Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 8, 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.

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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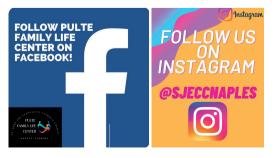
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 7, 2023			Requested By
8:00 AM Vigil Masses for Sunda		Kuno Kasischke	Loretta Love
3:00 PM	+	Bob Hommell	The Irvine Family
5:00 PM	+	Mary and Joseph Montello	Family
Sunday, January 8, 2023			Requested By
7:00 AM	+	Nicholas Gelormini	The Delia Family
9:00 AM	SI	For Our Parishioners	
11:00 AM	+	Salvadore Migliore	Family
1:00 PM	+	Teresa Curatolo	The Finer Family
5:00 PM	+	Richie Twiefel	Mary and Bill Luthin
Monday, January 9, 2023			Requested By
8:00 AM	+	Steve Merse	Jim Miller
9:00 AM	+	Gertrude Trapp	Marty and Loretta Sullivan
Tuesday, January 10, 2023			Requested By
8:00 AM	+	Vicki Brenner	Deacon Hal
9:00 AM	+	Michael Hackshaw and Sheila and Harold Hackshaw	The Campbell Family
Wednesday, Janı	uary 11	<u>, 2023</u>	Requested By
8:00 AM	+	James Edward Colgan	Bernard Hirl
9:00 AM	SI	Eileen Miner	Family
<u>Thursday, January 12, 2023</u>			<u>Requested By</u>
8:00 AM	+	Patrick Goudy	Kerry Rapson
9:00 AM	SI	The Suki Family	Alice Suki
Friday, January 13, 2023			Requested By
8:00 AM	+	Vincent Dam Vu	Lan Tran
9:00 AM	+	Roberta Kane	Beverly Cornell
Saturday, January 14, 2023			Requested By
8:00 AM	+	Bud Issacs	Kerry and Bill Rapson
(Vigil Masses for Sun	day)		
3:00 PM	+	James Sottnick and Timothy and Becker	Ginger
5:00 PM	+	Lambert and Louise Abell	Kathy and Bob Sims
Sunday, January 15, 2023			Requested By
7:00 AM		John C. Klimek	Carolyn Klimek
9:00 AM	+	Steven Tauro	Mother
11:00 AM	+	Mark Grieco	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Powers
1:00 PM	+	Nino and Christopher DiEnno	Marilyn DiEnno
5:00 PM	+	Marian Haley	Dianne May

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Inten

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Readings for the Week

Saturday, January 7, 2022 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

Sunday, January 8, 2022 Is 60:1-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 9, 2022 Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday, January 10, 2022 Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 11, 2022 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday, January 12, 2022 Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

Friday, January 13, 2022 Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

Saturday, January 14, 2022 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

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.

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 Brian R. 732-735-7037

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 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

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.

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.

THANK YOU



We want to express our sincere gratitude to all who donated to North Collier Fire Control & Rescue District's annual Toy Drive. In all, we collected enough toys for over 100 families in need. The donated toys helped bring the joy of Christmas to the less fortunate children in our community.

Thank you once again for all your member's kindness, generosity, and the time and effort put into making our toy drive such a success. Sincerely,

Michael Jimenez Deputy Chief



Business Updates



Donation Reminders for 2023

Thank you for you continued generosity. Please note our updated guidelines below:



-Offertory: please use your envelopes and put your envelope number on the memo line of all checks

-For donations to St. Vincent dePaul, please make all checks payable to: St. Vincent dePaul

-For donations to Jamaica Outreach, please make all checks payable to: Jamaica Outreach

-If you would like to give online, please call Karen Beebe at 239.566.8740



Buy your tickets for the 2023 CFA Cash Raffle! Tickets are available in the Main

Office during normal business hours

\$20 donation for 1 ticket or 6 tickets for a \$100 donation



1st Prize: \$25,000 2nd Prize: \$5,000 3rd Prize: \$1,000



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Drawing Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 9:15 AM in the Pulte Family Life Center

To purchase tickets over the phone, please call our Main Office: 239.566.8740 or email: info@sjecc.com

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

To ensure that we can add additional people to our Prayer List, we will clear the names from 2022 to begin a 2023 Prayer List. If there is a name from the 2022 Prayer List that you would like to include going forward, please contact the office by January 20th at 239-566-8740 and we will assist you. **6**

Pray

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
- ٠ 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 ٠
- ٠ Capt. Stephen English – US Army
- LTIG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans •
- Sophie Koeppl
- 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
- Connor Miller: US Navy search and rescue
- Daniel Petito – US Army
- Matthew Popielec, CMR
- 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, Patricia Harris, Alfred Luposello

Thomas Abell Declan Aigner Amy FitzGerald Molly and Randy Anton Iosephine 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

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

Prayer List

John Michael Jannusch Michelle Federman Anna Lee Johnson The Fewell Family Megan Johnson Ophelia Joy Robert Kaliebe Ronald & Patricia Kaminski Bayli Rose Kauffman Shawn Kay Robyne Keane Yvonne Keenan Karen Kellington Caroline Lansing Kelly, Susan McKeever MD Marion Kelly Dolores Kernocha Ann Kerns Nancy Kiel Elizabeth Kiffney Tracey Kirk Liz Knott Jeffrey Kostiw Kathie Kotscher Brady Koza Richard C. Kruger Judy Kruzich Barbara Kuryea Rene Lacoste Jack and Kay Lain Vincent Lasprogata Shanna Lee Doris Lloyd Michele Loggi Paul Lombard

Janet Lombardo Teresa Lozano Dawn Luderman Bob Lutz Joan D. Lynch Barb Marsh Deborah Marsh Ruth Martin Donna Masse Janice McCarthy Catherine McCusker lutta McInnis Julianne Michitsch Ierry McMahon Andrew McManus Rebecca McManus **Bishop Burchell McPherson** Thomas and Michael Miller Eileen Miner Heather Schwarz Maroney William Murphy Carrie Nudd Monica O'Brien James Oko Francisco Basielio Oliveira

Marylee Olsen O'Donnell Patrick O'Donnell Joseph Pandolfo Eric Parker Patty and Mike Ryan Paul Bill Payne Adolfo Peters Raymond Placencia **Dennis Powers** Jim Rankin Amrita Rashmi John Repice Vicki Reza Danica Roy Frank Ryan Judy S. Peggy O'Neil Saba Patty S. Michael S. Judith S. Lisa Sanfelippo Catherine Schmacht RC Schmidt **Rosalie Senatore** Anne Sissman Kyle Sitarz Teddy & Joe Sitter Clyde Smatlak Robert and Kathleen Soares Amy Sobie Pamela Solomon

N. J. Spriggle

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 Elaine Wilkinson Randy Witt S.J. Zarebi Carol Zolan

Gospel Reflection with Fr. Tom

The picture many people have of how the Magi came to Bethlehem goes somewhat like this. They saw bright star in the eastern sky and began to follow it. The star guided them unerringly, first to Jerusalem, where it temporarily disappeared, and then to Bethlehem where they found the Child Jesus. Put like that, it sounds very simple and very exciting.

But how true is this picture? If we read the Gospel account carefully, we will see that it is quite false. In the Gospel it says that they saw the star 'as it rose.' It says nothing about the star guiding them. What this suggests is that the star was no more than a sign that something unusual had happened, or more precisely, that someone special had been born.

The next time the star is mentioned is when they were on the road to Bethlehem, that is, as they neared the end of their journey. The text says: 'There in front of them was the star they had seen rising.' From this we conclude that in between they traveled in darkness and had to ask and seek and enquire.

Their journey was neither simple nor easy. They encountered difficulties, doubts, and dangers. Yet, in spite of these, they persevered in their quest and were rewarded when they finally found Christ. This is why their story has such relevance for us. Like them, we too are on a journey. When we start out on the road following the call to be disciples of Christ, we too are attracted by something bright – an deal or vision or hope. But this initial 'star' does not remain forever in our sky. It grows dim. Clouds get in the way and deprive us of its light.

And we must expect to encounter difficulties and doubts. Some people think they are losing their faith when they experience doubt. We should not be surprised when this happens. We must imitate the Magi. We must not be too proud to ask for guidance. We must believe that the darkness will pass, and once again we will see the initial star beckoning to us. The Magi can serve as models for us on our faith journey. They were single-minded. They refused to be put off by difficulties and hardships. When they found Christ, they offered Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This shows what happens to those who find Christ. Their hearts are awakened and burst into life. When we find Christ and offer our love to Him, He will help us to open the treasures of goodness that lie buried inside us, so that we can offer "gifts" to our brothers and sisters, especially those who are in need.

Having worshipped Christ, the Magi "returned to their own country by another route." This suggests not just a new geographical route, but a new mentality. Having met Christ and heard his Gospel, we too will travel through life by a different route. We will have different attitudes, different values, different goals. It is impossible to encounter Christ without it affecting the way we live our lives.



Reading I Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,

the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

R. (cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;

the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. 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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading II Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed

to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,

and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Alleluia

Mt 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Calling All Men!

Exodus 90 is a ninety-day spiritual exercise for men based on three pillars: Prayer, Self-Denial, and Fraternity. It was built to help men discover the freedom of becoming who they are truly meant to be. On January 9th, tens of thousands of men will put away needless noise, break from bad habits, and challenge themselves to live a more virtuous life for Christ and their families. Exodus 90 will help you remove unhealthy attachments from your life that are keeping you from being your best self. And it works! Over 60,000 men have completed Exodus 90. They report 1) Better relationships with Christ, 2) More satisfying marriages and family life, 3) Dramatically less time wasted! Want a New Year's resolution that can truly make a positive difference in your life? Visit www.Exodus90.com.



Readings for the The Epiphany of the Lord

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saving,

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising

and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this,

he was greatly troubled,

and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,

He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

since from you shall come a ruler,

who is to shepherd my people Israel."

- Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.
- He sent them to Bethlehem and said,

"Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word,

that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,

until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house

they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures

and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,

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they departed for their country by another way.







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Music for the Epiphany of the Lord

Opening Hymn: We Three Kings Psalm: Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore You Gifts: As With Gladness Men Of Old Communion Songs: The First Noel, Away In A Manger Closing Song: Go Tell It On the Mountain Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-718037, CCLI License #2008891. All rights reserved.

We Three Kings/Del Oriente Somos

KINGS OF ORIENT

1. We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar Field and fountain, Moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

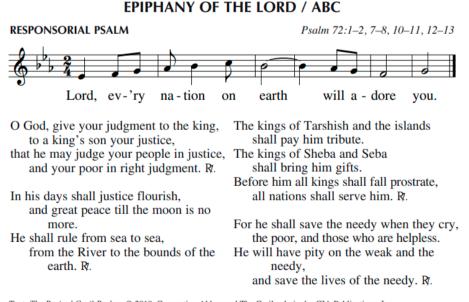
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, Ceasing never Over us all to reign. Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising Gladly raising, Worship him, God on high.

 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; "Alleluia, Alleluia!"Sounds through the earth and skies.

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Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1–11. Text and music: Carols, Hymns and Songs, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820–1891, alt.



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Music

As with Gladness Men of Old



Text: 77 77 77; William C. Dix, 1837–1898. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1889.

The First Noel

1. The first Nowell, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

3. And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far; To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went. 4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay, Right over the place where Jesus lay.

DIX

5. Then entered in those wise men three, Full rev'rently upon the knee, And offered there, in his presence, Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

6. Then let us all with one accordSing praises to our heav'nly Lord;Who with the Father we adoreAnd Spirit blest for evermore.

Music

Away in a Manger MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, Little Children's Book for Schools and Families, ca. 1885; verse 3, John T. McFarland, 1851–1913; Gabriel's Vineyard Songs, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

Refrain Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

 While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled When high above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. And lo, when they had heard it,
They all bowed down and prayed;
They traveled on together
To where the Babe was laid.

4. Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.; from American Negro Songs and Spirituals, 1940. Music: Spiritual.

Adult Faith Formation

Discover the Mass in the Bible!

Eucharist Bible Study: Video Presentations Featuring Dr. Brant Pitre

Facilitator at St. John: Sue Hamilton

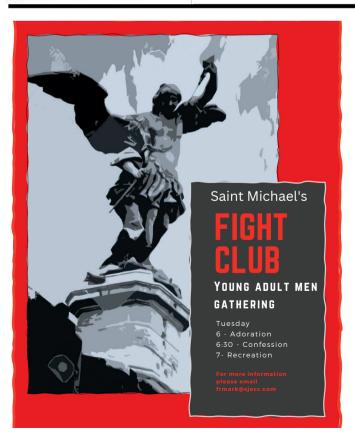
10 Wednesdays beginning January 11th from 11:30AM-1:00PM - Alexandria Room

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant <u>Pitre</u> 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.

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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.

<u>This Week in Adult Faith Formation</u> Monday, January 9th - OCIA<u>- Monday</u> 6:00PM in the Library of the Claussen Center Wednesday, January 11th<u>- Morning</u> Bible Study: 11:30AM -1:00PM – Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center Thursday, January 12th Women's Faith Chat- Thursday at 9:30AM-11:00AM -Antioch Room of the Claussen Center



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.

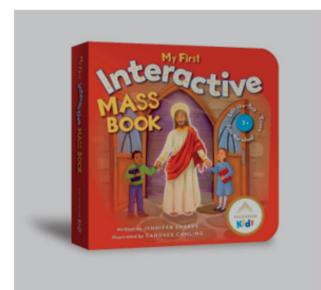


Meetings take place in Pulte Center, with refreshments provided We are excited to see you there!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Updates: Interactive Mass Book to Engage Kids in Mass

Faith Formation Sessions will resume this week for the New Year. Sunday K-8 sessions will be held on January 8th from 9:30-10:45AM. Families are invited to attend the 11:00AM Mass immediately following Faith Formation. There are Kid's Bulletins available in the church, over by the bathrooms, as well as color sheets for the children that connect to the readings this week. We also have a limited number of NEW Board book to loan families during the Mass, to help children stay engaged and pray the Mass together. <u>Please enjoy these books during Mass</u> <u>and kindly return them at the end of the Mass so others may enjoy!</u> Confirmation sessions will be resume on January 8th as well. Sessions begin promptly at 3:45PM and continue through 6:00PM. Youth attend Mass together and sit with their classes. Our Wednesday sessions will resume this week, January 11th as well. See below for times. Happy New Year!



Written by a Catholic mother, this sturdy, interactive board book will help Catholics teach their children about the mysteries of God's love in the Mass. <u>Children ages 3 and up</u> will be delighted to have their own book at church, which will help them learn the order of the Mass, follow along with the prayers, and discover the wonders that happen at every Mass.

Faith Formation

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. Vacation Bible School – June 5th-9th – Registration Opens March 1st



CYO and Youth Ministry





Tickets on Sale!



POLISH DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 4, 2023

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108

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Use the QR code below to access EventBrite & secure your tickets. See us after the 7 am, 9 am, & 11 am Masses on Jan. 15th. We'll be outside of church to help you. For information contact Carol Roberts: (239) 272-2212 sjeccpolishdinnerdance@gmail.com



Tickets: \$50 Adults, \$25 Children Tables of 10

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The Pulte Center Stage Performance January 27, 2025



Classic rock

Featuring great songs of the Eagles, Beatles, Jackson Browne, Sting, Allman Brothers, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Michael Bublé, Tom Petty, Bruce Springsteen, Doobie Brothers, and Old 41 originals.



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Plein Air Art Show

Saturday, January 14th @ 10am to 5pm & Sunday January 15th @ 10am to 5pm Pulte Center

ICONIC IMAGES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

This fine art exhibit features original works by local artists from the Gulf Coast Plein Air Painters of Naples and Bonita Springs and the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Plein Air Painters.These works were completed "en Plein Air", a French term meaning "out of doors", in various scenic locations around Lee and Collier counties.

\$5 suggested donation



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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

dog in the universe, two Guinness World Record Champions, a hilarious six pound Pomeranian Pikachu mix, and a host of previously discarded dogs that will dance, prance, flip, and skip their way right in to your heart. Deemed "A must see!" by the Washington Post,

Mutts Gone Nuts is sure to win Best in Show! Tickets: Adults \$35; Students (up to age 14) \$15 11TH ANNUAL SENIORS BLUE BOOK osium



Join us the upcoming Seniors Blue Book Symposium!

Educate yourself today with the resources you'll need tomorrow! Learn from area experts about the financial, legal, healthcare and lifestyle options available for aging in place safely and comfortably in the setting that is best for you. Discover what senior living is, what you need to know before you start your search, and connect with many different options in Lee and Collier counties.

Panelist discussions will include: Preparing For Aging, End of Life & Post Planning, Aging in Place vs. Senior Living, and Health & Wellness.

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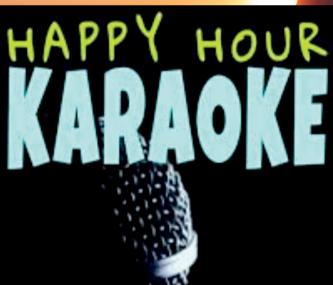
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Monday Nights @ 6:00pm Pulte Family Life Center Café





Upcoming Dates:

Pulte Cafe 6:00 - 8:00 PM January 13 January 27 COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CLINICS invites you to attend



KAYLEIGH MCENANY

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

DETAILS:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023 RECEPTION BEGINS: 5:00 PM PLATED DINNER & PROGRAM: 6:00 PM THE RITZ-CARLTON GOLF RESORT, TIBURON 2600 TIBURON DR, NAPLES, FL 34109





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Bocce

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

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