

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2022

# Saint John the Evangelist

## Catholic Church



### **The Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### **A Prayer for World Peace**

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. Amen.



# Parish Information

## Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. (livestreamed)

Saturday: 8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. (livestreamed), 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 11:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

## Hours of Operation

Main Office: Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. John's Religious Gift Shop : Saturday 2:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint John the Evangelist offers the healing sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the Church confessionals on Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.

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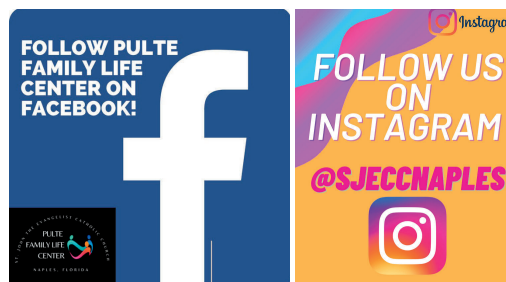
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# Mass Intentions

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 10, 2022

8:00 AM + George Dublino  
*Vigil Masses for Sunday*  
 3:00 PM + Karen Oliver  
 5:00 PM + Anthony Russo

### Sunday, December 11, 2022

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners  
 9:00 AM SI The Horey and Thoman Families  
 11:00 AM + Michael Zeto, Jr.  
 1:00 PM + Gordon Avery  
 5:00 PM + Claudette Ina and John Ina

### Monday, December 12, 2022

8:30 AM + Laurance McEvoy

### Tuesday, December 13, 2022

8:30 AM SI Frato Family in Thanksgiving to St. Lucy

### Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:30 AM + Herbert Penfield

### Thursday, December 15, 2022

8:30 AM + Nyla Ulanski

### Friday, December 16, 2022

8:30 AM + Matthew Hoffman

### Saturday, December 17, 2022

8:00 AM + Rosalee DeGenova

*(Vigil Masses for Sunday)*

3:00 PM + Dennis Rogers  
 5:00 PM + Margie Lynch

### Sunday, December 18, 2022

7:00 AM + Anthony Ferara  
 9:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners  
 11:00 AM + Loretta Wesolek  
 1:00 PM + Jay Klevanosky  
 5:00 PM + Lloyd Zimmerman

*Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions (SI)*

### Requested By

Maria Dublino

Ann and Gregg Agens  
 William White

### Requested By

Janet Thoman  
 Preffer Family  
 Marie Avery

George Ina and Family

### Requested By

Rosemarie and Gerard Heyen

### Requested By

Beverly Frato

### Requested By

Geraldine Merlo

### Requested By

Ulanski Family

### Requested By

Claire and Leonard Rober

### Requested By

Henry DeGenova

Judy Rogers

Norma Claussen

### Requested By

Joe and Bernadette Rossini

Jeff and Carol Chorba

Joanie Kirk

Patricia Zimmerman

## Readings for the Week

### **Saturday, December 10, 2022**

ISir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### **Sunday, December 11, 2022**

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Mt 11:2-11

### **Monday, December 12, 2022**

ZEC 2:14-17/LK 1:26-38

### **Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13/MT 21:28-32

### **Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25/LK 7:18B-23

### **Thursday, December 15, 2022**

Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

### **Friday, December 16, 2022**

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36

### **Saturday, December 17, 2022**

Gn 49:2, 8-101/72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

## Sacraments of the Church

**Baptism:** The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, please call the office at (239) 566-8740.

**Matrimony:** Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. Tricia Schwarz: tricia@sjecc.com.

**Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements:** Call the parish office. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.



# Ministries and Groups

**Arimatheans.** Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact Ann Petrillo: 239.248.2189

**Boy Scout Troop 226** – St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. scoutmaster@troop-226.com

**Cenacle of Life Prayer Group** – Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432

**Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina** – Mondays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947

**Cub Scout Pack 226** – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Contact Melissa Wychocki: mwychocki@gmail.com

**Faith Chat** – Faith Chat will be finishing watching the second season of the TV series “The Chosen” on December 15. We will not meet on December 22 but we will have a coffee meet and greet on December 29 at 9:30 am. Come meet us and learn more about our group. We will start the study of the Gospel of St. Matthew on January 5th, 9:30am-11am. For more information contact Lee Pinto at 239-821-6195 or LeePinto2924@aol.com.

**Jamaica Outreach Program.** JOP provides goods, food, medical-vision-dental services, education, and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica. We welcome new volunteers. For more information, contact Jeanne Stamant Pittman: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org

**Knights of Columbus.** At St. John the Evangelist, Knights serve parish ministries, sponsor parish events and help with special projects. They support our clergy, fund parish equipment, assist in events for our youth and help the less fortunate. You can learn more about the parish K of C Council on our website <https://11281.knights.church> or contact us, at info@kofccouncil11281.org or leave a message at 239.228.3938, and we'll respond promptly. Fourth degree Knights can find information about our Assembly at <https://3308.patriotic.degree>.

**AA** Robert: 239.287.2442

**Adult Children of Alcoholics** Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195

**Al-Anon** For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit [www.NaplesAl-Anon.org](http://www.NaplesAl-Anon.org)

**Knitting & Crocheting.** Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. Knits and crochets baby and children's items, prayer shawls, nursing home and elderly blankets. No experience necessary. Donations, both monetary and yarn are welcome. Contact: Sharon Camp 239.438.7867 or sharon@naples.net

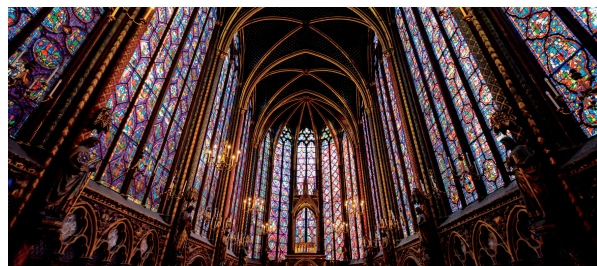
**Ladies of Charity.** Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We strive to serve the poor, sick, and marginalized in our community. Membership is open to any Catholic woman. For more information, please contact Karen Kaspar at kcmk77@aol.com or 216.496.7414.

**Pray the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena** - Every Saturday at 7:50 a.m. before Mass on the 1st Saturday and immediately after Mass on the other Saturdays of the month. Allan Degnan:, 239-919-4465

**Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy** – Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited every day starting 50 minutes before Mass begins, Monday through Saturday. Summer Schedule at 7:40 a.m., Winter Schedule at 7:10 a.m. Barbara Hardebeck: 765-714-6589

**Sewing Ministry.** Sewing Ministry meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Parish Activity Center, rooms 1 and 2. Donations, both monetary and of fabrics and supplies are welcome. If you like to sew we encourage you to come and see what we are all about. Please call either Barbara Arthur at 239.250.4162, email Bka1678@hotmail.com or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

**The Society of St. Vincent DePaul.** We give glory to God by offering direct/in-home help to anyone in need within the boundaries of our parish. Our work spans fighting food insecurity, keeping families in their homes, and a wide variety of special projects and programs focused on helping our neighbors address difficult challenges. We meet the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Rome Room. Contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDNnaples.org.







## Ministry Notes



Are you a quilter?

Are you interested in joining the St. John the Evangelist Quilting Ministry?

For more information on this new way to serve others in our community, call Sharon Campbell 239-438-7867



### Safe Environment Training

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For further information, please visit: <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

### St. John Religious Gift Shop

We are pleased to offer Christmas decor and gifts for everyone on your list. We carry nativity sets, ornaments, mugs, homemade gifts (crafted by one of our sewing ministry members), jewelry, books, rosaries, statues, children's gifts, and more!

Located just inside the church entrance, the Gift Shop is open Saturdays 2:30-6:15 PM and Sundays 8:30 AM-1:00 PM.

We look forward to serving you!



### Thanks for giving to the Food Pantry

What a wonderful outpouring of generosity by all of you. We filled the truck with all of your grocery bags. Your gift of food will now be available to help all of the needy, especially all the new people who are coming for help because of Ian.

You are wonderful and all of us thank you!

### Helping People Impacted by IAN

St. John's, along with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, have joined together to help those impacted by IAN. Because of the overwhelmingly generous donations from our parishioners, we have the ability to help you or any individuals or families needing help getting back on their feet. Please let us know where we can help!

For information or help, please e-mail Bob at [disaster@svdnpnaples.org](mailto:disaster@svdnpnaples.org) or call the parish office at (239) 566-8740.





# Prayers

## Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to  
pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of  
good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify  
you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have  
mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our  
prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have  
mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in  
the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven  
and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of  
God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light  
from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were  
made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the  
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to  
judge the living, and the dead and his kingdom will have no  
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who  
with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be  
Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as  
we forgive those who trespass against us; and  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil.

## Communion Prayer

Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

## Ukraine Prayer

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide  
their choices.  
We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.  
Amen





# Pray

## Pray for the Military

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

- Adam Decker
- Nick Detloff
- SSG Douglas Hennessy
- Marine Colonel Brian Howlett
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF
- PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft. Eustis, VA
- Hunter Scalzo – Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry
- Col. Brian Murphy
- Lt. Col. Jill Murphy
- Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – US Army
- Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps
- Austin Spagnola
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey
- Capt. Stephen English – US Army
- LTJG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans
- Sophie Koeppl
- Austin Zicht – USAF
- Brendan C. Finnegan-USAf
- SPC Nicholas LaManna
- PFC Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps
- Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
- Lt. Brendan Tourek – USN
- Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army
- Daniel Petito – US Army
- PFC John Dyer - US Army Germany
- Drew Kendall – Seamen US Navy

We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

Kathryn Daniher

## Prayer List

Thomas Abell	Paula Cantoni	Michelle Federman	John Michael	Janet Lombardo	Marylee Olsen	Ruth Stefanek
Declan Aigner	Arbocco Carrillo	The Fewell Family	Jannusch	Teresa Lozano	O'Donnell	Julian Stickney
Amy FitzGerald	Pauline Cataldo	Follese and Fiedler	Anna Lee Johnson	Dawn Luderman	Patrick O'Donnell	Jeanne Stoll
Molly and Randy	Chris	Families	Megan Johnson	Bob Lutz	Joseph Pandolfo	ames Stowers
Anton	Rosanne Christinzio	Kevin Flynn	Kennedy Johnston	Joan D. Lynch	Eric Parker	Beverly Stowers
Josephine	Lorraine Ciano	Anna Focht	Ophelia Joy	Barb Marsh	Ryan Paul	Debbie Stowers
Apricena	Kathleen	Dylan Fowler	Robert Kaliebe	Deborah Marsh	Bill Payne	Bill Stuckey
Dexter Aumiller	Stephen Clayton	Jim Gallagher	Ronald & Patricia	Ruth Martin	Adolfo Peters	Brendan Sullivan
Tony Aumiller	Leonora Coleman	Sandra Geffert	Kaminski	Donna Masse	Raymond Placencia	Marty Sullivan
Allison Avery	Paige Coughlin	Fr. Len Gioeli	Bayli Rose Kauffman	Janice McCarthy	Paul J. Polking	Sarah Thewes
Pax Axberg	Andrew J. Cox	Joann Golia	Shawn Kay	Catherine	Dennis Powers	Diane Sweeney
Babies Ralph and	Cosme Cruz	Florence Gordon	Yvonne Keenan	McCusker	Jim Rankin	Joan Marie Switalski
Charlie	Margaret Cunnane	Richard Granger	Karen Kellington	Jutta McInnis	Amrita Rashmi	Terry
Kim Bach	Anne Cunningham	Harry Grevey	Caroline Lansing Kelly,	Susan McKeever	John Repice	Kristin Travis
Florence	Brad Cunningham	Jessica Gary	MD	Jerry McMahon	Vicki Reza	Kathleen Trotter
Ballachino	Curran family	Lisa Ann Granger	Marion Kelly	Andrew McManus	Danica Roy	Lily Troutman
Sam Ballachino	Elisa D.	Tina Greek	Dolores Kernocha	Rebecca	Frank Ryan	Beth Tze
Barbara Barber	Janet D'Addario	Peter Greenburg	Nancy Kiel	McManus	Peggy O'Neil Saba	Pavel Ushakov
Carolyn Bashaw	Eileen Norma	Karen Gross	Elizabeth Kiffney	Bishop Burchell	Lisa Sanfelippo	Vlada Ushakova
Robert Bashaw	DaSilva	Gary Gwizdala	Tracey Kirk	McPherson	Catherine Schmacht	Raymond Vanasse
Jennifer Basile	Mark Davey	Becky Hanson	Liz Knott	Thomas and	RC Schmidt	Nicole Vander Horst
Kurt Becker	Julie DeArmas	Fred Harkins	Jeffrey Kostiw	Michael Miller	Rosalie Senatore	Michael Venardi
Ralph Belmore	Nicholas DeCanto	Cody Harrison	Kathie Kotscher	Eileen Miner	Anne Sissman	Hortencia Victoria
Linda Berry	Nicki DeVries	Gayle Harvey	Brady Koza	Heather Schwarz	Kyle Sitarz	Joann Vullo
Larry Biela	Vincent DiStefano	Don Herring	Richard C. Kruger	Maroney	Teddy & Joe Sitter	Noah Wagner
Boxer	Tim Dodd	Rosemary Heyen	Judy Kruzich	William Murphy	Clyde Smatlak	Barbara Wallace
Bernie Boyle	Dolores Donnelly	Amy Hilliard	Barbara Kuryea	Carrie Nudd	Robert and Kathleen	Elaine Wilkinson
Therese Braiz	Suzanne Donnelly	Robert Hilliard	Rene Lacoste	Monica O'Brien	Soares	Harry Witt
Kent Brase	Melissa Eckenrode	Marie Hotle	Jack and Kay Lain	James Oko	Amy Sobie	Randy Witt
Isabella Bucca	Michele Eddy	Liz Hunziker	Shanna Lee	Francisco Basielio	Pamela Solomon	S.J. Zarebi
Camp Family	Eileen	Siamead Hyland	Doris Lloyd	Oliveira	N. J. Spriggle	Carol Zolan
Dick and Betsy	Elkin Escobar		Michele Loggi		George Stash	
Canny	Melanie F.		Paul Lombard			
	Bill Farley					







## Gospel Reflection with Fr. Tom

John had prepared the people for the coming of the Messiah. He believed that Jesus was that Messiah. But now, locked up in a dark dungeon with the threat of death hanging over him, it seems that he began to have doubts about Jesus.

John's idea of the Messiah was that of a stern, uncompromising judge who would execute a fiery judgment. But Jesus wasn't living up to that image. Instead of acting like a judge, he was acting like a savior. His radiant friendliness contrasted sharply with the severity of John. John was an ascetic, who lived apart from the people. But Jesus mixed with the people, eating and drinking with sinners. John prophesied the judgment of God; Jesus prophesied the salvation of God.

Knowing that his life was ending, John wanted to know for sure, so he sent two of his disciples to question Jesus. When the two asked Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come?" Jesus might have replied with a straight-forward, "Yes, I am." But he didn't. There is a well-known saying: Actions speak louder than words. So, instead of trying to convince John's messengers with words, Jesus pointed to the works he was doing. Those works were exactly the kind Isaiah had predicted for the messianic times (see First Reading). He was quite happy to let his deeds speak for him. And they spoke eloquently. Yes, Jesus was "the one who was to come". But where can people find him today?

Once a group of salesmen were attending a sales convention. They had assured their families that they would be home in time for dinner. But the meeting ran overtime so they had to run for the train. Tickets in hand, they dashed along the platform. One of them knocked over a table supporting a basket of apples. But neither he nor any of his companions stopped to help the young boy who staffed the apple stand. All reached the train and boarded it with a sigh of relief. But then one of them felt a twinge of compassion for the boy whose apple stand had been overturned. He immediately decided to do something about it. Saying good-bye to his companions, he returned to the scene of the accident.

He was glad he did so. He discovered that the boy was blind. The salesman began to gather up the apples. As he did so he noticed that some of them were bruised. He took out his wallet and handing the boy some money he said, "Here, take this for the damage we did. I hope we didn't spoil your day." As he started to walk away, the bewildered boy called after him, "Are you Jesus?"

Are you Jesus? In a sense, he was. Because he acted like Jesus. So where is Jesus to be found today? In his disciples. Blessed are we if we do not lose faith in Jesus. And twice blessed are we if, like Jesus, we are able to show forth our faith in deeds of love and mercy. May people will encounter Jesus in us.







# Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

## Reading 1

Is 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult;  
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.  
They will bloom with abundant flowers,  
and rejoice with joyful song.  
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the LORD,  
the splendor of our God.  
Strengthen the hands that are feeble,  
make firm the knees that are weak,  
say to those whose hearts are frightened:  
Be strong, fear not!  
Here is your God,  
he comes with vindication;  
with divine recompense  
he comes to save you.  
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,  
the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy;  
they will meet with joy and gladness,  
sorrow and mourning will flee.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

R. (cf. Is 35:4) Lord, come and save us.  
or:  
R. Alleluia.  
The LORD God keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets captives free.  
R. Lord, come and save us.  
or:  
R. Alleluia.  
The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.  
The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.  
R. Lord, come and save us.  
or:  
R. Alleluia.  
The fatherless and the widow he sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The LORD shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all generations.  
R. Lord, come and save us.  
or:  
R. Alleluia.

**December 24**  
**The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)**  
3:00 PM  
5:00 PM (*Children's Liturgy*)  
7:00 PM  
12:00 AM (*Christmas Concert begins at 11:00 PM*)

**December 25**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**  
7:00 AM      11:00 AM  
9:00 AM      1:00 PM

**December 31**  
**The Solemnity of Mary (Vigil)**  
3:00 PM  
5:00 PM

**January 1**  
**The Solemnity of Mary**  
7:00 AM  
9:00 AM  
11:00 AM  
1:00 PM  
5:00 PM





# Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

## Reading 2 Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters,  
until the coming of the Lord.  
See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of  
the earth,  
being patient with it  
until it receives the early and the late rains.  
You too must be patient.  
Make your hearts firm,  
because the coming of the Lord is at hand.  
Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one  
another,  
that you may not be judged.  
Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.  
Take as an example of hardship and patience,  
brothers and sisters,  
the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## Alleluia Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel Mt 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the  
Christ,  
he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question,  
"Are you the one who is to come,  
or should we look for another?"  
Jesus said to them in reply,  
"Go and tell John what you hear and see:  
the blind regain their sight,  
the lame walk,  
lepers are cleansed,  
the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised,  
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.  
And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off,  
Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John,  
"What did you go out to the desert to see?  
A reed swayed by the wind?  
Then what did you go out to see?  
Someone dressed in fine clothing?  
Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.  
Then why did you go out? To see a prophet?  
Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.  
This is the one about whom it is written:  
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way before you.  
Amen, I say to you,  
among those born of women  
there has been none greater than John the Baptist;  
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



## Local Advent Penance Services

**Monday, December 12: St. Finbarr, 2:00 PM**

**Tuesday, December 13: St. Elizabeth Seton, 6:30 PM**

**Thursday, December 15: St. William, 5:00 PM  
(confessions only)**

**Monday, December 19: San Marco, 5:00 PM**

**Tuesday, December 20: St. John the Evangelist, 5:30 PM**

**Wednesday, December 21: St. Peter the Apostle, 7:00 PM**





# Music

## Hymns for the Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022

**Gathering Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146 - Lord, come and save us.**

**Gifts: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

**Communion Songs: Bread of Angels, Creator of the Stars of Night**

**Closing Song: The King of Glory**

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### O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And  
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who  
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who  
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From  
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And  
6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And  
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in  
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the  
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient  
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy  
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the  
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the  
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of  
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her  
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -  
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry  
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to  
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow  
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -  
2. ways to go.  
3. ty and awe.  
4. o'er the grave.  
5. mis - er - y.  
6. put to flight.  
7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.  
Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.





# Music

## PSALM 146: LORD, COME AND SAVE US

Advent 3A

Bob Hurd



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| <p>1. It is the LORD who preserves fidelity forever,<br/>who does justice to those who are oppressed.<br/>It is he who gives bread to the hungry,<br/>the LORD who sets pris'ners free.</p> <p>2. The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,<br/>the LORD who raises up those<br/>who are bowed down.</p> | <p>It is the LORD who loves the just,<br/>the LORD who protects the stranger.</p> <p>3. The LORD upholds the orphan<br/>and the widow,<br/>but thwarts the path of the wicked.<br/>The LORD will reign forever,<br/>the God of Sion from age to age.<br/>Alleluia!</p> |
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## LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, This Rose I have in mind,  
3. O Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,



1. Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing, As those of old have sung.  
2. With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.  
3. Dis - pel in glo-rious splen-dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry-where;



1. It came, a flow-er bright, A - mid the  
2. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
3. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and



1. cold of win-ter, When half spent was the night.  
2. us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.  
3. death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Text: 76 76 6 76; based on Isaiah 11:1; Trad. German Carol, 15th cent.; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.  
Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599.







# Music

## BREAD OF ANGELS

Curtis Stephan



1. Bread of an - gels, we re - ceive you; with us
2. Cup of Mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing, fill us
3. Word in - car - nate, dwell with - in us; pierce our
4. Though un - wor - thy, we re - ceive you, sac - ra -



1. now a - bide. Pre - cious Je - sus, man - na of
2. with your grace; wine of pas - sion, O Son be -
3. hard - ened hearts. Ten - der Je - sus, Love so
4. ment di - vine. Bread of an - gels, ac - cept our



1. a - ges, with us now re - side.
2. got - ten, we flee to your em - brace.
3. gen - tle, nev - er let us part.
4. prais - es, let your glo - ry shine!



1. Pa - nis an - gé - li-cus fit pa - nis hó - mi - num,
2. O res mi - rá - bi-lis man - dú - cat Dó - mi - num,
3. Te, tri - na Dé - i - tas ú - na-que, pó - sci - mus,
4. Per tu - as sé - mi-tas duc nos quo tén - di - mus,



1. Dat pa - nis cáe - li-cus fi - gú - ris tér - mi - num.
3. Sic nos tu ví - si-ta, si - cut te có - li - mus.



2. Pau - per, Pau - per, ser - vus, et hú - mi - lis.
4. lu - cem, Ad lu - cem quam in - há - bi - tas.

English text, Curtis Stephan. Latin text, *Panis angelicus* by St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274.  
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# Music

## CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's  
 2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should doom to  
 3. When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but  
 4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All knees must  
 5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re - deem us  
 6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the

1. ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er  
 2. death a u - ni - verse, You came, O Sav - ior,  
 3. not in splen - dor bright, Not as a mon - arch,  
 4. bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with  
 5. for e - ter - nal day; De - fend us while we  
 6. Spir - it, Three - in - One, Praise, hon - or, might, and

1. of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.  
 2. to set free Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.  
 3. but the child Of Ma - ry, blame - less moth - er mild.  
 4. one ac - cord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
 5. dwell be - low From all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 6. glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: LM; Latin, 9th cent.; tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1982*, © 1985, Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used with permission of Church Publishing Inc., New York. Music: Chant, Mode IV.

## THE KING OF GLORY

KING OF GLORY

**Refrain**

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.  
 O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

**Verses**

1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?  
 2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
 3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;  
 4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,  
 5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

**to Refrain**

1. He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.  
 2. He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.  
 3. In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an oth - er.  
 4. He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
 5. And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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 Music: Trad. Israeli Folk Song.





## 5pm Contemporary Mass Music

### **Opening Song: Rejoice, the Lord is King!**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore.  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore;

Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when He had purged our stains  
he took His seat above;

### **Preparation Song: Emmanuel (God with Us Forever)**

Before you set the age of time  
Foundations of the earth and sky  
You saw it all You said that it was good  
The joy was set before your eyes  
You knew that you would give your life  
You saw it all You said that it was good

Behold, behold the one  
Our love is coming  
Behold, behold the one  
Our king is coming

Then heavens wore The earth stood still  
His final breath He tore the veil  
The angels sang holy is his name'  
Defeated death, He broke the grave  
Our hope returned, the lost are saved  
We lift our voice in never-ending praise

### **Communion Song: Behold the Lamb**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us - and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you - eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you - drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.

### **Communion Song: Prepare Him Room**

Let every heart let every heart  
Prepare him room (4x)

We're making room  
We're making room

All creation groans in labor  
Waiting for our humble savior  
Joyful hope for Jesus coming  
In our hearts is overflowing (2x)

### **Closing Song: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand  
Ponder nothing earthly minded  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth  
Our full homage to demand

King of kings, yet born of Mary  
As of old on earth He stood  
Lord of lords, in human vesture  
In the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food



ADULT CHOIR, SOLOISTS AND ORCHESTRA  
PRESENT

# What Sweeter Music

## A Festival of Carols

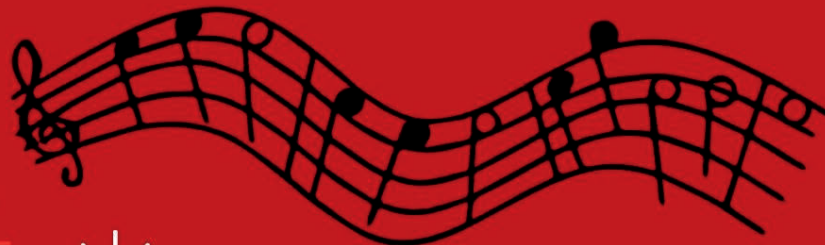
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## Faith Formation

### *Christmas Baskets To Support Teen Moms in Collier County*



This year there are 14 teen moms in the TAPP program at Golden Gate High School. These are teenagers who are either pregnant or currently raising a young child while trying to earn their High School Diploma. We are putting together baskets for them this Christmas! We are so happy to support these teens who have chosen life! We have created a “Sign-up Genius” to help with this effort. We would love your support! We will take collections through December 12<sup>th</sup> and we will deliver the wrapped baskets on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Donations may be dropped off in the Parish Office.

Link to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4FAAAD2EA3FB6-baby> or email [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com) to ask Natalie what items are still needed. Thank you!

#### **This Week in Faith Formation**

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>- K-8 Faith Formation 9:30-10:45AM

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Session 3:45-6:00PM

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Parent Sessions Year 1 & 2 Confirmation – Nazareth Room

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - PreK Faith Formation – 12:30-2:30PM

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - 5:00-6:15PM- K-8 Faith Formation Session



# Adult Faith Formation

## Advent Reflections

*Join us for Coffee, Donuts and Reflections on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
After Mass 9:15-10:30AM*

### **Rejoice! Journal Daily Reflections**

*Independent Readings begin on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday of Advent~ It's Not too late to  
join!*

*Each Day, you'll enjoy ...*

- **A word** - Focus on a single word each day to help you enter more deeply into that week's readings.
- **A reflection** - Explore each week's readings and enter more deeply into them.
- **A prompt** - Space is provided each day to journal. Record how the Lord is speaking to you this Advent.



Join Sue Hamilton as she leads us through this video series in Advent. Participants will have the option to purchase a **Rejoice!** journal for **\$5-Markdown**, filled with beautiful art and meaningful daily meditations to accompany us throughout the Advent season.

***Rejoice! Discussions:***  
**Friday, 9:15-10:15AM**  
December 16<sup>th</sup>

Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center

*Journals may be purchased in the Gift Boutique, the Parish Office or at the Session. To register for the study, please email [aff@sjecc.com](mailto:aff@sjecc.com).*

### **This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

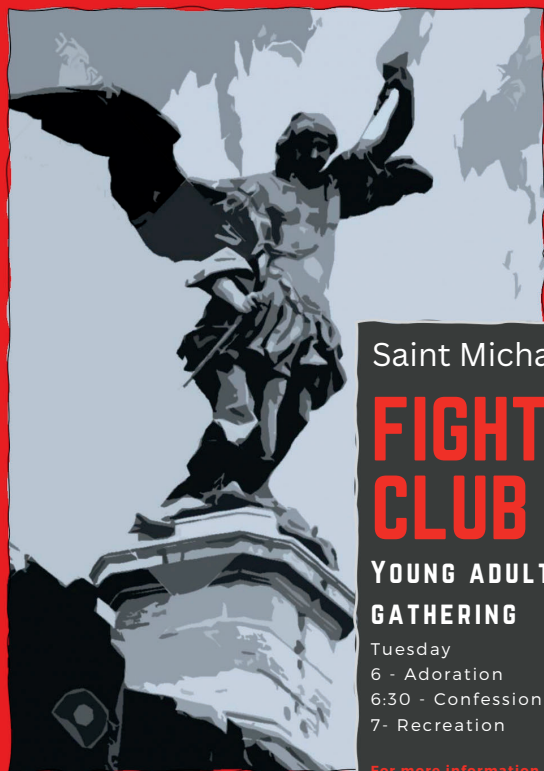
**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
OCIA Session 6:00PM  
Library, Claussen Center

**Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Faith Chat – 9:30-11:00AM  
Alexandria Room

**Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rejoice!** 9:15-10:15AM  
Alexandria Room







Saint Michael's  
**FIGHT CLUB**  
YOUNG ADULT MEN  
GATHERING

Tuesday  
6 - Adoration  
6:30 - Confession  
7- Recreation

For more information  
please email  
frmark@sjecc.com

*Join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for  
SJ ECC Young Catholic Woman's Group!*

Meet other young Catholic women as we journey through  
"Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical  
History" with group reflection, and discussion, ending with  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession.



*Meetings take place in Pulte Center, with  
refreshments provided we are excited to see  
you there!*



**"We Served" Veteran's Event**

Monday, December 12th, 2022, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Veterans, you, and your spouse are invited to join other vets for Breakfast and a  
Presentation by guest speakers.

**Come to an  
Exciting Event**

**Location:**

Saint John the Evangelist Church, Pulte Family Life Center  
625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108

Registration is required by December 6th, 2022

**You MUST Register to Attend**

Call the Parish Office: 239.566.8740

or

Bill Fuller at: 239-280-8870--or-- wfuller1@comcast.net.

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# Christmas

## MOVIE NIGHT

12/17/22  
6 - 9 p.m.  
Pulte Center

Showtime is @ 6:30

The whole family is invited to attend!

If you are interested in attending, please register and vote on the film!

POPcorn - CANDY  
HOT COCOA & MORE  
CHRISTMAS P.J.'S ARE ENCOURAGED!

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT JULIANA AT JULIANA@SJECC.COM

CYO PRESENTS

# A NOON YEAR'S EVE BALL

2023

SJECC Ballroom  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ages 4 & up  
Tickets \$10  
Purchase @ the door

We invite families to celebrate New Year's Eve with us by counting down to noon on December 31st!

Sign up here

Contact Juliana at [juliana@sjecc.com](mailto:juliana@sjecc.com) for more information

## Looking for a great stocking stuffer or Christmas gift?



CFA Cash Raffle tickets are perfect!  
\$20 each or a book of 6 for \$100.  
Each ticket is a chance to win \$1000, \$5000, or \$25,000!  
All proceeds go toward supporting our 2023 CFA goal

To purchase tickets: visit our main office during regular business hours, call 239.566.8740, or visit our ticket table outside of the Church prior to the Parish Christmas Concert on December 18th

## Christmas TOY DRIVE

Presented by the Knights of Columbus St. John Council #1281

Drop off at all masses  
**December 10 & 11**

If you can't drop off on these days at the church, please drop off at the SJECC office during the prior week.

New toys and other appropriate gifts are needed for girls and boys up to 17 years of age. Toys can be wrapped or unwrapped. If wrapped, mark package with toy description, girl or boy and appropriate age range.

A special thanks to  
**Angela's Angels**  
and North Naples Fire and Rescue  
who again have partnered to coordinate and distribute the toys to needy children and families.





December 11, 2022

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COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CLINICS  
invites you to attend



## KAYLEIGH McENANY

Former White House Press Secretary &  
Co-Host of Outnumbered, Fox News

### DETAILS:

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023**

**RECEPTION BEGINS: 5:00 PM**

**PLATED DINNER & PROGRAM: 6:00 PM**

**THE RITZ-CARLTON GOLF RESORT, TIBURON**  
2600 TIBURON DR, NAPLES, FL 34109

**PURCHASE TICKETS BY VISITING [SUPPORTCPCI.COM/EVENTS](https://supportcpci.com/events)**



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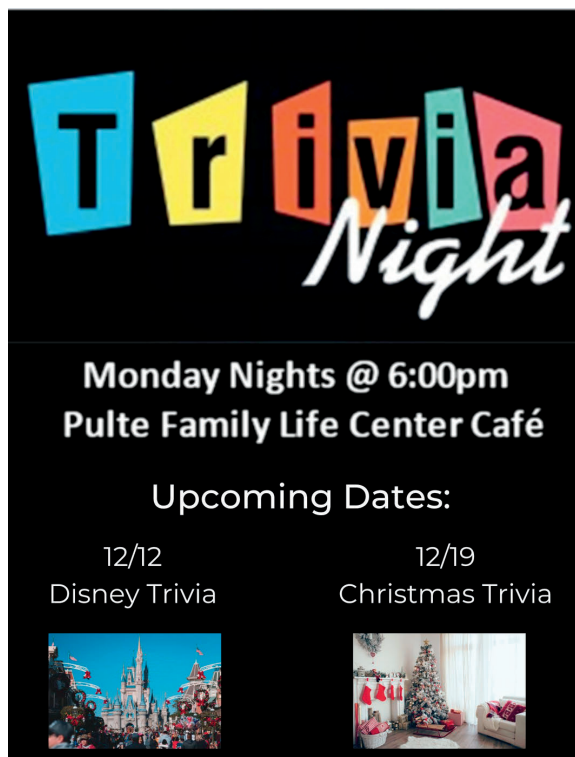
Join others from around the state for the annual Catholic Days at the Capitol in Tallahassee from March 7-9, 2023. The three-day trip includes a legislative briefing on important bills relating to human life and dignity, a breakfast with legislators and the Florida Bishops, tours of the capitol and museum, scheduled visits with legislators and the annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit with the Florida Bishops and public officials. Bus transportation is provided while space is available at no cost. For more details contact Jeanne Berdeaux at 941-374-1068 or [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org). To register visit Catholic Days at the Capitol - Diocese of Venice.



### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Masses will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on February 4 at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs and at 11:00 a.m. on February 18 at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue, Venice. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than a week prior to the event you choose to attend.





# Knights of Columbus



## Give the Gift of Life at the Knights of Columbus Tri-Annual Blood Drive Donate on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

*It's convenient; the NCH Community Blood Mobile will be at St. John the Evangelist parish, on Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup>. Appointments are available between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Choose your time and call or e-mail Bernie McLoughlin, (203) 213-1580 or [bernardmc1248@aol.com](mailto:bernardmc1248@aol.com), to make your reservation.*

**Please sign up today – your blood donation is critically needed.**

The process of donating blood is safe and easy. Your donation will help ensure that adequate levels of blood products are available in area hospitals and ready for local patients, friends or family members who suddenly need them. Your donation will make a profound difference to someone whose life depends on it.

NCH Community Blood Center really needs your help. Blood donations are just trickling in this time of year, supplies have taken a dive, and the need for blood has been constant! If you have not already donated in the last 56 days, you can donate. If you have never donated blood before, now is a great time to start. You are never too old to donate. If you have any questions regarding eligibility, especially medical or travel questions, contact Elizabeth Lara at (239) 624-6509 or [elizabeth.lara@nchmd.org](mailto:elizabeth.lara@nchmd.org).

### Be sure to:

✓ Eat before giving blood ✓ Be well hydrated before and after donating ✓ Bring a Photo ID ✓ Wear a face mask



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