

Courageously Living the Gospel Prayer

Almighty, ever-living God, by our baptism, we have been called to live as missionary disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant that we, your people of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, will fulfill our purpose by proclaiming the Good News and inviting all people to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

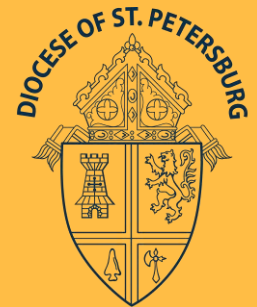
Deepen our trust in you, O Lord, and help us to remain steadfast in our commitment to Courageously Living the Gospel in our homes, neighborhoods, parish communities, and wherever you may lead us.

Together, with the intercession of our Blessed Mother and all the saints who have gone before us, we humbly ask for the courage to live as your disciples standing firm in our Catholic faith, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



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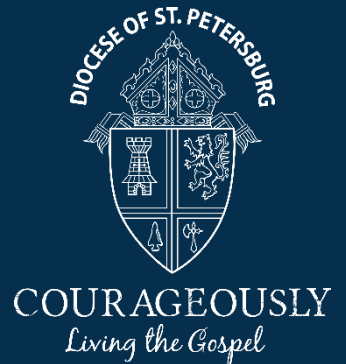
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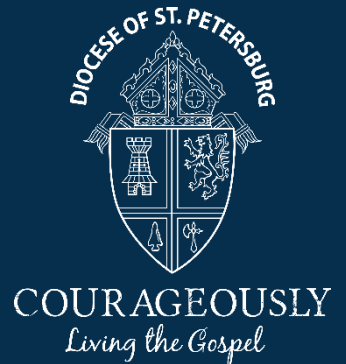
**Gulf Coast Catholic is a
News and lifestyle website of the
Diocese of St. Petersburg that
communicates the faith through
feature articles rooted in
Catholic teaching and tradition.**

**We seek to help all Catholics
know, live and share the faith.**



Why:
Our diocesan vision,
Courageously Living the Gospel,
compels us to form Missionary Disciples
who spread the faith.

GulfCoastCatholic.org seeks to assist
with this effort.





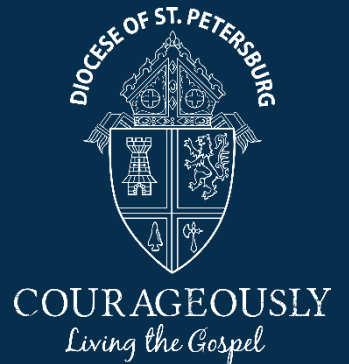
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Gainesville's Holy Faith Catholic Church
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**Saint Louis Catholic Church in
Tallahassee** reminds that Jesus doesn't
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Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in Riviera Beach encourages parishioners to 'be alert' while behind the wheel of life's journey

The Rev. Peter Truong of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Riviera Beach recently encouraged his parishioners to keep an eye out and be alert.

Solange DeLisle / 8 months ago



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






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YOUR STORIES



COURAGEOUSLY LIVING

Church Outreach Blesses Students with Backpacks

The event was organized by members of the Knights of Columbus and the Institute of Charity.



COURAGEOUSLY LIVING

Ribbon-Cutting Celebrates More Access to Healthcare in Southeast Hillsborough

We are excited about the future of the La Esperanza Free Medical Clinic in Wimauma.



LOCAL NEWS

Recognized for Heart & Soul

Local priest who serves as a police chaplain received a special award.

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You!

We Need You to Join our Good News Team!

- Help us find people to interview who have interesting or powerful stories of faith, especially as they connect to sacramental moments in the Church.
- Share insights on your own faith journey by answering occasional reflection questions.
- Contribute story ideas and topic suggestions.
- Provide regular feedback on the publication.
- Serve as an ambassador for the publication within your own community.

What makes a good story for Gulf Coast Catholic?

CATHOLIC The Catholic faith should be an essential element of the story. We love sharing stories about sacramental moments, conversion, and grace. The purpose of GulfCoastCatholic.org is to help Catholics know, live and share the faith. Therefore, faith is essential for each story.

PERSONAL The main focus of the article should be a person, not an institution. People like to read stories about other people. We want our stories to be read! Therefore, we seek to focus on people. The article can highlight how Jesus Christ, a ministry or member of the Church made a difference on a person, a couple or a family.

HOPE Articles about people overcoming adversity are inspiring and can bring people hope and joy. As Catholics, we have joy because Jesus Christ conquered death and sin. We are a resurrection people. Articles that take a reader from Good Friday to Easter Sunday resonate in a powerful way.

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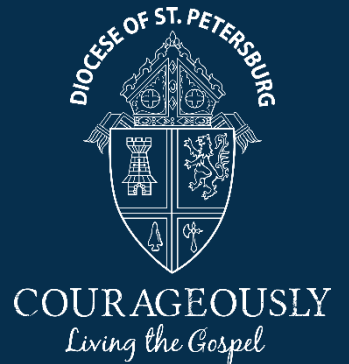
GUIDANCE Articles that address a problem or concern that people face are meaningful. We all need encouragement and guidance. Articles that help people overcome a challenge are important to share.

TRENDING Articles that tie in to a local or national trend are relevant to people's lives and help connect faith to a larger context.

TIMELY Articles that are timely are more relevant to people's lives. It helps when the topic connects to a particular liturgical or secular event on the calendar.

NEW Articles that showcase what's new in the Church keep the faithful current with how to get involved and highlight how the faith is dynamic and alive.

Content Evangelization



Content Evangelization is:

Catholic content that builds up disciples.

Content that encourages Catholics to share their faith with others.

Content that focuses on the faith of a person.



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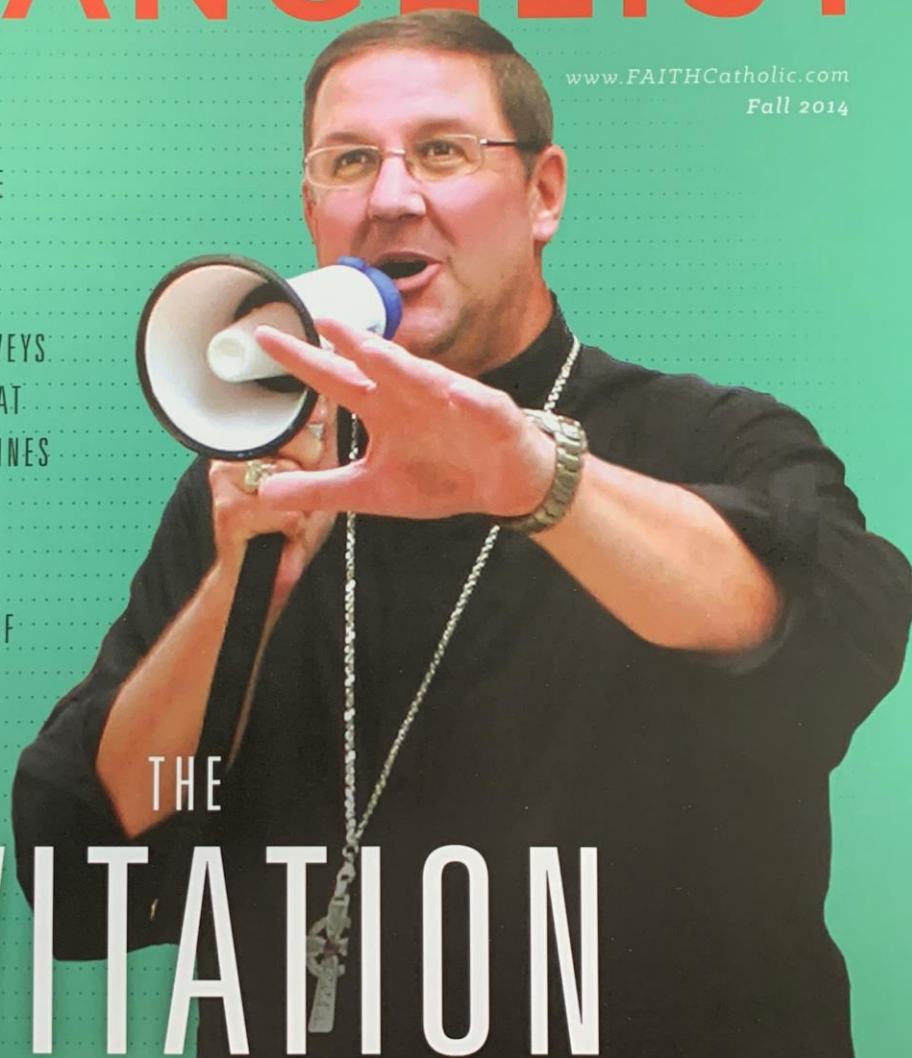
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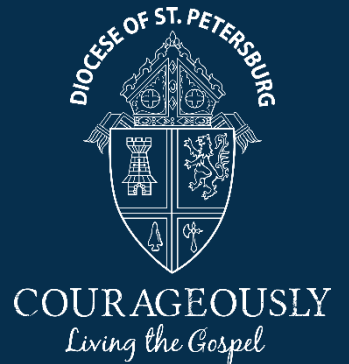
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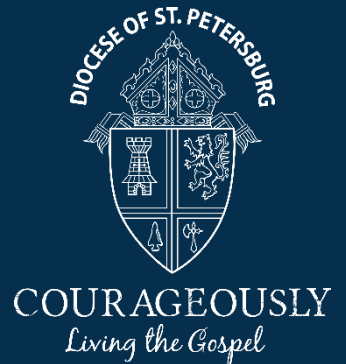
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Articles Based on: Teaching, Virtues and Values of the Catholic Faith



The goal is to evangelize our Catholic community and equip them to be missionary disciples by sharing timely and compelling articles that help Catholics to know the faith, live the faith and share the faith.

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Topics Include:

- Faith
- Parenting
- Marriage
- Media
- Relationships
- Vocations
- Bishop's Monthly Message
- News about the Catholic Church
and *Courageously Living the Gospel*
- Events

YOUR LIFE



PARENTING JOURNEY

How to be Both Consistent & Loving

A few more tips for maintaining consistent, loving parenting.



MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Advice for Avoiding the 'Rotten Fruit' of Our Digital Age

The crisis of fake news and media manipulation is starting to get the attention of U.S. bishops.



GOOD LIFE

Can I Be Independent If I Still Live With My Parents?

Include your parents in your desire for independence. Ask for their guidance ...



GOOD LIFE

I'm afraid my friend might be depressed

Depression can be a sensitive topic for those who struggle, as well as for those who care about the struggling. How can we help?



Our Parenting Styles Are Really Different

YOUR FAITH



FROM BISHOP PARKES

What to Know About Mary's Assumption on August 15th

Mary leads us closer to her son, Jesus.



GROW AS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

Father Mike, Help Me To Pray

Father Mike Muhr Helps Us to Savor Prayer.



GOOD TO KNOW WITH FATHER JOE

Is it true that Catholics can only be married in a church?

Since God created the world and all its beauty, I'm wondering if a couple can be married outside on the beach or at a park?



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Keeping God in your life during a hectic day

How can I keep God present in my life during a hectic work/school schedule?



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Father Joseph Waters

Father Joe Waters is Judicial Vicar and [Censor Librorum](#) of the Diocese of St. Petersburg.



Is it true that Catholics can only be married in a church?

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By Very Rev. Joseph L. Waters, J.C.L. |
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Bishop Gregory Parkes

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Bishop Gregory Parkes is the spiritual leader of the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of St. Petersburg.



"IT IS JESUS, TRULY PRESENT IN
HIS BODY AND IN HIS BLOOD
WHO SUSTAINS US AS WE
JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE."

BISHOP GREGORY PARKES

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"I am the living bread that came
down from heaven; whoever eats this
bread will...

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"True and lasting happiness
comes from God... peace,
joy, love, and mercy.
All of these are found
in the Eucharist...
Jesus who is the bread
of life. If you have not been
to church in a while,
this weekend is a good
time to come home."

BISHOP GREGORY PARKES

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread
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SHE SAYS: I'm concerned about his temper

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Mike's temper seems to be frayed to the edges lately.

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SHE SAYS: I want to go back to school for a master's degree

MARRIAGE MATTERS

By Steve and Bridget Patton | GETTY IMAGES/SHIRONOSOV | May 2021

Make sure you and your spouse are thinking about the big picture.

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SHE SAYS: Do we have to talk about work when we spend all day "in the office" together?

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By Steve and Bridget Patton | January 2021

Talk with the intent to grow in your understanding and love for one another.

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Our Parenting Styles Are Really Different

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How to use your differences to find balance as parents.

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By Father Mike Muhr | August 2021

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Respond to God's Invitation!

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By Pete Burak | Getty 529119761 | July August 2021

Mary saying yes to God was one of the most significant acts of obedience in human history.

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Keeping God In Your Life During A Hectic Day

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How can I keep God present in my life during a hectic work/school schedule?

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Tips for Living by the Values of God's Kingdom

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Put Jesus first and feed your mind with the truth.

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Making Your Intercessory Prayer Fruitful

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Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María.

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Dejen los dispositivos: reinicio de verano

PARENTING JOURNEY

By By Sheri Wohlfert | July August 2021

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¿Quién fue Poncio Pilato?

THEOLOGY 101

By Douglas Culp | July August 2021

Teología 101 continúa su búsqueda para descubrir el detrás de escena de algunas ...

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Una simple recompensa para un buen hombre: El "milagro" del helado

CULTURE

By Michelle DiFranco | July August 2021

El beato Solanus Casey vivió una vida extraordinaria de santidad y una profunda ...

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¡Responda a la invitación de Dios!

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By Pete Burak | Getty Images/DeepGreen | July August 2021



Me siento frustrado por un colega que le hace malos comentarios sobre mis enseñanzas



San Ignacio de Loyola: Fundador de la Compañía de Jesús

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Saint Leo University Announces Merger with Marymount California University

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A Day of Joy as Three Priests are Welcomed into the Diocese of St. Petersburg

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Bishop Gregory Parkes said it was "a day of joy" as three men who were ordained outside of the Diocese of



Welcome to the Family- Father Daniel Kayajan

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Bishop Gregory Parkes welcomed Father Daniel Kayajan as a permanent priest of the Diocese of St. Petersburg on July 1, 2021.

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The Diocese of St. Petersburg Announces the Hiring of a New Executive Director of Operations

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June 2021



Catholics Need to Hear Welcoming Messages to Return to Mass

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By By Mark Pattison, Catholic News Service, Contributing to this story were Teresa Peterson, Karla Donweiler, Daniel Meloy, Richard Szczepanowski and Joseph P. Owens. | (CNS photo/courtesy Detroit Catholic, Permission Granted to dosp.org) | July 2021

The mere act of lifting the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation as the coronavirus pandemic eases won't be enough to get Catholics to come back to church, and the Diocese of St. Petersburg is actively working to bring people back.

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Scholarships Available for Stewardship Conference in September!

LOCAL NEWS

July 2021

The Office of Stewardship and Development is sponsoring three (3) scholarships for the International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC) being held in Orlando, Florida September 12-15, 2021.

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Local Filipino Community Celebrates 500 years of Christianity in their Homeland


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By Lauren Pieper | May 2021

We will Encourage People to Subscribe to
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Stay connected with our FREE newsletter!

Subscribe to our free e-newsletter, the Wednesday Wave. Then, we'll email you our most important stories each week. Our first email will be sent to you on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. We will never distribute your information to other groups and you will be able to unsubscribe at any time. Contact us at communicate@dosp.org if you don't start seeing your weekly email. God bless you! :)

Why Subscribe?

We bring you stories that matter most to your life! Our articles help you with your family, your prayer and most importantly, your faith. We also share good news stories about people who are Courageously Living the Gospel. These men and women will inspire you to live your best Catholic life every day.

Sign Up Sunday: Sunday, October 24, 2021

- Sign up to receive the “Wednesday Wave” via email each week. This is a summary of the most important stories of the week. We bring you the stories that matter most to your life! Our articles help you with your family, your life and most importantly, your faith. We also share good news stories about the people in our community who are making a difference. They will inspire you to live your best Catholic life.
- Participate in our “Sign Up Sunday” on Sunday, October 24, 2021 and receive promotional materials to share with your community. Please email Lucia Guyer (lem@dosp.org) by September 9th, to let us know if your parish will take part in Sign Up Sunday.
- We serve Tampa Bay, the Suncoast and the Nature Coast with local, timely and relevant news about the Catholic Church and Courageously Living the Gospel. It’s an online source for your Catholic life.



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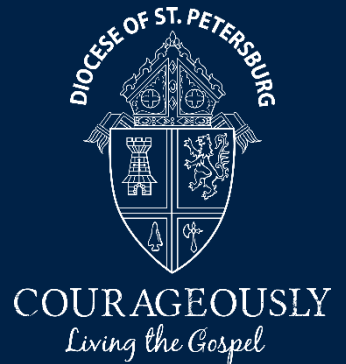


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***Based on percentage of subscribers to registered parishioners.**



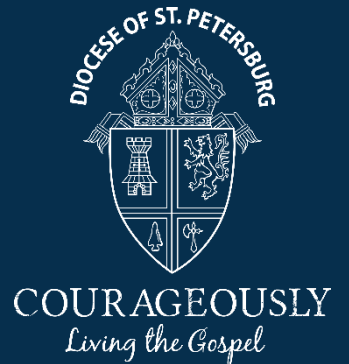
How can we collaborate?

- Suggest story ideas.
- Write articles for the website.
- Connect us with local writers and photographers.
- Promote this ministry.
- Pray for our ministry to reach hearts, minds and souls for Christ.

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How can this be most helpful to your
community?

Submit your answer in the chat.



Questions?



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