

# St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

April 23, 2023 - The Third Sunday of Easter



*Lord, you will show us the path of life*

## 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.

# 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/April 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

#### April 2023

(3/29/23 - 4/04/23)

\$ 94,938.19

### Baptisms

Congratulations to the families whose children were baptized in March:

(4/05/23 - 4/11/23)

**Matilda Shutt, Romilly Aylor, and Christopher Zeto**

\$123,788.59

### Weddings

Congratulations to the three couples who were married in our Church in March. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.:

**Christina & Rob Talford**

**Tiffany McAuliffe & Edward McPartland**

**Teresa Claugus & Michael Rosman**

## 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

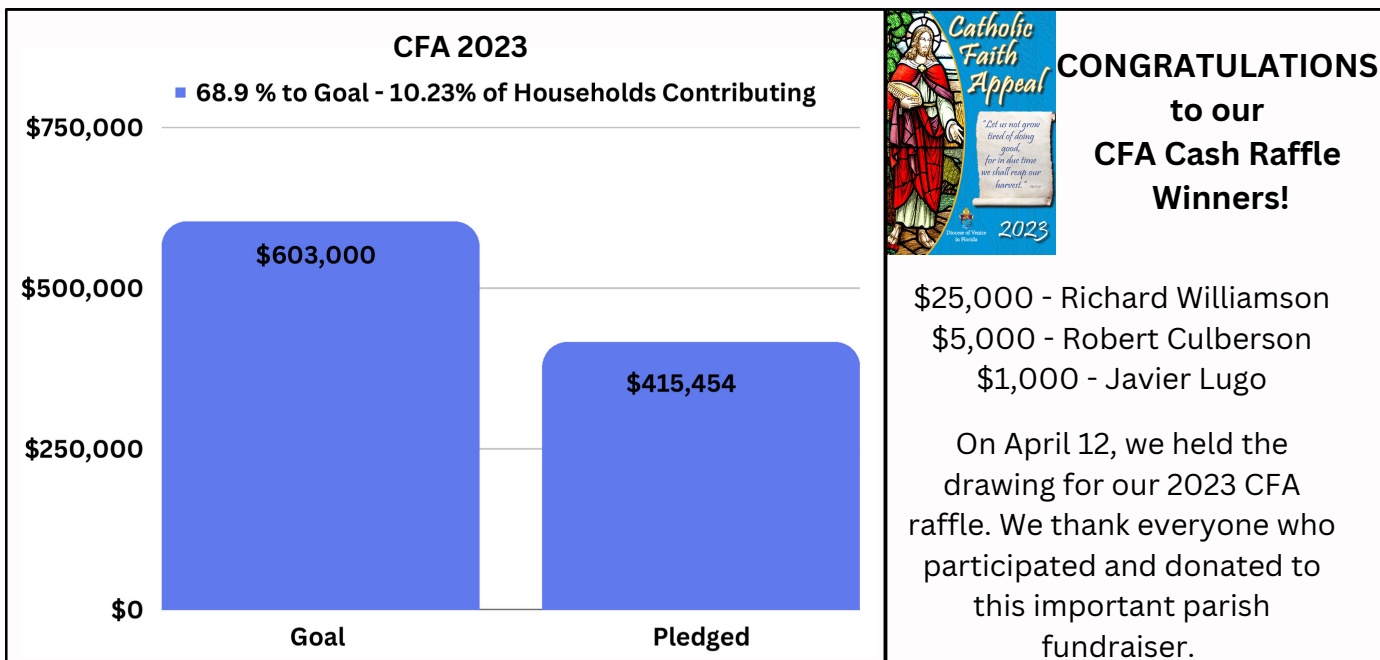
Dear Parishioners,

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 68.9% to our goal, with 10.23% 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.



## 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 - Ways to Give

## MAKE A PLEDGE

Pledging allows you to make a more generous and affordable contribution.

The pledge can be spread out over ten months. You may pledge with the initial payment while the remaining balance can be donated anytime during the next nine months. The Diocese will send you monthly reminders.

## GIFT OPPORTUNITIES USING THE 10-PAYMENT PLAN

Gift Amount	Initial Payment	9 Monthly Payments
\$50,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
\$25,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
\$15,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
\$10,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 500
\$ 2,500	\$ 250	\$ 250
\$ 1,000	\$ 100	\$ 100
\$ 500	\$ 50	\$ 50

*Thank you for your support!*

For additional information, please call 941-441-1130

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Check:** payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal

**IRA:** Although a required minimum distribution (RMD) starts at age 72, you may donate up to \$100,000 per year from your Individual Retirement Account tax free to a charitable cause as early as age 70½. Spouses may also participate to the same level if they have a separate IRA, giving married couples the opportunity to donate up to \$200,000. The funds must be paid directly to the CFA from your financial advisor in order to qualify.

**Credit or Debit Card:** Send us the information via the pledge card or visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org).

**Gift of Securities:** Federal law allows a charitable deduction for the full market value of the appreciated securities on the date of your gift.

## GIVING SOCIETIES

### Bishop's Cornerstone Society Gift Levels

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>\$25,000 and above</b>
<b>Pillar</b>	<b>\$10,000 to \$24,999</b>
<b>Benefactor</b>	<b>\$ 5,000 to \$ 9,999</b>
<b>Patron</b>	<b>\$ 2,500 to \$ 4,999</b>

### Leadership Society Gift Levels

<b>Steward</b>	<b>\$1,500 to \$2,499</b>
<b>Angel</b>	<b>\$1,000 to \$1,499</b>
<b>Friend</b>	<b>\$ 500 to \$ 999</b>

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Give online! Visit us at [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org)

Last Gift Amount:  
(as of December 10, 2022)

Constituent ID

Addressee

Address

City/State/Zip

Parish ID/Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Total Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check

(Please make checks payable to **Catholic Faith Appeal**)

☐ Credit card/debit information enclosed  
(Please see the reverse side)

☐ Stock

Name of stock: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Shares: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest." (Gal 6:9)*

# 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 Paniccia, 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, Oleg Otroshenko:

oleg@sjecc.com, Ivan Torres: Ivan@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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Phone: 239.566.8740

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 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

## **Monday, April 24, 2023**

8:00 AM + Joyce LaGreca  
 9:00 AM + Bonnie Haughey

## **Requested By**

Camille and Ray Priore  
 John and Julie English

## **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

8:00 AM + Lynn Wallace  
 9:00 AM + Florence Danielak

## **Requested By**

Don Gambatesa  
 Jeff and Carol Chorba

## **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

8:00 AM + Deborah McLoughlin  
 9:00 AM + Thomas Flood

## **Requested By**

Bernard and Ryan McLoughlin  
 Anne Flood

## **Thursday, April 27, 2023**

8:00 AM + Jody Ann Porco  
 9:00 AM + Annette Marineau

## **Requested By**

Nan and John Porco  
 Jeanne and Bill Pittman

## **Friday, April 28, 2023**

8:00 AM + Angelina Compagnone  
 9:00 AM + Dr. Jose and Elvira Ramirez

## **Requested By**

Phyllis Silva  
 Jose Ramirez

## **Saturday, April 29, 2023**

8:00 AM + The Deceased Members of the Kegaly Family  
*(Vigil Masses for Sunday)*  
 3:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners  
 5:00 PM + Mary Conley

## **Requested By**

Jack Kegaly

Conley Family

## **Sunday, April 30, 2023**

7:00 AM + Paul Hardebeck  
 9:00 AM + Margaret and Thomas Fitzpatrick  
 11:00 AM + Tom Powell  
 1:00 PM + Donna Bekas  
 5:00 PM + Bill Mitarotondo

## **Requested By**

Loving Wife  
 Mary Eisman  
 Rose Marie Powell and Family  
 Laurie Bellico and Thomas Andrea  
 Dorothy and John Tominic

# 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 22, 2023

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

### Sunday, April 23, 2023

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

### Monday, April 24, 2023

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn  
6:22-29

### Tuesday, April 25, 2023

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

### Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday, April 27, 2023

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

### Friday, April 28, 2023

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday, April 29, 2023

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn  
6:60-69

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## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist



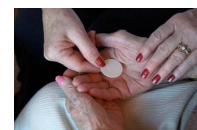
At each Mass we pray to be made worthy to receive Holy Communion and all the promises of Christ. He makes us worthy. Could you serve our Lord and our Parish by becoming a Eucharistic Minister?

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.

## 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)

# 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:

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:

- Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait
- Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK
- Lieutenant Carson Brial – US Navy
- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary
- Adam Decker
- Alexander L Denha, second lieutenant in the army (infantry division)
- Major Derek-Army National Guard
- Nick Detloff
- SGT Ashlyn Ducharme Us Army
- Capt. Stephen English – US Army
- Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF
- SFC Lon Giancola
- SSG Douglas Hennessy



- Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF
- Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy
- Sophie Koepl
- SPC Nicholas LaManna
- PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft. Eustis, VA
- Connor Miller: US Navy search and rescue
- Col. Brian Murphy
- Lt. Col. Jill Murphy
- Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
- Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – US Army

- Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps
- Daniel Petito – US Army
- Matthew Popielec, PFC-Germany
- Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army
- Hunter Scalzo – Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry
- Austin Spagnola
- LTJG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans
- Lt. Brendan Tourek – USN
- Lance Cpl. Sisi Tyrell US Marine Corps
- Captain Grant Ullrich, US Army in Kuwait
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey
- Austin Zicht – USAF

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

Thomas Raby, Sr. and Jacqueline Koman

## 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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| • Tom Abell           | • Lori Fenske            | • Cynthia Johnson         | • Robert Pulte                  |
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## Gospel Reflection With Fr. Tom

The appeal of this marvelous Emmaus story is that it talks about where we live. It's not about a high-falutin' revelation, or about great saints, or about exotic places and people. The Emmaus story is about ordinary, everyday despair and ordinary, Monday-morning drudgery. It's about bumping into a stranger on the way to work, about sitting down at a table, about sharing a meal. It's about our commonplace lives as we go through the motions of our day, vaguely wondering where God is in all of this, wondering, does my life matter? Will things get better? What's it all about, anyway?

You know the story. A couple of unknown, down-in-the-mouth followers of Jesus are trudging along a dusty road, chatting as they head back home and back to work. Their conversation is full of despair and discouragement, small talk, disappointment: life is a burden and doesn't live up to its promises.

Immediately, the readers of this tale know that these disciples are not just on the road to Emmaus, but they are on the road of life and have just experienced one more hurt, one more letdown. Where is God in all of this? When they meet the stranger, he asks them about their conversation and they recite their woes. Their conversation is ours, the everyday stuff: the kids, the economy, world crisis, spouses, lovers, school, the job, the boss, and so on, the threads of the daily fabric of our lives.

Then the two men add their disappointment. They say, "We were hoping ...." Hoping for what? For answers to their questions, the same thing we all hope for as we move through life. Where is God? Does my life count? Does anything make any sense? Why should I have this sickness or betrayal or accident or death of a loved one? Why don't I have some sign that God is near? I could put up with anything if I felt the presence of God, I'm sure of that.

The Emmaus story picks up on the lives of every man and every woman and every child. We are all on the road of life: some just beginning their journey, some in the middle, and others near the end. Along the way we gossip, we win a few and lose a few, we enjoy the company of family and friends, and we despair when our enemies seem to win. And that is all part of the conversation on the road to Emmaus. Then the disciples sigh: "We were hoping for a God of justice and compassion to make sense of it all. And suddenly, into this routine conversation, this wondering, comes God, the stranger with the holes in his hands who shares food, shares himself.

And that is the point of the story: God is here. God penetrates our everyday lives, but we don't always know it. Just as our friends going to Emmaus finally recognized the Risen Christ in the simple breaking of the bread they remind us that God is there in our lives, too, although we don't see it most of the time. God loves us and wants to be near us; this story invites us to see that God's love can be found everywhere.



### ***Faith In Action: The Sewing, Quilting, and Knitting/Crocheting Ministries***

As our sewing ministry finished for another season, our clothes closet was full. 54 dresses, 10 shorts with tees, 11 pants and skirts paired with matching blouses, 10 Easter bonnets and 40 hair bows were donated to Cafe of Life in Bonita Springs.

In addition to all the clothing, the knitting and crocheting ministry along with the quilting ministry donated 15 lovely knitted blankets and 9 beautifully crafted quilts. Thank you to all our parishioners and the Knights of Columbus who have donated money, sewing supplies, fabric and yarns so that our talented members can continue to help the children in our area



# Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

## Reading 1

**Acts 2:14, 22-33**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

"My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11**

**R. (11a) Lord, you will show us the path of life.  
or: R. Alleluia.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;  
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.  
or: R. Alleluia.**

I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall not be  
disturbed.

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.  
or: R. Alleluia.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul  
rejoices,  
my body, too, abides in confidence;  
because you will not abandon my soul to the  
netherworld,  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to  
undergo corruption.

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.  
or: R. Alleluia.**

You will show me the path to life,  
abounding joy in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.  
or: R. Alleluia.**

## Reading 2

**1 Pt 1:17-21**

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.



# Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

## Alleluia

**Cf. Lk 24:32**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

**Lk 24:13-35**

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?"

They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?"

And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"

They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place.

Some women from our group, however,

have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."

So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

## Second Collection Next Weekend

The 2023 Catholic Home Mission Appeal is scheduled in our Diocese on 4/29 & 4/30. This appeal makes Faith programs possible by providing resources for training of parish catechetical leaders, aid to youth ministry care, and assistance to struggling Catholic school pupils. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this important appeal. Donation envelopes are available outside the Gift Shop.

## Happy Birthday, Deacon Frank!!!

Monday, April 24th is our beloved Deacon Frank's 90th birthday! Help us celebrate him on Wednesday, April 26th at the Parish Breakfast in the Pulte Center--Immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass



# Music for the Third Sunday of Easter

**Gathering Hymn:** Three Days

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 16:** Lord, You will show us the path of life.

**Gifts:** The Day of Resurrection

**Communion Songs:** The Supper of the Lord, Bread of Angels

**Closing Hymn:** Alleluia, Alleluia

## Three Days

THAXTED

1. Three days our world was bro - ken; the  
2. Three days— and on the third day, the  
3. Three days our world was bro - ken and

1. Lord of life lay dead. "Take up your cross," he  
2. wom - en came at dawn. His tomb, they said, was  
3. in an in - stant healed, God's cov - e - nant of

1. told us who fol - lowed where he led. Would  
2. emp - ty, his bro - ken bod - y gone. Who  
3. mer - cy in mys - ter - y re - vealed. Two

1. we now hang in tor - ment with thieves on ev - 'ry side,  
2. could be - lieve their sto - ry? The dead do not a - rise,  
3. thou - sand years are one day in God's e - ter - nal sight,

1. our Pass - o - ver shat - tered, our hope cru - ci - fied?  
2. yet he walks a - mong us, and with our own eyes  
3. and yes - ter - day's sor - rows are this day's de - light.

1. Three days we hid in si - lence, in  
2. we've seen him at this ta - ble; we've  
3. Though still Christ's bod - y suf - fers, pierced

1. bit - ter fear and grief. Three days we clung to -  
2. shared his bread and wine. Hearts burn - ing bright with -  
3. dai - ly by the sword, yet death has no do -

1. geth - er where he had washed our feet.  
2. in us, we've seen his glo - ry shine.  
3. min - ion: the ris - en Christ is Lord!

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# Music for the Third Sunday of Easter

## Lord, You Will Show Us the Path of Life (Or: Alleluia)

(Psalm 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11)

(Psalm 16)

Francesca LaRosa

Lord, you will show us the path of life.  
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## The Day of Resurrection

ELLACOMBE

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, spread the news a - broad;  
2. Our hearts be free from e - vil That we may see a - right  
3. His love is ev - er - last - ing; His mer - cies nev - er cease;  
4. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, And earth her song be - gin;

1. The Pas - chal feast of glad - ness, The Pas - chal feast of God.  
2. The Sav - ior res - ur - rect - ed In his e - ter - nal light,  
3. The res - ur - rect - ed Sav - ior, Will all our joys in - crease.  
4. The whole world keep high tri - umph And all that is there - in;

1. From death to life e - ter - nal, From earth to heav-en's height  
2. And hear his mes-sage plain - ly, De - liv - ered calm and clear:  
3. He'll keep us in his fa - vor, Sup - ply - ing ho - ly grace,  
4. Let all things in cre - a - tion Their notes of glad-ness blend,

1. Our Sav - ior Christ has brought us, The glo - rious Lord of Light.  
2. "Re - joice with me in tri - umph, Be glad and do not fear."  
3. To all his pil - grim peo - ple Who seek his heav'n-ly place.  
4. For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that has no end.

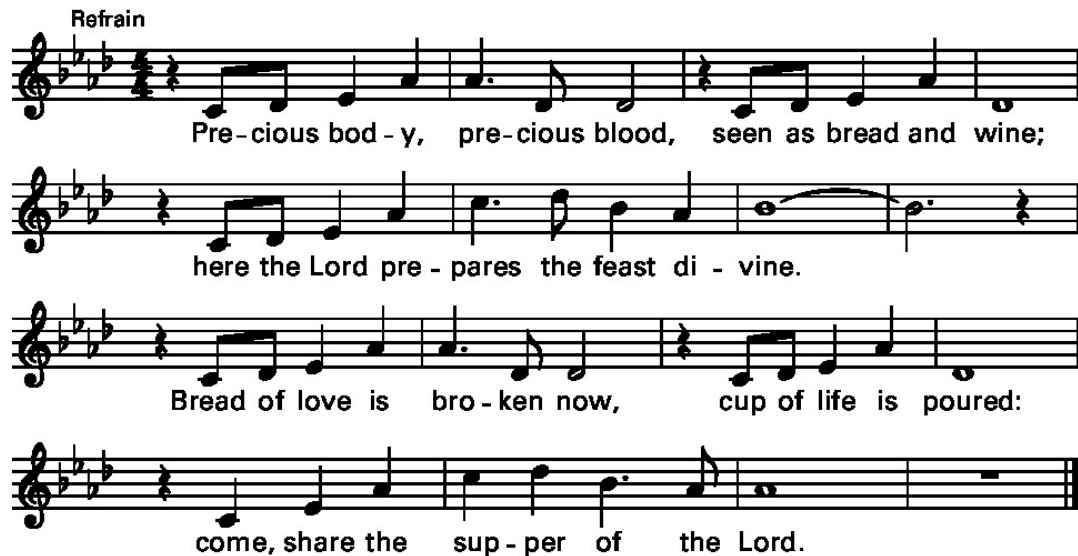
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adapt. fr. Würth's *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863.

# Music for the Third Sunday of Easter

## The Supper of the Lord


Laurence Rosania

Refrain




Pre-cious bod - y, pre-cious blood, seen as bread and wine;  
here the Lord pre - pares the feast di - vine.  
Bread of love is bro - ken now, cup of life is poured:  
come, share the sup - per of the Lord.

Verses



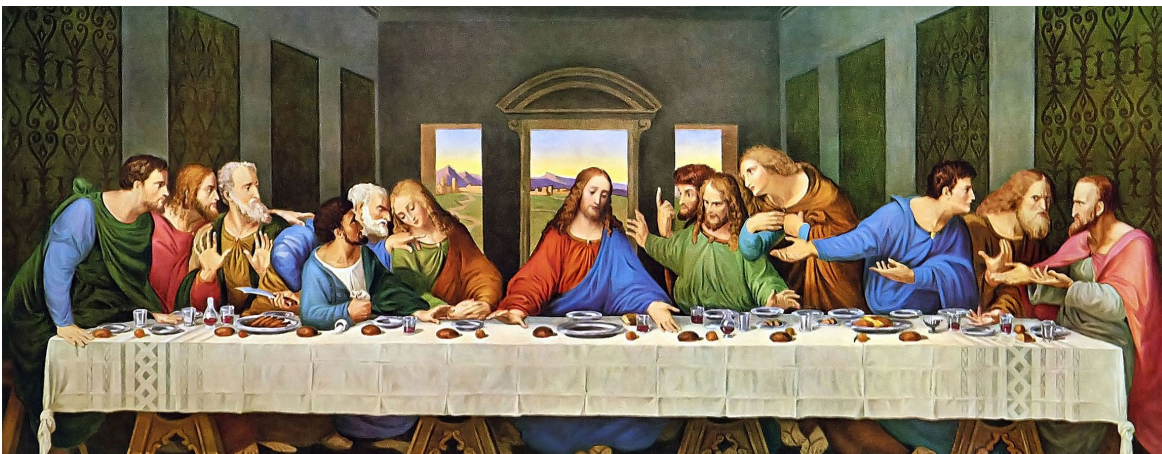
1. This is the bread of God com - ing down from heav'n,  
2. "I am the liv - ing spring of e - ter - nal life;  
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giv - ing life to you;  
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me,  
5. All praise to you, O Christ, pres - ent in this feast;

to Refrain



1. giv - ing life to us, to all the world.  
2. you that drink from me shall not thirst a - gain."  
3. you that eat this bread shall nev - er die."  
4. as I have my life in the liv - ing God."  
5. in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

Text: Verses 1-4 based on John 4, 6.  
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# Music for the Third Sunday of Easter

## Bread of Angels

Curtis Stephan



1. Bread of an - gels, we re - ceive you; with us
2. Cup of Mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing, fill us
3. Word in - car - nate, dwell with - in us; pierce our
4. Though un - wor - thy, we re - ceive you, sac - ra -



1. now a - bide. Pre - cious Je - sus, man - na of
2. with your grace; wine of pas - sion, O Son be -
3. hard - ened hearts. Ten - der Je - sus, Love so
4. ment di - vine. Bread of an - gels, ac - cept our



1. a - ges, with us now re - side.
2. got - ten, we flee to your em - brace.
3. gen - tle, nev - er let us part.
4. prais - es, let your glo - ry shine!



1. Pa - nis an - gé - li - cus fit pa - nis hó - mi - num,
2. O res mi - rá - bi - lis man - dú - cat Dó - mi - num,
3. Te, tri - na Dé - i - tas ú - na - que, pó - sci - mus,
4. Per tu - as sé - mi - tas duc nos quo tén - di - mus,



1. Dat pa - nis cáe - li - cus fi - gú - ris tér - mi - num.
3. Sic nos tu ví - si - ta, si - cut te có - li - mus.



2. Pau - per, Pau - per, ser - vus, et hú - mi - lis.
4. lu - cem, Ad lu - cem quam in - há - bi - tas.

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# Music for the Third Sunday of Easter

## Alleluia! Alleluia! HYMN TO JOY

**1.** Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior  
For the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

**2.** Now the iron bars are broken,  
Christ from death to life is born,  
Glorious life, and life immortal,  
On this resurrection morn;  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer  
By his mighty enterprise,  
We with him to life eternal  
By his resurrection rise.

**3.** Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior,  
Who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Font of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To the Triune Majesty.

Text: 87 87 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. and harm. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867.



## 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

# 5:00pm Contemporary Mass Music

## Opening Song: Come Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue will confess  
You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now

## Preparation Song: This is Our God

V1: Your grace is enough  
More than I need  
At Your word I will believe  
I wait for You  
Draw near again  
Let Your spirit make me new

Chorus: And I will fall at Your feet  
will fall at Your feet  
And I will worship You here

V2: Your presence in me  
Jesus light the way  
By the power of Your word  
I am restored  
I am redeemed  
By Your Spirit I am free

## Communion Song: One Bread, One Body

Chorus: One bread, one body  
One Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many  
Throughout the earth  
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew  
Servant or free  
Woman or man, no more

Many the gifts  
Many the works  
One in the Lord of all

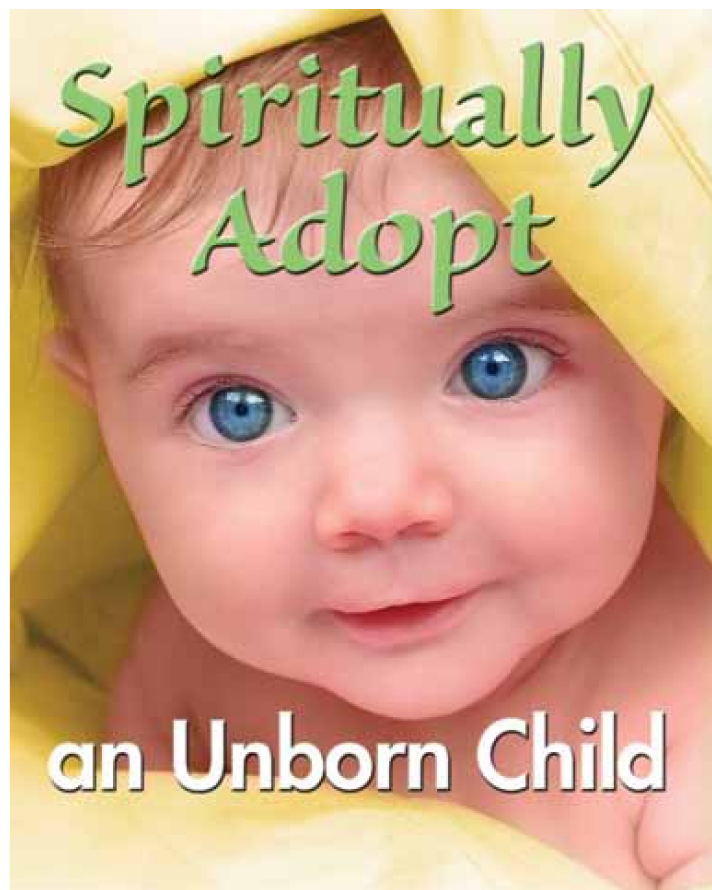
Grain for the fields  
Scattered and grown  
Gathered to one, for all

## Closing Song: O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor  
may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.





## 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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### MONTH 2 – April – Developing Baby – “I’m dancing!” Spiritual Adoption Program




Your spiritually adopted baby is making progress developing all of her external features and internal organs. Her brain is functioning at 40 days. Her mother can hear her heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. The central nervous system is functioning and 40 muscle sets begin their first exercises. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines her body. But everything she needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week. She is now called a “fetus” a Latin word meaning “little one”. Ultrasound reveals that this little one can now spring, flip and jump – her first dance steps! Psalm 139:13 - “You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.”



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:  
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# Adult Faith Formation

## Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls

Presented by: David Keys, PhD

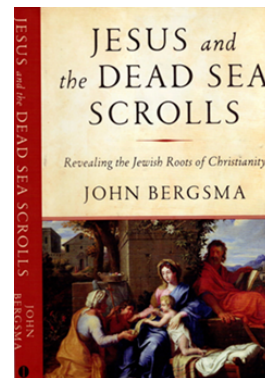


**Dates:** Wednesday, April 26th at 10:00am-11:15AM **OR**

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.



**Adult  
Faith  
Formation**



### This Week in Adult Faith Formation

**Tuesday, April 25th**

The Gospel Study of Matthew – 6:00-7:30PM  
Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center

**Wednesday, April 26th , Thursday, April 27th**

Women's Faith Chat- 9:45AM -Library

# Faith Formation

## A Message From Our Knights of Columbus to Faith Formation Families.....

Do your children (or grandchildren or great grandchildren) attend a Diocesan Catholic K-12 school in Collier or Lee County? Do you know of others – perhaps family members or friends – who take advantage of the wonderful Catholic schools in this area? If so, please read this message carefully.

St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 11281 has established the Knights of Columbus Paniccia Family Education Assistance Fund. This fund will provide education awards to help defray the costs of Catholic education. Please note that financial need is not part of the decision criteria.

For the 2023-2024 academic year, the fund will make six awards of \$500 each to worthy applicants. In choosing the award recipients, the committee will consider a student's academic achievement, community and faith-based service, and extracurricular activities. The Education Assistance Application Form is attached, and the submission deadline is April 30, 2023.

If you are not currently a member of the Knights of Columbus, this may be a great time to join! To be eligible for an award, Council members (or prospective Council members) must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be an active St. John the Evangelist parishioner.
- Be an active member of St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 11281 (or have joined Council 11281 in the past 90 days). Be a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent of the student. Parents will receive priority, followed by grandparents and great grandparents.

Students must be registered and plan to attend a Diocesan Catholic elementary or high school in Collier or Lee County. This includes Donahue Academy. Awards will be made by May 31, 2023. Award checks will be written directly to the school on behalf of the student. If you have any questions, please contact Troy Costain. Troy's email address is [troy@dgarrettconstruction.com](mailto:troy@dgarrettconstruction.com)

### This Week in Faith Formation

#### **April 23rd**

9:30-10:45AM: K-8 Faith Formation

6:30PM: Confirmation Rehearsal

#### **April 25th -6:30PM**

6:30PM: Confirmation Ceremony

#### **April 26th**

12:30-2:30PM: Preschool Atrium

5:00-6:15PM: Faith Formation Session



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A vibrant poster for a Pickleball camp. The background is black with scattered blue and red pickleballs. At the top, the word "PICKLEBALL" is written in large, bold, red letters with a blue outline. Below it, the year "2023" is displayed in the same style, with a blue paddle holding a red ball in the center of the "0". The word "CAMP" is written in large, bold, red letters with a blue outline. In the center, a red circle contains the text "SAVE THE DATE" at the top, "7/31 - 8/4" in the middle, and "AGES 9 - 16" at the bottom. Below this circle, it says "REGISTRATION OPENING SOON...". To the left of the circle is a blue paddle with a red and green circular logo containing a blue "Y". To the right is a blue paddle with a red "PBJ" logo and the text "PICKLEBALL JIMMY" below it. At the bottom center, a red box contains the text: "FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL JULIANA AT JULIANA@SJECC.COM OR MATTHEW AT MATTHEW@SJECC.COM".

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# 2023 BASKETBALL CAMP



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**GRADES 6 - 12**



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# Pulte Family Life Center


## 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.

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## Bingo

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	

# Events and Programs

**SBB UNIVERSITY**

**Lunch & Learn at  
St John the Evangelist  
Catholic Church**

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

Lunch Sponsored by:



## 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**

## The Knights of Columbus presents Fraternal Benefits Night

**JOIN US**

You and your wife are cordially invited to attend a 'Fraternal Benefits Night' ... an evening of valuable information sponsored by your Knights of Columbus Field Agent.

Come learn the many ways your membership in the Order can benefit you and your family.

\*\*\* Prospective members are welcome. \*\*\*

Date: May 1st, 2023 Time: 7:00pm

Location: Saint John Evangelist Ballroom

RSVP: Phillip.Fischer@kofc.org

**Knights of Columbus**

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**Contact me today to learn more:**  
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## Pancake Breakfast THIS WEEKEND!

**Cub Scout Pack 226**

## Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, April 23rd**

After the 7am, 9am  
and 11am Mass

**Church Ballroom**

Pancakes | Orange Juice  
Sausage & Eggs | Coffee

**FREE**

Donations Appreciated to  
Fund Cub Scout Activities



## Save the Date!



**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 11281**

## 1st Annual Tuition Assistance Scramble

**DATE: June 3, 2023**

**TIME: Registration at 7:30am  
Shotgun at 8:30am**

**LOCATION: ArrowHead Golf Course**



**Vacation Bible  
School June 5-9**



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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  
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jneeld@sjnceltics.org

You can also become a Guardian Angel  
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## 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@dgarettconstruction.com](mailto:troy@dgarettconstruction.com)
- Complete and submit the Education Assistance Application Form by April 30, 2023
- Financial need is **not** part of the decision criteria.