

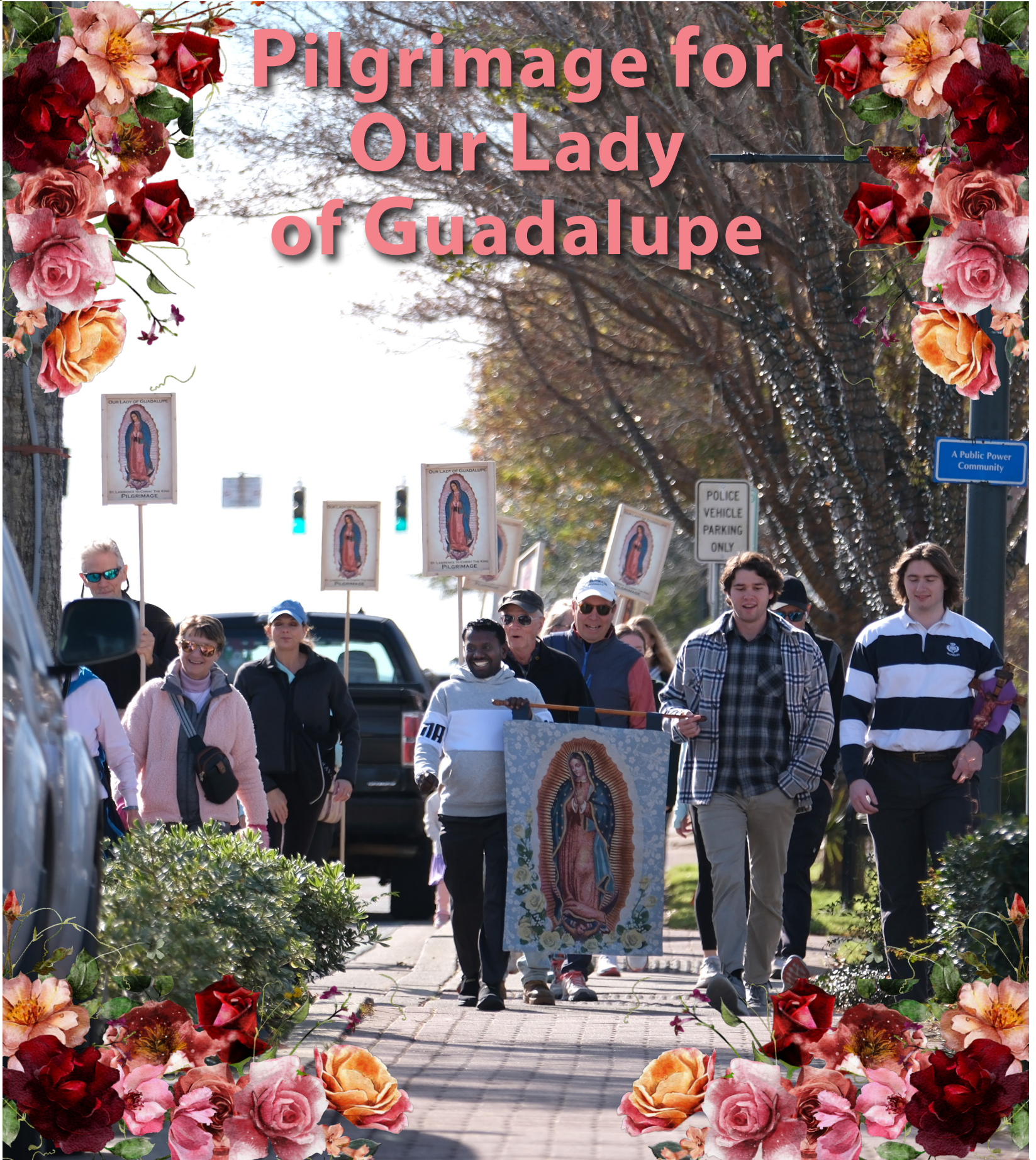


Footnotes

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

Jan-Feb 2024

Pilgrimage for Our Lady of Guadalupe





Fr. Steve and his sister Marsha gathered pieces from their personal Fontanini collection to sell at the parish Christmas Bazaar, with all proceeds going to St. Michael Catholic High School. Over \$1,900 was raised, thanks to the generosity of parishioners and friends. Many thanks to all who made a purchase!

A MESSAGE FROM FR. STEVE


I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! Two things come to mind when I think of January: (1) the March for Life and (2) Catholic Charities Appeal. Both are very important. Our brothers and sisters need our help, no matter how young or old. Please be generous.


Many have set forth resolutions for the new year. There are lots of opportunities in the parish to grow even closer to God!

Proclaim with Purpose
A Lector Lenten Retreat

NEW LECTORS
EXPERIENCED LECTORS
FUTURE LECTORS
ALL WELCOME

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Saturday February 24, 2024

 **FR. STEVE & the Faith**



APOLOGETICS
Questions, Answers & Defending the Faith

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
St. Lawrence Room

PARISHIONER PILGRIMAGE FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Our first ever Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Walk was a huge success for Our Lady! On Tuesday, December 12th, pilgrims attended Mass at St. Lawrence and then embarked on a 6 mile walking pilgrimage to Christ the King in Daphne. The weather was crisp and cool but also sunny and beautiful, perfect for our walking pilgrimage! Pilgrims carried signs, smiles, their prayers, and more on this journey with Our Lady. We made a stop at Shrine of the Holy Cross in Daphne where we more pilgrims joined us for an abridged walk and we received a blessing from Fr. Lito. The walking pilgrimage honors the pilgrimage taken by millions in Mexico each year on Our Lady's feast day of December 12th. The journey culminated in laying roses at the feet of the Our Lady of Guadalupe statue in the courtyard at Christ the King, which is also a tradition of those who go on pilgrimage in Mexico to her Shrine. We look forward to making a tradition of our pilgrimage so more of you can join in next year. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RECAP

ANOTHER RECORD SETTING EVENT!



by Afton Sylvester

Another successful Christmas Bazaar is in the books! The Christmas Bazaar plays an important role in bringing our whole parish community together, and this year was no different. The outcome for this year far exceeded what we could have imagined. Edge and Life Teen brought in \$6,496 while Family Matters and Treasures made \$2,357.25! The gift baskets, casseroles, bake sale, and gumbo generated \$15,356 profit for the Bazaar and the silent auction made a whopping \$15,723! WOW! This could not have happened without all of you!

Monies collected from 2022's Christmas Bazaar were used to buy a new stove for the parish kitchen and new ovens for Stuardi Hall. Over \$12,000 will be donated toward our parish ministries, St. Vincent de Paul and the Martin Farrell Education Scholarship. Thank you for supporting our parish!

A HUGE thank you to the Christmas Bazaar Committee and volunteers for giving their time, talent, creativity, ideas and more. We would also like to acknowledge the Christmas Bazaar committee heads. Their patience, willingness and dedication are vastly appreciated. Another huge thank you to Fr. Steve for all of his input and support. Of course we can't help but think ahead: keep an eye out for information on the 19th Annual Christmas Bazaar!





Cheers to Charities



GENEROSITY AND GRATITUDE ABOUND!

Fr. Steve had a great time as host bartender at the Fairhope Brewing Company's Cheers to Charity event on Monday, December 11th. Catching up and sharing smiles and holiday stories brought joy to everyone in attendance. The biggest joy of the evening was the tips raised for St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Lawrence. Tips reached over \$3000! What a gift! It's a gift that will bear much fruit for those in need around us. Thank you to all who came out, supported and donated!



Above: Fr. Steve and Fr. Martin gather with some of the dedicated volunteers of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.





PARISHIONER SUPPORT ALLOWS SVDP TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED

St. Vincent de Paul at St. Lawrence has assisted many people through the support of our giving parishioners. Any Catholic or non-Catholic person living in Fairhope is welcome to contact St. Vincent de Paul in time of need. Prayer, developing a relationship, and genuine concern for these families and individuals is an important focus of St. Vincent de Paul.

Our office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 pm, and Fridays from 10:00-12:00 pm. We are located across the street from the church, in the same building as Archangel Radio. Many people come for food items from the pantry. Parish food drives throughout the year allow us to help put a meal on their table. We also have hygiene products, cleaning supplies, paper towels and toilet paper. Financial support is sometimes requested, to help with rent, utility bills or medical bills.

In addition to the wooden collection boxes located in the vesti-

bule, we also count on the Tips for Charity event at the Fairhope Brewery. This year was a huge success. Parishioner generosity is always over the top. We sincerely thank the Fairhope Brewery for hosting this fun event.

Each Christmas and Easter, food baskets are made and delivered to people right here in Fairhope. Piggly Wiggly assembles the food baskets and students from St. Michael pair up with St. Vincent de Paul members to deliver the baskets. Joy is experienced by all who participate.

None of this could be possible without the generosity of the parishioners. St. Vincent de Paul members are extremely grateful and appreciative to all who support this ministry with donations and prayers. Interested in learning more? Contact Brenda Elsevier at (251)454-8643.

Confirmation



Confirmation at St. Lawrence for this year's 11th grade class was a beautiful representation of the young Catholic Church! Fifty-two juniors were confirmed by Archbishop Rodi on November 19th, with enough family and friends present for the church to be completely full. It was an immense joy to see our faithful parish family grow by such a number.

During the four weeks of preparation to receive this sacrament, this class of teens demonstrated knowledge and maturity beyond expectations. Their respectful attention throughout was impressive. And when meeting the bishop before their Confirmation Mass, the class represented St. Lawrence very well.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents, siblings, sponsors, friends, teachers, mentors and anyone else involved in the spiritual lives of these students. Without you, this significant moment might never have happened. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they continue their lives as full-fledged members of our Catholic Church!





MASS AT ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC HS

On Friday, December 8th Fr. Steve offered Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception for the students of St. Michael. Father always enjoys his time at St. Michael offering his priesthood and Christ's gospel with the students and faculty. On this particular occasion Fr. Steve was thrilled to present St. Michael with a check for \$8,800 for the Guardian Angel Fund. This donation was comprised of Treasures' Card Party fundraising and Fr. Steve's Nativity Sale at our Christmas Bazaar! What a gift for the students and our faith.





Philosophy Class

Intro to Philosophy: *What Catholics Should Know*

Presented by:
Fr. Steve and Donald Paul Maddox



Dates:

Every Wednesday in March
6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

Time:

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

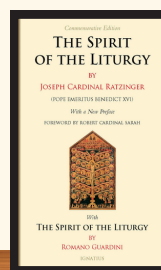
Location:

St. Lawrence Room

Theology Book Club

The Spirit of the Liturgy

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Benedict XVI)



2nd Tuesday of the Month,
beginning in March
9:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.
The Library

To sign up and for information:
Email: outreach@stlawrencefairhope.com

OR
Call the Parish Office

Visit The Little Gift Shop to get your book!

Hosted by
Donald Paul Maddox, Director of Parish Faith Engagement

HAPPY TREASURES HOLIDAYS

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL CARD PARTY & LUNCHEON: MAY 16

Treasures enjoyed a wonderful holiday season gathering for lunch where we enjoyed Christmas Carols with Jimmy Jones! Treasures gave great support to the Christmas Bazaar by selling jewelry and other fine goods such as handbags, scarfs and more! Finally, we trekked to downtown Mobile

for the Christmas Symphony and dinner at T.P Crockmiers. Treasures is looking forward to spring activities full of fun, food and fellowship as we embark on many trips. Save the date, the Treasures Annual Card Party Fundraiser and Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 16th! See you all soon!





2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN
UNTIL MARCH 10**

We are so excited for VBS 2024 where we will Follow Jesus to Galilee! Registration is early this year and will only be open until March 10th.

Due to the ongoing challenges with supply chains, and in order to make VBS as great as possible, we had to move up the registration date to ensure that we can have all the needed supplies on time and in order to have the time to make the necessary preparations. Unfortunately we encountered several challenges last year with getting our orders in, and some did not arrive until months after VBS ended. Thankfully, we will be able to use those supplies this year.

All participant, youth volunteer and adult volunteer registrations are now open at www.stlawrencevbs.com. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible!

ST. LAWRENCE VBS 2024

JUNE 10-14



**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN
UNTIL
MARCH 10**



**CHILD & ALL VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION
WWW.STLAWRENCEVBS.COM**



**“LOVE
THEM
BOTH”**

40 Days for Life begins February 14 and lasts through March 24th; a time full of prayer, fasting and community outreach. According to Students for Life, as of December 10, 2023, fourteen states are abortion free! This is wonderful news, but as you can tell, we still need to remain diligent in our mission of having all babies safe from abortion, not only in our country, but across the world.

During the 40 Days for Life “Love Them Both” Campaign, St. Lawrence will have many focused opportunities to help make abortion unthinkable. Parishioners of all ages can sign up to pray for an end of abortion. This can be a whole family commitment or an individual promise. Volunteering at Women’s Health

Center and/or Mary’s Shelter Thrift Store will be offered. You can also help donate items for personal goodie bags for expecting parents at the Women Health Center. Volunteers will help to put the gift bags together. More information will be coming soon - check the Sunday bulletin for more information on these opportunities.

Locally, the 8th annual Emerald Coast Walk for Life in Pensacola is Saturday, January 27th. There will be a Pro-life Youth Mass at 9:30 am on the 27th at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 140 W. Government Street in Pensacola. Speaker events begin at 11:00 am at Seville Square then walk through Pensacola downtown area. If you are interested in helping with planned activities, please contact Lisa Word 404-307-1355.

Our Sacraments

BAPTISMS

RUTH MAGDALENE RIVERS
DAUGHTER OF STEPHEN AND EMILY RIVERS

ANDREW JOSEPH RIVERS
SON OF PHILIP AND TIFFANY RIVERS

SHEPARD TUCKER LEMON
SON OF ZACHARY AND MEGAN LEMON

LUCY KEATING JACKSON
DAUGHTER OF BRANDON AND EMILY JACKSON

BRYCE MADISON DUPONT
DAUGHTER OF BRIAN AND KRISTIN DUPONT

SABRINA BOND
DAUGHTER OF CHRISTIAN AND CHRISTINA BOND

BRANDON BOND
SON OF CHRISTIAN AND CHRISTINA BOND

PALMER GIBBONS ZIEMAN
SON OF THOMAS III AND ABIGAIL ZIEMAN

ADELINE CAROLYN ZIEMAN
DAUGHTER OF MASSEY AND HILLARY ZIEMAN

COOPER JUDE REIMER
SON OF DANIEL JR. AND LINDSAY REIMER

DANIEL WILSON MORENTE-JIMON
&
ERIK IAN MORENTE-JIMON
SONS OF CARLOS NICANDRO & MARIA JIMON-DE LA

DEATHS

ANNE PRINCE 11.2.23

MARGARET NELSON 11.2.23

MARIE ELIZABETH "BETH" SHULTZ 11.7.23

MR. RONALD BENOIT 12.15.23

MRS. LE DANG TRAN 12.21.23

NEW PARISHIONERS

MR. & MRS. MARTY AND DANIELLE HAYS
WITH JAMES AND MARY COLLINS

AUSTIN WATTS & CAITLYN LESSO

MR. & MRS. ANDREW AND BRIANNE McDUFFIE

MR. & MRS. CHRISTOPHER AND DEBRA RANKIN

MR. & MRS. DENNIS AND SUSAN GIBSON

MR. & MRS. MICHAEL AND SUSAN MCCARTHY

MR. & MRS. ROBERT MOORE AND SHARON KWATER

MR. & MRS. STEPHEN AND KAREN JOHNSON WITH LILY,
CHRISTIAN, GRAYSON, CAROLINE, AND WILL

MR. & MRS. PAUL AND CHRISTEN ALTERMATT
WITH PAUL AND EMMA

MR. & MRS. MICHAEL AND KAITLIN DAVES

MR. & MRS. JAMES AND ERICA LAURA WITH HARPER,
HINEIGH, HAMPTON, AND ANNA HAINES

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ST. LAWRENCE LENT SCHEDULE 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 14
Mass 8:30AM & 5:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays 9:00AM & 6:00PM

**MUSICAL DIVINE
MERCY CHAPLET**
Sundays 5:10PM

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 4:15PM-5:00PM
Wednesdays 6:00PM
February 21 & 28
March 6, 13 & 20

**MYSTERIES OF THE
ROSARY CLASS**
Mondays 9:15AM
February 5 - March 18

**MY FATHER'S FATHER
CLASS**
Mon 6:15PM / Tues 9:15AM
February 5 - March 19

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
February 14 - March 24

**FRIDAY LENTEN
FISH FRY DINNERS**
February 16 & 23
March 1, 8, 15 & 22
6:00PM

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
March 1 • 9:00AM-5:30PM

PARISH MISSION
March 4-6
Monday - Wednesday
Confessions 6:00PM
Mission Talk 7:00PM

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY CLASS
With Fr. Steve &
Donald Paul Maddox
Wednesdays 9:00AM
March 6, 13, 20 & 27

FR. STEVE & THE FAITH
Wednesday, March 20 6:30PM

MASS FOR LIFE
Thursday, March 21
Women's Resource Center
7:15AM
Bus Leaves St. Lawrence 6:30AM

TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28
Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29
Stations of the Cross 3:00PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00PM

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
Begins Good Friday after Stations
and each day in the church at 3:00PM
until April 7

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30
Confession 12:00PM
Easter Vigil Mass 7:30PM
Easter Vigil Reception to Follow

EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY MASS
MARCH 31
Mass 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM
*No evening Mass