

DEAR PILGRIMS

The month of January reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage. But no doubt you have heard it said that life is a journey and not a destination and that is the same way that I like to look at pilgrimages. A pilgrimage is a journey, and the "destination" is really a stopping place.

The Basilica of the National Shrine is not a destination, but a stopping place here in Orlando. We love to say that it is an oasis in the busyness of the theme parks and other attractions. It is a place of refreshment, light, life and peace. These are necessary for any pilgrimage, and we are happy to provide those for you from the moment you step out of your car and are greeted by the protecting figure of St. Michael the Archangel!

As you cross the bridge, you are, as it were, crossing into the Promised Land, coming to "Big Momma's House" as I fondly like to refer to our Basilica Shrine. Maybe you feel moved to pray Psalm 122 – "I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord, and now our feet are standing in your gates ..." of the Kingdom. Here you will feel the warm embrace of Mary, Queen of the Universe who is first and foremost our Mother. A Mother's welcome awaits you and points you to her Son who offers Himself Body, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharistic Sacrifice and a place in His Merciful Heart in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

And in this Shrine we invite you to pray and when you leave we pray that you will leave in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Anthony Arms

MASS TIMES

MONDAY — FRIDAY

MASSES: 9:00AM | NOON

CONFESSIONS: 10 AM-11:30AM | 2PM-4PM

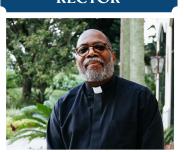
SATURDAYS

MASSES: NOON | 6PM (CHOIR)
CONFESSIONS: 10AM-4PM

SUNDAYS

MASSES: 8 AM | 10AM (CHOIR) | NOON CONFESSIONS: 9AM-NOON

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MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9:30AM-4PM SATURDAYS: 11:30AM-7PM SUNDAYS: 8 AM-2PM



JANUARY 5 **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

JANUARY 6

FIRST SATURDAY WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER 9AM FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12PM

JANUARY 19 MASS FOR LIFE 12 P M

FEBRUARY 10

PILGRIMAGE OF THE SICK 9AM-12PM

IN HONOR OF THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, WE WILL OFFER PRAYERS FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ILLNESSES.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK WILL BE CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

FEBRUARY 14

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 9AM, 12PM AND 6PM



