SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

To Know, To kove, and To Serve God in His Charch and Our Community.

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Advent Penance Services in the Area

St. Agnes Monday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m.

St. William Thursday, December 9th at 5:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist

Monday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m.

ADVENT For unto you is born...

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 4, 2021

Dr. Fred Fow 8:00 a.m.

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 p.m. Mac Galle

5:00 p.m. Bernard Marineau

Sunday, December 5, 2021

+ Eileen Warburton 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Sally Detloff

11:00 a.m. Michael James Merlo

1:00 p.m. Cecilia and William Schultz

Edward Wesolek 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 6, 2021

8:30 a.m. SI David Pagano

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

8:30 a.m. SI Olivia Webster

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

8:00 a.m. Gloria Valentine

10:00 a.m. Patrick Finck

12:00 p.m. Claire D'Angelo

5:00 p.m. Jean DeCesare

7:00 p.m. Dr. Gordon George Bennett

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Carmen Lombardo 9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 10, 2021

8:30 a.m. SI Edmond and Dolores Lonergan

Saturday, December 11, 2021

8:00 a.m. Jerry Kraft

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 p.m. Jim Tucker

Terry Vanderhorst 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Requested By

Vincent J. Lasprogata

Kenny and Marian Havermeier

Rita Reuss

Requested By

Arthur Warburton

The Detloff Family

Geraldine Meslo

The Schultz Family

Jeff and Carol Chorba

Requested By

Deb Marsh

Requested By

Deb Marsh

Requested By

Bob and Barb Garbinsky

Marsha Finck

Julia Conifrey and Polly Vierling

Kay Reid

Kim Bennett

Requested By

Linda Hoban

Requested By

Eileen Miner

Requested By

Tim Crane

John and Pat Cleary

Vicki Vanderhorst

Requested By

Ted and Joann Frissen

Dan and Betsy Senkowski

Family

Kim Bennett

Readings for the Week

Saturday, December 4, 2021

[Saint John Damascene]

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1,

5a, 6-8 (180)

Sunday, December 5, 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 (6) Pss II

Monday, December 6, 2021

[Saint Nicholas, Bishop]

Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 (181)

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

[Saint Ambrose]

Memorial

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 (182)

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Solemnity

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38 (689) Pss Prop

Thursday, December 9, 2021

[Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin] Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 (184)

Friday, December 10, 2021

[Our Lady of Loreto]

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 (185)

Saturday, December 11, 2021

[Saint Damasus I]

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

(186)

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

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

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

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

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

Then one day he received a visit from a priest who had been a classmate of his. He was delighted to see him, and they talked for a long time. But then at a certain point, he turned to his visitor and said, 'Do you think anyone remembers me?' I don't know what reply the visitor gave him. What reply could he give?

No, it's not nice to be forgotten. It is extremely painful. We may feel like that about God, too. Something bad may have happened to us, so we think, 'God has forgotten me.' This leads to the feeling that God doesn't care about us, that he doesn't love us anymore.

That's how God's people felt at the time the prophet Baruch was writing (second century BC). Their kingdom had fallen. The holy city, Jerusalem, had been destroyed. The beautiful temple had been reduced to rubble. Their sons and daughters had been taken into exile. So they asked themselves: "Where is God? What has become of his promises?" And they concluded that God had forgotten them.

But the prophet assured them that God had not forgotten them. He told them that their sorrows would soon end. God would bring their sons and daughters back from exile. He would level out a highway to facilitate their return. And there would be a great restoration. So the people took heart. The exiles did indeed come back. However, God's promise was not completely fulfilled until the coming of Jesus.

And we, too, can take heart. Even though we may forget God, God does not forget us. Advent reminds us of the wonderful promises God made to us, and shows how they are fulfilled in Jesus. The great sign we have that God loves

us is the fact that He sent his Son to us.



No, God has not forgotten us. God remembers us. Even if everyone else were to forget us, God will not forget us. It's lovely to be remembered, even if only in a small way. It's a sign that someone cares about us. God cares about us. We matter to him, because we are his precious daughters and sons.

Since we like to be remembered by others, we have a duty also to remember others, especially those who have been good to us, and who have sacrificed themselves for us. Christmas is a great time for remembering people. One small way we can do it is through a simple card with a few words that come from the heart.

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: dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/. 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
Daily Mass Vestments	4	\$200
Feasts and Solemnities Vestments	4	\$750
Altar Bookstand	1	\$1,225
Lorell Fortress Series Steel Bookcase for Choir Room	3	\$249
Computers for Catechists for the Classroom	8	\$500
Kinder tables for Faith Formation	6	\$250
Rolling carts for Facilities	6	\$120
iPads for Volunteer sign-in	4	\$600
Youth basketballs for CYO	5	\$30
Game basketballs for CYO	20	\$75

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



Christmas Toy Collection NEXT WEEKEND December 11 & 12, 2021



Make a needy child's Christmas Merry by bringing a new toy to Mass. Drop off your toy at the collection "bin" that will be 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!

(if you cannot donate on Saturday or Sunday, bring your toy to the Parish Office during the prior week)





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







Monday Nights, beginning November 22, 2021 @ 6:00pm
Pulte Family Life Center Cafe

Prizes for winning teams Food & Drinks available for purchase All ages welcome

Produced by Spotlight Entertainment of SWFL and St. John the Evangelist CAO



December 16, 2021 11:30 AM - 1 PM

RSVP Required, Please Call 239-776-7353



Lunch Sponsored



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!

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108

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 https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/.

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. colleen@sjecc.com

Faith Formation



Celebrating Our Blessed Mother and Supporting Teenage Moms This Christmas!

Collections accepted through December 10th



For the fourth year, we are excited to once again support our youth in the community. The last three years, with your generosity, we have gifted close to 70 young moms and their babies. December 8th is the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This Feast Day celebrates Mary's conception within the womb of her mother, St Anne. This special day is celebrated nine months before the Birth of Mary within the Liturgical Calendar. To celebrate this day and in the preparation of Christmas, our Faith Formation Families are putting together an effort to support local pregnant teenage mothers through our schools as part of a program known as T.A.P.P. (Teen Age Parenting Program). With the support of this program, teenage moms can complete their high school education and receive childcare assistance, parenting classes, and counseling services in a loving and supportive environment.

Please consider sharing your treasure with our local pregnant teenage moms by providing donations of disposable diapers, wipes, new blankets, baby board books, bottles, bath supplies, new toys and new clothes ranging from 3 months – 5T. Diapers Size 3 and up especially needed along with Pull-ups. Thank you! This year we are making 17 baskets. When purchasing clothes and diapers-knowing how fast kids grow, please consider purchasing some larger sizes. Thank you! We are still in need to several large white rectangular laundry baskets. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations so far!

Collections may be dropped off to the Parish Office and Faith Formation Office through December 10th. Thank you for your support! For more information, please contact Natalie at Natalie@sjecc.com.

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, December 5th

K-8 Faith Formation & Safe Environment Session Middle School 4:00-6:00 p.m. – High School Confirmation Session

Saturday, December 11th

High School Youth Trip to St. Matthew's Food Packaging Warehouse

Wednesday, December 8th

No Faith Formation Classes so that families may attend Mass together as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Faith Formation Families may attend Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12th

K-8 Faith Formation & Safe Environment Session Middle School 4:00-6:00 p.m. – High School Confirmation Make-Up Session

Adult Faith Formation



Dr. David Keys Presents: The Miraculous Aspects of The Tilma of St. Juan Diego

*Evening Session Added

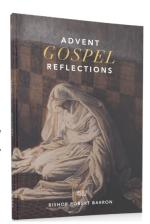


After a wonderful presentation on *Our Lady of Fatima* last month, Dr. Keys returns to St. John to share his insights on *The Miraculous Aspects of the Tilma of St. Juan Diego*. Between 1531 and 1536 over 9 million Native Americans converted to the Catholic faith. Why did this occur? Dr. Keys will present the conditions of the time and the account of the Our Lady of Guadalupe. Critical to the conversion of the Native Americans to the Catholic faith is the miraculous, unexplainable image of Our Lady of Guadalupe left behind on the tilma of St. Juan Diego. Both the physical aspects and the coded messages of the tilma will be discussed. To register for this event please email your request to aff@sjecc.com. This one-hour presentation will be offered two times: **Monday, December 13th from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** and **Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00-8:00 p.m.** in the Nazareth Room of the New Pulte Family Life Center.

Available in Our Gift Boutique: 2021 ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTIONS By Bishop Robert Barron

- A short reflection each day from Bishop Barron
- · A beautiful and practical design
- Includes reflection questions
- Includes journal pages
- A great way to stay connected to Christ and his Gospel, especially during this major liturgical season.
- Reflections begin, Sunday, November 28th, the First Sunday of Advent

"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 - Offer good while supplies last!

This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Thursday, December 9th - 9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word – Advent, Chapter 2 – Alexandra Room or via Zoom – Facilitator: Nancy Bouchard

Sneaker Drive



The Ladies of Charity SWF 2021 Christmas Sneaker Drive

Benefits Needy Children in our Community



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
- 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
- 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!

SAVE THE DATE! POLISH DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 12, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.

Authentic Polish Dinner by the EXCEPTIONAL Tania's Catering

Featuring:

- Complete appetizer table
- Hot foods including golabki, pierogi, kielbasa & kraut
- Full dessert table

Music & Entertainment:

- The LEGENDARY Pan Franek, Zosia, and the Polka Towners
- Cash Bar
- Raffle
- Door Prizes

St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 111th Ave., N., Naples, FL

Watch the bulletin for details on when tickets will be available for purchase.

For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Carol Roberts. 239-272-2212 (call or text), momoftwinsmandm@aol.com (email).



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

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 Bar 5:1-9

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

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

R. (3) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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

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

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

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

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

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

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

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

Reading II Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

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

Alleluia Lk 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

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

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



Hymns for The Second Sunday of Advent December 4-5, 2021

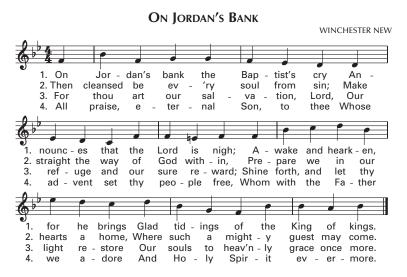
Opening Hymn: On Jordan's Bank

Gifts: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Communion Hymn: You Are Near

Closing Hymn: Every Valley - verses 1 and 3

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COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

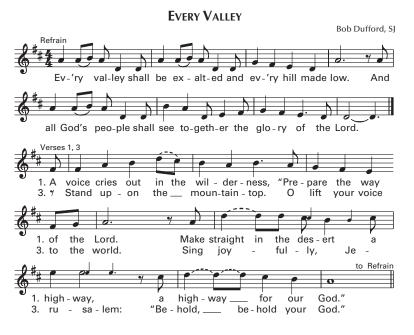


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5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid – Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 The Second Sunday of Advent

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Verse 1)
Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King!

You are strong when you feel weak, In your brokenness, complete (to Chorus) Verse 2)

Rise up, women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing power
of our awesome King of love (to Chorus)



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Verse 1)

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

Verse 2)

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands Beginning and the end, beginning and the end The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son; The Lion and the Lamb; the Lion and the Lamb!



Bridge)

Name above all names, worthy of all praise, My heart will sing, 'How great is our God!' (repeat)



Communion Song Behold the Lamb of God **Matt Maher** CCLI Song No. 4669755. © 2005 Thankyou Music | spiritandsong.com (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing, Reprinted under LicenSing.Net #U19759 & CCLI License No. 2008891.



Communion Song

Waiting in Silence

Carey Landry

Verse 1) Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, we long for you, Lord. Lord God, ever with us, Emmanuel. Come Lord Jesus. Maranatha!

Verse 2) Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, we trust in your love. O Sun of Justice, true Prince of Peace, Come with your justice, Lord. Maranatha!

Verse 3) Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, Lord, we seek your truth. Wisdom Incarnate, teach us your way; Show us the path of life. Maranatha!

Verse 4) Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, Lord, we seek your truth. Wisdom Incarnate, teach us your way; Show us the path of life. Maranatha!

Verse 5) Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, we long for new life. O Key of David, open our hearts. Give us new vision, Lord. Maranatha!

Verse 6) Waiting in silence, waiting in hope, we are your people, our hearts thirst for you. Flower of Jesse, bloom in our midst. Make us your garden, Lord. Maranatha! Make us your garden, Lord. Maranatha!

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.



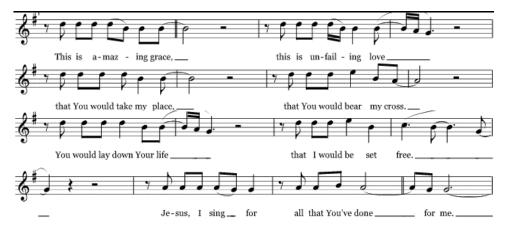
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Verse 1) Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Verse 2) Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Verse 3) Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Verse 4) Who rules the nations with truth and justice, Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings



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!











Second Collection



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. Special JOP envelopes will be available (near the bulletins) to pick up after Masses on Dec. 4 & 5.

- 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.







Volunteers Needed Next Week after Mass

Our Jamaica Outreach ministry needs volunteers for 10 minutes after each mass next week to hold baskets for donations as people exit the church. If you can help please contact Jeanne Pittman at jbstamant@gmail,com or 239-248-3248.



"We Served" Veteran's Event

Veterans, you and your spouse are invited to join other vets for a free breakfast and a presentation on current issues by a Veteran's Administration representative. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other vets and learn about benefits and programs of the VA for which you are eligible.

In previous events, many attendees have remarked that they didn't know what they didn't know about services available to them and their spouses.

We Served will meet Monday, December 13, 2021, in the Pulte Family Life Center at St. John the Evangelist Church. Gather at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and coffee with a presentation and Q & A by a VA representative from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

The Pulte Family Life Center is at the north end of the St. John campus at 625 111th Avenue North in Naples. (111th Avenue North is the west extension of Immokalee Road beginning at the Trail, US 41).

The next quarterly program will be March 14, 2021. Put it on your calendar.

Monday, December 13, 2021 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Location:

Saint John the Evangelist Church Pulte Family Life Center 625 111th Ave. N. Naples, FL 34108

Registration:

Call the Parish Office: 239.566.8740 or contact Bill Fuller at 239.280.8870 Wfuller1@comcast.net

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 https://11281.knights.church_or contact us, at info@kofccouncil11281.org or leave a message at (239) 228 3938, and we'll respond promptly. Fourth degree Knights can find information about our Assembly at https://3308.patriotic.degree.

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 sharon@naples.net

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 Bka1678@hotmail.com or Phyllis Crivelli 973-710-6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul. We give glory to God by offering direct/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.



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: mwychocki@gmail.com.

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

George Stash

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

Declan Aigner

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Andrew McManus

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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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