

# St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord - May 21, 2023



#### The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

#### A Prayer for World Peace

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

### **Business Information**



# Donation Reminders



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

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

**5/3/23 - 5/9/23** \$65,790.00

#### 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 This Weekend

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 Diocese of Venice for this weekend.

#### 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

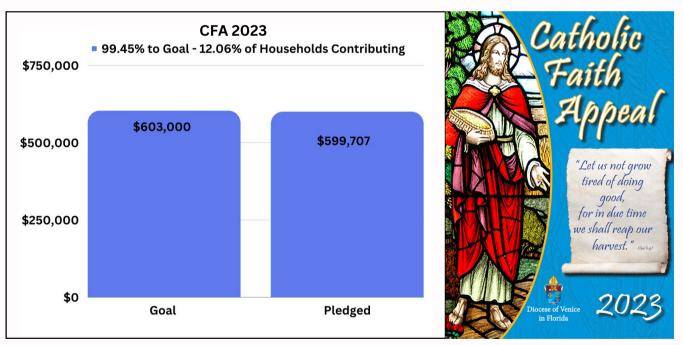
Dear Parishioners,

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 99.45% to our goal, with 12.06% 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 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

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

#### Mailing Address & Contact Information

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108 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 <u>Hospital ministry</u> 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

Requested By

#### Saturday, May 20, 2023

	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
	<u>Monday, May 22, 2023</u>			Requested By
	8:30 AM	+	Robert Frazier	Joan Frazier
	Tuesday, May 23, 2	2023		Requested By
	8:30 AM	+	Betty O'Rourke	O'Rourke Family
	Wednesday, May 24, 2023			<u>Requested By</u>
	8:30 AM	+	Charles A. Mazzoni	Mazzoni and McKune Family
	<u>Thursday, May 25, 2023</u>			Requested By
	8:30 AM	SI	For My Siblings	Deb Marsh
	Friday, May 26, 202	23		Requested By
	8:30 AM	+	Joseph Chorba	Jeff and Carol Chorba
	Saturday, May 27,	2023		<u>Requested By</u>
	8:00 AM	+	William and Cecilia Schultz	The Schultz Family
(Vigil Masses for Sunday)				
	3:00 PM	,, +	Terry VanderHorst	Vicki VanderHorst
	5:00 PM	+	Richie	Ingrid
	<u>Sunday, May 28, 2023</u>			Requested By
	7:00 AM	SI	50th Wedding Anniversary of Andre and Donna Limarenko	Donna Limarenko
	9:00 AM	+	Angelo Monticelli	St. John the Evangelist Choir
	11:00 AM	+	Irene and John Irvine	The Irvine Family
	1:00 PM	+	Felix Zalewski	Fr. Tom

5:00 PM + Loretta Judy



#### The Ascension of the Lord

Respect Life Ministry

### 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 20, 2023** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday, May 21, 2023** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

**Monday, May 22, 2023** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc 36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday, May 25, 2023** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday, May 26, 2023** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday, May 27, 2023** Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25



#### 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



### OCIA



# 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.

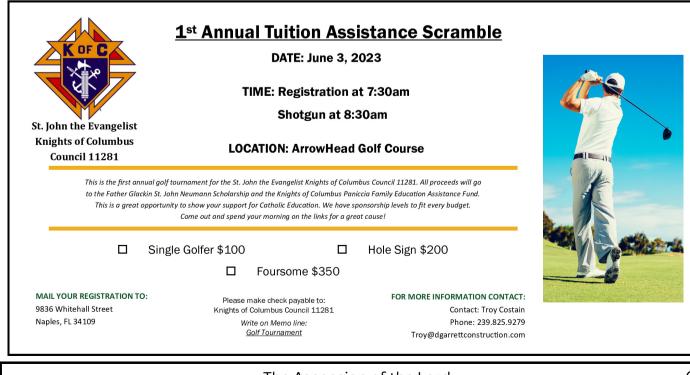
We welcome you to inquire about our Catholic Faith and the many blessings it has to offer you.

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



"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





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 lesus 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 Ministry





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 SPC Nicholas LaManna
- 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 Capt. Gregory Sacenti US Army
- Sophie Koeppl
- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary 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
- 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

### Prayer List

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

Irene Fesler, Raymond Hall, Virginia Poirier

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 •
- lerry B. •
- Florence Ballachino Lester Fuller •
- Barbara Barber
- lennifer Basile
- Nadine Baxter ۰
- Linda Berry
- Sara Boettcher .
- Paula Cantoni •
- Karen Cassady ۰
- Mr and Mrs Ciano •
- Sheryl Conway •
- Mary Coyle •
- Matthew Cummings Gary Gwizdala
- Tom Despres ٠
- Donna DiMare •
- Lorraine Dolan ٠
- Linda Donaldson
- Megan Ebert ٠
  - Peter Ebert
- Paul Ebert •

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- Pamela Eck •
- John Eddy
- Monica Ellis •
- Bill Farley

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- Bruce Fenske
- Lori Fenske

- Amy FitzGerald
- Rachel Fling
- Anna Focht
- Phyllis and Peter Foti
- Tom Froh
- Terry Gallagher
- Joanna Gasparrino
- Marg Gheller
- Amy Goodwine
- Florence Gordon
- Lisa Ann Granger
- Richard Granger
- Peter Greenberg
- Kathleen Greenberg
- lan Greenberg •
- Kay Hackett
- Fred Harkins
- Ann Harper
  - Edward John Hendrickson
  - Bob Hilliard
    - Kathleen Cleary Hinkle ٠
    - Brian Hintz
    - Walter Howell
    - Patrick Howlett
    - lim Hubbard
    - Jimmy
    - Cynthia Johnson
      - Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman

- Yvonne Keenan
- Carey Kendall
- Tracey Kirk
- Barbara Kopp •
- Richard C. Kruger •
- Judy Kruzich •
- Ramona Langman •
- Drew Loggi •
- Michele Loggi •
- MaryEtta Loggi •
- Elaine Lopresti
- Teresa Lozano
- M. E. M.
- Albert M.
- Diane Maloney
- Ruth Martin
- Donna Masse
- Lucille Metz •
- Eileen Miner •
- Patrick Moorton
- Marie Morsetti •
- Kimberly Mullin •
- Robert Murphy
- John Murphy
- Eleanor Nute •
- JenniferO'Connor
- Joseph Pandolfo •
- Ric Parker
- Patty

The Ascension of the Lord

Timothy Pearson

- Ann Petrillo
- Carol Petrone
- Robert Pulte
- Karen Pulte •
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Jeanne Stoll

**Bill Stuckey** 

Joan Switalski

Sarah Thewes

Rusty Thurlow

Kathleen Trotter

Thelma Varhach

Carol Williamson

Bruce Williamson

Dana, Geneva and Greigh Wells

Noah Wagner

Brynn Wilson

S. J. Zarebi

Mike Zewalk

• Marilyn Thyen

• Judith & Michael S.

Peggy O'Neil Saba

Catherine Schmacht

Sue and Tom Sweeney

Joan Marie Switalski

Carlos Somarribas

Norma J. Spriggle

### Gospel Reflection With Fr. Tom

On Ascension Day Jesus withdrew his physical presence from his disciples. But physical absence does not mean the end of presence. The ascension of Jesus is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth.

Physical presence isn't everything. In fact, it can sometimes actually get in the way of intimate communication. Many of our disappointments in life are caused by the fact that seeing and touching do not always create the closeness we seek. Two people can be physically close, and yet live separate, lonely lives, because there is no meeting of minds and hearts. They are like shells on a shore.

On the other hand, people can be very close to one another even though separated by thousands of miles. For people to grow together there must be periods of absence as well as presence. In absence we see each other in a new way. We are less distracted by each other's idiosyncrasies, and better able to appreciate each other's true worth.

If we are able to be fully present to our friends when we are with them, our absence too will bear fruit. The memory of that presence, the warmth of it, will continue to nourish the other person. Thus, not only our presence but also our absence becomes a gift.

When we think of each other with love a spiritual bond is created between us, and we enter into a new intimacy. For those who love one another there is no such place as "far away".

Jesus' ascension was not a journey into outer space, but a journey home. We must not think that he has abandoned us; that he once lived on earth but has now gone back to where he really belongs. If this were so then Christianity would be no more than a remembrance religion. Jesus has gone to God. During his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at a time. But now that he is united with God, he is present wherever God is present; and that is everywhere.

The first Christians understood this very well. They knew that Jesus was still with them, even if not in the same way as before. They believed he still shared their lives, and that death would mean being united with him in glory forever.

Still, we might look back with envy at the people who were fortunate enough to have seen the risen Lord with their own eyes. But the Gospels show that those who were in that enviable position did not truly know Jesus until the Scriptures were expounded and the bread was broken.

We Christians of the present day have those same means of recognizing the Lord, the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. In the matter of encountering Jesus with faith a past generation is not more privileged than the present one.

Jesus was relying on the apostles, and now on us, to make sure that the Gospel was preached and lived. He needs us to witness to his presence in the world.



### 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

#### Reading 1 Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with the them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

# R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or: R. Alleluia.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth. **R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or: R. Alleluia.** God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;

the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or: R. Alleluia.** For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations,

God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or: R. Alleluia.

Reading 2 Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

#### Alleluia

Mt 28:19a, 20b

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.** 

### Readings for The Ascension of the Lord

### Gospel

Mt 28: 16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

### Music for The Ascension of the Lord

Opening Hymn: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47 - God Mounts His Throne Gifts: Go Make Of All Disciples Communion Songs: Worthy is the Lamb, Be Not Afraid Closing Hymn: To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King



### Music for The Ascension of the Lord



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Go Make Of All Disciples **ELLACOMBE** 1. "Go all dis ci ples:" We the make of hear \_ 2. "Go ples:" Bap make dis - tiz of all ci ing \_ 3. "Go ples:" We make of all dis ci at your \_ 4. "Go ples:" We make of all dis ci wel - come \_ 0 Fa That comes from ther, 1. call, Lord, you, our In Fa - ther, Of Son, and 2. in the name Spir \_ it- From Un - til 3. feet would stay each life's vo - ca tion Ac wavs:" We 4. vour com-mand: "Lo. L am with vou al of 1. your Word. In spire our ways nal е \_ ter \_ \_ We call each new dis -2. age to age the same. We cul - ti - vate the 3. cents ho your \_ ly way. quid -4. take hand. The task looms large be vour ing 1. learn ing Through earn-est, fer-vent prayer, And let our 2. Re - deem - ing ci ple То fol - low you, O Lord, ev - 'ry 3. God plants in na ture heart, Re - veal - ing We 4. fol - low with-out In heav'n and fore US fear. 1. dai - ly liv Re you ing veal ev - 'ry - where. 2. soul and By and the Word. bod wa - ter y Mas - ter Teach-er's 3. in our wit ness The art. pow bring God's king-dom here. 4. earth your er Shall

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### Music for The Ascension of the Lord

Worthy Is the Lamb

**Ricky Manalo** 



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#### Be Not Afraid/No Temas Más Bob Dufford SJ

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

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

#### Refrain

Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

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

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#### To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King ICH GLAUB AN GOTT

 To Jesus Christ, our Sov'reign King, Who is the world's salvation, All praise and homage do we bring And thanks and adoration. Christ Jesus, victor! Christ Jesus, ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and redeemer! 2. Thy reign extend, O King benign,To ev'ry land and nation;For in thy kingdom, Lord divine,Alone we find salvation.Christ Jesus, victor! Christ Jesus, ruler!Christ Jesus, Lord and redeemer!

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#### An Ascension Day Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!

### 5:00pm Contemporary Mass Music

#### Opening Song: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hail the day that sees him rise; Alleluia! To this throne above the skies; Alleluia! Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia! Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits! Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia! He has conquered death and sing; Alleluia! Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

#### Preparation Song: I Will Exalt You

I will exalt you I will exalt you I will exalt you You are my God

My hiding place My safe refuge My treasure lord you are My friend and king Anointed one Most holy

Because you're with me Because you're with me Because you're with me I will not fear

#### Communion Song: Behold the Lamb

1: Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight; We who live, we who die, are grateful for His gift, Thankful for His love

Chorus: Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; And all, all who dwell in God Shall come to know His glory.

2: Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blesses with understanding Of the wheat, of the wine united with His word And the love we share 3: Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table. Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; Shelter them with peace.

#### **Closing Song: Indescribable**

1: From the highest of heights to the depths of the Sea, creation's revealing your majesty! From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring Every creature unique in the song that it sings, All exclaiming:

Chorus: Indescribable, uncontainable You placed the stars in the sky And You know them by name You are amazing, God All powerful, untameable Awestruck, we fall to our knees As we humbly proclaim You are amazing, God

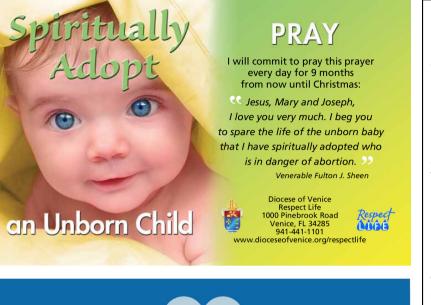
2: Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow? Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom:



### **Respect Life**

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**PREGNANT!** 



Walking with

### LET HER KNOW She's not alone

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

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

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

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



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



#### 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?

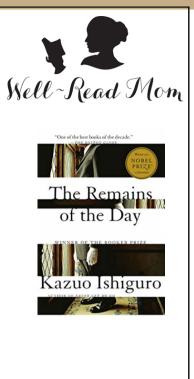
We invite you to join the Well Read Mom reading movement! We will meet on Wednesday, May 31st at 6:30PM to discuss, Kazuo Ishiguro's, Remains of the Day and to form groups.

We can offier a morning option if there is interest.

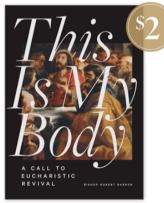
The goal is to provide a way for women to read high-quality literature together and grow in friendship. Our groups are open to women at all stages of life.

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.







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A recent Pew Forum survey revealed the startling statistic that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For the majority of Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life.

This indicates a spiritual disaster, for the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." In response to this crisis, Bishop Robert Barron, then the Chair of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, began working with his brother bishops on a solution. From these conversations, the National Eucharistic Revival was born.

This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival is designed to accompany that revival. In this brief but illuminating text, Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely. *~Written by Bishop Barron*.



#### This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Thursday, May 25th – Women's Faith Chat 9:30AM-11:00AM Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center

### Faith Formation

#### 2023 - 2024 Faith Formation Registration NOW OPEN

We are so blessed to serve PreK through High School Confirmation. Registration Forms are currently available at the Parish Office, at the Children's Area near the Gift Boutique in the church and in the Faith Formation Office.Please visit our website for more details. Registration Forms are due by August 31st. Thank you parents and volunteer catechists for a great Faith Formation Year! Have a wonderful summer!



#### **This Week In Faith Formation**

**Sunday, May 21st** VBS Crew Leader Training 3:30PM-4:30PM Friday, May 26th Last day for Campers to register for VBS®



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### CYO and Youth Ministry - Summer Camps



### Pulte Family Life Center



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

**Parish Breakfast** 

**Every Wednesday After morning Mass** 

**Pulte Family Life Center Cafe** 

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

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📄 Upcoming dates:

June 27th

July 11th

July 25th

1:00 PM

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June 1st Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Event is FREE but RSVP is required, Call 239-776-7353 to reserve your lunch!



\*Event is in the Pulte Life Center at the VERY back of the church\*



#### **Upcoming Dates:**

May 26th, 6pm June 9th. 6pm

June 23rd, 6pm July 14th, 6pm Julv 28th. 6pm



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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