

St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 14, 2023

"She is clothed with

strength and dignity; she can

laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom and

kindly counsel."

— Proverbs 31:25-26

God has shown His love through you. Happy Mother's Day!



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

New Parishioners

17 families joined our parish in April. Welcome to all new parishioners!

Total Households

With our new families, we have 3392 Parish households.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families whose children were baptized in April: Myles Oleksak, Camden Gubelman, Landry

Smith, Jett Pagan, Miles Hober

Offertory (4/12/23 - 4/18/23) \$55,244.14

(4/19/23 - 4/25/23) \$54,290.82

(4/26/23 - 5/2/23) \$48,926.78

Weddings

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

Olivia Boron and Ryan Berryman Abby Thomas and Jonathan Dina



Second Collection May 20-21, 2023

Each year, the Diocese of Venice joins other Dioceses throughout the US in taking part in the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. This campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message through local, national, and international media, including television, radio, print, websites, and social media.

Your gifts will not only fund projects on a national and international scale, but also here in the Diocese of Venice. Fifty percent of the funds received will remain here in the Diocese to enhance our Evangelization efforts through local communication projects, including the televised Mass for the homebound.

This important collection is scheduled in the Dicoese of Venice for the weekend of May 20 and 21, 2023.

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

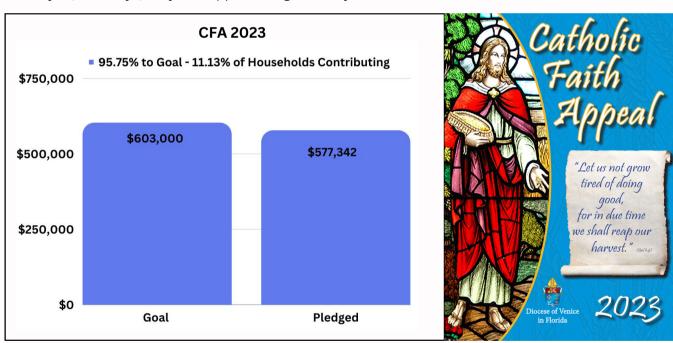
Dear Parishioners,

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 came 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 95.75% to our goal, with 11.13% 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. 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, or
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page



Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. (livestreamed)

Saturday: 8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. (livestreamed), 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 11:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

(Contemporary Mass)

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

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pollyanna@sjecc.com

Bulletin: colleen@sjecc.com

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

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natalie@sjecc.com

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melissa@sjecc.com

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matthew@sjecc.com

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

Mailing Address & Contact Information

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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 <u>Homebound ministry</u> 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



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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 13, 2	2023		Requested By
8:00 AM Vigil Masses for Sunday	+	Christopher Carrer	Linda Carrer
3:00 PM	+	Deceased Members of the Mundo and O'Sullivan Families	Jim and Geri Jostes
5:00 PM	+	Alexander Michael Richards McElwee	William White
Sunday, May 14, 2023			Requested By
7:00 AM	+	Connie Episcopo	Children
9:00 AM	+	Henry Barcz	Fr. Tom
11:00 AM	+	Charlie and Jean Curti	Paul and Nancy Curti
1:00 PM	+	Col. David Lucci	Lucci Family
5:00 PM	+	Joan Gaetano	Parone Family
Monday, May 15, 2	<u>023</u>		Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Ramy Garrido	Elida A. Gil
Tuesday, May 16, 2	<u>023</u>		Requested By
8:30 AM	SI	Stephen and Megan Makula	Eileen Miner
Wednesday, May 17, 2023			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Dennis Moore	Michele Murtagh
<u>Thursday, May 18, 2023</u>			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Tony Tripoli	Daughter
Friday, May 19, 202	23		Requested By
8:30 AM	SI	Jared and Katie Howet	Michael Moritz
Saturday, May 20, 2023			Requested By
8:00 AM	+	Anna Mullen	The Mullen Family
(Vigil Masses for Sunday)		
3:00 PM	+	Pete Mattimore	Kass Mattimore
5:00 PM	+	Deceased Members of the Lynch Family	Beth Lucci
<u>Sunday, May 21, 2023</u>			Requested By
7:00 AM	+	William Powers, MD	Dennis and Fran
9:00 AM	+	Lucy and Rocco DiEnno	Marilyn DiEnno
11:00 AM	SI	For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Frank Popolo	Family



5:00 PM

Mac Galle

Ginger

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

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Readings for the Week

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday, May 15, 2023

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/|n 16:12-15

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday, May 19, 2023

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/In 16:20-23

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28



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, and Fingerprinting are prerequisites for serving





Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

The parish of Saint John the Evangelist invites you to inquire about the Catholic faith.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process designed for you...

- To ask your questions about the Catholic Faith.
- To explore the beauty of Sacred Scripture and Catholic Tradition
- To journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil

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.
- Catholics who do not practice their faith, and want to connect with the Sacramental way of life.
- Catholics who have left the Church, and want to return to their Sacramental roots

We welcome you to inquire about our Catholic Faith and the many blessings it has to offer you.

For more information, please contact:

Jean Kechejian - OCIA Coordinator:
jeankechejian@yahoo.com or (203) 521-1179

OCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those who journey to You.
Strengthen their faith.
Open their hearts to the fulness of Your love.
Deepen their understanding.
See their hearts afire for the Kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.
Amen.

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



1st Annual Tuition Assistance Scramble

DATE: June 3, 2023

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

LOCATION: ArrowHead Golf Course

This is the first annual golf tournament for the St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 11281. All proceeds will go to the Father Glackin St. John Neumann Scholarship and the Knights of Columbus Paniccia Family Education Assistance Fund.

This is a great opportunity to show your support for Catholic Education. We have sponsorship levels to fit every budget.

Come out and spend your morning on the links for a great cause!

☐ Single Golfer \$100

☐ Hole Sign \$200

☐ Foursome \$350

MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION TO: 9836 Whitehall Street Naples, FL 34109 Please make check payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 11281 Write on Memo line: Golf Tournament FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact: Troy Costain Phone: 239.825.9279

Troy @dgarrett construction.com



Ministries and Groups

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

~ Hebrews 13:16

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact Ann Petrillo: 239.248.2189

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

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@SVDPnaples.org.

AA Brian R. 732-735-7037

Adult Children of Alcoholics Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195

Al-Anon For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org



Children/Youth Ministries and Groups



Altar Servers - Altar Servers participate with the Priest in performing various parts of the liturgy. They assist the Sacristan with preparing the altar, lighting the candles and other tasks as assigned. This ministry is open to Youth who have been Baptized and have made their First Holy Communion. Youth altar servers assist at weekend masses, at weddings, and other special liturgies. Training is conducted several times each year. Email servers@sjecc.com for more information.

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

Children's Choir - Open to children who want to share their musical gifts with the parish family of St. John the Evangelist. The Children's Choir sings on the first Sunday of the month at the 11:00 Mass. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 4:00 PM in the Church. Pre-Mass warmups are in the Choir Room (located next to the Pulte Center) at 10:20 AM on the first Sunday of the month. October-May only. Contact Edward Persin for more information: Edward @sjecc.com

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

Youth Group - Our Middle School and High School Youth Groups enable young people to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer, reflection, discussions, and activities. Our Youth Groups positively support youth development and foster healthy values and life skills. Our RISE Middle School Youth Group meets on Fridays from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Our IGNITE High School Group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Both groups meet September-May. Please contact Juliana LoGiudice for more information: Juliana@sjecc.com

5:00 PM Contemporary Mass - Children and Youth who have made their First Communion are invited to serve at our weekly Contemporary Mass. Contact Juliana LoGiudice for more information: Juliana@sjecc.com

Children & Youth Miristry







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:
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 Koeppl
- 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 Tyrrell 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.

Ted Bouchard, Nicholas Costanza, and Gus Stefanek

Prayer List

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

- Tom Abell
- Priscila Abgala
- Declan Aigner
- Beckey Atkins
- Jerry B.
- Florence Ballachino
- Barbara Barber
- Jennifer Basile
- Nadine Baxter
- Linda Berry
- Sara Boettcher
- Karen Cassady
- Mr and Mrs Ciano
- Sheryl Conway
- Mary Coyle
- Matthew Cummings
- Tom Despres
- Donna DiMare
- Lorraine Dolan
- Linda Donaldson
- Megan Ebert
- Peter Ebert
- Paul Ebert
- Pamela Eck
- Tarricia Eci
- John Eddy
- Monica Ellis
- Bill Farley
- Bruce Fenske
- Lori Fenske

- Amy FitzGerald
- Rachel Fling
- Anna Focht
- Tom Froh
- Lester Fuller
- Terry Gallagher
- Joanna Gasparrino
- Marg Gheller
- Amy Goodwine
- Florence Gordon
- Lisa Ann Granger
- Richard Granger
- Peter Greenberg
- Kathleen Greenberg
- Ian Greenberg
- Gary Gwizdala
- Kay Hackett
- Raymond Hall
- Fred Harkins
- Ann Harper
- Edward John Hendrickson
- Bob Hilliard
- Kathleen Cleary Hinkle
- Brian Hintz
- Walter Howell
- Patrick Howlett
- Jim HubbardJimmy
- Cynthia Johnson

- Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman
- Yvonne Keenan
- Carey Kendall
- Tracey Kirk
- Barbara KoppRichard C. Kruger
- Judy Kruzich
- Ramona Langman
- Teresa Lozano
- M. E. M.
- Albert M.
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In a special way, we pray for Fr. Len. May God's healing hand be upon him.

Gospel Reflection With Fr. Tom

In today's Gospel passage we have part of the farewell discourse of Jesus during the last supper. In these last hours with his apostles he spoke about essentials. Many of the things he said were naturally directed towards the future, at how he wanted them to live when he was gone. One of the things he said to them was: If you love me, keep my commandments.

We are not talking about keeping a specific set of commandments but rather about following his way of life. What is involved here is Christian discipleship. We can't truly call ourselves disciples of Jesus if we don't listen to his words and make an effort to live by them. One wouldn't be much of a Christian if one didn't try to live as Jesus taught.

But we must be clear about one thing. We don't keep his commandments so that he will love us; we keep his commandments because he loves us. During that same supper Jesus said, Love one another as I have loved you. It was he who first loved the apostles, and loved them unconditionally.

The greatest need each one of us has is for real, unconditional love. Yet we find it hard to believe that this is how God loves us. We tend to believe that God will love us only if we are good. God loves us, not because we are good, but because he is good. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. God's unconditional love for us is the Good News. Our response is to try to return that love.

Jesus knew that the Father loved him. He responded by loving the Father. He showed his love for the Father through his obedience, even though that obedience cost him his life. And it is through obedience that we are to show our love for Jesus. What does this mean in practice? It means listening to his word and putting it in action. To love is to obey. And to obey is to love.

There are those who proclaim their love for Jesus in words, but who deny him in their deeds or by their way of life. Real love is shown in deeds. People know us by our acts, not by what we say with our lips. It's not easy to live as a disciple of Jesus in the modern world. It never was an easy thing. But for that reason Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit. When we are weak we must pray to the Spirit. The Spirit comforts us in times of sorrow, enlightens us in times of darkness, and makes us brave and strong in times of weakness.

The word Jesus used for the Spirit is the word Advocate, a legal term for one who supports a defendant at a trial. The Spirit will be the great defender of the disciples in time of trial. And the follower of Jesus can expect to suffer. But, as St Peter says (Second Reading), it is better to suffer for doing the right thing than for doing the wrong thing. Knowing that our cause is right gives us great strength. Besides, we have the example of Christ who, though innocent, suffered and died for our sins.

The apostles knew that Jesus loved them. And we know that Jesus loves us too. There is no mistaking love. You feel it in your heart. It is like a flame that warms your soul, energizes your spirit and supplies passion to your life. Love is our connection to God and to each other. Love is the climate in which the Christian lives.

Love one another as I have loved you. That sums it all up.

Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. (1) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: R. Alleluia.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: R. Alleluia.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: R. Alleluia.

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: R. Alleluia.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.
Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or:R. Alleluia.

Reading 2 1 Pt 3:15-18

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.
Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

Alleluia Jn 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Music for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Opening Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 66: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gifts: Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Communion: Eat this Bread, Only in God

Closing Hymn: Hail, Holy Queen

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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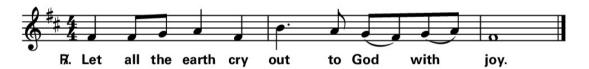
1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.

2. 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!"

Text: 87 87 D; based on Revelation 5:9-14; William C. Dix, 1837-1898, and Compilers. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887.

Psalm 66: Let All the Earth Cry Out to God With Joy



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Hail Mary: Gentle Woman Carey Landry

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain:

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

- 1. You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son. You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.
- **2.** Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too. Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.

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Music for the Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Music for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Only in God



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Hail, Holy Queen

SALVE REGINA COELITUM

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above; O Maria! Hail, mother of mercy and of love. O Maria! Refrain:

Triumph, all ye cherubim; Sing with us, ye seraphim! Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, salve, Regina!

2. Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria! Our hope in sorrow and in woe. O Maria!

5:00pm Contemporary Mass Music

Opening Song: Here I Am to Worship

1: Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: And here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

2: King of all days, oh, so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came to the earth You created All for love's sake, became poor

Preparation Song: Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with you
Blessed are you among women
And blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Prayfor us sinners now And at the hour of death Amen

Gentle woman, Quiet light Morning star, So strong and bright Gentle Mother, Peaceful dove Teach us wisdom, Teach us love

Communion Song: Reckless Love

V1: Before I spoke a word You were singing over me, You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus: O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God

V2: When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me, You have been so so good to me When I felt no worth You paid it all for me You have been so so kind to me

Bridge: There's no shadow You won't light up Mountain You won't climb up Coming after me There's no wall You won't kick down Lie You won't tear down Coming after me

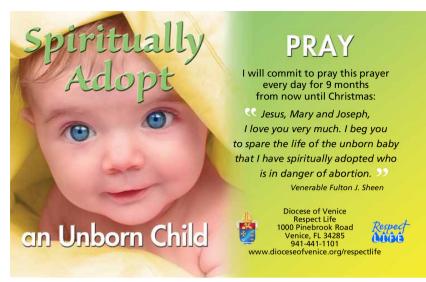
Closing Song: House of the Lord

V1: We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

Chorus: There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

V2: We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Respect Life





MONTH 3 - May

Your spiritually adopted baby is quite active in the womb now - - although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although he obtains the oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce. Early this month – at just 9 weeks – he began to suck his thumb.

Psalm 139:14-16 - "I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you. When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

Prayer Vigil

The St. John the Evangelist
Respect Life team will be
participating in a prayer vigil at
Planned Parenthood in Naples
each first Tuesday of the month
10 am - 12 pm, starting on May
2nd. Please join us in prayer. For
more info call Rosemary at
239-250-0432.

"Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life."

– St. John Paul II

Adult Faith Formation

Women, do you want to grow in your capacity to read quality literature and engage in meaningful dialogue to discuss how literature can draw us closer to Christ?

We invite you to join the Well Read Mom reading movement! We will meet on Wednesday, May 31st at 6:30PM to discuss, Kazuo Ishiguro's, Remains of the Day and to form groups.

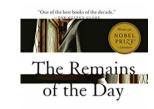
We can offier a morning option if there is interest.

The goal is to provide a way for women to read high-quality literature together and grow in friendship. Our groups are open to women at all stages of life.

WRM groups read one book per month and meet to discuss once a month. Our year together includes great books, spiritual classics (during Advent and Lent), and worthy reads that explore the human condition and reorient us to what is good, true, and beautiful.

Questions? Contact Natalie Campbell at aff@sjecc.com . Explore the National Website at wellreadmom.com . Subscribe to the apple podcast Read More, Read Well.







Geraldina & the Compass Rose - May 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM





"None of us knows what might happen even the next minute, yet still we go forward. Because we trust. Because we have Faith." ~ Editor's Review, Geraldina & the Compass Rose; One Woman's Faith-Filled Journey To Find Love.

Back by popular demand, Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 PM please join Award Winning and Best-Selling Author Geraldine Brown Giomblanco, a parishioner and catechist of St. John's, as she shares her celebration of God's love through a book presentation. Geraldine includes life experiences, miracles, and stories of divine providence. Roses play a substantial part in her story, as her grandmother Rosaria's influence on praying the rosary and roses appearing when she prays to St. Therese, the "Little Flower." In addition, the author uses inspiring photos, music, and humor to drive home the miraculous power of prayer, forgiveness, and the love of God. And the memoir is being adapted into a film. Free bookmarks for all attendees. Signed books for sale at the end of the presentation. To learn more about the author, visit gbgbooks.com

Adult Faith Formation

This Week in Adult Faith Formation

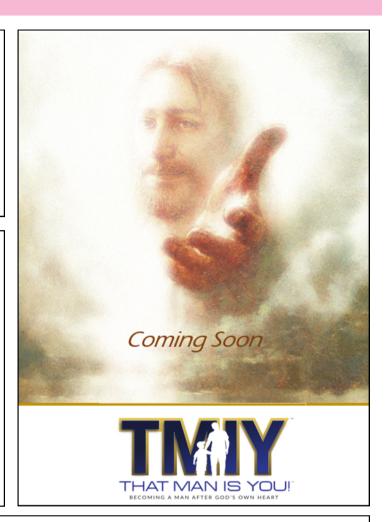


Thursday, May 18th Women's Faith Chat 9:30AM-11:00AM Alexandria Room Claussen Center

A Prayer for Catholic Faith Formation



Loving God, send your Spirit to open our hearts to Jesus. Guide us to a deeper conversion. Grant us a greater appreciation of the beauty of our Catholic faith. Give us the courage and confidence to joyfully share our faith with others.





Mary, our mother and model on Mother's Day and Always

To know you are loved,
cherished and cared for;
To hold and to be held;
To share sorrows and joys,
and to know that you are not alone;
to matter to others,
to know you'll be missed when you're gone;
to be accepted, forgiven and smiled upon;
and to give just as you receive
-this is being nurtured, nurturing.
This is heaven.

Mary is the mother, nurturer, handmaid of the Lord.

We are to be like her.

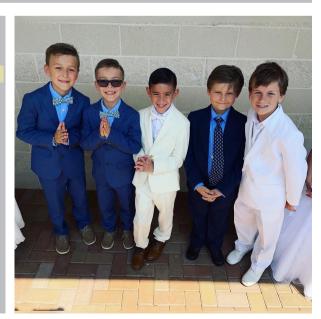
Faith Formation - First Holy Communion



Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion this year. God's love will always be there to comfort you, guide you, and bless you.







Faith Formation - First Holy Communion



























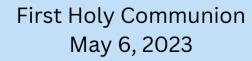












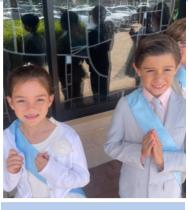
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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Faith Formation - May Crowning











Hail Mary



Full of Grace







Faith Formation - Contest Winner!



5th Grade Faith Formation Student wins National Essay Contest!

Our Faith Formation students recently participated in an essay contest called, "Christ is Alive", sponsored by comcenter.com, a publisher of Faith Formation materials. The contest asked children to write about a time when they felt close to God. Blakely, a 5th grade student in Geraldine Brown Giomblanco's Faith Formation class won First Prize out of 10,000 participants from parishes and schools nationwide! Congratulations to Blakely...we are so proud of you and your wonderful essay! Blakely's winning essay is below.

I have felt close to God many times throughout my life, but never as close as I did recently, when my dog became extremely sick.

My dog, Mullet, is a 13 years old Pointer mix that my parents rescued in Atlanta before I was born. We have grown up together and I have never really thought about him not being in my life and getting old and dying before he got so sick.

One day, he suddenly became sick, could barely stand, he could barely his eyes open, he had a cough and my family all felt like the end was near for him. Our hearts were broken and we were all in shock that he had taken such a sudden turn for the worse out of nowhere. This was going to be a huge loss for my family because Mullet is not just any dog. He has been a best friend and protector to me and my sisters, he helps my mom in the kitchen by cleaning plates and crumbs off the floor and most importantly a very best friend to my Dad who was in the Marine Corp.

My parents prepared us to say goodbye before they took Mullet to the vet. I can still feel how sad I felt that day and how my heart actually felt broken. Before Mullet was carried to the car I asked for a private moment with him. I told him what a good dog he was and how much I loved him. When I prayed with him I heard something in my head say, that he will have a little more time with us and to pray for strength for him." So that is what I did.

I expected my parents to pull back into our driveway without our dog...to my surprise he came back home!!! He had pneumonia and was put on lots of medicine to help him get better. Thankfully he pulled through!

Now every day I thank God for the time he has given us with Mullet. God was with me to give me strength to be strong in case it was time for Mullet to go to Heaven and he continues to be with me and remind me that each day that Mullet is with us is special. Although I know that my dog cannot live forever, I am at peace knowing that when it is time to go God will be waiting on him to welcome him into Heaven and continue to be with me as I grieve his loss.

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Prayer to End a School Year



God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of our schools.

We ask that you bless all students in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen