
SEPTEMBER 2026 PARISH UPDATE

Dear Friends,

This September is special in so many ways, especially as we commemorate the closing of our Silver Jubilee year during the 11 am Mass on Sunday, September 6, and with a beautiful and prayerful 40 Hours Devotion of nonstop [adoration of the Blessed Sacrament](#) beginning at 3 p.m., concluding on Tuesday, September 8, at 8 a.m. with Mass.

What a blessing! After 25 years of God's abundant grace upon our parish family, we will conclude our Silver Jubilee by gathering around Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I invite every parishioner and family to [take some time during these hours](#) to come before the Lord, to adore Him, thank Him, praise Him, and place before Him our loved ones, our parish, our Church, and our world.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your enthusiastic participation in our jubilee celebrations throughout this special year. Your generosity, joy, and love for our parish have made it a year to remember. Let us pray that the next 25 years might be even more richly blessed by our Heavenly Father.

The weekend of September 5/6 will also be very special, as we welcome two of our Holy Cross priests, Fr. Kevin Rousseau and Fr. Jack Ryan, who will be joining our parish staff and helping us grow in our spiritual journey. Please come to the Holy Cross Hall after each Mass this weekend to meet and greet them and make them feel at home.

This September is going to be special for yet another reason. On September 24, 2026, Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be beatified at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the papal representative, will preside at the beatification Mass. Beatification grants him the title "Blessed" and marks a major step toward possible canonization.

Fulton Sheen became one of America's first great television evangelists, bringing the Catholic faith into millions of homes through his famous program, "Life Is Worth Living." Beginning in 1951 with only three television stations, the show exploded in popularity and eventually reached as many as 30 million viewers each week. In 1953, Sheen won an Emmy for Most Outstanding Television Personality, famously crediting Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John as his "writers." He did all of this while serving the Church as a bishop and prolific author. What a wonderful witness Archbishop Sheen remains to us: use every opportunity and every means available to proclaim Jesus Christ!

Our religious education classes are off to a wonderful start with more than 500 children and adults participating. Most remarkably, our OCIA program has over 80 participants who have expressed an interest either in becoming Catholic or in delving deeper into the Catholic faith. My sincerest thanks to Kelli and Schonda and their team of catechists for their dedication and commitment to this tremendous ministry. These are not simply numbers; these are more than 500 people whose lives are

being touched by Christ and His Church. Please keep all of our children, adults, catechists, sponsors, and OCIA participants in your prayers.

The annual convocation for the priests of the Diocese of Orlando will take place from September 8 through 10. All priests are expected to be in attendance. Consequently, there will be some changes to our regular Mass and confession schedules during those days. Please consult the parish calendar and bulletin for the exact times and days.

There will also be several bonus Masses at noon during the month of September in celebration of special feast days. Among them are:

September 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 15 – Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

September 21 – Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

September 29 – Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Please make good use of these opportunities to draw closer to Christ. In the midst of our busy schedules, these additional Masses give us sacred opportunities to pause, pray, and encounter the Lord in the Eucharist.

As we enter this beautiful season of autumn, may September be a month of gratitude, Eucharistic love, renewed faith, and deeper friendship with Jesus.

Have an amazing autumn!

With love,

Fr. John

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Thursday, September 3

10:00 am: [SJE Moms](#) Bible Study resumes (Fr. Patrick Peyton Rm)

Friday, September 4

3:00 pm: First Friday Devotion (Church)

Saturday, September 5

8:30 am: First Saturday Devotion: Rosary & Mass (Church)

8:30 am: St. Andre's Golf Tournament (Rockledge Country Club)

12:30 pm: Luncheon after Golf (Rockledge Country Club)

Saturday, September 5 - Sunday, September 6

Welcoming new priests, Fr. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C., and Fr. Jack Ryan, C.S.C., with meet and greet after all weekend Masses in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, September 6

11:00 am: Silver Jubilee Closing Mass

3:00 pm: [40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration](#) begins in Church

Monday, September 7 *Labor Day*

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40 hours of [Eucharistic Adoration](#) continues (Church)

Tuesday, September 8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 am: 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration ends in Church with Mass and the official conclusion of the Silver Jubilee Year

4:00 pm: [Seedlings of Hope](#) Meeting (K-5th grade)

Saturday, September 12

6:00 pm: Tamil Mass (Church & Hall)

Sunday, September 13

9:00 am: [Children's Liturgy of the Word](#) resumes (Church) / Grandparents Day with coffee & donuts following Mass (Hall)

1:00 pm: [Sensory Friendly Mass](#) (Church)

Monday, September 14 *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

12:00 pm: Mass (Church)

Tuesday, September 15 *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of the Congregation of Holy Cross*

12:00 pm: Mass (Church)

Tuesday, September 15 & Wednesday, September 16

[S.A.I.L. classes](#) resume

Wednesday, September 16

Deacon Mike Bible study resumes

Thursday, September 17

[Flourish our Faith Bible study](#) resumes

Friday, September 18

2:00 pm: [SJE4Seniors](#) (Hall)

Monday, September 21 *Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*

12:00 pm: Mass (Church)

6:00 pm: [Gratia Plena](#) event (Hall)

Tuesday, September 22 *Feast of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina*

12:00 pm: Mass (Church)

Friday, September 25

7:00 pm: [SJE Monica Ministry](#) meeting (Fr. Patrick Peyton Rm)

Saturday, September 26 *Confirmation Day of Discernment*

Please keep our Confirmation students in your prayers!

Tuesday, September 29 *Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*

12:00 pm: Mass (Church)