

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Hope



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.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Mass Responses and Prayers

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting:

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you. (*or another greeting*)

People: **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act (Confiteor and/or Kyrie):

A) All: **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.**

B) Priest: Lord, have mercy. People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Christ, have mercy. People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy. People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria (an ancient hymn of praise):

All: **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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Response after the First and Second Readings:

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Dialogue before the Gospel Proclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia! (*sung*) People: **Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to _____.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel Proclamation:

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mass Responses and Prayers

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed; or the Apostles Creed may also be recited):

**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.**

Universal Prayer / Prayer of the Faithful:

Lector: ...let us pray to the Lord. People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Table / Presentation of the Gifts (first part may be done silently):

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness... (2x)

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Acclamations during the Eucharistic Prayer:

Preface Dialogue:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. People: **It is right and just.**

Sanctus:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Mass Responses and Prayers

Mystery of Faith:

Priest: The mystery of faith:

People: A – **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**
B – **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**
C – **Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.**

Great Amen:

Priest: Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.** (*may be sung more than once*)

COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer:

All: **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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,...

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace:

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. All: **And with your spirit.**

Breaking of the Bread:

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Preparation for Communion:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Reception of Communion:

Minister: The Body of Christ. Communicant: **Amen.**

Minister: The Blood of Christ. Communicant: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing & Dismissal:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace. (*or another longer formulation*)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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Readings for the First Sunday of Advent

Reading I

Jer 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior,
and for you I wait all the day.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Reading II

1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord

Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Alleluia

Ps 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Music for The First Sunday of Advent


Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTGART




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

Music for The First Sunday of Advent



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.

To You, O Lord, I Lift my Soul

Francesca LaRosa



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. To

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Gospel Acclamation

(VENI EMMANUEL) Stephen Pishner



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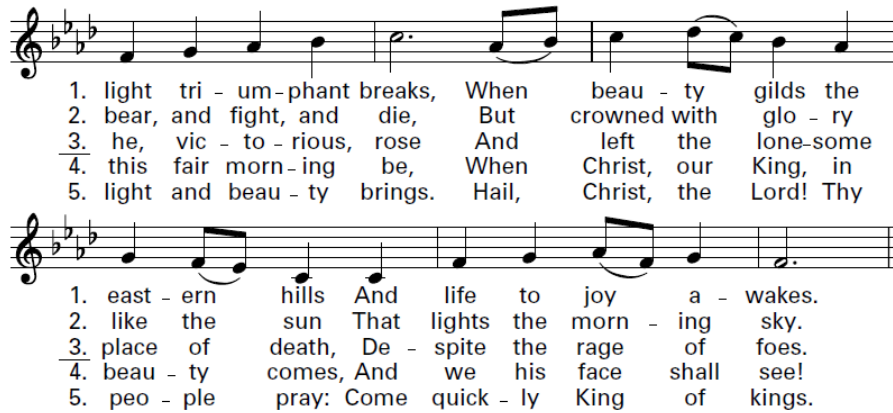
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

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

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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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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.

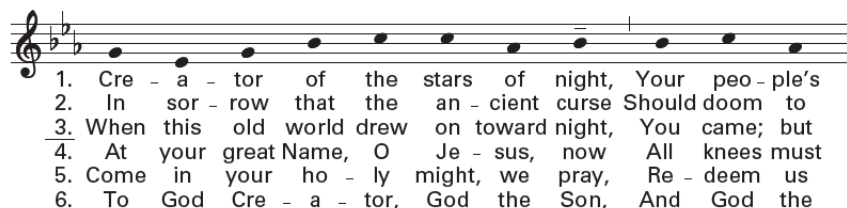
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

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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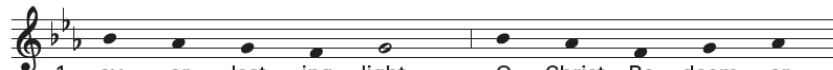
Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM




1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should doom to
3. When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All knees must
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re - deem us
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the

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1. ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er
 2. death a u - ni - verse, You came, O Sav - ior,
 3. not in splen - dor bright, Not as a mon - arch,
 4. bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with
 5. for e - ter - nal day; De - fend us while we
 6. Spir - it, Three - in - One, Praise, hon - or, might, and




1. of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.
 2. to set free Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
 3. but the child Of Ma - ry, blame - less moth - er mild.
 4. one ac - cord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 5. dwell be - low From all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6. glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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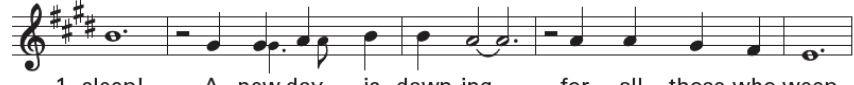
City of God

Dan Schutte

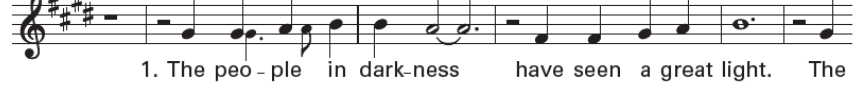
Verses 1, 2



1. A - wake from your slum - ber! A - rise from your
 2. We are sons of the morn - ing; we are daugh - ters of




1. sleep! A new day is dawn - ing for all those who weep.
 2. day. The One who has loved us has bright - ened our way.




1. The peo - ple in dark - ness have seen a great light. The
 2. The Lord of all kind - ness has called us to be a

to Refrain




1. Lord of our long - ing has con - quered the night.
 2. light for his peo - ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain



Let us build the cit - y of God. May our tears be




turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our



love, has turned the night in - to day!

Verse 3



3. God is light; in him there is no dark - ness.



3. Let us walk in his light, his chil - dren,



3. one and all. O com - fort my

Text: Based on Isaiah 9; 40:1-9; 1 John 1.
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Fr. Tom's Gospel Reflection

This Sunday each year the Church invites us to embark on a great journey -- the journey of the Liturgical Year.

When we start the liturgical year, we are setting out to follow in the footsteps of Christ. In the course of the year, the whole of his life and teaching will pass before us. We will re-visit all the mysteries of his time on earth: from his expectation (that is what Advent is about), to his birth, his life, death, resurrection, ascension into heaven, and his sending of the Holy Spirit.

In the course of the year we will relive his whole story. But we have heard the story many times. Hence, there is a danger that we may see it as old and stale. We must try and see it as new and present and alive. It's not like playing an old video. The celebration of each feast brings back the event in its original clarity and vitality, never allowing it to grow cold and lifeless or fade into oblivion.

Besides, we are not spectators but actors in all of this. The mysteries of Christ's life are represented in such a way that we are drawn into them, and become participants in them. That makes it more demanding, but more enriching and exciting too. God is not just a God of the past, but of the present and the future. Each year we ought to hear the Christ story better, understand it more deeply, and make it more our own. In hearing his story we ought to hear our own stories too. Our stories merge with his and are illuminated by it. His story enables us live our own story more fully and more joyfully.

Even though we've made the journey before, we must try to embark on it today as if for the very first time. This Sunday is a God-given chance to make a new beginning in our following of Christ.

Today the readings concentrate on the second coming of Christ and the end of the world. The reason for this is that before we commit ourselves to a journey we need to know the goal of the journey. So on this day the liturgy directs our eyes towards the goal of our own journey and that of the world, namely, the second coming of Christ.

The early Christians believed that the Second Coming was near, and would be preceded by cosmic signs. We are not so sure about that. All the false prophets speak of the end as a time of gloom and doom. But Jesus spoke of it as a day of liberation and salvation for his followers. The world is not heading for catastrophe or mere ending. God has a goal for the world. That goal is the coming of God's Kingdom in all its glory. Therefore, we should not be afraid of the Lord's coming, but await it with confidence, vigilance and prayer.

However, we should worry more about the end of our own individual world at death, which is certain, than about the end of the whole world, which is out of our hands.



The graphic has a dark blue background. On the left is a tilted photo of a family (father, mother, two children) and a golden retriever. In the center, the text 'TMIY' is written in large white letters, with a silhouette of a family walking between the 'M' and 'I'. Below it, 'THAT MAN IS YOU!' is written in smaller white letters. On the right is a tilted photo of a family (mother, father, two children) standing in a church. At the bottom, a gold banner contains the text 'SATURDAYS AT 7:00AM' and 'IN THE PULTE CAFE' in white.

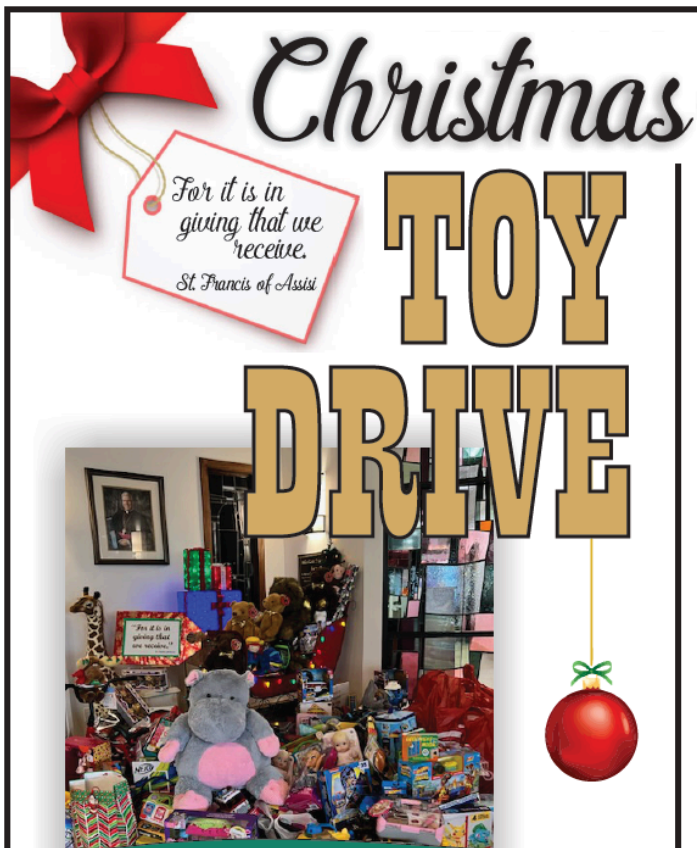
TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!

SATURDAYS AT 7:00AM
IN THE PULTE CAFE



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

- Take a tag from the LOC table outside the front of the Church during this weekend's Masses
- 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 6
- Your sneaker donation benefits the children at Guadalupe Social Services and Redlands Christian Migrant Association



Christmas TOY DRIVE

**Drop off at all masses
December 7/8 & 14/15**

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.



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Faith in Action

St John the
Evangelist
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benefiting
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De Paul

FOOD 4 FAMILIES!

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN



CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO BRING FORWARD DRY
PANTRY ITEMS TO PLACE IN BASKETS AT THE
ALTAR TO HELP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY
YEAR ROUND AT ALL WEEKEND MASS TIMES!
PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY IN ANSWERING
THE CALL TO SUPPORT OUR BROTHERS AND
SISTERS IN CHRIST!



During the week, bring food donations to
the Main Office to be placed in our
St. Vincent de Paul bins.

The office is open
Monday-Friday
8:30am-4:00pm

Please do not leave food in the Church.

Thank you for supporting those in need
in our community.



Our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Saint John the Evangelist Church



Thank You

For Sharing Our Bounty



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Your Generous Contributions
will help hundreds of Families and Individuals

These are difficult times for many of our Neighbors

Your help and donations, are much appreciated

Your Support stays here in Naples
and is deeply valued



Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed)

Saturday: 8:30am, 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: 9:00am and 2:00-2:45pm

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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 9:00 a.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Advent Penance Services in our Area



Tuesday, December 10

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

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

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

Tuesday, December 17

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish: | 6PM | 5225 Golden Gate Pkwy, Naples

Wednesday, December 18

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

Thursday, December 19

St. William Parish: | 5:00PM Confessions (No Service) | 601 Seagate Dr, Naples

Thursday, December 19

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

Friday, December 20

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

Christmas Mass Times

✦ Tuesday, December 24 - Vigil Masses
3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 12:00am

✦ Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Masses
7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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Scan Here

If you currently give online and would like to STOP receiving offertory envelopes, please contact Rachael Jensen in the Main Office: 239.566.8740 or rachael@sjecc.com

DONATION REMINDERS

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

Offertory

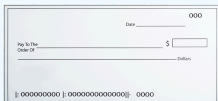
Our collections are taken at the end of Mass at all exits of the Church. We ask that you use your weekly envelope and write your envelope number on the memo line of your check. Make the check payable to **St. John the Evangelist**. *We cannot accept checks made payable to CASH.*

St. Vincent De Paul

Make check payable to **St. Vincent de Paul**

Jamaica Outreach Program

Make check payable to **JOP**



2024 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Thank
You

Thank you to everyone who donated to help us reach our CFA goal. For those who have not yet donated, please prayerfully consider giving. Money raised for CFA supports many important programs in our community, such as Catholic Charities, Catholic Education, and Vocations. And any amount over our goal (up to 125%) is returned to the Parish (unassessed) to help us with programs and operations.

125.37% to Goal

14.05% of households contributing



TO DONATE TO CFA:

- 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
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page



OFFERTORY

10/16/24-10/22/24

\$59,598.83

10/23/24-10/29/24

\$56,643.27

Total Households

3489



Jamaica Outreach Program

"The Gift of Sight"

During our October-2024 eye care mission to Kingston, I found 12-year-old Deaghane and his mother hanging around outside the St. Pius X eye clinic. They had no appointment to see the eye doctor and we were already overbooked; we couldn't squeeze him in because we had already cancelled some patients' appointments. One look at this young boy's busted eyeglasses, held together with super-glue and packing tape, and I knew we had to do something.

After some probing, I learned his mother could obtain a copy of his old prescription but she couldn't afford the \$25 fee the local clinic charged to get a copy. We gave her \$25 and they came back later with the record. We chose a new frame for Deaghane and he will get new glasses from JOP in a few months. BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Paul Connor is JOP's Optical Chairman, our own Mr.-Fix-It, and he loves a challenge. One of Deaghane's lenses was still intact, so Paul took it out and put it into a temporary frame. The left lens was useless but, fortunately, Paul's old stock of lenses included Deaghane's prescription. However, the lens cutting machine Paul used in the past was broken, so Paul spent most of the afternoon manually cutting the left lens to fit the temporary frame. Deaghane is a polite and very well-spoken young man who does well, even with poor vision, in the 6th grade at St. Andrew Technical school.

He and his mom are so very grateful to you, our donors, for giving him "the gift of sight" and the opportunity to continue to excel in school.



JOP 2nd Collection Dec. 1, 2024

- Cash or checks payable to Jamaica Outreach can be dropped in the JOP volunteer's basket outside the church on Dec. 1st, or anytime in regular collection baskets OR,
 - Donate online at www.JamaicaOutreach.org/give , OR,
 - Mail a check payable to Jamaica Outreach, PO Box 110581, Naples, FL, 34108
- The poor served by this St. John's ministry are eternally grateful for your support. Thank You!*

Calendar and Weekly Readings

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1

7:00am Mass (Church)
9:00am Mass (Church)
11:00am Mass (Church)
1:00pm Mass (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

Monday, December 2

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
6:00pm OCIA (Claussen)
6:00pm Triva (Pulte Cafe)

Tuesday, December 3

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:30am Bereavement Group (Claussen Center)
9:30am Stations of the Nativity (Nazareth)
5:00pm Cenacle of Life Prayer Group (Church)
6:30pm Catholic Adults - ages 35-55 (Antioch)

Wednesday, December 4

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:00am Parish Breakfast (Pulte)
9:30am Rejoice! Advent Series (Nazareth)
5:00pm K-8 Faith Formation (Claussen & PAC)
6:30pm Legion of Mary (Pulte Cafe)

Thursday, December 5

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:00am Faith Chat (Alexandria)
6:00pm Mary's Mantle (Library)
6:30pm C.Y.A.N. Small Group 21-35 (Claussen)

Friday, December 6

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
6:00pm Feast of St. Nicholas & Tree Lighting (Pulte)

Saturday, December 7

7:00am TMIY (Pulte Cafe)
8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:00am Young Women's Group (Library)
12:00pm Nutcracker Ballet (Pulte Gym)
3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
6:30pm Nutcracker Ballet (Pulte Gym)



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4 :2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wed: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30, 2024

8:30 AM + Rev. Peter Tuong Nguyen

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Michael Blake

5:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

Requested By

Nhi Nguyen

Gloria Blake

Sunday, December 1, 2024

7:00 AM + Doy E. Koop and Irene Koop

9:00 AM + Margaret Leavitt

11:00 AM + Walter Rellihan

1:00 PM + Gordon Avery

5:00 PM + Thomas Tracey

Wine and Host + Jeannette Jannuzzo

Requested By

Nhi Nguyen

Mark Hebrank

Daughters

Marie Avery

The Standish Family

Kathy Komar

Monday, December 2, 2024

8:30 AM + Anthony Nguyen, Matha Tran and Peter Nguyen

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

8:30 AM + Rose Palumbo

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

8:30 AM + Fred A. Lourenso

Thursday, December 5, 2024

8:30 AM + Sirie Vecchio

Friday, December 6, 2024

8:30 AM + Richie Twiefel

Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:30 AM + Virginia Mary Bonness

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Edward Wesolek

5:00 PM + Dominick and Grace Corbino

Requested By

Diane Loso

Requested By

Pauline Cataldo

Requested By

Joanne Lourenso

Requested By

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maksian

Requested By

Ingrid Twiefel and Family

Requested By

ML Kanach

Jeff and Carol Chorba

Kathryn and Vincent Corbino

Requested By

Roseann Hartley

Roseann Hartley

Polly Vierling

Timothy Pham

Sunday, December 8, 2024

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

9:00 AM + Theodore Taylor

11:00 AM SI Victor Bermudez and Family

1:00 PM + Eric F. Vierling

5:00 PM + Theresa Dep Pham

FIND CHIARA

This year, our Faith Formation Students are learning about Blessed Chiara. Each week in the bulletin, the illustrated version of Blessed Chiara is hidden. When you locate her, say a prayer for her canonization. Learn more about her selfless life; she is an amazing example for all of us.

In last week's bulletin, she was on pg. 9 in the KOC Toy Drive ad



Prayer List

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

Mary A.	Linda Donaldson	Valeri Landi	Makenzie Schutt
Antoinette Acquaviva	Thomas Donlan	Alicia LaPlant	Bernard and Martina Sherman
Mohammed Alnawafiah	Mary Ann Dowd	Myles Levy-Vixler	Joe Sherman
Angelo Babbo	Megan Ebert	Danny Loggi	Joanne Smyth
John (Ben) Bailey	Baby Bennett Edington	Maryetta Loggi	Bob Snowdon
Sharon (Sherry) Bailey	Tiffany Fellenz	Michelle Loggi	Antonio Sorrentino
Barbara Barber	Henry Ferris	Drew Loggi	Norma June Spriggle
Anthony Barzys	Raymond Foley	Baby Hudson Matthew Lopes	Jeanne Stoll
Jennifer Basile	Ronald Fongemie	Charles Lucas	Christopher Suki
Andrea Becker	Phyllis and Peter Foti	Bob Lutz	Joan Marie Switalski
Richard & Elaine Beebe	Bruce Gaker	Ruth Martin	David Tague
Stephen Benisch	Terry Gallagher	Mary A.	John Thyen
Michael Bertsch	Steven Gillis	Anthony Masse	Anna Tran
Edwin Betancourt	William Gilmartin	Pat Matre	David Trott
Patty Bleicher	Fr. Len Gioeli	Eileen Miner	Ronald Trybus
Sara Boettcher	Julian Gomez	Tom Mullen	Elaine Tryjankowski
Torey Botti	Thomas Gunn	Kathy O'Loughlin	Josephine Mable Tucker
Al Brown	Gary Gwizdala	Margo O'Malley	Lisa Turner
Charlotte Byron	Terry Hansberry	Michael O'Neill	Maria Elena Vassolotti
Josefino Cabaltica	Becky Hansberry	John and Michelina Oteri	Juile Ventura
Bill Campbell	Dana Harrell	Eric Parker	Gina Vitale
Candace	Elizabeth Hetnarski	Ann Petrillo	Terry Wagner
Al and Lorraine Clano	Elaine Hill	Sebastian Pica	Adam Wais
Nicholas Costanza	Evzen Hlavalcek	Sheila Pittman	Chelsea Watson
John Cullen	Kelly Honsberger	Ludmila Pridalova	John Wholihan
Matthew Cummings	Deanne Hutchinson Pinto	Marge Purcell	Gabrielle Williams
Edie Joan Daker	Deacon John	Paul Quirk	Harry Witt
Ellie Daniels	Cynthia Johnson	Bill Redmond	Carl Yasharian
Rich Davidson	Brad Johnson	Maureen Reed	
Kyle DeMartino	Joseph Julian	John Repice	
George Deauchan	Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman	Susie Romanovich	
Jack Dilorio	Robyne Keane	Peggy O'Neil Saba	
Theresa DiLella	Carol Kelley	Lisa Sanfelippo	
Donna DiMare	Hannah K & Kathleen Kotscher	John Schloendorn	
Jodi Divjak	Jean Kowalski	Catherine Schmach	

ADD A NAME TO OUR PRAYER LIST

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.



RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.
Jonathan Hydeman, Robert Navarro, Francis Bravo



2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW CLOSED

The Mass Intention Book for 2025 is now full as all the Masses have an Intention. The Book for 2026 will open in March of 2025.

Please come to the office if you would like to secure the Wine and Host in Memory of your loved ones for 2025.

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.

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
Private David Clark
Gavin Cooper, Navy, EMN3
Captain Quentin Danyov, US Army
Adam Decker
Alexander Denha 1st Lt. Army Ranger, Ft. Bragg N.C.
Major Derek-Army National Guard
Nick Detloff
LT Andrew Douglas, United States Navy
SGT Ashlyn Ducharme US Army
Capt. Stephen English – US Army
Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF
SFC Lon Giancola
Matthew Gordon, US Navy
SSG Douglas Hennessy
1st Lieutenant Brock Hinkle- US Army, Germany
2nd Lieutenant Daniel Huber, US Marines
Cadet Sloane Janopoulos, USAF Academy
Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy
Capt. Ashlyn M. Kennedy, USMC Quantico
Senior Airman Jack Kirk, US Airforce
Max Koeppl- Plebe Candidate at the US Merchant
Marine Academy, Kings Point NY
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
2nd Lieutenant, Samantha Naples, US Marine Corps

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
Lt. Jill Rice, Commander in the US Navy
Lt. Joseph Rice, Commander in the US Navy
Duke Roach- US Navy
Clayton Rutz, US Army
Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army
Hunter Scalzo – Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th
Infantry
Ben Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army
Luke Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army
Sophie Sekutera (Koeppl) – First Lieutenant, US Army
Lieutenant Jane Shelley- US Navy
Austin Spagnola
Captain Fox Stevens- US Army, South Korea
First Lieutenant Matthew Stevenson, USMC
LTJG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans
Lt. Brendan Tourek – USN
Corporal Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps
Captain Grant Ullrich, US Army in Kuwait
Lance Corporal, Christopher Vandyck- US Marine
Corps
1st Lieutenant Mackenzie Warren- Space Force
1st Lieutenant Hollis Webster- Space Force
Petty Officer 3rd Class, Logan Wehrheim- US Navy
Andrew Wieland US Air Force
SFC Eugene Williams-US Army in Poland
Kaden Winckel, Airman 1st Class, USAF
Master Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey
Tech. Sgt. Kaitlin Zecchino
Austin Zicht – USAF

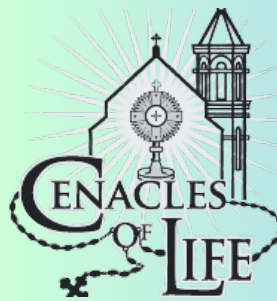
Respect Life

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, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.

Join our Respect Life team at our next meeting, the 1st Monday of the month at 10:30am in the Pulte Center.



Join us in prayer

The Cenacle is an opportunity to pray for the conversion of our American family in support of protecting the human rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

We do this as a community in the presence of our Lord, present in the Tabernacle, with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and other traditional Catholic prayers. The Cenacle meets Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm in the Main Sanctuary. For additional information, contact us at 239.250.0432 or relife@aol.com

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW

Struggling because of a past abortion?

YOU ARE **NOT** ALONE

project rachel

call:

Sylvia at 941-412-5860
(English & español)

e-mail:

project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org

www.hopeafterabortion.com



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Respect Life Office
1000 Pinebrook Road
Venice, FL 34285
941-441-1101
www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife



PREGNANT? YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

DID YOU KNOW

there is a local pregnancy help center where you can receive accurate information about your options, receive a free pregnancy test and see your child via an ultrasound without charge?

Resources for financial and emotional help are available. You will find that the people at these places can help you find the support you need to make the right choice. If you need housing, a maternity home or a home for moms and babies after birth may be a good option for you so you can pursue your education and career.

A local church may be able to help you with additional assistance and spiritual guidance personalized specifically to your needs.

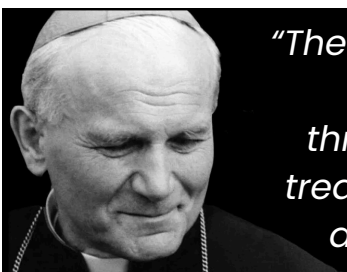
Scan the QR code below to find the nearest location and take the first step by contacting one today!



Walking with
Moms in Need



Diocese of Venice
Respect Life Office
www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife 941-441-1101



"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." - Pope John Paul II

Marian Devotions



Join us for the **Legion of Mary**

St. John The Evangelist

Wed | 6:30 p.m | Pulte Center

For more details:

sjeccadoration@gmail.com



NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER

NOVENA TIME

The first Friday of every month* after the morning Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108

WHY CHOOSE A NOVENA DEDICATED TO MARY?

Mary plays an important role in our salvation and we plea for her intercession so that we may follow her example in following Christ her Son. Our church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. People are looking for someone who cares for them and the Sorrowful Mother has her arms open to welcome and listen.

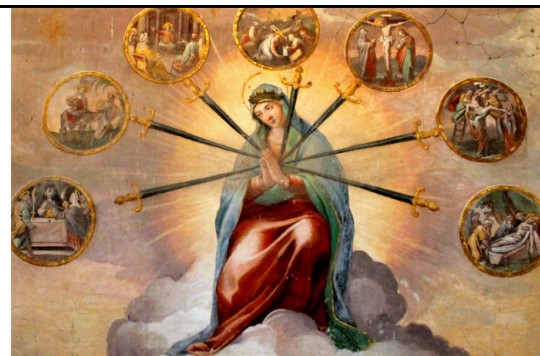
WHY A NOVENA SPECIFICALLY TO HONOR OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER?

Mary has promised to grant seven graces to the souls who honor her by meditating on her tears and sorrows.

MARY'S SEVEN PROMISES:

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my Divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my Divine Son that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

Books for this Novena will be available in our Gift Shop



This perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Sorrowful Mother will bring people closer to Christ and His Sorrowful Mother.

Upcoming Novena Dates

(mark your calendar)

December 6, 2024

January 3, 2025

February 7, 2025

The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

1. The prophecy of Simeon (St. Luke 2:34, 35).
2. The flight into Egypt (St. Matthew 2:14, 14).
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple (St. Luke 2:43-45).
4. Mary meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary.
5. Jesus dies on the Cross.
6. Mary receives the dead Body of Jesus in her arms.
7. Jesus is placed in the tomb.

Eucharistic Revival

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.

please join us for

24 HOUR ADORATION

***Every Thursday in the SJECC Chapel
we will have 24 hour adoration.***



**TO SIGN UP GO TO
www.adorationpro.org/SJECC**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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 8:30am Mass in the Church.

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

Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.

~Mother Teresa

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 Tuesday from 5:30 pm - 6:30pm in the Church. For more information, contact Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432 or visit our ad on the Respect Life page of this bulletin.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina – Mondays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947

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. The Knights of Columbus 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 wfuller1@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. <https://stjohnknittersandcrocheters.wordpress.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 8:20 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, at 7:40 a.m. Contact 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, welcome. Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867, sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com. <https://stjohnquilting.wordpress.com>

Respect Life - 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. The team participates in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Naples each 1st Friday of every month 9am-12pm. For more info, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.

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 washable, child friendly fabrics are welcome. No supplies PLEASE. If you like to sew, we encourage you to come and see what we are 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. For more information, contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDNnaples.org.

AA Brian R. 732-735-7037

AI-Anon For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAI-Anon.org

Children & Youth Ministries

Middle School Youth Group: Fridays from 6 PM to 7:30 PM in the Claussen Center Alexandria room. Please visit our website for our youth group schedule. For more information, please contact Juliana D'Agostino at juliana@sjecc.com.

High School Small Group: Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in the Claussen Center Alexandria room. Please visit our website for our youth group schedule. For more information, please contact Juliana D'Agostino at juliana@sjecc.com.

YOUTH GROUP



Ministries and Groups

Altar Service



THE CLOSEST PLACE TO SERVE CHRIST
IS AT HIS TABLE

JOIN US THERE - SERVE WITH US
THE ALTAR MINISTRY
CONTACT LOU@SJECC.COM

Being a Sacristan is very
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The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

When you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, of Saint John the Evangelist parish,
you are sharing help and hope with neighbors in need,
along with material aid like food and clothing,
housing, rent and utility assistance, and more.

PLEASE DONATE TODAY

Saint John the Evangelist Members of the Society are Inspired by Gospel values
to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person
service to neighbors in need.

CONSIDER JOINING US

TAKE ACTION TODAY - WE HELP PEOPLE IN NEED

Contact Bob Westenberg, President of SVdP-St John the Evangelist Conference.
Email bwstjohn@svdnaples.org

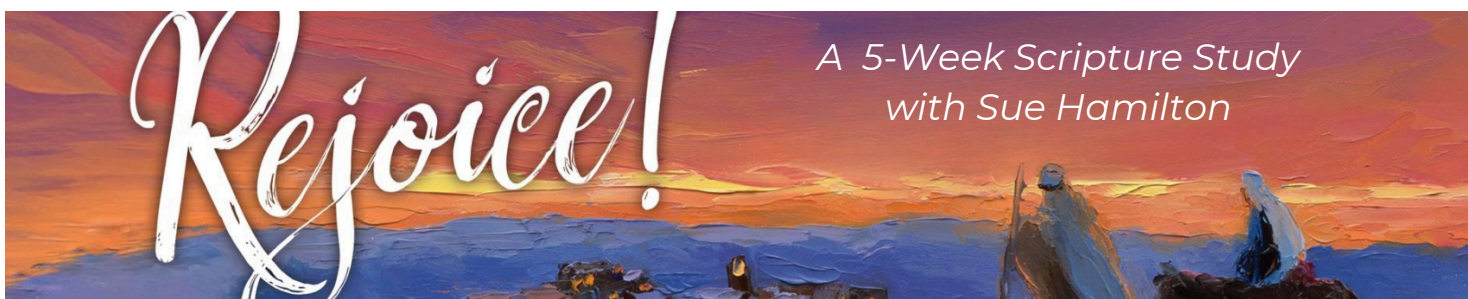


FAITH CHAT

Bible Study

Faith Chat is studying The Acts Of The Apostles on
Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. -
11:00 in the Claussen Center.
All are welcome to join us
for this study of Luke's
presentation of Biblical
History. Coffee and snacks
are provided. For more
information contact:
Janis Bolbrock:
janis_bolbrock@msn.com

Adult Faith Formation



Advent is a special season for the Church. The 1st Sunday of Advent is December 1st. Advent is the time when the world prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ. We often lose sight of the point of this season because we get so caught up in our preparations, and we find ourselves no more transformed on Christmas Day than we were at the start of Advent.

One way our parish is seeking to prepare for Jesus' birth and experience true transformation in this powerful season is by engaging in a new program from Ascension. This program is Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture, Year C. This year, we will explore the Sunday Mass readings through daily reflections, prayer, and journaling, with weekly prayer videos presented by Fr. Mark Toups and his friends Rebecca Abboud and Fr. Patrick Riviere. We have the opportunity to walk together as a parish this Advent, opening our hearts to hear what God is saying to us in this hectic but blessed season.

On three more Wednesdays continuing on December 4th in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Life Center, join Sue Hamilton as she facilitates this study from 9:30-10:45AM. Feel free to grab some breakfast and bring into the session with you! Each participant will have the opportunity to purchase a Rejoice Journal for \$10. Rejoice! is filled with beautiful art and meaningful meditations, to use throughout the Advent season.

Rejoice! is an opportunity for our whole community to enter the season of Advent intentionally and receive the grace God is waiting to give us in this holy season. Kindly let us know you are participating with an email to AFF@sjecc.com. Walk-ins always welcome!

Rejoice Remaining Wednesdays Session Dates:

December 4th, 11th & 18th -9:30-10:45AM- Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Life Center

Rejoice Study Journals on Sale in the Gift Boutique, Parish Office OR at the next Session - \$10

*This journal makes a great independent study through Advent. Get a copy while supplies last.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Monday, December 2nd - OCIA-6:00-7:30PM-Room 11 & 12-Claussen Center

Tuesday, December 3rd - The Stations of the Nativity-9:30-11:30AM-Nazareth Room-Pulte Center

Wednesday, December 4th - Rejoice! 9:30-10:45AM-Nazareth Room-Pulte Center

Thursday, December 5th - FAITH CHAT-9:30-11:00AM-Alexandria Room-Claussen Center

7 SECRETS OF DIVINE MERCY

7 SECRETS OF DIVINE MERCY, by Vinny Flynn is a powerful book that offers us an invitation to understand Divine Mercy as an overflow of love from the Holy Trinity that can transform our lives. It is easy to understand and guides us on how to LIVE Divine Mercy.



Join us for this 9-week study this winter to focus on what Divine Mercy means to each of us personally...and to the whole world.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 7- March 4
Times: 9:30- 11:00am
Where: Alexandria Room in the Claussen Center
Facilitator: Jean Kechejian

The book may be purchased in the Gift Shop for \$12.

To register, email the Office of Faith Formation: aff@sjecc.com

"There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy." ~ Pope St. John Paul

When: Tuesday, December 3
Where: Nazareth Room
Time: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Facilitator: Jean Kechejian



THE STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY

The Infancy Narratives - According To Luke

Start your Advent with an indepth reflection on the events leading up to and after the birth of Christ. Join us in this spiritual journey to revitalize your faith in preparation for Christmas.

Zechariah and Elizabeth
The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Birth of John the Baptist

The Birth of Jesus
The Angels/Shepherds
Presentation in the Temple
The Magi (from Matthew)

To register email the Office of Faith Formation: aff@sjecc.com

Faith Formation

December Saints-St. Nicholas – December 6th

Nicholas, a generous 3rd-century bishop, came from a wealthy family. Legend has it that Nicholas would toss bags of gold through the windows of families who needed money to secure good marriages for their daughters. Over time, a gift-giving tradition grew around Saint Nicholas. In fact, every Christmas we all invite him to celebrate with us, but his name sounds a little different - you know him as Santa Claus! His Feast Day is December 6th. St. Nicholas, Pray for Us! - Taken From Tiny Saints



Come visit our Gift Boutique and see vast selection of these AMAZING Tiny Saints! On Sale now!



A Prayer to Saint Nicholas

O good St. Nicholas,
you who are the joy of the children,
put in my heart the spirit of childhood,
which the gospel speaks, and teach me to seed happiness around me.
You, whose feast prepares us for Christmas,
open my faith to the mystery of God made man.
You good bishop and shepherd,
help me to find my place in the Church
and inspire the Church to be faithful to the Gospel.
O good Saint Nicholas, patron of children, sailors and the helpless,
watch over those who pray to Jesus, your Lord and theirs,
as well as over those who humble themselves before you.
Bring us all in reverence to the Holy Child of Bethlehem,
when true joy and peace are found. Amen.

Important Dates

PreK3 & PreK4

December 4th -12:30-2:30PM – Pre-K Atrium

K-8th Grade

December 1st – Thanksgiving Holiday- No Sessions Today

December 4th – 5:00-6:15PM K-8 Faith Formation

UPCOMING High School Confirmation

December 8th – 3:45-6:00PM – Confirmation Session

December 8th -3:45PM-4:45PM - Confirmation Parent Meeting Nazareth Room – All Parents welcome -Year 1 & 2

SAVE THE DATES

Feast of St. Nicholas Christmas Celebration -6PM -Pulte Center -6PM for all Families -Youth wanting to volunteer contact Juliana@sjecc.com

MARCH FOR LIFE at Ave Maria University – January 18th– Contact Juliana@sjecc.com to register- High School Youth

CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 RETREAT – APRIL 13TH -11am-7pm – Required

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JUNE 9-13 - Registration opens online March 1st

COVECREST CAMP IN GEORGIA- AUGUST 4TH-9TH – Contact Juliana@sjecc.com by November 18th to register- High School Youth



What a joy it was to deliver 20 Baskets to 20 young moms in the TAPP Program in Collier County! Thank you for your generosity!



Youth Ministry and Young Adults

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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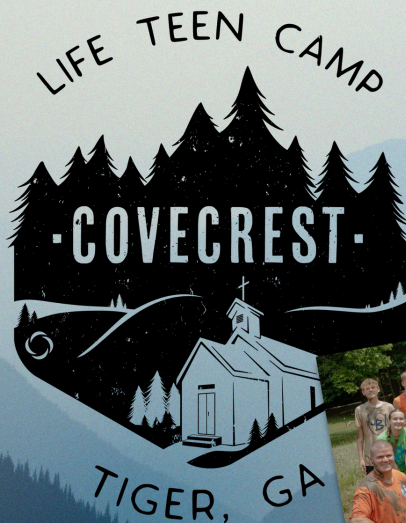
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JULIANA D'AGOSTINO - YOUTH MINISTER

IGNITE HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP

2024 - 2025 CALENDAR

WEDNESDAYS 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

DECEMBER

- 12/06 - FEAST OF ST. NICK CELEBRATION
- 12/18 - PRAISE & WORSHIP

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY

- 01/15 - PRAISE & WORSHIP
- 01/22 - IGNITE NIGHT
- 01/29 - IGNITE NIGHT

WHAT WE DO...

- BIBLE STUDY
- ADORATION
- PRAY
- VOLUNTEER
- PRAISE AND WORSHIP
- TRIPS - COVECREST, MISSION TRIP...
- LAUGH, PLAY GAMES & SO MUCH MORE!



WELCOME TO SJECC IGNITE HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP! YOUR YOUTH MINISTER'S ARE JULIANA D'AGOSTINO AND MAX BERMAN. IGNITE IS A TIME FOR YOUTH TO DEEPEN THEIR FAITH, BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE PARISH, AND HAVE FUN! IT IS A EUCHARIST-CENTERED CATHOLIC MINISTRY OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. BY SHARING THE TEACHINGS OF OUR CHURCH AND FACILITATING POWERFUL ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST, WE HELP TEENAGERS GROW IN KNOWLEDGE OF OUR FAITH WHILE TRANSFORMING HEARTS TO HELP THEM PASSIONATELY LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL BY SERVING AND LOVING ONE ANOTHER. COME WHEN YOU CAN! ALL ARE WELCOME!

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*DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

2024 - 2025 CALENDAR

FRIDAYS 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

DECEMBER

- 12/06 - FEAST OF ST. NICK CELEBRATION
- 12/18 - PRAISE & WORSHIP

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY

- 01/10 - EDGE NIGHT
- 01/17 - EDGE NIGHT
- 01/24 - EDGE NIGHT

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Youth Ministry and Young Adults



NAPLES CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

EST. 2024

GAMES | POTLUCK | BYOB

FOR AGES
21+



PIZZA IS PROVIDED!
PLEASE BRING WHAT
YOU CAN - FOOD,
DRINKS, OR
A FRIEND!



SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 23 AT 5 P.M.
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 14 AT 5 P.M.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
625 111TH AVE. N., NAPLES, FL

CONTACT JULIANA AT JULIANA@SJECC.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

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WEDNESDAYS 6:30P.M.-7:30P.M.

CLAUSSEN CENTER-ALEXANDRIA ROOM

Praise
AND
Worship
LED BY GEORGE DE LOS REYES

• UPCOMING DATES •

DECEMBER 18TH

JANUARY 15TH

ALL CATHOLIC ADULTS ARE
WELCOME TO JOIN US! COME TO
STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD, AND BUILD COMMUNITY
WITH EACH OTHER!

- FORMED VIDEOS
- ADORATION
- DISCUSSIONS
- SOCIAL EVENTS
- PRAYER
- SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

NO RSVP NEEDED. ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL US AT
CATHOLICYOUNGADULTSOFNAPLES@GMAIL.COM

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF NAPLES SMALL GROUPS

EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
FOR AGES 21-39

CATHOLIC ADULTS OF NAPLES SMALL GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
FOR AGES 35-55

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CLAUSSEN CENTER - ALEXANDRIA ROOM
(LOCATION MAY CHANGE - SEE OUR CALENDAR)



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5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Nativity

ROLES NEEDED

- 3 WISE MEN
- SHEPHERDS
- ANGELS
- LAMBS
- 2 NARRATORS

MANDATORY CHRISTMAS EVE

MASS REHEARSAL DATES:

DECEMBER 12 & DECEMBER 19
FROM 6 P.M. - 7 P.M.

AGES
4 - 18

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FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

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FROM 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.
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Saturday, December 7
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LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS

A CANTATA BY
JOSEPH M. MARTIN

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

Friday, December 20, 2024

7:00pm

St. John the Evangelist

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Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

11:00pm

Concert w/Readings

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Christmas season*

Events & Programs

St. John the Evangelist Casino Night & 1950s Party
January 18, 2025
 6:00 cocktail hour
 7:00 casino opens

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\$50 at the door

Dance to Music from the **Del Prados**
 50s Diner sponsored by **Patio Cafe**
featuring burgers, fries, tater tots, and more!
 Ice Cream provided by **Royal Scoop**
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 Outstanding raffle prizes
 Dress Code: Casual or Fabulous Fifties Attire

For tickets:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/casino-night-1950s-party-tickets-1079285556149>
 Tickets on sale 11/18/24




Saturday, December 7, 9:00AM–5:00PM Basic Evangelization Training

St. Andrew School Cafeteria
 1509 SE 27th St, Cape Coral, FL 33904

Basic Evangelization Training is among the most hands-on, practical, and dynamic evangelization workshops available for Catholics today. It is also our most popular workshop. Participants will gain the courage they need to be enthusiastic and joyful evangelists as they overcome any fear they have to share their faith through a series of presentations, small group work, role playing, and prayer ministry.



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

Toxic Exposure Screening Concerning all Vets

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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.



Give Blood

TUES., DEC. 3 | 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

St. John The Evangelist Church

625 111th Ave. Naples FL 34108

Sign-up for an arrival time:

Bernie McLoughlin

203-213-1580

bernardmc1248@aol.com

- Photo ID is required
- Eat & hydrate before donating
- Minimum weight is 110 pounds
- Must be at least age 16 with parent consent
- No age maximum
- Cholesterol & mini health screening

239.624.4120



Events & Programs



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

1:00 P.M.

PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



BOCCE LEAGUE
 Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Ladies
 Thursdays 9:30 a.m. Gentlemen
 Saturdays 9 a.m. Mixed

\$25 ANNUALLY FOR NON PULTE MEMBERS

Pulte Family Life Center

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Monday Nights @ 6

*Parish
breakfast*

*Wednesdays after Morning Mass
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