

# GULF COAST CATHOLIC

Parish life and parishioner's stories about their faith serve as the inspiration for a new media tool to reach all Catholics throughout the Tampa Bay, Nature Coast and Suncoast areas. The Gulf Coast Catholic Magazine was launched by Bishop Gregory Parkes in September 2023 in response to ideas expressed during his listening sessions hosted throughout the Diocese. This new printed publication strives to connect and bring all parishioner of our five counties closer together.

**"This quarterly magazine's mission is to lead people closer to Jesus and His Church so we can live as good Catholics,"** said Teresa Peterson, the Executive Director of Communications at the Diocese of St. Petersburg. **"We provide timely and relevant articles, and testimonials for staying up to date with Catholic life and stories about those who are Courageously Living the Gospel."**

Since its launch, the magazine has been mailed directly to registered parishioners, approximately 100,000 households, and is now available on Instagram (@GulfCoastCatholic). In each issue, readers find tips for growing in faith, enhancing spirituality, and deepening prayer.

**"My hope for the Gulf Coast Catholic is that it increases awareness of issues that impact Catholics' faith. We also hope to increase the spreading of the good news by placing the magazine in businesses, restaurants and hospitals throughout the area,"** shared Peterson.

The Gulf Coast Catholic Magazine is supported through direct donations, gifts to the Catholic Ministry Appeal, as well as advertisements. Those interested in advertising or receiving their own issue of Gulf Coast Catholic, please visit our website at [dosp.org/gulfcoastcatholic](https://dosp.org/gulfcoastcatholic).

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Our goal is to lead you closer to Christ and His Church. We provide articles that are designed to **inspire you and guide you** through the challenges of life.



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