

460TH
ANNIVERSARY

FOUNDER'S DAY

Where the Catholic Faith Began on the First Coast

It all began on Sept. 8, 1565, when Don Pedro Menéndez de Avilés landed in what is now St. Augustine, claimed Florida for Spain, and founded a settlement that would become the oldest continuously occupied European community in the continental United States.

Upon arrival, Father Francisco López de Mendoza Grajales celebrated the first Catholic Mass of Thanksgiving on these shores — the moment when the Catholic faith first took root in this land and the city of St. Augustine was established, forever joining faith and history.

TO COMMEMORATE THIS HISTORIC MOMENT, THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE INVITES YOU

460TH FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

At Mission Nombre de Dios

101 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine

The day features Historic Florida Militia reenactment of the landing, a solemn Mass at the Rustic Altar with Bishop Erik Pohlmeier, a grand procession, and a reenactment of the first shared meal between Spaniards and Timucuan.

**SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS**

10 a.m. Reenactment of Menéndez's landing at Mission Nombre de Dios (free admission & parking)
Following the reenactment, Catholic Mass at the Rustic Altar (bring a folding chair)

12 p.m. Procession from the Mission to the Fountain of Youth (regular admission)

1 p.m. Reenactment of the first Thanksgiving meal at the Fountain of Youth (regular admission)

1 to 5 p.m. Spanish encampment & weapons demonstrations at the Fountain of Youth (regular admission)

For more details,
call (904) 824-2809.


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AT MISSION NOMBRE DE DIOS


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