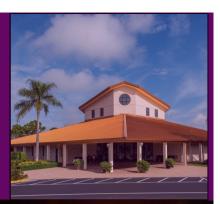
St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

December 17, 2023
The Third Sunday of Advent





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.

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed)

*Going forward, there will only be an 8:30am Daily Mass

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

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

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Briana Billanti : servers@sjecc.com

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo: ksanfelippo@comcast.net



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16, 2023 Requested By					
8:00 AM	+	Dr. Rob Roy	Denise Guilbert		
Vigil Masses for Sunday					
3:00 PM	+	John and Margaret McCartney	Sally McElroy		
5:00 PM	+	Trey Brandt	Loretta Sullivan		
Sunday, December 17, 2023			Requested By		
7:00 AM	+	Rosalee DeGenova	Family		
9:00 AM	+	Francesco P. Morsilli	Martha lazzetti		
11:00 AM	SI	For Our Parishioners			
1:00 PM	+	Vincent James Farengo	Peter and Ann Blanco		
5:00 PM	+	Michael D. Rullo	Claudia Vitulich		
Wine and Host	+	Jose Nicolas Arteta	Parents		
Altar Flowers	+	Jose Nicolas Arteta	Parents		
Monday, December 18, 2023			Requested By		
8:30 AM	+	Loretta Wesolek	Jeff and Carol Chorba		
Tuesday, December 19, 2023			Requested By		
8:30 AM			Rita Flannelly		
8:30 AM + Sean Haugh Wednesday, December 20, 2023			Requested By		
wednesday, December 20, 2025					
8:30 AM	+	Leo Hundt	Carol Erbland		
Thursday, December 21, 2023 Requested By					
8:30 AM	+	Joanie Kirk	Mary Sanders		
Friday, December 22, 2023 Requested By					
8:30 AM	+	Bernard Hannigan	John and Maureen Wurtz		
Saturday, December	r 23		Requested By		
8:00 AM	+	Jose Nicolas Arteta	Parents		
(Vigil Masses for Sunday)					
3:00 PM	+	Bernard Hannigan	John and Maureen Wurtz		
5:00 PM	+	Andy Sanfelippo	Kay Sanfelippo		
Sunday, December 24, 2023			Requested By		
7:00 AM	+	Teresa Dep Pham	Chanh Hoang		
9:00 AM	+	Jean and Anthony DeCesare	Kay Reid		
11:00 AM	+	Kevin Ferreira	Ferreira Family		
3:00 PM	+	Ozzie D'Addario	Janet D'Addario		
5:00 PM	+	Eric F. Vierling	Polly Vierling		
7:00 PM	+	Feliks and Bronislawa Mijal	Bocwinski Family		

+ Lorna McGrory

12:00 AM

Family

Prayer List

- Mary A.
- Priscila Abgala
- Family Agoston
- Noor Ahsan
- Declan Aigner
- Antonio Amador
- Jerry B.
- Anna and Angelo Babbo
- Florence Ballachino
- Barbara Barber
- Jennifer Basile
- Nadine Baxter
- David Bearce
- Linda Berry
- Sara Boettcher
- Frank and Therese Brennan
- Michael Brien
- Bob Capicchioni
- Frank Carillo
- Karen Cassady
- Rita Caven
- Roseanne Christinzio
- Mr and Mrs Ciano
- Tom Collins
- Sheryl Conway
- Lucia Cook
- Matthew Cummings
- Mike and Judy Davies
- Tom Despres
- Donna DiMare
- Lorraine Dolan
- Tom Duncan
- Elizabeth Harrington Dyer
- Patricia Dynda
- Megan Ebert
- Peter Ebert
- Paul Ebert
- Pamela Eck
- John Eddy
- Monica Ellis
- Ira Faber
- Bill Farley
- Brian Fay
- Tiffany Fellenz
- Bruce Fenske
- Lori Fenske
- Denise Fisher
- Amy FitzGerald

- Rachel Fling
- Bill Flowers
- Anna Focht
- Ron Fongemie
- Phyllis and Peter Foti
- Tom Froh
- Lester Fuller
- Terry Gallagher
- Kathy Gallucci
- Joanna Gasparrino
- Jeffery Gatt
- Veronika Gavelis
- Marg Gheller
- Tamie Gibbons
- Fr. Len Gioeli
- Amy Goodwine
- Florence Gordon
- Lisa Ann Granger
- Richard Granger
- Nancy Graves
- Ian Greenberg
- Sam Greenberg
- Joan Griffin
- Frank Grzesk
- Gary Gwizdala
- Patricia Gynba
- Raymond Hall
- Nayinonana
- Bob Hearson
- Bob Hilliard
- Kathleen Cleary Hinkle
- Brian Hintz
- Jerry Hirsch
- Patrick Howlett
- Jim Hubbard
- Becky Huff-Cook
- John Michael Jamnusch
- Carolyn Jansen
- Taylor Jansen
- Jimmy
- Cynthia Johnson
- Gesse Joseph
- Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman
- Yvonne Keenan
- Tracey Kirk
- Elizabeth Knott
- Victoria Kramer
- Frank and Mary Lou Kreber
- Richard C. Kruger

- Ramona Langman
- Alicia Laplant
- John Thomas Lawson
- Dr. Constanos Levanos
- Rosemary Litwin
- Drew Loggi
- Michele Loggi
- MaryEtta Loggi
- Elaine Lopresti
- Vince LoPresti
- Teresa Lozano
- Bobby Lutz
- Albert M.
- Nicolas Giovanni Maggio
- Diane Maloney
- Ruth Martin
- Donna Masse
- Robert McAloney Jr
- Lana McBride
- Wendy Mercer
- Lucille Metz
- Edward John Metz
- Orville Middendorf
- Steven Miller
- Eileen Miner
- Patrick Moorton
- Molly Moran
- Marie Morsetti
- Kimberly Mullin
- Robert Murphy
- John Murphy
- JoAnn NataleCandy Nordland
- Lea Noves
- Eleanor Nute
- JenniferO'Connor
- Mike O'Neill
- Patty Palmer
- Joseph Pandolfo
- Eric Parker
- Patty
- Lenard Pelletier
- Ann Petrillo
- Carol Petrone
- Sylvia & Vinny Pierro
- Mary Lynn Podolak
- Anna Polley
- Alex Portar

- Dennis Powers
- Christ Psilakis
- Doreen Psilakis
- Robert Pulte
- Karen Pulte
- John Repice
- George Reves
- Mary Ann Rilley
- Pon
- Judith & Michael S.
- Peggy O'Neil Saba
- Lisa Sanfelippo
- Steve Savory
- Catherine Schmacht
- Karen Schrimpl
- Carlos Somarribas
- Laura Sotkes
- George Sparacino
- Colin Spence
- Norma J. Spriggle
- Jeanne Stoll
- Christopher Suki
- Sue and Tom Sweeney
- Joan Marie Switalski

Katie Sutton

- Joan Switalski
- Sholle Thomson
- Marilyn ThyenKathleen Trotter
- Lisa Marie Turner
- Raymond Vanasse
- Noah WagnerJoy Wagner
- Callie Watson
- Jennifer WeidenbruchDana, Geneva and
- Greigh Wells
- Olivia Whiteside
- Natalie WilliamsCarol Williamson
- Bruce Williamson
- Brynn WilsonHarry Witt
- S. J. Zarebi Nancy Zilavy

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

Military Prayer List / Recently Deceased

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:



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.

- Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait
- Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK
- Cadet Samantha Bocis, West Point
- Mark Burger, US Army
- Stephen Burger, US Army
- Lieutenant Carson Brial US Navy
- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary
- Gavin Cooper, Navy, EMN3
- 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

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- Drew Kendall Petty Officer U.S. Navy
- Sophie Koeppl First Lieutenant, US Army
- Sgt. 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
- 1st Lieutenant Robert W. Raleigh
 IV US Marine Corps
- Capt. Gregory Sacenti US Army

- Hunter Scalzo Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry
- Lt. Michaela Scrudato, US Navy
- Luke Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army
- Ben Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army
- Austin Spagnola
- First Lieutenant Matthew Stevenson, USMC
- 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
- Kaden Winckel, Airman 1st Class, USAF
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino USAF, Turkey
- Austin Zicht USAF

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

Dotty Coughlin, Kay Lain



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 – Every Wednesday from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. 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 will be reading the book "Christmas Changes Everything" by Elisa Morgan. It is available on Amazon for \$12.99. We will begin the discussion of that book on December 7th and hopefully finish by December 28th.

Starting January 4th there will be a discussion class lead by Father Nick called "Theology of the Body" This will take place in the Pulte Center in the Nazareth room. It will start at 9am for coffee and muffins and class from 9:30-10:30. Faith Chat will be attending these sessions in lieu of our regular meetings. For more information contact Lee Pinto @ 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 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. Contact Grand Knight, Jack Kindsvater at jack@sjecc.com.

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, baptismal blankets, prayer shawls, blankets for veterans in VITAS Hospice Program, 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 - Meets on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. Quilts for babies and children which are donated locally and red, white, and blue quilts for veterans in the VITAS Hospice Program. If you are a quilter, we encourage you to join us, but everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. Donations, both monetary and fabric, are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867 or sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com

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 contact Marianne Swan 305.965. 5980, email swan11@bellsouth.net 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, 239.412.1731

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



Ministries and Groups

An Update from our Knitting & Crocheting Ministry

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another..." 1Peter 4:10

The Knitting and Crocheting Ministry has been using their God given gifts by creating 25 fleece blankets, 31 kids blankets, 28 baby blankets, 88 children's hats, 1 sweater and 3 scarves. These lovely and needed items were delivered to The Learning Spot in Immokalee. This VPK and after school program provides a safe, nurturing, and caring environment for children and prepares these little ones for entrance to kindergarten.

Special thanks to the those of our parish who have donated yarn and monetary contributions to our ministry.











St. John the Evangelist-St. Vincent de Paul Conference

In the heart of North Naples, we are on a mission to bring the light of Christ to over 200 migrant worker families every month. At St. John the Evangelist-SVDP Conference, we serve our neighbors with humility and dedication, providing spiritual support, distributing rice, mesa flour, and other essential items as well as hygiene products.

Witnessing the joy of Christ in the faces of these hard-working families is a testament to the impact of your donations. You are the reason we can be "the arms and legs of Jesus: in our community, making a tangible difference in the loves of those in need.

To learn more about our ministry or to get involved, please contact Bob Westenberg, President of SCdP-St. John the Evangelist COnference, at bwstjohn@svdpnaples.org

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.

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.

High School Youth Group: Every Sunday from 6 PM to 7:30 PM after 5 PM mass. Classrooms 7 & 8.

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

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THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE/CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

Today marks a milestone for our 15 candidates who will enter the Church at the Easter Vigil next March. Today they celebrate the *Rite of Acceptance/Call to Continuing Conversion*. So, what is this Rite?

In "liturgy-language," a public assembly is extremely important. The inquirers, at the moment they assemble publicly, are no longer a group of individuals seeking to become Catholic. They are a community, formed for mission, and their public assembly is their first act of ministry. (The Way of Faith by Nick Wagner)

There are two reasons to have the candidates assemble publicly:

- 1. To declare the candidates intentions to become members of the church;
- 2. For the church, in turn, to accept the candidates into the formal process of becoming members.

The Rite consists of the following:

DIALOGUE: After the candidates are called forward, Fr. Tom asks them to affirm their intentions to proceed on their journey to the Easter Vigil. "What do you want of the Catholic Church? What are you seeking?" It is important for them to answer these questions, and for the assembly to recognize it for what it is—a statement of faith.

PROMISE: At the conclusion of the dialogue, Fr. Tom asks the candidates for a promise: "Are you ready to start the journey? Are you ready to live this life? Are you ready to accept the Gospel? Are you ready to go to the cross?"

Their answer: I AM

SIGNING OF THE CROSS: With the signing of the cross on the forehead, the candidates are signed publicly. This is a seal of the promises they are making on their journey.

PRAYER OVER THE CATECHUMENS/CANDIDATES: Fr. Tom then asks the entire assembly to bless our candidates, our new brothers and sisters in Christ, to send them forth as a very important part of the community of Saint John.

So we ask you, the community of Saint John the Evangelist, to keep in prayer our 15 candidates on their journey to become fully-initiated Catholic Christians.

Susan Bello Javier Campo Lauren Davis Michelle Fallon Bruce Fenske Hank Ferris Dana Millang Jason Ollanove Kristen Robles Mark Roh Brittany Thompson Johnny Tran

Danielle Zadlo Len Zaiser Amy Chu

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, December 16, 2023, 2023, 2023, 2023

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18 19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 18, 2023 Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21, 2023 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22, 2023 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday , December 23, 2023 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66



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

Total Households

We have 3426 Parish households.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of those baptized in November:

- -Ethan Bermudez
- -Palmer Harvey
- -Noah Jenkinson
- -Nicolo Martarano
- -Matthew Meyers
- -lan Perez
- -Jack Smith

Weddings

Congratulations to the couples who were married at St. John's in November. We wish you a lifetime of love and blessings:

- -Shauna Dee & Jeremy Lucca
- -Jessica Hobt & Keith Szafranski

Offertory

11/1/23 - **11/7/23** \$101,354.42

11/8/23 - 11/14/23 \$57,964.49

11/15/23 - 11/21/23 \$59,311.56

11/22/23 - 11/28/23 \$60.317.80



CFA 2023 131.46% to Goal 16.5% of Households Contributing \$800,000 \$792,732 \$600,000 \$400,000

To donate to our Catholic Faith Appeal:

 Use a contribution envelope from the CFA table in the Narthex,

Goal

- Give directly on the Diocese of Venice website at dioceseofvenice.org/waysto-give/cfa, or
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page



Pledged

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.

\$200,000

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Business Information

Memorial Garden Notes



Dear Parishioners - As a reminder, Please refrain from placing rocks, artificial flowers, and other nonnatural items in the Garden.

When the landscapers are there, these items can become projectiles and/or damage equipment. We will routinely remove items left in the Garden that are not natural. Thank you



St. John the Evangelist Christmas Cards

\$20 for a box of 10 with envelopes

For sale in our Gift Shop



St. John's Gift Shop

Saturdays 2:30-6:15 PM Sundays 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

We are pleased to offer Christmas decor and gifts for everyone on your list. We carry nativity sets, ornaments, mugs, homemade gifts (crafted by one of our sewing ministry members), jewelry, books, rosaries, statues, children's gifts, St. John the Evangelist Christmas Cards, and more!

Our Gift Shop is located inside the Church entrance

We look forward to serving you!

Our Gift Shop will be open extra hours on the night of the Christmas Concert on 12/17







The Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Mass Times

We look forward to welcoming you and your family this

Christmas!

Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass on Christmas and, when Christmas falls on a day other than Sunday, attend a separate Mass to fulfill their ordinary Sunday obligation. The table below provides the specifics of how this will work this year.

ATTEND ONE (1) FROM EACH COLUMN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Obligation may be fulfilled at either:

- A Vigil (Saturday evening) Mass
- Any Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent before 3:00 p.m.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24 and throughout Monday, Dec. 25

Obligation may be fulfilled at either:

- A Vigil Mass for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 24
- Any Mass on Monday, Dec. 25

St. John the Evangelist Mass Times

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil Masses: 3:00pm, 5:00pm

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses:

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am



Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Sunday, December 24

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Vigil Masses:

3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 12:00am

Monday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Masses:

7:00am, 9:00am, 1:00am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm

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.

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

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 to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Prayer of Divine Mercy

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Readings

Reading 1

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

R. (Is 61:10b) My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

Reading 2

1 Thes 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Alleluia

Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?"

He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ."

So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?"

And he said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

So they said to him,

"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?

What do you have to say for yourself?" He said:

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as Isaiah the prophet said."

Some Pharisees were also sent.

They asked him,

"Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them,

"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



Fr. Tom's Gospel Reflection

John the Baptist had a central role to play in the coming of the Savior. His role, as today's Gospel puts it, was to be "a witness to speak for the light." The light in question was Jesus.

John proved to be a courageous and effective witness. He was a strong personality and a man of principle. He didn't go in for a life of comfort. He lived not in a palace but in the desert. His lifestyle, as well as his personal integrity, lent credence to his words. He was a living example of what he preached. And when his task was done, he moved aside to make way for Jesus.

Jesus still needs witnesses. Fortunately there still are people who witness faithfully and at no little personal cost.

Years ago I read a story about a priest who tells how a few years back he made a visit to China. While there he met an elderly couple who were both doctors. They had studied together at medical school, fallen in love and married. She was a Catholic, he was not. She wanted to convince him that he should join the Church, but he did not wish to be baptized. A short time later she had a child.

During one of China's political movements, the husband, along with several other intellectuals, was arrested and sent to a labor camp. The separation was very difficult for the wife, who had to work long hours at the hospital during the day and care for her son at night. In addition to her loneliness, she was under pressure from the Government to divorce her husband and to renounce her religion, so that she could gain political advantages. But she refused. Every night after she returned home, she and her son knelt down to pray and ask strength from God to endure the difficulties.

At the end of the 1970s, she heard that her husband and other intellectuals were to be allowed come home. When the day came, she and her son went to the railway station, where they were the only family members on the platform to welcome the men. Unable to endure the long separation, all the other women had divorced and remarried. Deeply moved, her husband took instruction and was later baptized.

That woman bore witness to the light just as truly as John the Baptist did. Now it's our turn. For many people in the world today Christ has become a very dim and distant figure. The words of today's Gospel are literally true: "There stands one among you whom you know not." Christ still needs witnesses, people who can effectively make him present to other people.

We can't be a witness for the light if we are living in darkness. We have to be living in the light. A good life is a strong and effective witness, and in itself is a proclamation of the Gospel. When religious practice is divorced from life a vital element is missing. But when religious practice leads to deeds, a very effective witness is given. No witness reaches our contemporaries as persuasively as the witness of those who do what Jesus commanded. Without the witness of Christians the face of Christ, already blurred, will continue to fade from our world. He will continue to stand among us, unknown and unrecognized. And hearts will remain broken, and people will remain imprisoned in darkness, and the good news will not be preached to the poor.

The task is not one for the individual Christian only but for the Christian community as a whole. It is easier to witness to Christ as a member of a supportive community.

An Advent Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.



A Rectory for St. John the Evangelist

Dear Parishioners,

On November 4 & 5, I announced a fundraising campaign to fund construction of a Rectory on our grounds for our 3 Priests and one retired Priest. Included here are depictions of the planned structure.

For some time, the question of a rectory has been raised in various parish forums. We currently own a very nice house that I occupy, an owned condominium and a rented apartment for our Priests. Maintenance and operating costs are increasing and there is



inefficiency in the frequent travel back and forth to the church. Additionally, area housing costs are high and retired Priests are increasingly priced out from being able to reside in the area and help us out.

As I have considered this, I also see the advantages of a Rectory in building cohesion in the Brotherhood of Priests. Simply getting together to share a meal is made complex by our different locations. A Rectory would enhance our priest's availability to one another and the parish. Once construction is complete we would exit and sell currently occupied residences. Our fundraising goal is \$2.5 million dollars.

I'm heartened by the support and energy of those involved to date in the planning process. Everyone has enthusiastically endorsed the concept including Bishop Dewane. I hope you too would get behind this project and consider supporting the effort with a contribution. I believe it will make us more effective, efficient and bring us closer together as we pursue our mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community.

Contributions should be made to Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church – Rectory Campaign. Alternatively, **pledges can be made on a pledge card (available in the Narthex)** and paid by April 1, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Donnelly (Operations Manager – 228-3910), or Jim Culkar (Finance Council Chair – 254-9510).

In Christ, Father Tom

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	All pledges must be received by April 1, 2024
St. John the Evangelist	In support of the "St. John the Evangelist Rectory Campaign", I/We would like to pledge:
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Opening Hymn: The Advent of our King

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1 - My Soul Rejoices in my God

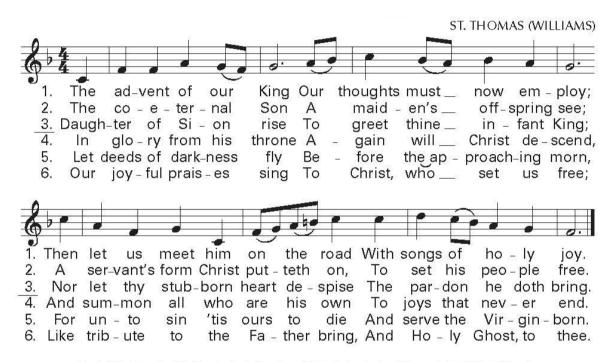
Gifts: I Lift Up My Soul

Lamb of God: Advent Lamb of God

Communion Hymns: Christ Be Our Light, Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming

Closing Hymn: Every Valley

The Advent of our King



Text: SM; Charles Coffin, fr. *Paris Breviary*, 1736; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: *New Universal Psalmodist*, 1770; Aaron Williams, 1731–1776.



Monday, December 18

San Marco Parish: 5:00PM | 851 San Marco Rd, Marco Island

Monday, December 18

St. Finbarr Parish: | 2:00PM | 13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

Tuesday, December 19

St. Agnes Parish: | 5:00PM | 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd

Wednesday, December 20

St. Peter the Apostle Parish: | 7:00PM | 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Rd

Friday, December 22

Ave Maria Parish: | 6:30PM | 5078 Pope John Paul II Blvd

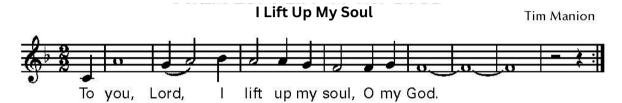
My Soul Rejoices in my God



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- O Lord, show your ways to me.
 Teach me your paths and keep me in the ways of your truth, for you are the God that saves me.
- 2. The Lord is so good, so holy; sinners find the way, and in all that is right he guides the humble. The poor he leads in his pathways.
- All day long I hope in your goodness. Remember your love, the love that you promised long ago, and the kindness that you gave from of old.

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Advent Lamb of God

Kevin Keil (ASCAP)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on



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Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming





Text: 76 76 6 76; based on Isaiah 11:1; Trad. German Carol, 15th cent.; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt. Music: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1599.



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Music for The 5:00 PM Mass

Opening Song: Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore. Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when He had purged our stains, he took His seat above;

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n

Preparation Song: Holy is His Name

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord And my spirit exalts in God my Savior For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness And my name will be forever exalted For the mighty God has done great things for me An His mercy will reach from age to age He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed His power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly
He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembered His promise to our fathers

And holy, holy, holy is His name

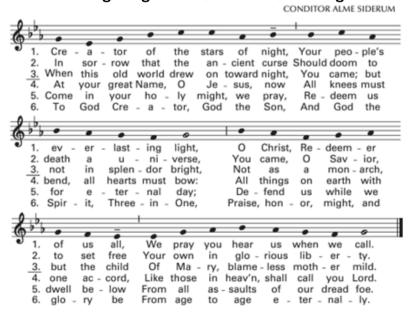
Communion Song: This is Jesus

This is Jesus, Emmanuel. God is with us, in this sacrament. Come, receive Him. Adore Him. This is Jesus, our Lord. V1: Bright Star of David,
Radiance of God;
now become the Living
Bread,
the body of the Lord.
Come in adoration,
receive with trembling hands;
the sacrament most holy,
the banquet of the Lamb.

V2: Drink of living waters, flowing from the Lord.
Taste the cup of blessing, partake of precious blood.
River of Salvation, holy cleansing tide;
Fountain of Redemption, flowing from the Savior's side.

V3: Priest of highest honor, King and Sovereign Lord, unblemished Lamb of Sacrifice, Your very life outpoured; Royal paschal victim, true begotten Son, offered as our ransom by the Holy One.

Closing Song: Creator of the Stars of Night



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Faith Formation

3rd SUNDAY (2) 3 departs

Celebrating the Third Sunday of Advent

Memories from our Night In Bethlehem Celebration This Advent

We had a wonderful evening of joy and celebration as we moved through the Bethlehem Marketplace and encountered Jesus in His Birth! Please enjoy some of the memories of our evening! We wish you all a very peaceful Advent and Merry Christmas!











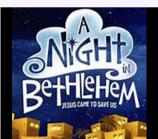






















Adult Faith Formation

Discovering God's Master Plan for Your Life

An 8-Week Study – Video Presentation by Christopher West and Study Facilitated by Fr. Nick Thompson

An Introduction to the Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life is an eight-part, four-hour study designed to give you a solid understanding of God's plan for humanity. It addresses the two most fundamental and universal questions:

- 1. What does it mean to be made human, male and female, in the image and likeness of God?
- 2. How can I live my life in a way that brings happiness and fulfillment?

This study is for every "body" who desires to reach his or her full potential in this life. For group or private study. Join Fr. Nick as he leads us through this study for 8 Thursdays beginning on January 4th, 9:30-11:00AM in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Center. Coffee and light refreshments. Optional Study Guide available for \$20 purchase- with video access included. Register at aff@siecc.com.





A MOST IMPORTANT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION with Dr. Brant Pitre: "Lectio Divina and Your (Spiritual) Life" - Facilitated by Dee Schwartz - January 4 & 11 at 3:30 – 5:00 in the Claussen Center

Unite with your Soul Sisters and Brothers to bring in the New Year by learning and practicing together LECTIO DIVINA (Divine Reading). Each session presents a 25-minute video followed by discussion and a review of handouts and closes with LECTIO DIVINA (Divine Reading and Praying the Holy Scriptures). The reading will be the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading.

Pope Benedict XVI issued an impassioned plea for everyone in the Church to reap spiritual rewards by having "an ever-greater love for The Word of God", as "we must never forget that all authentic Christian spirituality is based on The Word of God proclaimed, accepted, meditated upon, lived, and celebrated in the Church". He said we must discover the spiritual meaning that God intends to communicate to us in Holy Scriptures.

The Pope's new Apostolic Exhortation, "Verbum Domini" (The Word of the Lord) is life eternal, life enriched, life healed, and life celebrated in Christ Jesus our Lord. Dei Verbum proclaims that, "The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body".

Upcoming: Save the date: Wednesday, January 10th: A Review of the Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles with Dr. David Keys

The presentation will discuss and present ten different types of Eucharistic Miracles as seen in the Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic miracles. Seven miracles will be discussed in detail. This presentation will take place in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Center from 9:30AM-11:00AM. Breakfast will be served in the Pulte Center Café following the 8:30AM Mass and before the presentation by Dr. Keys. Email aff@sjecc.com to reserve your spot.

Made for More

save the date

Limited tickets available, get yours early!

Brought to you by St. John the Evangelist, St. William Parish & The Cor **Proiect**

World renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. John the Evangelist with a beautiful multimedia event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event!

For more information about the event, or to purchase your tickets today, go to: tobinstitute.org/made-for-more/

Tickets are also available for purchase in our Main Office during business hours. Checks only made payable to THEOLOGY OF THE BODY INSTITUTE - \$25 per ticket

For More Information: Natalie Campbell - natalie@sjecc,com - 239-566-8740 ext 3909





Made for More

We Are Made for More. A Q&A with Christopher West and Mike Mangione

As parishes and families try to keep up with a fast-moving world where the definition and purpose of our humanity seem to constantly change, an eye-opening and breathtakingly beautiful national touring event called **Made** for More: Visions of the Promised Land is coming to ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, 625 111th Ave North, Naples, FL 34108 at 7 pm THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024.

"Where do we come from and where are we going? If we don't have compelling answers to these questions, we have no orientation in our lives." says Christopher West, world-renowned teacher of St. John Paul II's liberating vision of human life and love called "Theology of the Body."

The event, led by West and internationally touring folk/Americana musician Mike Mangione, will dive deeply into life's deepest questions and provide both grounding and great hope.

"This is not just a lecture or a talk," insists West. "It's an evening of beauty and reflection that weaves music, video, images and the spoken word into a message of hope that there really is a banquet of love that corresponds to the deepest hunger of our hearts."

West and Mangione recently spoke to the media about some of these clues and much more, including the transformation they hope takes place in those who attend Made for More. ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH.



Christopher West (left) and Mike Mangione.

What is Made for More? Why is this your focus?

Christopher West: We call it Made for More because we yearn for so much more than what the world is telling us. The world understands that we are creatures of hunger and passion, but they lead us to what I call "the fast food gospel," which is the promise of immediate gratification for that hunger. Many people think Christianity, on the other hand, is an invitation to a "starvation diet." No! That's not the Gospel. Christianity is an invitation to an infinite feast of life-giving love, and that's what this event is all about.

Mike Mangione: It's a presentation meant to meet you where you are and bring you to a place of communion. It is the culmination of Christopher's 25 years in this work, my 15 in music and our friendship. It is a conversation through sight and sound about how God reveals himself through creation and how our desires are meant to draw us closer to Him. It is a special and unique opportunity coming to your area.

It is my focus because it addresses the question of what it means to be human, Christian, Catholic right at a crucial moment in our history. We really need to look at these questions before we lose ourselves and slip into a stale state of indifference as a culture.

How is it different from other Catholic presentations?

MM: It is broad and relevant to all types of people. "Catholic talks" tend to be more on a specific element of the Catholic tradition/faith. This talk will be focused on the human heart no matter where it has been before. This presentation uses sight, sound, video, music, and images to reveal, teach and enable us to experience something communally as a group. CW: Catholicism is a sensual religion – meaning, we experience the divine in and through our bodies, through our senses. And this event is designed to engage your senses, to wake them up and enable a new way of seeing, of hearing, of experiencing the world.

Mike, what is your role in the event? What are you trying to convey through your music?

MM: I am a co-creator as well as the musician for the event. My goal is to facilitate an experience that is communal between presenters, recipients and the Holy Spirit. I call it the Holy Campfire experience ... where we can all gather around and discuss the deepest mysteries of what it means to be human and be part of the human mystery. It is sometimes easier to achieve this with music because, like most art forms, it is often felt first and understood later. My aim is to create an event that brings the audience into the experience rather than just simply watching a talk.

Christopher, what are you trying to convey through your presentation?

CW: We're taking people on a journey through some particular words of Christ. We start with: "They look but do not see." So we've been trained to look at the world, but not see it; to look at the human body, for instance, but not see it. All of creation has a message, and Jesus says, "Come and become one who sees." He's in the business of giving sight to the blind.

The great battle between lightness and darkness is particularly intense in the world today. The meaning of our humanity is being eclipsed. The goal of this event is really to help turn the lights on for people, so they can see the mystery of God revealed through all of creation, and especially through our own humanity, our own bodies as male and female. Through that "coming to see," our eyes are opened in stunning new ways to God's plan for creation and for our own lives.

Mike, what is the "dance" between your music and Christopher's presentation?

MM: There are places music can go that the spoken word cannot. There is so much happening at once: lyrics, melody, instrumentation etc. All of these things can combine into a potent force that can pierce the heart. Sometimes the spoken word can tease out very clear ideas in a way that music never can. Combined, if done correctly, you can create a full head and heart experience. We try to create an experience where Christopher sets up a thought or a vision and then the music helps to prayerfully reflect upon it.

Is Made for More just for adults and parents? Or can youth attend?

MM: Made For More is for everyone who is ready to ponder the questions "Who am I, what am I, and where am I going?" This event is for married, single, celibate, Catholic, non-Catholic, devout, skeptic, youth and ... experienced.

Why is art and beauty essential to the event?

CW: Art is the language of the heart and the heart is wired for beauty, but, sadly, a lot of us are anesthetized in the modern world. "Anesthetized" actually means "numb to beauty." We want to wake people up to beauty, and through that, help people get in touch with their deepest yearnings. That's where we discover the great mystery we are all part of.

How can Made for More transform a parish? How can it help the priest and parish leadership?

MM: Made for More can tenderize the hearts and dig the furrows for the Holy Spirit to drop seeds and cultivate. We provide post-event resources that help those seeds take root and potentially grow into something beautiful and life-giving. Any seeds dropped in the right conditions can provide an abundant harvest.

What would you like attendees to come away feeling?

MM: Empathy, affirmation and hope.
CW: That they're not crazy to yearn for more than what this world offers. They're not crazy to want to be loved and affirmed as they are, behind the masks, warts and all. They're not crazy to imagine a world where every tear is wiped from the eye and every cry of the heart is

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024. 7 p.m.

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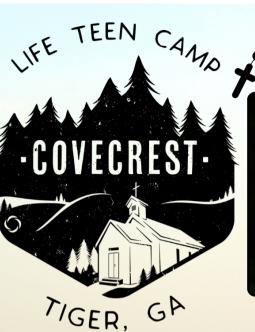
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*For High School students - from rising freshman to graduating seniors.









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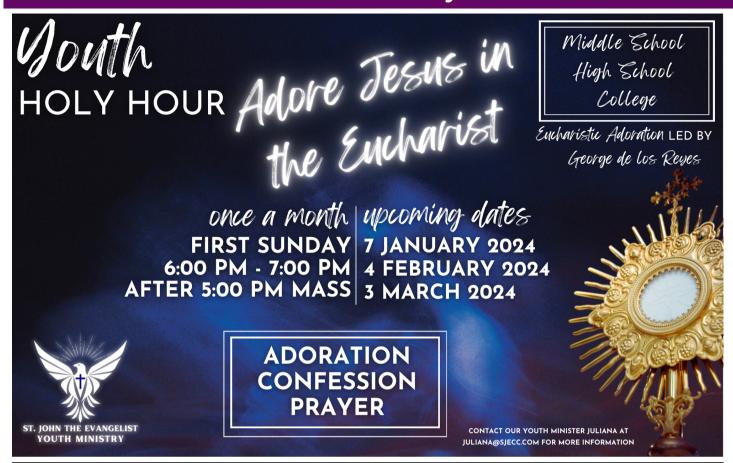








Youth Ministry





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.



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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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 December 10th bulletin, Carlo was on page 28 in the NYE ad.

A Second Eucharistic Conference in our Diocese

On June 11, 2023, Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Church in the United States embarked upon the second phase, the Parish Phase, of the National Eucharistic Revival. It is with an expression of gratitude to you, Pastors and Administrators of the Diocese of Venice, that it can be reported that there has been a significant uptick of Eucharistic emphasis in many parishes. Specifically, there have been increased opportunities for Adoration, an increase in Eucharistic Processions, and more preaching and teaching on the Eucharist, to name a few.

On **Saturday, March 16, 2024**, the Church in the Diocese of Venice will gather at **Bishop Verot High School**, to host a second major **Eucharistic Conference**, this time with an emphasis on the Parish. The day will begin with Mass, to which you are cordially invited and encouraged to concelebrate. Following Mass, the Keynote Address will be delivered by the nationally acclaimed Speaker and Author, Steven Ray. After the Keynote Address, there will be a breakout session, with a Spanish and an English presentation occurring in the Auditorium and Gym respectively. Then, after lunch, there will be an afternoon breakout session, also with a Spanish and an English presentation. The Conference will conclude with a Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction. There will be a need for Priests to be on hand throughout the day to hear Confessions. As in the past, this necessitates not only the presence of Priests in the Central Deanery but throughout the Diocese. There will also be time built in for attendees to partake of food and fellowship, as well as opportunities for private Adoration and to visit vendor exhibits.

The Eucharistic Conference is encouraged for all the faithful of the Diocese. The cost is just \$30 per person, which includes light breakfast and lunch. Priests and Deacons may register free-of-charge. It is kindly asked that you please promote this event with the faithful of your Parish. Registration will be available at: https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2024-eucharistic-conference. Questions about the event may be directed to Jim Gontis at gontis@dioceseofvenice.org.

This opportunity is taken to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



Respect Life / Events & Programs



2024 Florida ballot proposal: "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion"

FACT#2

This proposed amendment does not require a **medical doctor**, only a **healthcare provider**, to determine if an abortion is necessary to protect the mother's health.

Women deserve better!

DECLINE TO SIGN the petition for this dangerous pro-abortion amendment!

Questions? Go to dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.

Prayer Vigil Join our Respect Life Team







The St. John's Respect Life team will participate in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Naples each 1st Friday of every month 9am - 12. For info on our Prayer Vigil or to join our Respect Life team, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.

"Give us he 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



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call:

Sylvia at 941.412.5860 (English & Español)

email:

project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org

hopeafterabortion.com



PREGNANT?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Explore your options and find the help you need here.



JAN 25 EVENT



Join us for the upcoming **2024 Seniors Blue Book Symposiums**. Our annual events are designed to provide *information*, *education* and *share community resources* focused on the process of aging gracefully and being Pro-Active vs Re-Active.

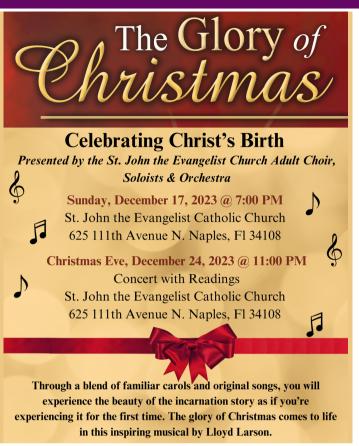
The symposiums are all day interactive events including senior fair, panel speakers, audience Q&A, and more.

- ◆ Free Continental Breakfast & Lunch
- ♦ Senior Fair With Over 50 Vendors
- ♦ Free Gifts & Grand Prize Raffle

Senior attendance is by RSVP only.



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St. John the Evangelist

COUNTRY

Proceeds Support
The Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Groups



Featuring COUNTY COUNTY



CASH BAR
FAMILY FRIENDLY MENU

Adult & Kid's Activities!

BULL RIDING, AXE THROWING

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Friday, January 12th

6 - 9 PM Gates open at 5:30 PM

Parking Lot adjacent to Pulte Center

Please bring your own chairs

Event will be moved inside if weather not permitting \$10 per person/\$20 per family/\$5 for under 21

For tickets, email troy@dgarrettconstruction.com

Tickets will be on sale after weekend masses December 30th/31st and January 6th/7th.

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Events & Programs



Save the Date **Polish Dinner Dance**



February 3, 2024

Authentic Polish Dinner including golabki, pierogi, kielbasa, kraut and so much more

Entertainment by the legendary

Pan Franek and the Polka Towners

Tables of ten, you choose your table

Plan ahead, this event sells out quickly!



Tickets go on sale December 24th on eventbrite

Recreational Bocce Ball

Join us for Bocce

Ladies: Tuesdays at 9:30am Gentlemen: Thursdays at 9:30 am **Meet at the Pulte Life Center Patio Courts**



oacked musical with colorful characters and toe-tapping jungle rhythm. Some of Disney's favorite tunes include "The Bare Necessities" and "I Wan'na Be Like You." Auditions held November 10th.

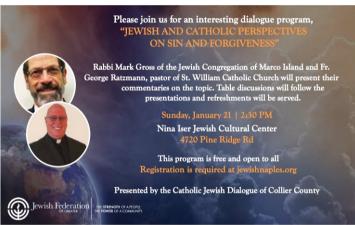


November 10-February 10

Ages 6-16
Rehearsals and Performances Held at
The Pulte Family Life Center
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Contact Tish Poorman, Program Director tpoorman@childrenforthearts.com 239-571-3305

www.childrenforthearts.com







Mondays @ 6:00 PM

Pulte Life Center Cafe *light snacks and beverages



Parish Trip

JOIN FATHER NICK & YOUR PARISH FAMILY ON A SPIRITUAL & CULTURAL ODYSSEY OF ITALY



PLEASE COME & JOIN OUR TRIP PRESENTATION at the Parish in the "ROME" room WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31, 2024 at 10h30am YOU NEED TO RSVP FOR THE PRESENTATIONS

"All Are Welcome"

DATE	ITINERARY
Day 1: 15 Oct, 2024	DEPARTS THE USA
Day 2: 16 Oct, 2024	The Holy Haven of San Giovanni Rotondo
Day 3: 17 Oct, 2024	Walking in the Footsteps of Padre Pio
Day 4: 18 Oct, 2024	Trabocchi Coast & the Miracle of Lanciano
Day 5: 19 Oct, 2024	Loreto and the Hallowed Path to Assisi
Day 6: 20 Oct, 2024	Assisi's Serenity and a Journey into the Wine Country
Day 7: 21 Oct, 2024	Norcia and the Allure of Spoleto
Day 8: 22 Oct, 2024	Rome's Revered History Unveiled
Day 9: 23 Oct, 2024	A Papal Audience and the Riches of the Vatican
Day 10: 24 Oct, 2024	Catacombs, Basilicas, and Castel Gandolfo
Day 11: 25 Oct, 2024	DEPARTURE DAY

OPTIONAL 3 NIGHT PRE AMALFI COAST EXTENTION

Day 1: 12 Oct, 2024	DEPART THE USA
Day 2: 13 Oct, 2024	Sorrento - A Coastal Marvel
Day 3: 14 Oct, 2024	Exploring the Charms of Amalfi and Ravello
Day 4: 15 Oct, 2024	Iconic Capri and Breathtaking Beauty
Day 5: 16 Oct, 2024	DEPARTURE Sorrento/San Giovanni Rotondo

OPTIONAL 3 NIGHT POST TUSCIA - LAZIO EXTENTION

Day 11: 25 Oct, 2024	Tuscia Tarquinia - Unveiling the Secrets of Etruria
Day 12: 26 Oct, 2024	Tracing History and Miracles of Lake Bolsena
Day 13: 27 Oct, 2024	Caprarola & Villa Lante - 16th Century Marvels
Day 14: 28 Oct, 2024	DEPART BACK TO THE USA.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Round Trip transportation from the Parish to MIA airport
Round Trip airfare from MIA including Airline fuel & tax
1st class hotels for 9 nights at centrally located hotels
Services of an English Speaking Tour Manager
Guided tours, admissions and entrance fees
Wine tastings, daily masses & experiences
Breakfasts daily, 2 Lunches and 5 dinners

Air Conditioned motor coaches
 All VAT, City and local taxes

US\$ 4,595

This spiritual sojourn takes you on a mesmerizing path with daily mass from the tranquil shores of San Giovanni Rotondo, where Padre Pio's miracles come to life, to the hallowed streets of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, a man deeply connected to nature and is an iconic Saint of the Catholic Church . Along the way, we'll trace the miraculous Eucharistic events of Lanciano and uncover the wonders of Loreto and the eternal Madonna. We'll also immerse ourselves in the cultural treasures of Rome, visiting iconic sites like the Colosseum, Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel. Our pilgrimage culminates with the Major Basilicas of Rome, the Catacombs and a special mass, and visit to Castel Gandolfo, the summer residence of the Pope.

Optional pre tour:AMALFI COAST

Supplement of \$1,099 pp

Venture southwards to the picturesque Sorrento Peninsula, a region of enchanting beauty and rich culture. Discover the Costiera Amalfitana, a dramatic coastline that winds from Sorrento to Salerno, the landscape boasts majestic cliffs cascading into the crystal-clear Mediterranean waters, charming fishing villages nestled in small harbors.

Optional post tour: Tuscia - Lazio

Supplement of \$999 pp

Journey to the Heart of Etruscan Civilization. "La Tuscia," the ancient name of this region, resides in the northern part of Lazio. Nestled between the captivating destinations of Tuscany and Rome, this is the cradle of the illustrious Etruscan civilization. Tracing History and Miracles by the Shores of Lake Bolsena, journey through 16th Century marvels exploring architectural wonders and enchanting gardens of the region.





For additional information and booking:
Contact **JET VACATIONS** at

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or ops@jetvacations.com

Single Supplement is \$879 for the Pilgrimage to Italy main program; \$279 single supplement for Amalfi Pre extension and \$229 single supplement for the Tuscia - Lazio Post extention. All taxes and fuel surcharges are included and correct at the time of printing, but subject to change. The price does not include restaurants except the ones mentioned above, excursions that might be offered in addition to our daily included excursion program, tips for guides/drivers and onboard staff such as maid, waiter, wellness/spa center, airline luggage overage fees, passports fees, visas as well as items of a personal nature.