

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

Joy



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.**

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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.

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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 Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I

Zep 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the earth.
Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel!

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Reading II

Phil 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
“What should we do?”

He said to them in reply,

“Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.”

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him,

“Teacher, what should we do?”

He answered them,

“Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.”

Soldiers also asked him,

“And what is it that we should do?”

He told them,

“Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.”

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying,

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.



Music for The Third Sunday of Advent

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

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

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

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

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

Cry Out with Joy and Gladness

(Isaiah 12)

Francesca LaRosa

(Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6)

Cry out with joy and glad-ness: for a - mong you
is the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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The Summons

KELVINGROVE
Arranged by Bobby Fisher

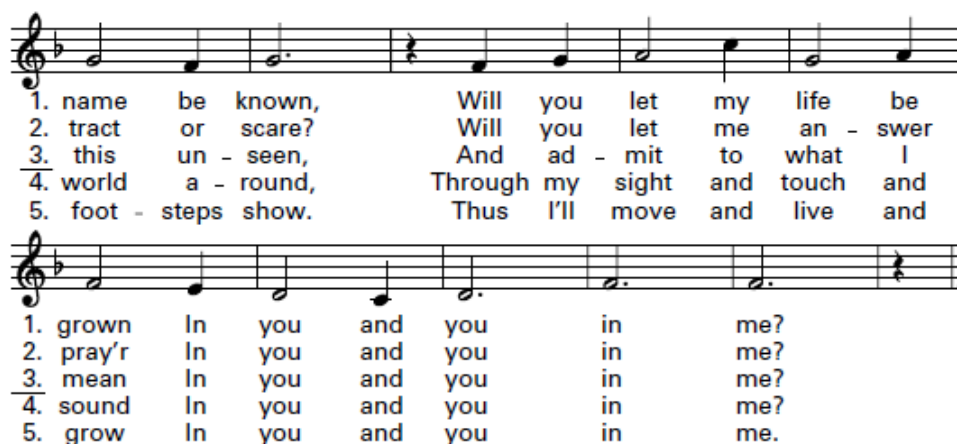
1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

1. call your name? Will you go where you don't
2. call your name? Will you care for cruel and
3. call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
4. call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
5. call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

1. know And nev - er be the same? Will you
2. kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
3. free And nev - er be the same? Will you
4. side And nev - er be the same? Will you
5. you And nev - er be the same. In your

1. let my love be shown, Will you let my
2. risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
3. kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as
4. use the faith you've found To re - shape the
5. com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and

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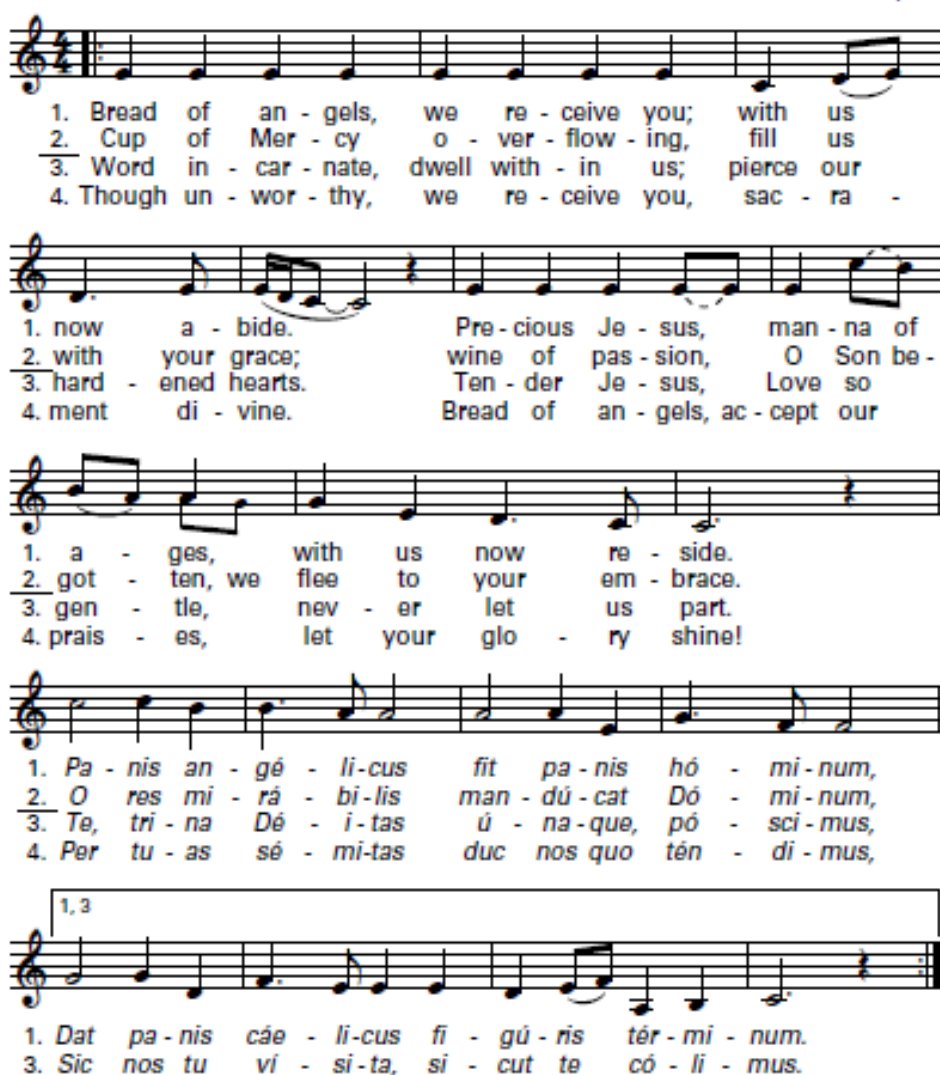
1. name be known, Will you let my life be
 2. tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 3. this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
 4. world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
 5. foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

1. grown In you and you in me?
 2. pray'r In you and you in me?
 3. mean In you and you in me?
 4. sound In you and you in me?
 5. grow In you and you in me.

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Bread of Angels

Curtis Stephan



1. Bread of an - gels, we re - ceive you; with us
 2. Cup of Mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing, fill us
 3. Word in - car - nate, dwell with - in us; pierce our
 4. Though un - wor - thy, we re - ceive you, sac - ra -

1. now a - bide. Pre - cious Je - sus, man - na of
 2. with your grace; wine of pas - sion, O Son be -
 3. hard - ened hearts. Ten - der Je - sus, Love so
 4. ment di - vine. Bread of an - gels, ac - cept our

1. a - ges, with us now re - side.
 2. got - ten, we flee to your em - brace.
 3. gen - tle, nev - er let us part.
 4. prais - es, let your glo - ry shine!

1. Pa - nis an - gé - li-cus fit pa - nis hó - mi - num,
 2. O res mi - rá - bi - lis man - dú - cat Dó - mi - num,
 3. Te, tri - na Dé - i - tas ú - na - que, pó - sci - mus,
 4. Per tu - as sé - mi - tas duc nos quo tén - di - mus,

1, 3

1. Dat pa - nis cáe - li-cus fi - gú - ris tér - mi - num.
 3. Sic nos tu ví - si - ta, si - cut te có - li - mus.

Music for The Third Sunday of Advent

2, Final

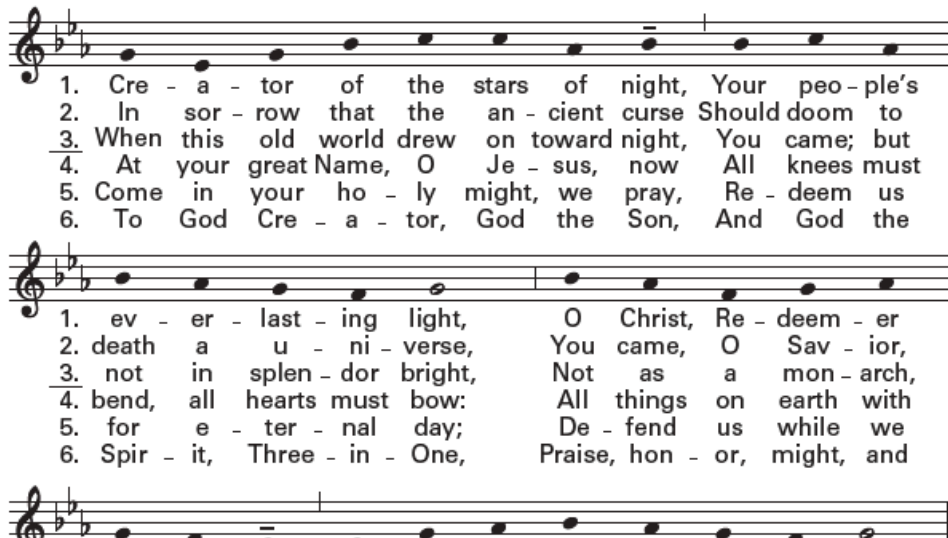


2. Pau - per, Pau - per, ser - vus, et hú - mí - lis.
4. lu - cem, Ad lu - cem quam in - há - bi - tas.

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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
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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Every Valley

Bob Dufford SJ

Refrain

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted
and ev'ry hill made low.
And all God's people shall
see together
the glory of the Lord.

1. A voice cries out in the
wilderness,
"Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a
highway,
a highway for our God."

2. Stand upon the mountain
top.
O lift your voice to the world.
Sing joyfully, Jerusalem:
"Behold, behold your God."

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Fr. Tom's Gospel Reflection

Did you hear the good news? This question usually sparks immediate attention. People want to hear something that will raise their spirits and bring a bit of joy into their lives. At the same time, it feels good to be the bearer of good news. Typically, people cannot wait to tell good news, and people cannot wait to receive it and then pass it on to others. How even more wonderful it is for a person to be the bearer of good news from God.

We can hear this joyful spirit in the words of the prophet Zephaniah, who was anointed by the Lord to bring good news to the people of Israel. Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart! And this news came from God, Who is ever-true to His promises. The bearer and the recipient of such good news can know with certainty that it will come to pass.

John the Baptist also was the bearer of good news. John was chosen and sent by God to proclaim not only good news, but the Good News, Jesus Christ, the long-awaited Messiah. The religious leaders knew that John had a special calling from God, but they were not too sure who he was. John made it perfectly clear that his role was to announce the coming of the Messiah and to call people to prepare their lives for this coming. Make straight the way of the Lord, he said, quoting Isaiah.

As the Church began to grow and expand, the promise of salvation hailed by Isaiah and the call for repentance preached by John were joined together in how the Apostles and the faithful preached, shared and gave witness to the Gospel. Christians were joyful, for they knew Jesus, and had been entrusted with the good news—the Gospel—by Him, and commissioned by Him to take it to the world. Despite persecution, the early Christians remained joyful, for they trusted that the salvation they proclaimed to others they, themselves, possessed through faith in Jesus. This joy was enhanced by their belief that Christ would come again. As we hear in our second reading, Paul stirred this passion in the hearts of his communities of believers, calling them to live joyfully, while preparing themselves by holy living for the coming of the Lord.

Now, let us bring this idea of rejoicing in the good news of Jesus and preparing for His coming into our own time. As a community of believers, we observe this season of Advent as a time to remember that we, as a Church, firmly believe that Christ will return in glory. This season calls us to receive the news of Christ's coming with the same sense of joy and preparation that filled the early Church. We are to make ourselves ready to receive Him by striving to be perfectly holy.

As believers, however, we cannot just receive the good news of salvation and rejoice in the coming of our Savior. We must also be willing, like Isaiah, John the Baptist, and the early Church, to be faithful to God and share the good news of salvation with others. How privileged we are to be bearers of such incredible tidings. If we truly believe in Christ's coming; if we see it as good news; and if it fills us with joy, we will not be able to contain our enthusiasm. We will have to share it with others.

In the days ahead, with all the festive gatherings in which we will participate, we are sure to hear the words, *Did you hear the good news?* Do not hesitate in saying, Yes. Christ our Lord is coming in glory. It may spark some odd reactions, but it also may open great opportunities to share the good news of our faith with others.





Jamaica Outreach Program

Hosts needed
for Jamaican choir members
Feb. 14 -Feb. 17, 2025

We are in need of host families for members of Kevin Williams' Jamaican choir who will be visiting our parish on the weekend of February 15, 2025. If you live in proximity to St John the Evangelist Church and feel you might be able to host one or two choir members, please contact Jeanne Pittman at JBStamant@gmail.com or call her at 239-248-3248. No one has ever regretted welcoming these wonderful people into their homes.

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.



St John the
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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!



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

October - Information to Consider



The Naples Council Food Pantry helped **1,326 People, over 3,263 Individuals and Families** giving away about **\$112,310** in food.

The **Employment Life Skills classes** were well attended and had Graduates from the program.



All of this because of your prayers and generous contributions.

There are greater needs than our resources, so please join us or donate so we can bring support to the ever-growing people in need.

Your Support stays here in Naples and is deeply valued



Knights of Columbus Spread Christmas Joy!



As we approach this holiday season, the Knights of St. John Council 11281 and Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308 deliver coats and gifts to others. Bill Fuller, Jack Kindsvater, and Jack McHale had the honor of delivering 144 lightweight jackets to Guadalupe Social Services, Immokalee, just in time for the first cooler weather.



Santa made a call at the annual Christmas Party for Knights and special guests from STARability. He delivered a gift to each guest, and all enjoyed a festive dinner.

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

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



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

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.



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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

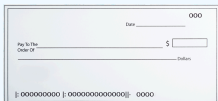
Our collections are taken at the end of Mass at all exits of the Church. We ask that you use your weekly envelope and write your envelope number on the memo line of your check. Make the check payable to **St. John the Evangelist**. *We cannot accept checks made payable to CASH.*

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.

126.4% to Goal

14.115% 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

11/13/24-11/19/24

\$99,196.41

11/20/24-11/26/24

\$74,283.40

Total Households

3486



Calendar and Weekly Readings

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 15

7:00am	Mass (Church)
9:00am	Mass (Church)
9:30am	K-8 Faith Formation (PAC & Claussen)
11:00am	Mass (Church)
1:00pm	Mass (Church)
5:00pm	Mass (Church)

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

8:30am	Daily Mass (Church)
9:30am	Bereavement Group (Claussen Center)
5:00pm	Cenacle of Life Prayer Group (Church)
6:00pm	Paint & Wine (Pulte Cafe)
6:30pm	Catholic Adults - ages 35-55 (Antioch)

Wednesday, December 18

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)
6:30pm	Well Read Mom (Alexandria)

Thursday, December 19

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 20

8:30am	Daily Mass (Church)
7:00pm	Christmas Concert (Church)

Saturday, December 21

7:00am	TMIY (Pulte Cafe)
8:30am	Daily Mass (Church)
9:00am	Young Women's Group (Library)
3:00pm	Vigil Mass (Church)
5:00pm	Vigil Mass (Church)
6:00pm	CYAN Happy Hour (Pulte Cafe)



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wed:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

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, December 14, 2024

8:30 AM + Francis J. Hone

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Marilyn and John Galloup

5:00 PM + Herbert Penfield

Sunday, December 15, 2024

7:00 AM + Peter, Maria and Joseph

9:00 AM + Elizabeth Grazier, Leonard Persin & Philip Link

11:00 AM + Jim Tucker

1:00 PM SI Joanne Mellia

5:00 PM + Edward Parada

Monday, December 16, 2024

8:30 AM + Robert Sullivan

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

8:30 AM + Rosalee DeGenova

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

8:30 AM + Jesse Sanchez

Thursday, December 19, 2024

8:30 AM + Jim Collins

Friday, December 20, 2024

8:30 AM + Leo Hundt

Saturday, December 21, 2024

8:30 AM + Lowell Teal

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Loretta Wesolek

5:00 PM + Jim Rankin

Sunday, December 22, 2024

7:00 AM + Marianne Byrne

9:00 AM + McEntee Family

11:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

1:00 PM + Paul Swope

5:00 PM + Paula Goldner

Wine and Host + Jose Nicholas Arteta

Altar Flowers + Jose Nicholas Arteta

Requested By

Thomas and Mary Bonfiglio

Ann Agens

Vania Penfield

Requested By

Nhi Nguyen

The Choir

Family

Barbara Wettels

The Standish Family

Requested By

Loretta Sullivan

Requested By

Henry DeGenova

Requested By

Linda Sherman

Requested By

John and Maureen Wurtz

Requested By

Mary Lou Hundt

Requested By

The Beebe Family

Jeff and Carol Chorba

Mike and Maureen Reed

Requested By

Frances and Edward Lenart

Barbara McEntee

Teresa Nadolski

Brian, Christina and Kayla Rickles

Parents

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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. 22 in the Usher ad



Prayer List

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

Mary A.	Mary Ann Dowd	Brad Johnson	Lisa Sanfelippo
Antoinette Acquaviva	John Doyle	Joseph Julian	John Schloendorn
Angelo Babbo	Megan Ebert	James Kadary	Catherine Schmacht
John (Ben) Bailey	Baby Bennett Edington	Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman	Bernard and Martina
Sharon (Sherry) Bailey	Tom Endres	Robyne Keane	Sherman
Barbara Barber	Tiffany Fellenz	Carol Kelley	Joe Sherman
Anthony Barzyz	Henry Ferris	Hannah K & Kathleen Kotscher	Bob Snowdon
Jennifer Basile	Anna Focht	Jean Kowalski	Norma June Spriggle
Andrea Becker	Raymond Foley	Valeri Landi	Ila Stienly
Richard & Elaine Beebe	Ronald Fongemie	Alicia LaPlant	Jeanne Stoll
David Behle	Phyllis and Peter Foti	Myles Levy-Vixler	Christopher Suki
Gerry Beronja	Lester and Barbara Fuller	Baby Hudson Matthew Lopes	Joan Marie Switalski
Edwin Betancourt	Bruce Gaker	Charles Lucas	David Tague
Patty Bleicher	Terry Gallagher	Bob Lutz	John Thyen
Sara Boettcher	Steven Gillis	Ruth Martin	Anna Tran
Torey Botti	William Gilmartin	Mary A.	David Trott
Al Brown	Fr. Len Gioeli	Anthony Masse	Ronald Trybus
Charlotte Byron	Norma Golia	Pat Matre	Elaine Tryjankowski
Josefino Cabaltica	Julian Gomez	Eileen Miner	Josephine Mable Tucker
Candace	Sam Greenberg	Tom Mullen	Lisa Turner
Frank Carillo	Peter Greenberg	Meg Mullen	Raymond Vanasse
Al and Lorraine Clano	Frank Grzesk	Andy Murphy	Maria Elena Vassolotti
Norma & Tom Collins	Thomas Gunn	Kathy O'Loughlin	Juile Ventura
Nicholas Costanza	Gary Gwizdala	Margo O'Malley	Gina Vitale
Francine Crawford	Terry Hansberry	John and Michelina Oteri	Terry Wagner
John Cullen	Becky Hansberry	Eric Parker	Adam Wais
Edie Joan Daker	Dana Harrell	Ann Petrillo	Chelsea Watson
Kyle DeMartino	Elizabeth Hetnarski	Sebastian Pica	John Wholihan
George Deauchan	Elaine Hill	Ludmila Pridalova	Harry Witt
Jack Dilorio	Evzen Hlavalcek	Bill Redmond	Carl Yasharian
Theresa DiLella	Kelly Honsberger	Maureen Reed	
Donna DiMare	Deanne Hutchinson Pinto	John Repice	
Jodi Divjak	John Jartz	Dave Roberts	
Linda Donaldson	Deacon John	Susie Romanovich	
Thomas Donlan	Cynthia Johnson	Peggy O'Neil Saba	

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.

Nancy Gibbons



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

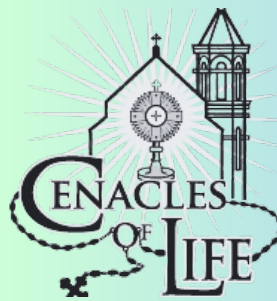
Respect Life

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

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

e-mail:

project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org

www.hopeafterabortion.com



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Respect Life Office
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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.

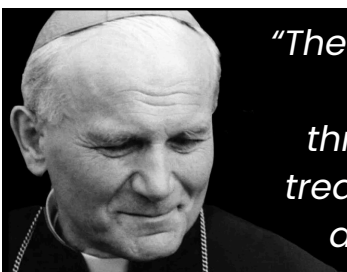
Scan the QR code below to find the nearest location and take the first step by contacting one today!



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.

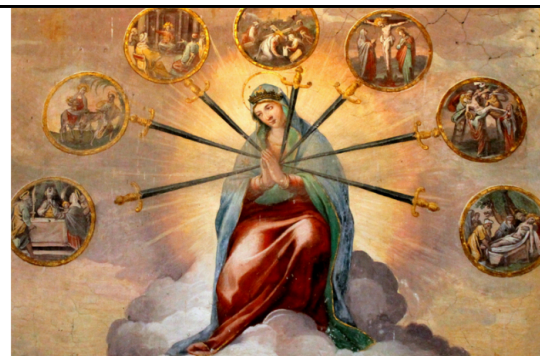
WHY A NOVENA SPECIFICALLY TO HONOR OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER?

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 dolours, 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)

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

St. John's Gift Shop

Saturdays 2:30-6:15 PM

Sundays 8:30 AM-1:00 PM



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



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 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, 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.

Legion of Mary. The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of lay people, priests, and religious under the patronage of our Blessed Mother; One with Mary's love and Mary's will, dedicated to bring Christ to the world and to the souls who need Him, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Pulte Center. sjeccadoration@gmail.com

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.

Streaming Ministry. Our streaming ministry provides the homebound and parishioners who are away from Naples the opportunity to view our Masses. We stream weekday Masses and three weekend Masses. Contact colleen@sjecc.com.

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 1st and 3rd 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@SVDPnaples.org.

AA Brian R. 732-735-7037

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

Ministries and Groups



Being a Sacristan is very rewarding. Please contact Polly: pollyanna@sjecc.com for more information



Ushers are needed for all Masses. Please contact Dominick Blasioli for more information: dominick@sjecc.com or contact the Main Office

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

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@svdnpaples.org

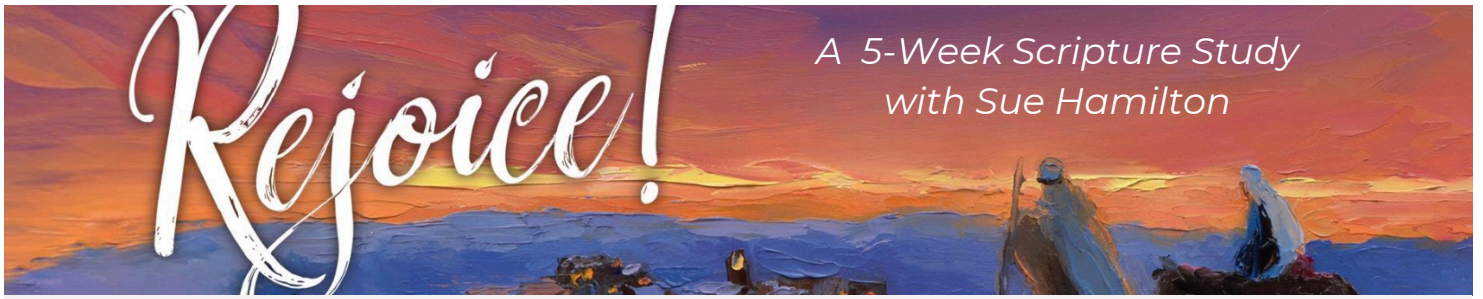


FAITH CHAT

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. 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 Touns 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 one more Wednesdays continuing on December 18th 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. Walk-ins always welcome!

Rejoice! Remaining Wednesdays Session Dates:

December 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 – Marked down to \$5.00 each journal.

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

This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Monday, December 16th - OCIA – 6:00-7:30PM -Room 11 & 12 of the Claussen Center

Wednesday, December 18th - Rejoice! 9:30-10:45AM- Nazareth Room of the Pulte Center

Thursday, December 19th – FAITH CHAT- 9:30-11:00AM – Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center

Adult Faith Formation

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

Faith Formation

THE BEST ADVENT EVER – By Paul McCusker

\$5.00 Deal in the Gift Boutique

The Perry family's first Advent in Hope Springs is a mix of drama and comedy as Sam competes with her best friend to be in the Christmas pageant, Nick hopes to play an angel that actually flies, the search for a Christmas tree leads to danger, and family traditions take on a whole new meaning of joy. It's a time of fun, learning, and wonder that might become the Perry family's best Advent ever. This family book is available NOW in our Parish Gift Shop for \$5.00. A great read-aloud for the family or independent read for fluent readers with Catholic values imbedded in the story! Happy Advent!



Faith Formation

December Saints- St. Lucy – December 13th

Young Lucy used to bring food and aid to fellow Christians hiding from persecutors during the third and fourth century. She used a candle-lit wreath to light her way and carried as much food as possible. But eventually, Lucy was captured and tortured. Her eyes were removed and she soon after died a martyr of the Faith. Today in Scandinavia, St. Lucy is considered a source of hope and light during the long dark winter months. Each year, prior to Christmas, towns gather to celebrate her light! She is the Patron saint of blindness & light in the darkness.

St. Lucy, Pray for Us! - Taken From Tiny Saints

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



SAINT LUCY
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

A Prayer to Saint Lucy

O St Lucy, preserve the light of my eyes so that I may see the beauties of creation, the glow of the sun, the color of the flowers and the smile of children. Preserve also the eyes of my soul, the faith, through which I can know my God, understand His teachings, recognize His love for me and never miss the road that leads me to where you, St Lucy, can be found in the company of the angels and saints. St Lucy, protect my eyes and preserve my faith! St. Lucy, pray for us!! Amen!



Important Dates

PreK3 & PreK4

December 18th – 12:30-2:30PM
Pre-K Atrium

K-8th Grade

December 15th – 9:30-10:45AM
K-8 Faith Formation
December 18th – 5:00-6:15PM
K-8 Faith Formation



Save the Dates

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 to register- High
School Youth

Youth Ministry and Young Adults



ST. VALENTINE EVENT

All are welcome!

*Join us for
crafts, treats & pizza*



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

PULTE CENTER

*"We love
because he first
loved us."
John 4:19*

JOIN OUR SUNDAY 5 P.M. YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MASS

BECOME A...

- LECTOR
- ALTAR SERVER
- USHER/GREETER
- EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

JULIANA@SJECC.COM
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 2024 - 2025 CALENDAR

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

DECEMBER

- NO YOUTH GROUP UNTIL JANUARY.
- HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

JANUARY

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

WHAT WE DO...

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

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JULIANA D'AGOSTINO

*DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

WELCOME TO SJECC EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! YOUR YOUTH MINISTERS ARE JULIANA D'AGOSTINO AND MAX BERMAN. WE HAVE A PASSION FOR LEADING THE YOUTH TO CHRIST, AND PROVIDING OUR YOUTH WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER CATHOLICS THEIR AGE WHO ARE SEEKING TO BUILD A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST. YOUTH GROUP IS A TIME FOR YOUTH TO DEEPEN THEIR FAITH, BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE PARISH, AND HAVE FUN!

COME WHEN YOU CAN - ALL ARE WELCOME!



IGNITE HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP 2024 - 2025 CALENDAR

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

DECEMBER

- NO YOUTH GROUP UNTIL JANUARY.
- HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

JANUARY

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

WHAT WE DO...

- BIBLE STUDY
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COME WHEN YOU CAN! ALL ARE WELCOME!



Youth Ministry and Young Adults



NAPLES CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

GAMES | POTLUCK | BYOB

FOR AGES
21+



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



SATURDAY,
JANUARY 11 AT 6 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

• ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH •
WEDNESDAYS 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
CLAUSSEN CENTER - ALEXANDRIA ROOM

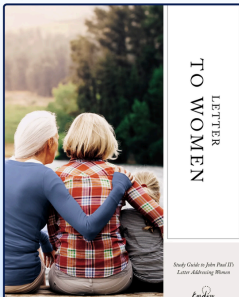
Praise AND Worship

LED BY GEORGE DE LOS REYES

• UPCOMING DATES •
JANUARY 15TH

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JULIANA D'AGOSTINO - YOUTH MINISTER

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S GROUP



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE
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JULIANA@SJECC.COM



MEET OTHER YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH AN ENDOW
STUDY CALLED "LETTER TO WOMEN: A STUDY TO JOHN PAUL II'S LETTER
ADDRESSING WOMEN". THIS STUDY TAKES WOMEN ON A JOURNEY TO SEE
WHERE THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES INTERSECT WITH GOD'S DIVINE PLAN. POPE
SAINT JOHN PAUL II RECOGNIZED THE GROWING CONFUSION SURROUNDING
QUESTIONS OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND SEXUALITY. THIS STUDY AND GROUP,
HELPS YOUNG WOMEN LAY A STRONG FOUNDATION TO FIND THEIR TRUE
IDENTITY AS BELOVED DAUGHTERS OF GOD. IT IS FOLLOWED BY GROUP
REFLECTION, DISCUSSION, AND PRAYER.

UPCOMING DATES
CLAUSSEN CENTER - LIBRARY - 10AM
JANUARY 11 JANUARY 25 FEBRUARY 8

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 ADULTS OF NAPLES
SMALL GROUP
EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
FOR AGES 35-55

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF NAPLES
SMALL GROUPS
EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
FOR AGES 21-39

HAPPY HOUR
FOR AGES 35-55
DECEMBER 21ST FROM 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.
IN THE PULTE CENTER
THERE IS AN OPTIONAL \$20 GIFT CARD EXCHANGE
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLAUSSEN CENTER - ALEXANDRIA ROOM
(LOCATION MAY CHANGE - SEE OUR CALENDAR)



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!
HTTPS://CATHOLICYOUNGADULTSOFNAPLES.WORDPRESS.COM/

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

Catholic Church

625 111th Ave N

Naples, FL 34108

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

11:00pm

Concert w/Readings

St. John the Evangelist

Catholic Church

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Naples, FL 34108

*A joyous celebration of hope and peace for the
Christmas season*

St. John the Evangelist Casino Night & 1950s Party

January 18, 2025

6:00 cocktail hour
7:00 casino opens

\$45
in advance

\$50
at the door

Dance to Music from the **Del Prados**

50s Diner sponsored by **Patio Cafe**

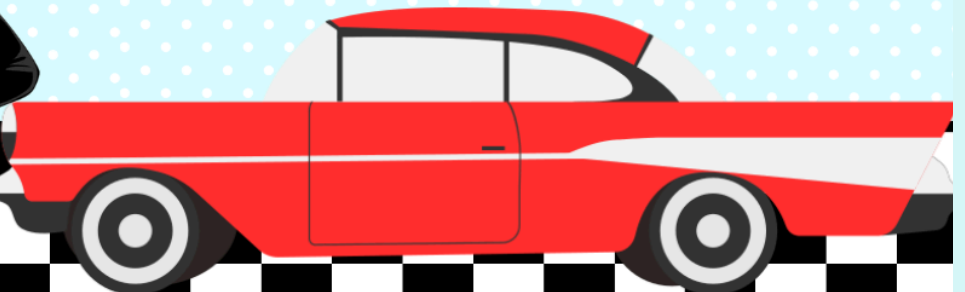
featuring burgers, fries, tater tots, and more!

Ice Cream provided by **Royal Scoop**

Classic cars from **Cool Cruisers**

Outstanding raffle prizes

Dress Code: Casual or Fabulous Fifties Attire



For tickets:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/casino-night-1950s-party-tickets-1079285555149>

Tickets on sale 11/18/24



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Contact: Don Free at 210-373-1645

donsfree56@yahoo.com



Presented by the Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, March 29, 2025
Pulte Family Life Center



Events & Programs



Adult Paint & Wine
 Tuesday, December 17, 2024
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Pulte Family Life Center Cafe



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-paint-night-wine-glasses-tickets-1095357787629?aff=oddtcreator>

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 Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Ladies
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 Saturdays 9 a.m. Mixed

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Pulte Family Life Center



Monday Nights @ 6

SAVE THE DATE



*Polish
 Dinner Dance
 February 22, 2025*