St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

A Diocese of Venice Jubilee Pilgrimage Site March 2, 2025 - The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lenten Services Holy

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am & 5:30pm Saturday: 8:30am

Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday 9:00am Saturday 9:00am & 2:00pm Friday, April 11 4:00-8:00pm Saturday, April 12 9:00am-12:00pm

Parish Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, April 8 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 12:00pm in the Church

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

Saturday Vigil: 3:00pm & 5:00pm in the Church.

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm. *Overflow Mass in the Ballroom* at 9:15am and 11:15am

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm

Good Friday

Morning Prayer: 8:00am
The Passion of the Lord: 3:00pm

Lenten Programs

Lenten Gospel Reflection Group

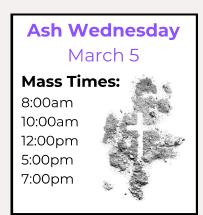
Thursdays, March 6-April 10 1:00pm-2:30pm Claussen Center

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer: 8:00am Easter Vigil: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm in the Church. Overflow Mass in the Ballroom at 9:15am & 11:15am



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.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. 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.
Priest: Christ, have mercy.
Priest: Lord, have mercy.
Priest: Lord, have mercy.
People: 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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters:

When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Alleluia Philippians 2:15d, 16a

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

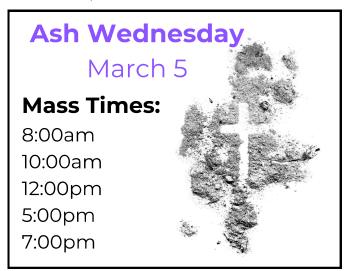
Gospel Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable,

"Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,

but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

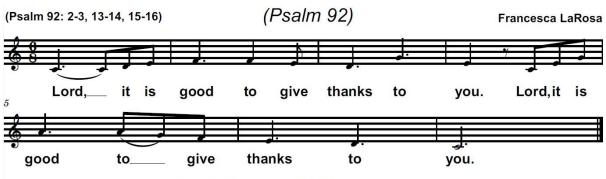


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Lord, It is Good to Give Thanks to You

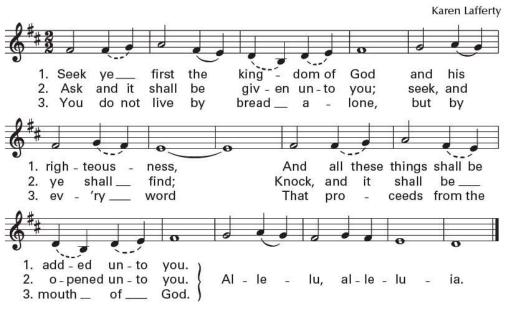


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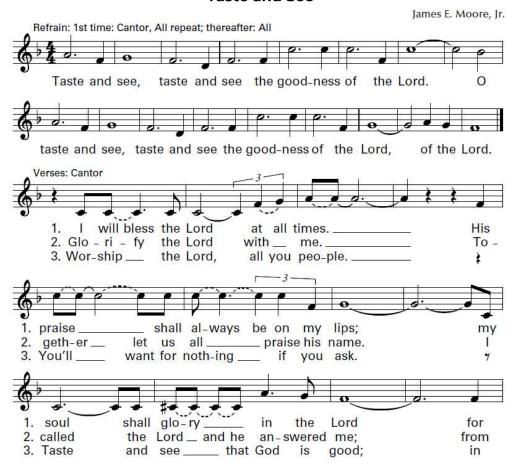


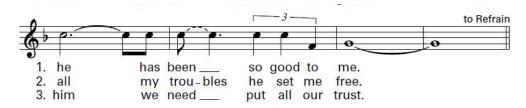


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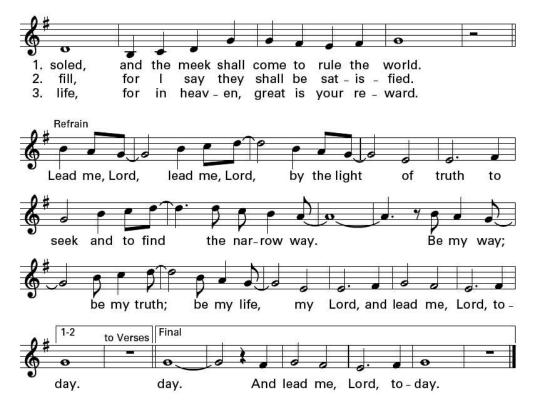


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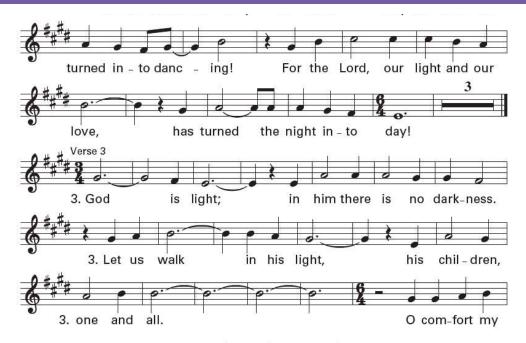


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Prayers for our Cantor, Domine

We raise our voices in prayer to you, O Lord, because you are the source of our hope, and we pray for Domine Clemons as she battles leukemia. We pray that you bless her with strength and courage. That your healing hand will touch her. That she knows the power of your wondrous love and the joy of health restored.

We pray for her caregivers, family members, and those who love her. We give you thanks for the advances and treatments such as bone marrow transplants, chemotherapies, and immunotherapies. We ask that you will help us to see a day when we find a cure for leukemia. For every person who is sick might be found. We ask this in your Holy name. AMEN

Many of you have asked how to help our beloved Domine. Aside from prayers, donations to assist with her current and future medical needs are greatly appreciated. The Church is planning a benefit concert for this spring...more details to follow.



- Checks should be made out to:
 - Mary Clare Clemons with "medical donation" on the memo line. We will collect check donations in the office and give them to Domine's Dad
- Visit her GoFundMe page: https://gofund.me/69a53flc (or scan this QR code)

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed), 5:30pm (in Lent)

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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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 1, 2025			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Helen Alpers	Denyce and Bill Mahoney
Vigil Masses for Sunday			
3:00 PM	+	Trish Benisch	Terri Carpino
5:00 PM	+	Vicky and Louise Romano and Rose and Patsy D'Errico	Marie and Bob Harris
Sunday, March 2, 2025			Requested By
7:00 AM	+	Mimi Mann	Frank Anastasia
9:00 AM	SI	For Our Parishioners	
11:00 AM	+	Theodore Kanamine	Lan Tran
1:00 PM	+	Tom Carroll	Elizabeth Carroll
5:00 PM	+	Benito Tauro	Family
Wine and Hose	+	Benito Tauro	
Monday, March 3, 2025			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Bernice Kindsvater	Connie and Jack Kindsvater
Tuesday, March 4, 2025			Requested By
8:00 AM	+	Peter Tho Tran	Huong Tran
Wednesday, March 5, 2025			Requested By
8:00 AM	+	Taylor Brandt	Marci and Barry Brandt
10:00 AM	+	Ricardo Nanclares	David and Maria Rice
12:00 PM	+	Gloria and Edward Schroeder	Kevin and Patrice Beach
5:00 PM	+	Luis Lecaros	Paul and Maggie Staines
7:00 PM	+	Teresa Dep Pham	Chi Hoang
Thursday, March 6, 2025			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Peter Dat Tran	Lan Tran
5:30 PM	+	Thomas Tarullo	Nancy Tarullo
Friday, February 7, 2025			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Paul Sullivan	Gail Wernes
5:30 PM	+		Linda Bellinder
Saturday, March 8, 2025			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Lyle Gray	Veronica Kirschling
(Vigil Masses for Sunda	y)		
3:00 PM	+	Teresa and John Kennedy	Mary and Hugh Keenan
5:00 PM	+	Frank Jospeh D'Errico	Marie and Bob Harris
Sunday, March 9, 2	2025		
7:00 AM	+	Marguerite and Deacon Virgil Glocheski	John and Pat McGuire
9:00 AM	+	Larry Gonneville	George and Laurie Pfotenhauer
11:00 AM	SI	For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	E. Roberta Griffin SCNA	Peter Griffin
5:00 PM	+	Rose Ann Christinzo	Frank and <mark>Jean Kowa</mark> lski
Wine and Host	+	Julie and Tom Rownd	Gerry and Anthony Grillo

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. 18 in the CFA ad



Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The 2025 Jubilee Year, as established by Pope Francis, has begun. Five locations in the Diocese of Venice have been designated as Jubilee pilgrimage sites by Bishop Frank J. Dewane. These pilgrimage sites are Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, St. John XXIII Parish in Fort Myers, St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples, St. Paul Parish in Arcadia, and Our Lady of Perpetual Health Retreat & Spirituality Center in Venice. These five locations, located in each of the geographical regions (Deaneries) of the Diocese,

were selected for the convenience of the faithful, so that they may take advantage of the grace of the Jubilee Year. The public schedule for each of the Diocese of Venice pilgrimage sites will be announced in the coming weeks and shared on the Diocese's website and on social media, with more events and activities to be announced.

Jubilee 2025 Bull of Indiction: "Spes Non Confundit"

On Thursday, May 9, 2024, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Pope Francis officially proclaimed the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 with the public reading and delivery of Spes Non Confundit, the Bull of Indicition for the Jubilee Holy Year 2025, in Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. This papal document lays out the foundation for the 2025 Jubilee and its theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." Included below is paragraph 4 from this document.

A word of hope

4. Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write: "We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Rom 5:3-4). For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution (cf. 2 Cor 6:3-10). Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ's cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another's company. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centredness.

Nor is there much place for patience in this age of the Internet, as space and time yield to an ever-present "now". Were we still able to contemplate creation with a sense of awe, we might better understand the importance of patience. We could appreciate the changes of the seasons and their harvests, observe the life of animals and their cycles of growth, and enjoy the clarity of vision of Saint Francis. In his Canticle of the Creatures, written exactly eight hundred years ago, Francis saw all creation as a great family and could call the sun his "brother" and the moon his "sister". [2] A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for ourselves and for others. Saint Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God's promises. Yet, before all else, he testifies to God's own patience, as "the God of all patience and encouragement" (Rom 15:5). Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2025

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation. The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on their website. (The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network will also publish any urgent prayer intentions of the Holy Father as soon as they are received from the Holy See.)

March: For families in crisis - Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

WHAT IS A JUBILEE INDULGENCE?

An Indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. It does not grant forgiveness - Confession is a necessary part of any Indulgence. The grace received through an Indulgence may be applied to oneself or another who has gone before us.



HOW DO I GAIN AN INDULGENCE?

FIRST MEET THE USUAL CONDITIONS

- Be detached from sin and repentant
- Receive the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father

These conditions may be met specifically at a Jubilee Site or at your own Parish but should be done on the same day or within a few days of the act of Indulgence.

THE A PILGRIMAGE

Undertake a Jubilee pilgrimage to one of the 5 designated Jubilee sites in the Diocese of Venice. The person seeking the Jubilee Indulgence must participate in Holy Mass or any of the following: Celebration of the Word of God, Liturgy of the Hours, Way of the Cross, Marian Rosary, or a penitential celebration, which ends with individual Confession.

OR A PIOUS VISIT

Devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic Adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God.

An Indulgence may be obtained more than once, but only once per day.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE JUBILEE?

Catholics in Southwest Florida can celebrate and participate in the Jubilee by engaging in local Jubilee activities right here in the Diocese of Venice, or making a special pilgrimage to Rome or designated shrine in the United States.

By visiting one of the Pilgrimage Sites in the Diocese and participating in its offerings of Mass, Adoration, Confession, or other activities, one can celebrate the Jubilee, and gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

A variety of other special Jubilee celebration opportunities will be offered throughout the year, which will be regularly updated at **dioceseofvenice.org/jubilee**



SCAN FOR MORE JUBILEE INFORMATION



Catholicism and the Real Presence by David J Keys, PhD[1]

Part 8

Healing Miracles of the Eucharist

During His earthly stay, Jesus used miracles to help the Jews to come to know that He was the Messiah. Last week I specifically wrote about miracles of the Eucharist in which the consecrated bread and wine were transformed into true cardiac muscle and real human blood. But those are not the only physical, observable miracles which happen after the elements are confected. Other signs include images appearing on the host, hosts which do not decay, hosts which emit light, hosts which fly in the air, hosts which bleed, and on and on. Many of these are still observable. Many events are simply recorded and signed off on by the witnesses involved. All of these events are accompanied by documented changes in the lives of those involved.

But some miracles do not directly involve a change in the bread and wine. Some miracles involve healing miracles of individuals from illness or medical conditions from which they suffer. Today I will discuss two specific miracles—one which happened by the presence of the Eucharist and the second by the reception of the Eucharist. Both of these miracles happened at Lourdes, France and have been attested by rigorous medical testing including thorough documentation of the patient's serious medical condition before, during, after, and includes long term follow-up.

The Account of John Traynor (1883-1943)

John Traynor was a British World War I soldier who in 1914 was wounded in the head by a piece of shrapnel. After recovery he was sent to the Suez Canal where he took a bullet in his right knee. And later in 1915 in Turkey was hit by three bullets passing through the right side of his chest resulting in severed nerves of the brachial plexus in the right axilla. This paralyzed his right arm and resulted in atrophy of that arm. Returning home to England he suffered from epileptic seizures due to the head injury. Multiple surgeries followed, including brain surgery in 1919 which left a one-inch diameter opening on the right side of the skull. However, despite the efforts, they could not repair his injuries. John trainer was a medical train wreck. Eventually he was placed into a hospital for the incurable.

In 1923 a friend mentioned to him that a group was headed to Lourdes where many miracles had occurred. Traynor wanted to go but his doctor and pastor suggested not as they feared he would not survive the journey. However, Traynor's will prevailed and he joined the group. A local Liverpool newspaper reporter found out about it and wrote a series of human interest articles on him. As a result, on the day of his departure hundreds of individuals came to the train station to bid him farewell. At Lourdes, he proceeded in the process of being placed in the baths in the grotto—naked in 53 degree water, for 9 sessions. After the ninth bath he was taken to the square in front of the nearby Catholic Church where a Eucharistic procession and a blessing of the sick by the Archbishop of Rheims was about to take place. The Archbishop passed in front of Traynor with the monstrance containing a consecrated host. He stopped, made a sign of the cross with the monstrance and then moved on. Suddenly, Traynor's paralyzed arm became agitated. He burst his bandages as he made the sign of the cross with his formerly paralyzed arm. He tried to rise but the attendants, fearing an epileptic fit gave him a shot to knock him out and

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returned Traynor to the local hospital where he was staying. The next morning, he got out of bed, went onto his knees to say a rosary, and then ran to the grotto and prayed. When he returned to the hospital, needless to say, all were shocked.

As required by those at Lourdes, he underwent an immediate series of tests for documentation purposes. The doctors who examined him recorded the following: he could walk perfectly, he had recovered full use of his arm, he had recovered sensation in his legs, and the opening in his skull had diminished considerably. The news of Traynor's healing reached back to Liverpool and when he returned, he was greeted by huge crowds. Traynor was so grateful for his healing that he returned annually as a volunteer to help the sick to enter the baths. He remained strong, and never had any consequences due to his former maladies. (This needs to be made into a movie.)

Jeanne Fretel (1914-2005)

Jeanne Fretel was a poor French woman who in 1937 contracted tubercular peritonitis, and eventually tuberculosis, which led to a severe infection and a rock hard stomach. She joined a group headed to Lourdes, and nearly died during the trip. On the day of her fourth bath while unconscious, she was taken to a Mass for the Sick. The priest was going to withhold the Eucharist due to her condition, but a nurse persuaded him to put a small morsel of the Host in her mouth. She suddenly woke up and soon was taken to the baths. There while waiting for her immersion, she felt an unseen presence placing her hands on her stomach. Her stomach had been healed! She immediately wanted to eat! She obediently followed all the Lourdes' procedures to confirm the authenticity. Upon returning home. Her doctor, who was "hostile to religion", saw her, began to weep so vigorously that he was forced to leave the room. Fretel remained healthy, returned to Lourdes many times, eventually became a Benedictine sister in 1950, dying in 2005 of an unrelated disease.

Conclusion

In the end a belief in the doctrine of the Real Presence requires a belief in Jesus and in the teachings of Holy Mother the Church. I pray that this series of articles have, by showing the trustworthy, consistent teaching of the Church from the beginning, have deepened your faith in the greatest gift Jesus—His very self, the source and summit of our faith. Furthermore, I hope that these examples of Eucharistic miracles, while not a required Catholic belief have also nudged you to a deeper belief of the Real Presence—TO KNOW, NOT PROVE that Jesus is in the Eucharist.

Thank you Jesus for all You have given us!

¹ Author of *Exploring the Belief in the Real Presence* and *Discovering the Fullness of Reality,* Enroute Books and Media, St. Louis MO



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.

Seeking Adult Confirmation

If you are baptized and have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Catholic Church, are over the age of 18 and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Parish of Saint John the Evangelist invites you to join our Adult Confirmation program. Our sacramental preparation begins the week after Easter and leads to the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, 2025.

Requirements to participate in the Preparation for Confirmation:

- ·Have Received Baptism & First Holy Communion
- ·An active and registered member of St John the Evangelist Parish
- ·Regular Mass Attendance
- ·A desire to compete initiation into the Catholic Church

About the Preparation:

- •The program will begin on April 28, 2025
- ·The schedule will be posted on the St John's website with 8 Classes in total over 6 weeks
- •The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by our Bishop on June 8, 2025

For more information & to register, please contact:

DeChelle Summers: <u>dechellesummers@gmail.com</u> or (305) 803-7753





Calendar and Weekly Readings

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 2

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 (Pulte)

5:00pm Mass (Church)

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

9:30am7 Secrets of Divine Mercy (Alexandria)12:00pmThe Gospel of Luke (Alexandria)

1:00pm Bingo (Pulte Cafe)

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday

8:00am Mass (Church

9:00am Breakfast (Pulte Cafe)9:30am Mary's Mantle (Library)

10:00am Mass (Church) 12:00pm Mass (Church) 5:00pm Mass (Church)

6:30pm Legion of Mary (Nazareth)

7:00pm Mass (Church)

Thursday, March 6

8:30am Daily Mass (Church) 9:00am Faith Chat (Antioch)

1:00pm Lenten Reflection Group (Alexandria)

5:30pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:00pm Mary's Mantle (Library)

Friday, March 7

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
4:30pm KOC Fish Fry (Ballroom)
5:30pm Daily Mass (Church)
5:30pm Youth Group (Alexandria)

Saturday, March 8

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

6:00pm Catholic Young Adult (Pulte)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-

58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wed: JI 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20

---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

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: 941-416-6114.

Giving & Finance

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.

WE NOW ACCEPT ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE BY:

- PayPal
- ACH (Bank Account)
- Venmo
- Credit/Debit Card

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**



OFFERTORY

2/5/25 - 2/11/25 \$90,413.75

2/12/25 - 2/18/25 \$65,380.79

Total Households 3495



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MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE

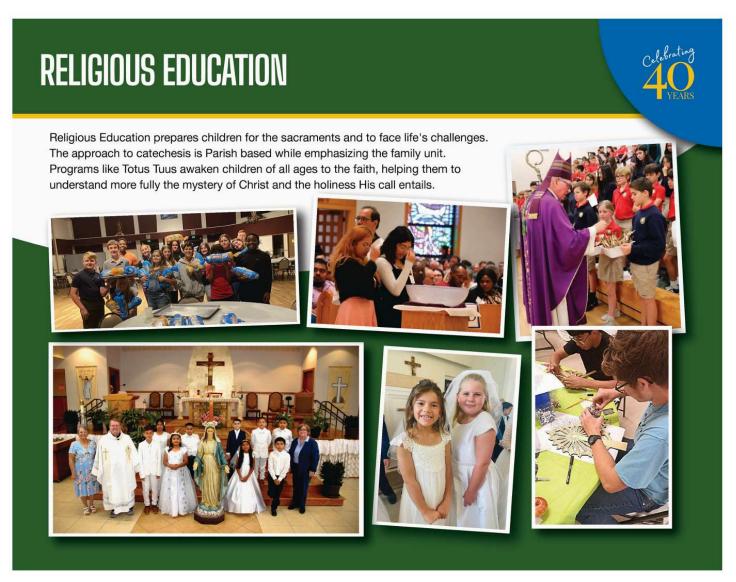
We are pleased to announce that our marker restoration project is complete. All markers have been cleaned, painted, and sealed.

As a reminder, please refrain from placing rocks, artificial flowers, and other non-natural items in the Garden. When the landscapers are there, these items can become projectiles and/or damage equipment. We will routinely remove items left in the Garden that are not natural.

Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) Supports

Dear Parish Family, In 2024, you contributed \$810,780 toward our Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) goal of \$603,000! We can't thank you enough for your generosity and support. And, because we surpassed our goal, \$179,265 will come back to the parish to further support our programs and ministries. Now, once again, we have been called to work together toward our 2025 goal. The needs in our communities are more pressing than ever, and your support will directly help those in Southwest Florida. St. John the Evangelist has been assigned a goal of \$603,000 for 2025.

Throughout the CFA campaign, we will highlight both personal stories about CFA as well as the programs and communities it supports. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to the CFA. If you haven't given in the past, please know that every donation matters, and no amount is too small. To donate, please visit: https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa, pick up a CFA envelope in the Narthex, or scan the QR code. If you need assistance, please contact Colleen Donnelly, our Operations Manager, at: colleen@sjecc.com. Thank you, as always for your support and generosity.



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



Prayer List

Mary A.
Antoinette Acquaviva
Michael Angelillo
John (Ben) Bailey
Sharon (Sherry) Bailey

Barbara Barber Nancy Barragan Anthony Barzyz Jennifer Basile

Andrea Becker
Elaine Beebe
David Behle
Gerry Beronja
Marjorie Blazevic
Patty Bleicher
Sara Boettcher
Torey Botti
Alex Brown
Emmett Burns
Charlotte Byron

Candace Frank Carillo Chris Carnillia Harmon Chapman III

Josefino Cabaltica

Rodrigo Cadena

Al and Lorraine Clano Domine Clemons Norma & Tom Collins Kenneth Coloma, Sr Merlyn Comeriato Susan Cook

Francine Crawford Edie Joan Daker Maxwell Deluca

Kyle DeMartino George Deauchan Donna DiMare

Bob Distler
Jodi Divjak
Dawn Donald
Linda Donaldson
Thomas Donlan

John Doyle Megan Ebert

Baby Bennett Edington Tom Endres Tiffany Fellenz
Henry Ferris
Diane Fisher
Ken FitzGerald
Anna Focht
Raymond Foley
Ronald Fongemie

Cheryl Foster

Phyllis and Peter Foti Lester and Barbara Fuller

Ann Marie Fuller
Hugh Gallagher
Betty Gallagher
Catherine Gallagher
Bennett Gilbert
Steven Gillis
William Gilmartin
Fr. Len Gioeli
Norma Golia

Patty Grafstron
Nancy Graves
Sam Greenberg
Peter Greenberg
Frank Grzesk
Thomas Gunn
Gary Gwizdala
Mark Hafner
Nikki Haley
Fred Handler

Terry Hansberry Becky Hansberry Dana Harrell Jody Oliver Heard Keri Hemrick

Elizabeth Hetnarski

Elaine Hill

Kelly Honsberger

Andrew & Lisa Humphrey Deanne Hutchinson Pinto

John Jartz
Pam Jensen
Deacon John
Ana Lee Johnson
James Kadavy

Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman

Lynne Keevan Joan Kegel Carol Kelley Ann Kerrigan Fran King Lorren Knapp

Hannah K & Kathleen Kotscher

Jean Kowalski Richard Landwehr Alicia LaPlant

Laytona (Yolandas Niece)

Myles Levy-Vixler Denise Lindheim Nancy Loftus Dan Loggi Drew Loggi

Baby Hudson Matthew Lopes

Bob Lutz Pat Matre Zachary Mazzola Dorothy Michalowski Michele Loggi

Dawn Miller
Edward Miller
Eileen Miner
Andy Murphy
Griffin Myers
Elizabeth Naples
Jeffrey Naslund
Gaspar Oliveri
Marylee Olsen
Margo O'Malley

John and Michelina Oteri

Paula Pacicco
Eric Parker
Janina Pasadyn
Ann Petrillo
Sebastian Pica
Sheila Pittman
Bill Redmond
John Repice
Bennett Richards
Dave Roberts
Susie Romanovich
Peggy O'Neil Saba
Lisa Sanfelippo
Lee Schilling

Catherine Schmacht Christopher Schreiner John T. Shea
Christopher Shea
Thomas Shiels
Taylor Short
Joanne Smyth
Brian Smyth
Josephine Sparno
Ellen Spiezio

Norma June Spriggle

Ila Stienly
Jeanne Stoll
Sally Stookey
Christopher Suki
Jack Suter

Joan Marie Switalski

David Tague Sunshine Taliento Dan Tessoni Michael Thomas John Thyen Lucas Ticola Anna Tran

Josephine Mable Tucker John and Annie Tucker

Lisa Turner
Nicholas Uncao
Raymond Vanasse
Maria Elena Vassolotti

Julie Ventura Ken Villone Gina Vitale Rande W. Terry Wagner Callie Grace Watson Dana Wells

Geneva Wells Griegh Wells Nancy Whiteman John Wholihan Harry Witt Michael Wolfe



RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Rose Griffin , Thomas Wroe , Amy Pine, Magdalene Becker , Anne Murphy

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Military Prayer List

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 the list for 6 months.

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 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

First Lieutenant: Dante Dalmaso- US Army

Captain Quentin Danyov, US Army

Adam Decker

Alexander Denha 1st Lt. Army Ranger, Ft. Bragg N.C.

Major Derek-Army National Guard

Nick Detloff

LCDR Andrew Douglas, United States Navy, Japan

SGT Ashlyn Ducharme Us Army

Sean Duffin- 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

Zachary Horwitch

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

Col. Brian Murphy Lt. Col. Jill Murphy

2nd Lieutenant, Samantha Naples, US Marine Corps

1st Sargent Jake Nowicki

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 Commander Adam Shields- US Navy

Charlie Sjostrom-Martinez

Austin Spagnola

Captain Fox Stevens- US Army, South Korea First Lieutenant Matthew Stevenson, USMC LTJG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans

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

Michael Wolfe- US Marines

Master Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey

Tech. Sgt. Kaitlin Zecchino

Austin Zicht – USAF

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

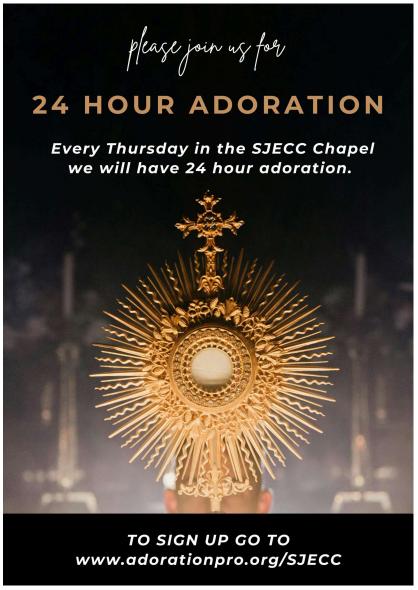
Active encouragement and facilitation for increased participation in Eucharistic Adoration by our parishioners.

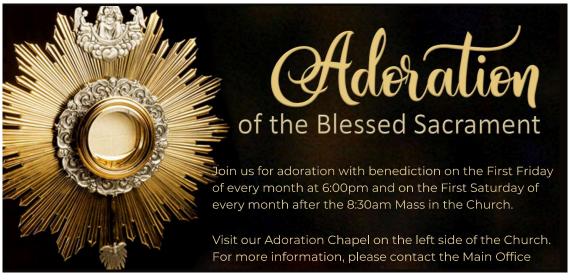
Robust Faith Formation

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.





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

Respect Life





HELP SAVE LIVES IN NAPLES!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Vigil Location: Outside Planned Parenthood

1425 Creech Road, Naples

Vigil Hours: Friday, March 21st, 9-5

Friday, April 11th, 9-5

Contact: Mary Thompson 239.273.6472

Rosemary Erickson 239.250.6472 or

relife@aol.com

please park on the grass at the apartment complex on 14th St.



MEET & GREET Wed, March 5, 12-1pm

Outside Planned Parenthood (public sidewalk) 1425 Creech Rd, Naples

You're Invited to personally meet

Ramona Trevino

(Former Planned Parenthood Mgr.) 40DFL Director of Outreach

Scott Baier

CEO-Community Pregnancy Clinics

Come, Be Encouraged and Hear what happens inside a Planned Parenthood when you are outside praying.

 $\begin{aligned} PARKING - Apartment \ building \ lot-14th \ St \ N \\ (1blk \ South) \end{aligned}$

DO NOT PARK in CPC lot or Planned Parenthood Lot

40daysforlife.com/naples

FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

Join Fr. Mark
CATHOLIC
DAYS

CAPITOL

March 18-20, 2025 - Tallahassee, FL

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Legislative briefing on FCCB priorities
- See the lawmaking process in action
- Meet with legislators to advocate for policies promoting human life & dignity
- · Awards breakfast with the bishops
- 50th Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

SEE YOU THERE!

Learn more and register: WWW.FLACCB.ORG/CDAC

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

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 n the Church. For more information, contact Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432

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

Faith Chat. Faith Chat bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Antioch Room of the Claussen Center. All are welcome to join us for this study. Coffee and snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact Janis Bolbrock: janis_bolbrock@msn.com

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 wfuller@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 steaming 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, Volunteers, and Groups

Join us for the

Legion of Mary

St. John The Evangelist

Wed | 6:30 p.m | Pulte Center

For more details: sjeccadoration@gmail.com



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

We are helping Migrant Workers and their families.

Their work is hard, in the tomato fields and factories.

Saint John Members spend many Saturdays distributing food and access to food at two camps.



Some weekends we help 130 families.

We always pray with them in Spanish.

The Migrant Worker camps have many children.
Their smiles are a great reward.

Your Support stays here in Naples and is deeply valued

NEW! Men's Bible Study

Have you ever wanted to read the Bible but never actually done so? Then consider joining this NEW Men's Bible Study, Thursday evenings, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m., beginning January 30 in Rooms 1&2 of the Parish Activity Center.



This Bible Study will give you the big picture view of salvation history by reading only 14 books of the bible! (12 Old Testament books & 2 New Testament).

You will read at the pace of only I chapter a day. Reading and understanding the Bible has never been easier.

2025 could be the year you finally make it through the Bible. contact Kevin Murphy: kmurphy@cardinalnewmansociety.org

Faith Chat Bible Study

Faith Chat meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Antioch Room of the Claussen Center. All are welcome to join us for this study. Coffee and snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact Janis Bolbrock: janis_bolbrock@msn.com



Ushers needed for all Masses

USHERS & GREETERS

Please contact Dominick Blasioli for more information: djblas3@gmail.com or contact the Main Office



Grief Support

- Are you grieving the loss of a loved
- Are you a widow or widower?
- Are you grieving any other type of loss?
- Are you looking for support and healing?

St. John the Evangelist provides both group and individual grief support services. Sessions are held on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Antioch room of the Claussen Center. There is no fee, and all materials are provided free of charge.

To register, send your name and telephone number to Deacon Hal: Hal@sjecc.com or Maria Chappe: maria@sjecc.com. Individual sessions may be scheduled by calling the Parish Office: 239.566.8740.

Weekly Divine Mercy Reflection

"Reflections on Divine Mercy" provides an awakening to the abundant Mercy of God. It offers reflections and prayers to assist us understand the Mercy poured forth from the Heart of Jesus as it is revealed in the writings of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. These gems are selected from the book titled "Daily Reflections on Divine Mercy, 365 Days with Saint Faustina" John Paul Thomas (Stockbridge, MA)

Reflection 8: Pondering the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Diary of Saint Faustina calls us to a new form of devotion in various ways. The third way is through the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The chaplet is a treasured gift. It's a gift that we should seek to pray each and every day. Discover this wonderful chaplet of grace and Mercy and pray it often. Repeat its prayer over and over and allow yourself to receive all the grace God wishes to bestow upon you through this gift.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have Mercy on us and on the whole world. Jesus, I trust in You.



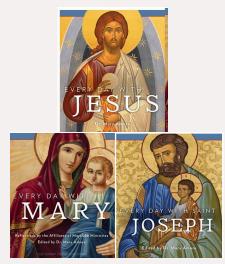
Adult Faith Formation

DR. MARY AMORE INSPIRES PARISHIONERS TO BE TRANSFORMED BY THE EUCHARIST

In her two-day presentations to our parishioners, Dr. Mary Amore delivered words of inspiration to help us Encounter Jesus more deeply in the Eucharist. She spoke to our hearts and encouraged us to spend more time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. As we approach Lent, she reminded us that the call to holiness begins with forgiveness and to allow Jesus to transform our hearts. Her message was a reminder to return to the Eucharist over and over that we might experience spiritual transformation. She reminded us that the more we hold ourselves in a state of grace, the deeper we can be in relation with God. Our encounter with the Eucharist bears so much in our lives, separating us from sin, offering healing and so much more. We are most grateful for her time here with us!

If you missed her talks, she offered 3 Books with her that are on sale at our gift shop for a limited time. Her books are daily devotions and offer reflections on Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

Every Day with Jesus is an invitation to reflect on how our encounter with the Real Presence can truly transform our lives in so many ways. This daily devotional is divided into twelve months, with each month highlighting a specific attribute in the life of Jesus. You'll begin each day with a Scripture verse, followed by a brief reflection, a question or an act to consider, and a short prayer to Jesus in the Eucharist to carry through your day. This companion to the daily devotionals Every Day with Mary and Every Day with Saint Joseph fosters spiritual growth and transformation through a renewed personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.



Adult Faith Formation

6 WEEK - LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS GROUP - Begins March 6th - April 10th

Come together with other parishioners and gain in-depth insights to each Lenten Gospel. The first 40 minutes www will be viewing the 14 minute Sunday homilies offered by Bishop Barron, as well as sharing our reflections from the questions inside the book. The final 40 minutes will be praying form and personal prayer at THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS in THE PRAYER GARDEN behind the Church. Together we will share an intimacy with our Lord Jesus and with each other as we share our mindful reflections of Christ's holy Gift of Himself for our Salvation.

TIME: 1:00 - 2:30

DATES: Thursdays March 6 – April 10

PLACE: Alexandria Room & Prayer Garden

FACILITATOR: Dee Schwartz, Spiritual Director

REGISTER: aff@sjecc.com

Lenten Gospel Reflections Workbook and Journaling: (2025) By Bishop Robert Barron

The Lenten Gospel Reflections Book, features the full Gospel reading for each day of Lent, a daily reflection by Bishop Barron, and space for Journaling and answering reflection questions. This is a time of intimacy with our Lord Jesus and with each other, as we share Christ's life, ministry, suffering, death, and victorious resurrection.

Few theologians reveal the keen spiritual revelations and hidden meanings of the Gospels as does Bishop Barron. Bishop Barron's devotional workbook invites us to prayerfully enter each Gospel and Reflection through the Holy Spirit in a prayerful nature. Reflection Book on sale soon in the Gift shop \$5.00 while supplies last.



PODCAST: LENTEN STUDY

Jesus and the Jubilee: The Biblical Roots of the Year of God's Favor, Dr. John S. Bergsma.





Join the ABIDING TOGETHER Podcast as they lead a Lenten Study beginning March 5th, 2025 journeying through "Jesus and the Jubilee: The Biblical Roots of the Year of God's Favor" by Dr. John Bergsma. Together with leading scholar, Dr. Bergsma, they will unpack what the Lord has in store for us in the year of Jubilee.

Beginning on March 3, 2025, every week throughout Lent, The Abiding Together Podcast will post discussion and journaling questions along with the podcast episode. Enjoy!

Limited copies are available in our Gift Shop for \$20 or at the St. Paul Center.

7 SECRETS OF DIVINE MERCY

The study of the 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy is extended one more week! The remaining dates are:

- Tuesdays, March 4, and March 11
- 9:30-11:00am in the Alexandria Room in the Claussen Center

"There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy." -Pope Saint John Paul



This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Monday, March 3rd - 6:00PM- OCIA- Room 11 & 12 - Claussen Family Center

Tuesday, March 4th - 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy -9:30-11:00AM - Alexandria Room

Tuesday, March 4th – Luke Bible Study–12:00-1:30PM – Alexandria Room

Thursday, March 6th - Faith Chat 9:30AM-11:00AM - THE CHOSEN - Season 4 - Antioch Room

Faith Formation

50 YEARS OF CRS RICE BOWL: Our Lenten Almsgiving Mission



It started with a desire to make a difference. In 1975, Catholics in Allentown, Pennsylvania, prayed, fasted and gave alms to help people suffering from famine in the Sahel region of Africa—marking the beginning of what would become CRS Rice Bowl. Since then, generations of Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent with one common goal: to end global hunger.

It continued with a commitment to ending hunger. In the 50 years since, CRS Rice Bowl has brought stories of hope to us-stories about how our sisters and brothers are engaged in activities that break the cycle of hunger and build health and resilience. Today, however, our world faces a food crisis like never before. Our prayers and almsgiving are as important as ever. Millions of people are living without access to the food they need to live a healthy life. This is dangerous, especially for children who need the right nutrition to grow.

Please support the CRS Rice Bowl Program this Lent by taking a small cardboard box to collect your change this Lent and return on Easter Sunday. Together all of our change can make a big difference. Pick up your cardboard Rice Bowl in church or at Faith Formation. Please return the boxes after Easter. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE - St. John VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 9th-13th, 2025

We are so excited to announce VBS this summer at St. John the Evangelist! We are looking forward to a WILD WEEK! VBS this year will take place June 9th - 13th from 9AM-12PM Noon. Registration for Campers will open on April 1st. We will open registration for those interested in applying to be Middle or High School Leaders on March 1st. Any adults age 18 and over who would like to assist us in VBS this summer should contact Natalie Campbell at natalie@sjecc.com. We hope to have adult leader team in place by February 15th. We need LOTS of help! Thank you for your support!

VBS WISHLIST ITEMS

If you would like to contribute to our Vacation Bible School week, we are accepting the following donations at this time and will have a collection box over by the KIDS section across from the bathrooms. We are looking forward to a WILD WEEK trusting in Jesus! We will update our wish list weekly and thank you for your generosity!

- Disposable paper drinking cups
- Fine tip black permanent markers
- portable CD players new or used
- Pack of 50 ball pit balls

- Wet Wipes
- rolls of colorful duct tape
- Teddy Graham crackers
- Animal crackers

- Glow sticks
- Glue dots
- Napkins
- Paper plates

LOUIE'S LENT IS BACK IN STOCK in the Gift Shop \bigcirc





Save the Dates

CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 RETREAT

APRIL 13TH -11:30am-7pm - Required for Year 2 Youth

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

This Week in Faith Formation

VBS- Tuesday, March 4th -6:30PM Adult Volunteer Meeting -RSVP to natalie@sjecc.com

K-8th Grade

Sunday, March 2nd - 9:30-10:45AM - K-8 Faith Formation

We will not have K-8 Faith Formation on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

Our Mass Times are 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5PM & 7PM.

High School Confirmation & Parent Session

Sunday, March 2nd - 3:45-6:00PM- cybersafety CYBER SAFETY SESSION



*Year 1 & 2 Parents Session in Nazareth

Youth Ministry and Young Adults



9ST. PATRICK'S DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH

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

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, TREATS & PIZZA



"I ARISE TODAY THROUGH A MIGHTY STRENGTH, THE INVOCATION OF THE TRINITY, THROUGH A BELIEF IN THE THREENESS, THROUGH CONFESSION OF THE ONENESS OF THE CREATOR OF CREATION."

THE PRAYER OF SAINT PATRICK





SAVE THE DATE!









Saturday, :
April 19th : P

Grades
Pre-K to 8



SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 9th-13th, 2025

CAMPER REGISTRATION
OPENS ON APRIL 1ST

MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL LEADER REGISTRATION OPENS ON MARCH 1ST

Praise & Worship

LED BY GEORGE DE LOS REYES

with Adoration & Confession

6:30P.M.-7:30P.M. IN THE CHURCH

(ALL ARE WELCOME!

Upcoming Dates

FEBRUARY 12

MARCH 12

APRIL 16

JULIANA@SJECC.COM - JULIANA D'AGOSTINO - YOUTH MINISTER



Youth Ministry and Young Adults

Catholic Young Adult Gathering

21+





Saturday, March 8th 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Pulte Center



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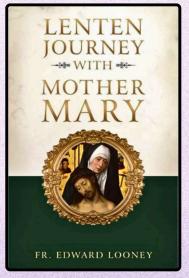
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CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S GROUP





UPCOMING DATES

CLAUSSEN CENTER - LIBRARY - 10AM

MARCH 8

MARCH 22

WE WILL BEGIN THE STUDY ON MARCH 8TH. PLEASE BRING A COPY TO OUR MARCH 8TH MEETING. THE BOOK CAN BE FOUND ON AMAZON OR AT BARNES & NOBLE.

EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIVE LENTEN JOURNEY WITH A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH MOTHER MARY BY FR. EDWARD LOONEY. WALK WITH THE VIRGIN MARY, THE ULTIMATE MODEL OF FAITH AND PURITY, EACH DAY AS YOU PREPARE FOR EASTER. THROUGH WEEKLY REFLECTIONS ON MARY'S APPARITIONS, FR. LOONEY OFFERS PRACTICAL LESSONS TO DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER LIFE, HEAL YOUR HEART, AND STRENGTHEN YOUR TRUST IN GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY. LEARN HOW TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE IN SILENCE, DISCOVER POWERFUL WAYS TO PRAY, AND EXPERIENCE THE PASCHAL MYSTERY THROUGH MARY'S EYES. THIS LENT, LET OUR LADY GUIDE YOU CLOSER TO CHRIST AND TRANSFORM YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE.

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Events & Programs

St Patrick's Day Celebration

at St John the Evangelist Monday, March 17th

8:30am Mass - Special Irish Theme Irish Hymns and Prayers

9:30am Celebration - in the Ballroom

Music! Fun!

Irish Coffee & Desserts!

The Band Trinity



Mondays @6pm **Pulte Family Life Center**

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 & MARCH 18 @ 1:00PM

PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Our St Vincent de Paul Society

To thank you for your continual support of those in need



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"The Scrubbing of the Soul - How a scientific encounter opened a pathway to God".

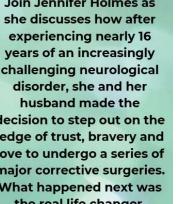


Join Jennifer Holmes as she discusses how after experiencing nearly 16 years of an increasingly challenging neurological disorder, she and her husband made the decision to step out on the ledge of trust, bravery and love to undergo a series of major corrective surgeries. What happened next was the real life changer.

Wednesday, April 9 - 9:30am

Thursday, April 10 - 6:00pm

Pulte Family Life Center - Nazareth Room



The Art of Needlework



An Exhibit of Contemporary Embroidery

March 11, 12, 13

Opening Tuesday 12 to 4 Wednesday & Thursday 10am-4 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Ballroom

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Events & Programs





Knights of Columbus



St. John Council 11281

Lenten Fish Fest

4:30 p.m.

Every Friday in Lent, Beginning March 7th Through April 11th to

7:00 p.m.

Menu - \$20:

Deep Fried or Oven Baked Cod,

Famous New England Clam Chowder, Sides, and Dessert Honor Bar and complimentary water, iced tea, or coffee.

Kids Menu - \$7:

Deep Fried Cod, French Fries, and Dessert

Cash, check, or credit card are welcome.

Dine in at the Ballroom in the Parish Activity Center, or drive up and take out

Each night this popular annual event serves over 250 meals prepared by over 65 volunteer Knights. Proceeds enable the Knights to fund many local charities.

Hosted by Knights of Columbus, St. John Council 11281