# Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 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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# **Mass Intentions**

<u>Mass Intentions</u> Saturday, December 3, 2022			Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions (SI) Requested By	
Vigil Masses for Sunday				
3:00 PM	+	Ed and Janette Malling	Janice Wieland	
5:00 PM		For Our Parishioners		Readings for the Week
Sunday, Decemb	er 4, 2	022	Requested By	
7:00 AM	+	Thomas Curran	Rosemarie and Gerard Heyen	Saturday Decomber 2 2022
9:00 AM	SI	Norma Claussen	Merrill Fox	Saturday, December 3, 2022
11:00 AM	+	Jim Papa	Terese Surges	IS 30:19-21, 23-26/MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8
1:00 PM	+	Eileen Tomasello and Family	Eileen Tomasello	
5:00 PM	+	John Larotonda	Rosemary	Sunday, December 4, 2022
Monday, December 5, 2022			Requested By	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom
				15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
8:30 AM		John Kelley	Patricia Kelley	
Tuesday, Decemi	oer 6, 2	2022	Requested By	Monday, December 5, 2022
8:30 AM	+	Salvatore and Edna Ardovino	Carol Ardovino	ls 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Wednesday, December 7, 2022			Requested By	
8:30 AM	+	James Walsh	Diane Maloney	Tuesday, December 6, 2022
Thursday, December 8, 2022			Requested By	ls 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
8:00 AM	+	Teresa Dep Pham	Uyen	Wednesday, Describer 7, 2022
10:00 AM	+	Eric Copps	Betty and Phil Duff	Wednesday, December 7, 2022
12:00 PM	+	Eric F. Vierling	Pollyanna Caddell-Vierling	ls 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
5:00 PM	+	John Deno Sr.	Ron and Linda Mushock	
7:00 PM	+	Janice K. Murphy	Anthony and Gerry Grillo	Thursday, December 8, 2022
Friday, December 9, 2022			Requested By	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
8:30 AM	SI	Dennis and Fran Powers	Maria Dublino	
Saturday, December 10, 2022			Requested By	Friday, December 9, 2022
8:00 AM	+	George Dublino	Maria Dublino	IS 48:17-19/MT 11:16-19
Vigil Masses for Sund	day)			
3:00 PM	+	Karen Oliver	Ann and Gregg Agens	Saturday, December 10, 2022
5:00 PM	+	Anthony Russo	William White	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday, Decemb	er 11,	2022	Requested By	
7:00 AM	SI	For Our Parishioners		
9:00 AM	SI	The Horey and Thoman Families	Janet Thoman	
11:00 AM	+	Michael Zeto, Jr.	Preffer Family	
1:00 PM	+	Gordon Avery	Marie Avery	
5:00 PM	+	,	George Ina and Family	
1:00 PM 5:00 PM	+	Gordon Avery Claudette and John Ina	Marie Avery George Ina and Family	

#### 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.

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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 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@SVDPnaples.org.



## **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

Paula Cantoni

• 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
- LTIG Tanis K. Taylor US Navy, USS Sullivans ٠
- 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. Sean S. Haugh, Jean Carpino, and William Murphy

Thomas Abell Declan Aigner Amy FitzGerald Molly and Randy Anton Iosephine Apricena Dexter Aumiller Tony Aumiller Allison Avery Pax Axberg Babies Ralph and Cosme Cruz Charlie Kim Bach Florence Ballachino Sam Ballachino Barbara Barber Carolyn Bashaw Robert Bashaw Jennifer Basile Kurt Becker Ralph Belmore Linda Berry Larry Biela Boxer Bernie Boyle Therese Braiz Kent Brase Isabella Bucca Camp Family Dick and Betsy Canny

Arbocco Carrillo Pauline Cataldo Families Chris Rosanne Christinzio Kevin Flynn Lorraine Ciano Anna Focht Kathleen Dylan Fowler Stephen Clayton lim Gallager Leonora Coleman Sandra Geffert Paige Coughlin Fr. Len Gioeli Andrew J. Cox Ioann Golia Florence Gordon Margaret Cunnane **Richard Granger** Anne Cunningham Harry Grevey Brad Cunningham Jessica Gary Curran family Lisa Ann Granger Elisa D. Tina Greek lanet D'Addario Peter Greenburg Eileen Norma Karen Gross DaSilva Gary Gwizdala Mark Davey Becky Hanson Julie DeArmas Fred Harkins Nicholas DeCanto Cody Harrison Nicki DeVries Gayle Harvey Vincent DiStefano Don Herring Tim Dodd Rosemary Heyen **Dolores Donnelly** Amy Hilliard Suzanne Donnellv Robert Hilliard Melissa Eckenrode Marie Hotle Michele Eddy Liz Hunziker Eileen Sianead Hyland Elkin Escobar Melanie F. **Bill Farley** 

**Prayer List** 

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George Stash

Ruth Stefanek Julian Stickney Jeanne Stoll ames Stowers **Beverly Stowers** Debbie Stowers **Bill Stuckey** Brendan Sullivan Marty Sullivan Sarah Thewes **Diane Sweeney** Joan Marie Switalski Terry Kristin Travis Kathleen Trotter Lily Troutman Beth Tze Pavel Ushakov Vlada Ushakova Raymond Vanasse Nicole Vander Horst Michael Venardi Hortencia Victoria Joann Vullo Noah Wagner Barbara Wallace Harry Witt Randy Witt S.J. Zarebi Carol Zolan



# **Gospel Reflection with Fr. Tom**

One of the images Isaiah uses to describe the messianic age is that of a lamb lying down with a wolf and having nothing to fear. It is a picture of a time of universal peace - the strong would no longer prey on the weak, or the cunning on the innocent.

Advent, with its wonderful promises of a new world, takes us on a trip to a place called hope. If things and people were perfect, hope would not be needed. Hope is required precisely because we live in an imperfect world.

Hope it a vital part of life. We spend a great deal of our lives longing, waiting, hoping for one thing or another. It is impossible to live when one is completely without hope. Hope is as important for our spirit as food is for our body.

Hope doesn't mean sitting back waiting for things to happen. Hope spurs us into action. It is precisely because we have hope that we work so hard. We believe our efforts are worthwhile, and that they do make a difference. Our strength, our commitment, depends to a great extent on the degree and quality of our hope. I am neither an optimist nor a pessimist. I just carry hope in my heart.

Hope is not a feeling of certainty that everything ends well. Hope is just a feeling that life and work have a meaning.

Cynicism is the enemy of hope. Many refuse to accept hope into their hearts. They say: "Things will never change. It's no good."

Cynicism comes easy. It requires nothing from us - no trust, no effort, no love.

Hope is not the same thing as optimism. In fact, hope and optimism are radically different. Optimism is the expectation that things will get better, whatever the situation. Hope is the trust that God will fulfill his promises in his way and in his time. The person of hope lives in the present moment, with the knowledge and trust that all of life is in God's hands.

Hope springs from faith that God will fulfill the promises he has made to us. He has given us his word in Jesus. That word is the basis on which our hope rests. And that hope is an anchor of our lives. All great leaders were people of hope. They felt no need to know what the future would look like. They just tried to do what was right in the

present, and trusted that God would take care of the future. It was enough for them to know that God is a faithful God.

What the world needs is new people. Hence, the relevance for us of John's call to repentance. To repent means to change our understanding of what is important in life, and to change our lives accordingly. Changed people will bring about a changed world.

But what in practice can we do? St Paul brings it down to everyday realities. He says, "Treat each other in the same friendly ways that Christ has treated you." That would make a difference. It's easy to be critical, to be over-hasty in making judgments, to be intolerant of the faults of others. If we did as Paul suggests we would make the world, or at least the corner of it that we inhabit, a more hopeful place.

It is the task of Christians to keep hope alive, and to set an example. However, we must not depend on results, but only on the rightness and truth of the work itself. We thank God for his blessings in the past, and ask his help for what we must yet achieve. When all is said and done, this world will never fulfill our deepest hopes.

Only God can do that. Meanwhile, we live in a place called hope. This hope enables us to keep one foot in the world as it is, and the other in the world as it should be.



### Readings for the Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

#### Reading 1 Is 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,

and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

a spirit of counsel and of strength,

a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,

and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

Not by appearance shall he judge,

nor by hearsay shall he decide,

but he shall judge the poor with justice,

and decide aright for the land's afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest;

the lion shall eat hay like the ox.

The baby shall play by the cobra's den,

and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;

for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,

as water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse,

set up as a signal for the nations,

the Gentiles shall seek out,

for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

R. (cf. 7) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Justice shall flower in his days,

and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

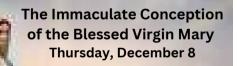
R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

May his name be blessed forever;

as long as the sun his name shall remain.

In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.



Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are as follows:

> 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM

# **Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent**

#### Reading 2 Rom 15:4-9

Gospel Mt 3:1-12

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction,

that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures

we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus,

that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,

for the glory of God.

For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised

to show God's truthfulness,

to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written:

Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

#### Alleluia Lk 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all flesh shall see the salvation of God. R. Alleluia, alleluia.



John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea

and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert,

Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair

and had a leather belt around his waist.

His food was locusts and wild honey.

At that time Jerusalem, all Judea,

and the whole region around the Jordan

were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers!

Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'

For I tell you,

God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,

but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in his hand.

He will clear his threshing floor

and gather his wheat into his barn,

but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

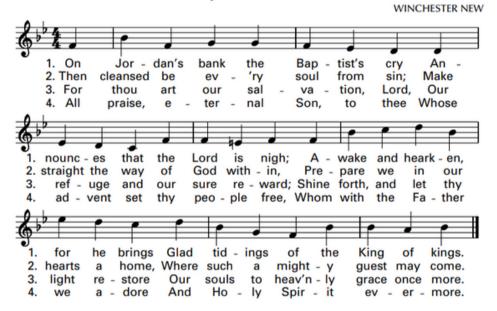
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#### Hymns for the Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

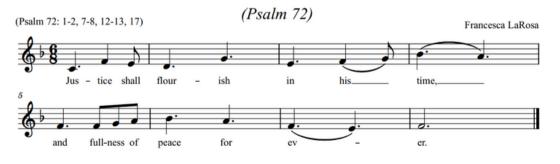
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Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72 - Justice Shall Flourish in His Time
Gifts: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Communion Songs: You are Near, O Come O Come Emmanuel
Closing Song: Soon and Very Soon

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#### **ON JORDAN'S BANK**

#### Justice Shall Flourish in His Time, and Fullness of Peace for Ever



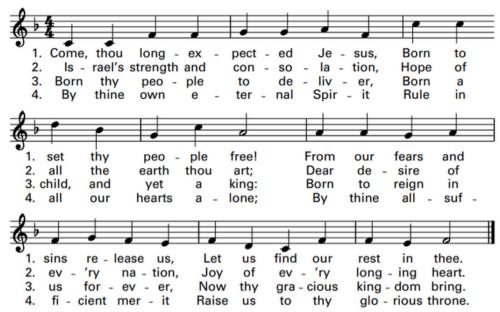
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# Music

#### COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART

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Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788. Music: Christian F. Witt's Harmonia Sacra, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

YOU ARE NEAR



## Music

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL
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
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
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2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
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.
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el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6, para. in *Psalteriolum 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.

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# **5pm Contemporary Mass Music**

#### **Opening Song: Here I Am to Worship**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness. Opened my eyes let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore you hope of a life spent with you.

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that you're my God, You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above. Humbly you came to the earth you created. All for love's sake became poor.

#### **Preparation Song: Breathe**

This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread This is my daily bread Your very word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for you And I, I'm lost without you

#### 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

# Communion Song: Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets To look upon the One who bled to save me And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day when all will bow before Him There will be a day when death will be no more Standing face to face with He who died and rose again Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer we prayed in desperation The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear In the end, we'll see that it was worth it When He returns to wipe away our tears

And on that day, we join the resurrection And stand beside the heroes of the faith With one voice, a thousand generations Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain" "Forever He shall reign" 2x

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave Holy, holy is the Lord

#### **Closing Song: In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless Babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save 'Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

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### 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 DELIGHT PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

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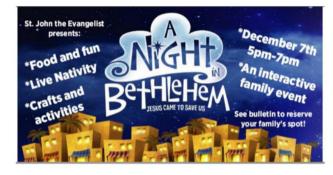
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# **Faith Formation**

# "A Night In Bethlehem"

Participant and Volunteer Registration vbspro.events/p/01a605 FREE ~Donations Accepted~ Registration Required by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

> A Bible-Times Christmas Event for Families December 7<sup>th</sup>: 5:00-7:00PM ~Parish Ballroom



#### 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 teenager, 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: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4FAAAD2EA3FB6-baby</u> or email <u>natalie@sjecc.com</u> to ask Natalie what items are still needed. Thank you!

#### This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>- K-8 Faith Formation 9:30-10:45AM Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Meeting for *A Night in Bethlehem* 3:45-4:45PM Youth Pizza Night- In the Pulte Center Café After the 5:00PM Mass

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - PreK Faith Formation – 12:30-2:30PM **A Night In Bethlehem** – 5:00-7:00PM Parish Ballroom -No Wednesday Faith Formation

# **Adult Faith Formation**

# Advent Reflections~

Join us for Coffee, Donuts and Reflections on Fridays After Mass

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

Independent Readings begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent- November 27<sup>th</sup>.

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.



"Imagine yourself in the Word of God as you take a pilgrimage through the Advent Season. Drawing from the Sunday readings for Advent, Year A, Fr. Mark Toups leads you through daily meditations, prayer and journal prompts to enrich and enliven your experience of this Blessed season.

Together with the video reflections found at <u>www.rejoiceprogram.com</u>, this Rejoice! Journal will help you experience an Advent filled with peace and a Christmas filled with joy!"

In addition ~ 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.

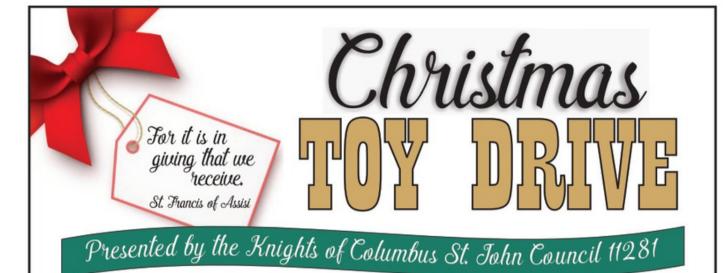
*Rejoice!* Discussions: Fridays, 9:15-10:15AM Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> in the Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center.

\*Immediately following the 8:30AM Mass~ Coffee and Donuts. Journals may be purchased in the Gift Boutique, the Parish Office or at the First Session. To register for the study, please email aff@sjecc.com.

<u>This Week in Adult Faith Formation:</u> Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> *RCIA* Session 6:00PM – Library, Claussen Center

**Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>Coffee** Faith Chat – 9:30-11:00AM, Alexandria Room

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



# 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.







# **CYO PRESENTS A VERY MERRY**



The whole family is

invited to attend!

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

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

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

Showtime

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@ 6:30





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# Jamaica Outreach Program

#### 2nd Collection December 3-4, 2022

This is a time of suffering and upheaval around the world and in our own community. While we cannot do all that we wish to help, we try to do what we can. For the past 25 years, JOP has focused on improving the lives of impoverished people in Jamaica.

This fall after COVID subsided, we were finally able to resume one of the most impactful activities supported by your contributions, medical and dental mission trips to Jamaica.



With hunger and food insecurity still being a huge issue in Jamaica, JOP will participate in a "3 for 1" food matching program. A portion of the December 4 collection will be allocated to this program. JOP also will continue to address vision care, education, and housing thanks to your extraordinary generosity. We remain committed to do what we can to make a difference in the lives of poor Jamaicans. **Thank you for all that you do!** 

• Envelopes marked <u>JOP</u> or checks (memo JOP) can be dropped in the regular collection baskets at the church doors • Cash (or checks payable to JOP) and envelopes can be dropped in the JOP



volunteer's basket outside the church on Dec. 3 and 4.

Donate online at <u>www.JamaicaOutreach.org/give</u>

• Mail a check payable to Jamaica Outreach, PO Box 110581, Naples, FL, 34108 The poor served by this St. John's ministry are eternally grateful for your past and future support.

#### The Ladies of Charity annual Christmas Sneaker Drive to benefit Children in our Community



It's that time of year ! Time to share in the joy of giving. Help us reach this year's goal of 550 new pairs of sneakers!

#### Here's how it works:

-take a tag from the LOC table outside the front of the Church during the following weekends: 11/19 & 11/20, 11/26 & 11/27, and 12/3 & 12/4

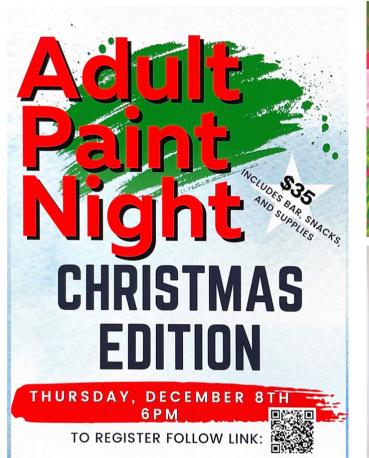
-Each gift tag contains a child's name, grade or age, gender, and shoe size

-Take one or more tag and generously donate NEW sneakers

-Wrap your package, with the tag secured to the outside, and bring it back to either the LOC table during weekend Masses or to the wrapped box in the Narthex during the week

-There will also be a tree with tags and a collection box in the Pulte Family Life Center

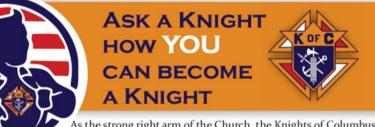
-All sneakers MUST be returned by December 11 1 2





#### 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 p.m. and Sundays 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. We look forward to serving you!



As the strong right arm of the Church, the Knights of Columbus serve God, our priests, our parishes, and our communities.

Being a Knight is an experience of a lifetime. Brothers join together to help one another become better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers, better citizens, and better men. The work of the Knights combines community service, social activities, charitable fundraising, and support for the Catholic Church.

At St. John, members serve as volunteers in parish ministries, help with special projects, and sponsor

For more information, and to get answers to your questions:

• Talk with a Knight after the weekend Masses on Dec. 3 & 4.

 Send an email to info@koccouncil11281.org and we will promptly respond.

• Go to the National "Supreme" website www.kofc.org to join online.

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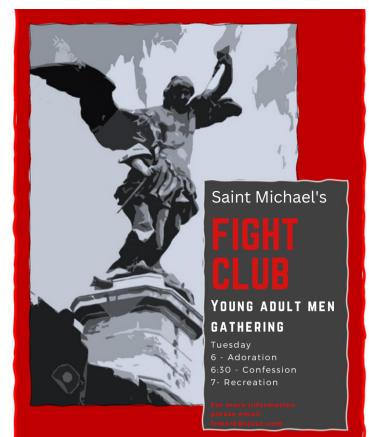
parish events including the Lenten fish bakes, dinner dances, Tootsie Roll drive for the disabled, and Christmas time collections of gifts and toys. Behind the scenes, they support our priests and seminarians, fund parish equipment purchases, assist in activities and events for youth and young adults, and help the less fortunate with time and treasure.

Knights come from all walks of life and seek to be a greater part of their world. You can commit as much or as little time as you want, but you will belong to one of the largest Catholic communities in the world. Knights of Columbus members have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference. Take a NEW look at the Knights and become active even if the time you have to give is limited.

Knights will be at the weekend Masses on December 3rd and 4th to extend a special invitation to all men of our parish to consider joining our parish Council of the Knights of Columbus.

REQUIREMENTS ARE FEW. REWARDS ARE MANY!

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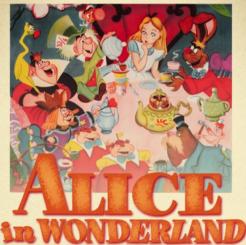
#### Join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for SJECC Young Catholic Woman's Group!

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!

#### Children for the Arts presents



November 11th - February 11th Space is still available Open to ages 6-17 Rehearsals and performances held at The Pulte Family Life Center Fridays 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm Performances February 10th & 11th Contact Tish Poorman, Program Director 239-571-3305 www.childrenforthearts.com

**Participation Fee Required** 

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