

St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

December 24, 2023

The Nativity of the Lord



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
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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
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Deacon Frank Paniccia, Senior Status

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Greeters & Ushers:

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23, 2023

8:00 AM + Jose Nicolas Arteta

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Bernard Hannigan

5:00 PM + Andy Sanfelippo

Requested By

Parents

John and Maureen Wurtz

Kay Sanfelippo

Sunday, December 24, 2023

7:00 AM + Teresa Dep Pham

9:00 AM + Jean and Anthony DeCesare

11:00 AM + Kevin Ferreira

3:00 PM + Ozzie D'Addario

5:00 PM + Eric F. Vierling

7:00 PM + Feliks and Bronislawa Mijal

12:00 AM + Lorna McGrory

Requested By

Chanh Hoang

Kay Reid

Ferreira Family

Janet D'Addario

Polly Vierling

Bocwinski Family

Family

Monday, December 25, 2023

7:00 AM + Richard Sickler

9:00 AM + Joe Reid

11:00 AM + Charles A. Mazzoni

1:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

5:00 PM + Walter and Selma Bocwinski

Requested By

Louis Perry

Kay Reid

Mazzoni and McKune Family

Bocwinski Family

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

8:30 AM + Peggy Kegaly

Requested By

Jack Kegaly

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

8:30 AM + Joe and Jean Carpino

Requested By

Carpino Family

Thursday, December 28, 2023

8:30 AM + Joe and Kay Reid

Requested By

John and Maureen Wurtz

Friday, December 29, 2023

8:30 AM + Leon Doughty

Requested By

Don and Susan Sicks

Saturday, December 30, 2023

8:00 AM + Juana Maria JiMeniez

Requested By

Lan Tran

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Vickey De Francisco

5:00 PM + Jozica Vitulich

Janet D'Addario

Romano and Clandia Vitulich

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:00 AM SI The Wardein Family

9:00 AM + Leo Reichard

11:00 AM + Annette Carlier

1:00 PM + Richie

5:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

Requested By

The Tedrow Family

Lauren Pavlovich

Family

Twiefel 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
- Anita Doran
- Tom Duncan
- Elizabeth Harrington Dyer
- Patricia Dynda
- Megan 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
- 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 Natale
- Candy Nordland
- Lea Noyes
- Eleanor Nute
- Jennifer O'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 Reyes
- Mary Ann Riley
- Ron
- Judith & Michael S.
- Peggy O'Neil Saba
- Lisa Sanfelippo
- Steve Savory
- Catherine Schmach
- Karen Schrimpl
- Carlos Somarribas
- Laura Sotkes
- George Sparacino
- Colin Spence
- Norma J. Spriggle
- Jeanne Stoll
- Christopher Suki
- Katie Sutton
- Sue and Tom Sweeney
- Joan Marie Switalski
- Joan Switalski
- Sholle Thomson
- Marilyn Thyen
- Kathleen Trotter
- Lisa Marie Turner
- Raymond Vanasse
- Noah Wagner
- Joy Wagner
- Callie Watson
- Jennifer Weidenbruch
- Dana, Geneva and Greigh Wells
- Olivia Whiteside
- Natalie Williams
- Carol Williamson
- Bruce Williamson
- Brynn Wilson
- Harry Witt
- Levente Wolber
- S. J. Zarebi
- Nancy Zilavy

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

Military Prayer List

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
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF
- Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy
- Sophie Koepl - 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**



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@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



Ministries and Groups

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. Sessions are held on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Antioch room of the Claussen Center. 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.

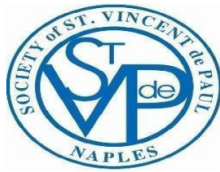


May our living Father send the Holy Spirit down upon you to give you healing and wholeness in this difficult time of your life.

Thank You



The Ladies of Charity would like to thank the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist for your support with this year's Sneaker Drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to collect and deliver 600 pairs of sneakers to local youth.



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 lives 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@svdnaples.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

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 23, 2023

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

Sunday, December 24, 2023

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday, December 25, 2023

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a) Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday, December 28, 2023

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday, December 29, 2023

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30, 2023

Mt 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40



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.

Offertory

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

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of those baptized in November:

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

11/22/23 - 11/28/23
\$60,317.80

11/29/23 - 12/5/23
\$80,854.36

12/6/23 - 12/12/23
\$60,826.51

Weddings

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

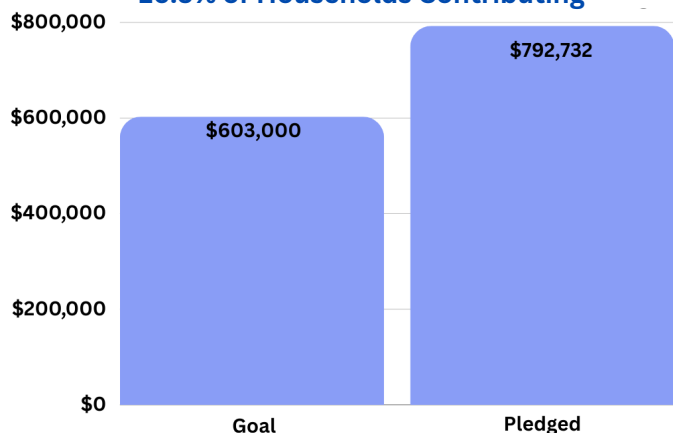
-Shauna Dee & Jeremy Lucca
-Jessica Hobt & Keith Szafranski



CFA 2023

131.46% to Goal

16.5% of Households Contributing



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.

Business Information

Memorial Garden Notes



Dear Parishioners - As a reminder, Please refrain from placing rocks, artificial flowers, and other non-natural 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

The Clergy & Staff of
St. John the Evangelist
wish you and your
family a blessed and
happy Christmas!



St. John's Gift Shop Christmas Hours

Saturday, December 23: 2:30pm-6:15pm

Sunday, December 24: CLOSED

Monday, December 25: CLOSED

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!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Pulte Family Life Center is looking for volunteers to help at our Front Desk. Duties include:
checking in members,
customer service, data entry,
and assisting with programs.

Contact Jamie Ojala for more
information: jamie@sjecc.com

*Parish
breakfast
Wednesdays after Morning Mass
Pulte Family Life Center*



FREE. Donations appreciated.

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 for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading 1

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"

Nathan answered the king,

"Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

"Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

R.(2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reading 2

Rom 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

Lk 1:38

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her,

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel,

"How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply,

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age,

and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Readings for The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass

Reading I

Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:

Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.

At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

He shall say of me, "You are my father,
my God, the rock, my savior."

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said,

"Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified,

'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.'

From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say,

'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will reign over us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of

Readings for The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass

Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ. Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall

name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

OR

Gospel

Mt 1:18-25

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“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

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He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.



Readings for The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass at Midnight

Reading I

Is 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

R. (Lk 2:11) Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and what fills it resound;
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;
for he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice
and the peoples with his constancy.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Reading II

Ti 2:11-14

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and

training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

Alleluia

Lk 2:10-11

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:

today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Readings for The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass During the Day

Reading I

Is 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!"

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

R. (3c) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Reading II

Heb 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways

to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: You are my son; this day I have begotten you? Or again: I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me? And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.

For today a great light has come upon the earth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

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John testified to him and cried out, saying,
“This was he of whom I said,
‘The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of
me because he existed before me.’”
From his fullness we have all received,
grace in place of grace, because while the law
was given through Moses, grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God.
The only Son, God, who is at the Father’s side,
has revealed him.

OR:

Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

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Respect Life

Prayer Vigil


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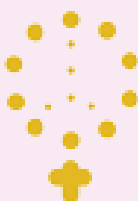
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- St. John Paul II



Gospel Reflection with Fr. Tom

Whether we are conscious of it or not, our lives are linked together. As the poet, John Donne, said: “No man is an island; each is a part of the continent.” Yet the world is full of division. We are divided by class, creed, nationality ... Just what is it then that unites us?

Sometimes when a tragedy happens in a community, all of a sudden the barriers come down. For a few moments, there are no strangers, no rich people, no poor people, no Christians, no Moslems, no Jews. Just brothers and sisters in the same boat, helping one another to get through.

The Russian writer, Dostoyevsky, spent four years in a Siberian prison. It was a bleak experience which brought him into contact with some truly desperate men. Yet in his book, *Memoirs from the House of the Dead*, he gives a moving account of what Christmas Day meant to these men.

He tells us that on Christmas Day the mood of the prisoners was very touching. They felt that they were not altogether outcasts, lost souls, pieces of flotsam. They felt like human beings, and that they had bonds with one another and with all the world. Christmas Day took them out of themselves. Even the most frugal among them thought it their duty to be openhanded on a day like this.

Christmas affects us too. It achieves a great levelling off. Nobody can feel superior to another on this day. Neither should anybody feel inferior.

It's not that Christmas reduces us all to the same common denominator, as happens when people share the same hospital ward or prison cell. No, Christmas achieves this leveling off, not by lowering us all, but by lifting us all up. Just as a rising tide lifts all the boats in the harbor, so Christmas lifts all of us. It's as if we are placed on a high plateau.

Christmas gathers us all together in a great universal fellowship in the name of Christ. On this day we experience the brotherhood and sisterhood of all human beings. Christ turns a foreigner into a neighbor, a stranger into a brother. This is the miracle of Christmas.

On Christmas Day we feel at one with everyone. We feel a desire to reach out to others. Christmas Day takes us out of our narrow world and breaks our selfish habits. It enables us to see selfishness and prejudice for what they are. We are put in touch with our common humanity, with our shared fears and hopes.

In this way Christmas brings about a wonderful happiness. But it's a disturbing happiness, because it turns upside down many of the priorities we live by. Normally we seek happiness by looking to ourselves. But Christmas shows us that it is by coming together, by opening our hearts to one another that we find happiness. Happiness is to be sought in community and sharing rather than in individualism and hoarding.

When we are praised or win an award we experience joy. This joy springs from the fact that we feel we are better or smarter than others. But such joy is temporary. True joy springs from a feeling of being the same as others - weak and fragile and mortal. It's the joy of belonging to the human race. It's the joy of being with others as a friend, a companion, a fellow traveler on the road of life. This is the joy of Christmas: God becomes like us, God becomes one with us.

I pray this Christmas shines with meaning and hope for all of us. May this “great joy” that was announced to the shepherds, be ours too: “Today a savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Merry Christmas!

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

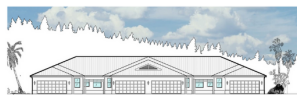
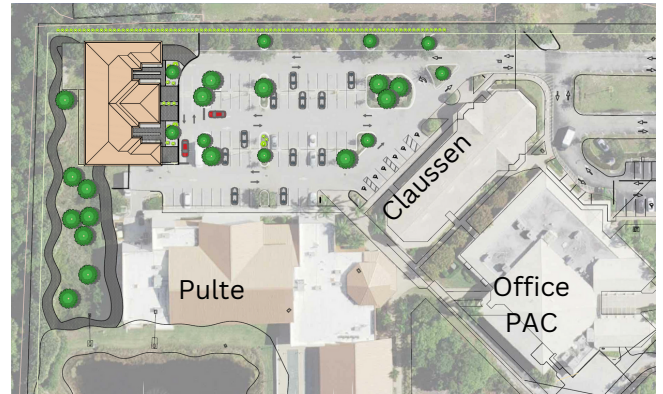
inefficiency in the frequent travel back and forth to the church. Additionally, area housing costs are high and retired Priests are increasingly priced out from being able to reside in the area and help us out.

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



**St. John the Evangelist
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Music

Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Responsorial Psalms: (Vigil) Psalm 89 - For Ever I Will Sing, (Midnight) Psalm 96 -

Today Is Born Our Savior, (Day) Psalm 98 - All the Ends of the Earth

Gifts: Angels We Have Heard On High

Lamb of God: Christmas Carol Mass

Communion Hymns: Silent Night, The First Noel

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Verses



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,
 4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -



1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 3. Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;
 4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.



1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
 4. Na - tum ví - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
 Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -



come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
 ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mí - num.

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786;
 tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.



Music

Forever I Will Sing the Goodness of the Lord

(Psalm 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29)

(Psalm 89)

Francesca LaRosa

For ev - er I will sing the good - ness, the

4
good - ness of the Lord. For ev - er I will sing the

7
good - ness, the good - ness of the Lord.

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Today is Born Our Savior

(Psalm 96)

REFRAIN

To - day is born our Sav - ior, to - day is born our

Sav - ior, to-day is born our Sav - ior, Christ— the Lord.

1. Sing, O sing brand new melodies.
Raise your voices, shout for joy.
All creation sings a new song:
Glory! Alleluia!
2. Day by day, sing salvation.
Tell all nations: great is our God.
All you people, join in the song:
Glory! Alleluia!
3. Let the heavens rejoice and the whole world be glad.
Let the sea and its creatures thunder with praise. Alleluia!
4. God is here, alleluia!
Truth and justice, light for the world—
all God's people, singing as one:
Glory! Alleluia!

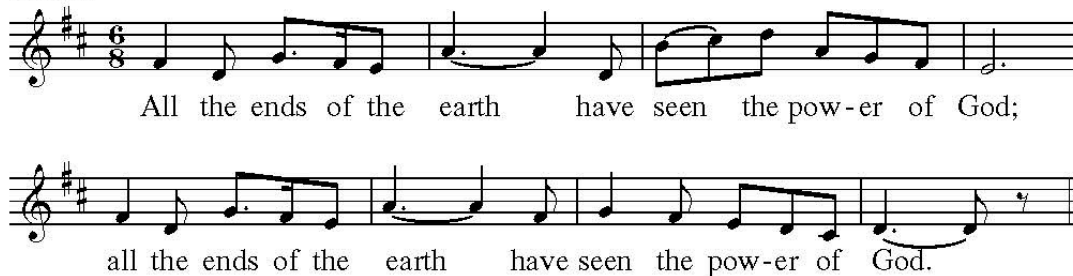
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Music

All the Ends of the Earth (Psalm 98)

Refrain



Verses

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;
whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm.
2. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all,
remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.
3. All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.
4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.
Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord.

Text: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; David Haas, Marty Haugen
Music: David Haas, Marty Haugen
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Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Verses



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;
1. *Án - ge - les can-tan-do es-tán Tan dul - cí - sí - ma can-ción;*
2. *Los pas - to - res sin ce-sar Sus can - ta - res dan a Dios;*
3. *Hoy a - nun-cian con fer-vor Que ha na - cí-do el Sal - va - dor;*
4. *Oh, ve - nid pron-to a Be-lén Pa - ra con-tem-plar con fe*



Music



1. And the moun-tains in re- ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
 3. Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
 4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.
1. *Las mon - ta - ñas su e - co dan Co - mo fiel con - tes - ta - ción.*
 2. *Cuán glo - rio - so es el can - tar De su me - lo - dí - o - sa voz.*
 3. *Los mor - ta - les go - za - rán Paz y bue - na vo - lun - tad.*
 4. *A Je - sús, Au - tor del bien, Al re - cién na - cí - do Rey.*

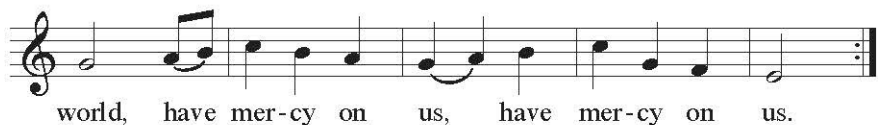


Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French Carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862;
English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882; Spanish tr., anon. Music: trad. French Carol.

Lamb of God

THE FIRST NOWELL, English Carol
Originally adapt.
Carroll Thomas Andrews, 1918–2014
Adapt. John T. Kyler

From the Ordinary of the Mass



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Music

Silent Night

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| 1. Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace. | 2. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. | 3. Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born." |
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The First Noel

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses

1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw a star
3. And by the light of that same star
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three,
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord

1. Was to cer - tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin-ing in the east, be - yond them far;
3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;
4. O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5. Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee,
6. Sing prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;"

2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
6. And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more."/>

1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
6. And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

Music

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.

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Adult Faith Formation

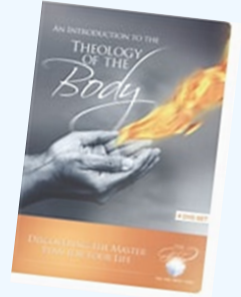
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A MOST IMPORTANT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION with Dr. Brant Pitre: "Lectio Divina and Your (Spiritual) Life" - Facilitated by Dee Schwartz - January 4 & 11 at 3:30– 5:00 in the Claussen Center

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.





There are more than 300 million people, worldwide, that have viewed episodes of the widely acclaimed hit drama, *"The Chosen."*

This is a four- season series that is true to the gospel, but includes terrific dialogue and character portraits of the men and women that Jesus chose. We get a real sense of the daily life of the apostles, their struggles, and how their relationship with Jesus begins and blossoms. You will grow and appreciate their personalities. We will meet important characters like Mary Magdalene and Nicodemus as well as Roman administrators. You will understand the motivations and feelings of those men and women that Jesus cured by his miracles.

The Chosen will be presented every Wednesday morning, beginning January 17 in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Center. Start with attending Mass at 8:30am, walk to the Pulte Center right after Mass, and enjoy a wonderful hot breakfast, compliments of the parish. Somewhere around 9:30am, you can walk to the classroom with beverage in hand, if you wish, and watch the movie.

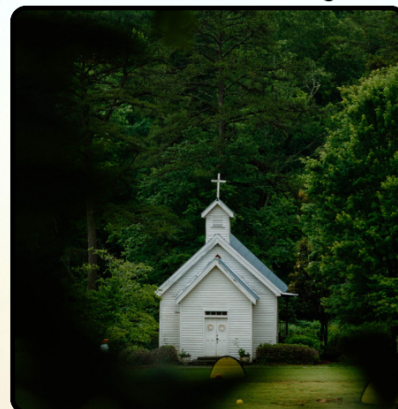
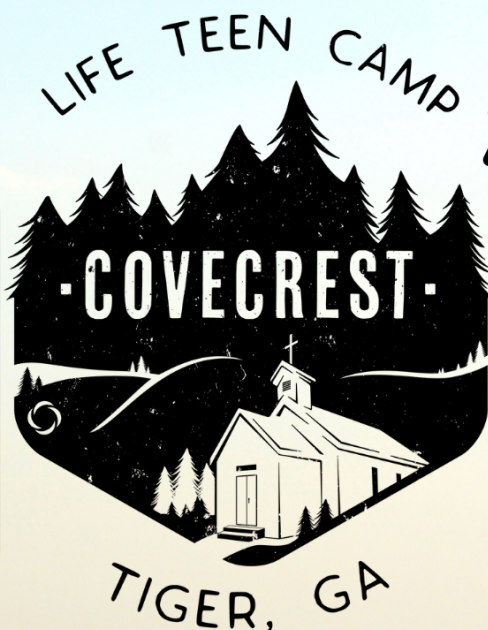
You may be interested to know that the actors in this movie are deeply religious. The actor who plays Jesus is a devout Catholic and daily communicant.

Each episode will last about one hour. Deacon John Sebastian will be your moderator and host. He will briefly introduce each episode and answer any questions you may have about the content.

This is a "do not miss" attraction. What a wonderful morning you will have! Mass, breakfast, and a great series. You do not need a reservation. Feel free to bring a friend. Season One Episode One of The Chosen begins Wednesday morning, January 17th -- See you then!

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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.

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.



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Bishop Frank J. Dewane

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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January 16
January 30

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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.

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.

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