

**WELCOME TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY**

We welcome all our Parishioners and esteemed Guests as you come to experience the beauty of the Ancient Liturgy and Devotions here at this special Parish and also Diocesan Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima. We hope you will become a regular member of our Catholic Parish where, always, Tradition is in season!

God bless you!



**Prayer to Saint Sebastian**

Dear Commander at the Roman Emperor's court, you chose to be also a soldier of Christ and dared to spread the true Faith in the King of Kings, Our Lord Jesus Christ, for which you were condemned to die. Your body, however, was strengthened and the executing arrows were unable to kill you. You later went back to Diocletian and were condemned again. May your fortitude and courage inflame us all with an ardent desire to die for Christ as you did, twice. Make us strong in the faith and in virtue. Amen. St. Sebastian, pray for us!

**MASS INTENTIONS, SAINTS and ASSIGNMENTS**

Sat. 01 - 15 (P)	4:00 PM	Int. Karen Hayes Family	Our Lady of Prompt Succor	<b>Lectors</b>
Sun. 01 - 16 (P)	7:30 AM	James Emanuel Morrissey	St. Ita, V & F	
(G)	10:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Maurus, A	4:00 PM Dr. Richard Hyland
Mon. 01 - 17 (G)	8:00 AM	Int. Carlota López	St. Marcellus I, Pp & M	7:30 AM Donna Bloomer
Tues. 01 - 18 (G)	6:00 PM	Int. Anthony Junck Fam.	St. Priscilla, V & M	10:30 AM Patrick Ross
Wed. 01 - 19 (G)	6:00 PM	Int. Adornetto Family	Sts. Marius & Co., M	<b>Altar Duty</b>
Thurs. 01 - 20 (G)	6:00 PM	Int. Most Rev. Adolfo González Montes	St. Fabian, Pp & M St. Sebastian, M	
Fri. 01 - 21 (G)	8:00 AM	Rev. Fr. Salvador Jordan	St. Agnes, V & M	<b>Lawn Maintenance</b>
Sat. 01 - 22 (G)	8:00 AM	Int. Julianna Greene Fam.	St. Vincent of Zaragoza, D & M	
Sun. 01 - 23 (P)	4:00 PM	Emory Anthony Castro	St. Anastasius, B & M	
(G)	7:30 AM	John & Julia Hawson		
	10:30 AM	Pro Populo		

*The Bambino Gesù of Ara Coeli*

According to legend, the Emperor Augustus, being uncomfortable with rumors that the Senate was about to elevate his status into that of a deity, consulted the Tributine Sibyl, who had a prophetic revelation regarding the descent from the skies of the "King of all ages". During her prophecy, the Emperor was granted a vision of the Virgin standing on an altar in dazzling light and holding the Child Jesus in her arms. The Emperor heard a voice: "This is the altar of the Son of God". The Emperor had an altar built on the site of the apparition, the Ara Coeli (Altar of the Heavens). This is the site where the current Santa Maria di Aracoeli Basilica in Rome is built. Inside the Santa Maria Aracoeli Church, one of the central columns bears an inscription that mentions it was derived from the Emperor Augustus' bed chamber ("a cubiculo Augustorum"). The thirteenth century altar, believed to contain fragments from the original altar placed there by the Emperor Augustus, documents the story on its stone slabs.

It is known that by the year 574, the site was also the location of a monastery for the Byzantine monks. From the ninth to the thirteenth century, the monastery and church belonged to the Benedictines. In the year 1249, the pope ceded the complex to the Franciscans. Santa Maria di Aracoeli Church is still regarded as the Church of the Senate and the Roman City Government. Directly to one side of the Church is the City Hall of Rome (the Campidoglio). Two staircases lead to the Church: one very steep staircase with over one hundred steps, and another less severe, leading to the Campidoglio.

The Church is filled, as most Roman churches are, with many works of priceless art, collected throughout the centuries. However, the real treasure of the Church, which draws countless visitors each year, is the statue of the Santo Bambino, the Holy Child Jesus. The statue had been carved from an olive tree in the Garden of Gethsemane by a Franciscan Friar, while he was working in the Holy Land, in the fifteenth century. The face of the Santo Bambino was miraculously painted by an angel while the Friar slept. The holy image was transferred to Rome upon the orders of the Franciscans headquartered in Santa Maria di Aracoeli. During the journey to Europe, the ship carrying the Franciscan Friar and the holy image, was caught in a storm. The storm caused the image to be thrown overboard. The statue of the Santo Bambino eventually was washed ashore at Livorno, where the Friar had been anxiously awaiting it. Many miracles attributed to the Santo Bambino have been worked and recorded in Rome throughout the ages. At times, the Santo Bambino is transported to visit the very sick and dying, and inexplicable cures have been attributed to Him. The devotees of the Santo Bambino have donated many precious jewels, which are placed on his outfit - from His crown to His slippers. Blessed Maria Taigi often prayed before Him and entrusted her husband and children to the Bambino. Every year one of the Auxiliary Bishops of Rome blesses the City and the world from the door of the Church at the top of the stairs on the Feast of the Epiphany. A few years ago the real, original, statue was stolen. It has never been recovered.

*Prayer to the Bambino Gesù*

Most lovable Lord Jesus, who didst become a little Child for us and willed to be born in a stable to deliver us to Thee and to inflame us with Thy holy love, we adore Thee as our creator and Redeemer, we bow down before Thee to be our King and sovereign Lord, and we offer Thee, as a tribute, all the affections of our poor hearts. Dear Jesus, our Lord and our God, vouchsafe to accept this offering, and that it may be less unworthy of Thee, pardon our sins, enlighten and inflame us with that holy fire which Thou didst bring upon the earth to kindle in our hearts. May our souls thus become an altar on which to offer to Thee the sacrifice of our mortifications and may we ever seek Thy greater glory here below so that one day we may come to enjoy Thy infinite beauty in Heaven. Amen.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY \*\*\* JANUARY 16, 2022 \*\*\* SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

**COLLECTION** - Those who care to continue to help us in our mission, please send your donations by mail or use online giving on our website ([latinmasspensacola.com](http://latinmasspensacola.com)) by making a withdrawal using your credit card (which the Parish will incur about a 4% charge) or directly from your bank (fee free). THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

**CSA** - Last year was the best ever in our donations to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. As a result, we were able to receive back about \$35,000? Which went to our Savings. Soon we will start another yearly Campaign. Please be as generous as you can be. We will keep you posted. We do remind everyone that donating to the CSA is required of all Registered and practicing Parishioners. Thank you very much!

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY** - The Saint Stephen Holy Name Society will have its next meeting on Sunday, January 30th, at 9:00 AM in the Canon Pérez Hall.

**SIGN-UP** - There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church for people to bring food for the Candlemas Celebration on February 2nd; also for help to carefully put away all the Christmas decorations for next year. Please sign up!

**LECTORS** - Once AGAIN, we are in need of Lectors to read, especially at the 4:00 PM and 7:30 AM Masses on Saturday and Sunday.

**THE GREATEST GIFT** - Once again Canon has many openings for celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for your intentions. Please see him. Try to keep it to three intentions at a time.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY RAFFLE** - The Annual Holy Name Society Raffle will take place on Candlemas Day at night after Mass and during a reception afterwards. ALL Parishioners are asked to participate in buying and selling as many tickets as possible. All the proceeds go to the Holy Name for the Building Funds. As in years past, anyone who buys or sells 200 or more tickets receives a free paver to be placed in the outside Shrine of Saint Stephen in the front of the church.

**ACOLYTE PRACTICE** - Saturday, January 29th, there will be Acolyte training for Candlemas. ALL are required to be here for training and Candlemas.

**THEOLOGY CLASS** - Theology Class will reconvene on January 19th in the Parish Hall after Mass at approximately 7:00 PM