

Jan. 7-Jan. 8, 2023 | The Epiphany of the Lord

AVE MARIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekly Reflection



The beginning of a new year allows us to think about something we give for granted: “time.”

In a sense, the past is not anymore, the future may not arrive, and the present is only an “instant.” In his letter, the apostle James shows a vivid image of the reality of time: “*You are a puff of smoke that appears briefly and then disappears*” (James 4:14). For God’s grace, we “appear” in this world, and when God calls us back, we will return to him and “disappear” from this world. Time is limited!

Time is not only limited, but it is also precious. Do we not use to say: “*Time is money*”? Any business person knows that there is no success without the good use of time. Now, for a person of faith, time is much more than money! As Saint Jose Maria Escriva de Balaguer used to say: “*Time is glory!*” Why? Because at this moment, we can receive the grace of God and the glory of heaven. Therefore, we must be diligent and use our time wisely!

What does it mean to be diligent? Let us listen to Jose Maria Escriva: “*Our everyday usage of this word 'diligent' already gives us some idea of its Latin origin. 'Diligent' comes from the verb 'diligo,' which means to love, to appreciate, to choose something after careful consideration and attention. The diligent man does not rush into things. He does his work thoughtfully and lovingly*” (Friends of God, 81).

Let us use our time wisely! Let us be diligent by thinking, loving, and doing what is good, true, and beautiful in God’s eyes! Then, our time will never be more closely united to eternity!

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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** and be featured on the cover of the bulletin. We will of course offer recognition for your beautiful work!

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Sat. January 7

- 9:00am + George Rotkvin
- ● ● 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Irene Dougherty

Sun. January 8

- 8:00 am + Bob Klucik Sr.
- 10:00am Rick Evans
- 12:30pm (EF) Carol Bailey
- 5:00pm (SP) + Juan Rodriguez
- 7:30pm + Joseph & Patricia Lancellot

Mon. January 9

- 7:30am + Elizabeth Glenn
- 12:00pm + Norma Labrador Soto
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Duska Anne Meister Waite

Tues. January 10

- 7:30 am (EF) + Jeff Williamson
- 12:00pm + Dick Weber
- 5:00pm + Daniel Bonham

Wed. January 11

- 7:30am + Roger Jelsma
- 12:00pm + Luz Celis Crisostomo
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Gary Hurley

Thur. January 12

- 7:30 am (EF) + Henry Deptula
- 12:00 pm +Bernardo Leyva
- 5:00pm +Dr. Francis Tamisiea

Fri. January 13

- 7:30am Suzanne Dionne
- 12:00pm + Robert Klucik Sr.
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + James Hoffman
- 6:30pm-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

Sat. January 14

- 9:00am Joseph Micillo & family
- ● ● 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm Todd Leelay

Sun. January 15

- 8:00 am + Joseph & Patricia Lancellot
- 10:00am + Andrea Benlock
- 12:30pm (EF) Parish Community
- 5:00pm (SP) Hilda Garcia Tondo
- 7:30pm Rich Dittus

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. Eamon McManus | ● Fr. Bob Garrity |
| | ● Fr. Richard Bondi | ● Fr. Guy Mansini | |

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

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

Baptism is God's most beautiful gift, it renews us through the Holy Spirit, and washes away our sins, especially original sin.

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

Holy Matrimony

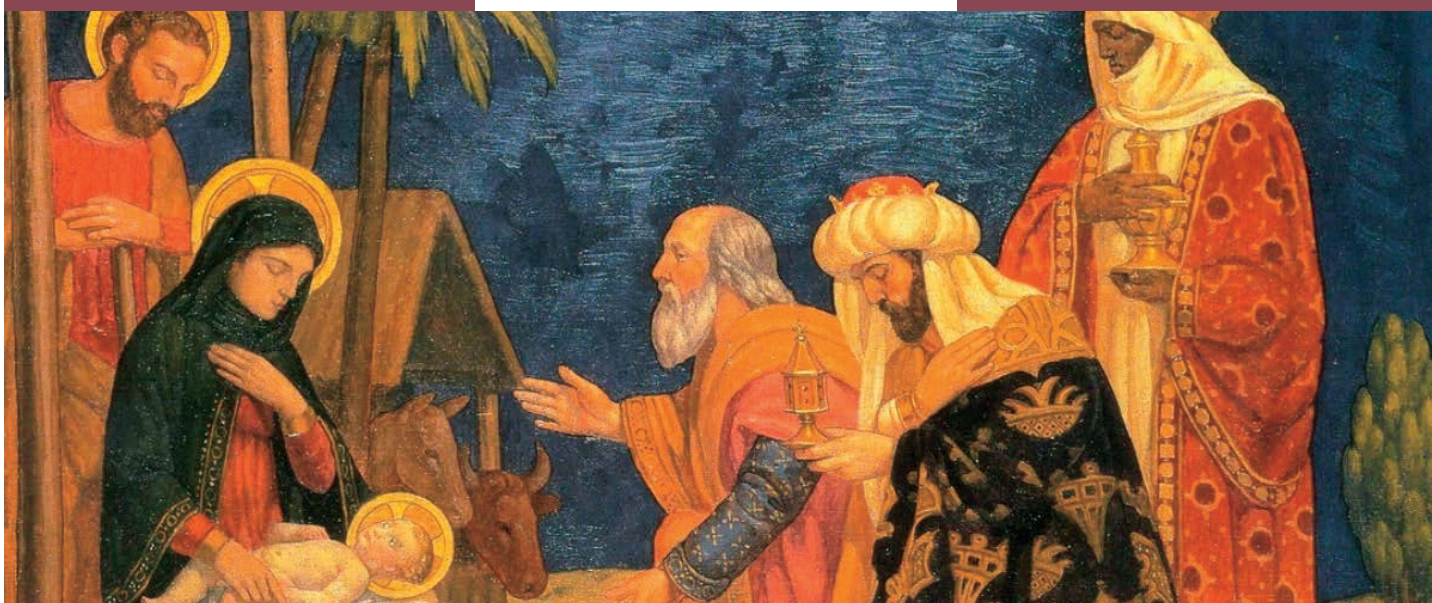
Marriage is a union of love and a response to God's call to holiness. The love of husband and wife becomes the symbol of God's love on earth.

*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:

Feast of the Epiphany

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Oración de la Semana:

Fiesta de la Epifanía

Que el esplendor de tu majestad, oh Señor, roguemos, derrame su luz sobre nuestros corazones, para que podamos atravesar las sombras de este mundo y alcanzar el resplandor de nuestro hogar eterno. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

PARISH LIFE



January 14

Parish Men's Retreat

7:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Church & AMU Ballroom



January 21

Ave Maria Pro-Life
March

Evening Event
Ave Maria Church & AMU



January 25

Youth Choral Festival
& Mass

4:00 - 6:00 PM
Ave Maria Church



March 9

Catholic Culture Series
Dr. Christopher O. Blum

7:00 PM / AMU (Prince Bldg.)

SAVE *The* DATE

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AVE MARIA PARISH
MEN'S RETREAT

**MY HEART
IS READY,**

O GOD, MY HEART IS READY

Psalm 57:8

Directed by: Fr. David Vidal

Understanding our hearts and their education is fundamental for our good and communicating goodness to others. As the Venerable Fulton Sheen teaches: "Nothing ever happens in the world that does not happen first inside human hearts."

ONLY \$35! Mass and Confessions will be offered, as well as breakfast and lunch!

For more information and registrations, contact Deacon Jeff Ball
Jeffrey.B@AveMariaParish.org or
Knight of Columbus' Grand Knight,
John Lanham john432apf@gmail.com



DAY	TIME	Location
JAN, 14	7:30 a - 2:30 p	Ave Maria Church & AMU Ballroom

PARISH STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

COLLECTION SUMMARY

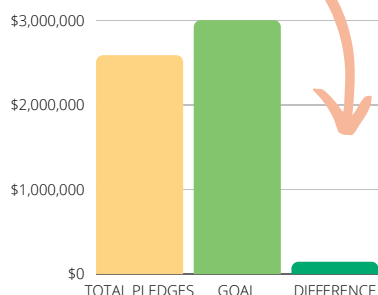
12/24 & 12/25 Total	\$54,632	Weekly Budget*	\$18,943
Donations to CFA 2022	\$60,735	CFA Goal	\$210,000
Pledges Collected to Date	\$2,233,765	Campaign Victory Goal	\$3,000,000
Total Campaign Pledges	\$2,859,627	*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt	



only

\$140,373

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 240 donors, \$1,400,816 was raised, during our renewed efforts, bringing the total of pledges to \$2,859,627. However, we need your help to reach our **goal of \$3,000,000** to help reduce our debt and fund necessary improvements.

Please, join us in supporting ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** to secure the financial future of our growing parish community.



Tax Smart Giving

IRA - REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

This is the time of year that many of us are receiving the Notice of Required Minimum Distribution from our IRA Administrators. Did you know that you can direct your Required Minimum Distribution to Ave Maria Catholic Church and avoid increasing your taxable income by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution?

You can request your IRA Administrator to send a check payable to Ave Maria Catholic Church or any other qualified charity to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution. Donations made to reduce debt help the Parish by decreasing the interest payments due on the debt, thereby freeing up Parish funds for ministry. Please check with your professional advisors for more information on this beneficial giving option.

For more information, contact Beatrice Sanford at (239) 867-4900 or email at giftplanning@avemariaparish.org

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

Ave Maria March For Life

SATURDAY, JAN. 21, 2023 / 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Organized and Sponsored By:

Ave Maria Catholic Church Respect Life Ministry
Ave Maria University (AMU)
Community Pregnancy Clinics Inc. (CPCI)
Maria Vision USA
Knights of Columbus Ave Maria Council #14697

Master of Ceremony: Pam Stenzel, Senior
Regional Clinical Director, CPCI

Special Guest Speaker: Bishop Frank Dewane,
Diocese of Venice

Speakers: Mark Middendorf, President, AMU,
and Katheryn Hallinan, CPCI

Pope Benedict XVI said, *"The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right -- it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society."*

This January 2023 marks the 50th year, that pro-life Americans will gather from around the Nation to bring light to the evil of abortion.

All are invited to join us for this second annual pro-life event in Ave Maria. The march begins from the AMU football field and concludes in front of Ave Maria Catholic Church with a free lunch of hot dogs, chips and drink. The march route is under a mile. Golf cart riders are welcome. For more information, contact Sharon Levesque at: amprespectlifeministry@gmail.com



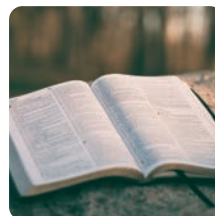
St. Clare Secular Franciscans

Sunday, January 8
12:00 - 4:00 PM | Parish Hall
Beatrice Sanford
bsanfordSFO@gmail.com



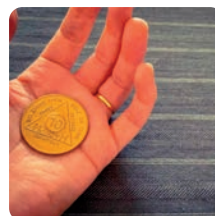
Columbiettes

Tuesday, January 10
6:00 - 8:00 PM | Parish Hall
Okkie Van Wyk
ovanwyk@coservices.net



Bible Studies

Thursday, January 12
1:00 - 3:30 PM | Parish Hall
Peggy Meyer
pegmeyer@gmail.com



AA Meeting

Thursday, January 12
6:45 - 8:15 PM | Parish Hall
Daniel Linton
dlinton58@gmail.com

Adult Catholic Studies

WHY WE BELIEVE - DR. BRANT PITRE

The Ave Maria Parish Faith Formation Program invites all adults to join the upcoming *Adults Catholic Studies: Why We Believe*

When: Friday Morning Classes Starting January 13 - March 3, 2023 (10-11:30 AM)

Where: Parish Hall

Facilitator: Lyn Rooney, M.A. Biblical Theology

Registration: Lynroo@comcast.net

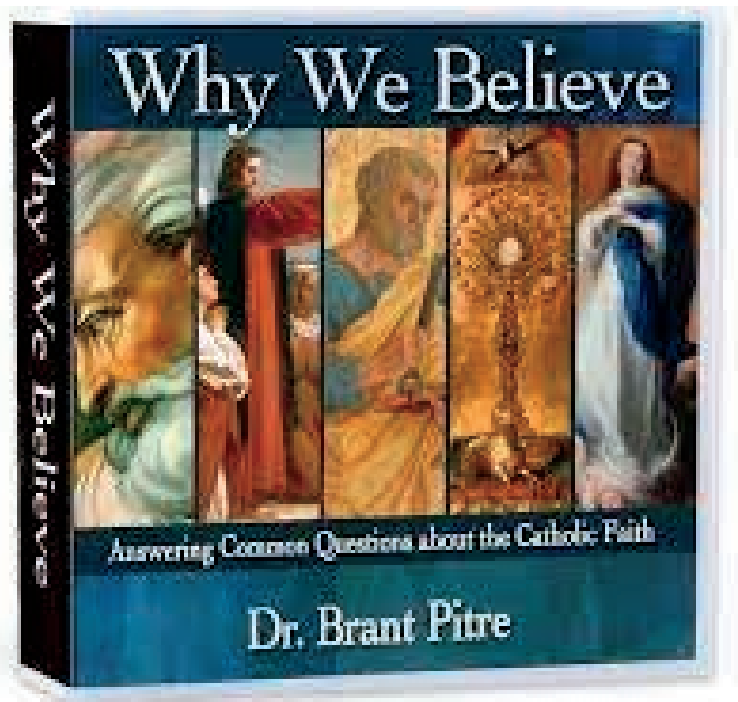
Do you want a better understanding of Catholicism so you can explain and defend your Catholic Faith to friends and family?

In this remarkable 8-WEEK VIDEO series, Dr. Brant Pitre takes up the most commonly asked questions about the Catholic Faith.

- Are the teachings of the Catholic Church biblical?
- Why should we believe in the existence of God?
- Did Jesus claim to be God?
- Is Catholicism true, or is it just made up?
- How can I explain the Faith to my family and friends who no longer believe?

If you have any questions about our *Faith Formation Program*, contact Becky Hampton at becky.h@avemariaparish.org

"Every disciple of the Lord Jesus shares in this mission. To do their part, adult Catholics must be mature in faith and well equipped to share the Gospel, promoting it in every family circle, in every church gathering, in every place of work, and in every public forum" (USCCB)



Catholic Apologetics 101

FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE

Apologetics 101: How to Defend Your Faith
All parish middle-school and high-school invited!
January 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM, Parish Hall.
Topic: *Problems with Evolution Theory*

Taught by Dr. Thomas Carr. Sponsored by the Ave Maria Homeschool Committee. No registration needed. For questions: dr_carr@drstox.com



IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



El comienzo de un nuevo año nos permite reflexionar sobre algo que a veces damos por descontado: “el tiempo.”

En cierto sentido, el pasado ya no existe, el futuro quizás no llegue, y el presente es sólo un “instante.” En su carta, el apóstol Santiago muestra una imagen del tiempo que impresiona: *“¡Sois vapor que aparece un momento y después desaparece!”* (Santiago, 4:14). Por gracia de Dios, “aparecemos” en este mundo, y cuando Dios nos llama, retornamos a El y “desaparecemos” de este mundo. ¡El tiempo es limitado!

El tiempo no sólo es limitado si no que también es precioso. ¿Acaso no solemos decir: “el tiempo es dinero”? Cualquier negociante conoce que no se puede triunfar sin hacer buen uso del tiempo. Ahora, para una persona de fe, ¡el tiempo es mucho más que dinero! Como San José María Escrivá de Balaguer decía: *“¡El tiempo es gloria!”* ¿Por qué? Porque en este instante podemos recibir la gracia de Dios y la gloria del cielo. Entonces, ¡debemos ser diligentes y usar nuestro tiempo sabiamente!

¿Qué significa ser diligentes? Escuchemos a José María Escrivá: *“El uso normal de esta palabra —diligente— nos evoca ya su origen latino. Diligente viene del verbo ‘diligio,’ que es amar, apreciar, escoger como fruto de una atención esmerada y cuidadosa. No es diligente el que se precipita, sino el que trabaja con amor, primorosamente”* (Amigos de Dios, 81).

¡Usemos el tiempo sabiamente! ¡Seamos diligentes pensando, amando, y obrando lo que es bueno, verdadero, y bello a los ojos de Dios! Entonces, ¡nuestro tiempo nunca estará tan intimamente unido a la eternidad!



Legión de María

La Legión de María es una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica con cerca de cuatro millones de miembros activos. ¿Quiénes pueden pertenecer? Todo católico que practique fielmente su religión y desee ser útil a la iglesia y a la sociedad, y que esté dispuesto a cumplir las normas funcionales de la asociación. ¿Qué hace? Orar y trabajar apostólicamente. Funciona con reuniones semanales de grupo, donde se ora, se revisa la actividad apostólica, y se estudian temas formativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado. La Legión de María se reúne miércoles a las 5:30-6:30pm en el salón de conferencias de la oficina parroquial. Para mayor información contacte a Marvin Gaitán, marvingaitan73@gmail.com

Ave Maria University Events

January 7

JANUARY 12 | 12:05 p.m.

Mass in Memory of Fr. Matthew Lamb

—
Celebrated by Fr. Joseph
Lugalambi at Our Lady of
Guadalupe Chapel



JANUARY 12 | 7:00 p.m.

What Every Catholic Should Know

—
Literature with Joseph Pearce
At the Thomas and Selby
Prince Auditorium



JANUARY 12 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

—
AMU vs Keiser
At Rhodora J. Donahue Academy



JANUARY 12 | 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball

—
AMU vs Keiser
At Rhodora J. Donahue Academy



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DONAHUE ACADEMY

Ave Maria Parish's PK-12 Catholic, Classical School

Starting the Second Semester Strong

GO SHAMROCKS!

Along with the change from one year to the next, our academic calendar also switched over from the 1st semester into the 2nd semester! Classes at Rhodora J. Donahue Academy resumed on January 3rd with some fresh faces joining us in the hallways and classrooms.

Our busy athletics calendar resumed promptly with fourteen separate athletic events during our first week back, keeping our soccer and basketball teams busy with games played against Seton, Everglades, Seacrest, and Cypress Lake. Our athletes continued their training and practices even through our Christmas break and their hard work showed! If you have the opportunity, come join us at one of our next home games and cheer on our school athletes!



What is a Classical CATHOLIC Curriculum?

KEEPING CHRIST AT THE CENTER

Our parish school provides a truly unique academic and spiritual education. While there are numerous classical schools throughout the nation, there is a markedly small collection of classical CATHOLIC schools. Classical schools generally provide an education that is structured in transmitting knowledge as well as the integration and synthesis of information.

By focusing on original texts and the classics, we ensure that not only academic disciplines but also essential truths that transcend those disciplines are emphasized, especially those pertaining to human dignity and worth.

While secularized classical schools may give a nod in this direction, it is only by allowing God His due place as the source of all that is true, good, and beautiful that we can achieve an authentic interpretation and valuing of mankind.

News / Events



Reenrollment

December 15 through March 31



New Applicant Assessments & Interviews

January 15 through March 15



Catholic Schools Week

January 29- February 4

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

A Visit With Jesus

Here is an excerpt from Simon's Catholic Kids 101 page about forming our conscience. This is from the section covering the 8th commandment: *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor*:

"...the 8th commandment tell us we must not tell a lie. Satan, in the form of a serpent in the Garden of Eden, was the first to tell a lie. The serpent said to Eve, 'If you eat the forbidden fruit, you will not die.' The serpent knew this was a lie. Always remember that a lie is a lie. Do not try and excuse a true lie by calling it an exaggeration, a fib, a tall tale or a little white lie. Even if you are afraid of getting into trouble with your parents or teachers, you must not lie... We must never hurt another person by telling lies about them. To tell lies about a person is called the sin of *calumny*. We also must not talk about another person's sins, faults or weaknesses which are not necessary to reveal. This is called the sin of *detraction*. There may be times that it is necessary to tell these things. If you are not sure, you can always talk things over with your parents. It's never wrong to talk things over with them..."

You can ask your dad or mom to look with you to see what else Simon has to say on his CK101 page.

One of the best ways we can show Jesus *we love Him* is to come to Church often and make our visits with Him. On Monday nights from 6:30-7:30pm we have our guided Children's Holy Hour with Mrs. Hampton and myself, including Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament with our pastor, Fr. Vidal, and Ave's finest altar servers. *See you then!*

Mrs. Prather

CatholicKids101.com

"We are kids telling kids about Jesus!"



The Garden of My Heart

The flowers I will make in "the garden of my heart" for Jesus this week are **SPIDER MUMS**.

I will make them by always telling the truth!

"Dear Jesus, when you were a child like me, every single word that You spoke was true. I want every word I speak to always be true too! Even if I am afraid that I might get into trouble with my parents or teachers, I will never tell a lie. One lie often leads to more lies and soon a person finds they are caught in a web of lies! Every time I speak the truth this week and in the weeks to come, I will be making pure white SPIDER MUM flowers in the 'garden of my heart.'

I hope You like my spider mum flowers, Jesus. They are very important flowers to make!

*"The Lord detests lying lips,
but he delights in those who tell the truth."
Proverbs 12:22*

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The Drawing will be held on **February 4, 2023**, during the "**Hometown Heroes Gala**"
at the Vineyards Country Club,
400 Vineyards Blvd, Naples, FL, 34119.

The drawn winner of the raffle is entitled to
receive an Advanced EV A40L Golf Cart.