

*From the Heart of the Pastor . . .*

For several Sundays we have been challenged by *the message of the Cross on which Jesus is the Victim, united to all who suffer and to the poor and those the powerful of the world often discount*. I have preached that when we ask “Where is God” in this suffering of the Cross, the answer is that *God is with the Victim*, with his Son Jesus on the Cross. God is on the side of the victim and not on the side of some in power who victimize or discount the suffering of others.

Last Sunday, in Mark 8:27-35, Peter answers the question of Jesus, who is Jesus? And Peter answers: “You are the Christ [Messiah].” Based on this profession of faith, Jesus will make the faith of Peter the rock upon which he builds his Church. Peter will be the prime leader of this Church. (see Matthew 16:13-18)

However, in the same passage of last Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus reveals that he will suffer greatly, be rejected and killed. Peter opposes this prediction because he is not expecting a Suffering Messiah, but rather an “Imperial Messiah.” *Peter does not want a Messiah who identifies with the poor, but with the powerful*. Jesus has to rebuke Peter for not thinking like God does but as humans do. (see Mark 8:31-33)

Now on this Sunday, the Church skips over a portion of the Gospel after Mark 8:27-35 and picks up with Mark 9:30-37. Jesus again tells his disciples he will suffer and be betrayed and killed...and then raised from the dead. The Gospel says the disciples still do not understand him.

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## *Continuation: from the Heart of the Pastor ...*

They do not understand him and they get into an argument with each other about who is the greatest among them! *They are still thinking in terms of power and prestige. They want to identify with the powerful yet again.*

And so Jesus begins to teach them:

“ ‘If anyone wishes to be first,  
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.’”  
Taking a child, he placed it in their midst,  
and putting his arms around it, he said to them,  
‘Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;  
and whoever receives me,  
receives not me but the One who sent me.’” (Mark 9:35-37)

We might recall that on another occasion Jesus said “I have come to serve, not to be served.” (Matthew 20:28)

*Wouldn't that be a wonderful and instructional sign to engrave over every seminary entrance, the place where Priests are trained?*

Another example of the servant identity of Jesus is when he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. The washing of feet was a function of a slave or servant in the household. (Once again Peter protests that his leader Jesus should not do this!) On that occasion Jesus says to his disciples:

“You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.” (John 13:13-15)

Then in today's Gospel, there is the example of the child. While children might have been cherished by their parents, in the view of the society of that day *they were powerless, insignificant, of lowly status*. Unwanted infants (usually female) would be abandoned to die. A Roman father could sell any of his children into slavery. Significantly, the Aramaic language (which Jesus spoke) and the Greek language (in which the New Testament was written) both had the same word for child and servant.

How very significant that Jesus identifies with the lowly one, the child, the servant. “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” (Mark 9:37) And so he says God also is received in the lowly.

*Consider the implications of all of this for our life, for how Church leadership should be exercised, for who the Church should always welcome and serve.*

Yours in the Heart of Christ,

*Fr. John*

“Who is this who lives with the lowly,  
Sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?  
This is Christ, revealed to the world  
in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.”  
(Christmas Song)



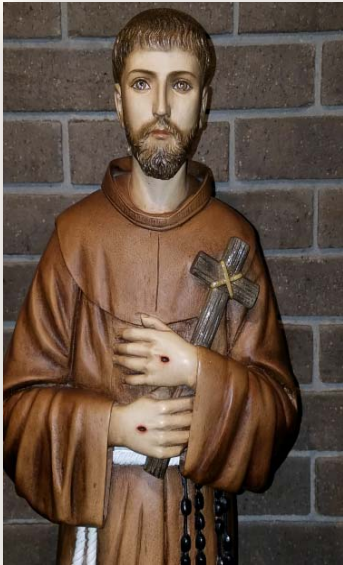
# Welcome!

We welcome **Fr. Peter Kunnalakattu**, D.Min., BCC to Holy Faith and Gainesville. Fr. Peter will live for a time in the rectory of Holy Faith.

Fr. Peter is originally from India and has resided in the United States for 24 years, ministering primarily in hospital chaplaincy. In 2017 he began working for the Veterans Administration and was chosen to be the Catholic chaplain in Gainesville who will replace Fr. Dennis Young, current VA Catholic Chaplain who is retiring.

Fr. Peter will be working full-time at the VA Medical Center in Gainesville.

## Celebrate



*On Sunday September 30 we will celebrate our parish's patronal feast day, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. At the 11:15 Mass we will have Bishop Felipe Estévez as the Celebrant followed by a reception in the Parish Life Center. October 4th is the actual feast day of St. Francis, but the Church permits the celebration to be transferred to a Sunday for parishes with St. Francis as their Patron Saint.*

*Our parish is named after a mission in the Gainesville area established by Franciscan missionaries in 1606: Santa Fe de Toloco. The prevalence of the name Santa Fe in our area (including the river by the same name) is due to this mission of long ago. This and the 15 other missions located across north Florida were destroyed by English militia in 1702. Many Franciscans and other priests as well as Catholic natives were martyred. Florida has a historical marker at the location of the Santa Fe mission at Northern Alachua County C. R. 241 just after NW 294 Ave.*

When our parish was established in 1973, we were named Holy Faith after the Santa Fe mission; *and we acknowledge our spiritual connection with those Franciscan missionaries, so many years ago, and also our spiritual bond with St. Francis of Assisi.* This is why we have a statue of St. Francis in our church and remember him in the Eucharistic Prayers when the patron saint is mentioned. The Parish Life Center also has many Franciscan themes throughout the building.

*Thank you!*

Fr. John and the parish thank parishioner **Eli Homza** for donating the fine ivory-colored grand piano to the church. Its beautiful sounds greatly enhance our worship. Thank you, Eli!

# CCF, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

## (CCF) CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Check here for scheduled classes,  
changes or updates weekly.

### CCF Class Schedule 10:40am - 12Noon

Sept. 23: Classes for Grades K-9th  
**Sept. 23: Confirmation Orientation  
Class for Students & Parents**  
Sept. 30: Classes for Grades K-9th  
**Sept. 30: CDF Session for Adults**  
Oct. 6: Blessing of the Animals  
Oct. 7: Classes for Grades K-9th  
**Oct. 7: CDF Session for Adults**

Online registration continues at  
**holyfaithcatholicchurch.org**  
(click on the banner)

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

**Confirmation Preparation** for all  
10th graders (including Catholic  
School students) begins **TODAY  
Sunday, September 23, 2018** at  
10:40am with an orientation class  
for **students and parents** in the  
Parish Life Center.

## FIRST SACRAMENT PREPARATION

**Preparation Class for the 2019  
First Reconciliation and First  
Communion**, for all 2nd graders,  
will begin on **Saturday, October  
27, 2018** at 10am for **students and  
parents** in the Parish Life Center.  
CCF students must attend Sunday  
School and the Saturday once a  
month classes. Catholic School  
students must register and attend  
the Saturday classes. Registration  
form can be found online, in the  
vestibule and in the office. **Please  
register in advance of the October  
class date** to avoid delays at class  
start time and so we order enough  
books and supplies. Contact Sr.  
Adell, ext 104 with any questions.

## PARENTS: JOIN US FOR COFFEE, DONUTS, AND FAITH



**NEXT CDF Session  
September 30  
10:45am - 12 noon.**

All adults are invited and most  
welcomed (even if you don't have a  
child in CCF). So get your **Coffee**  
and **Doughnut** and bring your  
**Faith**, and head on over to the  
**Parish Life Center** by **10:45am**.  
No registration required.

Bishop Estévez will be visiting  
Holy Faith to celebrate the  
Feast of our patron Saint,  
St. Francis of Assisi at the  
11:15am Mass followed by  
luncheon in the Parish Life  
Center next Sunday, September  
30th and all are invited.

Please stay after the session to  
greet our Bishop.

### Holy Faith Nursery Open



Now available once  
again, every Sunday  
from 9:00am-1:00pm  
during the 9:30am  
and 11:15am Masses.



Thank you parents for your  
patience while we searched for  
new babysitters for our nursery.  
As of 9/23/2018 the nursery will  
be opened again on Sundays for  
your convenience.

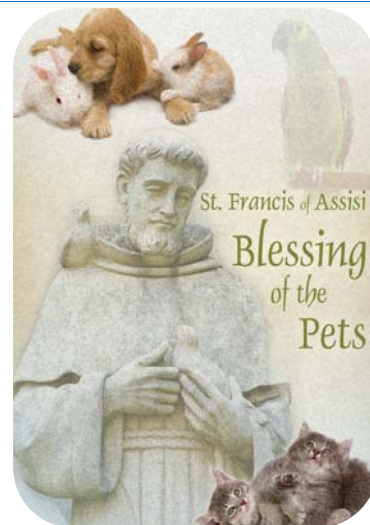
## PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

### CHILD BAPTISM

#### CLASSES FOR PARENTS

**Saturday, October 13 at 10:30am  
Ministry Center Conference Rm 1**

Registration is required. Call the  
office at 352-376-5405, x122 or go  
to: [holyfaithcatholicchurch.org](http://holyfaithcatholicchurch.org)  
and click on the "Baptism" link  
under the word 'Sacraments'.  
Information for baptism for  
children ages 7 & above can also  
be found online under "Baptism".



### Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 6 10:30am

The Catholic Church provides a  
special blessing for animals, usually  
around the Feast of St. Francis of  
Assisi. Join us on **Saturday, October  
6th at 10:30am on the patio** for this  
opportunity to ask for God's  
blessing upon your pets. All animals  
(leashed, caged, boxed or bowled)  
welcomed. Photos of your pets can  
be blessed if you cannot bring your  
pet.

Fr. John will bless each pet. Treats  
will be provided for all God's  
creatures.



# CALENDAR & EVENTS FOR THE PARISH

## Monday, September 24, 2018

- **Boy Scouts Troop 307 Meeting (6:30 PM):** Mtg Rms 5 & 6
- **Novena to San Lorenzo (6:30 PM):** Parish Life Center Section C

## Tuesday, September 25

- **Anointing of the Sick after the 9:30am Mass** (Prayer Teams will be available to pray with you for any need): Chapel
- **HoFa Crafts Ministry Group (10:00 AM):** Conference Rm 2
- **Introduction to World Religions Small Group (10:15 AM):** Conference Rm 1
- **Girl Scouts Cadet Troop 1573 Meeting (5:30 PM):** Mtg Rm 7
- **Novena to San Lorenzo (6:30 PM):** Parish Life Center Section C
- **USHERS Wine & Cheese Gathering (6:30 PM):** Church
- **Band of Brothers Men's Group (7:00 PM):** Conference Rm 2
- **Bible Study: Gospel of Luke (7:00 PM):** Mtg Room 9
- **Angels of Mercy Monthly Mtg (7:00 PM):** Parish Life Center C/K

## Wednesday, September 26

- **Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help (10:01 AM):** Chapel
- **Book Group - The Gospel of John (10:30 AM):** Mtg Room 9
- **Cursillo Small Grouping (6:00 PM)** Men: Mtg Rm 9; Women: Mtg Rm 8
- **Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assm 1817 (6:30 PM):** Conference Rm 2
- **Novena to San Lorenzo (6:30 PM):** Parish Life Center Section C
- **Catholics on the Move GO Team Mtg (7:00 PM):** Conference Rm 1

## Thursday, September 27

- **Novena to San Lorenzo (6:30 PM):** Parish Life Center Section C
- **Adult Confirmation Preparation Class (7:00 PM)** Conference Rm 1
- **People of Praise Prayer Group Praise & Worship (7:30 PM):** Chapel

## Friday, September 28

- **Bulletin Deadline for Oct 14, 2018** Send email with details to: bulletin@holylaithchurch.org
- **Family of St. Francis Formation Class (4:30 PM):** Conference Rm 2
- **Novena to San Lorenzo (6:30 PM):** Parish Life Center Section C

## Saturday, September 29

- **Angels of Mercy Reception after the 9am Mass on Feast Day of the Archangels (9:30 AM):** Patio
- **Reconciliation (3:30 PM)** Church
- **Novena to San Lorenzo 6:30 PM):** Chapel

## Sunday, September 30

- See Mass Schedule on page 6
- **CCF Classes for Grades K-9th (10:40 AM):** Parish Life Learning Center
- **CDF (Coffee, Donuts & Faith) (10:45 AM):** Parish Life Center
- **Special Mass Celebration - Feast of St. Francis (11:15 AM)** Church
- **Reception with the Bishop - Feast of St. Francis (12:30 PM):** Parish Life Center ... All are Invited!
- **R.C.I.A. Breaking Open the Word (11:45 AM):** Fr. John's Office
- **R.C.I.A. Study of the Catholic Faith (12:30PM):** Conference Rm 1
- **San Lorenzo Mass Celebration & Fiesta (4:00 PM):** St. Patrick Parish
- **Ministry Fair Leaders' Meeting (4:30 PM)** Parish Life Center C

## October is Respect Life Month Join us on October 7



### October 7 ... 2pm

Please join us from 2:00pm-3:00pm at the corner of NW 43rd St. and Newberry Rd. in defense of LIFE. Life Chain is a peaceful,

prayerful, and silent demonstration. Participants hold positive, pro-life signs in support of LIFE. We Meet in the Millennium Center parking lot at 1:45pm. Signs and water are provided.

### On the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary



Join us at the annual "Living Rosary" Prayer Service on **Sunday, October 7 after the 6pm Mass** in the Church. If you would like to be a "Living Rosary Bead" contact Millie at 376-5405, ext 122. We need 60 people to serve as a bead and help us pray. We invite those who speak a different language to pray an Our Father or Hail Mary in their native tongue to represent the unity of our diverse faith community. This is a moving experience of community in prayer. Men, women and children of the parish lead a prayer in the Rosary as a bead (as they move in song around the perimeter of the church.

*Don't Miss This  
Come & Pray!*

## STAFF DIRECTORY

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**Finances, ext. 119**

**Debbie Beckham, Financial Assistant**

**Maintenance, ext. 103**

**Scott Marsh, Coordinator**

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**Emergency Line: 352-491-5146**



The  
Holy  
Rosary  
is  
prayed  
every  
Weekday  
at 9:00am  
and at 10:00am

and on Saturday at 9:30am in the Chapel. All are invited to come and pray with us this beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, September 24, 2018**  
NO 7:00am Morning Mass  
9:30am Ann Honeycutt, RIP, by Pat Larson

**TUESDAY, September 25**  
NO 7:00am Morning Mass  
9:30am Francis Giuffrida, Spiritual Bouquet for Birthday, by Wayne & Jennifer Hackett

**WEDNESDAY, September 26**  
NO 7:00am Morning Mass  
9:30am Leslie Witte, RIP, by Alice Wynter & Alicia Pacheco

**THURSDAY, September 27**  
NO 7:00am Morning Mass  
9:30am Cedell Fletcher, RIP, by Alicia Pacheco's Small Christian Community

**FRIDAY, September 28**  
NO 7:00am Morning Mass  
9:30am David Steele, RIP, by Alice Wynter

**SATURDAY, September 29**  
9:00am Manuel Vilaret, RIP, by wife Gloria, RIP

### INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

*For all who welcome children in the face of hardship, may they find strength and renewal in Christ.*

*We pray to the Lord ...*

Interested in Adult Confirmation? Classes begin Thursday, September 27th at 7pm in the Ministry Center Office Bldg. Contact 352-376-5405.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Week of September 16, 2018**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b & 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time:** Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil: 5pm**

**Sunday: 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am & 6:00pm**

**Monday - Friday:**  
**7:00am & 9:30am**  
**Saturday 9:00am**

**Reconciliation:**  
**Saturday 9:30am & from 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment**

### Mark your Calendars! Respect Life Month Events

**October 6: Blessing of the Animals**  
10:30am on the patio (see page 4)

**October 7: Respect Life Sunday**  
**Life Chain** 2pm (see page 5)

**October 7: Living Rosary 7pm** in the Church (see page 5)

**October 11: On the Feast Day of Our Lady of La Leche** all are invited to the celebration at the Shrine in High Springs. There will be a full day of activities, including an hourly Rosary at the Shrine. **Holy Faith Parish will host the 1pm Rosary.**

**October 15: Presentation: Breaking the Cycle of Child Abuse**, by Sherry Kitchens, the Director of the Child Advocacy Center at 7pm in the Parish Life Center. See our E-News, Website and Parish App for more details on these events very soon.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



*L o r d ,  
hear our prayers  
for the sick of  
our parish and  
for all those in  
need of our*

*prayers. We pray especially for:*  
Adelina, Amelia R, Amy Sue, Angela R, Anita D, Anna, Anne T, Antonella, Antonio M, Armando G, Jr., Barbara F, Barbara M, Barbara N, Barbara P, Barbara R, Bella, Ben, Bernie W, Bebe L. Beth, Bev, Beverly B, Beverly, Bill D, Bill G, Bill J, Blanca, Brian I, Bruce L, Bryan T, Carisma O, Carol R, Cecelia & John, Cheryl B, Cheryl Mc, Christina G, Christopher, Claude M, Cliff C, Dan & Beth T, Daniel B, Danny C, David K, Dawn S, Daycee, Debbie E, Debbie R, Deborah, Delia A, Diana F, Donald, Don B, Donna H, Doris R, Little Drew, Edgar G, Elizabeth D, Elizabeth G, Evangeline, Baby Emma, Ernie S, Feliciano L, Jr., Florence D, Fran, Francis, Frank F, Gail B, Gina G, Ginger B, Glee B, Glen L, Harriet, Harvey, Heather B, Hilda, Hope, Jacqueline, James A, James B, Jane B, Janet, Janet M, Janet S, Janette B, Jeff B, Jerry, Joan A, Joan G, Joan P, Joe R, Joey R, John A, John S, Joseph C, Juan Carlos, Judy G, Julieta L, Kathy, Kathy D, Katie K, Kip, Kevin, Lauren & Baby Harper, Baby Hazel, Letty, Libby, Lina T, Linda U, Lisa R, Lori B, Lori F, Louis M, Mackiewicz Family, Maddie J, Maria G, Mark & Beth F, Mary, Mary D, Mary M, Mary R, Mary V, Mary Ellen B, Mary Lou T, Maureen F, Maureen L, Meg G, Melanie L, Michael R, Michael T, Mike P, Milagros, Millie, Milly L, Nancy B, Nancy L, Omar, Onya, Paislee P, Pat C, Paul G, Paula A, Phyllis M, Preston, Rafael B, Rebecca M, Rebecca R, Rekha R, Richard S, Richard W, Robert P, Rob R, Ron & Mildred, Rose, Rosa, Rosa Maria, Rosalia, Rosemary & Terry C, Ryan O'N, Sally H, Sarah, Sharon W, Shirley T, Sofia W, Srinivasan G, Steve R, Steven B, Titi, Tim Z, Tomasa A, Vanessa H, Virginia F, Vickie M, Victoria and William. To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the office or send an email to: [bulletin@holylaithchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@holylaithchurch.org).

# PARISH GIVING ... Thank You!

Parish Giving Report	Sept 2, 2018	Sept . 9, 2018
Offertory/Additional Offertory Online	\$16,832.93	\$19,803.44
Estimated September Online Offertory	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Offertory/Additional Offertory	\$19,332.93	\$22,303.44
<b>EXTRA DONATIONS</b>		
Kid's Treasure	38.00	85.00
Votive Candles	212.00	141.00
St. Patrick Interparish School	156.00	264.00
Black & Native American Missionaries	0	20.00
Relief Collection for Kerala, India	8,329.78	1,394.00
Sister Parish Sponsorships	210.00	25.00
<b>TOTAL EXTRA DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$8,945.78</b>	<b>\$1,929.00</b>

Babies are  
gifts from  
God.  
Help Save  
a Life!

Please pick up your envelope in support of the AWA fundraiser from a representative of our Respect Life Committee in the vestibule after Mass. Additional envelopes are available in the office.

## BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG FUNDRAISER

October is Respect Life Month! Holy Faith's Respect Life Ministry will distribute **collection envelopes to benefit 'A Woman's Answer (AWA) Medical Center' after Masses this weekend, September 23-24.** Please return them by the weekend of November 3rd & 4th. Thank you for your generosity and support of the necessary services AWA provides to pregnant women. Info: [www.awomansanswer.net](http://www.awomansanswer.net)



Help us to update our church database records and keep in touch. Do we have your e-mail address? Have you moved, changed your phone number or have a newborn in the family? Updates can be completed online. Simply go to [www.holyfaithcatholicchurch.org](http://www.holyfaithcatholicchurch.org), click on "About us" > "Get Connected" and complete the form, or call the office at 376-5405, ext 100. Please include emergency contact information in the comments area. Thank you for your assistance.

If you are new to Holy Faith we **Welcome** you. You can join the Parish online, or at the office. We look forward to meeting you at our next Welcome Reception event on October 14.