



# PROTECT THEM BOTH

## BISHOP'S LETTER: DON'T SEPARATE YOURSELVES FROM GOD AND MORE ON AMENDMENT 4

Listen, My Beloved Brothers and Sisters.

St. James speaks to us of the sins of partiality. I choose a different word for partiality, segregation. The sins of partiality segregate or separate us from one another and in so doing, separate us from God. That is why St. James calls this partiality, "sin." It is not like being partial to chocolate instead of vanilla. This sin separates people from one another, distinguishes them in ways that are not born out of divine love and prevents unity from flourishing within God's family.

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## EVENTS

**Diaconate Convocation** - October 5, 2024, at St. Mary Magdalen Parish located at 831 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs.

**LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION NOW!**

REGISTRATION for Friday Evening Social  
REGISTRATION for Convocation

Please email Jennifer at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org) if you need a list of area hotels.

Our Keynote Speaker is Father Albert Haase, OFM. Father Haase is an award-winning author with 15 books on popular spirituality and a highly regarded retreat director and leader of parish missions.



# REMINDER

Annual Forms - if you have not already, please turn in your annual forms.

They are past due!



# UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES

"Behind and before you encircle me and rest your hand upon me." (Psalm 139:5)  
Mass for Suicide Prevention and Remembrance



09.21.2024

12:00 p.m.



Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe

# Blue Mass

Honoring our First Responders



09.30.24

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# Red Mass



11.21.2024

# DEACON RETREATS 2025

**JANUARY 24-26**

DIRECTED RETREAT

LED BY FATHER LUCIUS AMARILLAS, O.S.B.

**FEBRUARY 21-23**

DIRECTED RETREAT

LED BY DEACON ANDY NEU

**MARCH 21-23**

DIRECTED RETREAT

LED BY DEACON JOSEPH MICHALAK

**ABRIL 25-27**

RETIRO DADO EN ESPAÑOL

DIRIGIDO POR P. DUBERNEY RODAS GRAJALES

## **Diakonia: How Not to Serve at Table**

The Church's ministers, especially deacons, have been formed to bring the selfless service of Christ to the peripheries of the world and Church; yet, how easy is that radical life of service? What happens when we lose sight of the Lord in the ones we serve? We know how our ministry in the Church is defined, but do we know how to bring it to fruition?

## **Fearfully and Wonderfully Made**

This weekend retreat will explore our relationship with Jesus Christ, and our place in the Kingdom of God. Our identity as workers in the vineyard of the Lord... formed when Jesus first began to call us and perfected by the Holy Spirit that dwells within us... is a fluid reality. Among other things, you'll explore what gets you out of bed in the morning. How far are you willing to go? And what do you want people to say about you when you are gone?

## **The Hiddenness of the Diaconate**

We will aim to see more truly the hidden (interior) work of conversion in our lives, the hidden manner of the Father's love, especially through relational prayer, and the particularly hidden character of what is essential to our diaconal participation in Jesus' diakonia. All of these have implications for our marriage and celibacy, too.

## **Identidad de la Familia Diaconal, Signo de Esperanza**

En el marco de la celebración del Año Jubilar 2025 "Peregrinos de esperanza", este retiro ofrece la oportunidad para fortalecer la identidad de la familia diaconal, que es signo de esperanza cristiana. Tendremos la oportunidad de reflexionar y orar juntos, para que al encuentro con Jesús y fortalecidos en la conciencia del don recibido, el servicio diaconal se manifieste como signo de esperanza en el pueblo de Dios al que servimos en el ministerio eclesial, según la indicación del apóstol Pedro: "El que ha recibido el don de la palabra, que la enseñe como palabra de Dios. El que ejerce un ministerio, que lo haga como quien recibe de Dios ese poder, para que Dios sea glorificado en todas las cosas, por Jesucristo. ¡A él sea la gloria y el poder, por los siglos de los siglos!" Amén. (1 Pedro 4,11).

RETREAT COSTS  
ARE PAID BY  
THE DIOCESE  
OF ORLANDO

Retreats are held at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center.

For more information and to register please visit

[www.sanpedrocenter.org/deacon-retreats](http://www.sanpedrocenter.org/deacon-retreats),  
scan the QR code or call Jazmine Hernandez at  
407-671-6322 ext. 115.

Registration will close two weeks before the retreat.

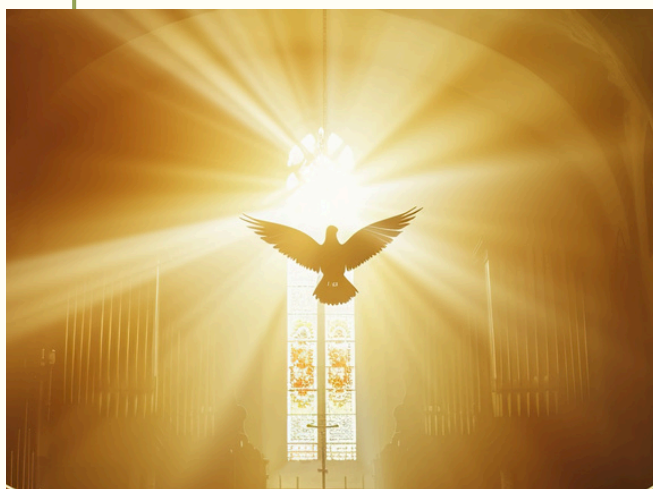




# PARISHES NEED DEACONS!

THE FOLLOWING PARISHES NEED BILINGUAL  
DEACONS TO MINISTER TO PARISHIONERS

**ST. ANDREW, ORLANDO**  
**BLESSED TRINITY, ORLANDO**  
**ST. JOHN VIANNEY, ORLANDO**



IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO  
ASSIST, PLEASE EMAIL  
DEACON DAVE AT

[DCAMOUS@ORLANDODIOCESE.ORG](mailto:DCAMOUS@ORLANDODIOCESE.ORG)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SENIOR DEACONS!

Deacon Susano Neris- 90

Deacon Jacinto Ortiz- 88

Deacon Peter DiGiusseppe- 84

Deacon Carl Orbon- 82

Deacon Rafael Gonzalez- 82

Deacon Jose Serrano- 81

Deacon Walt Price- 81

Deacon Dana McCarthy- 80





## FORMATION UPDATES

**Please Pray for** - Cohort 2026 as they receive their Rite of Lector at our upcoming Convocation Mass.

**Liturgical Ministry Enrichment Gathering** - Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.  
The Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.

The deadline to register for the Liturgical Ministry Enrichment Gathering: Encountering the Real Presence of Christ has been extended. This event is hosted by Liturgy Training Publications. Tickets are \$40 per person; the cost includes lunch and a copy of LTP's publication: Encountering the Real Presence of Christ. All liturgical ministers are invited to attend.



## CONTINUING FORMATION

**Continuing Formation for Newly Ordained** - Per the requirements in the revised National Directory, we are excited to announce that we will be piloting the first year of a 5-year continuing formation cycle for the newly ordained. The 18 men ordained as part of Cohort 2024 will be the pilot group. The first year will consist of five Saturday workshops spread throughout their first year of ministry, where they will process ministerial experiences through the lens of their prior formation. The workshops will be in diverse locations throughout the diocese so they become more familiar with parishes in different deaneries. We hope future years will include workshops that may be accessed equally between the newly ordained and those of us more experienced in ministry. We are very thankful to Deacon German Romero and his team who laid the foundation for this first year.

**The need for Post-Ordination Formation** - is first and foremost a process of continual conversion. It requires that ongoing formation strengthen each deacon's consciousness and willingness to live in informed, active and mature communion with their diocesan bishops and priests, and with the Supreme Pontiff, who is the visible foundation of the entire Church's unity. When formed in this way, they can become more effective promoters of communion. The good formation of deacons is a human necessity which must be seen in continuity with the divine call to serve the Church. The goal for this stage of formation is to responsibly address the various aspects of a deacon's ministry, the development of his personality and, above all, his commitment to spiritual growth. "Ongoing formation must include and harmonize all dimensions of the life and ministry of the deacon."

On a practical level this post-ordination formation is consistent with the requirement for priests, as well as any person who is engaged in a professional occupation. As ministers of God, deacons should be deepening their spiritual growth by enhancing their pastoral and intellectual skills to best serve their congregations.

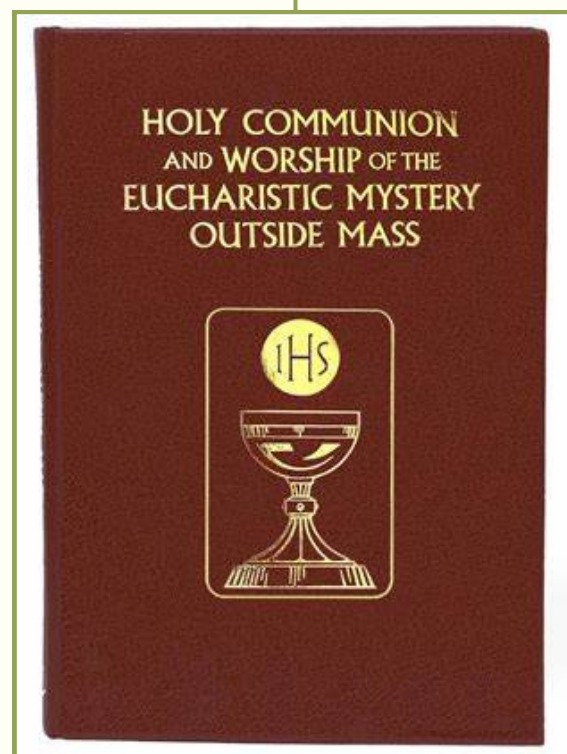




## LITURGICAL NOTES

### **HOLY COMMUNION AND THE RITE OF WORSHIP OF THE EUCHARISTIC MYSTERY OUTSIDE OF MASS** -

Beginning September 14th, the new book on the Rite of Worship of Holy Communion outside of Mass may be used in the Diocese of Orlando. Please make sure you or your parish has a copy on hand so that we may adopt these practices by the start of Advent. This book answers many of the questions regarding Liturgy of the Word with Communion and Eucharistic Exposition, such as the place of scripture readings, reflections, music, and silence during the period of Exposition, inconsistencies in the insertion of the Divine Praises, the practice of processing the monstrance around the church to each person for individual reverence, and the minimum number of persons to be present during exposition. This clarified rite will add to the beauty and universal nature of these liturgies.





# LITURGICAL NOTES

## **QUESTION OF THE MONTH:**

WHERE CAN THE AMERICAN FLAG BE DISPLAYED IN THE CHURCH?

USCCB: “Surprisingly to many, there are no regulations of any kind governing the display of flags in Roman Catholic Churches. Neither the Code of Canon law, nor the liturgical books of the Roman rite comment on this practice. As a result, the question of whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic Church is left up to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, who in turn often delegates this to the discretion of the pastor.

The origin of the display of the American flag in many parishes in the United States appears have its origins in the offering of prayers for those who served during the Second World War (1941-1945). At that time, many bishops and pastors provided a book of remembrance near the American flag, requesting prayers for loved ones – especially those serving their country in the armed forces – as a way of keeping before the attention of the faithful the needs of military families. This practice has since been confirmed in many places during the Korean, Viet Nam and Iraqi conflicts.

**Pastoral Considerations** - The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has encouraged pastors not to place the flag within the sanctuary itself, to reserve that space for the altar, the ambo, the presidential chair and the tabernacle. Instead, place the American flag outside the sanctuary, or in the vestibule of the Church with a book of prayer requests. Liturgically and canonically, the American flag and any other national or civil flag (e.g. the Vatican flag) have no permanent place in the sanctuary, though the temporary presence of the flag in the church might be appropriate (e.g. Veterans Day or Memorial Day services).

Please note that in the Diocese of Orlando, we have followed the guidance of the USCCB in this matter.

# IN REMEMBRANCE

## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and may perpetual light  
shine upon them. May their souls  
and the souls of all the faithful  
departed through the mercy of  
God rest in peace. Amen.



## MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, September 27, 2024 at the Mary, Mother of God Chapel at San Pedro  
Spiritual Development Center

- 8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours for the Dead
- 8:30 a.m. Memorial Mass for priests and deacons recently buried

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