

# Saint John the Evangelist

## Catholic Church

April 2, 2023



*Palm  
Sunday*

### **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.

# Financial Information

## Donation Reminders 2023

Thank you for your 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

## St. John the Evangelist at a glance - March 2023

### New Parishioners

21 families joined our parish in March. Welcome to all new parishioners!



### Total Households

With our new families, we have 3381 Parish households.

### Baptisms

Congratulations to the 3 families who had their children baptized in March!

### Weddings

3 couples were married in our Church in March. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

### Offertory

**February 2023**  
(2/01/2023 – 2/28/2023)  
\$ 274,300.38

**March 2023**  
(3/01/23 – 3/07/23)  
\$ 74,744.50

(3/08/23 – 3/14/23)  
\$ 42,128.98

(3/15/23 – 3/21/23)  
\$ 57,409.93

## Catholic Faith Appeal



One of our CFA goals this year is to increase the number of **contributing parish households**. Last year, we surpassed our goal with just 20% of households contributing. Imagine what it would look like if that number was 50% or 60%! As a reminder, when we surpass our goal (up to 25% over), that money is returned to the parish to support Ministries and Programs. For anything over that 25%, we receive half back, with the other half going to help a Catholic school of our choice. We are currently at **41.99%** to our goal, with **7.58%** of households contributing. Please prayerfully consider donating, within your means, to support our CFA goal.



# CFA SUPPORTS: Vocations

The **Office of Vocations** works in collaboration with Parishes and Schools across the Diocese to raise awareness of God's calling in the life of each person. The three primary functions of this office include promoting vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life, assessing and evaluating candidates who present themselves for consideration, and overseeing the human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation of seminarians.




**The Permanent Diaconate Office** provides support in the discernment process as well as during formation. Formation entails five years of study, prayer, and human and pastoral preparation. Further guidance is provided to the Deacons in their ministry by recommending resources and organizing events for continuing formation and spiritual growth.

**The Religious Sisters** within the Diocese of Venice provide support and resources to individuals discerning the call to a religious vocation. Primarily, the Sisters serve in positions that educate, form, and promote a deeper spiritual life. It is often in Parishes and Schools located in financially challenged areas where the Sisters serve as they themselves live a life of poverty. In a unique way, they serve as a human and spiritual resource.





**Seminarians** also need our spiritual and material support to sustain them in following Our Lord's call. Currently, twelve seminarians are preparing to serve the Faithful in the Diocese of Venice. With yearly expenses of over \$75,000 per seminarian, the CFA provides the financial assistance needed to educate and form our next generation of priests.



**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](mailto: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

## 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](https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa), or
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page





# CFA SUPPORTS: Vocations

## A conversation with our Diocesan Seminarians: *What do you like most about being a Seminarian?*



**Michael Courville, Seminarian for the Diocese of Venice studying Pre-Theology at Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, FL**

The Community - There is nothing better than seminarian brothers to lean on, a parish to come home to, saints to seek counsel in, and a God that brings us together. Being a seminarian, I've come to appreciate the universality of the Church but also, I've come to realize the Church's smallness and intimacy. We are all one family in Christ however, each and every person is an extraordinary masterpiece uniquely loved by the Father.



**Carlos Galeso, Seminarian for the Diocese of Venice studying Pre-Theology at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA**

In my experience as a seminarian of the Diocese of Venice, the most important thing I have experienced and enjoyed has been being able to provide spiritual counseling to many parishioners at Most Holy Redeemer Parish in East Boston. This community has given me the opportunity to develop my listening skills and grow in understanding of the many difficult situations that us as humans face. I am honored for me as a seminarian to be able to help young people with drug addiction and problems of suicide, counsel families, and engage in marriage therapy to avoid undesired separations or divorces.



**Andres Cordero, Seminarian for the Diocese of Venice studying Philosophy at Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, FL**

From a young age, I studied at a Catholic school called "Colegio Champagnat" with the Marist Brothers in Colombia. Both sides of my family are strong in their faith espousing a deep spirituality with God. I have an aunt who is a nun and a cousin who is a priest. I moved to the US from Colombia in 2009. In 2020 I graduated with an associate in arts in music at Florida Southwestern State College. I have been an active member of the local church serving in the choir at both Saint Leo and Saint Agnes. It was through the music ministry that I received the calling of the Lord to enter into seminary and discern the priesthood. Just last Fall, I entered into Saint John Vianney College Seminary. I am joyful to be part of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. My call to the priesthood is truly a gift from God. So, what do I like the most about being a seminarian? The journey - Where I have come from, where I am, and where I am going.



**Greg Dougherty - Seminarian for the Diocese of Venice studying Theology at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA**

Seminary life is a little like team sports camps or bootcamp in the military. Each comes with individual talents to be molded for the good of the team. In the seminary, our talents are formed for the good of the Church. The process of configuring ourselves to Christ requires sacrifice, which can be painful at times, but the reward is well worth it!

# Parish Information

## Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 9:00 a.m.,  
5:30 p.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 :

Fr. Tom Zalewski, Pastor

Fr. Mark Harris, Associate

Fr. Nick Thompson, Associate

Fr. Len Gioeli, Retired

Deacon Jim Walworth

Deacon Hal Brenner, Senior Status

Deacon Frank Panicia, Senior Status

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juliana@sjecc.com

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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

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sara@sjecc.com

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





# Holy Week

## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday:

Saturday 3:00 p.m., 3:15 p.m.  
(Ballroom), 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:15  
a.m. (Ballroom), 11:00 a.m., 11:15  
a.m. (Ballroom), 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.  
**Family Stations of the Cross**  
7:00 p.m. (FSOTC)

### Holy Saturday:

**Blessing of the Food Baskets**  
1:00 p.m.  
**Easter Vigil**  
8:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m.  
(Ballroom), 11:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m.  
(Ballroom), 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

## A Prayer for Holy Week



Give me grace and mercy as I  
try and fail, guidance when  
I'm not sure which way to go,  
and wisdom to trust you in all  
things. For your love brings  
light and life to all who seek  
it. May I seek you evermore  
as I walk with you through  
this Holy Week and beyond.  
Amen.



## The Triduum: Three Days to Recommit to our Spirituality

We invite you to join with the  
community of St. John the  
Evangelist to experience the  
culmination of our 40-day  
Lenten journey,  
The Easter Triduum

### Holy Thursday - April 6 (Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM)

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when He established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to His betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion. We celebrate Christ's humility and service washing the feet of His Apostles by our ritual washing of feet during Mass.

### Good Friday - April 7 (Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 PM)

Join the Apostles as they support Jesus, reject Him, and then realize that their love and devotion has been put to the test. Just as we experience these emotions in daily life, you will find that Good Friday is a chance to test your resolve and reflect upon the suffering that Jesus experienced as He followed His Father's plan for our salvation.

### Easter Vigil - April 8 (Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 PM)

The Easter Vigil is an emotionally charged service that has the power to renew, energize and fill us with love, devotion, and understanding. Come with an open heart and experience the deeper meaning of our faith and a strengthening of your relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.





## Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

When Jesus turned and saw them following he said to them, "What are you looking for?"  
They said to Him, "Rabbi," where are you staying?"  
He said to them, "Come and see."

*John 1:38-39*

Perhaps this is the time for you to "come and see" what Jesus has to offer you in the Catholic way of life.

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) is a process designed to prepare adults to come into full initiation of the Catholic Church, and to be an integral part of the loving community of Saint John the Evangelist and the universal Catholic Church.

The OCIA Journey is for those:

- Never Baptized
- Baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholic as an infant, but not raised as a Catholic or received additional Sacraments

We invite you to ask your questions about the Catholic Faith and the OCIA; to explore the beauty of sacred Scripture and Catholic tradition to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We invite you to inquire with no obligation.

To Our Parish Family: Encourage and invite your family members, friends, co-workers, or others to "come and see" and ask their questions about the Catholic faith.

For more information, please contact: Jean Kechejian - OCIA Coordinator: [jeankechejian@yahoo.com](mailto:jeankechejian@yahoo.com) or (203) 521-1179

## What to do with the Palms You Take Home from Mass



After Palm Sunday Mass, you will likely come home with some palm branches and wonder what you can/should do with them. Likewise, you may have dried-out palms from last year tucked behind a crucifix or other religious picture that you are not sure what to do with.

At Mass, these palm branches were blessed by a priest and became a "sacramental," which is an object that is meant to draw us closer to God. According to the Code of Canon Law, blessed items are to be treated with respect and reverence, and not discarded in the trash.

### So, what should you do with palm branches?

- **Decorate** - Many of the faithful have used palm branches to decorate their homes. You can tuck them behind a religious picture or crucifix. When we use the palms as decoration in the house, it serves as a constant reminder of Palm Sunday and is a beautiful way to stay connected to Holy Week throughout the year.
- **Burn or Bury** - Sacramentals, such as palm branches, should be treated with special reverence. Therefore, the normal "rule of thumb" is that anything that has been blessed should be burned (and then the ashes buried) or simply buried. This type of disposal honors their sacred purpose and returns them to the earth in a dignified way.

# Mass Intentions

## **Saturday, April 1, 2023**

8:00 AM + Anita Brancati  
*Vigil Masses for Sunday*  
 3:00 PM + Neil McAneny  
 3:15 PM + Paul J. Polking  
 5:00 PM + Montello and Corbino Families

## **Requested By**

Ellie, Mike and Stacy  
 Wife Joanne  
 Maureen and Bob Murphy  
 The Children

## **Sunday, April 2, 2023**

7:00 AM + Teresa Dep Pham  
 9:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners  
 9:15 AM + Josphe and Jeanette Chaffee  
 11:00 AM + Michael Price  
 11:15 AM + Boniface D'Souza  
 1:00 PM + Gloria Schreiber  
 5:00 PM + Dave Bolsor

## **Requested By**

Chanh Hoang  
 Peter and Suzanne Berry  
 Noreen Price  
 Juliana and Maria D'Souza  
 Gerri Merlo  
 Joe Fondacaro

## **Monday, April 3, 2023**

8:00 AM + Hugh and Mary Keenan  
 9:00 AM + Timothy C. Pollard  
 5:30 PM + Jack Roberts

## **Requested By**

Hugh and Mary Keenan  
 Alexis Pollard  
 The Piotrowski Family

## **Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

8:00 AM + Vicki Brenner  
 9:00 AM + William Cornelius  
 5:30 PM + Sandy D'Agostino

## **Requested By**

Deacon Hal  
 Frances Everly  
 Pat and Bill Gonnering

## **Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

8:00 AM + Jessie and Emily Campbell  
 9:00 AM + John Kindsvater, Sr.  
 5:30 PM + Richard Wedge

## **Requested By**

Sally McElroy  
 Jack and Connie Kindsvater  
 Harry Darr

## **Thursday, April 6, 2023**

8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 7:00 PM + Ron O'Keefe

## **Requested By**

Claire Conger

## **Friday, April 7, 2023**

8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 3:00 PM The Passion of the Lord

## **Requested By**

## **Saturday, April 8, 2023**

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

## **Requested By**

*(Vigil Masses for Sunday)*

8:00 PM + Viola Tweeddale and Julianne Michitsch

Julianne's Family

## **Sunday, April 9, 2023**

7:00 AM + Deceased Members of the Lucci Family  
 9:00 AM + Lou Carrier  
 9:15 AM + Teresa Dep Pham  
 11:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners  
 11:15 AM + John Hanson  
 1:00 PM + Charles Gaffney  
 5:00 PM + Leo Hundt

## **Requested By**

Lucci Family  
 Norma Claussen  
 Chanh Hoang  
 Gerry and Anthony Grillo  
 Richard and Denise Spevak  
 Maureen Genel



# Sacraments

## 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.

## Adoration at St. John the Evangelist

*"Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." - Mother Teresa*

Join us for adoration with benediction on the First Friday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and the First Saturday of every month after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Located in the Church.

Visit our adoration chapel on the side of our Church. For more information, please contact our Main Office

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist



At each Mass we pray to be made worthy to receive Holy Communion and all the promises of Christ. He makes us worthy. Could you serve our Lord and our Parish by becoming a Eucharistic Minister?

Some of our Sunday and Vigil Masses could use additional ministers to serve Holy Communion alongside our priests and deacons. If you are vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19, are able to navigate the altar steps, and wish to serve as a member of this essential ministry, please email: maureen@sjecc.com.

## Readings for the Week

### Saturday, April 1, 2023

Ez 37:21-28/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Ez 18:31/Jn 11:45-56

### Sunday, April 2, 2023

Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

### Monday, April 3, 2023

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday, April 6, 2023

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21, 22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

### Friday, April 7, 2023

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

### Saturday, April 8, 2023

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10



# 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 January 29th 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 Campbell 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

**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@SVDNpales.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](http://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

### Public Prayer for God's Mercy on America and the World

Come join us in Public Prayer  
Last Saturday of every month: February 25, March 25,  
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Please bring a folding chair, shade umbrella,  
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# Pray

## 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
- Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy
- Capt. Stephen English – US Army
- Matthew Popielec, PFC-Germany



- SPC Nicholas LaManna
- Lance Cpl. Sisi Tyrell 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
- LTJG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans
- Sophie Koeppel
- 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.

Zdzislaw Filarowski, Anthony Floreno, Jr., Sandra Geffert, Dolores Kernochan, and Sara Suter

## Prayer List

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

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## Gospel Reflection With Fr. Tom

Some years ago 5,000 survivors of Hitler's death camps gathered in Jerusalem. They came together for the first time since their liberation in 1945 for four days of solemn remembrance of six million innocent deaths. They were driven from their homes in far-flung corners of the world by their shared fear that anti-Semitism was again on the rise and might once more sweep over the earth. In a farewell address to the gathering, author Elie Wiesel reechoed the theme of the reunion: the importance of keeping the Holocaust's horror alive in human memory. "Have we, the survivors, done our duty?" he asked. "Something went wrong with our testimony; it was not received. Otherwise things would have been different. Look, look at the world around us: suspicion again, violence everywhere, hatred everywhere ...."

Today it is Christians who gather in Jerusalem. They come to walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the Via Dolorosa. And we, though we are thousands of miles away from the Holy City, walk with them-as do our brothers and sisters in faith all over the world. We gather to engrave in heart and mind the legacy we hold in memory. We come to tell of one innocent Jew-just one-who died broken by human hatred, by human resistance to the truth of sin and the depth of our need for forgiveness. We must remember this death. We must carry the horror of it wherever we go, today and every day of our lives, if our testimony is ever to be received. As we look at the world around us, we see the need for what we have been given: suspicion, violence and hatred everywhere, lust for fleshly pleasure and worldly good rampant.

Our world still, as the Holocaust attested, pays little heed to innocent suffering. The death we remember is God's promise-his solemn covenant-that it can be different. This Jew, this Jesus, is lifted high in his dying agony-high enough to be visible across the centuries, high enough to be seen over all the walls that divide us one from another and from our God. He hangs before us in unstained innocence, his arms still flung wide in the only sign that has the power to heal our world and our lives: the proffered embrace of a God who loves us all.

The crucifixion is a sign of Jesus' love. It points to how much Jesus loves us. It says in the most dramatic way possible what Jesus said so often in this lifetime: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." The crucifixion is an invitation to love. It invites us to imitate Jesus. It invites us to love one another as he loved us. "Love one another," said Jesus, "as I love you." Finally, the crucifixion is a revelation about love. It reminds us of something that we tend to forget. It reminds us that love entails suffering. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."



# Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## At the Procession with Palms - Gospel Mt 21:1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once."

This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

## Reading I Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

## Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

### R. (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:

"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

### R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

### R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

### R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

### R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

## Reading II Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



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## Verse before the Gospel

Phil 2:8-9

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even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
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every name.

## THE PASSION OF THE LORD FOR PALM SUNDAY

### THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11–54 (Year A)

*The Passion according to St. Matthew is proclaimed by the Deacon, or if there is no Deacon, by the Priest. It may also be read by lay readers, with the part of Christ reserved to the Priest, if possible. Speakers in the Passion Narrative are represented by these abbreviations:*

N. – Narrator

† – Christ

V. – Voice

C. – Crowd

*(Include bracketed text for Long Form and text in parentheses for Short Form)*

N. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew

[One of the Twelve, who was called  
Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests  
and said,

V. "What are you willing to give me if I  
hand him over to you?"

N. They paid him thirty pieces of silver,  
and from that time on he looked for an  
opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of  
Unleavened Bread, the disciples  
approached Jesus and said,

V. "Where do you want us to prepare for  
you to eat the Passover?"

N. He said,

† "Go into the city to a certain man  
and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My  
appointed time draws near; in your  
house I shall celebrate the Passover  
with my disciples."'"

N. The disciples then did as Jesus had  
ordered, and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at  
table with the Twelve. And while they  
were eating, he said,

† "Amen, I say to you, one of you will  
betray me."

N. Deeply distressed at this, they began  
to say to him one after another,

V. "Surely it is not I, Lord?"

N. He said in reply,

† "He who has dipped his hand into  
the dish with me is the one who will  
betray me. The Son of Man indeed  
goes, as it is written of him, but woe  
to that man by whom the Son of Man  
is betrayed. It would be better for that  
man if he had never been born."

N. Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply,

V. "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?"

N. He answered,

† "You have said so."

N. While they were eating, Jesus took  
bread, said the blessing, broke it, and  
giving it to his disciples said,

† "Take and eat; this is my body."

N. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and  
gave it to them, saying,

† "Drink from it, all of you, for this is  
my blood of the covenant, which will  
be shed on behalf of many for the  
forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from  
now on I shall not drink this fruit of  
the vine until the day when I drink it  
with you new in the kingdom of  
my Father."

N. Then, after singing a hymn, they went  
out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them,

† "This night all of you will have your  
faith in me shaken, for it is written:

*I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will  
be dispersed;*

but after I have been raised up,  
I shall go before you to Galilee."

N. Peter said to him in reply,

V. "Though all may have their faith in  
you shaken, mine will never be."

N. Jesus said to him,

† "Amen, I say to you, this very night  
before the cock crows, you will deny  
me three times."

N. Peter said to him,

V. "Even though I should have to die with  
you, I will not deny you."

N. And all the disciples spoke likewise.

Then Jesus came with them to a place  
called Gethsemane, and he said to his  
disciples,

† "Sit here while I go over there  
and pray."

N. He took along Peter and the two sons  
of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow  
and distress. Then he said to them,

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- † "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me."
- N. He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying,
- † "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."
- N. When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter,
- † "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- N. Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again,
- † "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!"
- N. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them,
- † "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand."
- N. While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying,
- V. "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him."
- N. Immediately he went over to Jesus and said,
- V. "Hail, Rabbi!"
- N. and he kissed him. Jesus answered him,
- † "Friend, do what you have come for."
- N. Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,
- † "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?"
- N. At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,
- † "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled."
- N. Then all the disciples left him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated,
- C. "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'"**
- N. The high priest rose and addressed him,
- V. "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?"
- N. But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,
- V. "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God."
- N. Jesus said to him in reply,
- † "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'"
- N. Then the high priest tore his robes and said,
- V. "He has blasphemed! What further





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need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?"

N. They said in reply,

**C. "He deserves to die!"**

N. Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying,

**C. "Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"**

N. Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said,

**C. "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."**

N. But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,

V. "I do not know what you are talking about!"

N. As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there,

**C. "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean."**

N. Again he denied it with an oath,

V. "I do not know the man!"

N. A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter,

**C. "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away."**

N. At that he began to curse and to swear,

V. "I do not know the man."

N. And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying,

V. "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood."

N. They said,

**C. "What is that to us? Look to it yourself."**

N. Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

**C. "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood."**

N. After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, *And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.*

Now] Jesus stood before the governor, (Pontius Pilate,) and he questioned him,

V. "Are you the king of the Jews?"

N. Jesus said,

† "You say so."

N. And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

V. "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"

N. But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

V. "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"

N. For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply,

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V. "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

N. They answered,

**C. "Barabbas!"**

N. Pilate said to them,

V. "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

N. They all said,

**C. "Let him be crucified!"**

N. But he said,

V. "Why? What evil has he done?"

N. They only shouted the louder,

**C. "Let him be crucified!"**

N. When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying,

V. "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."

N. And the whole people said in reply,

**C. "His blood be upon us and upon our children."**

N. Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

**C. "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

N. They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha—which means Place of the Skull—they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then

they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

**C. "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!"**

N. Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,

**C. "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"**

N. The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

† "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

N. which means,

† "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

**C. "This one is calling for Elijah."**

N. Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said,

**C. "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him."**

N. But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*

N. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they





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entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said,

**C. "Truly, this was the Son of God!"**

**N.** [There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to

the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

**C. "Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, 'After three days I will be raised up.' Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, 'He has been raised from the dead.' This last imposture would be worse than the first."**

**N.** Pilate said to them,

**V.** "The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can."

**N.** So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.]

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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I will commit to pray this prayer  
every day for 9 months  
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“ *Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
I love you very much. I beg you  
to spare the life of the unborn baby  
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# Music for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**Opening Chant:** Hosanna to the Son of David (sung by Cantor)

**Gathering Hymn:** All Glory, Laud and Honor

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 21 - My God, My God

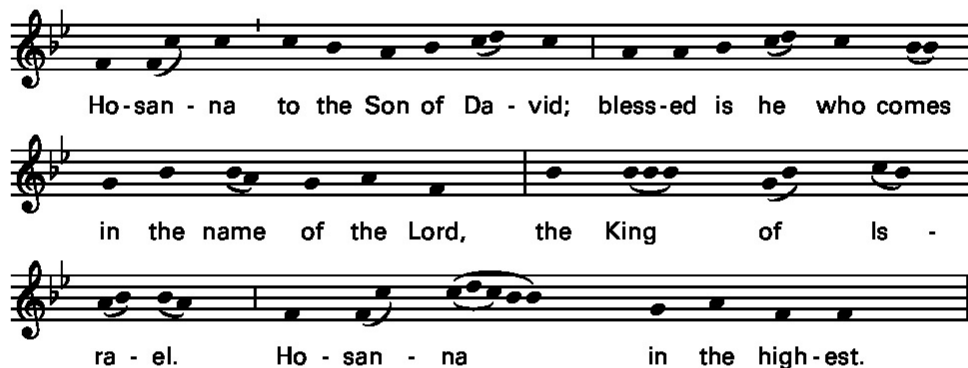
**Gifts:** O Sacred Head Surrounded

**Communion Song:** Were You There

**Closing Song:** Jesus, Remember Me

## Hosanna to the Son of David

Chant, Mode VII



Ho-san - na to the Son of Da - vid; bless-ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord, the King of Is -  
ra - el. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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## All Glory, Laud and Honor

ST. THEODULPH



1-5. All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem-er King!  
1-5. To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho-san-nas ring.  
1. You are the King of Is-ra-el, And Da-vid's roy - al Son,  
2. The com-pa-ny of an - gels Are prais-ing you on high;  
3. The peo-ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went:  
4. To you be-fore your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise:  
5. Their prais-es you ac - cept - ed, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,  
1. Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless-ed One.  
2. And mor-tals, joined with all \_ things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.  
3. Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre-sent.  
4. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel-o - dy we raise.  
5. Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav-ior and our King.

Text: 76 76 D; Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760–821; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt., *Hymnal Noted*, 1854.  
Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635.



# Music for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## Psalm 21 - My God, My God

Ps. 21

Liam Lawton



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## O Sacred Head, Surrounded Passion Chorale

1a. O Sacred Head, surrounded  
By crown of piercing thorn!  
O bleeding Head, so wounded,  
Reviled and put to scorn!  
The pow'r of death comes o'er you,  
The glow of life decays,  
Yet angel hosts adore you,  
And tremble as they gaze.

2a. In this, your bitter passion,  
Good Shepherd, think of me  
With your most kind compassion,  
Unworthy though I be:  
Beneath your cross abiding,  
Forever would I rest,  
In your dear love confiding,  
And with your presence blest.

3a. What language shall I borrow  
To thank you, dearest friend,  
For this, your dying sorrow,  
Your mercy without end?  
Lord, make me yours forever,  
A loyal servant true,  
And let me never, never  
Outlive my love for you.

Text: 76 76 D; Salve caput cruentatum; ascr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153. Verses 1, 2 tr. by Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, alt.; verse 3 tr. by James W. Alexander, 1804-1859, alt. Alternate verses: verse 1 tr. by Henry W. Baker, alt.; verse 2, Owen Alstott; verse 3, Owen Alstott, composite. Alternate verses 2, 3 © 1977, OCP. All rights reserved. Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750.



# Music for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## Were You There WERE YOU THERE / Tom Booth

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

6. Were you there when they rolled the stone away?  
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

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## Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier



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## Lord Have Mercy

1: From our shame, from our guilt O Lord  
Cleanse us from our sin make us holy  
In your Name, in your blood O Lord  
Blot out our offense, make us worthy

Chorus: Lord have mercy  
We're begging for mercy  
Jesus only you make us worthy

2: From our weakness, from our betrayal  
Cleanse us from our sin make us holy  
In your kindness, in your compassion  
Blot out our offense make us worthy

Bridge: Remember me when you come into  
your kingdom





Parish Mission

# SURGE OF THE Heart

PARISH MISSION

*featuring* international Catholic speaker  
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April 3 & 4  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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## PARISH MISSION PRAYER

Jesus, you are The Way, The Truth, and The Life. With full confidence we run to you now, bringing with us all those we know and love. We ask that our forthcoming parish mission be a time of renewal and growth in our walk with you. Enter into every household of our parish, Lord; especially those who are tired, lonely, and in need of your embrace. Heal our brokenness and awaken our hearts to a life fully lived in you. Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, pray that all who experience this mission may grow in discipleship of your Son. We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

# Adult Faith Formation

## Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls

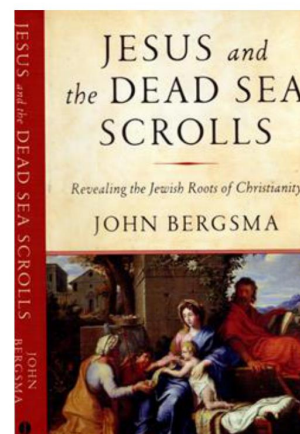
**Presented by: David Keys, PhD**

Come discover in this review of John Bergsma's book how these scrolls not only document the reliability of the Old Testament scriptures, but also depicts Judaism at the time of Christ, helping us to understand more deeply the teachings of Jesus and the writings of New Testament. No preregistration is required. All are welcome.

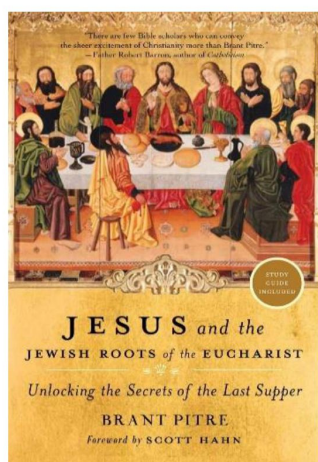
**Dates:** Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00AM-11:15AM **OR**

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Location:** Nazareth Room, Pulte Family Center



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## This Week in Adult Faith Formation -HOLY WEEK

**Monday, April 3rd** - SURGE OF THE HEART -Part 1-  
Parish Mission with Jon Leonetti -6:30-8:00PM

**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** - SURGE OF THE HEART -Part 2-  
Parish Mission with Jon Leonetti -6:30-8:00PM

## Molly Anton, Loving Catechist and Friend, Will be Missed



On Friday, March 17th, we lost a very special friend and Catechist at St. John when Molly Anton passed away. Those blessed to know Molly remember her as kind, loving, generous, faithful with a deep love for Jesus, Our Blessed Mother, Mary and St. Joseph.

Molly was a hard-working and dedicated Catechist for many years. She loved teaching the children in our program and was always going out of her way to make learning about Jesus and our faith meaningful.

Last summer Molly made each of our VBS campers a special Guardian Angel bracelet and had them all blessed especially for the kids.

We pray for Molly that she is at peace in heaven resting in the arms of our loving Father. Please keep Molly and her family in your prayers, and if you have few minutes, could you please pray 3 Hail Marys for her?

**Thank you and God bless! Molly will be greatly missed.**



### SJE VBS June 5-9, 2023

We are so excited for Vacation Bible School this summer! We are more than halfway full with campers!

Volunteer applications for Middle School, High School and Adults are on our website and also in the Kid's Corner over near the Gift Boutique in the church. Our Vacation Bible School will take place on June 5th-9th from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Camper Registration is OPEN and available online only. Come by our table at the Knight of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt in the Pulte Center on Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 AM for a VBS treat and more information!

VBS Registration Link  
[vbspro.events/p/68fa04](https://vbspro.events/p/68fa04)



### Holy Week in Faith Formation

#### K-8 Sunday Faith Formation Sessions

April 2 – 9:30-10:45AM

#### Confirmation

**April 2nd** – 3:45-6:00PM - Class Session with Mass at 5:00PM

#### April 3rd & 4th – Confirmation Retreat

Surge of the Heart with Jon Leonetti – 6:30-8:00PM each evening.

#### Wednesday Faith Formation Sessions

April 5th- 12:30-2:30PM

April 5th -K-8 Sessions - 5:00-6:15PM



# VBS 2023

## STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

JOIN US FOR A STELLAR EXPERIENCE

### JUNE 5-9

**TO REGISTER AS A CAMPER, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE & CLICK ON YOUTH EVENTS**



**TO REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE & CLICK ON YOUTH EVENTS**



**Characters:**

- Cosmo (Yellow star)
- Ringo (Green planet with rings)
- Luna (Blue moon)
- Sol (Orange sun)
- Halley (Pink comet)

**For more information, email Natalie at [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com) or Juliana at [juliana@sjecc.com](mailto:juliana@sjecc.com)**



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FRIDAY'S  
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9 - 12

PIZZA  
&  
SNACKS

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**ANNUAL**  
**EASTER**  
**Egg Hunt**

**Saturday,**  
**April 8th**

Sign-in @ the  
Pulte Center  
9:00a.m. - 9:30a.m.

Grades  
Pre-K to 8

Meet the Easter Bunny!

Register Here

For more information, contact Juliana at  
juliana@sjecc.com

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Paniccia Family**  
**Education Assistance Fund**

- Will your children (or grandchildren or great grandchildren) attend a Diocesan K-12 Catholic school in Collier or Lee County for the 2023/2024 school year?
- Would you like to receive a \$500 education assistance award?
- Do you know of others – perhaps family members or friends – who would benefit from this program?

**How can we receive an award?**

- For information and to receive an application form, contact Troy Costain [troy@dgaretconstruction.com](mailto:troy@dgaretconstruction.com)
- Complete and submit the Education Assistance Application Form by April 15, 2023.
- Financial need is not part of the decision criteria.



50/50  
Raffle

**St. John the Evangelist Church  
Ballroom**



**April 14 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Premium ticket package available**

**For tickets and more information:**

- visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-motowners-ultimate-tribute-concert-and-dance-tickets-560903887627> or scan the QR code
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**Proceeds to benefit “The Mercy Train”**

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# Upcoming Events

## JOIN US ON OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CARIBBEAN CRUISE

**Celebrity Beyond | 10-Night Caribbean Roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale | Jan. 19 to Jan. 29, 2024**



DATE	PORT OF CALL	TIME
Jan. 19	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	4pm
Jan. 20	Day at Sea	
Jan. 21	Day at Sea	
Jan. 22	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8am - 5pm
Jan. 23	Castries, St. Lucia	9am - 6pm
Jan. 24	Bridgetown, Barbados	7am - 4pm
Jan. 25	St. John's, Antigua	10am - 7pm
Jan. 26	Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis	8am - 5pm
Jan. 27	Day at Sea	
Jan. 28	Day at Sea	
Jan. 29	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	7am

### INCLUDED:

- Classic beverage package
- Prepaid gratuities
- Surf WiFi
- Pre-Cruise Meeting at Saint John's
- Bus round trip Saint John's
- Cocktail Party onboard the Beyond
- Masses onboard the Beyond
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### NOTE:

Reserve your stateroom for only \$450 per person plus insurance, which is highly recommended.

### Elevate Package

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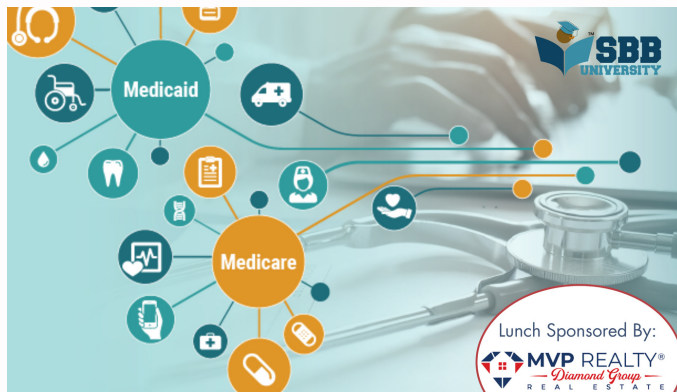
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Join SBB University and our panel of experts over lunch as we explore updates, and various plans available as well how these programs work with assisted living communities, home health and rehabilitation centers.

April 6th  
11:30 AM - 1 PM  
RSVP Required  
239-776-7353

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**St. Elizabeth Seton School presents...**



Fri. April 21 & Saturday,  
April 22 @ 7pm St. John  
Neumann High School's  
Justin Holecek Student  
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Doors open @ 6:30pm  
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April 2, 2023

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## BOCCE TOURNAMENT 2023

Congratulations to the 2023 SJECC Bocce Ball Tournament Team Champions!

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# Wednesday Breakfast



Every Wednesday!!!  
*At Pulte Family Life Center Cafe*

Join us for our Brunch favorites, such as Scrambled Eggs, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, Bagels, Fruit, Coffee & Orange Juice.

**Free for Parishioners**  
After weekday mass  
from 9:30am - 11:00am

**Open Every Wednesday**

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



# Trivia Night

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

**There will be NO trivia on April 3 and April 10**

Join us for this fun, upbeat production!

February 17, 2023 - May 20, 2023



## the HOLLYWOOD Kids

February 17, 2023 - May 20, 2023

Open to children ages 6-17      Held at The Pulte Family Life Center

Register Online @ [www.childrenforthearts.com](http://www.childrenforthearts.com)  
Tish Poorman, Program Director-[tpoorman@childrenforthearts.com](mailto:tpoorman@childrenforthearts.com)  
239-571-3305

Participation Fee Required