Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church



The First Sunday of Lent - February 26, 2023

Schedule of Lenten Events

Services Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Parish Reconciliation Service Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 12:00 p.m. in the Church. Lenten Programs

Lenten Spiritual Pilgrimage February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Claussen Center Library

Gospel Study of Matthew February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28 (For details, please see page 19)

Men's Lenten Retreat March 4 (For details, please see page 22.)

Parish Mission with Jon Leonetti April 3 and 4 (For details, please see page 18.)

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Saturday 3:00 p.m., 3:15 p.m. (PFLC), 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. (PFLC), 11:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (PFLC), 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. (PFLC), 11:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (PFLC), 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

<u>The Memorare</u>

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.

<u>A Prayer for World Peace</u>

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.

Catholic Faith Appeal - 2023

Dear Parishioners,

In 2022, you contributed \$786,583 toward our Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) goal of \$603,000! We can't thank you enough for your generosity and support. And, because we surpassed our goal, \$167,166 will come back to the parish to further support our programs and ministries.

Now, once again, we have been called to work together toward our 2023 goal. The needs in our communities are more pressing than ever, and your support will directly help those in Southwest Florida. St. John the Evangelist has been assigned a goal of \$603,000 for 2023.

Throughout the CFA campaign, we will highlight both personal stories about CFA as well as the programs and communities it supports. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to the CFA. If you need assistance, please contact Colleen Donnelly, our Operations Manager, at: colleen@sjecc.com. Thank you, as always for your support and generosity.

To donate to the Catholic Faith Appeal:

- Use a contribution envelope from the CFA table in the Narthex,
- Give directly on the Diocese of Venice website at dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa, or
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page



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



To purchase tickets over the phone, please call our Main Office: 239.566.8740 or email: info@sjecc.com. Please make checks payable to "St. John the Evangelist"

Drawing Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 10:15 AM in the Pulte Family Life Center



Donation Reminders 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

-For donations to the **Catholic Faith Appeal**, please make all checks payable to: **Catholic Faith Appeal**

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

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CFA SUPPORTS: CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic Schools provide children with the opportunity to expand their knowledge, explore their passions, create community, strengthen their sense of self, and come to know God.

Our local Catholic Schools are blessed with great teachers, administrators, staff, and students. Catholic School enrollment is at an all-time high, with families seeking educational experiences focused on family, strong values, and community. Due to these increased numbers, financial support to Catholic Schools is needed more than ever. Classroom spaces are full, and many facilities need updating to meet the demand. Fifteen percent of the money donated to CFA goes directly toward Catholic Education.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to our 2023 CFA To donate: https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/



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WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING:

Ashley:

Being a student at St. John Neumann means so much to me because not only do I learn life skills, but I get an amazing Catholic education too. Every day I am learning to become a better person who is trying to follow in Jesus' footsteps. I appreciate that before every class we take a moment to pray getting our minds ready for the education to come. We don't just learn about Christ in the classroom but also in many fun activities, pep rallies, etc.

There are many clubs to join at Neumann and so many activities we do during school hours. Some activities that I have participated in throughout the first semester were Día de Los Muertos celebration, Grandparents Day, pep rallies for the football team, and so many more. Being involved in these activities helped me to make friends, get me excited to be at school, and most importantly I have so much fun! I have joined key club which will not only allow me to better myself in service and leadership but also earn service hours.

Juan:

My Catholic education is very important to me and my family. St. John Neumann offers us many opportunities to grow socially, academically, and spiritually. Since our school is very small, the students are very close. We do many different school activities and retreats to both grow as a student body, and in our faith. I also like how the teachers incorporate religion into many of their teachings. I am able to excel academically due to the fact that help is always provided. Every day after school, I am able to go to teachers and ask questions or get help. St. John Neumann is an amazing school and I am blessed to be able to attend.

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. (livestreamed) and 9:00 a.m.

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.

Clergy and Administrative Staff :

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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.

Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers: Maureen Reed maureen@sjecc.com Homebound ministry Sara Catlett sara@sjecc.com Hospital ministry Mary Pat Salomone marypat@sjecc.com

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Kathy Bailie: servers@sjecc.com

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Kay Sanfelippo: ksanfelippo@comcast.net





Mass Intentions

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Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:00 AM	+	Harry Witt
Vigil Masses for Sunday		
3:00 PM	+	Grace and Dominic Corbino
5:00 PM	+	Lambert and Louise Abell
Sunday Fabruary 26, 2022		
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7:00 AM	+	Ed Somma
9:00 AM	+	Robert Claussen
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners
1:00 PM	+	Gertrude and Robert Frei
5:00 PM	+	John Fetter
Wine, Host and		
Alter Flowers	+	Jose Nicolas Arteta
Monday, February 27, 2023		
8:00 AM	+	Jose Nicolas Arteta
9:00 AM		James A. Gallagher
5:30 PM	+	
Tuesday, February 28, 2023		
8:00 AM 9:00 AM		The Deceased Members of the Lomasney Family
5:30 PM	+	
	+	
Wednesday, March 1, 2023		
8:00 AM	+	Jacob Winkler
9:00 AM	+	Arthur Guggemos
5:30 PM	+	Sister Mary Gallagher SSJ
Thursday, March 2, 2023		
8:00 AM	+	Kurt Devlin
9:00 AM	+	Anna Mullen
5:30 PM	+	Donald Keevan
Friday, March 3, 2023		
8:00 AM	+	Timothy C. Pollard
9:00 AM	+	Bernice Kindsvater
5:30 PM	SI	Curtis Jankovitz
Saturday, March 4, 2023		
8:00 AM	+	Joan Gaetano
(Vigil Masses for Sunday)		
3:00 PM	+	Terry VanderHorst
5:00 PM	+	Richie
Sunday, March 5, 2023		
7:00 AM	+	Paul Hardebeck
9:00 AM	+	Vincent Corsetti
11:00 AM	+	Benito Tauro
1:00 PM	SI	For Our Parishioners
5:00 PM	+	My Deceased Family Members

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





Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Inten

Requested By

Harry and Patricia Witt

Family Kathy and Bob Sims

Requested By

St. John Pinocle Club Norma Claussen

Carolyn and John Klimek Charlie and Arlene Fetter

Parents Requested By

Parents Joan Exner Lauren Pavlovich **Requested By**

Jack Kegaly Mark Hebrank Naples Lamp Shop <u>Requested By</u>

Merle and Janet Nett Fred Singler Joyce and Bob Morissette **Requested By**

Denise Guilbert Manfredi Family Duff Family

Requested By

Alexis Pollard Jack and Connie Kindsvater Pattie Vail and Michael Vail <u>Requested By</u>

Parone Family

Vicki VanderHorst M. and K. Kurnath

Requested By

Loving Wife Norma Claussen Wife

Deb Marsh

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Sacraments



January Baptisms

Addison Hussey





Reese Slater

Bianca Teet



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 Hoffman: 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.

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

With St. Patrick's Day falling on a Friday (March 17) during the Lenten Season, Bishop Frank J. Dewane is granting a one-day dispensation of abstaining from meat on that Friday alone. The Faithful are encouraged to choose another day in the same week to abstain from meat and to perform some other penance or work of charity on March 17 to assist in their spiritual Lenten journey.

Readings for the Week

Saturday, February 25, 2023 Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Sunday, February 26, 2023 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22./Mt 4:1-11

Monday, February 27, 2023 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 2, 2023 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

> **Friday, March 3, 2023** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 4, 2023 Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt <u>5:43-48</u>

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.

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 sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com

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

Quilting Ministry - The Quilting Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 10 AM – noon in rooms 3/4 in the Parish Activity Center. We work on quilts for babies and children which we donate locally. Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. There's something for everyone to do, from cutting to assembling to quilting to hand sewing bindings. For more information, call Sharon Campbell at sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com 239.438.7867 or Eileen Fuller at 239.280.7585

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. The meeting will be in classroom 1, in the Parish Life Center. Contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDPnaples.org.

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

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





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

- Adam Decker
- Lieutenant Carson Brial US Navy
- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary
- Nick Detloff
- SSG Douglas Hennessy
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber USAF
- PV2 Alexander McMickle Ft. Eustis, VA
- Hunter Scalzo Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry
- Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait
- Col. Brian Murphy
- PFC John Dyer US Army Germany
- Drew Kendall Petty Officer U.S. Navy
- Capt. Stephen English US Army



- 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

- LTJG 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)
- Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK
- Lt. Col. Jill Murphy
- Sgt. Larry Oldenburg US Army
- Cpl. Derek Perez US Marine Corps
- Austin Spagnola
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino USAF, Turkey

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

John Hickey and Steven Cipolla

Prayer List If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the office at 239-566-8740

- Declan Aigner
- Beckey Atkins
- Priscila Abgala
- Iennifer Basile
- Linda Berry
- Sara Boettcher
- Mr and Mrs Ciano
- Carrie Deane
- Lorraine Dolan
- Lhara Echeverria
- Monica Ellis
- Bill Farley
- Amy FitzGerald
- Anna Focht
- Tom Froh
- Lester Fuller

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- Terry GallagherSandra Geffert
- Marg Gheller
- Amy Goodwine
- Florence Gordon
- Lisa Ann Granger
- Richard Granger
- Peter Greenberg
- Kathleen Greenberg
- Gary Gwizdala
- Raymond Hall
- Fred Harkins
- Brian Hintz
- Walter Howell
- Jim Hubbard
 - Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman

- Yvonne Keenan
- Karen Kellington
- Carey Kendall
- Delores Kernochan
- Tracey Kirk
- Barbara Kopp
- Richard C. Kruger
- Judy Kruzich
- Ramona Langman
- Teresa Lozano
- M. E. M.
- Ruth Martin
- Eileen Miner
- Elleen Miller
- Eleanor Nute
- JenniferO'Connor
- aufman Ric Parker

Helping People Impacted by Hurricane Ian

St. John the Evangelist and 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 assistance. Please let us know where we can help!

For information or help, e-mail Bob at disaster@svdpnaples.org or call the parish office at (239) 566-8740

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- Patty
 - Ann Petrillo
 - Carol Petrone
 - Dennis Powers
 - Robert Pulte
 - Jim Rankin
 - Judith & Michael S.
 - Peggy O'Neil Saba
 - Lisa Sanfelippo
 - Carlos Somarribas
 - Norma J. Spriggle
 - Sarah Thewes
 - Noah Wagner

S. J. Zarebi

Mike Zewalk

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• Dana, Geneva and Greigh Wells

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Gospel Reflection with Fr. Tom

The first thing that needs to be said about the temptations of Jesus is that they were real. This was no play-acting. But the question arises: Can a good person be tempted like the rest of us? The truth is: the good person who resists temptation knows more about its power than the weakling who submits at the very onset of temptation. The following story illustrates the truth of this.

Once upon a time there were three shepherds who each was responsible for a flock of sheep. One winter's night all three were awakened by the howling of a wolf.

The first was about to get out of bed when he heard the rain beating against his bedroom window. He had second thoughts, turned over in bed, and went back to sleep.

The second got out of bed, dressed, and went to the front door. However, on opening it he was hit by a squall of sleety rain. He went back inside and returned to his warm bed.

The third got up, dressed, and went outside. There he had to contend with rain, wind, darkness and cold. But he stuck to his task until he had seen that his sheep were secure. When he got back indoors he was wet through and got a nasty cold as a result of his efforts.

Now which of the three shepherds knew most about the rain, the wind and the dark? The third of course. Those who give in easily to temptation know little about the struggle involved. Those who struggle with temptation and overcome it, know it best. If you want to know what victory over temptation costs, don't ask a sinner; ask a saint.

It is because Jesus struggled with temptation and was victorious over it that he can help us in our struggles with temptation. If you want to give up cigarettes or drink, you don't look for help from someone who has tried and failed. You look for help from someone who has tried and succeeded.

What did temptation mean for Jesus? It meant the same as it meant for Adam and Eve, and as it means for us. It meant choosing between good and evil, between doing God's will and one's own will. And his tempting was not a once-off event. He was tempted right throughout his life. His victory in the desert was not the winning of the war, but merely the winning of a battle.

Since even Jesus and the saints were tempted we can't hope to escape it. The struggle is between the passions of the flesh and the longings of the spirit. This struggle, with its almost inevitable falls, is not something to be ashamed of. Ours is not never to fall, but to fall, to rise, and go on in spite of everything. And temptation is not necessarily a bad thing. By forcing us to choose good over evil it makes us strong. Every time one is tempted to do evil but makes a decision to do good, that makes one stronger. Suffering and struggle make us stronger.

Furthermore, how could we prove our fidelity if there was no temptation? There wouldn't be any particular credit in remaining virtuous through lack of temptation. Virtue would become meaningless if there was no evil, no struggle.

Virtue involves a choice between good and evil. That choice can sometimes be very difficult, and there is no definitive victory. The battle against evil is never over as long as we are on this earth. However, each right choice makes the next right choice more likely and easier.



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 dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/ or contact Colleen Donnelly at colleen@sjecc.com.

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.

Reading 1 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground

and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east,

and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow

that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made.

The serpent asked the woman,

"Did God really tell you not to eat

from any of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the serpent:

"We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree

in the middle of the garden that God said,

'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman:

"You certainly will not die!

No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil."

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom.

So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her,

and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. (cf. 3a) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight." R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Reading 2 Rom 5:12-19

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God,

and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person;

for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself.

If any one among you considers himself wise in this age,

let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written:

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God catches the wise in their own ruses, and again: The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,

that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

Or

Rom 5:12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned.

For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Verse Before the Gospel Mt 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel Mt 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." At Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Music for First Sunday of Lent

Gathering Hymn: Led By The Spirit Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51 - Be Merciful, O Lord Lenten Gospel Acclamation: Glory, praise, and honor to You, Lord Jesus Christ. Gifts: Be Not Afraid Sanctus XVIII Mystery of Faith: Save Us, Savior of the World Angus Dei XVIII Communion Songs: On Eagles Wings, Hosea Closing Hymn: Lift High the Cross

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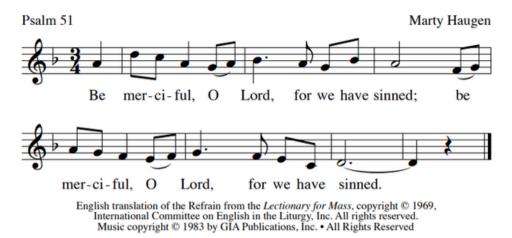


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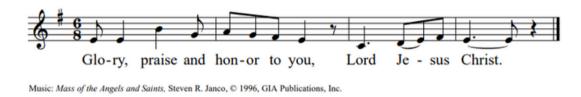
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Music for First Sunday of Lent

Be Merciful, O Lord



Lenten Gospel Acclamation



Be Not Afraid/No Temas Más

Bob Dufford SJ

 You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
 You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
 You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest. 2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

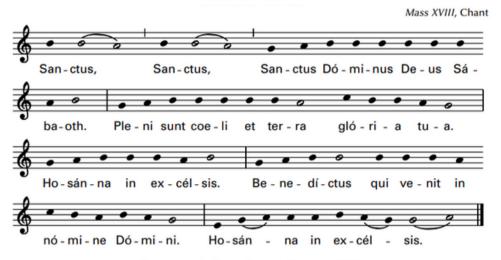
3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!

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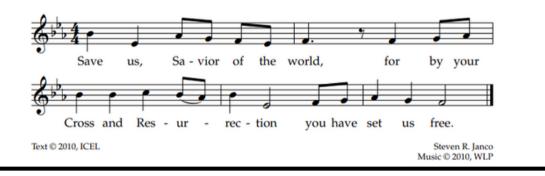
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Music for First Sunday of Lent

Sanctus XVIII



Text and music: Chant; Graduale Romanum, 1974.



Agnus Dei XVIII





On Eagle's Wings/En Sus Alas

Michael Joncas

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
 and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge,
 his faithfulness your shield. 3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

4. For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand. And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Hosea

Weston Priory/Gregory Norbet

 Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.
 Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

Refrain Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life. 2. The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak. Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.

3. You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

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Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER/Sydney H. Nicholson

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!

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5 PM Contemporary Mass Music

Opening Song: Forty Days and Forty Nights

HEINLEIN

Forty days and forty nights
 You were fasting in the wild;
 Forty days and forty nights
 Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we your sorrow share
 And from worldly joys abstain,
 Fasting with unceasing prayer,
 Strong with you to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press,
 Flesh or spirit to assail,
 Victor in the wilderness,
 Grant we may not faint nor fail!

4. So shall we have peace divine: Holier gladness ours shall be; Round us, too, shall angels shine, Such as served you faithfully.

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5 PM Contemporary Mass Music

Communion Song: Beyond the Days

BEYOND THE DAYS



Closing Song: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

 Lord, who throughout these forty days,
 For us did fast and pray,
 Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
 And close by you to stay.

2. As you with Satan did contend,And did the vict'ry win,O give us strength in you to fight,In you to conquer sin.

3. As you did hunger bear and thirst,So teach us, gracious Lord,To die to self, and always liveBy your most holy word.

4. And through these days of penitence,And through your Passiontide,Forevermore, in life and death,O Lord, with us abide.

5. Abide with us that when this life Of suffering is past, An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!

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The gospel of Matthew, which is the evangelist we are reading this current liturgical year, year A, shows how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and established his kingdom on earth. Matthew provides the key to understanding the rest of the New Testament and Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan. This program will feature Jeff Cavins, creator of *The Bible Timeline* program and group discussion facilitated by Jack Kindsvater.

Preregistration in appreciated but not required. If you would like to purchase a Study Guide, send an email to jack@sjecc.com. They are \$38 plus shipping.



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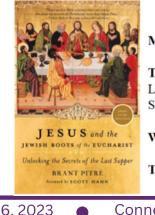
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 Monday, February 27th - OCIA- 6:00PM - Library

Tuesday, February 28th Lenten Spiritual Pilgrimage – 9:30AM – *Library* Study on The Gospel of Matthew- 6:00-7:30PM – *Alexandria*

Wednesday, March 1st Mass Bible Study: 11:30AM -Alexandria

Thursday, March 2nd Women's Faith Chat- 9:45AM -Library

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Faith Formation Youth Serve St. Matthew's House

Over 30 youth preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation came together to pack food at St. Matthew's House over 2 Saturdays in January and February. We are so grateful for their service to the community. Please keep them in your prayers!







Please join us our Lenten Service Project by taking a cardboard Rice Bowl box today. Your treasure may be returned during Holy Week or after Easter! Thank you for your generosity! Additional boxes may be picked up in the Parish Office or in the Faith Formation Office. Thank you!

This Week in Faith Formation



This hardcover children's book encourages children to prepare for Lent and understand that it is not just sacrifices of candy or toys, but of ourselves that can please God.

On Sale now at the St. John Gift Boutique while supplies last. K-8 Sunday Faith Formation Sessions Sunday, February 26th – 9:30-10:45AM

Sunday Confirmation Session Sunday, February 26th 3:45PM-6:00PM

Wednesday Faith Formation Sessions Pre-K 12:30-2:30PM K-8 Wednesday, March 1st 5:00-6:15PM

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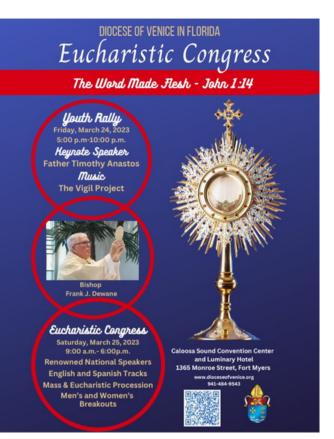


Prayer and Devotions



Pray with the St. John the Evangelist Respect Life Team led by Father Mark at the Planned Parenthood facility in Ft. Myers.

March 1st and March 14th from 12 noon to 5pm



Men's Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 4

Led by Father Nick and Deacon Jim Pulte Center Nazareth Room





8:00 – 8:45am: First Saturday Mass 8:45am – 2:45pm: Men's Lenten Retreat *(lunch provided)* 3:00pm: Mass

Contact Paul Curti at 612-616-5535 or <u>plancurti@gmail.com</u> to register.

First Saturday Devotion Holy Hour

We will observe a First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Join other parishioners Saturday, March 4 for 8:00 am Mass, followed by a Holy Hour of Adoration and Reconciliation.

First Saturday Devotions will also be observed at SJECC on April 1 and May 6.

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