# SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Jamaica Outreach Program

#### 2nd Collection December 11-12



The pandemic continues to devastate the Jamaican economy with massive unemployment. Hunger is still rampant throughout the island. As of this writing, schools are only partially open and online learning is limited. As of mid-November, only 16% of the Jamaican population was vaccinated. To contain the spread, there are mandatory lockdowns and curfews; but the health care system continues to be stressed. We are asking for your prayers and generosity to help with this crisis.

#### Please consider making a donation on the weekend of December 11-12.

Envelopes marked JOP or checks (memo JOP) can be dropped in the regular collection baskets at the church doors

- Cash (or checks payable to JOP) can be dropped in the JOP volunteer's basket outside the church on Dec. 11 and 12
- Donate online at www.JamaicaOutreach.org/give
- Mail a check payable to Jamaica Outreach, PO Box 110581, Naples, FL, 34108

The poor served by this St. John's ministry are eternally grateful for your past and future support.

#### A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, 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.

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### Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, December 11, 2021

8:00 a.m. Jerry Kraft (Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 p.m. Jim Tucker

5:00 p.m. Terry Vanderhorst

#### Sunday, December 12, 2021

SI For Our Parishioners 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Reinhold W. Schmieding

11:00 a.m. + Norma Dion 1:00 p.m. Iim Tucker

Dr. Lorraine J. Baxter 5:00 p.m.

#### Monday, December 13, 2021

8:30 a.m. SI Irene Pellegrino

#### Tuesday, December 14, 2021

8:30 a.m. Jack Pavlovich

#### Wednesday, December 15, 2021

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the

Ulanski and Ostrowski Families

#### Thursday, December 16, 2021

8:30 a.m. Robert Sullivan

#### Friday, December 17, 2021

Rosalee DeGenova 8:30 a.m.

#### Saturday, December 18, 2021

8:00 a.m. + Dr. Fred Fow

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 p.m. + Vito Rosa Valenzano 5:00 p.m. Andy Sanfelippo

#### Sunday, December 19, 2021

7:00 a.m. Thomas Schappert 9:00 a.m. SI For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. The McEntee Family 1:00 p.m. Catherine Weir-Andrews

5:00 p.m. George Dublino

Host In Memory of Jose Nicholas Arteta Patricia Canfield

and Wine

Requested By

Tim Crane

John and Pat Cleary Vicki Vanderhorst

Requested By

Ted and Joann Frissen Dan and Betsy Senkowski

Family Kim Bennett Requested By

Irene Pellegrino

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Jeff and Lorri Wolff

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Vincent J. Lasprogata

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Requested By

Lance and Maureen

Jerry and Barbara McEntee Hans and Kathleen Schmacht Frank and Donna Drayecky

#### Readings for the Week

Saturday, December 11, 2021

[Saint Damasus I]

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)

Sunday, December 12, 2021 The Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 (9) Pss III

Monday, December 13, 2021

[Saint Lucy]

Memorial

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 (187)

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

[Saint John of the Cross]

Memorial

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23 (189)

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30 (190)

Friday, December 17, 2021 Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

Saturday, December 18, 2021 Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)

#### SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of 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.

Sacrament of Matrimony. Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. Tricia Schwarz: 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.

# Gospel Reflections



### Gospel Reflections with Father Tom

It's obvious from today's Gospel that John the Baptist was a very practical man. Christianity is a very practical and social religion. It is not just a matter of God and me, but of God, me, and others.

There is a story about a cobbler by the name of Martin who lived and worked in a basement room. Its one window enabled him to see just the feet of the passers-by on the street above. But since there was hardly a pair of boots or shoes that had not passed through his hands, he was able to identify the passers-by by their shoes.

Life had been hard on him. His wife died, leaving him with a young son. However, the son had barely reached the age when he could be of help to his father when he fell ill and died. Martin was devastated. After burying his son, he gave way to despair. At the same time, he gave up the practice of his religion and took to the bottle.

One day an old friend dropped in. Martin poured out his soul to him. His friend advised him to read a little from the Gospels each day, promising him that if he did so, light and hope would come back into his life.

Martin took his friend's advice. At the end of each day, he would take down the Gospels from the shelf and read a little. At first he meant to read only on Sundays, but he found it so interesting that he soon read every day. Slowly things began to change. Hope crept back into his life.

One night as he sat reading he thought he heard someone calling him: "Martin, look out into the street tomorrow, for I will come to visit you." Since there was no one else in the room, he reckoned it must have been the Lord himself who had spoken to him.

When he sat down to his work the next day, he was very excited. As he worked, he kept a close eye on the window. He scrutinized every pair of shoes or boots that passed above him. He was looking for someone special. But all he saw were the usual people passing by.

In the early afternoon, he saw a pair of familiar boots. They belonged to an old soldier called Stephen. Going to the window, he looked up and saw the old man hitting his hands together for it was bitterly cold outside. Martin wished that he would move on, because he was afraid he might obstruct his view, and that he would not see the Lord when He passed.

But old Stephen just stood there by the railing. Finally it occurred to Martin that maybe Stephen had nothing to eat all day. So he tapped on the window and beckoned him to come in. He sat him by the fire and gave him tea and bread. Stephen was most grateful. He said he hadn't eaten for two days. As he left, Martin gave him his second overcoat as a shield against the biting cold. All the time Martin was entertaining Stephen, he had not forgotten the window. Every time a shadow fell on it he looked up, but nobody special passed.

Night fell. Martin finished his work and very reluctantly closed the window shutters. After supper he took down the Gospels and, as was his custom, opened the book at random. There his eyes fell on these words: "The people came to John and asked: 'What must we do?' And he said: "If anyone has two coats he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same."

Martin put down the book and reflected. He understood then that the Lord had indeed come to him that day in the person of Stephen, and that he had made Him welcome. And his heart was flooded with joy, a joy the likes of which he had never before

experienced.



Martin had already received Christ into his life through a prayerful reading of the Gospels. So the second step followed naturally: to make room for Him in the person of a needy neighbor.

We are preparing for the Lord's coming at Christmas. And we have no doubt but that He will come and bring gifts to us. But He doesn't come to us only at Christmas. He comes to us always, and at the oddest times and places, and wearing different disguises. He comes in the person in need.

Advent urges us to prepare a way for the Lord. There is no better way to prepare than to be welcoming towards those in need. The way to find peace and happiness and goodness is to forget oneself and love others.

# Parish Financial Information



### St. John the Evangelist Financials

#### Catholic Faith Appeal

The Catholic Faith Appeal, or CFA, is the collaboration of 61 Catholic Parishes in Southwest Florida to serve and protect the poor, neglected, forgotten, and outcast in our region by assisting with the Mission of the Diocese of Venice, including Catholic Charities. Our generosity supports Catholic Education and Seminarians, as well as to feed, clothe, and provide shelter to the marginalized, the aged, and the unborn.

While we have met our goal in years past, it has been through the efforts of a small minority of our Parish Family. We have set a goal for our Parish to double our previous level of participation and have over 40% of our Families contribute this year. If we exceed our goal, those funds would be returned to the Parish, so every dollar counts.



We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to the CFA to help us meet or exceed our goal! Checks should be made out to: The Catholic Faith Appeal with the memo line "Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church." You can also give online directly on the Diocese website: <a href="dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/">dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/</a>. Please remember to choose "St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples" in the Designation choice. Contact Colleen Donnelly, our Operations Manager, if you need assistance with a CFA gift.

Thank you to all parishioners who have generously given to this year's Catholic Faith Appeal, allowing us to reach 100% of our initial goal of \$572,000!

As a reminder, the Diocesan CFA structure allows for any excess in goal achievement up to 25% to be returned to the Parish free from consideration in the setting of future CFA goals. This is a wonderful way to contribute to the Parish with the confidence that all of your contributions are used by the Parish and there is no impact on future CFA Parish goals.

With this in mind, we are now setting a second goal of 25% over our assigned goal, or an additional \$143,000. These funds would allow us to do many wonderful things in the Parish.

For those who have not yet given, we prayerfully ask that you consider giving to CFA to help us reach this new goal. Likewise, this is an option for those looking for an additional year-end giving opportunity.

There are several ways in which to give to the CFA:

- A check made payable to Catholic Faith Appeal
- Credit or debit card (visit dioceseofvenice.org and click on Catholic Faith Appeal Donate Now)
- Gift of Securities Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the appreciated securities on the date of your gift.
- IRA -

If you are making Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) a contribution will count toward the RMD and be free from income tax. Any Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) will be tax free. The funds must be paid directly from your account to the Catholic Faith Appeal – check with your tax advisor, financial advisor or IRA administrator for details.

If you are over the age of  $70\frac{1}{2}$ , you may donate up to \$100,000 per year from your Individual Retirement Account tax free to a charitable cause. Spouses may also participate to the same level if they have a separate IRA, giving married couples the opportunity to donate up to \$200,000.

### Christmas Wish List

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the Holy Season of Christmas, I wish You all many blessings from the Child Jesus. May He continue to fill your hearts with much hope and love.

Please, know how grateful I am for each of you and that I pray for you daily.

Sometimes, I get a question if there is anything we need at the church. Here is a short list of items that we would be grateful for if some of you would consider sponsoring.

Staff Wish List - December 2021	Quantity	Cost Per Item
Lorell Fortress Series Steel Bookcase for Choir Room	3	\$249
Computers for Catechists for the Classroom	7	\$500
Kinder tables for Faith Formation	6	\$250
Rolling carts for Facilities	6	\$120
iPads for Volunteer sign-in	3	\$600
Youth basketballs for CYO	5	\$30
Game basketballs for CYO	20	\$75
File Cabinets for Choir Room	6	\$280
Lateral File Cabinets for Record Room	4	\$1050
Round Event Tables	20	\$180

### **Christmas Schedule**

#### **December 24 - The Nativity of The Lord:**

3:00 p.m. (Vigil) 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

7:00 p.m. (Vigil)

12:00 a.m. (Midnight Mass) Adult Choir will

begin at 11:15 p.m.

#### **December 25 - The Nativity of The Lord:**

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Adult Choir

1:00 p.m.

#### **December 25 - Feast of the Holy Family:**

3:00 p.m. (Vigil)

5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

#### **December 26 - Feast of the Holy Family:**

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

# Christmas Toy Drive



# LAST CHANCE to Make a Needy Child's Christmas Merry! December 11 & 12, 2021



Bring your toy donation to the church **THIS WEEKEND**, the collection "bin" is in the Narthex.

Donations of new toys or other appropriate gifts are requested for boys and girls up to 17 years of age. Donations of items for older kids are especially welcome. Toys can be wrapped or unwrapped. If wrapped, mark the package with toy description, girl or boy, and age level.

The annual toy drive is conducted by the Knights of Columbus St John Council 11281.

This year, the North Collier Fire Rescue District Firefighters and Paramedics will again distribute your gifts through its Adopt a Family Program aka "Angela's Angels." This program is named in loving memory of Angela Coffey, a NCFR employee who pioneered the annual Adopt a Family program. Because of her passion for serving, the program continues to inspire others to do the same.

Angela's Angels coordinates with Collier County Public Schools and identifies children and families in need. The NCFR Firefighters then deliver the donated gifts and other essentials to those families!





This collection sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, distribution by the Angela's Angel program of the North Collier Fire Rescue District.



Join SBB University and our panel of experts as we discuss all aspects of your health from your head to your toes! Come and enjoy lunch and hear advice from our audiologist, personal fitness instructor and balance expert, spinal care, and podiatrist. Our expert panelists are highly qualified experts in their field and they look forward to bringing an interactive seminar to help give you the tools and resources you need to stay healthy and active!

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\*Event is at the very back of the campus in the Pulte Family Life Center – Parking is in the very back of the church\*

### Safe Environment Training

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Please visit <a href="https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/">https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/</a>.

Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

If you are a volunteer or in a ministry at St. John the Evangelist, please contact Operations Manager, Colleen Donnelly, to check your compliance status. <a href="mailto:colleen@sjecc.com">colleen@sjecc.com</a>

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### Faith Formation



### Celebrating the Third Sunday of Advent



The Third Sunday of Advent, is Gaudete Sunday, which means "rejoice." The rose candle of the Advent Wreath is lit, in addition to two purple candles. Gaudete Sunday represents the halfway point until Christ's birth at Christmas. (www.usccb.org). Children in Faith Formation made Advent Wreaths to display in their home throughout the Advent Season.

#### Celebrating the Saints: Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego



Under this title, Our Lady is the patron of Mexico, the United States, and all of the Americas, as well as the protector of unborn children. In 1531, she appeared in a vision to the peasant Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City and charged him with asking the bishop to build a church on that spot. But the bishop demanded a sign, so Our Lady had Juan gather flowers in his cloak in

December to take to the bishop.

When Juan opened his cloak, the colorful image of Guadalupe was emblazoned on the cactuscloth. That icon is preserved in the most famous shrine in the Western Hemisphere, and Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to inspire poor and oppressed people worldwide. We celebrate the Feast Day of St. Juan Diego on December 9th and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. (info: myusccb@usccb.org) Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego, pray for us.

#### December 13th : Celebrating the Feast Day of St. Lucy ~ Patroness of the Blind



St. Lucy was born into a wealthy family and suffered greatly during the time of Christian persecution. Her father died when she was young. Her name, Lucia, means light and she was often known to wear a wreath of lit candles on her head so that her hands would be free to help those in need. A light to others throughout her life, St. Lucy was martyred for her Christian faith.

Her feast day is celebrated on December 13th to mark the beginning of the Christmas season in Sweden, Norway, and many Swedish-speaking regions of Finland. Candles light the way for Christmas and bring hope at a time that is full of darkness in that region. It is said to be a tradition still that on St. Lucy's feast day, the oldest daughter in the family would dress up at St. Lucy in a white robe and red sash, as well as a wreath of lights on her head, serving coffee and baked goods to the family. Some churches in Sweden still have St. Lucy processions on her feast day. Saint Lucy, pray for us. (Visit www.catholic.org to read more about her beautiful and brave life.)

#### This Week in Faith Formation

#### Sunday, December 12th

K-8 Faith Formation Session 4:00-6:00 p.m. – High School Confirmation Make-Up Session Wednesday, December 15th K-8 Faith Formation Session

### Adult Faith Formation



# Available in Our Gift Boutique and Parish Office: 2021 ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTIONS By Bishop Robert Barron



"This year's Advent Gospel Reflection books contain reflections from Bishop Barron, the full Gospel reading for each day, questions for reflection, and even journal pages. It's short, simple, but extremely powerful. It's like getting a mini-homily each morning from Bishop Barron!"

\$5.00 per copy- Copies available in the Gift Boutique and in the Parish Office.

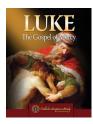
### ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom Bible Study ~ Continuing January 5th for 10 Weeks – New Participants Welcome!



Join Sue Hamilton as she facilitates the second 10 weeks of this video-based study on Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00 p.m. beginning January 5th through March 16th, 2021. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Please email <a href="AFF@sjecc.com">AFF@sjecc.com</a> to register. Study Guide packs that include a workbook and full online access to videos are \$40.00 and may be purchased in the Gift Boutique or in the Parish Office. New participants welcome as

Lessons 1-10 can be viewed online.

#### Luke: The Gospel of Mercy



Join this 18-week study with Deacon John Sebastian on Tuesdays beginning on January 18th, 2022 from 11:30AM-1:00PM. Email AFF@sjecc.ocm to register. Please let us know if you would like pre-order a study guide. Cost of the guide is is \$40.00 and will be available for purchase at the first session.

#### This Week in Adult Faith Formation

**Monday, December 13th – 11:30-12:30 p.m. –** Dr. David Keys presents, 'The Miraculous Tilma of St. Juan Diego" – located in the Nazareth Room of the New Pulte Family Life Center. Please send an email to <u>AFF@sjecc.com</u> to register.

**Tuesday, December 14th – 7:00-8:00 p.m. –** Dr. David Keys presents, 'The Miraculous Tilma of St. Juan Diego" – located in the Nazareth Room. Please send an email to <u>AFF@sjecc.com</u> to register.

Thursday, December 15th - 9:30 a.m. - The Women of the Word- Advent

### $\mathcal{N}CYC$



# Thanks to Our Parishioners for Supporting the Trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference

Thanks to the financial generosity of you, the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist, our CYO Youth Group recently went on pilgrimage to the **National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)** in Indianapolis, Indiana. We joined 11,000 other high school teens from dioceses across the United States.

Our group of 16 teens and 4 adults, along with Fr. Tom, spent 3 days and nights learning and praising God. In a stadium that has hosted the Super Bowl, we knelt in Adoration, received individual reconciliation, and participated in the holy sacrifice of the Mass with 20 bishops and hundreds of priests. We sang along with live praise and worship music, listened to testimonies from many youth and adults, and shouted in unison "Enciende el Fuego" ("Ablaze" with the Holy Spirit, which was the theme of the conference).

For many of us, this trip was our first visit to the mid-west. We experienced 20 degree weather, saw the beautiful autumn leaves falling, and attended Sunday Mass at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (yes, really!) next door to the Indiana Convention Center.

NCYC is now an annual event championed by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Attending was inspirational, informative, and invigorating to our relationship with Jesus Christ! SJE's CYO Youth Group is already planning to attend NCYC in 2022. Thank you for all your prayers and for the financial support you provided to make this experience possible.















### **Prayers**

#### **Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

#### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living, and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

#### **Communion Prayer**

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





### **Scripture Readings**

#### Reading I Zep 3:14-18a

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

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

### R. (6) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reading II Phil 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always.

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

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

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel Lk 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.



### Hymns for the Third Sunday of Advent December 11-12, 2021

Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Gifts: Creator of the Stars of Night

**Communion Hymn:** Christ, Be Our Light

Here I Am

**Closing Hymn:** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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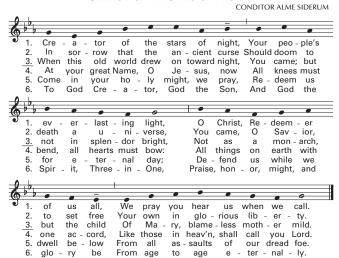
#### O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6, para. in *Psalteriolum 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.



#### **CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT**



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#### CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT/SÉ NUESTRA LUZ



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Begin the new calendar year at our next Encounter on the Mountain: A Holy Hour of Praise and Adoration on Thursday, January 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the church and streamed on our website (sjecc.com).

The theme of the night is "The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength." This is a time to come worship the Lord as we continue to feel the joy and hope of the Christmas season. We will have confessions available throughout the evening.







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### The Divine Gift Boutique – Merry Christmas!



Celebrate the Season with the Divine Gift Boutique. We are pleased to offer angels, nativities, ornaments, home décor, stocking stuffers, and much more! We also offer unique religious and sacramental gifts, such as crucifixes, rosaries, statues, holy cards, Celtic gifts, and medals. We stock the renowned Trappist preserves made by the Roman Catholic priests and brothers of St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts. Additionally, we are proud to provide beautiful handmade Christmas gifts, crafted by parishioners and one of our sewing ministry members. Located just inside the church entrance, the Divine Gift Boutique is open Saturdays 2:30-6:15 p.m. and Sundays 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We are looking forward to serving you!













### 5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid – Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 The Third Sunday of Advent

**Opening Song** Come, Now Is the Time To Worship Brian Doerksen CCLI Song No. 2430948. © 1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Admin. by Vineyard Music UK). Brian Doerksen. All rights Reserved. CCLI Lic. #2008891.



Preparation Song One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails) Johnson / Gifford / Riddle

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Verse 1) Higher than the mountains that I face. Stronger than the power of the grave. Constant in the trial and the change. One thing remains, one thing remains (chorus)

Verse 2) On and on and on and on it goes. It overwhelms and satisfies my soul. And I never ever have to be afraid. One thing remains, one thing remains (chorus)



Bridge) In death in life I'm confident and covered by the power of your great love. My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate my heart from your great love.



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James E. Moore

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Refrain) Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verse 1) I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

Verse 2) Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

Verse 3) Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

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**Closing Song** Trading My Sorrows Darrell Evans CCLI Song No. 2574653. © 1998 Integrity's Hosanna! Music. Darrell Evans. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891.



Bridge) Oh, I am pressed, but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed. I am blessed beyond the curse for his promise will endure that his joy's gonna be my strength! Though the sorrow may last for the night, his joy comes with the morning!

#### **Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

Are you being called to serve the Eucharist at the weekend liturgies? Please prayerfully consider serving in this way. The 1:00 p.m. Sunday Mass needs additional ministers, as do some of the other Masses.

- Are you able to walk without assistance and climb the altar steps?
- Fully vaccinated?
- Able to arrive 20 minutes before the beginning of Mass?

If you have questions or would like further information, please feel free to email Maureen Reed at maureen@sjecc.com. Volunteer application packets are available in the Parish Office.

### The Ladies of Charity SWF 2021 Christmas Sneaker Drive





It's that time of year! Time to share, once again, in the joy of giving. Help us reach this year's goal of 700 new pairs of sneakers!

Here's how you may help...

- Look for the ornament tags hanging on the decorated trees in the Narthex and Pulte Center.
- These gift tag ornaments contain a child's name, grade or age, gender, and shoe size.
- · Take one or more ornament tags and generously donate NEW sneakers
- Wrap your package and be sure to attach the ornament tag to the outside of your wrapped gift box.
- Place your wrapped sneakers—with the ornament tag attached—into a decorated box next to a Christmas Tree by **DECEMBER 12**.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

# Ministries and Prayer



#### **Meet Our Ministries**

**Arimatheans.** Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact the parish office at (239) 566-8740 or at hanaxx1@embargmail.com.

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

Knights of Columbus. At St. John, Knights serve parish ministries, sponsor parish events and help with special projects. They support our clergy, fund parish equipment, assist in events for our youth and help the less fortunate. You can learn more about the parish K of C Council on our website <a href="https://11281.knights.church\_or">https://11281.knights.church\_or</a> or contact us, at <a href="info@kofccouncil11281.org">info@kofccouncil11281.org</a> or leave a message at (239) 228 3938, and we'll respond promptly. Fourth degree Knights can find information about our Assembly at <a href="https://3308.patriotic.degree">https://3308.patriotic.degree</a>.

Knitting & Crocheting. Meets year-round on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in classrooms 3&4 in the Parish Activity Center. No experience necessary. Make baby and children's items, prayer shawls, nursing home and elderly blankets. Contact Sharon Camp: 239.438.7867 or <a href="mailto:sharon@naples.net">sharon@naples.net</a>

Ladies of Charity. Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We strive to 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.

Sewing Ministry. Sewing Ministry meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Parish Activity Center, rooms 1 and 2. Donations, both monetary and of fabrics and supplies are welcome. If you like to sew we encourage you to come and see what we are all about. Please call either Barbara Arthur at 239-250-4162, email <a href="Bka1678@hotmail.com">Bka1678@hotmail.com</a> or Phyllis Crivelli 973-710-6347, email <a href="jandpcrivelli@gmail.com">jandpcrivelli@gmail.com</a> before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul. We give glory to God by offering direct/inhome 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. in the Rome Room. Contact Gerrit Schutte: gsstjohn@svdpnaples.org.

Women of the Word (WoW). We welcome any woman of any age to study our faith using the Bible and other Catholic writings in a non-judgmental, supportive community. Thursday 9:30 a.m. Contact Nancy Bouchard: 443.498.8452 or wow@sjecc.com



Are you looking for an opportunity to give back to the church? Are you a student who needs volunteer hours? Do you want to meet new people? Do you have skills and experiences to share? If you answered YES to any of these questions, WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Gift Boutique
- Live Streaming of Mass
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Pulte Family Life Center Reception Desk
- Event Setup and Breakdown

Please contact our Operations Manager, Colleen Donnelly: colleen@sjecc.com

## Ministries and Prayer



#### SOCIAL GROUPS

- Boy Scout Troop 226 St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. scoutmaster@troop-226.com
- Cub Scout Pack 226 Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Contact Melissa Wychocki: <a href="mailto:mwychocki@gmail.com">mwychocki@gmail.com</a>.

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

- **AA** Robert: 239.287.2442
- Adult Children of Alcoholics Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195
- Al-Anon For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org
- Food Addiction Support Group Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682
- Sunset Coast NA 239.451.3275
- Gambler's Anonymous 855.222.5542
- Recovering Couples Anonymous Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888

#### PRAYER GROUPS

- Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Rosary and Chaplet
  of Divine Mercy are recited every day starting 50 minutes before Mass
  begins, Monday through Saturday. Summer Schedule at 7:40 a.m.,
  Winter Schedule at 7:10 a.m. Maria Desa: 239-529-7611
- Cenacle of Life Prayer Group 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
- **Liturgy of the Hours:** *Call the Office:* 239.566.8740
- Pray the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena: Every Saturday immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Allan Degnan: 239-919-4465

#### PRAYER FOR THE MILITARY

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

- Adam Decker Nick Detloff
- SSG Douglas Hennessy
- Marine Colonel Brian Howlett
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber USAF
- **PV2 Alexander McMickle** Ft. Eustis, VA
- **Hunter Scalzo** Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry
- Col. Brian Murphy
- Lt. Col. Jill Murphy
- **Sgt. Larry Oldenburg** US Army
- Cpl. Derek Perez US Marine Corps
- Austin Spagnola

- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino USAF, Turkey
- Lt. Stephen English US Army
- Capt. Connor Tourek USMC
- Lt. Brendan Tourek USN
- Capt. Gregory Sacenti US Army Daniel Petito - US Army
- PFC John Dyer US Army
- Germany
- Drew Kendall Seamen US Navy
- ENS Tanis K. Taylor US Navy, USS Sullivans
- Sophie Koeppl

Pamela Solomon

N. J. Spriggle

George Stash

Ruth Stefanek

Austin Zicht - USAF, Germany

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

Josephina Esposito and Giuseppe Nardulli

#### PRAYER LIST

Molly and Randy Anton Josephine Apricena Babies Ralph and Charlie Sam Ballachino Jennifer Basile Ralph Belmore Linda Berry Larry Biela Boxer Therese Braiz Mary Brown Isabella Bucca Connie Cahill Camp Family Dick and Betsy Canny Paula Cantoni Hortencia Victoria Arbocco Carrillo Chris Leonora Coleman Cosme Cruz Anne Cunningham Brad Cunningham Ann Curran Elisa D. Janet D'Addario

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# Parish Information



#### Mass Schedule and Information

Mass times are:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

**Administrative Office Hours:** 

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Divine Gift Boutique Hours:** 

Saturdays 2:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Sundays 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saint John the Evangelist offers the healing sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the church confessionals on Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. after 8:30 a.m. Mass, and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.

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FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: *info@sjecc.com*.

Thank you!

**PARISH REGISTRATION** 

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: www.sjecc.com.



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