Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1, 2023



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.

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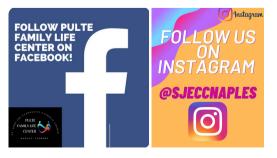
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Decemi	ber 31	, 2022
8:00 AM	+	Ernest G. Heymann
Vigil Masses for Sunday		
3:00 PM	+	Annette Carlier
5:00 PM	+	Velasco Family
Sunday, January	1, 2023	3
7:00 AM	SI	For Our Parishioners
9:00 AM	+	
11:00 AM	+	Dietrich (Richie) Twiefel
1:00 PM		Francesca J. Viscuso
5:00 PM	+	Mr. and Mrs. John Shea and Family
Monday, January	2, 202	<u>13</u>
8:00 AM	+	John McNally
9:00 AM	+	John and Veronica McNulty
Tuesday, January	3, 202	13
8:00 AM	SI	Henry and Joanne Haduch
9:00 AM	+	Timothy C. Pollard
Wednesday, Janu	ary 4,	2023
8:00 AM	+	John Luddy
9:00 AM	+	Virginia Rodriguez
Thursday, Januar		
8:00 AM	+	Joseph Stack
9:00 AM		Richard Sloan
Friday, January 6,		
8:00 AM		Mova Luke
9:00 AM	SI	Elliot Joel Eisman
Saturday, January	7 20	23
8:00 AM	+	Kuno Kasischke
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3:00 PM		Bob Hommell
5:00 PM		Mary and Joseph Montello
Sunday, January		
7:00 AM	+	- Nicholas Gelormini
9:00 AM		For Our Parishioners
11:00 AM	+	
1:00 PM	+	
1.00 PM		Platia Badadolo

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Inten

Readings for the Week

Saturday, December 31, 2022 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Sunday, January 1, 2022 Nm 6:22-27/Lk 2:16-21

Monday, January 2, 2022 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3, 2022 1 JN 2:29–3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 4, 2022 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday, January 5, 2022 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Friday, January 6, 2022 1 Jn 5:5-13/M 1:7-11

Saturday, January 7, 2022 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Sacraments of the Church

+ Richie Twiefel

5:00 PM

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.

Watch our livestream Masses at: https://sjecc.org/mass-livestream/ or scan this QR code







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 - We will begin studying the book of Matthew on January 6th at 9:30am. We will meet on January29th at 9:30am for coffee and conversation. Come and get to know us! 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@koccouncil11281.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

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@SVDPnaples.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 or Eileen Fuller 239-280-7585

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: <u>https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/</u> <u>safeenvironment/</u>. 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@svdpnaples.org or call the parish office at (239) 566-8740.



We are pleased to offer home décor, 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!

January 1, 2023

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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 for the Military

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

- Adam Decker
- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary
- 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
- LTIG Tanis K. Taylor US Navy, USS Sullivans •
- Sophie Koeppl
- Austin Zicht USAF •
- Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF ٠
- 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. Paul J. Polking

Prayer List

Thomas Abell Declan Aigner Amy FitzGerald Molly and Randy Anton Josephine Apricena Dexter Aumiller Tony Aumiller Allison Avery Pax Axberg Babies Ralph and Andrew J. Cox 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

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Mother of God

When Mary became Mother of God, she changed our perceptions of God and humanity. Some aspects of our faith are absolutely beyond rational comprehension Parts of our faith are meant to stir the soul; they are poetry. Such is the case with today's feast, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The very expression "Mother of God" cannot be understood as one understands a mathematical formula or a scientific fact. Consider it for a moment: a human giving birth to God-it's beyond the powers of the mind. But just because the scientific mind cannot grasp it and the rational fact-finding side of us must pause does not mean this doctrine is untrue. It communicates truth to a heart and soul that are opened through meditation. Taken in this way, Mary as Mother of God can tell us something of our God, something about ourselves, and something about where we must search for God.

This feast tells us something of our God. The very idea that a human gives birth to God tells us about God's desire to be one with creation, most particularly one with human creatures.

Humanity could never achieve, earn or even aspire to this event. One theologian said that we can only receive, only be ready, only allow something to happen to us. Mary summed this up for all ages when she was told by an angel that she would give birth though she did not know man. Mary said, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." On our own, we could not achieve it. But God wills this unity; God desires to be one with us. That Mary is the Virgin Mother of God informs us once again that God is revealed as love, one who desires unity with us. St. Augustine once said that, if we wanted to know about God, we should meditate on love, "The very same love with which we love." Today we can consider the love of a mother and her son, Mary and Jesus, and thus learn about our God. An invitation is offered to each of us here to consider our loving relationships, since God has become one with us as love.

This feast can tell us something of ourselves. Though no one could ever earn the right to be Mother of God, though all humanity could not achieve it, once having taken place, the event changes our conception of ourselves. Karl Rahner wrote this of the incarnation: " .. it is forbidden to man to think little of himself because he would be thinking little of God. "

Since the day that a peasant girl from Galilee gave birth to God, no one should ever again degrade us. Consider some of the limits placed upon us improperly and unjustly:

Some say that humanity cannot enjoy true peace because violence is part of our nature and war has been with us always. A believer could simply retort that Mary became Mother of God and since that day it is wrong to degrade humanity. To degrade humanity is the same as blaspheming against God.

Some contend that the world cannot provide a good life for everyone, that some will go without even the necessities or that some will never reach their potential. But one who venerates Mary as Mother of God can answer that Mary sang about her own experience of God's care for the lowly and the poor. And further, Mary had been told by an angel that "nothing is impossible with God." This feast can direct us in our continual search for God. To arrive at her place in the history of salvation, Mary did not go to some mountaintop to see a guru, did not make a retreat or go on a pilgrimage. She did not visit a spiritual director or even her parish priest. She did not start a crusade or take on the social order. All of these may be good and sometimes necessary, but Mary took a different route. Karl Rahner sums up Mary's way: " ... we have to say of the God whom we profess in Christ that he is exactly where we are and only there is he to be found." Mary became pregnant, gave birth to a child, and thus played her role in salvation history. God came to Mary where she was, and she experienced God there.

The same can be true for each of us. God's desire to be with us means that our lives can be holy where we are: as parents and spouses, as neighbors, friends, as workers and voters. In day-to-day activities, God is found.

Today is New Year's Day. It is a good day to celebrate Mary as Mother of God As we begin a new year, we might pause to reflect on the meaning of this feast because it may just give us the boost we need for a new year: We are loved by God; our daily lives are being made holy by God; and there are no limits to what we can be-all because God became one with us through Mary whom we celebrate as Mother of God.

Readings for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

Reading I Nm 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. (2a) May God bless us in his mercy.
May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.
R. May God bless us in his mercy.
May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.
R. May God bless us in his mercy.
May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!
R. May God bless us in his mercy.

Reading II Gal 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

Alleluia Heb 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia. In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision. he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Music

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, January 1, 2023

Opening Hymn: Angels We Have Heard On High Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67 - May God Bless Us In His Mercy Gifts: Hail Mary, Gentle Woman Communion Songs: What Child Is This, O Little Town of Bethlehem Closing Song: Let There Be Peace On Earth

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Angels We Have Heard on High/ GLORIA

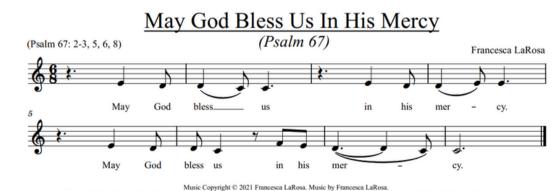
Verse 1. Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.

> Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Verses 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be Which inspire you heav'nly song. Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee
 Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

4. See him in a manger laidWhom the angels praise above;Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,While we raise our hearts in love.

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813– 1882; Spanish tr., anon. Music: Trad. French carol.



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Music

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman Carey Landry

Introduction

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

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

 You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.
 You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.

 2. Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too.
 Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
 Blessed they with gentle hearts.

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What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES

 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898. Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.

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Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, The wonderous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

> 4. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
> Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today.
> We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
> O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893, alt. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908.

Let There Be Peace on Earth Sy Miller / Jill Jackson

 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
 *With God as our Father, brothers all are we;
 *Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

2. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
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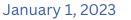


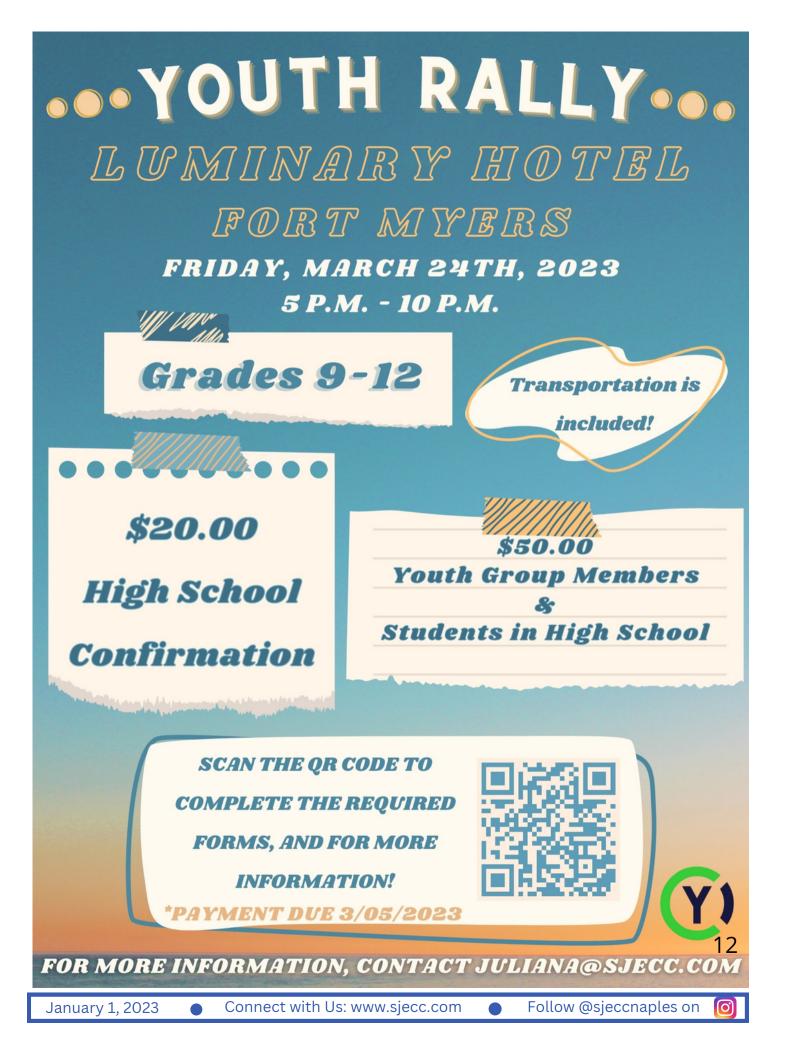
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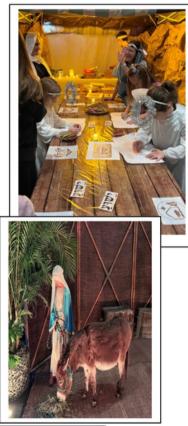
A Magical Night in Bethlehem ~Happy New Year!

Wishing you all a Happy New Year from our Faith Formation Ministry at St. John. During the Christmas season, we continue to share photos from our magical "Night in Bethlehem" celebrating the birth of our savior.

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 High School Confirmation Sundays – 3:45-6:00PM (5:00PM Mass Together) OCIA – Mondays 6:00PM- Contact Natalie at <u>natalie@sjecc.com</u> for more information.

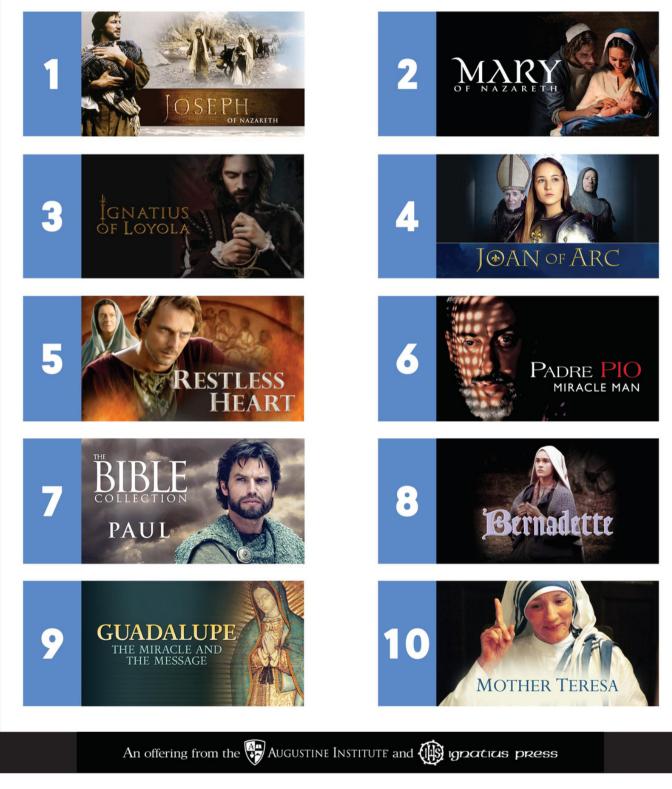






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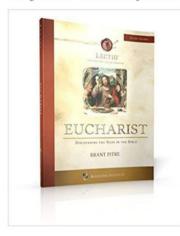
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Eucharist Bible Study: Video Presentations Featuring Dr. Brant Pitre

Facilitator at St. John: Sue Hamilton

10 Wednesdays beginning January 11th from 11:30AM-1:00PM - Alexandria Room

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre rigorously digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.



To register for the study, email <u>aff@sjecc.com</u>. Please indicate of you would like to purchase a study guide. The guide is \$25.00.



Young Adult Groups

Join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for GJECC 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!



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Saturday, February 4, 2023 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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- Lively Polka Music featuring the legendary Pan Franek, Zosia, & the Polka Towners
- Cash Bar, 50/50 Raffle

Use the QR code below to access EventBrite & secure your tickets. Need help? See us after the 7 am, 9 am, & 11 am Masses on Jan. 15th. We'll be outside of church to help you.



Sjeccpolishdinnerdance@gmail.com Tickets: \$50 Adults, \$25 Children

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Help her find the closest pregnancy help center. There is a list on the diocesan website below under *Walking with Moms in Need* or have her use the QR code below which will direct her to the list. The center will give her accurate information about her options, confirm her pregnancy and show her the child in her womb via ultrasound, all for free. They will help her with other community resources, parenting classes, baby items and other needs.

Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide program in the Catholic Church to connect pregnant women with pregnancy help centers. Join the effort to walk with her!

Parish volunteers can also coordinate efforts with the center to help her stay connected to her church or discover a faith community that cares about her.



For additional information, contact: Diocese of Venice Respect Life Office www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org 941-441-1101



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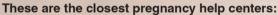
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Saturdays at 9:00 AM Pulte Family Life Center Patio

Play is free with a paid Pulte membership. For membership information, please contact Matthew Farmer: Matthew@sjecc.com





Januray 29 3:00-5:00 PM Pulte Family Life Center Gym

Imagine nine of the world's most talented 4-legged performers in an uproariously funny, comedy dog spectacular that is leaving audiences everywhere howling for more! The all-star lineup includes the highest jumping

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Tickets: Adults \$35; Students (up to age 14) \$15





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December Activities at St. John the Evangelist





















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