

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD March 31, 2024



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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, 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)

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

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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

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Deacon Frank Paniccia, Senior Status

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DONATE THE EASY WAY WITH ONLINE GIVING

Your weekly contributions to St. John the Evangelist help us in our continued efforts to bring Christ to our parishioners and the community and to make a difference in the lives of so many. Scan below to get started.

If you need assistance, have questions, or need to make changes to an existing reoccurring donation, please call Karen Beebe 239.566.8740.



Scan Here

DONATION REMINDERS

Please review the guidelines below to help streamline the counting process for our volunteers.

Offertory

Our collections are taken at the end of Mass at all exits of the Church. We ask that you use your weekly envelope OT write your envelope number on the memo line of your check. Make the check payable to **St. John the Evangelist.** We cannot accept checks made payable to CASH.

St. Vincent De Paul

Make check payable to St. Vincent de Paul

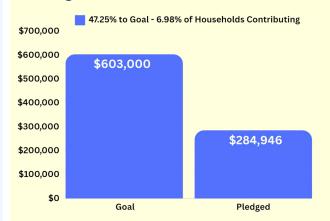
Jamaica Outreach Program

Make check payable to **JOP**



2024 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

St. John the Evangelist's 2024 CFA goal is \$603,000. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution.



TO DONATE TO THE 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-togive/cfa
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page

OFFERTORY

3/6/24-3/12/24 \$60,210.47

3/13/24-3/192/24 \$70,930.54

Total Households 3454



Calendar and Weekly Readings

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

7:00am Mass (Church) 9:00am Mass (Church)

9:15am Overflow Mass (Ballroom)

11:00am Mass(Church)

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1:00pm Mass (Church) 5:00pm Mass (Church)

Monday, April 1

Main Office Closed Today 8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

Tuesday, April 2

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

10:00am Knitting & Crocheting (PLC)11:00am VBS Adult Volunteer Meeting12:00pm Ephesians, Session 6 (Nazareth)

Wednesday, April 3

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:00am Parish Breakfast (Cafe)
9:30am The Chosen (Nazareth)
10:00am Quilting Ministry (PLC)
12:30pm Sewing Ministry (PLC)

5:30pm VBS Adult Volunteer Meeting

Thursday, April 4

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

Friday, April 5

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

Saturday, April 6

8:00am Daily Mass (Church)
3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-

17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and

5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-

19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-

9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7,

8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-

24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-

15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

EASTER OFFICE HOURS

In observance of Easter, our Main Office will be closed on Monday, April 1, 2024 (Easter Monday).

The Clergy & Staff of St. John the Evangelist wish You and Your families a blessed and happy Easter!



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 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.

Many blessings to those baptized in our Church in February



Lane Claugus









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 resume meeting March 21st at 9:30. We will be discussing the Book of Tobias in the Old Testament. We will enjoy coffee and snacks and discuss what we will study in upcoming weeks. Bring some ideas! For more information contact Lee Pinto at Leepinto2924@aol.com.

Grief Support - 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.

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 information, contact Jeanne Pittman: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org

Knights of Columbus. 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.

Knights of Columbus - Wheelchair Program. If you or someone you know are in need of a wheelchair, please contact Bill Fuller at 239-280-8870 or wfullerl@comcast.net

Knitting & Crocheting. Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. 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 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 50 minutes before daily Mass begins. 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. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. Donations, both monetary and fabric, are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867 or sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com

Sewing Ministry. Sewing Ministry meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Parish Activity Center, rooms 1 and 2. Donations, both monetary and of fabrics and supplies are welcome. If you like to sew we encourage you to come and see what we are all about. Please contact Marianne Swan 305.965. 5980, email swan11@bellsouth.net or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul. We give glory to God by offering direct/in-home help to anyone in need within the boundaries of our parish. Our work spans fighting food insecurity, keeping families in their homes, and a wide variety of special projects and programs focused on helping our neighbors address difficult challenges. We meet the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in classroom 1, in the Parish Life Center. Contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDPnaples.org.

AA Brian R. 732-735-7037

Adult Children of Alcoholics Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195 **Al-Anon** For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

Children & Youth Ministries

Altar Servers - 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

Safe Environment & Volunteers

DIOCESE OF VENICE - SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

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.





SPECIAL MASS TO BE HELD APRIL 5

On Friday, April 5, a Mass will be celebrated in the Diocese of Venice on behalf of the victims of child abuse. Now in its 17th year, this special Mass is always celebrated in April, to coincide with National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Mass for Victims of Abuse, held annually, will take place on Friday, April 5, at 12:15 p.m. at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W, Venice.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer List

We pray that those on our prayer list find hope, healing, and health.

Declan Aigner **Hugh Andrews** Barbara Barber Agatha Barczynski Jennifer Basile

Sara Boettcher

Frank and Therese Brennan Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman

Charlotte Byron Candice

Bob Capicchioni

Al and Lorraine Ciano

Kathy Davidson George Deauchan

Dolores DeMiglio

Donna DiMare

Megan Ebert John Eddy

John and Monica Ellis

Tiffany Fellenz

Darlene Follese

Ron Fongemie

Peter and Phyllis Foti

Phillis and Peter Foti

Lester Fuller Barbara Fuller

Kathy Gallucci

Mary Jane Gibley

Fr. Len Gioeli

Makayla Hall Gabriel Hanley

Elaine Hill

Marie Houston

Kathy Hower

Yvonne Keenan

Dennis Killian

Tracey Kirk

Richard Kruger

Mary Langdon

Alicia Laplant

Myles Levy

Lisa Marie Turner

Teresa Lozano

Karen Madigan

Ruth Martin

Barbara McDonald

Thomas Joseph McLoughlin

Wendy Mercer

Orville Middendorf

Tom Middlemiss

Eileen Miner

Joyce Morrissev

Tom Nell

Barbara O'Leary

Wyatt Olenn

Peg Palen

Eric Parker

Wiesia Petroske

Tom Petroske

Amy Pine

Anna Polley

Jose Ignacio Ramirez

Trisha Reed

Romilda Bryden

Peggy O'Neil Saba

Lisa Sanfelippo

Steve Savory

Catherine Schmacht

Marie Sestito

Norma J. Spiggle

Jeanne Stoll

Christopher Suki

Kathleen Sullivan

Susan and Thomas Sweeny

Kelli Jo Tenreiro

Kathleen Trotter

Raymond Vanasse

Callie Grace Watsor

Natalie Williams

Jimmy Wise

Jessica Zacholl

RECENTLY **DECEASED**

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

Rosanne Christinzio ,Florence Demski, Mary Lou Kreber



The Mass Book for 2025 is now open. If you would like to request a Mass, please visit our Main Office during regular business hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00

If you would like to add a name to either of our prayer lists or delete a name, please contact our Main Office 239.566.8740. Names will stay on our prayer list for a period of six months.

Military Prayer List

MILITARY PRAYER LIST



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. We also give our sincere appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. Amen.

Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait

Captain Will Adamson: US Army,

Anchorage AK

Cadet Samantha Bocis, West Point

Sam Bradley, Marines

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

Sophie Koeppl - First Lieutenant, US Army

Sgt. Nicholas LaManna

Sgt. William McKinney

PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft. Eustis, VA

Connor Miller: US Navy search and rescue

Col. Brian Murphy

Lt. Col. Jill Murphy

Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger

Regiment

Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – US Army

1st Lieutenant Deanna Ogrinc, US Army

Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps

Daniel Petito – US Army

Matthew Popielec, PFC-Germany

Captain Anthony James Raguso, US

Marines

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30, 2024 Requested By

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Vigil Masses for Sunday

8:00 PM + Fewell and Komasinski Families The Beebe Family

Sunday, March 31, 2024 Requested By

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

9:00 AM SI Michael and Diane Moritz on their 45th Anniversary Moritz Family

9:15 AM + Roberto Rivero Marie and Bob Harris 11:00 AM + Joe Greer Susan Handy Greer

11:15 AM + Christopher D. Acton John and Patricia Kielbasa

1:00 PM + Bob Stamant Jeanne Pittman

5:00 PM + Constantino Boveda Olimpia Boveda and Family

Monday, April 1, 2024 Requested By

8:30 AM + Eileen and Harold Beach Kevin and Patrice Beach

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 Requested By

8:30 AM + Stuart Countryman Melissa O'Brien

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 Requested By

8:30 AM + Dolores Kernochan Jacquie Brodeur

Thursday, April 4, 2024 Requested By

8:30 AM + Cathy Hedrick Kelly Swan

Friday, April 5, 2024 Requested By

8:30 AM + Ron O'Keefe Claire Conger

Saturday, April 6, 2024 Requested By

8:00 AM + David Giometti Barry and Noreen Seliger

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)
3:00 PM + Michael Cataldo Pauline Cataldo

8:00 PM + Janet and Jerome Paul VanderHorst Vicki VanderHorst

Sunday, April 7, 2024 Requested By

7:00 AM + The Deceased Members of the Giuseppe Nardulli Family Anna Nardulli and Family

9:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners 11:00 AM + John Kindsvater, Sr. Connie and Jack Kindsvater

1:00 PM + Tricia Kelliner Kathy and Michael Costello

5:00 PM + Rita and Marco Marino Kathy Marino and Karen Hays

Rectory Campaign Update

Thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity toward our Rectory Campaign. We are pleased to announce that we have reached our goal! We will still welcome donations toward furnishings, maintenance, and other unforeseen expenses. Thank you again. We are truly blessed.



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.



Reflection with Fr. Tom

Every year on Easter Sunday tens of thousands of pilgrims gather in St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Pope's Easter Blessing. It's a wonderful occasion as the successor of Peter proclaims the Easter message: "Christ is risen, alleluia." He is doing what Peter did on the first Easter -- he is confirming the faith of his brothers and sisters. And there can be no doubt but that it does confirm the faith of those fortunate enough to be present.

Peter was doing what the Lord had asked of him during the Last Supper when he said: "Simon, Satan will sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers."

Peter to strengthen the faith of his brothers! He would seem a strange choice when we consider how he performed during the passion. How could someone whose own faith was so fickle, confirm anyone? Let us remind ourselves briefly how he performed the night Jesus was arrested.

We recall his brave words at the Last Supper: "Even if all the others should lose faith in you, I will never lose faith in you." He really meant those words. He thought he was brave and strong. A short while later, when Jesus was sorrowful, lonely, and fearful in the garden, he asked Peter to watch with him. But Peter couldn't manage even that -- he fell asleep. He left Jesus to drink the cup of sorrow alone. Worse was to come. Later that night, in the courtyard of the high priest's house, someone turned to Peter and said, "Aren't you one of his? Weren't you with him in the garden?" And what happened? Not once but three times Peter denied Jesus, denied ever having known him. Then the cook crew. At that moment Jesus looked at Peter, and Peter immediately realized what he had done - he had denied his friend. And he went outside and wept bitterly.

It was the lowest moment in his life. He found out a very painful truth about himself. He wasn't as strong, or as brave, or as generous as he thought he was. But Jesus didn't write him off. He had foreseen all this. He had even predicted it. He continued to believe in him. He knew that there was another and better side to Peter. After the resurrection he restored a wiser and humbler Peter to where he was before, and made him the rock on which he would build his Church.

And Peter came good. He recovered and went on to strengthen the faith of his brothers and sisters in the community. It was he who led the apostles in witnessing to the resurrection. It was he who gathered together the scattered followers of Jesus. It was on the basis of his testimony that the community exclaimed: "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon."

Peter has been called a stumbling saint. He is a favorite with many, probably because his human frailty makes us feel kinship with him. Courage fails us all. In the end, all of us are mere mortals who are inconstant in our beliefs. But we must not judge ourselves or others by momentary lapses, but by commitment over a long time to our beliefs.

It was Jesus himself who confirmed the faith of Peter. The same risen Lord confirms us in our faith. We are a community of believers whose common faith strengthens the faith of each individual.

You are here today to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Perhaps it is your faith that brought you here. Perhaps someone else invited you. What matters is that you are here. May your faith continue to strengthen and bring you to the table of the Lord every Sunday. The Lord calls YOU to a deeper relationship. I promise you you won't regret it!

Happy Easter! Fr. Tom

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Reading I Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

"You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad or: R Alleluia

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad or: R Alleluia

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

R This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad or: R Alleluia

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or: R Alleluia

Responsorial Psalm I Cor 5:6b-8

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Sequence Victimae paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat

stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

"The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus' resurrection;

bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

to Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

Alleluia Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and

came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



Divine Mercy Sunday St. John the Evangelist April 7, 2024

2:30pm Chaplet sung

2:55pm Mass Entrance Procession

3:00pm Mass

3:55pm Flower procession and veneration

of image and a first-class relic

of St. Faustina

Please join us immediately after
Mass in the Ballroom for a
reception, followed
by a presentation on
Divine Mercy by
Sister Teresa de la Fuente, OLM
(St Faustina's Congregation)





Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7

SUNDAY

the first Sunday after Easter

THE HISTORY

Jesus began appearing to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, in 1931. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on her published diary recording the revelations she received from Jesus. St. Faustina died in 1938, at 33 years old, and was canonized by St. John Paul II in 2000.

THE PROMISE

Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

- Saint Faustina, Diary, 699

WHY IS THIS PROMISE FROM JESUS SO WONDERFUL AND MERCIFUL?

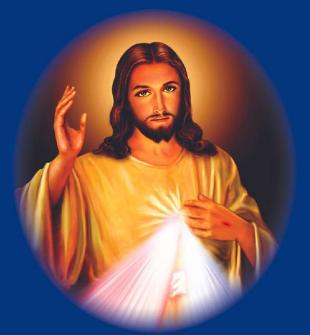
TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT AND SUFFERING:

The Catholic Church teaches that sin has two consequences, or punishments. (CCC 1472). The first is eternal punishment in which the soul loses heaven and is confined to an eternity in Hell. This punishment is remitted through the forgiveness of sins. The second is temporal punishment, in which a person must expiate, or make reparation for his sins. This temporal punishment remains even after sin is forgiven. This temporal punishment is known as Purgatory.

So, Jesus's amazing promise to St. Faustina amounts to offering all mankind the graces of a COMPLETE PARDON; an opportunity to have all temporal punishment, time in Purgatory, that which would be necessary before entrance into Heaven, completely removed!

TO OBSERVE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sincerely repent of all of your sins. Place your complete trust in Jesus. Go to Confession, the Church permits up to 20 days before the Feast. Receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. Venerate the image, such as a prayer before it, "Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!" Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers.



THE IMAGE

"I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies, already here on earth, and especially at the hour of death...I Myself will defend it as My own glory."

THE CHAPLET

"Pray unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation."

THE CONVERSION PRAYER

"If you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith, on behalf of some sinner, I will give that soul the grace of conversion:

'O Blood and Water that gushed forth from the heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.'

- Diary 186, 187

Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."

- Diary 1397

SPREAD OF THE DEVOTION

"Do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to my mercy. I will make up for what you lack."

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7

Our Lord's promises attached to the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska

- **1.** "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of Divine Mercy) will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory."
- 2. "The two rays denote Blood and Water...These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father...I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy...whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."
- **3.** "I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."
- 4. "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death."
- **5.** "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy...I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy."
- **6.** "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death."
- 7. "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior."
- 8. "The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."
- 9. "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world."
- **10.** "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak."
- 11. "Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will."
- 12. "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one."
- 13. "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior."
- **14.** "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony...I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion."

How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

using the Rosary

- **1.** Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed.
- **2.** Then, on the Our Father beads, say the following: 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.
- **3.** On the 10 Hail Mary beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).
- 4. Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Entrance Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118: This is the Day

Easter Sequence: Christians to the Paschal Victim (Cantor only)

Hymn during Sprinkling Rite: Baptized in Water

Gifts: Jesus Is Risen

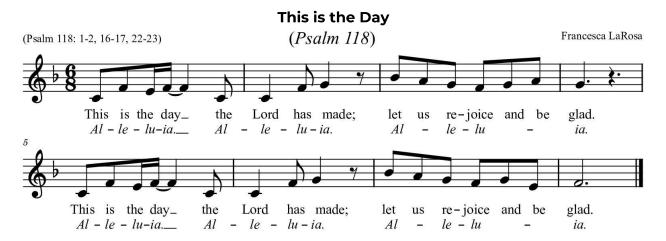
Communion Hymns: I Am the Bread of Life, Take and Eat

Closing Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia!, The Hallelujah Chorus (11 am only)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia! 2. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia! Praise him, now His might confess, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Spirit blest. Alleluia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; verse 1, Latin, 14th cent.; para. in Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; verses 2–3, The Compleat Psalmodist, ca. 1750, alt.; verse 4, Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Later form of melody fr. Lyra Davidica, 1708.



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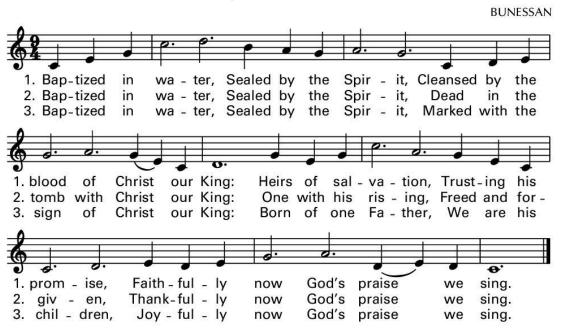
Christians, to the Paschal Victim Chant, Mode I

- 1. Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises!
- A Lamb the sheep redeems;
 Christ, who only is sinless,
 Reconciles sinners to the Father.
- 3. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
- 4. Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring.

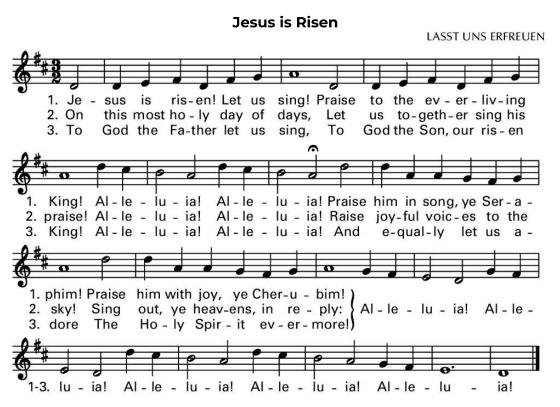
- 5. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
- 6. Bright angels, attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.
- 7. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; To Galilee he goes before you."
- 8. Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King,ever reigning! Amen. Allelúia.

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Baptized in Water



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I am the Bread of Life

Sr. Suzanne Toolan RSM

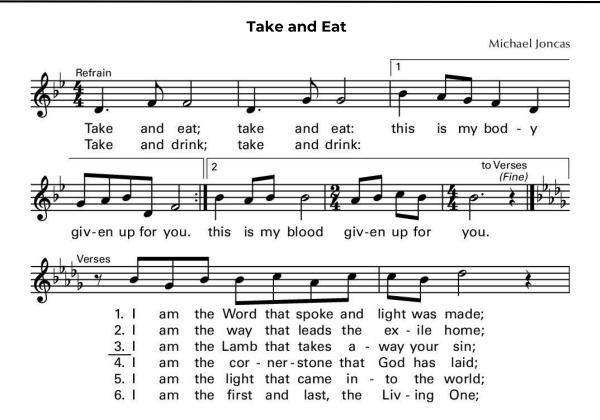
1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

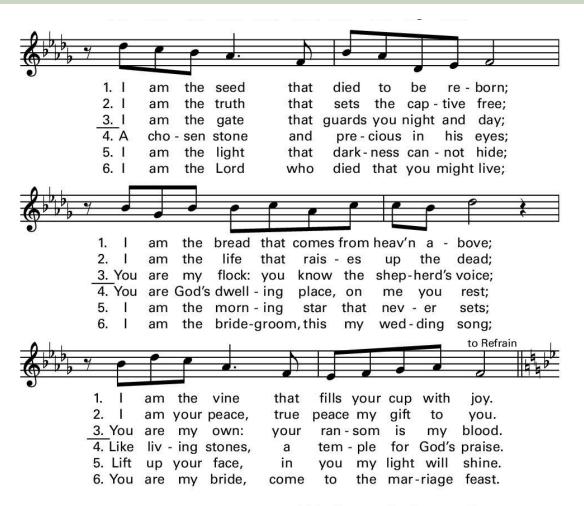
Refrain
And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever.

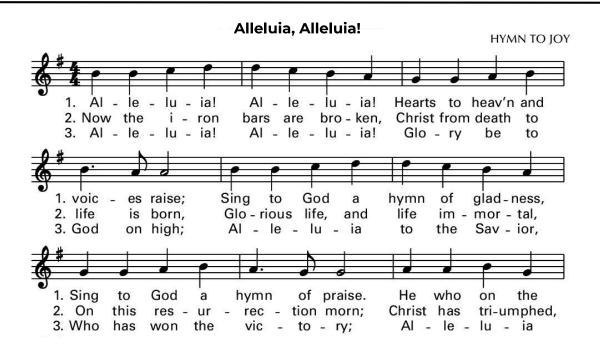
- 3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.
- 4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever.
- 5. Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world.

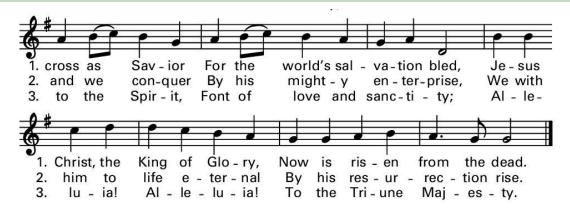
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5:00pm Sunday Mass Music

Opening Song: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Tho' the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Preparation Song: Stronger

There is Love that came for us Humbled to a sinner's cross You broke my shame and sinfulness You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus: You are stronger, You are stronger Sin is broken, You have saved me It is written, Christ is risen Jesus You are Lord of all

Communion Song: Revelation Song

V1: Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy, holy is He Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings You are my everything And I will adore You

V2: Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder Blessing and honor strength and glory And power be to You the only wise King

V3: Filled with wonder awestruck wonder At the mention of Your name Jesus Your name is power breath and living water Such a marvelous mystery yeah

Closing Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia! our triumphant holy day, alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, alleluia! our salvation have procured; alleluia! now above the sky He's King, alleluia! where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

Faith Formation

Informational Meeting:

Calling All Adult Volunteers 18 and Older! VBS Needs You! Come join us as we Dive Into Friendship with God!

Are you over age 18 and willing to help lead kids in their faith this VBS? Do you want to learn more about what positions are available?

Join us on one of these dates for an Information Meeting and Sign up to help at this year's Vacation Bible School, June 3rd-7th.

- Learn more about this year's theme: SCUBA and how VBS Works.
- Learn about what leadership positions are needed and a description of each leadership position.
- Learn about the Volunteer Clearance Process to be eligible to help.
- Learn about our VBS Pre-School for those who are age 4 and entering kindergarten in the Fall.
- Meet and talk to others who have served in VBS in prior years and ask questions about this amazing week!

Meeting Dates: Tuesday, April 2nd at 11:00AM-12:00PM OR Wednesday, April 3rd from 5:30-6:30PM

VBS Dates: Monday, June 3rd -Friday, June 7th – 9AM-12PM (Volunteers may arrive earlier and leave a little later for most positions).

Please email <u>AFF@sjecc.com</u> to RSVP to either of the meetings.

Volunteer applications for VBS Camp Counselors- Middle and High School are now OPEN! Please register using the QR code.





Registration for Campers is now open.

VBS fills up quickly, so register today!



This Week in Faith Formation: HOLY WEEK

This Week in Faith Formation: EASTER WEEK
*No Faith Formation on Easter Sunday or Wednesday in Easter Week

Tuesday, April 2nd 11:00-12:00PM – VBS Adult Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, April 3rd -5:30-6:30PM - VBS Adult Volunteer Meeting

Adult Faith Formation



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 17in 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.

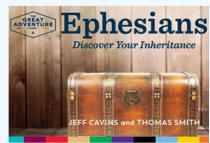
Each episode will last about one hour. Deacon John Sebastian will be your moderator and host. He will briefly introduce each episode and answer any questions you may have about the content.

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.

We resume this week with Season, 2, Episode 2

EPHESIANS: DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE 8-WEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH SUE HAMILTON CONTINUES – APRIL 2ND – 12:00-1:30PM

Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ. In fact, its six short chapters contain some of the most discussed passages in the New Testament. Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance examines many



important themes that are still relevant in today's Christian culture and society—the nature of marriage, the purpose and role of the Church, the preeminence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare. Presenter Jeff Cavins explores what Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us about the nature of the Church as a body, a household, a mystery, a communion, a bride, and an army. Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance shows the treasures that await us as adopted sons and daughters in the family of God. Please register in advance for this study at AFF@sjecc.com Optional Study Guide available for \$30.00.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation:

Tuesday, April 2nd - Ephesians- Session 6 – Nazareth Room of the Pulte Center – 12:00-1:30PM

Wednesday, April 3rd - THE CHOSEN – 9:30-10:45AM Nazareth Room – Season 2, Episode 2.

Adult Faith Formation / Gift Shop

NEW DATE ADDED: AS WE FORGIVE THOSE... FORGIVENESS AND BOUNDARIES

Presentation by, Mariette Danilo, PhD

You think you're over it. You pretend everything is ok. But you just can't find peace.
You may have trouble sleeping or you can't stop thinking about what happened. You can't seem to move on. You keep returning to the "rotten room". We have a hard time forgiving people, some more than others. The reason is because many of us don't really understand exactly what forgiveness is and what it entails. Forgiving others is a basic tenet of our Faith-not a request. But it can be a difficult process, especially with those who will never acknowledge wrongdoing. And especially when serious permanent damage has been done. Grudges and a perpetual state of unforgiveness can eat us up alive. It is seriously damaging however, because it can hurt our relationship with God. Join us in this presentation that clarifies our faulty notions about forgiveness, helps us set compassionate boundaries in order to protect ourselves, and may even help us sleep better at night!

We are excited to welcome back Dr. Mariette Danilo to St. John's as she presents, "As We Forgive Those... Forgiveness and Boundaries."

This event takes place on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th ~ 9:30-10:45AM in the Nazareth Room** of the Pulte Family Center – Coffee and Treats provided.

Please Register at aff@sjecc.com to attend and reference "Forgiveness and Boundaries" in the email.

St. John's Gift Shop

We are pleased to offer Sacramental gifts, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, homemade gifts, home decor, children's gifts, and more! We also stock the renowned Trappist preserves made by the Roman Catholic priests and brothers of St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts.

Located just inside the Church entrance, the Gift Shop is open Saturdays 2:30-6:15PM and Sundays 8:30AM-1:00PM



Bronzed Statues



Medals

Eucharistic Revival

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

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

Reinvigorate Worship

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

Personal Encounter

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

Robust Faith Formation

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

Missionary Sending

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

Prayer asking for Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

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

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

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

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Find Carlo!

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



Adoration at St. John the Evangelist

Join us for adoration with benediction on the First Friday of every month at 6:00pm and on the First Saturday of every month after the 8:00am Mass in the Church.

Visit our Adoration Chapel on the left side of the Church. For more information, please contact our Main Office.



"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharist life flourishes, there the life of the church will blossom. "

-Saint John Paul II

Respect Life

Join our Respect Life Team Prayer Vigil

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

What We Believe

We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.





Inaugural Special Needs Mass at 3 PM on April 14th, 2024

St. Williams Church, Naples

A mass created for individuals with special needs and their families in mind, this mass strives to create a place where everyone feels welcome to worship, socialize and grow!





Want to volunteer, attend, or receive updates about the mass? Visit our website at specialneedsministryswfl.org

Questions? Contact Travis Martinez and David Joyce by email at specialneedsswfl@qmail.com or call (941) 800 - 3461





Respect Life



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



SAVE THE DATE





Community Pregnancy Clinics Inc. (CPCI) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a Gala.

"A Legacy of Life" will take place beginning at 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 6 at the Ritz-Carlton Tiburon, 600 Tiburon Drive, Naples. Tickets start at \$500 and include cocktail social hour, silent auction, elegant 3-course dinner, keynote speech from The Daily Wire's Michael Knowles, and after party with live music and dancing.

For further information and to purchase tickets, please contact Joel Chute at jchute@communityforlife.com or 239-328-7547

"The first and most fundamental of all human rights is the right to life, and when this right is denied all other rights are threatened ... A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying." - Saint Pope John Paul II





These are the closest pregnancy help centers:

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

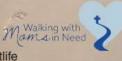
Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida 239-990-8186 Fort Myers 239-280-5523 Naples - www.prcnaples.org

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

Immokalee Pregnancy Center, Immokalee 239-657-2016 - www.immokaleepregnancy.com



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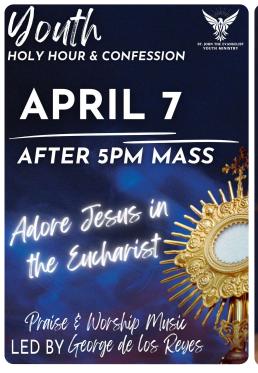
How precious the gift of the cross, how splendid to contemplate! In the cross there is no mingling of good and evil, as in the tree of paradise: it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste. The fruit of this tree is not death but life, not darkness but light. This tree does not cast us out of paradise, but opens the way for our return.

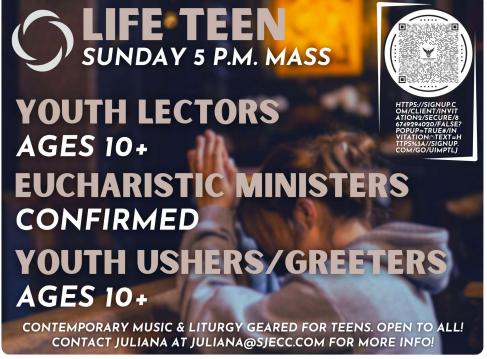
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DOMINE CLEMONS

A SACRED MUSIC CONCERT



19
APRIL
7PM

WHERE: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

TIME: 7 PM - 8 PM

COST: FREE ADMISSION
(DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO HELP
MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE)

Domine Clemons, a cantor at St. John the Evangelist, embarks on a mission to revive sacred music. Since her youth, Domine has held the hymns of Catholic tradition close to her heart. She seeks to uplift souls through songs such as the Ave Maria, Panis Angelicus, and more!

Accompanied by Edward Persin, St. John the Evangelist Music Director, and Ming Gao, Associate Concertmaster of the Naples Philharmonic, prepare for an evening of heavenly music as Domine pours her heart and soul into each piece.

SCAN TO REGISTER:



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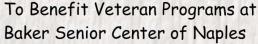
Concert

Sunday, April 14 at 6:30pm St. John the Evangelist Ballroom

\$20 Ages 16+ / \$10 Under 16 / \$40 For a Family of 4 For tickets: HUGSUkuleleFest.eventbrite.com

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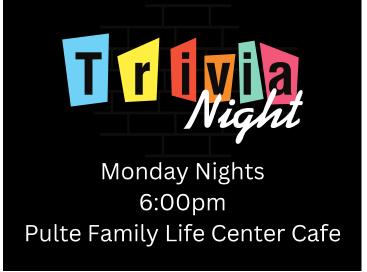


favorite horse

Best Hat/Outfit Competition

Bourbon Slush





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2nd Annual

Catholic Education Tuition Assistance

Golf Scramble



May 4th Cypress Woods Country Club

\$150 per golfer - includes luncheon Not a golfer? Join us just for lunch - \$40

Sponsorships available from \$300 Many include a foresome!

For more details, contact Troy Costain at 239.825.9279 or troy@dgarrettconstruction.com

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FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS*:

\$250 PER FAMILY PARISHIONER

\$500 PER FAMILY NON-PARISHIONER

*UP TO 6 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD. \$25 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS:

\$150 PER PERSON PARISHIONER

\$300 PER PERSON NON-PARISHIONER

GUESTS ARE WELCOME. EACH GUEST MUST COMPLETE A WAIVER FORM. \$10/GUEST PER VISIT

INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN TRAININGS OR CLASSES MUST REGISTER AS A PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER MEMBER

TO BECOME A MEMBER, OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER OR CONTACT JAMIE OJALA AT JAMIE@SJECC.COM

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Save the Date for our next Casino Night: January 18, 2025

He Has Risen



This is the day that the
Lord has made, let us rejoice
in it and be glad. Alleluia!
Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good,
His mercy endures forever.
Alleluia!

Psalm 118:24.29

On this Easter Sunday, it is all the more fitting that we rejoice in the resurrection of our Savior who brings hope to our troubled world.

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281 and Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308

Wishing You a Happy and Holy Easter Season