. September 26

- 7:30am Caroline Rainey
- 12:00pm + Annie Rosser
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Carmen D. Midy

## Tues. September 27

- 7:30am Maria Savino
- 12:00pm Arturo Ariles
- 5:00pm + Charles Feniello

## Wed. September 28

- 7:30am Lorraine Greski
- 12:00pm Joy Peirce
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Michael Andrew Ng

## Thur. September 29

- 7:30am + Richard Edmund Curley
- 12:00pm John Micillo and Family
- 5:00pm Linda Wells

## Fri. September 30

- 7:30am + James Land
- 12:00pm Sophia Micillo
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm Violet Carmila
- 6:30pm-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

## Sat. October 1

- 9:00am Aux. Memb. Legion of Mary
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm Colton Pointz
- 7:00pm (SP) Paula Perez

## Sun. October 2

- 8:00am + Maria Bodino
- 10:00am The Parish Community
- 12:30pm (EF) Jean Montagna
- 7:30pm + Bernadette Scillieri

## Color Key for Priests

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|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| ● Fr. David Vidal   | ● Fr. Romanus Cessario | ● Fr. Joseph Lugalambi | ● FSSP            |
| ● Fr. John Andem    | ● Fr. Rick Martignetti | ● Fr. Anbu             | ● Fr. Bob Garrity |
| ● Fr. Richard Bondi | ● Fr. Guy Mansini      |                        |                   |

Contact the Parish Office for Mass Intentions. Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial por Intenciones de Misa



# PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



## Baptism

- September 17, 2022
  - Massimo Pablo Delnero

\*Contact the parish office for information on scheduling a baptism and the required classes for parents and godparents.

## Holy Matrimony

- September 17, 2022
  - Juan Ariel Medina and Sariam Jacomino

\*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.

## Anointing of the Sick

*The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.*

\*Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick. For an emergency, call 239.261.5555 and follow the instructions.



## Prayer of the Week:

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

*Lord, make me a channel of thy peace,  
that where there is hatred, I may bring love;  
that where there is wrong,  
I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;  
that where there is discord, I may bring harmony;  
that where there is error, I may bring truth;  
that where there is doubt, I may bring faith;  
that where there is despair, I may bring hope;  
that where there are shadows, I may bring light;  
that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.  
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to  
comfort than to be comforted;  
to understand, than to be understood;  
to love, than to be loved.  
For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.  
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.  
It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.*

## Oración de la Semana:

SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍ

*Oh, Señor, hazme un instrumento de Tu Paz .  
Donde hay odio, que lleve yo el Amor.  
Donde haya ofensa, que lleve yo el Perdón.  
Donde haya discordia, que lleve yo la Unión.  
Donde haya duda, que lleve yo la Fe.  
Donde haya error, que lleve yo la Verdad.  
Donde haya desesperación, que lleve yo la Alegría.  
Donde haya tinieblas, que lleve yo la Luz.*

*Oh, Maestro, haced que yo no busque tanto ser  
consolado, sino consolar;  
ser comprendido, sino comprender;  
ser amado, como amar.*

*Porque es: Dando , que se recibe;  
Perdonando, que se es perdonado;  
Muriendo, que se resucita a la Vida Eterna.*

# PARISH LIFE



**September 27**

**New Parishioner's  
Gathering**

6:30 PM / Parish Hall



**October 6-7**

**Annual Traveling  
Rosary Congress**

24 Hrs Starting at 5:30 PM  
Oct. 6 / Church



**October 19-21**

**Respect Life Conference  
Save the Dates**

Ave Maria Church



**October 29**

**All Saints Picnic  
Save the Date**

11:00 AM-2:00 PM / Piazza

## Blessing of the Animals

COMMEMORATING THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

**When:** Saturday, October 1st, at 11:00 AM

**Where:** In Front of the Church

In his *Canticle of Creation*, St. Francis of Assisi praises God for all living things. Sponsored by the *St. Clare Secular Franciscan Fraternity*, the Blessing of the Animals commemorates this tradition. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. NO snakes.

Please bring diapers, baby wipes for *The Mary and Mercy Center Immokalee Outreach* and receive a blessed St. Francis medal. For more information Beatrice Sanford [bsanfordSFO@gmail.com](mailto:bsanfordSFO@gmail.com)



## October - Respect Life Month

### CANDLE LIGHT ROSARY

**When:** Sunday, October 2nd, 6-7 PM

**Where:** Gathering at the Church

Join the Respect Life Ministry for a Candle Light Rosary for the Unborn. This event is organized and sponsored by the Ave Maria Catholic Church Respect Life Ministry. For more information, contact Sharon Levesque at [AMPRespectLifeMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:AMPRespectLifeMinistry@gmail.com)

## Hail Mary Lecture Series

AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY

**100 Years of Fascism** w/Dr. Paul Baxa - Professor of History

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 1 | 3-4 PM

Doors open at 2:30 pm (Light refreshments)

**Where:** The Demetree Lecture Hall (AMU Academic Bldg.)

**AMU Football v Southwestern University**

7:00PM | Ave Maria Gyrene Field

**Ave Maria Parish and Knight of Columbus Night!**



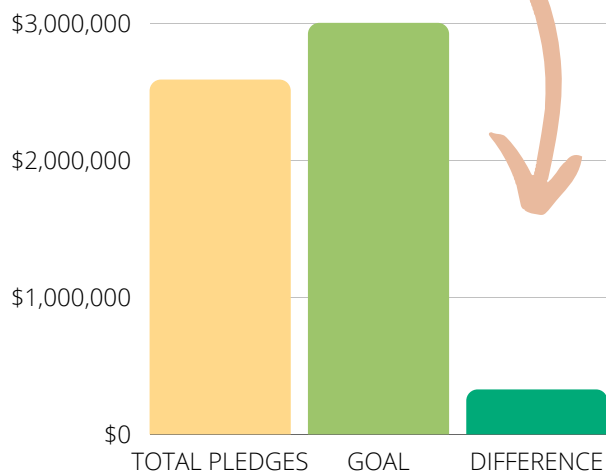
# PARISH STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

## COLLECTION SUMMARY

● 9/3 & 9/4 Total	\$19,144	● Weekly Budget*	\$18,943
Donations to CFA 2022	\$60,735	CFA Goal	\$210,000
Pledges Collected to Date	\$1,976,304	Campaign Victory Goal	\$3,000,000
Total Campaign Pledges	\$2,674,504	*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt	



*only*  
**\$325,496**  
**TO GO!**



## Parish Capital Campaign

The ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** is underway and your gift is vital for our success. Thanks to the generosity of 179 donors, \$1,222,993 was raised, during our renewed efforts, bringing the total of pledges to \$2,674,504. However, we need your help to reach our **goal of \$3,000,000** to help reduce our debt and fund necessary improvements.

Deacon Gary Ingold addressed our parish community in November to invite everyone to prayerfully consider a three-year pledge to the Ave Maria Parish Campaign. We ask you now to join us in supporting ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** to secure the financial future of our growing parish community.

For more information, contact our Parish Office at **Office@AveMariaParish.org**; or visit **www.AveGives.org**; to make your secure online pledge. Ave Maria Parish also accepts gifts of stocks and IRA distributions. God bless you for your generosity!

## Ave Maria Legacy Society

Created in 2022, the Ave Maria Legacy Society acknowledges the generosity of individuals who have included Ave Maria Catholic Church or Ave Maria Parish School: The Donahue Academy as a beneficiary of his/her estate and created a statement of their intention to provide for the long-term sustainability of the Ave Maria Parish community. For more information contact volunteer gift planning officer *Beatrice T. Sanford*, OFS 239-261-5555, email [GiftPlanning@AveMariaParish.org](mailto:GiftPlanning@AveMariaParish.org) or visit our website <https://www.AveMariaParish.org/ways-to-give>



# MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

## Respect Life Ministry

### 2022 PRO-LIFE SPEAKER SERIES AND EVENTS

The Ave Maria Catholic Church Respect Life Ministry presents the **2022 Pro-Life Speaker Series and Events**.

Wednesday, October 19th, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Ave Maria Catholic Church

**Andrew Guernsey**, Executive Director, Senate Pro-Life Caucus: *"Fighting for Life after Roe in our Nation's Capital"*

Thursday, October 20th, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Ave Maria Catholic Church

**Steven W. Mosher**, renowned author and speaker, internationally recognized authority on China and population issues, CPCI Advisory Board Member, and Ave Maria resident: *"Before and After Roe...What Pro-Lifers Should Be Doing Now"*

Friday, October 21st, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Ave Maria Catholic Church

### Adoration for Life: Dedicated to the Unborn

October 22nd and 23rd, All weekend Masses Homily on the Sanctity of Human Life  
The Community Pregnancy Clinic, Inc. mobile van will be on site during event times Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for visitation and for essential baby supplies and diaper drive donations.

For more information, contact Sharon Levesque, Ave Maria Respect Life Ministry President and Events Coordinator at **[AMPRespectLifeMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:AMPRespectLifeMinistry@gmail.com)**



### Children's Holy Hour

Monday, September 26  
6:30-7:30 pm **NEW TIME** | Church  
Becky Hampton  
[Becky.H@avemariaparish.org](mailto:Becky.H@avemariaparish.org)



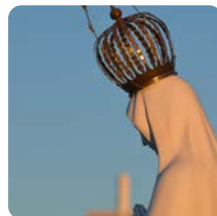
### Fraternus

Wednesday, September 28  
5:30-8:30 pm | Parish Hall **NEW PLACE**  
Tom Nuttle  
[avemariafraternus2022@gmail.com](mailto:avemariafraternus2022@gmail.com)



### AA Meeting

Thursday, September 29  
6:45-8:15 pm | Parish Hall  
Daniel Linton  
[dlinton58@gmail.com](mailto:dlinton58@gmail.com)



### Junior Legion of Mary

Saturday, October 1  
10-11 am | Parish Hall  
Sandy Dinan  
[sjndinan@gmail.com](mailto:sjndinan@gmail.com)

# Donahue Academy

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Last weekend offered an excellent opportunity to understand how successfully our parish school prepares students to Encounter Christ and Pursue Excellence in All Things. As previously announced, there was both a Model UN Conference, and a Cross Country meet on Saturday, September 17th. What you may not know is that many of our students participated in both of these events and several additional activities.

Before school began on Friday morning, our award-winning High School Robotics Team was busy working on their robot and programming in the school's robotics area. After regular school classes were over, our Model UN Team traveled to Gulf Coast High School to participate in the opening sessions of SharkMUNC VI.

Saturday morning was a triple-header for a not-insignificant portion of our team. These students sang the Star Spangled Banner with the school choir to kick off the Ave Invite, ran in the High School 5K, and then spent the rest of the day discussing international relations with over 200 other students from the surrounding area. Several of our students participated in everything: Robotics and SharkMUNC VI on Friday, Choir, Cross Country, and SharkMUNC VI on Saturday.

Not only were our students busy, but they were also very productive. Our High School Boys and Girls, Middle School Boys, and Elementary School Girls Cross Country Teams won their meets, Middle School Girls and Elementary School Boys each took second in their meets. The Model UN team earned a pair of Verbal Commendations for Great Work and Skill in Debate for their work in the UNESCO and Security Council sessions.

Also worthy of note is Leo Borjon's 1st Place finish at the Ave Invite and our 8-Man Football team's 50-0 win on Friday night.



## 2022 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

KOC AVE MARIA COUNCIL #14697

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**Essay Topic:** In an essay of 500-750 words, explain how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the Sacraments.

*Participants from Donahue Academy, other Catholic schools, home school students, and public schools are welcome.*

It is for 8th through 12th grades. Winners are selected from each grade, and a **\$50 award** is given to each. The winners go on to compete at Jurisdictional and International levels.

The essays must be completed and turned in by **Monday, October 3, 2022**, so time is of the essence!

For more information, contact Jeff McManus, Advocate, Ave Maria Knights of Columbus  
[jjmcmmanus24@gmail.com](mailto:jjmcmmanus24@gmail.com)





# IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

## Reflexión Semanal



En su Carta Encíclica, *Deus Caritas Est* (2005), Benedicto XVI considera la naturaleza del amor cristiano. En su carta, el nos alienta a ser personas “cuyos corazones han sido conquistados por el amor de Cristo, despertando dentro de nosotros el amor al prójimo.” A veces nos llenamos de actividades, y nos olvidamos que las obras sin amor no tienen alma, que las acciones sin amor no tienen vida! Esta es la enseñanza de San Pablo a los Corintios: “Aunque repartiera todo lo que poseo e incluso sacrificara mi cuerpo para ser quemado, si no tengo amor, de nada me sirve,” (1 Cor 13: 1).

¿Cuál es el fundamento de nuestras actividades? ¿Por qué ofrecemos nuestro servicio a nuestros hermanos y hermanas? Si nuestras obras no tienen otro fin que mejorar el mundo, tarde o temprano, nos decepcionaremos. ¡El mundo pasa! El criterio último de nuestras obras debe estar enraizado en algo que no pasa.

El amor de Cristo no pasa: su amor “permanece para siempre.” Las actividades sin amor no tienen vida, y el amor sin Cristo es débil. El amor que se nutre del encuentro con Cristo será el fundamento más sólido para nuestras actividades. ¿Cómo es nuestro amor en Cristo? Escuchemos las enseñanzas de San Pablo y aprendamos: “El amor es paciente y muestra comprensión. El amor no tiene celos, no aparenta ni se infla. No actúa con bajeza ni busca su propio interés, no se deja llevar por la ira y olvida lo malo. No se alegra de lo injusto, sino que se goza en la verdad,” (1 Cor 13: 4-6).

## CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS 101

### How TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH

6:00PM TO 7:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL

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10/25, 11/15, 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16

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ANNUAL *TRAVELING*

# ROSARY CONGRESS

Ave Maria Parish



## OCT. 6-7

Ave Maria Parish will join the Diocesan Annual Traveling Rosary Congress with the celebration of the **5:00 pm Mass on Thursday, Oct. 6**. Then, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church for the following 24 hours (except when Masses are celebrated). At the top of the hour, the rosary will be recited.

On Thursday, Oct. 6, **confessions** will be offered from **6-7:30 pm**.

On **Friday, Oct. 7**, after the 5 pm Mass, we will conclude the **24 hours of prayer with a Eucharistic Procession** around campus.



AVE MARIA PARISH  
Rosary Congress  
Sign Up for adoration.