

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022

# Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church



ADULT CHOIR, SOLOISTS AND ORCHESTRA  
PRESENT

## What Sweeter Music

A Festival of Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2022 | 7PM  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH  
625 111TH AVENUE N. NAPLES, FL 34108

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH 11 P.M.  
CONCERT WITH READINGS

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ADULT CHOIR,  
SOLOISTS, AND ORCHESTRA PRESENT  
THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"WHAT SWEETER MUSIC" BY MARK HAYES,  
THIS PRESENTATION OF DYNAMIC CHRISTMAS  
CAROLS PLUS SEVERAL ORIGINAL SONGS WILL  
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### 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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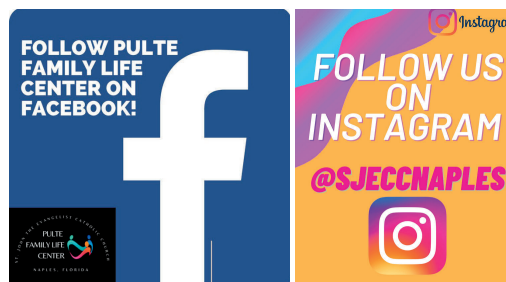
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# Mass Intentions

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 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 SI Jay Klevanosky

5:00 PM + Lloyd Zimmerman

Wine and Host + In Memory of Jose Nicolas Arteta

### Monday, December 19, 2022

8:30 AM + Angelo Pastore

### Tuesday, December 20, 2022

8:30 AM + Margaret Genevieve Piper

### Wednesday, December 21, 2022

8:30 AM + Patsy and Rose D'Errico

### Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:30 AM + Dennis Rogers

### Friday, December 23, 2022

8:30 AM + Jose Nicolas Arteta

### Saturday, December 24, 2022

8:00 AM + Jean and Anthony DeCesare

*(Vigil Masses for Sunday)*

3:00 PM + Ozzie D'Addario

5:00 PM + Andy Sanfelippo

7:00 PM + Adele M. DiStefano

12:00 AM + Lorna McGrory

### Sunday, December 25, 2022

7:00 AM + Teresa Dep Pham

9:00 AM + Joe Reid

11:00 AM SI Basler Family

1:00 PM + Daniel Cueyna

Altar Flowers + In Memory of Gerald W. McEntee

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

### Requested By

Henry DeGenova

Judy Rogers

Norma Claussen

### Requested By

Joe and Bernadette Rossini

Jeff and Carol Chorba

Joanie Kirk

Patricia Zimmerman

From his Loving Family

### Requested By

Laura and Ernie Heymann

### Requested By

Diane Rowe

### Requested By

Marie and Bob Harris

### Requested By

Judy Rogers

### Requested By

Refael Arteta and Patricia Canfield

### Requested By

Kay Reid

Janet D'Addario

Kay Sanfelippo

The DiStefano Family

The Family

### Requested By

Uyen

Key Reid

Lizabeth Cueyna

Barbara McEntee

## Readings for the Week

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

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

### **Sunday, December 18, 2022**

Is 7:10-14/Mt 1:18-24

### **Monday, December 19, 2022**

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A/LK 1:5-25

### **Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

### **Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

SG 2:8-14/LK 1:39-45

### **Thursday, December 22, 2022**

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

### **Friday, December 23, 2022**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

### **Saturday, December 24, 2022**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
and 29/Lk 1:67-79

## 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 Campbell at 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. classroom 1 in the Claussen center. 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.

### 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@svdpnacles.org](mailto:disaster@svdpnacles.org) or call the parish office at (239) 566-8740.

### 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!



### Extended Christmas Shopping Hours:

12/18: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM  
12/21: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM





# 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

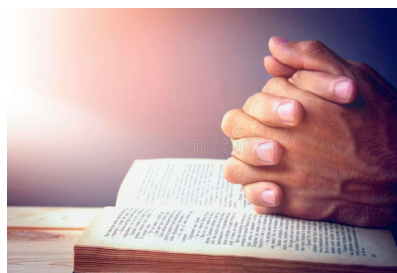
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be  
Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as  
we forgive those who trespass against us; and  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil.

## 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:

- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary
- 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
- Petty Officer Drew Kendall – US Navy
- Austin Zicht – USAF
- Brendan C. Finnegan-USAf
- Alexander L Denha, second lieutenant in the army (infantry division)
- 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.

Joan Kirk

## 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

The prophet Isaiah talked about the coming of a very special child (First Reading). But there is no reason to believe that he knew just how special that child would be. Every king of David's line was an embodiment of God's promise to be "with us". But Christians believe that Isaiah's prophecy only found its complete fulfillment in Jesus. The Second Reading and the Gospel reveal to us the true identity, in fact, the double identity, of this special Child (Jesus). No prophecy is fully understood until after its fulfillment.

Both St Paul and St Matthew make it clear that, in the first place, Jesus was the Son of David. This was so because Joseph, his legal father, was descended from the line of David. David is one of the greatest figures in the Old Testament. He succeeded Saul as King of Israel. It was he who united the scattered tribes and formed them into a nation. Even though he sinned, he repented. Many times in the Gospel Jesus is referred to as "Son of David".

To say that Jesus came from the line of David was already a great thing. But he is more than that. He has another, and infinitely greater, identity. He is "Emmanuel", which means "God is with us." He is not just the Son of David but also the Son of God. Hence he is able to save his people from their sins.

The second identity of Jesus was something which was only gradually revealed and gradually understood. In fact, it was only after he had been raised from the dead that he was accepted as "the Lord" (see Second Reading). He himself said this identity could not be recognized unless it was revealed by the Father. It is a matter of faith, which is a gift of God.

We believe then in the double identity of Jesus. He is Son of David and Son of God. But we too have a double identity. As children of our parents we are human beings, which means we have a human dignity. That in itself is a great thing. But through Jesus we have become children of God, which means we also have a divine dignity. However, our divine dignity, like that of Jesus, is a matter of faith.

Christmas is a wonderful time. It recalls the greatest event in history: namely, the Incarnation, when God's Son came down on earth to confer on us the dignity of children of God. It's not true that Christmas is just about children. It's about us all. We may consider ourselves very ordinary. But nobody is ordinary any longer, not since Christ came to earth.

The world today is in danger of drowning in bad news. It is crying out for good news. But the best news of all is the news brought by the angel to the shepherds: "Behold I bring you good news of a great joy for all the people. This day a Savior is born to you. He is Christ the Lord." Let us open our hearts to receive the good news.







# Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Reading 1 Is 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:  
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;  
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!  
But Ahaz answered,  
"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"  
Then Isaiah said:  
Listen, O house of David!  
Is it not enough for you to weary people,  
must you also weary my God?  
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

R. (7c and 10b) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.  
The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.  
For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.  
R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.  
Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?  
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain.  
R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.  
He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,  
a reward from God his savior.  
Such is the race that seeks for him,  
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.  
R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

### 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Reading 2 Rom 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,  
called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel  
of God,  
which he promised previously through his prophets  
in the holy Scriptures,  
the gospel about his Son, descended from David  
according to the flesh,  
but established as Son of God in power  
according to the Spirit of holiness  
through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ  
our Lord.  
Through him we have received the grace of  
apostleship,  
to bring about the obedience of faith,  
for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,  
among whom are you also, who are called to  
belong to Jesus Christ;  
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy.  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Alleluia Mt 1:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
The virgin shall conceive, and bear  
a son,  
and they shall name him  
Emmanuel.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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## Gospel Mt 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.  
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,  
but before they lived together,  
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.  
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,  
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,  
decided to divorce her quietly.  
Such was his intention when, behold,  
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and  
said,  
"Joseph, son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.  
For it is through the Holy Spirit  
that this child has been conceived in her.  
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,  
because he will save his people from their sins."  
All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through  
the prophet:  
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."  
When Joseph awoke,  
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him  
and took his wife into his home.

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# Music

## Hymns for the Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022

Gathering Hymn: Immaculate Mary

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24 - Let the Lord Enter, He is King of Glory

Gifts: Servant Song

Communion Songs: Christ Be Our Light, Hail Mary Gentle Woman


Closing Song: Soon and Very Soon

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### IMMACULATE MARY

LOURDES HYMN

**Verses**




1. Im - mac - u - late Ma - ry, your prais - es we sing. You  
2. In heav - en the bless - ed your glo - ry pro - claim; On  
3. We pray for our Moth - er, the Church up - on earth, And



1. reign now in heav - en with Je - sus our King.  
2. earth we your chil - dren in - voke your fair name.  
3. bless, Ho - ly Ma - ry, the land of our birth.

**Refrain**



A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a! A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a!

Text: 11 11 with refrain; anon. in *Parochial Hymn Book*; Boston, 1897;  
rev. of *Hail Virgin of virgins*, by Jeremiah Cummings, 1814–1866, alt.


Music: Trad. Pyrenean Melody, pub. Grenoble, 1882; alt. by Augustus Edmonds Tozer, 1857–1910.

## Let the Lord Enter; He Is King of Glory

(Psalm 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6)

(Psalm 24)

Francesca LaRosa



Let the Lord — en - ter; he is king of glo - ry.

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# Music

## SERVANT SONG

Donna Marie McGargill, OSM

### Verses



1. What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you
2. I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am
3. A - bove, be - low, and a - round me, be - fore, be -
4. You are the light in my dark - ness. You are my
5. I am your song and ser - vant, sing - ing your



1. want me to serve you? Where can I sing your
2. moved with - in me. Your Spir - it stirs my
3. hind, and all through me, your Spir - it burns deep with -
4. strength when I'm wea - ry. You give me sight when I'm
5. praise like Ma - ry. Sur - ren - dered to your



1. prais - es? I am your song.
2. deep - est self. Sing your songs in me.
3. in me. Fire my life with your love.
4. blind - ed. Come, see for me.
5. Spir - it, "Let it be done to me."

### Refrain



1. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the Lord.
2. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Lord.
3. Je - sus, Je - sus, be the warmth of my heart.
4. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Light.
5. Je - sus, Je - sus, "Let it be done to me."



- 1-5. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the way.

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# Music

## CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT/SÉ NUESTRA LUZ

Bernadette Farrell



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
4. warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.  
*¡Sé nues-tra luz, Cris-to Se - ñor, en las ti - nie - blas!*

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# Music

## HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

Carey Landry

Intro: Cantor

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women and  
blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain: All

Gen-tle wom-an, qui-et light, morn-ing  
star, so strong and bright, gen-tle  
Moth-er, peace-ful dove, teach us  
wis-dom; teach us love.

Verses: All

1. You were cho - sen by the Fa-ther;  
2. Bless-ed are you a-mong wom-en,  
1. you were cho - sen for the Son. You were  
2. blest in turn all wom-en, too. Bless-ed  
1. cho - sen from all wom-en and for  
2. they with peace - ful spir - its. Bless-ed  
1. wom-an, shin-ing one.  
2. they with gen - tle hearts.

to Refrain

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## Music

### SOON AND VERY SOON

SOON AND VERY SOON



1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;  
2. No more cry-ing there, We are going to see the King;  
3. No more dy-ing there, We are going to see the King;



1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;  
2. No more cry-ing there, We are going to see the King;  
3. No more dy-ing there, We are going to see the King;



1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;  
2. No more cry-ing there, We are going to see the King;  
3. No more dy-ing there, We are going to see the King; } Hal-le-



1-3. lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

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Local  
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Services

**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





## 5pm Contemporary Mass Music

### Opening Song: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,  
Dayspring from on high, appear;  
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
Of Thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing  
News, glad tidings of a birth;  
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

### Preparation Song: How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

### Communion Song: Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas est vera, est vera  
Deus ibi est Deus ibi est

The love of Christ joins us together  
Let us rejoice in him  
And in our love and care for all  
Now love God in return

In true communion let us gather  
May all division cease  
And in their place be Christ the Lord  
Our risen Prince of Peace

May we who gather at this table To share the  
bread of life  
Become a sacrament of love  
Your healing touch, O' Christ

### Communion Song: Rest in You

Who is lord but our Lord?  
Who is God only God?  
You are the highest  
You are most good

Matchless is your love  
Our praise Will rise above  
Your peace like a river  
Floods over us

Our hearts are restless until they find rest in you  
Our hearts are restless until they find rest, in you  
This is where my hope lies  
This is where my soul sighs  
And I will always find my rest in you

So full of mercy  
Beauty and mystery  
You are most hidden  
But always with us

### Closing Song: O Come Divine Messiah

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







## Closing Song: O Come Divine Messiah

1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, the world in si - lence waits the day When  
2. O come, De - sired of na - tions, whom priest and proph - et long fore - told, Will  
3. O come, in peace and meek - ness, for low - ly will your cra - dle be: Though

hope shall sing its tri - umph, and sad - ness flee a - way.  
break the cap - tive fet - ters, re - deem the long - lost fold.  
clothed in hu - man weak - ness we shall your God - head see.

**Refrain:**

9 Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the  
13 night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O  
17 come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, the world in si - lence waits the day When  
21 hope shall sing its tri - umph, and sad - ness flee a - way.





# Faith Formation

## A Magical Night in Bethlehem

It was a magical Night in Bethlehem at St. John the Evangelist last week as young and old gathered for this family event celebrating the birth of Jesus. Families traveled back in time to imagine what it might have been like in Bethlehem at the time of His birth. The Bethlehem Marketplace was open where children could visit interesting places like The Scribe's Tent, The Pottery Shed, The Carpentry Tent, The Bethlehem Bakery and so much more! There was room at The Inn for all with live animals and a live Nativity! A huge 'thank you' to many staff members and volunteers that gave their time and talent to prepare for such a great undertaking building the set, gathering the materials, preparing the children for the Nativity Play, and serving the children the night of the event. We are so blessed to have such an AMAZING village at St. John. We will continue to highlight moments from the event throughout the Christmas season!



Cindy Bozza & Max Berman  
~ Shopkeepers in the Carpentry Tent



Michele Standish, Gina Manfredi & Ben O'Brien  
~ Shopkeepers in the Spice Shop



### Faith Formation Offerings

PreK-3 & 4 - Wednesdays 12:30PM-2:30PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

K-8 Wednesdays 5:00-6:15PM or Sundays 9:30AM-10:45AM

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OCIA - Mondays 6:00PM



# Adult Faith Formation

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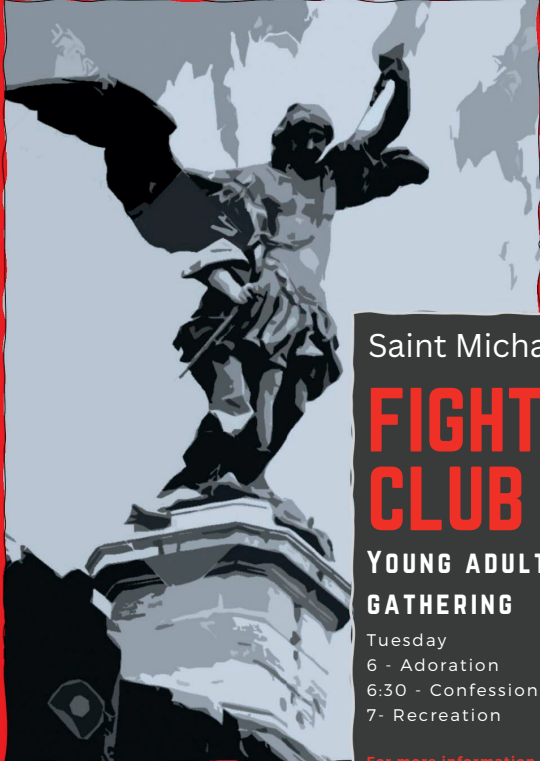


### This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

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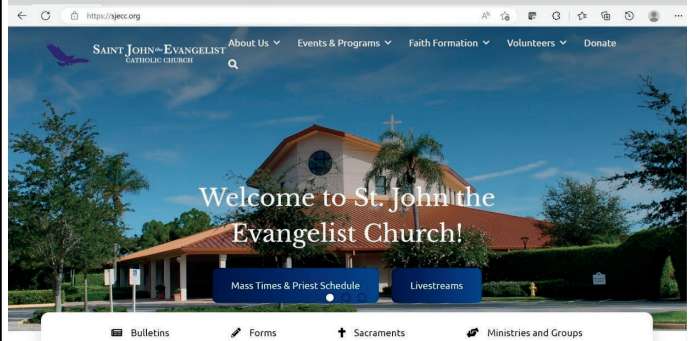
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