

# St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

April 16, 2023



## The Memorare

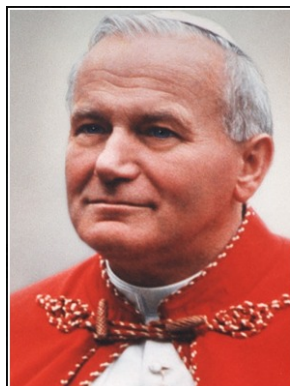
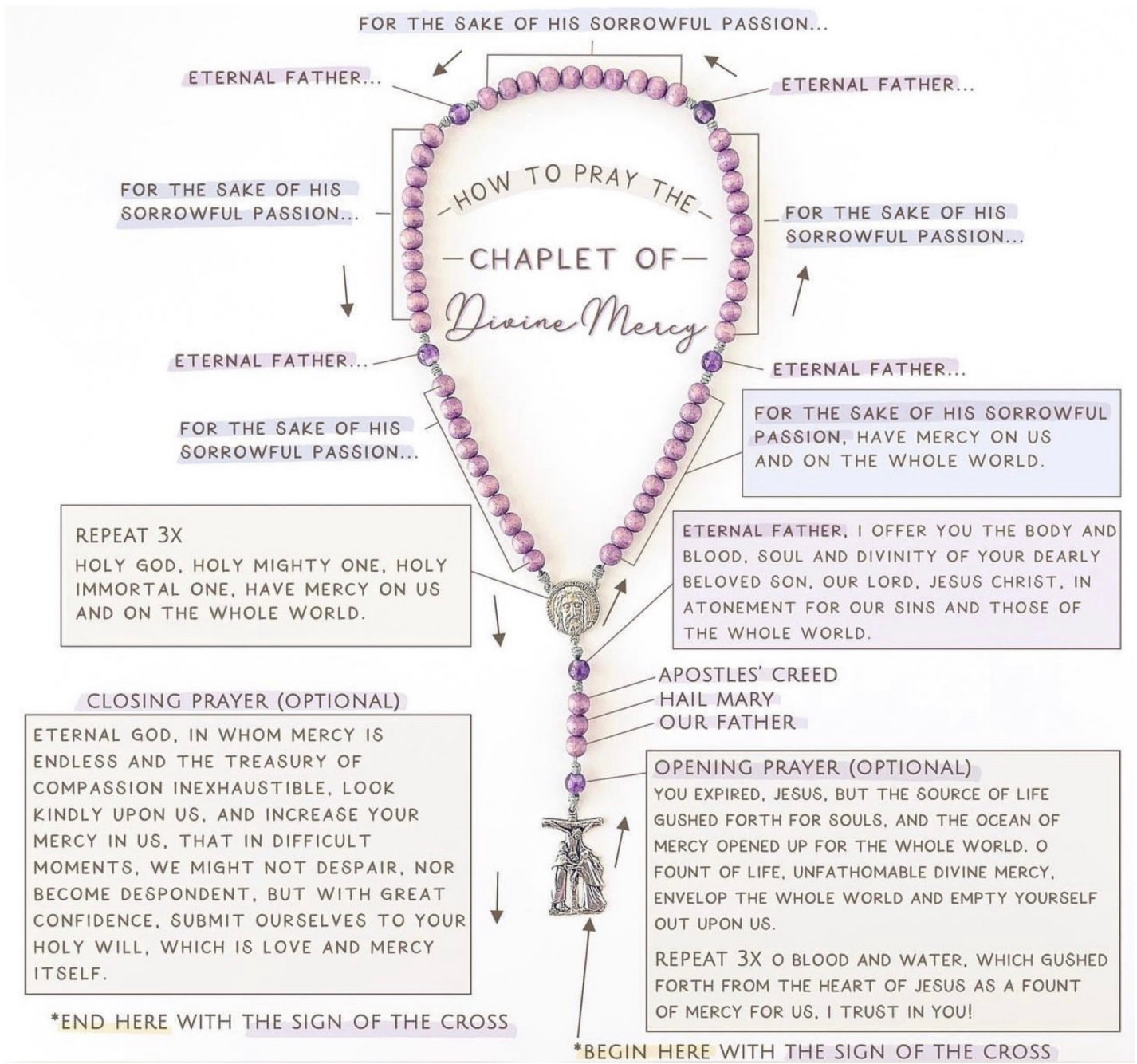
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. Amen.

# Divine Mercy



There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy - that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God.

— Pope John Paul II —



## 17 Things Jesus Revealed to St. Faustina About Divine Mercy

As a person, as a country, as a world, do we not need God's mercy more and more in these times? For the sake of our souls, can we afford not to listen to what Jesus told us through St. Faustina about his mercy and what our response to it should be? Benedict told us "It is a really central message for our time: Mercy as the force of God, as the divine limit against the evil of the world." Let's remind ourselves right now. Or learn the highlights for the first time. Divine Mercy Sunday is the perfect day to start listening to what Jesus himself tells us:

- ("I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." —St. Faustina's Diary 699 (Note: confession does not have to be done on the Sunday itself. Beforehand is fine.)
- "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy." —Diary 300
- "Let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice." —Diary 848
- "He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice ..." —Diary 1146
- "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity." —Diary 965
- "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy." —Diary 367
- "These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy." —Diary 299
- "My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. Diary 1182
- "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy. My mercy is confirmed in every work of My hands. He who trusts in My mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine, and his enemies will be shattered at the base of My footstool." —Diary 723
- "[Let] the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy." —Diary 1146
- "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." —Diary 1109
- "I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy." —Diary 1059

- “I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works.” —Diary 742
- “Tell [all people], My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls.” —Diary 1074
- “I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: ‘Jesus, I trust in You.’” —Diary 327
- “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory.” —Diary 48
- “Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior. At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it.” —Diary 1075



## Help me to be Merciful by Saint Faustina

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

# Business 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.

### Offertory

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

### Baptisms

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

(3/08/23 – 3/14/23)  
\$ 42,128.98

(3/15/23 – 3/21/23)  
\$ 57,409.93

### Weddings

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

(3/22/23 - 3/28/23)  
\$ 51,478.07

(3/29/23 - 4/04/23)  
\$ 94,938.19

## LIVESTREAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



- NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, BUT TECH KNOWLEDGE IS A PLUS. TRAINING PROVIDED.
- STREAMERS NEEDED FOR BOTH WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES
- STUDENTS: EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS
- 1-2 HOURS PER WEEK
- CONTACT COLLEEN DONNELLY, OPERATIONS MANAGER, FOR MORE INFORMATION: COLLEEN@SJECC.COM

## Safe Environment Training

**The Diocese of Venice** states that, "all employees, covered volunteers and religious brothers and sisters must be electronically fingerprinted. Eligibility for employment/volunteer work/ministry will be contingent and conditioned upon a satisfactory background investigation. A reasonable effort shall be made to update the criminal history background information every five (5) years". The Diocese classifies a covered volunteer as "any unpaid adult person engaged or involved in a Diocesan activity in which he/she is entrusted with the care and supervision of children or allowed unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults" (e.g. when screened personnel not present).

**St. John the Evangelist** also requires the following volunteers to go through the background screening process (through fingerprints):

- Volunteers who handle cash, credit cards, and other financial transactions
- Volunteers who are entrusted with confidential information, such as donor records and parish registration forms
- Volunteers who serve, distribute, and administer the Holy Eucharist

Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. If Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

# Catholic Faith Appeal

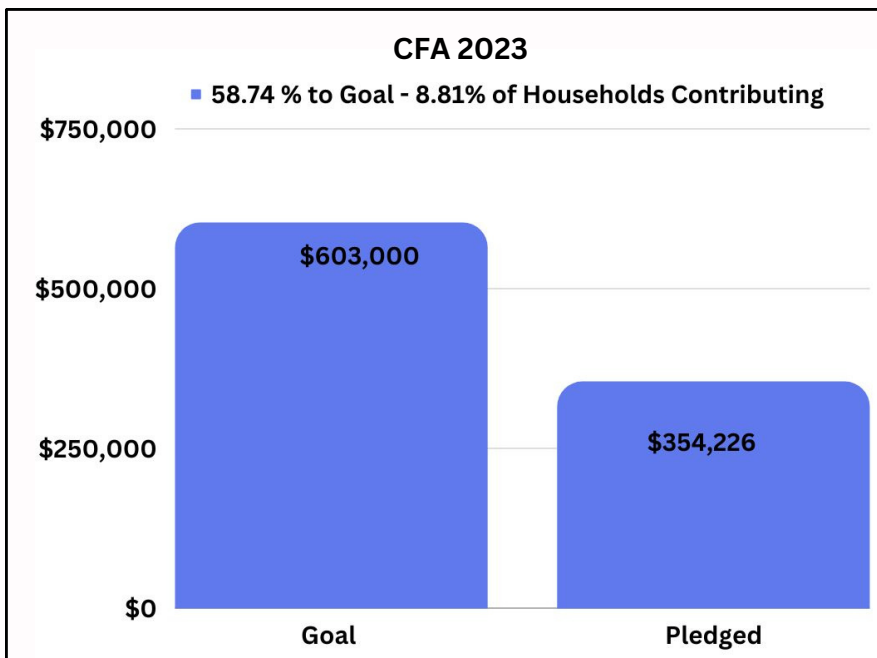
Dear Parishioners,

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. As a reminder, when we surpass our goal, all donations up to 25% over our goal are returned to the Parish. Anything over that 25% is split, meaning half is returned to the Parish, and half is donated to a Catholic School or Charity of our choice.

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.

This year, we have an additional goal: to increase the number of contributing households. Last year, we surpassed our goal with just 20% of households contributing. We are currently at 58.74% to our goal, with 8.81% of households contributing. Please prayerfully consider donating, within your means, to support our CFA goal.

If you need assistance, please contact Colleen Donnelly, our Operations Manager, at: [colleen@sjecc.com](mailto:colleen@sjecc.com). Thank you, as always, for your support and generosity.



Thank you to all who participated in our 2023 CFA Cash Raffle. And, congratulations to the winners!

## To donate to our 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



# Catholic Faith Appeal SUPPORTS: Evangelization

The mission of the **Office of Evangelization** is to infuse a spirit of promoting the Faith in all corners of Diocesan life – in homes, Parishes, Schools, prisons, workplaces, and the wider community as a whole. This offers every person the opportunity to draw closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church.

Our local Church accomplishes this through Men's and Women's Conferences, promotion of bible studies, retreats, Prison Ministry and Eucharistic Congress, etc. Areas of outreach include strengthening the Faith of practicing Catholics, inviting former Catholics to return home, and reaching out to those searching for Our Lord.

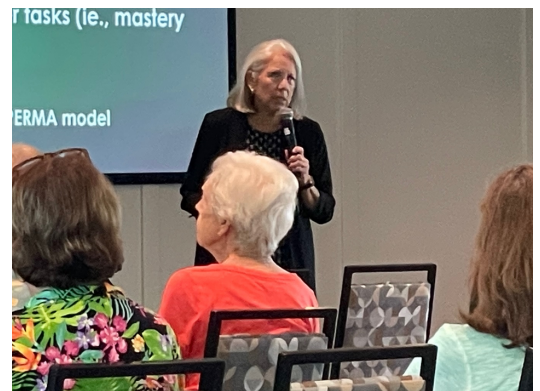
The Diocesan Youth Rally, coordinated by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Outreach, attracts nearly 2,000 teens each year. The event invites individuals to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through motivational talks, inspirational music, and testimonies. The day often includes a Eucharistic Procession and a closing Mass.

The office also brings the Faith to where young adults socialize. Lectures and reflections address the challenges our young, culturally diverse youth face in their realities of living in today's society and in their community

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## Evangelization at St. John the Evangelist

The Catholic Church exists to evangelize; to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. At St. John the Evangelist, we live our mission every day: *To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in Our Parish and in This Community*. We do this through Liturgies, Music, Faith Formation, Youth Programs, Groups and Ministries, and Homebound/Hospital visits. We welcome new parishioners and guests to join us in celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ.



# Parish Information

## Mass Times

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

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

**Operations Manager:** Colleen Donnelly: colleen@sjecc.com

**Front Office Manager:** Tricia Hoffman: tricia@sjecc.com

**Front Office Assistant:** Rachael Jensen: rachael@sjecc.com

**Director of Music :** Edward Persin: edward@sjecc.com

**Lead Sacristan:** Lan Tran: lan@sjecc.com

**Lead Sacristan:** Pollyanna Caddell-Vierling:  
pollyanna@sjecc.com

**Bulletin:** colleen@sjecc.com

**Memorial Garden:** Karen Beebe: karen@sjecc.com

**Bookkeeper:** Karen Beebe: karen@sjecc.com

**Facilities:** Jesus Arce: jesus@sjecc.com

**Director of Religious Education:** Natalie Campbell:  
natalie@sjecc.com

**Faith Formation Assistant:** Melissa O'Brien:  
melissa@sjecc.com

**Faith Formation Assistant:** Carol Chorba: carol@sjecc.com

**Christian Initiation of Adults for those who want to become Catholic:** Jean Kechejian: jeankechejian@yahoo.com

**Director of Activities and the PFLC:** Matthew Farmer:  
matthew@sjecc.com

**CYO & Youth Ministry Director-** Juliana LoGiudice  
juliana@sjecc.com

## Mailing Address & Contact Information

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
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Fax: 239.566.9117

Email: info@sjecc.com

## 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

### Lectors Ministry:

L. Philip Baier: lectors@sjecc.com

Youth Lectors: Call the Office, 239.566.8740

### Greeters & Ushers:

Bill Fuller: wfuller1@comcast.net

### Altar Servers:

Kathy Bailie: servers@sjecc.com

### Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo: ksanfelippo@comcast.net



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



# Mass Intentions

## **Saturday, April 15, 2023**

8:00 AM + Ramy Garrido  
*Vigil Masses for Sunday*  
 3:00 PM + Pete Mattimore  
 5:00 PM + Lambert and Louise Abell

## **Requested By**

Elida A. Gil  
 Kass Mattimore  
 Kathy and Bob Sims

## **Sunday, April 16, 2023**

7:00 AM + Joan Burke  
 9:00 AM + Larry Carr  
 11:00 AM + Caroline and Alexander Levy  
 1:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners  
 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 5:00 PM + John and Mary Berry

## **Requested By**

Caroline Burke  
 Sharon Carr  
 Marilyn DiEnno  
 Peter and Suzanne Berry

## **Monday, April 17, 2023**

8:00 AM + Jim Sottnick  
 9:00 AM + Anthony Cresi

## **Requested By**

Mom and Dad  
 Vincent and June Falcone

## **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

8:00 AM + Tom Roettele  
 9:00 AM + Michael Devine

## **Requested By**

Carol Roettele and Family  
 Marie and Joe Nezi

## **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

8:00 AM + Isabella Witt  
 9:00 AM + Vicki Brenner

## **Requested By**

Harry and Patricia Witt  
 Pauline Cataldo

## **Thursday, April 20, 2023**

8:00 AM + Mark Sitter  
 9:00 AM + Michael James Merlo

## **Requested By**

Jeff and Mariette Danilo  
 Merlo Family

## **Friday, April 21, 2023**

8:00 AM + Nico LaGrasta  
 9:00 AM + Vicky DeFrancisco

## **Requested By**

Todd and Edie Peterson  
 Janet D'Addario

## **Saturday, April 22, 2023**

8:00 AM + Virginia Mele  
*(Vigil Masses for Sunday)*  
 3:00 PM + Joseph Carpino  
 5:00 PM + The Fewell Family

## **Requested By**

Sal and Maureen Bellino  
 Dr. Les and Barbara Fuller  
 Rick and Karen Beebe

## **Sunday, April 23, 2023**

7:00 AM + Al and Louise King  
 9:00 AM + George Naples  
 11:00 AM + William Matre  
 1:00 PM + Richard Sickler  
 5:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

## **Requested By**

Ferreira Family  
 Frances Naples  
 St. John the Evangelist Choir  
 Louis Perry

# 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

## Readings for the Week

### Saturday, April 15, 2023

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,  
19-21/Mk 16:9-15

### Sunday, April 16, 2023

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1  
Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

### Monday, April 17, 2023

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

### Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

### Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

### Thursday, April 20, 2023

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

### Friday, April 21, 2023

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday, April 22, 2023

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

## 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.

## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist



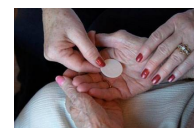
At each Mass we pray to be made worthy to receive Holy Communion and all the promises of Christ. He makes us worthy. Could you serve our Lord and our Parish by becoming a Eucharistic Minister?

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.

## St. John the Evangelist seeks prospective Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound.

We visit residents in facilities, communities and individual homes; bringing Communion on a weekly basis, following morning Mass. If you would like further information, or to join this worthwhile ministry which reaches out to our parishioners currently unable to attend Mass, please send an email to: mlkopenspaces@aol.com.

\*Safe Environment Training, Fingerprinting, COVID-19 vaccination and booster are prerequisites for serving



# 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 are beginning the study of Book of Sirach in the Bible. It is a collection of ethical teachings written by Ben Sira of Jerusalem, on the inspiration of his father Joshua, son of Sirach. We will conclude that study and begin watching the 3rd season of The Chosen on May 11th. For more information email Lee Pinto at 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)

## 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:

April 29, May 27, June 24

NEW LOCATION: NE corner of US 41 & Immokalee Rd  
Riverchase Plaza / 10:00am-11:00am

Please bring a folding chair, shade umbrella,  
signs, and water

For more information:

In English: world5433@gmail.com

In Spanish: mariamagdadequesada@icoud.com

# 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.

Edwina Bender and Robert D. Robinson

## Prayer List

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

- |                       |                           |                     |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Tom Abell           | • Amy FitzGerald          | • Yvonne Keenan     | • Ann Petrillo                  |
| • Priscila Abgala     | • Rachel Fling            | • Karen Kellington  | • Carol Petrone                 |
| • Declan Aigner       | • Anna Focht              | • Carey Kendall     | • Robert Pulte                  |
| • Beckey Atkins       | • Tom Froh                | • Tracey Kirk       | • Karen Pulte                   |
| • Florence Ballachino | • Lester Fuller           | • Barbara Kopp      | • Jim Rankin                    |
| • Barbara Barber      | • Terry Gallagher         | • Richard C. Kruger | • Judith & Michael S.           |
| • Jennifer Basile     | • Joanna Gasparrino       | • Judy Kruzich      | • Peggy O'Neil Saba             |
| • Linda Berry         | • Marg Gheller            | • Ramona Langman    | • Lisa Sanfelippo               |
| • Sara Boettcher      | • Amy Goodwine            | • Teresa Lozano     | • Carlos Somarribas             |
| • Karen Cassidy       | • Florence Gordon         | • M. E. M.          | • Norma J. Spriggle             |
| • Mr and Mrs Ciano    | • Lisa Ann Granger        | • Diane Maloney     | • Gus Stefanek                  |
| • Sheryl Conway       | • Richard Granger         | • James Mangine     | • Jeanne Stoll                  |
| • Mary Coyle          | • Peter Greenberg         | • Deborah Marsh     | • Bill Stuckey                  |
| • Matthew Cummings    | • Kathleen Greenberg      | • Ruth Martin       | • Sue and Tom Sweeney           |
| • Tom Despres         | • Gary Gwizdala           | • Donna Masse       | • Joan Marie Switalski          |
| • Donna DiMare        | • Kay Hackett             | • Eileen Miner      | • Joan Switalski                |
| • Lorraine Dolan      | • Raymond Hall            | • Marie Morsetti    | • Sarah Thewes                  |
| • Linda Donaldson     | • Fred Harkins            | • Kimberly Mullin   | • Marilyn Thyen                 |
| • Megan Ebert         | • Bob Hilliard            | • Robert Murphy     | • Kathleen Trotter              |
| • Peter Ebert         | • Kathleen Cleary Hinkle  | • John Murphy       | • Noah Wagner                   |
| • Paul Ebert          | • Brian Hintz             | • Eleanor Nute      | • Dana, Geneva and Greigh Wells |
| • Monica Ellis        | • Walter Howell           | • Jennifer O'Connor | • Carol Williamson              |
| • Bill Farley         | • Patrick Howlett         | • Joseph Pandolfo   | • Brynn Wilson                  |
| • Bruce Fenske        | • Jim Hubbard             | • Ric Parker        | • S. J. Zarebi                  |
| • Lori Fenske         | • Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman | • Patty             | • Mike Zewalk                   |

## Gospel Reflection With Fr. Tom

Saint John Paul II in 2002 in Krakow, Poland said “How greatly today’s world needs the mercy of God! In every continent, from the depth of human suffering, a cry for mercy seems to rise up. Where hatred and the thirst for revenge dominate, where war brings suffering and death to the innocent, there the grace of mercy is needed in order to settle human minds and hearts and to bring about peace. Wherever respect for life and human dignity are lacking, there is need of God’s merciful love, in whose light we see the inexpressible value of every human being. Mercy is needed in order to ensure that every injustice in the world will come to an end in the splendour of truth. In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!”

Today the entire Catholic Church celebrates Divine Mercy. And what is Divine Mercy? The word “Divine” means “given by God” or “like God”.

To understand the meaning of mercy, it will help if we examine its etymology. Our English word, mercy, goes back to the Latin: *misericordia*, which is composed of two words. “*Cordia*” is familiar to us from such words as “cardiologist” and “cardiac.” It means heart. The first part, “*miseri*” refers to suffering. Mercy, then, means to have a heart for those who suffer or, more precisely, to have a heart willing to suffer for others.

In the Divine Mercy image, Jesus is moving towards us and asking us to trust in Him. He is asking us not to be afraid to approach Him and to ask Him for His mercy. He is calling us to wash away our sins and to receive him in the Eucharist.

So today we remember to turn to the Lord saying: “Jesus, I trust in you.” Even if our sins be as red as blood, they will be made white as wool if we turn to his infinite mercy and trust in him. “Jesus mercy, I trust in you.” Today is the day of mercy, available to us and to the whole world, to all who call upon his name. With Saint Thomas the Apostle we reach out and touch the wounds of Jesus and place our hands in his pierced side and draw on his infinite mercy and cry out: “My Lord and my God. Jesus, I trust in you.”



# Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

## Reading 1

**Acts 2:42-47**

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

**R. (1) Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting or R. Alleluia**

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

**R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting or R. Alleluia**

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

**R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting or R. Alleluia**



The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting or R. Alleluia**

## Reading 2

**1 Pt 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Alleluia

**Jn 20:29**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia**

# Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

## Gospel

**Jn 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on

them and said to them, "Receive the Holy

Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven

them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



## 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

# Music for the Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

**Entrance Hymn:** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today


**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 118 - Give Thanks to the Lord

**Gifts:** We Walk By Faith

**Communion Songs:** Eye Has Not Seen, O Lord I Am Not Worthy

**Closing Song:** Sing to the Mountains

## Christ, The Lord, Is Risen Today



1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day,  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;  
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,  
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. All on earth with an - gels say.  
2. Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
3. Fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
4. Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed head; } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
2. Once he died our souls to save,  
3. Death in vain for - bids him rise;  
4. Made like him, like him we rise, } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply,  
2. Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
3. Christ has o - pen'd par - a - dise.  
4. Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. } Al - le - lu - ia!


Text: 77 77 with alleluias; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
Music: Robert Williams, 1781-1821.

## Give Thanks to the Lord (or: Alleluia)

(Psalm 118)

(Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24)

Francesca LaRosa



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev - er - las - ting.  
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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# Music for the Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

## We Walk By Faith

With quiet strength (♩ = 69 - 72)



- 1, 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No  
2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor  
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, And  
4. That when our life of faith is done In



- 1, 5. gra - cious words we hear Of him who spoke as  
2. fol - low where he trod; Yet in his prom - ise  
3. may our faith a - bound; To call on you when  
4. realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you



- 1, 5. none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.  
2. we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"  
3. you are near, And seek where you are found:  
4. as you are In full and end - less sight.

Text: CM; based on John 20:24-29; Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.  
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## Eye Has Not Seen

Marty Haugen

### Refrain

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard  
what God has ready for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down,  
be near to us, O Lord,  
forgive the weakness of our faith,  
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

2. Our lives are but a single breath,  
we flower and we fade,  
yet all our days are in your hands,  
so we return in love what love has made.

3. To those who see with eyes of faith,  
the Lord is ever near,  
reflected in the faces of all the poor  
and lowly of the world.

4. We sing a myst'ry from the past,  
in halls where saints have trod,  
yet ever new the music rings  
to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Refrain text based on 1 Corinthians 2:9-10.  
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# Music for the Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

## O Lord, I Am Not Worthy

NON DIGNUS

1. O Lord, I am not worthy  
That thou should'st come to me;  
But speak the word of comfort,  
My spirit healed shall be.

2. And humbly I'll receive thee,  
The Bridegroom of my soul,  
No more by sin to grieve thee  
Or fly thy sweet control.

3. Eternal Holy Spirit,  
Unworthy though I be,  
Prepare me to receive him  
And trust the Word to me.

4. Increase my faith, dear Jesus,  
In thy real presence here,  
And make me feel most deeply  
That thou to me art near.

Text: 76 76; based on Matthew 8:8; O Herr, ich bin nicht würdig; Landshuter Gesangbuch, 1777; tr. anon. Music: anon.; Catholic Youth Hymnal, 1871.

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## Sing to the Mountains

Bob Dufford SJ

Refrain  
Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.

Text: Based on Psalm 118:24; Isaiah 6:3. Text and music © 1975, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and OCP. All rights reserved.

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song.

2. Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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## St. John Religious Gift Shop

We are pleased to offer Sacramental gifts, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, homemade gifts, home decor, children's gifts, and more! We also stock the renowned Trappist preserves made by the Roman Catholic priests and brothers of St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts. Located just inside the Church entrance, the Gift Shop is open Saturdays 2:30-6:15PM and Sundays 8:30AM-1:00PM.



## **Opening Song:**

### **Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus, out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?

## **Preparation Song:**

### **Christ is Risen**

V1: Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
We fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You bled, for us

Chorus: Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

V2: Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bow to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

## **Communion Song:**

### **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

## **Closing Song:**

### **In Christ Alone**

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

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

## PREGNANT? YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Explore your  
options and find the help  
you need here.



### These are the closest pregnancy help centers:

Community Pregnancy Clinic

239-689-1543 Fort Myers

239-262-6381 Naples

[www.communitypregnancyclinic.com](http://www.communitypregnancyclinic.com)

Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida

239-990-8186 Fort Myers

239-280-5523 Naples – [www.prcnaples.org](http://www.prcnaples.org)

Verity Pregnancy & Medical Resource Center,

Fort Myers 239-433-1929

[www.pregnancyfortmyers.com](http://www.pregnancyfortmyers.com)

Immokalee Pregnancy Center, Immokalee

239-657-2016 – [www.immokaleepregnancy.com](http://www.immokaleepregnancy.com)



Diocese of Venice Respect Life Office  
[dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife)



SHE'S  
PREGNANT!

LET HER KNOW  
SHE'S NOT ALONE



**If you heard someone you  
know is pregnant and considering abortion,  
what would you do?**

Help her find the closest pregnancy help center.

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

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

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



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



# Spiritually Adopt

## an Unborn Child

# PRAY

I will commit to pray this prayer  
every day for 9 months  
from now until Christmas:

“ Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
I love you very much. I beg you  
to spare the life of the unborn baby  
that I have spiritually adopted who  
is in danger of abortion. ”

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



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# Adult Faith Formation

## Surge of the Heart Parish Mission 2023



Our Church was packed for 2 Nights of Holy Week as Jon Leonetti shared his Parish Mission: Surge of the Heart with our St. John Family. Jon shared many inspiring truths of our Catholic faith, along with stories of hope and encouragement for all Catholics along the journey. With such a great response, Jon sold out of all of the books he brought with him. Soon we will have copies of his books in our Gift Boutique for sale. Parishioners that ordered books at the mission can expect to receive communication soon about where to pick up the books. Thanks for your patience. Parishioners also had the opportunity to sign up for his weekly Wednesday devotionals. If you missed the opportunity to register for these free devotionals, please visit [www.jonleonetti.com](http://www.jonleonetti.com). We are most grateful for a wonderful Parish Mission!

### Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls

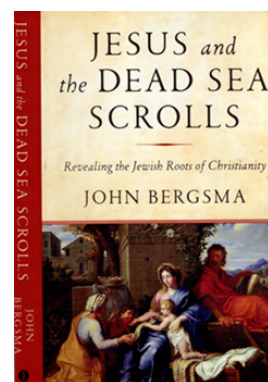
Presented by: David Keys, PhD

**Dates:** Wednesday, April 26th at 10:00am-11:15AM OR

Thursday, April 27th at 6:00pm-7:30pm

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

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.



### This Week in Adult Faith Formation

**Monday, April 17th-** OCIA Celebration Dinner – 6:00PM

**Tuesday, April 18th-** The Gospel Study of Matthew – 6:00-7:30PM – Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center

**Thursday, April 20th** - Women's Faith Chat- 9:45AM -Library

## Vacation Bible School ~June 5th-9th Registration Open



Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade in the Fall of 2023 are invited to register for Vacation Bible School at St. John the Evangelist this summer! Our camp runs June 5th -9th from 9:00AM-12:00PM. The cost per camper is \$55.00. Youth entering 6th grade and up, as well as adults are welcome to register to volunteer, pending required volunteer clearance.

**SJE VBS June 5-9, 2023 / VBS Registration Link:** [vbspro.events/p/68fa04](https://vbspro.events/p/68fa04)



### This Week in Faith Formation Divine Mercy Sunday

#### April 16th

9:30-10:45AM K-8 Faith Formation  
3:45-6:00PM Confirmation Sessions

#### April 19th

12:30-2:30PM -Preschool Atrium  
5:00-6:15PM-Faith Formation Session

### Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday in Faith Formation

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. -thedinemercy.org

This week in Faith Formation, children will learn to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and all about the ABCs of Divine Mercy. In each classroom in our Faith Formation, we have a poster image of The Divine Mercy. Please also check out our Children's corner outside of the Gift Boutique for more information and color sheets for kids!



# 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 (a yellow star)
- Ringo (a green planet with a ring)
- Luna (a blue moon)
- Sol (a yellow sun)
- Halley (a 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)



# Theatre Arts Camp!

June 19-June 30

Ages 6-15 Mon-Fri 1pm-4pm

\$325

## Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE JUNE 30

PULTE CENTER STAGE

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

625 111TH AVENUE NORTH

REGISTER AT [WWW.CHILDRENFORTHEARTS.COM](http://WWW.CHILDRENFORTHEARTS.COM)



239-571-3305

To Register  
Scan here:





# 2023 BASKETBALL CAMP



**SAVE THE DATE**

**7/10 - 7/14**

**GRADES 6 - 12**




**REGISTRATION OPENING SOON...**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL  
JULIANA AT [JULIANA@SJECC.COM](mailto:juliana@sjecc.com) OR  
MATTHEW AT [MATTHEW@SJECC.COM](mailto:matthew@sjecc.com)**


# Trivia Night

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

Join us for a night of trivia,  
friends, and fun!



# Wednesday Breakfast



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

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**



# Singo

Bring your friends for an  
afternoon of fun and  
excitement (18+ to play)

\$5 or \$20 cash per card

 **Upcoming dates:**  
**1:00 PM**

April 25th	June 27th
May 9th	July 11th
May 23rd	July 25th
June 13th	

 **Pulte Family Life  
Center**

For More Information:  
matthew@sjecc.com



# HAPPY HOUR KARAOKE



in the  
Pulte Cafe

**Upcoming Dates:**

April 28th, 6pm	June 23rd, 6pm
May 12th, 6pm	July 14th, 6pm
May 26th, 6pm	July 28th, 6pm
June 9th, 6pm	

# Pulte Family Life Center



Lunch & Learn at  
St John the Evangelist  
Catholic Church

May 4th, 2023  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



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## Creating a Plan for Aging Well

Did you know that nearly three out of four people over the age of 65 will need some form of help with everyday activities as they get older? Healthy aging means having a plan in place so that you are proactive vs reactive in a crisis situation. There are several programs and living options available to you in SWFL to aid in the success of aging gracefully. Some of these services are not available at the push of a button, so it is important to have an understanding of the best places to find trustworthy advice and accurate information in advance.

Join SBB University and our panel of area experts as we explore topics ranging from elder law, insurance options, retirement communities, and end of life planning designed for the savvy and independent senior in mind. Knowledge is power... educate yourself today for the resources you or someone you love may need tomorrow!

Event is free, but RSVP is required!  
625 11th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108  
Event & Parking is at the very back  
of the campus in the Pulte Family Life Center



Call 239-776-7353



## Max Flex Fitness

Max Flex fitness offers individual or small group Personal training. Coach Nino specializes in all aspects of Fitness including balance, strength, endurance, flexibility, and core. Contact coach Nino at 239-287-4558 or visit [fitnesscoachnino.com](http://fitnesscoachnino.com)

## Pulte Family Life Center Memberships

**GOLD Level:** For St. John the Evangelist Parishioners. Up to 4 additional family members included. \$150 annually.

**SILVER Level:** For Non-Parishioners. Up to 4 additional family members included. \$300 annually.

**BRONZE Level:** For Individual Members. \$100 annually. Guests are welcome at the cost of \$10 per guest per visit.

*\*please note that individuals participating in one-on-one trainings or classes must register as a Pulte Family Life Center Member in addition to any costs associated with the trainings or classes*

To become a member or for additional information, please visit our Pulte Family Life Center or contact Matthew Farmer: [matthew@sjecc.com](mailto:matthew@sjecc.com)

# Our Local Catholic Schools

## SAINT ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Give the gift of a Catholic Education*

- Safe, family community, enclosed campus
- Religious virtues and weekly Mass
- Music, band, fine arts, and spanish
- Technology + robotics programming
- Gifted, honors, resource programs
- 10:1 student to teacher ratio
- 1:1 iPad program
- Tuition assistance and scholarships available

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## St John Neumann Catholic High School



### GUARDIAN ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Give the gift of a Catholic Education  
and open up a world of hope and opportunity  
for families in need.

The Guardian Angel Program invites you to become a sponsor for a student who may not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education.

For a minimum gift of \$1,000 a year (or \$83/month), you can make a high quality, faith-based education possible for a deserving student.

St. John Neumann High School will pair you with a student that you will follow throughout the year. You will have the opportunity to meet your student at our annual Guardian Angel Dinner in the Spring.

#### Join the Guardian Angel Program Today!

Contact Judi Neeld at  
239.455.3044 ext. 100 or  
[jneeld@sjnceltics.org](mailto:jneeld@sjnceltics.org)

You can also become a Guardian Angel at [sjnceltics.org](http://sjnceltics.org) under SJN Giving

#### Our Mission

St. John Neumann Catholic High School is committed to providing our students with a rigorous, college preparatory education rooted in Gospel values and the educational philosophy of St. John Bosco. We create a unique personalized learning environment that prepares each student to positively impact the world through faith, integrity, intelligence, personal responsibility, joy and selfless service.



*Make a  
World of  
Difference in  
Your Child's  
Life...*



**Join the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School Family!**  
**Accepting Applications for Gr. PK3 – 8 for 2023-24.**  
Email [Office@seseton.org](mailto:Office@seseton.org) or call 239-455-2262  
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**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**St. Elizabeth Seton School presents...**



Fri. April 21 & Saturday,  
April 22 @ 7pm St. John  
Neumann High School's  
Justin Holecek Student  
Life Center at 3000  
53rd St. SW Naples.  
Doors open @ 6:30pm  
Tickets \$5.

**Thank you for supporting our amazing students!**



**Knights of Columbus  
Panicia 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@dggarrettconstruction.com](mailto:troy@dggarrettconstruction.com)
- Complete and submit the Education Assistance Application Form by April 30, 2023
- Financial need is **not** part of the decision criteria.