

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

Peace



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 Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I

Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations,

"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reading II

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Alleluia

Lk 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Music for The Second Sunday of Advent

On Jordan's Bank

WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose

1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876, alt.
Music: *Musicalishes Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.

The Lord has Done Great Things for Us

(Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6)

(Psalm 126)

Francesca LaRosa

The Lord has done great things for

us; we are filled with joy.

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Gospel Acclamation

(VENI EMMANUEL) Stephen Pishner

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

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

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Music for The Second Sunday of Advent

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

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

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

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

Refrain

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

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

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

Advent Lamb of God

Kevin Keil (ASCAP)

1, 2

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

Final

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

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Psalm 25: I Lift Up My Soul

Tim Manion



1. O Lord, show your ways to me.
Teach me your paths
and keep me in the ways of your truth,
for you are the God that saves me.
2. The Lord is so good, so holy;
sinners find the way,
and in all that is right he guides the humble.
The poor he leads in his pathways.
3. All day long I hope in your goodness.
Remember your love,
the love that you promised long ago,
and the kindness that you gave
from of old.

Text: Based on Psalm 25:1, 4-5, 8-9, 6-7. Text and music © 1976, 2008, OCP. All rights reserved.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN



Text: 76 76 6 76; based on Isaiah 11:1; Trad. German Carol, 15th cent.; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.
Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599.


The King of Glory

KING OF GLORY




Music for The Second Sunday of Advent

Verses



1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

to Refrain



1. He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
2. He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
3. In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
4. He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
5. And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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Music: Trad. Israeli Folk Song.



St. John's Gift Shop

Saturdays 2:30-6:15 PM
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We are pleased to offer Christmas decor and gifts for everyone on your list. We carry nativity sets, ornaments, mugs, homemade gifts (crafted by one of our sewing ministry members), jewelry, books, rosaries, statues, children's gifts, St. John the Evangelist Christmas Cards, and more!

Our Gift Shop is located inside the Church entrance

We look forward to serving you!

Merry Christmas



Fr. Tom's Gospel Reflection

None of us like to be forgotten. Yet all of us have had some experience of what it's like, even if it was only on an occasion. It may be that we weren't invited to some event, or our contribution to some work wasn't recognized, or our birthday was forgotten. Here we're talking just about being omitted or passed over. But even that can be very painful, for it means to be ignored, to be treated as if you were of no significance.

There is another kind of forgetting. When people forget all about us, this is a far deeper and more painful thing. We feel that we don't matter anymore. That no one cares about us. It's as if we didn't exist. We feel we've been not just forgotten but abandoned. It's worse if we are victims of false promises: 'I'll be in touch, I'll write, I'll call again,' and so on.

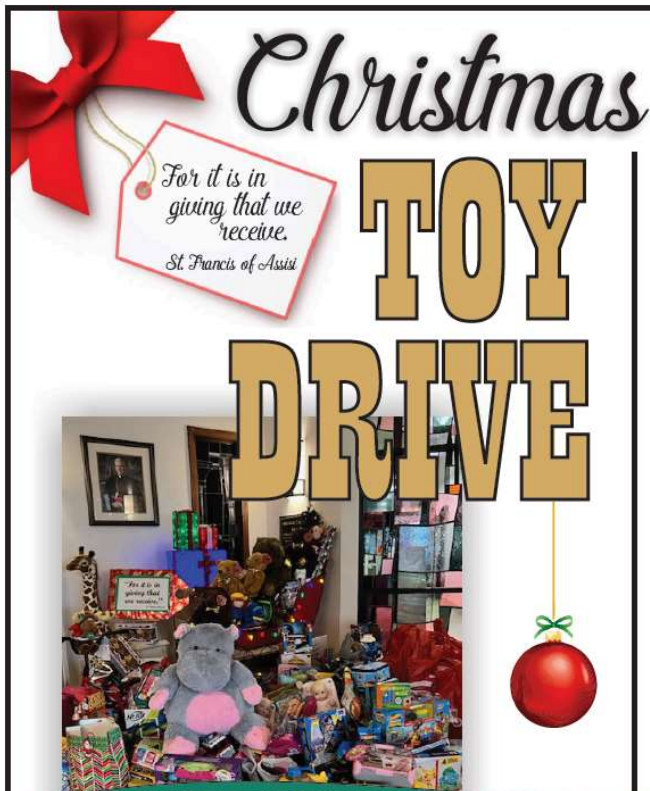
Once there was a wonderful priest who was admired and loved by his fellow priests and by the parishioners of the parishes he had served. However, this fine priest developed a serious medical condition which forced him to retire from active ministry and enter a nursing home. He spent the rest of his life there, confined to a wheelchair.

At first, he had a stream of visitors. But as the years went by, the stream was reduced to a trickle, and in time even that dried up. Now he was on his own. Not a card, letter, or phone-call. Absolutely nothing. Just a great silence, and a great emptiness. He found it very painful, especially in view of the fact that he had given so much to others.

Then one day he received a visit from a priest who had been a classmate of his. He was delighted to see him, and they talked for a long time. But then at a certain point, he turned to his visitor and said, 'Do you think anyone remembers me?' I don't know what reply the visitor gave him. What reply could he give? No, it's not nice to be forgotten. It is extremely painful. We may feel like that about God too. Something bad may have happened to us, so we think, 'God has forgotten me.' This leads to the feeling that God doesn't care about us, that he doesn't love us anymore.

That's how God's people felt at the time the prophet Baruch was writing (second century BC). Their kingdom had fallen. The holy city, Jerusalem, had been destroyed. The beautiful temple had been reduced to rubble. Their sons and daughters had been taken into exile. So they asked themselves: "Where is God? What has become of his promises?" And they concluded that God had forgotten them. But the prophet assured them that God had not forgotten them. He told them that their sorrows would soon end. God would bring their sons and daughters back from exile. He would level out a highway to facilitate their return. And there would be a great restoration. So the people took heart. The exiles did indeed come back. However, God's promise was not completely fulfilled until the coming of Jesus. And we too can take heart. Even though we may forget God, God does not forget us. Advent reminds us of the wonderful promises God made to us, and shows how they are fulfilled in Jesus. The great sign we have that God loves us is the fact that he sent his Son to us. John the Baptist was the one who announced the good news of his coming.

No, God has not forgotten us. God remembers us. Even if everyone else were to forget us, God will not forget us. It's incredible to be remembered, even if only in a small way. It's a sign that someone cares about us. God cares about us. We matter to him, because we are his precious daughters and sons. Since we like to be remembered by others, we have a duty also to remember others, especially those who have been good to us, and who have sacrificed themselves for us. Christmas is a great time for remembering people. One small way we can do it is through a simple card with a few words that come from the heart.



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December 7/8 & 14/15**

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St John the Evangelist Catholic Church benefiting families of St. Vincent De Paul

FOOD 4 FAMILIES!

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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



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

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

Offertory

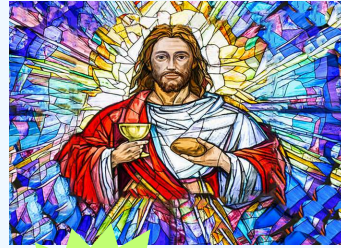
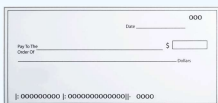
Our collections are taken at the end of Mass at all exits of the Church. We ask that you use your weekly envelope and write your envelope number on the memo line of your check. Make the check payable to **St. John the Evangelist**. *We cannot accept checks made payable to CASH.*

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 8

7:00am Mass (Church)
9:00am Mass (Church)
9:30am K-8 Faith Formation (PAC & Claussen)
11:00am Mass (Church)
1:00pm Mass (Church)
3:45pm Confirmation (PAC & Claussen)
3:45pm Confirmation Parents Session (Nazareth)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

Monday, December 9

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
12:00pm Daily Mass (Church)
7:00pm Daily Mass (Church)



Tuesday, December 10

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:30am Bereavement Group (Claussen Center)
1:00pm Bingo (Pulte Cafe)
5:00pm Cenacle of Life Prayer Group (Church)
6:30pm Catholic Adults - ages 35-55 (Antioch)

Wednesday, December 11

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 12

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

Friday, December 13

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

Saturday, December 14

7:00am TMIY (Pulte Cafe)
8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
5:00pm Young Adult Happy Hour (Pulte Cafe)



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wed: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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 7, 2024

8:30 AM + Virginia Mary Bonness
Vigil Masses for Sunday
 3:00 PM + Edward Wesolek
 5:00 PM SI Dominick and Grace Corbino

Requested By

ML Kanach
 Jeff and Carol Chorba
 Kathryn and Vincent Corbino

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 + Teresa Dep Pham

Requested By

Roseann Hartley
 Roseann Hartley
 Polly Vierling
 Timothy Pham

Monday, December 9, 2024

8:30 AM + Thomas and Jane Loso
 12:00 PM + Richard Schrandt
 7:00 PM + Michael Zewalk

Requested By

Diane Loso
 Mike and Gerri Mento
 Bob and Isabelle Gundaker

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

8:30 AM + Inhaxio

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

8:30 AM + Ron Reuss

Thursday, December 12, 2024

8:30 AM + Patricia J. Marrkand

Friday, December 13, 2024

8:30 AM + Rose Palumbo

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
 11:00 AM + Jim Tucker
 1:00 PM SI Joanne Mellia
 5:00 PM + Edward Parada

Requested By

Nhi Nguyen
 The Choir
 Family
 Barbara Wettels
 The Standish Family

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. 8 in the wreath



Prayer List

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

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

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.
Mary Fitzpatrick



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.

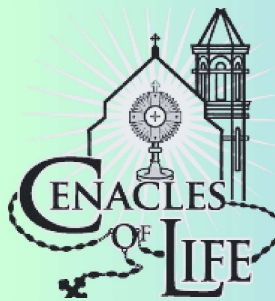
Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait	Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK	Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – US Army
Cadet Samantha Bocis, West Point	1st Lieutenant Deanna Ogrinc, US Army
Sam Bradley, Marines	Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps
Mark Burger, US Army	Daniel Petito – US Army
Stephen Burger, US Army	Matthew Popielec, PFC-Germany
Lieutenant Carson Brial – US Navy	Captain Anthony James Raguso, US Marines
Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary	1st Lieutenant Robert W. Raleigh IV - US Marine Corps
Private David Clark	Lt. Jill Rice, Commander in the US Navy
Gavin Cooper, Navy, EMN3	Lt. Joseph Rice, Commander in the US Navy
Captain Quentin Danyov, US Army	Duke Roach- US Navy
Adam Decker	Clayton Rutz, US Army
Alexander Denha 1st Lt. Army Ranger, Ft. Bragg N.C.	Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army
Major Derek-Army National Guard	Hunter Scalzo – Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th
Nick Detloff	Infantry
LT Andrew Douglas, United States Navy	Ben Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army
SGT Ashlyn Ducharme Us Army	Luke Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army
Capt. Stephen English – US Army	Sophie Sekutera (Koepl) – First Lieutenant, US Army
Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF	Lieutenant Jane Shelley- US Navy
SFC Lon Giancola	Austin Spagnola
Matthew Gordon, US Navy	Captain Fox Stevens- US Army, South Korea
SSG Douglas Hennessy	First Lieutenant Matthew Stevenson, USMC
1st Lieutenant Brock Hinkle- US Army, Germany	LTJG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans
2nd Lieutenant Daniel Huber, US Marines	Lt. Brendan Tourek – USN
Cadet Sloane Janopoulos, USAF Academy	Corporal Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps
Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy	Captain Grant Ullrich, US Army in Kuwait
Capt. Ashlyn M. Kennedy, USMC Quantico	Lance Corporal, Christopher Vandyck- US Marine
Senior Airman Jack Kirk, US Airforce	Corps
Max Koepl- Plebe Candidate at the US Merchant	1st Lieutenant Mackenzie Warren- Space Force
Marine Academy, Kings Point NY	1st Lieutenant Hollis Webster- Space Force
Sgt. Nicholas LaManna	Petty Officer 3rd Class, Logan Wehrheim- US Navy
Sgt. William McKinney	Andrew Wieland US Air Force
PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft. Eustis, VA	SFC Eugene Williams-US Army in Poland
Connor Miller: US Navy search and rescue	Kaden Winckel, Airman 1st Class, USAF
Col. Brian Murphy	Master Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey
Lt. Col. Jill Murphy	Tech. Sgt. Kaitlin Zecchino
2nd Lieutenant, Samantha Naples, US Marine Corps	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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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.

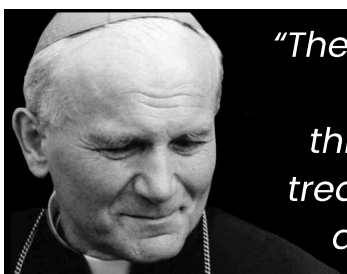
Scan the QR code below to find the nearest location and take the first step by contacting one today!



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 SJ ECC Chapel
we will have 24 hour adoration.***



**TO SIGN UP GO TO
www.adorationpro.org/SJ ECC**



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@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

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.



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@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 was 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 11th 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 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 9th - OCIA – 6:00-7:30PM -Room 11 & 12 of the Claussen Center

Wednesday, December 11th - Rejoice! 9:30-10:45AM- Nazareth Room of the Pulte Center

Thursday, December 12th – 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. Juan Diego – December 9th

Juan Diego and his wife were among the first converts to Christianity in Mexico. In 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan, asking for a church to be built. When the bishop asked for a sign, Mary told Juan Diego to gather flowers in his cloak, and the miraculous image known as Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared. From then on, Juan lived near the newly-built shrine and cared for pilgrims. St. Juan Diego, 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 Juan Diego



Saint Juan Diego, you are our first American indigenous saint. Please pray that God the Father would protect all migrants through his Son, Jesus Christ. Ask the Father to pour out the love of the Holy Spirit upon all who are isolated, alone and separated by choice or necessity from their native lands. May those torn away from their families and forced to leave their country to find work elsewhere be reunited: husbands with wives and parents with children. We ask especially for migrant women and children who are particularly vulnerable to the dangers of human trafficking. Give them your protection and shield them from evil. May we as a Church receive the grace to welcome with love migrants who enter into our country, seeking a home in our parishes and communities. We ask for your prayers and intercession for all immigrants who are desperate, alone and in need of God's loving support. And we ask Our Lady, who appeared to you as your Mother and Mother of all in our land, to wrap her mantle of protection around all migrant people. We beg for her love, compassion, help and protection on all immigrants who today experience great sufferings, sorrows, necessities and misfortunes. Amen. ~From USCCB Website

Important Dates

PreK3 & PreK4

December 11th – 12:30-2:30PM – Pre-K Atrium

K-8th Grade

December 8th – 9:30-10:45AM - K-8 Faith Formation

December 11th – 5:00-6:15PM K-8 Faith Formation

High School Confirmation

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

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



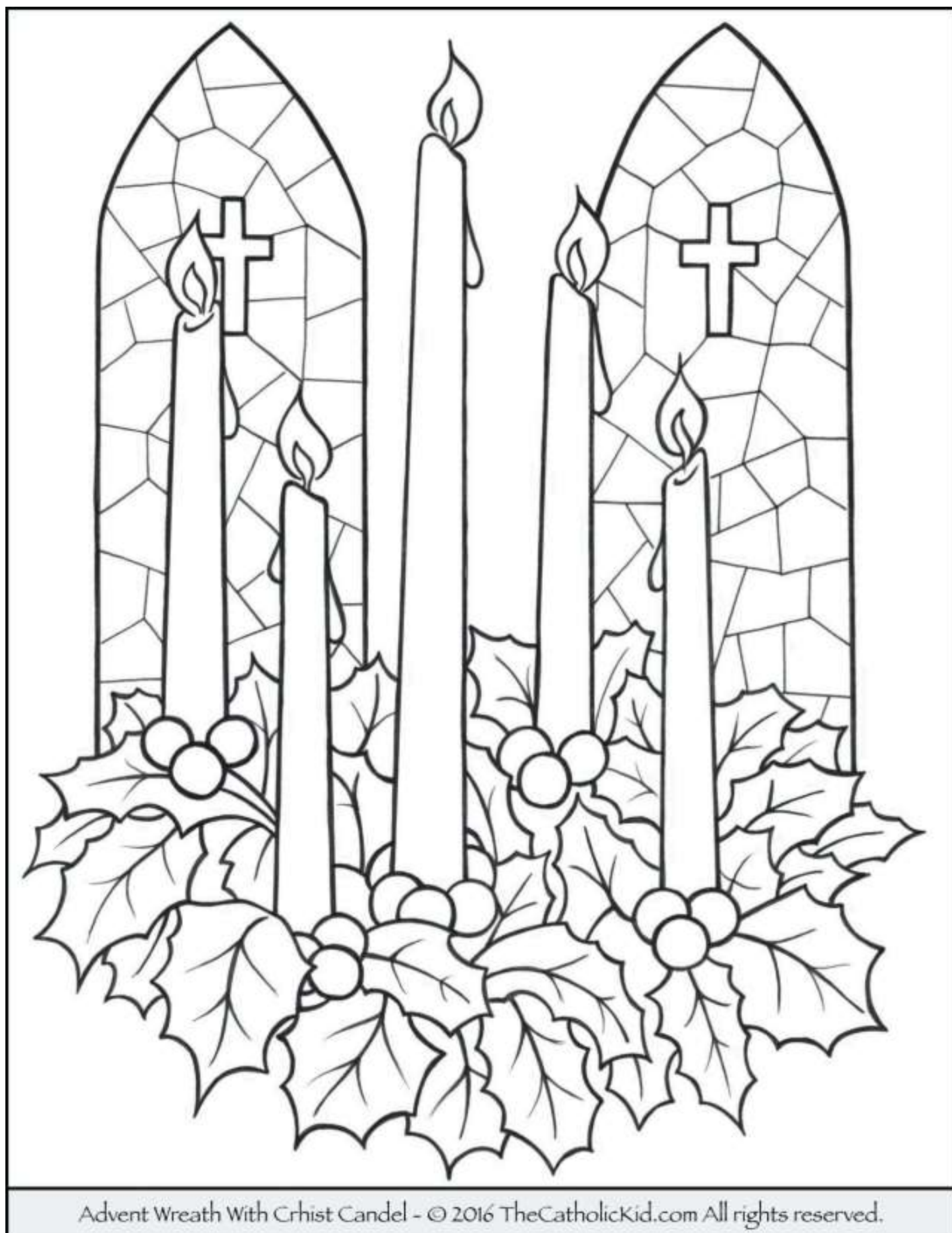
SAVE THE DATES

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 to register- High School Youth



Youth Ministry and Young Adults

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

AUGUST 4 - 9, 2025

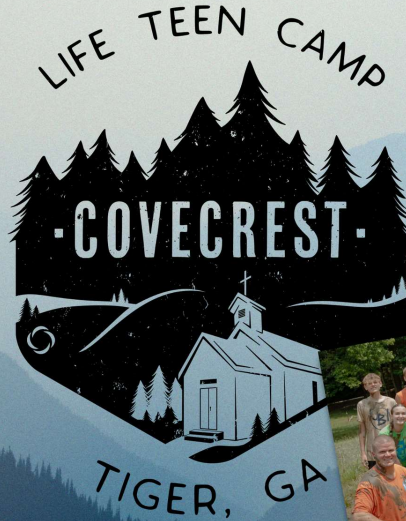
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YOUTH MINISTRY



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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

- 12/18 - PRAISE & WORSHIP

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WHAT WE DO...

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

JANUARY

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



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*DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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YOUTH MINISTRY

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!

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 2024 - 2025 CALENDAR FRIDAYS 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

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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!



CONTACT JULIANA AT JULIANA@SJECC.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 14 AT 5 P.M.

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

• ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH •

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

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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
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REGISTER BY DECEMBER 1



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
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*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**

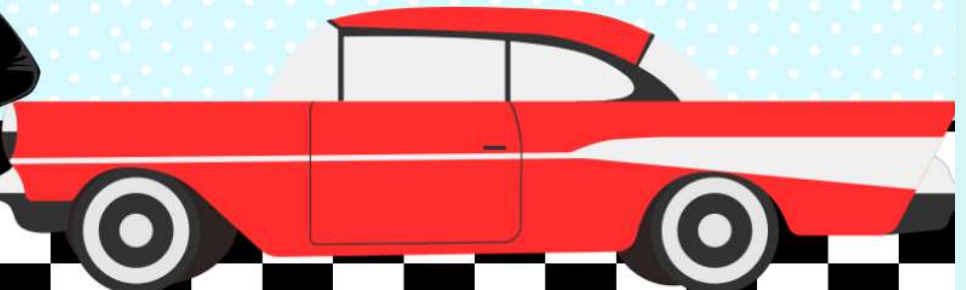
featuring burgers, fries, tater tots, and more!

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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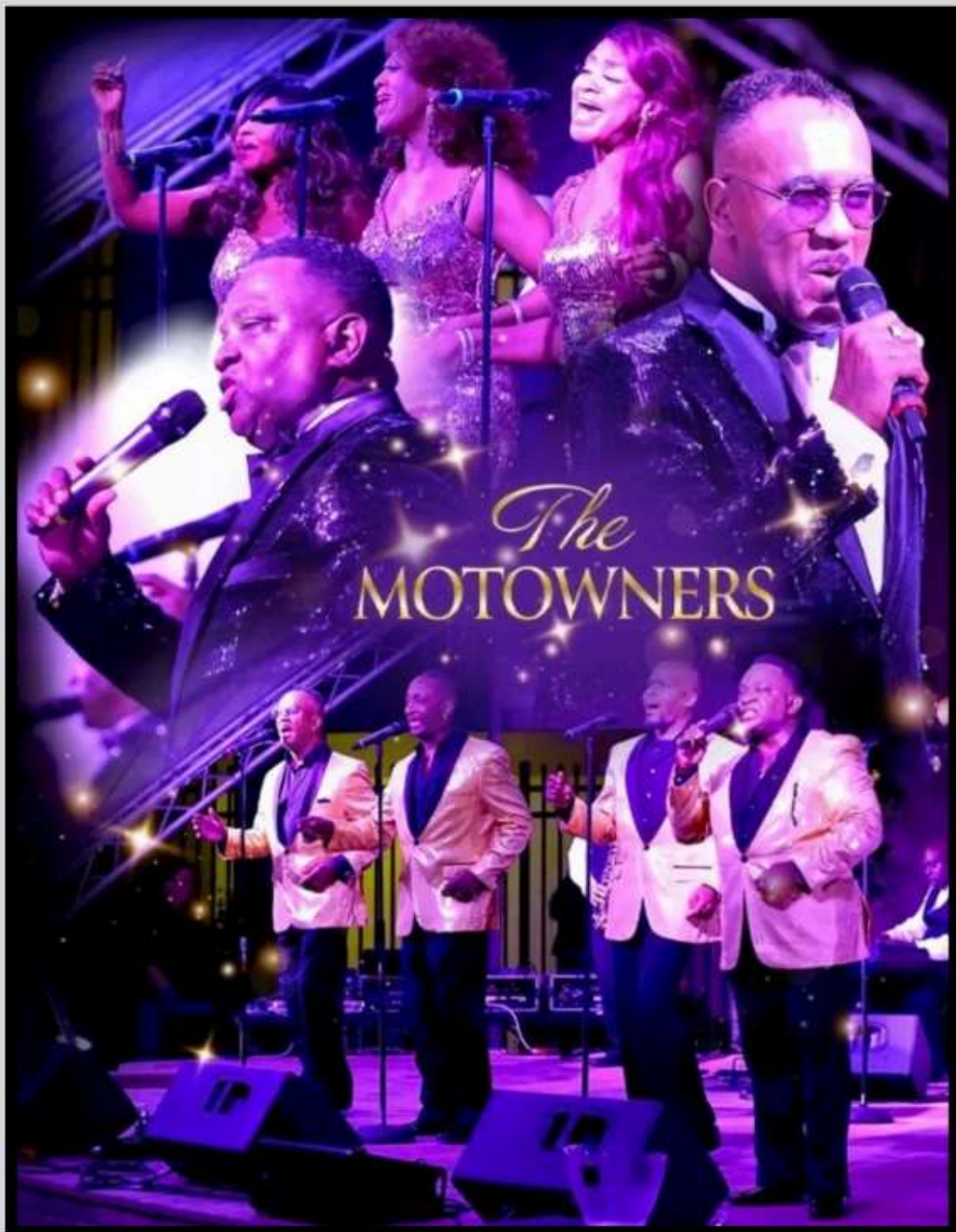


Presented by the Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Pulte Family Life Center



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

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Pulte Family Life Center



Monday Nights @ 6

SAVE THE DATE



*Polish
Dinner Dance
February 22, 2025*