

St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023



Middle School
High School
College

Youth HOLY HOUR



Adore Jesus in
the Eucharist



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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

27 families joined our parish in July. Welcome to all new parishioners!

Total Households

With our new families, we have 3413 Parish households.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of those baptized in July:

- Magdalena Hernandez
- Gabriella Roberts
- Sophia Messina
- Ezri Shaffer
- Hudson Stoneburner
- Maeva and Elsbeth Sneeringer
- Tristin and Jade Wallace

Weddings

Congratulations to Gessie Joseph & Michael Jacquet who celebrated their marriage convalidation in July. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness:



Offertory

7/19/23 - 7/25/23
\$42,345.44

7/26/23 - 8/1/23
\$30,533.37

8/2/23 - 8/8/23
\$43,166.42

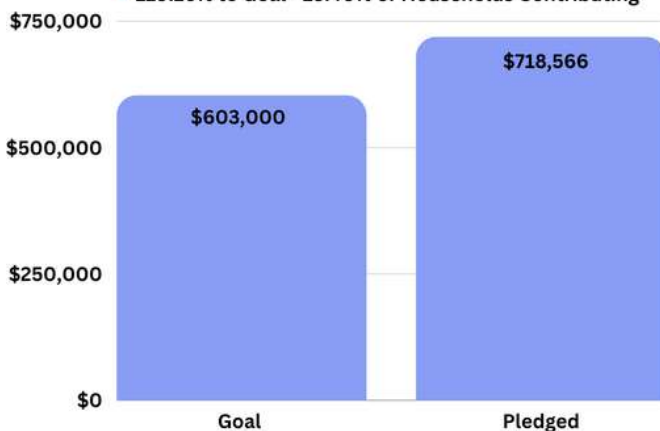
8/9/23 - 8/15/23
\$45,140.65

CFA 2023

119.16% to Goal

15.40% of Households Contributing

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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



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.

Second Collection This Weekend



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 18, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,


In recent days, the nation has watched as a terrible and devastating fire struck the Hawaiian island of Maui. Though the full extent of the impact is not yet known, over 110 people have died and there is extensive destruction, especially in the community of Lahaina.

Throughout Southwest Florida, there is an understanding of the dangers of natural disasters, and many can remember the destruction in our local communities from Hurricane Ian, less than a year ago. A great deal of help was needed, and the goodness of others was clearly evidenced.

Our Catholic Faith calls each of us to care for those in need, and at this time in particular, for those who are suffering in the wake of this terrible fire on Maui. Recognizing the need of those who have been so severely impacted by the fire, a second collection will be held in Parishes of the Diocese of Venice on the weekend of August 26-27. Funds collected will be sent to Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Honolulu to help address the significant need.

Your generosity and your prayers for the people of Maui are deeply appreciated. May Almighty God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ 
+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

FJD/mm

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed)

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

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am (livestreamed), 11:00am (livestreamed), 1:00pm, and 5:00pm (Contemporary Mass)

Reconciliation Times

Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am and 2:00-2:45pm

OFFICE INFORMATION

Mailing Address & Contact Information

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108

Phone: 239.566.8740

Email: info@sjecc.com

Office Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Religious Gift Shop Hours

Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:15pm

Sunday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

Clergy

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

Administrative Staff

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 Caddell-Vierling: pollyanna@sjecc.com

Bookkeeper: Karen Beebe: karen@sjecc.com

Memorial Garden: Karen Beebe: karen@sjecc.com

Facilities: Jesus Arce: jesus@sjecc.com

Ivan Torres: Ivan@sjecc.com

Director of Programs & the PFLC: Now Hiring!

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

Faith Formation Assistants:

Melissa O'Brien: melissa@sjecc.com

Carol Chorba: carol@sjecc.com

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

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharistic Ministers: Maureen Reed
maureen@sjecc.com

Homebound ministry: Sara Catlett:
sara@sjecc.com

Hospital ministry: Mary Pat Salomone:
marypat@sjecc.com

Lectors Ministry:

L. Philip Baier: lectors@sjecc.com

Youth Lectors: Call the Office, 239.566.8740

Greeters & Ushers:

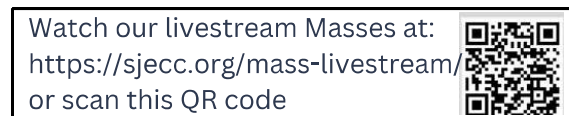
Bill Fuller: wfuller1@comcast.net

Altar Servers:

Briana Billanti : servers@sjecc.com

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo: ksanfelippo@comcast.net



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 26, 2023

8:00 AM + Clinton David Moffatt

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Guillermo Alvarez

5:00 PM + Nora Boyle

Requested By

Gigi Moffatt

Mireya

Noreen Price

Sunday, August 27, 2023

7:00 AM + Ted Harkulich

9:00 AM + Greg Knapp

11:00 AM + Nicholas Wardein

1:00 PM + Leah Guarsci

5:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

Requested By

Mr. and Mrs. J. Skubick

Bob Collins

Team St. William

Kevin and Michelle Beddor

Monday, August 28, 2023

8:30 AM + James Healey

Requested By

Gail Wernes

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

8:30 AM + Joseph and Gloria Cesa

Requested By

Family and Grandchildren

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

8:30 AM + Joseph and Beverly J. Cesa Frato

Requested By

Family

Thursday, August 31, 2023

8:30 AM + Blanca Fernandez

Requested By

Mireya

Friday, September 1, 2023

8:30 AM + Alex Dolkas

Requested By

Marty and Judith Gauthier

Saturday, September 2, 2023

8:00 AM + Papa Jack Roberts

Requested By

Andy and Liz Roberts and Family

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

5:00 PM + Richard Sickler

Louis Perry

Sunday, September 3, 2023

7:00 AM + Victoria Martin

9:00 AM + Francesco P. Morsilli

11:00 AM + David Liscio

1:00 PM + Sylvia and Joseph Harris

5:00 PM + Vincent James Farengo

Requested By

John Martin

Martha Iazzetti

NHS Family

Marie and Bob Harris

Peter and Ann Blanco



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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. 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.

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*

Distribution of the Precious Blood from the Chalice

Under the guidance of Bishop Dewane, St. John the Evangelist will resume the distribution of Communion under both species. Please note that distribution of the Precious Blood will be based on the number of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at each Mass.



Readings for the Week

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday, August 28, 2023

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 31, 2023

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 24:42-51

Friday, September 1, 2023

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, September 2, 2023

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Ministries and Groups

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact the Main Office 239.566.8740

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 – Faith Chat is currently watching and discussing the TV series The Chosen. We will be watching 2 episodes (6&7) on June 22 and the final episode on June 29th. We will NOT be meeting during July and August but will resume the first Thursday in September at 9:15am. Have a great summer.

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@SVDNnaples.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



OCIA / Children & Youth Ministries



Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

If you are thinking of inquiring about the Catholic faith, do not be shy in exploring what the Catholic Church offers you. You will never know unless you ask.

The Order of Christian Initiation is a process to welcome people into the Catholic Faith. It is designed for you...

- to explore the beauty of Sacred Scripture and Catholic Tradition
- to answer your questions about the Catholic way of life
- to start your journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church

~We invite you to inquire with no obligation~

The OCIA Journey is for those:

- Never Baptized
- Baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholic as an infant, but not raised as a Catholic nor received additional Sacraments
- Catholics who have not practiced their faith and want to return to the Church to reconnect with the Sacramental way of life
- Catholics who desire to better understand their faith to cultivate a deeper meaning of who Jesus is in their lives

**OCIA SESSIONS WILL BEGIN ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**For more information, please contact:
Jean Kechejian, OCIA Coordinator
jeankechejian@yahoo.com or 203.521.1179**

Children & Youth Ministries

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

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

High School Youth Group: Every Sunday from 6 PM to 7:30 PM after 5 PM mass. The first day is Sunday, September 17th in classrooms 7 & 8.

Middle School Youth Group: Every Friday, excluding the second Friday of each month, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. The first day is Friday, September 22nd in classrooms 7 & 8.

We are excited to announce that we will be implementing the **Life Teen** curriculum for youth group and 5 PM Mass! Thus, we are seeking youth for various 5 PM Mass positions. Please use the link to register for all youth events/programs:
<https://form.jotform.com/232166624477158>

Calendars for youth programming will be completed by the end of August. Thank you!

Military Prayer List



Let Us Pray For Those Who Serve... Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Praying for Our Men and Women in Service – We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States.

To submit a name to add to our Military Prayer List, please contact our Main Office at 239.566.8740

Please inform us when a loved one has been discharged in order for us to keep our list current.

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 Denha 2nd lieutenant ARMY, Ft Bragg N.C.
- Major Derek-Army National Guard
- Nick Detloff
- SGT Ashlyn Ducharme Us Army
- Capt. Stephen English – US Army
- Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF
- SFC Lon Giancola
- SSG Douglas Hennessy
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF
- Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy
- Sophie Koepl
- SPC Nicholas LaManna
- Sgt. William McKinney
- 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
- Lt. Michaela Scrudato, US Navy
- 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
- Andrew Wieland US Air Force
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey
- Austin Zicht – USAF

Recently Deceased / Prayer List

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

Burton Buhrke
Virginia Drugan
Madeline Gaffey
Rita Lukowski



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

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| • Mary A. | • Rachel Fling | • Tracey Kirk | • Anna Polley |
| • Priscila Abgala | • Anna Focht | • Victoria Kramer | • Robert Pulte |
| • Declan Aigner | • Phyllis and Peter Foti | • Richard C. Kruger | • Karen Pulte |
| • Antonio Amador | • Tom Froh | • Ramona Langman | • Jim Rankin |
| • Beckey Atkins | • Lester Fuller | • John Thomas Lawson | • Robert Redman |
| • Jerry B. | • Terry Gallagher | • Rosemary Litwin | • Judith & Michael S. |
| • Anna and Angelo Babbo | • Kathy Gallucci | • Drew Loggi | • Peggy O'Neil Saba |
| • Florence Ballachino | • Joanna Gasparrino | • Michele Loggi | • Lisa Sanfelippo |
| • Barbara Barber | • Jeffery Gatt | • MaryEtta Loggi | • Catherine Schmacht |
| • Jennifer Basile | • Marg Gheller | • Elaine Lopresti | • Frank Searle |
| • Nadine Baxter | • Tamie Gibbons | • Vince LoPresti | • Mary Shea |
| • Linda Berry | • Fr. Len Gioeli | • Teresa Lozano | • Carlos Somarribas |
| • Sara Boettcher | • Amy Goodwine | • Bobby Lutz | • Laura Sotkes |
| • Michael Brien | • Florence Gordon | • M. E. M. | • George Sparacino |
| • Karen Cassady | • Lisa Ann Granger | • Albert M. | • Norma J. Spriggle |
| • Rita Caven | • Richard Granger | • Diane Maloney | • Jeanne Stoll |
| • Mr and Mrs Ciano | • Peter Greenberg | • Ruth Martin | • Katie Sutton |
| • Sheryl Conway | • Ian Greenberg | • Donna Masse | • Sue and Tom Sweeney |
| • Lucia Cook | • Joan Griffin | • Lana McBride | • Joan Marie Switalski |
| • Denise Cooper | • Gary Gwizdala | • Wendy Mercer | • Joan Switalski |
| • Matthew Cummings | • Raymond Hall | • Lucille Metz | • Sarah Thewes |
| • Tom Despres | • Fred Harkins | • Eileen Miner | • Sholle Thomson |
| • Donna DiMare | • Bob Hearson | • Patrick Moorton | • Marilyn Thyen |
| • Lorraine Dolan | • Edward John Hendrickson | • Marie Morsetti | • Kathleen Trotter |
| • Tom Duncan | • Bob Hilliard | • Kimberly Mullin | • Raymond Vanasse |
| • Megan Ebert | • Kathleen Cleary Hinkle | • Robert Murphy | • Thelma Varhach |
| • Peter Ebert | • Brian Hintz | • John Murphy | • Noah Wagner |
| • Paul Ebert | • Walter Howell | • JoAnn Natale | • Joy Wagner |
| • Pamela Eck | • Patrick Howlett | • Eleanor Nute | • Dana, Geneva and Greigh Wells |
| • John Eddy | • Jim Hubbard | • Jennifer O'Connor | • Natalie Williams |
| • Monica Ellis | • Gessie Jacquet | • Joseph Pandolfo | • Carol Williamson |
| • Bill Farley | • Carolyn Jansen | • Eric Parker | • Bruce Williamson |
| • Tiffany Fellenz | • Jimmy | • Patty | • Brynn Wilson |
| • Bruce Fenske | • Cynthia Johnson | • Lenard Pelletier | • S. J. Zarebi |
| • Lori Fenske | • Gesse Joseph | • Ann Petrillo | • Mike Zewalk |
| • Lisa Finelli | • Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman | • Carol Petrone | |
| • Amy FitzGerald | • Yvonne Keenan | • Mary Lynn Podolak | |

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 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.



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.

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble
voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your
order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the
Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger
over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked
and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy,
overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land,
and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving
Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are
still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal
with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved
Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf,
so that spared from the calamities common to this area
and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in
the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly
Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Gospel Reflection with Fr. Tom

The Gospel story shows that the primacy of Peter was not something that was invented by the Church later on. It went right back to the beginning, yes, to the mind and will of Christ himself.

Peter is one of the most interesting characters in the Gospel. It's clear that he had leadership qualities. But it's also clear that he had glaring weaknesses. In the Gospels we see his ups and downs. Sometimes he is very brave; other times he is very cowardly. Sometimes he is like a rock; other times he is more like a piece of jelly. He is almost too human. Certainly not our idea of a saint, or even the ideal person to be the head of Christ's Church.

But it's very interesting to see how Jesus dealt with him. How he helped him to grow into the man who was ready to lay down his life for him, and who eventually did. This growth was a gradual thing, and there were some regressions. But this is how growth happens. To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.

Let us take a closer look at the relationship between Jesus and Peter. It will help us to grow as human beings and as disciples of Jesus. And it will show us how best to help those we love to grow.

It all began when Jesus called him. Obviously Jesus saw potential in him. We all need someone to believe in us. It's hard to believe in ourselves if no one else believes in us.

Peter didn't think he deserved that call. He said, "Lord, depart from me, for I am a sinful man". Jesus did not deny that Peter was a sinner, but he challenged him to grow. We need to be challenged. Demands have to be made on us. Not to demand anything from someone is to condemn that person to sterility. Jesus involved him in his work. He made him a partner in it, not a mere messenger boy. Responsibility helps people to grow.

He asked him to declare his loyalty. Once when large numbers of people were leaving him, Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Will you also go?" This forced Peter to look into his own heart, and to stand on his own two feet. This helps growth.

When Peter made his great declaration of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God", Jesus praised him and promised him further responsibility. We all need recognition for work well done. We all need affirmation. This encourages further generosity.

Jesus corrected him. When Peter drew his sword in the garden of Gethsemane Jesus said to him, "Put away your sword". It takes courage on the part of the tutor to point out mistakes. And to learn from one's mistakes is an essential part of growth.

Jesus once told him off. Thus when Peter wanted to prevent him from going to Jerusalem, Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan, you are more of a hindrance to me than a help". At times the tutor may have to reprove. But there is an art in doing it.

Jesus confronted him with his failure to stay awake in the garden: "Can you not watch even one hour with me?" It doesn't help to let someone away with sloppiness and shoddiness.

He even threatened to cut him off over the feet-washing incident. We have to be stern at times and refuse to compromise on matters of principle.

He understood that when Peter denied him, he did so more out of weakness than out of malice. He forgave him and gave him the chance to begin again. We all need someone who can understand our weakness, and who doesn't write us off when we don't produce the goods right away.

But Jesus never spoilt Peter. That would be to ruin his chance of growing. The thread which runs right through their relationship was love. Peter knew that Jesus loved him. Love is the climate in which people can grow. This was the rock in Peter's life.

We can imagine that Peter made a very good leader. A leader has to be aware of his own weakness. The experience of denying Jesus rid Peter of pride and blind reliance on his own resources. At the same time it enabled him to understand the weakness of others.

Peter's story is our story too. We too blow hot and cold. Sometimes we are strong, and other times we are weak. Without a close relationship with Christ, we are only on the fringes of Christianity. We are like someone talking about love compared with someone who is in love.

Readings for The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Is 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:

"I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R. (8bc) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Reading 2

Rom 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Alleluia

Mt 16:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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Music for The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138 - Lord, Your love is eternal

Gifts: The Servant Song

Communion Hymns: On Eagles Wings, We Remember

Closing Hymn: Holy God We Praise Thy Name

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The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one over all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three-in-One,
1. She is his new creation By water and the word:
2. Her charter of salvation, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!"
3. She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore,
4. And with the saints, communion With those whose rest is won.
1. From heaven he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
2. One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
3. Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
4. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
1. With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
2. And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.
3. And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
4. Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

Text: 76 76 D; Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876.

Lord, Your Love is Eternal

(Ps 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6, 8)

(Psalm 138)

Francesca LaRosa

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

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Music for The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard



1, 6. Will you let me be your ser- vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil- grims on a jour- ney, We are trav - 'lers
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such

1, 6. Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
2. on the road; We are here to help each oth - er
3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
5. har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er

1, 6. Let you be my ser - vant, too.
2. Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
5. Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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On Eagles Wings

Michael Joncas

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

4. For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his
hand.

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Music for The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Remember

Marty Haugen

Refrain



We re-mem-ber how you loved us to your death, and still we
cel-e-brate, for you are with us here; And we be-lieve that we will
see you when you come in your glo-ry, Lord. We re-mem-ber,

2 Verses



we cel-e-brate, we be-lieve.

1. Here, a mil-lion
2. Now we re-cre-
3. Christ, the Fa-ther's
4. See the face of



1. wound-ed souls are yearn-ing just to touch you and be healed.
2. ate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
3. great "A - men" to all the hopes and dreams of ev-'ry heart,
4. Christ re-vealed in ev - 'ry per- son stand-ing by your side,

to Refrain



1. Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.
2. Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres-ence of the Lord.
3. Peace be-yond all tell - ing, and free-dom from all fear.
4. Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem-ples of your love.

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Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

GROSSER GOTT

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite, thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.
Infinite, thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"


3. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring, bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.
And adoring, bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Text: 78 78 77 with repeat; Te Deum laudamus; attr. to St. Nicetas of Remesiana, ca. 335–414; Grosser Gott, wir loben dich; tr. ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719–1790; tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900. Music: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774.

5:00 PM Contemporary Music

Opening Song: Son of Heaven

$\text{♩} = 73$ **VERSE 1 & 2**



1. This is the word here in the flesh, liv - ing a - mong the meek and low - ly.
2. This is His heart up - on the cross, and from His wounds His mer - cies flow - ing.

The voice of God, His ev - 'ry breath, sal - va - tion of the world un - fold - ing.
And now the dawn put death to death, and ev - er since that grave's been emp - ty.

CHORUS:



Be - hold Him, be - hold Him. Lift up your eyes, see the Son of Heav - en.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na. Pour out your praise; sing the name of Je - sus.

Preparation Song: Be Thou My Vision

1 Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

2 Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

3 High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

Communion Song: Taste and See

Chorus: Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me.

2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free.

5:00 PM Contemporary Music

Closing Song: Everlasting God

V: Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus: Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus: You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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& recovery.*

Parish Eucharistic Revival



Bishop DeWane says of the Year of Parish Revival *"It is in a precise way, in the Eucharist, the Lord is given to us, and we receive Him. We must also have the strength to spend time in front of the Eucharist. Let the strength that Jesus Christ is; let His presence in the Eucharist, fill your heart, fill your mind, fill your soul."*

The four pillars for St. John the Evangelist Year of Parish Revival are: Reinvigorate Worship, Personal Encounter, Robust Faith Formation, and Missionary Sending.

Reinvigorate Worship

Attentiveness to full preparation, reverent celebration, and offering many opportunities for parishioners to experience the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist more profoundly.

Personal Encounter

Active encouragement and facilitation for increased participation in Eucharistic Adoration by our parishioners.

Robust Faith Formation

Providing opportunities in our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry for instruction about the Eucharist; and personal engagement for our children, young adults, and their families. Providing parishioners resources to learn more about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Missionary Sending

Welcoming our parishioners and their families when they are drawn to the Church for sacraments. Proactive outreach and welcome to non-Catholics to join our Church. Attentiveness to our Eucharistic Ministry to encourage ongoing learning and to engage more volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers who bring Christ to all in our Parish, both at Mass and to those who are not able to attend Mass.

Eucharistic Revival - Blessed Carlo's Corner



Find Carlo!

Join us in praying for the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Each week this year, we will hide a cartoon of Carlo somewhere in the bulletin. When you find him, say a prayer asking for his Canonization.

**In the August 20 bulletin, Carlo was on page 5 in the Blue Mass Ad*

Prayer asking for Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Oh Father, who has given us the ardent testimony, of the young Blessed Carlo Acutis, who made the Eucharist the core of his life and the strength of his daily commitments so that everybody may love You above all else, let him soon be counted among the Blessed and the Saints in Your Church.

Confirm my faith, nurture my hope, strengthen my charity, in the image of young Carlo who, growing in these virtues, now lives with You. Grant me the grace that I need...

I trust in You, Father, and your Beloved Son Jesus, in the Virgin Mary, our Dearest Mother, and in the intervention of Your Blessed Carlo Acutis. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

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Miracle of the Week - Kranenburg, Germany, 1280

From **The International Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit**, designed by Carlo Acutis

On May 8, 1902, Ascension Day, the Mount Pelée volcano started erupting lava and ashes. The inhabitants of Morne-Rouge, strongly devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, immediately hurried to their parish church to ask Our Lady of Deliverance to spare their village from catastrophe. At that moment of sudden danger, people rushed to the confessionals. The parish priest, Fr. Mary, gave a general absolution to all the faithful, distributed Holy Communion, and then exposed the Blessed Sacrament for public adoration. At a certain point, a woman cried out, "The Sacred Heart of Jesus is in the Host!" A large number of people witnessed the apparition of Jesus in the Host, showing His Sacred Heart crowned with thorns. Some declared they also saw the Precious Blood of Jesus dripping from His Sacred Heart. The vision lasted several hours and stopped only after the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. On May 8th, the village of Morne-Rouge was spared from the volcano's devastating fury. Therefore, the local population had a chance to reconcile themselves with God, receive the sacraments, and so be prepared to die in the state of grace. On August 30th of the same year, a violent eruption of the same volcano destroyed also the village of Morne-Rouge.



Parish church of Morne-Rouge

Support and Reflection

Grief Support

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?
Are you a widow or widower?
Are you grieving any other type of loss?
Are you looking for support and healing?

St. John the Evangelist provides both group and individual grief support services. Nine-week group sessions are provided through the year, with the next session taking place September 12-November 7 on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Antioch room of the Claussen Center. It is not necessary to begin with the first session. You are Welcome to join at any time during the nine-week period. Sessions are facilitated using the "New Day Journal" by Mauryeen O'Brien- a journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one. There is no fee, and all materials are provided free of charge.

To register, send your name and telephone number to Deacon Hal: Hal@sjecc.com. Individual sessions may be scheduled by calling the Parish Office: 239.566.8740.



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- EMPOWERING RESOURCES
- SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE: OUR LEADERS, SUPPORTED BY LOCAL CLERGY, WILL HELP YOU FIND SOLACE IN YOUR FAITH.



Day of Reflection For Sacramental Marriage



Day of Reflection for Sacramental Marriage is a day for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church.

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September 9th

Location:
St. John the Evangelist

625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL

Register by September 1

Pre-registration is required.

Please register online [HERE](#), or by using the QR code at left.

Contact Carrie Harkey, Family Life Coordinator, should you have questions or need additional information. (941)484-9543, ext.4748
Harkey@dioceseofvenice.org



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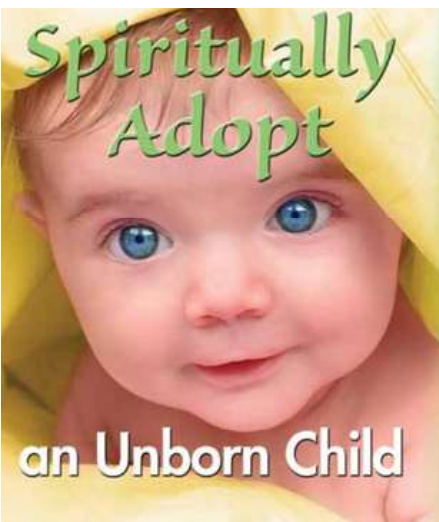
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PRAY

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

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Respect Life


MONTH 6-August

“I’m sitting up straight now!”

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don’t forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort

Prayer Vigil / Join our Respect Life Team

The St. John the Evangelist Respect Life team will participate in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Naples each first Tuesday of the month 10 am - 12 pm. For more info on our Prayer Vigil or to join our Parish Respect Life team, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.



Walking with Moms in Need

SHE’S PREGNANT!

LET HER KNOW SHE’S NOT ALONE



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

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

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

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

For additional information, contact:
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Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org
941-441-1101


PREGNANT?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Explore your options and find the help you need here.



These are the closest pregnancy help centers:

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239-689-1543 Fort Myers
239-262-6381 Naples
www.communitypregnancyclinic.com

Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida
239-990-8186 Fort Myers
239-280-5523 Naples – www.prcnaples.org

Verity Pregnancy & Medical Resource Center,
Fort Myers 239-433-1929
www.pregnancyfortmyers.com

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239-657-2016 – www.immokaleepregnancy.com



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“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

Respect Life



GET INVOLVED



1

CLIENT MENTOR

Interested in mentoring moms or dads in need?

Guide expecting moms or dads through an online parenting curriculum 1 hour per week throughout pregnancy either in person or virtually. Training is required. Contact Director of Client Services, Pam Stenzel at pstenzel@community4life.com

4

BABY BOUTIQUE ASSOCIATE

Want to work in one of our Gifted Necessities Baby Boutiques?

Count and organize baby item donations in our Gifted Necessities Baby Boutique. Contact volunteerservice@community4life.com

2

MOBILE CLINIC VOLUNTEER

Are you a retired nurse or social worker wanting to give back to your community?

Support our ultrasound technicians on our mobile clinic and provide counseling services to clients one day per week or in the evenings. Contact volunteerservice@community4life.com

3

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST

Interested in interacting directly with women considering abortion?

Become a volunteer front desk coordinator at one of our clinics during a day and evening shift. Contact volunteerservice@community4life.com

5

CLINIC MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEER

Want your handyman skills to serve a greater purpose?

Help out with tasks around the clinics and the mobiles when needed. Contact volunteerservice@community4life.com

6

MOBILE CLINIC PIT CREW VOLUNTEER

Want to bring us to moms in need?

Provide maintenance or become a volunteer driver for one of our mobile clinics. Contact volunteerservices@community4life.com

7

CAREPORTAL RESPONDER

Want to meet the tangible needs of women and families?

Stay updated on and respond to the current tangible needs of our clients. Contact volunteerservice@community4life.com

8

BABY DRIVE COORDINATOR

Interested in coordinating a baby drive to support our Gifted Necessities Baby Boutiques?

Coordinate a baby drive at your church, school, or workplace. Contact volunteerservice@community4life.com

9

CHURCH LIAISON

Want to increase your church's involvement in the Pro-Life Movement?

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Decline to Sign Petition for Dangerous Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative - An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida State Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to have a pro-abortion constitutional amendment placed on the statewide ballot in the November 2024 election. To do so, they need nearly 900,000 signatures and are working right now in communities across Florida to collect them. Floridian Catholics should not sign the petition. Please also continue your prayers for the protection of the unborn and spread the word to your spheres of influence.

Adult Faith Formation



Well-Read Mom YEAR of the Seeker

Well Read Mom- Kickoff Event! Wednesday, September 27th 6:30-8:00PM in the Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center. All Members and Non-Members welcome to “Kickoff” Session. Register online to become a member and receive member benefits. Please RSVP to aff@sjecc.com if you plan to attend the “Kickoff.” See you soon and happy reading!

Basic Membership - www.wellreadmom.org/join-today/ (Other Membership Levels Available) \$49.95 Per Year (auto-renews)

Membership Includes:

- A printed copy of our Reading Companion and a beautiful bookmark
- Monthly Audio Resources to enrich your reading and group discussions
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- A printed copy of our beautiful Well-Read Mom Summer Magazine



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! 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 Lena Costain at aff@sjecc.com . Explore the National Website at wellreadmom.com . Subscribe to the apple podcast Read More, Read Well

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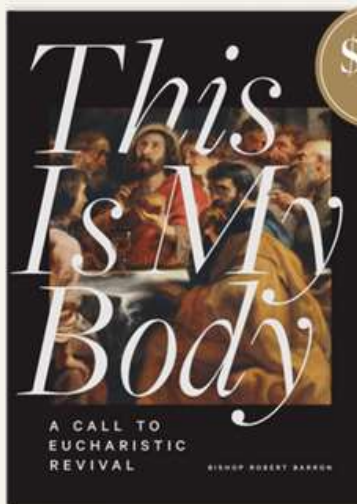
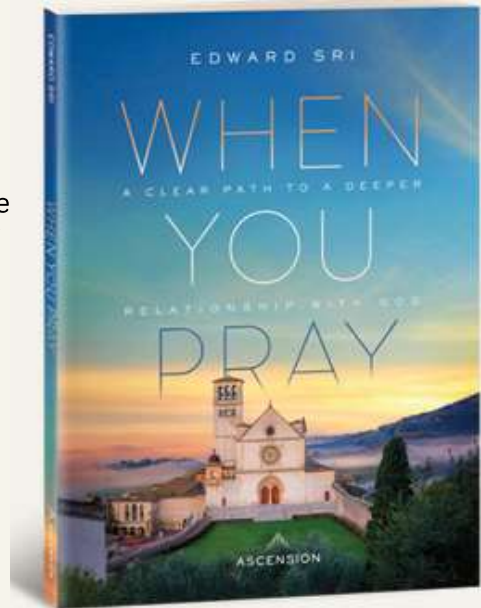
Cultivate a Rich and Lasting Prayer Life This September Study

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace. What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. This study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Authored and presented by Dr. Edward Sri, When You Pray also features Fr. Jacques Philippe, Fr. Josh Johnson, Fr. Gregory Pine, Sister Josephine Garrett, Fr. Donald Haggerty, and Sister Maris Stella.

Join Sue Hamilton as she facilitates this 7-Week study called When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship With God. The study will be on Tuesdays beginning on September 26th from 12:00noon-1:30PM. To register early and reserve your study guides, please email aff@sjecc.com. Study Set available for \$25.00 that includes 2 books along with immediate digital access to all video sessions.



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 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.

Copies available for Sale in the Gift Boutique for \$2.00 each.



This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, August 29th– 9:30AM-11:00AM

Understanding Divine Mercy

Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center



Youth HOLY HOUR

Middle School
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Adore Jesus in
the Eucharist

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FIRST SUNDAY	01 OCTOBER 2023
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PRAYER



CONTACT OUR YOUTH MINISTER JULIANA AT
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CYO & Youth Ministry

A Beginners Guide to Adoration by Caitlin Sica, Lifeteen

The first time I went to adoration I was a sophomore in college and it was unintentional. Really. I was on vacation with a group of friends, but I made sure to check online for the nearest Mass schedule. I pulled into the parking lot at 10:20—10 minutes to spare, life was good. Except...the parking lot was empty. I walked to the front of the church—the doors were locked. I looked at the sign out front and realized I had missed Mass. Slightly panicked, I wasn't sure what to do. I walked around for a bit and then remembered that this parish had perpetual adoration.

I walked up the hill to this tiny little chapel, opened the doors, and stepped inside. It was dark, chilly, and extremely quiet. I slid into a pew, knelt, and began to pray. I thought I could hear myself thinking. I looked down at my watch...3 minutes had passed. 3 minutes? I could hardly believe it. I looked next to me at the only other person who was in the chapel—a monk, who was sitting, barefooted, eyes closed, and smiling.

He made it look so easy, so peaceful. I, on the other hand, was in agony. I had promised myself I would stay in adoration for an hour—since that's about how long Mass was. I closed my eyes, tried to relax. "Pray, Caitlin," I coached myself, "it's not that hard." I opened my eyes. Another 5 minutes had gone by. 52 minutes to go, but who was counting?

Then it dawned on me that my whole attitude was wrong. God wasn't forcing me to be there, to spend an hour with Him because I had missed Mass. I was choosing to be there. Did I want to be there? Did I want to spend time with Jesus? I did. So I asked God for the grace to let me sit there with Him, in silence, peacefully.

I gazed upon the monstrance, containing Jesus — body, soul, blood, and divinity — and smiled at the intimacy of it all. I closed my eyes for the third time and prayed. This time, when I opened my eyes an hour had gone by! Halleluia! I was filled with joy—not because I had fulfilled my made up requirement, but because God had stilled my heart.

I left that chapel filled with a peace, contentment, and joy unlike anything I had felt before.

While it would be six months until I would attend adoration again, God had placed something on my heart—a desire to know Him more fully in the most Blessed Sacrament.

Today, I am a much different person than I was the first time I sat in adoration. I no longer dread the form of prayer, but desire it. I try to go to adoration several times a month. Sometimes, I am able to sit peacefully and sometimes my heart is more restless. But every time, I am grateful for the opportunity to sit and gaze upon the Lord.

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9-12

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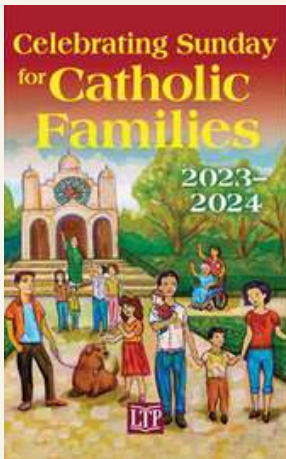


2023 -2024 Faith Formation Registration OPEN through August 31st \$10 Fee Added per child after August 31st

Our Faith Formation program encourages participation of all children in the parish continuously from ages PreK-12th grade. At specific ages and grades along the journey, our Faith Formation Program provides sacramental preparation for the children of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. To receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, children must attend a minimum of two consecutive years of religious instruction. Specifically, to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, children must be at least seven years old and in the second grade. To receive the sacrament of Confirmation, children must have a minimum of two consecutive years of religious instruction, be at least 15 years old, and be in tenth grade or higher.

Registration Forms and Calendars are currently available at the Parish Office, at the Children's Area near the Gift Boutique in the church, in the Faith Formation Office and at our website at www.sjecc.com.

Registration Forms are due by August 31st. \$10 Fee Added per child after August 31st.
For more information, please contact Natalie Campbell at natalie@sjecc.com.



Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2023–2024 is the perfect resource for those looking to enrich their family's life of faith! Simple and approachable, this book is designed to guide even the busiest families in more fully integrating the Sunday Gospel into their everyday lives.

This resource provides parents with a guide for reflecting on the Gospel as a family. Prompts for conversation on the way to and from Mass inspire children to focus and engage with different aspects of the liturgy, while simple family activities reinforce the connection between the Gospel stories and daily family life.

Please enjoy a FREE copy located at the Kid's Area next to the Gift Boutique! One per family please 😊.

This Week in Faith Formation

Faith Formation Family "Kickoff" With Fr. Nick Eucharist Adoration Led by George de los Reyes Sunday, August 27th 9:30-10:45AM Parish Ballroom – FREE Continental Breakfast



FAITH FORMATION



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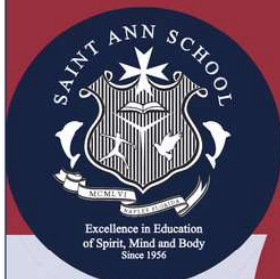
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The Art of Aging Well

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