

St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

December 3, 2023



The First 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
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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 Hal Brenner, Senior Status
Deacon Frank Paniccia, Senior Status

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Greeters & Ushers:

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or scan this QR code

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2, 2023

8:00 AM + Erin Babington

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Margaret Ann Gibbons

5:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

Requested By

Pelican Marsh 9 Hole Group

Sally McElroy

Sunday, December 3, 2023

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

9:00 AM + The Deceased Boudreau and Myatt Families

11:00 AM + George Faccone

1:00 PM + Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kelsch

5:00 PM + Janice DiPrete

Wne and Host + Rose Palumbo

Requested By

Agnes Boudreau

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Powers

Kathy and Patty Monachino

Donna Pellegrini Alderman

Florence Donohue

Monday, December 4, 2023

8:30 AM + Gay Ann Lydon

Requested By

Richard Lydon

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

8:30 AM + Dr. Rob Roy

Requested By

Gail Wernes

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

8:30 AM + Sal Ardovino

Requested By

Carol Ardovino

Thursday, December 7, 2023

8:30 AM + Richie

Requested By

Ingrid

Friday, December 8, 2023

8:30 AM + Ed Wesolek

12:00 PM + Eric F. Vierling

7:00 PM + James D. McCarthy

Requested By

Jeff and Carol Chorba

Polly Vierling

Ann McCarthy

Saturday, December 9, 2023

8:00 AM + Clinton David Moffatt

Requested By

Gigi Moffatt

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Claude and Margaret Host

5:00 PM + Charles King

Family

The Ferreira Family

Sunday, December 10, 2023

7:00 AM + Deborah McLoughlin

9:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

11:00 AM + Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Monachino

1:00 PM + Joan Ginty

5:00 PM + Anne Morrissey

Requested By

Bernard and Ryan McLoughlin

Kathy and Patty Monachino

Michele Murtagh

The Landi and Morrissey Families

America Needs Fatima Public Prayer Rally

Help us pray on Saturday each month of the Apparition Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, on NE corner of US 41 & Immokalee Rd./Riverchase Plaza.

You may bring a chair, umbrella, water & signs. For more info, text or call Lea Noyes: 239-246-1676

Upcoming Dates and Times: 12/16: 12-1 pm



Advent Penance Services / Christmas Mass Times

Advent Penance Services in our Area



Tuesday, December 5

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish: | 7PM | 5225 Golden Gate Pkwy, Naples

Tuesday, December 12

St. John the Evangelist Parish: | 5:30PM | 625 111th Avenue North, Naples

Friday, December 15

St. William Parish: | 5:30PM Confessions (No Service) | 601 Seagate Dr, Naples

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

St. John the Evangelist Christmas Mass Times:

Sunday, December 24

Vigil Masses

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

Monday, December 25

Christmas Masses

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

1:00pm, 5:00pm



Recently Deceased / Prayer List

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

Fred Harkins, Mary Lou Leibig, Claire Menge



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

- Mary A.
- Priscila Abgala
- Noor Ahsan
- Declan Aigner
- Antonio Amador
- Beckey Atkins
- 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
- Ralph A. Caccia
- Bob Capicchioni
- Frank Carillo
- Karen Cassady
- Rita Caven
- Roseanne Christinzio
- Mr and Mrs Ciano
- Tom Collins
- Sheryl Conway
- Lucia Cook
- Matthew Cummings
- 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
- Bob Hearson
- Bob Hilliard
- Kathleen Cleary Hinkle
- Brian Hintz
- Jerry Hirsch
- Patrick Howlett
- Jim Hubbard
- Becky Huff-Cook
- 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
- 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
- Steven Miller
- Eileen Miner
- Patrick Moorton
- Molly Moran
- Marie Morsetti
- Kimberly Mullin
- Robert Murphy
- John Murphy
- JoAnn Natale
- Candy Nordland
- 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
- 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
- Sarah Thewes
- Sholle Thomson
- Marilyn Thyen
- Kathleen Trotter
- Lisa Marie Turner
- Raymond Vanasse
- Noah Wagner
- Joy Wagner
- Jennifer Weidenbruch
- Dana, Geneva and Greigh Wells
- Olivia Whiteside
- Natalie Williams
- Carol Williamson
- Bruce Williamson
- Brynn Wilson
- S. J. Zarebi
- Nancy Zilavy

Military Prayer List



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

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

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

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

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

- Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait
- Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK
- 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

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, beginning December 7th and finishing December 28th. 9am for coffee and muffins and class from 9:30-10:30. 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

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.

Ministries and Groups

Children & Youth Ministries

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

Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. scoutmaster@troop-226.com

Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Contact Melissa Wychocki: mwychocki@gmail.com

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

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

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

Visit our website for our youth ministry calendars!



St. John the Evangelist's--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--St Vincent de Paul 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 SVdP-St John the Evangelist Conference, at bwstjohn@svdpneples.org

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.

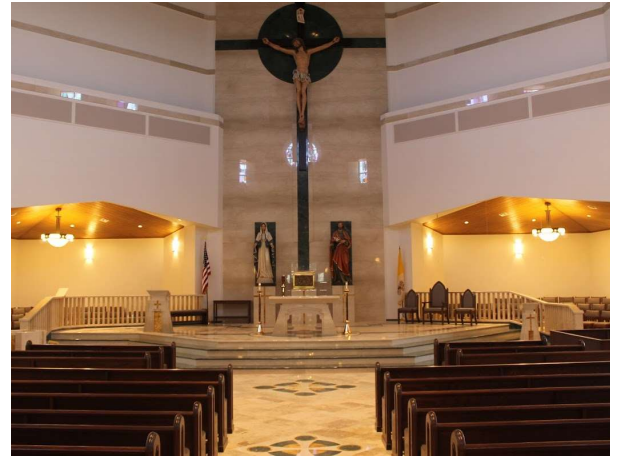
St. John the Evangelist seeks prospective Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound

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 2, 2023, 2023

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 4, 2023

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7, 2023

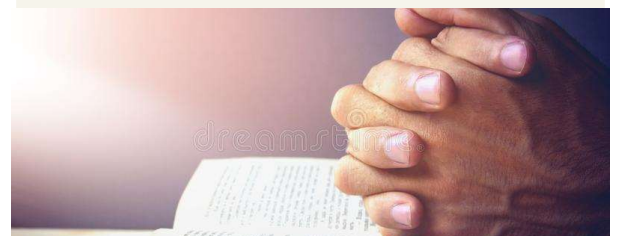
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8, 2023

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3, 6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



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

With our new families, we have 3417 Parish households.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of those baptized in October:

-Jordan Alston
-Hudson Langley
-Shea Provost
-Maisie Tarja
-Vincent Zadlo

Weddings

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

-Lexie Legault & Brandon Janson
-Christina Restrepo & Eric Handa
-Meredith Slott & Scott Nelson



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

128.39% to Goal

16.22% 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.

Memorial Garden Notes



Dear Parishioners - Thank you for your patience as our landscapers prepared our Memorial Garden for new grass. We're happy to announce that this project is completed. Our electrician is currently working on repairs to our fountain. 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. As of November 20, we will routinely remove items left in the Garden that are not natural. Thank you



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!

Merry Christmas



St. John the Evangelist Christmas Cards

For sale in our Gift Shop

**\$20 for a box of 10
with envelopes**



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 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Reading II

1 COR 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia

PS 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

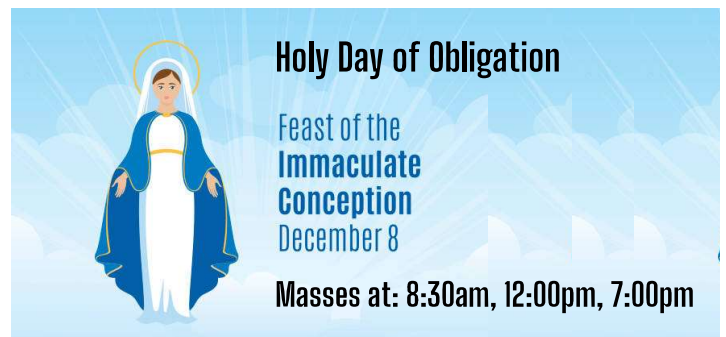
MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

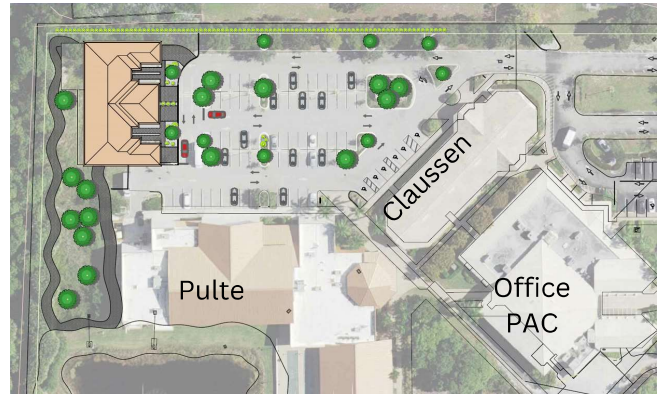
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”



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 Catholic Church 625 111th Ave North, Naples, FL 34108	
		<i>All pledges must be received by April 1, 2024</i>	
		In support of the "St. John the Evangelist Rectory Campaign", I/We would like to pledge:	
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Music

Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80 - Lord, make us turn to You.

Gospel Acclamation: Advent Alleluia

Gifts: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Lamb of God: Advent Lamb of God

Communion Hymns: Christ Be Our Light, O Come O Come Emmanuel

Closing Hymn: Soon and Very Soon

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTT GART

1. Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to
2. Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, Hope of
3. Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a
4. By thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in
1. set thy peo-ple free! From our fears and
2. all the earth thou art; Dear de-sire of
3. child, and yet a king: Born to reign in
4. all our hearts a-lone; By thine all-suf-
1. sins re-lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
2. ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
3. us for-ev-er, Now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
4. fi-cient mer-it Raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788.

Music: Christian F. Witt's *Harmonia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876.

Lord, Make Us Turn to You

(Psalm 80)

(Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19)

Francesca LaRosa

Lord, make us turn to you; let us
3 see your face and we shall be saved.

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Music

Gospel Acclamation

Stephen Pishner



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

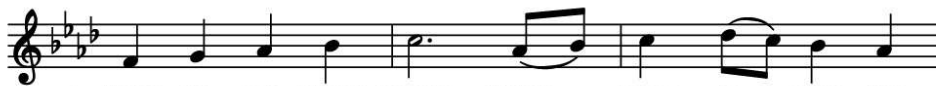
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The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

MORNING SONG



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. O bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
4. O bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



1. light tri - um-phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
2. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
3. he, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone-some
4. this fair morn - ing be, When Christ, our King, in
5. light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy



1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
2. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
3. place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.
4. beau - ty comes, And we his face shall see!
5. peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly King of kings.

Text: CM; Greek; tr. by John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.

Music: *Sixteen Tune Settings*, Philadelphia, 1812; *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816.

Advent Lamb of God

Kevin Keil (ASCAP)



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



us, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Music

Christ Be Our Light Bernadette Farrell

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

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O Come O Come Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Music

Refrain



1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.
 4. o'er the grave.
 5. mis - er - y.
 6. put to flight.
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; Chant, Mode I.

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON



1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;
 2. No more cry - ing there, We are going to see the King;
 3. No more dy - ing there, We are going to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;
 2. No more cry - ing there, We are going to see the King;
 3. No more dy - ing there, We are going to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon, We are going to see the King;
 2. No more cry - ing there, We are going to see the King;
 3. No more dy - ing there, We are going to see the King; } Hal-le-

1-3. lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

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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.



Music for The 5:00 PM Mass

Opening Song: O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Preparation Song: Sanctuary Song

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight



Communion Song: All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep

Chorus 1
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
(REPEAT)

Closing Song: City of God

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning for all those who weep
The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night

Chorus: Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day

We're sons of the morning, we are daughters of day
The one who has loved us has brightened our way
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people, to set their hearts free



Faith Formation



A Night in Bethlehem Returns to St. John The Evangelist!

A Night In Bethlehem

**A Bible-Times Christmas Event for Families
December 6th: 5:00-7:00PM ~Parish Ballroom**

Families are invited to discover Jesus in Bible-times Bethlehem!

During this 2-hour Christmas program, families wander through the bustling Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Everyone will create unique keepsakes as they interact with local shopkeepers who share the Christmas story. And...they'll love talking to Mary and Joseph in The Stable—and hearing about the miracle of Jesus' birth.



For tickets and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/night-in-bethlehem-st-john-the-evangelist-catholic-church-tickets-736746086377?aff=oddtcreator>



Now Accepting Donations for Teenage Parenting Program in Collier County Schools



For the 6th year, we are excited to once again support our youth in the community. The last five years, with your generosity, we have gifted close to 80 young moms and their babies. December 8th is the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This Feast Day celebrates Mary's conception within the womb of her mother, St Anne. This special day is celebrated nine months before the Birth of Mary within the Liturgical Calendar. To celebrate this day, and in the preparation of Christmas, our Faith Formation Families are putting together an effort to support local pregnant teenage mothers through our schools as part of a program

known as T.A.P.P. (Teen Age Parenting Program). With the support of this program, teenage moms can complete their high school education and receive childcare assistance, parenting classes, and counseling services in a loving and supportive environment. Please consider sharing your treasure with our local pregnant teenage moms by providing donations of disposable diapers size 3 and up, wipes, baby board books, bottles, bath supplies, new toys, and new clothes ranging from 3 months – 5T. Diapers Size 3 and up especially needed along with Pull-ups. This year we are making 19 baskets. When purchasing clothes and diapers – knowing how fast kids grow – please consider purchasing some larger sizes. Thank you! Collections may be dropped off to the Parish Office and Faith Formation Office through December 10th. Thank you for your support! For more information, please contact Natalie at Natalie@sjecc.com.

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, December 3rd - Faith Formation Sessions - 9:30-10:45PM

Sunday, December 3rd - Confirmation Session - 3:30-6:00PM - Youth Holy Hour to follow the 5:00PM Mass & Youth Confessions

Wednesday, December 6th - 12:30-2:30PM - Preschool Atrium

Wednesday, December 6th - 5:00-7:00PM - A Night in Bethlehem - Advanced ticket purchase required. NO FAITH FORMATION SESSION THIS EVENING.

Adult Faith Formation

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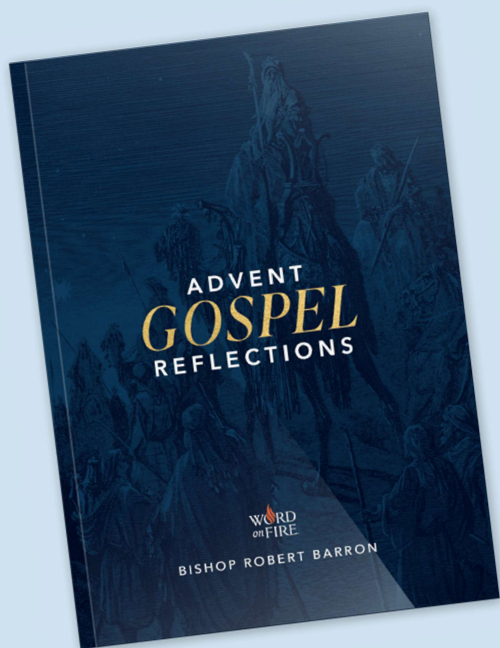
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

7:00 - 9:30PM

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Adult Faith Formation

Daily Gospel Reflection Books Are Back for This Upcoming Advent! Journey Through the Gospels Everyday With Bishop Barron.



For Christians, Advent is not meant to be a time of passive waiting, but rather of hopeful preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this devotional booklet, Bishop Robert Barron invites readers to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season. Advent Gospel Reflections features the full Gospel reading for each day of Advent, a daily reflection from Bishop Barron, space for journaling and answering reflection questions, and more! Beautiful, practical, and affordable, this booklet is ideal for both individual meditation and group study on a family or parish level.

Get your copy of Bishop Barron's Advent Gospel Reflections in our Gift Boutique. **On sale for \$5.00 each.**
A very limited supply available.

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".

This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Monday, December 4th - 6:00PM- OCIA Session Room 11 & 12 Claussen Center

Tuesday, November 5th - Rejoice! Advent 4-Week Scripture Study – 12:00-1:30PM- Alexandria Room

Thursday, December 7th - 9:30-11:00AM - Faith Chat - Alexandria Room

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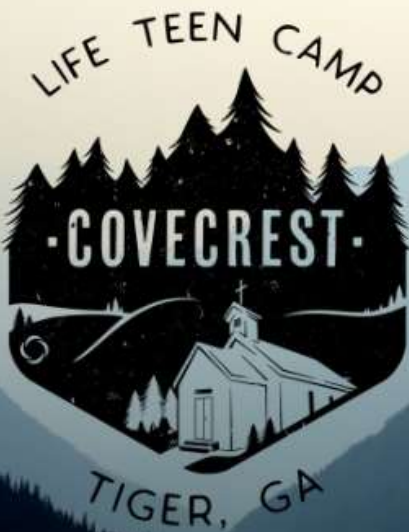
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YOUTH MINISTRY

GOD BLESSED ALL OF US WHO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE 14 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS. OUR FAITH WAS ENRICHED THROUGH SPEAKERS, MUSIC, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, PRAYER, OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION AND DAILY MASS. THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP WITH OVER 12,000 YOUNG CATHOLICS ACROSS THE NATION WAS ENCOURAGING, ESPECIALLY WHEN OUR YOUTH WERE ABLE TO SEE THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE IN FOLLOWING CHRIST IN THE ONE TRUE CHURCH. FURTHER, AS BISHOP ESPAILLAT STATED AT INCYC, "[WE] GOT TO HAVE FAITH. [WE'VE] GOT TO HAVE FUN WHILE [WE] DO IT. AND [WE] NEED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY ALONG THE WAY." THUS, WE CAN'T EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE AND MANY THANKS TO THE ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FOR YOUR PRAYERS, SUPPORT, AND GENEROUS DONATIONS THAT MADE THIS TRIP POSSIBLE FOR OUR YOUTH.

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DIRECTOR OF CYO SPORTS & YOUTH MINISTRY

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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.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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 November 26th bulletin, Carlo was on page 29 in the Pancake Breakfast ad.*

Eucharistic Revival - A Letter from Bishop Dewane



NATIONAL

Eucharistic
Revival

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

TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!



ALL THINGS NEW

FEATURING NEW, DYNAMIC PRESENTERS



PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Saturday Mornings
Nazareth Room
Pulte Family Life Center
St. John the Evangelist Church
625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL

SCHEDULE:

6:30 Breakfast
7:00 Presentation
7:30 Small Groups
8:00 Mass
9:00-10:00 (optional)
Free Gym Access - Weights & Cardio

Parish Trips

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 presentation



11 days - 9 nights \$4,599^{pp}

Embark on this soulful pilgrimage where Italy's history, faith and culture intertwine. Join us on a spiritual journey guided by the wisdom & grace of Father Nick.

Register for the presentation by email:

ops@jetvacations.com



INCLUDED FEATURES

- 1st class accommodation for 9 nights at centrally located hotels
- Round Trip airport transfers from Parish to MIA airport
- Round Trip airfare from MIA including Airline fuel & tax
- Services of an English Speaking Tour Manager
- Guided tours, admissions and entrance fees.
- Wine tastings, daily masses & experiences
- Breakfasts daily, 2 Lunch and 5 dinners
- Air Conditioned motor coaches
- All VAT, City and local taxes

CALL 1-855-538-0999 TODAY

JOIN FATHER TOM & YOUR PARISH FAMILY EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS INDIANAPOLIS



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

Indianapolis, IN
July 16-22, 2024

Let us come together to celebrate our shared faith and embrace the divine teachings.

Register on the trip and email:


ops@jetvacations.com

7days from \$1,995^{pp} in DBL

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Your choice of 1st class hotel for 6 nights in Indianapolis
- Special visit to the Arts and design district of Carme
- 4 Congress days including sessions, interactions.
- Private backstage tour of Center Performing Arts
- Local host on the first day of the Congress.
- Spiritual enrichment, activities, daily Mass
- Breakfasts daily, 1 Lunch and 2 dinners
- Air Conditioned motor coaches
- All VAT, City and local taxes

Respect Life / Events & Programs



**Walking with
Moms in Need**

**SHE'S
PREGNANT!**

**LET HER KNOW
SHE'S NOT ALONE**


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

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

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

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

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



Prayer Vigil Join our Respect Life Team



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



Christmas TOY DRIVE

For it is in giving that we receive.
St. Francis of Assisi



Toys available
for purchase
in our Gift
Shop

**Drop off at all masses
December 9/10 & 16/17**

New toys and other appropriate gifts are needed for girls and boys up to 17 years of age. Toys can be wrapped or unwrapped. If wrapped, mark package with toy description, girl or boy and appropriate age range.

A special thanks to

Angela's Angels
and North Naples Fire and Rescue
who again have partnered to coordinate and distribute the toys to needy children and families.



Presented by the Knights of Columbus St. John Council #1281

Events & Programs



12TH ANNUAL
SENIORS BLUE BOOK

PREPARING FOR AGING *Symposiums*

JANUARY 25
St. John the Evangelist
Catholic Church
625 111th Ave., N., Naples 34108
9am-3pm

SIGN UP TODAY! SPACE IS LIMITED
CALL 239.776.7353 TO REGISTER

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



REGISTER FOR
JAN 25 EVENT
IN **NAPLES**

Senior attendance
is by RSVP *only*.

 **SENIORS Blue Book**
RESOURCES FOR AGING WELL



"We Served" Veteran's Event

Monday, December 11, 2023, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Veterans, you, and your spouse are invited to join other vets for Breakfast and a Presentation by guest speakers.

Information You Must Know

Many Topics Discussed

Location:

Saint John the Evangelist Church, Pulte Family Life Center
625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108

You MUST Register to Attend

Call the Parish Office: 239.566.8740
or

Bill Fuller at: 239-280-8870--or-- wfuller1@comcast.net.

DIOCESE OF VENICE

"THERE IS HOPE"

BEREAVEMENT OUTREACH



LOCATIONS/TIMES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

3pm-4:30pm, Parish Center
5265 Placida Road, Grove City, FL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

ST. WILLIAM PARISH

3pm-4:30pm, Church Hall
601 Seagate Drive, Naples, FL



A workshop focusing on
surviving the holidays
without your loved one –
with Deacon Henry deMena

No cost, no registration needed.

For more information, please contact Carrie Harkey at: Harkey@dioceseofvenice.org or call (941) 484-9543

Events & Programs

This Holiday Season,
Give the Gift of

life




Give Blood!

Community BloodCenter
Affiliate of the NCH Healthcare System

When: Tues. Dec. 12th • 8 AM - 1 PM

Where: St. John the Evangelist Church
625 111th Ave. • Naples, FL 34108
Sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Knights of Columbus & Notre Dame Naples

Sign-up: Bernie McLoughlin 203.213.1580
bernardmc1248@aol.com

239.624.4120

- Photo ID is required
- Eat a meal before donating & be well hydrated
- Must be 16 years old with parent present
- Donors will receive cholesterol & mini health screenings

GiveBloodCBC.org

Christmas on the 9th!

THE PARADISE COASTMEN

Barbershop Chorus
will be joined by the
Seacrest Country Day School Choir
to bring you joyfull Christmas and Hanukah songs






Bring your family and carol with us!

WHEN: 3 PM, Saturday, December 9, 2023
WHERE: Pulte Center. St John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N., Naples, FL 34108 (Immokalee Rd, West of 41)
COST: No ticket price - Donations accepted



The Ladies of Charity
Annual
Christmas Sneaker Drive
to benefit Children in our
Community

Help us reach this year's goal
of **600 new pairs** of sneakers.

- Take a tag from the LOC table outside the front of the Church during the following weekends: 11/18 & 11/19, 11/25 & 11/26, 12/2 & 12/3
- Wrap your package, with the tag secured to the outside, and bring it back to either the LOC table during the weekend Masses or to the wrapped box in the Narthex during the week. All sneakers must be returned by December 10
- Your sneaker donation benefits the children at Guadalupe Social Services and Redlands Christian Migrant Association

Cub Scout Pack 226

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 3rd
After the 7am, 9am
and 11am Mass
Church Ballroom

Pancakes | Orange Juice
Sausage & Eggs | Coffee

FREE

Donations Appreciated to
Fund Cub Scout Activities



Events & Programs

Celtic Angels Christmas



**Friday, December 22
7:30-9:30PM**

Pulte Family Life Center
St. John the Evangelist
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108

Celtic Angels Christmas is a joyous celebration from start to finish, encompassing vocal and instrumental Holiday and Irish favorites. Paired with show stopping world class champion Irish dancing and a fully live band, Celtic Angels Christmas is sure to awe and entertain.

For tickets and information:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celtic-angels-christmas-2023-tickets-744138627667>



The Glory of Christmas

Celebrating Christ's Birth

Presented by the St. John the Evangelist Church Adult Choir, Soloists & Orchestra

Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue N. Naples, FL 34108

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023 @ 11:00 PM
Concert with Readings
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue N. Naples, FL 34108

Through a blend of familiar carols and original songs, you will experience the beauty of the incarnation story as if you're experiencing it for the first time. The glory of Christmas comes to life in this inspiring musical by Lloyd Larson.

UGLY SWEATER Christmas Karaoke Party

**Saturday, December 16
6:00pm**
Pulte Family Life Center Cafe

Christmas treats
Beer & Wine

Prizes for the best sweaters!



Join us for a night of Adoration and Sacred Music with the St. John the Evangelist Adult Choir, featuring:

Francesca LaRosa



francescalarosa.com
Catholic Composer - Singer
Songwriter - Author



St. John the Evangelist Church
625 111th Ave N Naples, FL 34108
January 5, 2024
6:30 pm in the Church
Free of charge. Goodwill offering appreciated.



A festive flyer for a New Year's Eve party. The background is black with yellow starburst and firework patterns. Decorative elements include champagne bottles with 'Bibbly Club CHAMPAGNE' labels and silver party horns. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif, sans-serif, and script fonts. A purple banner highlights the date.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

NYE

Party

MUSIC BY THE MOTOWNERS
FEATURING DANCE MUSIC OF THE 50'S, 60'S,
70'S, AND 80'S

CATERING EXPERIENCE BY
JIMMY P'S

OPEN BAR

DECEMBER 31, 2023

5:30 - 9:30 PM
ST. JOHN'S BALLROOM

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL
JACKET AND TIE REQUIRED

TICKETS:
\$175 PER GUEST



For tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nye-at-st-johns-tickets-759041693137?aff=oddtcreator>

With an opportunity to contribute to the St. John the Evangelist
Rectory Campaign

Events & Programs

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROARING TWENTIES CASINO NIGHT & DINNER



SAVE THE DATE:
MARCH 9, 2024

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



The jungle is jumpin' with jazz in this exciting Disney classic! Young actors will love performing in this exciting, action-packed 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
Participation Fee Required Rehearsals held Fridays 4:30PM-7:00PM

Christmas Tree Lighting

and craft making

Wednesday, December 13

Pulte Family Life Center

6:15pm

All ages welcome

JOIN US AS WE LIGHT OUR
CHRISTMAS TREE.
CRAFT MAKING. CHRISTMAS
MUSIC. TREATS.



Mondays

@ 6:00 PM

Pulte Life Center Cafe

*light snacks and beverages



Christmas Karaoke
December 16 @ 6:00PM

SNACKS. MUSIC. FUN.

KARAOKE NIGHT & HAPPY HOUR



December 12
December 19

BINGO

Pulte Family Life Center
1:00 PM

More Information : jamie@sjecc.com

Events & Programs / Pulte Family Life Center

St. John the Evangelist
COUNTRY *life* **FEST**
*Proceeds Support
The Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Groups*

Friday, January 12th

6 - 9 PM Gates open at 5:30 PM
St. John the Evangelist Church Parking Lot

Please bring your own chairs

Event will be moved inside if weather not permitting

\$10 per person/\$20 per family/\$5 for under 21

CASH BAR
FAMILY FRIENDLY MENU



Presented by
St. John
Council 11281



Featuring
BACK COUNTRY BOYS

Adult & Kid's Activities!
**BULL RIDING, AXE THROWING
ARTS AND CRAFTS**

For tickets, email
troy@dgarrrettconstruction.com

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE



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*

