



Notre Dame Catholic Church

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Notre Dame Catholic Church is addressing the spiritual and the material needs of the people in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie area. The church provides services to all regardless of race, gender, color, or religion. Notre Dame Catholic Church is a family rooted in faith, hope and love. We are trying to follow the Lord's example of the Christian stewardship: gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us, and shared these gifts with all people.

Parish Staff / Anplwaye

Rev. Yves Geffrard: Administrator

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Pastoral Council Chairwoman: Pauline Jean Simon

August 9, 2026



LORD, COMMAND ME
TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER

Parish Programs & Schedule

Mass Schedule / Orè Mès yo

English Mass : Sunday 8:00 AM

Saturday Mass 5:00 PM

On Holidays, all English Services are at 9:30 AM

Creole Mass : Sunday 11:00 AM

Every Tuesday: 7:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament: every first Sunday
after the 11:00 AM Creole Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM
By appointment

Church Office Hours : (772) 466-9617

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Notre Dame Soup Kitchen: Friday 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Outreach Program: St Vincent de Paul (772) 465-4551

Monday 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM only by phone

Dried Food Assistance Tuesday 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Program nan Pawas la ak Orè Sèvis yo

Orè Mès yo

Mès Anglè: Dimanch 8:00 AM

Samdi 5:00 PM

Nan jou fèt, tout sèvis Anglè toujou fèt a 9:30 AM

Mès Kreyòl : Dimanch 11:00 AM & Madi 7:30 PM

Ekspozisyon Sen Sakreman:

Chak Premye Dimanch aprè Mès 11è

Konfesyon : Samdi 4:00-4:30 PM sou Randevou

Orè Biwo administrasyon Legliz la : (772) 466-9617

Lendi rive Vandredi 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Notre Dame Soup Kitchen: Vandredi 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Program Asistans: St Vincent de Paul (772) 465-4551

Lendi 9:30 AM rive 12:00 PM sou telefòn sèlman

Asistans manje: Jedi 9:00 AM rive 11:00 AM

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , A

My brothers and sisters,

Water covers about two thirds of the earth's surface. We know that we cannot live without it, but sometimes we cannot live with it. We have been experiencing ways where we cannot live with it in the last couple of months with flooding and tsunami here and there. Water is powerful, mysterious force which can mean life or death. The apostles understood water very well. From it as fishermen they derived their livelihood. For them water usually meant life. But one night in particular, with the wind howling above them and the water roaring beneath their boat, they knew that water could mean death. How astounded they must have been when they saw Jesus walking toward them safely and unperturbed on the lake! When they realized it was really Jesus and not a ghost, they began to calm their fears, but impetuous Peter was not satisfied. He desired something more than what he saw. He expected Jesus to act in a still more extraordinary manner: he actually wanted Jesus to empower him to walk on the water. "Tell me to come to you across the water", Peter demanded. Surprisingly Jesus said, "Come". But it didn't work. Peter began to sink because of his lack of faith. My brothers and sisters, we may want God to act on our behalf in unusual ways, to allow us, so to speak, to walk to him across the water. But we are to remain in the boat, the boat which symbolizes the Church. The Church will not sink even in the most tumultuous waves which cause great scandals in the Church and confound us. The Church will not be tossed upside down even by the most powerful winds which threaten to upset our faith and disturb us. Whatever may be the approach others may take, we know where we will always find God. Within the Church God acts in his own way. We no doubt would be thrilled to see the Lord in some brilliant flash of light like the fire which consumed the holocaust offered by Elijah, but Jesus' way is simple like that of a tiny whisper. He chooses to speak to us, not in the tumult of a strong wind, but in the ordinary sounds of human words through the Sacred Scripture. He chooses to come to us, not in the rumbling of a mighty earthquake, but under the simple appearances of bread and wine. In every circumstance, throughout every need of life, we will find the Lord, but we are to remain in the boat, to be faithful disciples in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

Rev. Yves Geffrard

DIZNEVYÈM DIMANCH ÒDINÈ, ANE A

Frè m ak Sè m yo,
Twaka latè-a kouvri ak dlo. Nou konnen nou pa kab viv san li, men pafwa, nou pa kapab viv avèk li. Nan kèk mwa pase yo, dapre eksperyans nou fè ak inondasyon ak sounami pasi pala, nou eskperimente fason nou pa kab viv ak li. Dlo se yon bagay ki pisan, se fòs misterye ki ka vle di lanmò ou

lavi. Apot yo te konnen sa yo rele dlo-a anpil. Se ak dlo-a yo te konn viv antan ke pechè. Pou yo, dlo-a te toujou vle di lavi. Men nan yon nwit, an patikilye, avèk gro van ki tap sufle sou tèt yo epi dlo-a ki t-ap sakaje bato yo, yo te konnen lè sa-a ke dlo te gen pouvwa lanmò tou. Se pa ti etone yo te etone lè yo te wè Jezi ki t-ap mache vin jwenn yo byen konfòtab san okenn nwizans sou lak la. Lè yo vin reyalize vrèman ke se Jezi, se pa yon zonbi, yo kòmanse kalme yo, men vin jwenn Pyè ki se yon nonm ki gen anpil foug li pa satisfè. Li te vle plis pase sa-l te wè-a. Li konnen Jezi t-ap reyaji yon fason ki gen plis pisans toujou : Kounyè-a-menm li te vle ke Jezi ba-l pouvwa pou-l mache sou dlo-a tou. « Di-m pou-m vin jwenn ou sou dlo-a », Pyè te mande. Ak anpil sipriz, Jezi te di, « Vini ». Men sa pat mache. Pyè te kòmanse antre nan dlo-a akòz li te manke lafwa. Frè-m ak Sè-m yo, anpil fwa nou konn vle ke Jezi reyaji pou nou nan fason inabityèl, pou-l pèmèt nou, yon fason pou pale, mache vin jwenn li sou dlo-a. Men nou dwe rete nan bato-a, bato senbolize Legliz la. Legliz la pap koule, menm nan vag ki pi danje yo ki koze gro skandal nan Legliz epi ki konfonn nou. Legliz la pap janm tounen lanvè, menm nan gro van pi pisan yo ki menase pou boulvèse lafwa nou pou deranje nou. Kèlkeswa demach lòt moun ap fè, nou konnen ki kote pou nou jwenn Bondye. Anndan Legliz Bondye aji nan fason pa Li. Sandout nou t-ap kontan anpil pou nou ta wè Senyè-a parèt nan yon gro limyè klere tankou solèy tankou flannm dife ki te boule ofrann Eli te ofri-a, men jan Jezi fè bagay yo trè senp tankou lè wap di yon ti koze nan zòrèy yon moun. Li chwazi pale avèk nou, non pa nan yon boulvèsman gro van, men nan ti vwa òdinè ke tout moun ka konprann atravè Lasent Bib la. Li chwazi pale avèk nou, non pa ak yon gro tonton vwa ki tankou yon gro tranbleman de tè (ou byen goudougoudou), men sou yon fòm yon ti pen ak diven. Nan tout sikonstans, atravè tout bezwen ki gen nan lavi-a, nou ap jwenn Senyè-a, men nou dwe rete nan bato-a, pou nou vin patizan fidèl nan Legliz la ki youn Katolik epi Apostolik.

Pè . Yves Geffrard

READING FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026

Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Monday	Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Ez 9:1-7; 10-18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Cor 5:19; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday **Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Mass During the Day: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

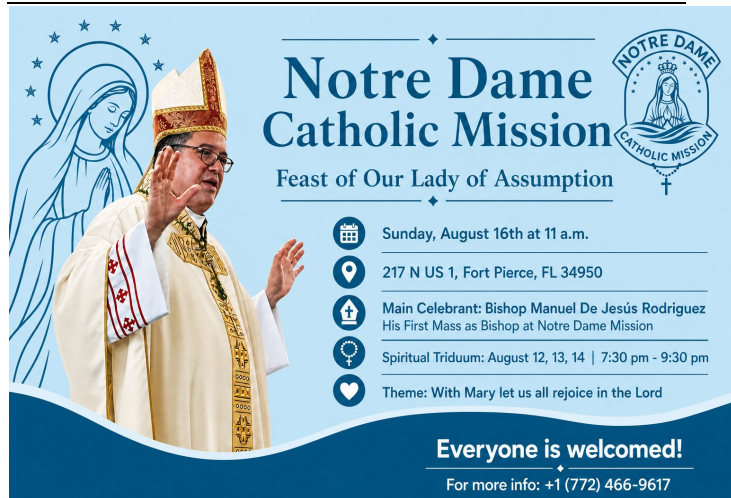
Sunday **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for the weekend ending July 26th was \$3,053.00, the RME collection totaled \$729.00, and the one for last weekend ending August 2nd was \$3,095.00.

Notre Dame Catholic Mission Patroness Feast Invitation



Notre Dame Catholic Mission
Feast of Our Lady of Assumption

- Sunday, August 16th at 11 a.m.
- 217 N US 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34950
- Main Celebrant: Bishop Manuel De Jesús Rodríguez
His First Mass as Bishop at Notre Dame Mission
- Spiritual Triduum: August 12, 13, 14 | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- Theme: With Mary let us all rejoice in the Lord

Everyone is welcomed!
For more info: +1 (772) 466-9617

You're cordially invited to celebrate the Notre Dame Catholic Mission Feast Day on August 16th, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Manuel De Jesús Rodríguez will be the main celebrant for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patroness. There will be a spiritual triduum on August 12, 13, and 14 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to prepare our hearts. The theme for these three days is: ***"With Mary let us all rejoice in the Lord"***. We look forward to see you all at this spiritual celebration. For more information you can call 772-466-9617. May the Lord bless you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Rev. Yves Geffard, Administrator.

Notre Dame Memorial Scholarship



The Notre Dame Memorial Scholarship provides financial assistance to students pursuing higher education at a credited colleges, universities, vocational schools, and

trade schools. The scholarship supports students who demonstrate academic commitment, Christian values, and service to others, but who lack the financial resources to achieve their educational goals. Special consideration is given to students experiencing financial hardship. This is a privately funded scholarship program; no Notre Dame Catholic Mission operating funds are used. For application information, contact Patrick Boney at prboney@gmail.com or call the church office at (772) 466-9617

August Dedication : The Immaculate Heart of Mary

August is the month traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and once the month that held the feast day. In 1944, it was set to be celebrated on August 22nd and remained there until it was moved to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart in 1969. However, August remains dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and still contains three Marian feasts.

Notre Dame Community Support

Proverbs 19:17 'One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed'



Notre Dame Soup Kitchen served hot meals and gave out additional goods on the outside table to others in the community last Friday. Special thanks to all our volunteers who help make it work for the kitchen. From the man that drops off pastries, to the ladies cooking food from early morning until time to serve, to the servers and those who greet those who are receiving meals.

This week volunteers from Saint Vincent De Paul distributed bags of food to those that are homeless and those who are in need. They also conducted home visits as part of their rental assistance program.

The 2026 Summer Camp kids

The kids at the Summer camp thanks all of you who were participating at their talent show Sunday night. Thank you to all the staff and parents. They were the cornerstone of the summer camp.

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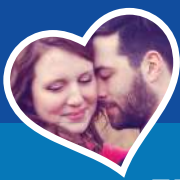
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