SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in HIV Charch and Our Community.

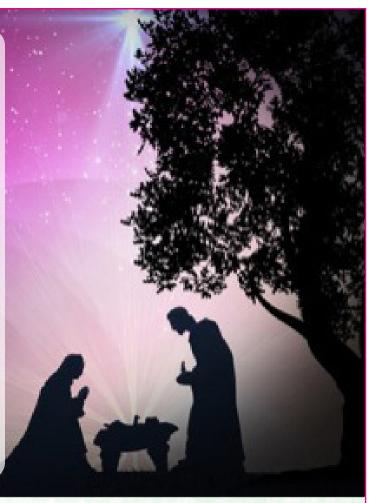
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Advent is the season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. Reading, prayer, and reflection are ways we can cultivate a sense of holy anticipation this Advent. The fourth Sunday of Advent we meditate on the peace that Jesus brings our hearts and our world. Scripture is the place we can find the promises of God. Let us meditate on these truths and allow them to comfort our hearts this Advent season!

2 Thessalonians 3:16 says, "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."

This week we focus our hearts on the "Lord of peace" who came down from heaven in the form of a baby. God knows that we are in a constant battle against fear! Fear wants to cripple us, to push us to react rather than carefully respond, and fear steals our joy. God has given us the gift of peace so we can live joy-filled lives!

Over this Advent, would you pray that God's unexplainable peace would be evident in your heart and home. This year we all have faced so much chaos and uncertainty. God's peace is something we need to grab tightly onto more than ever. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time to joyfully await our King!



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 18, 2021

Dr. Fred Fow 8:00 a.m.

(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

and Wine

Monday, December 20, 2021

8:30 a.m. Ernest Carroll Tuesday, December 21, 2021

8:30 a.m. Walter Rellihan

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

8:30 a.m. Teresa M. Crisalli

Thursday, December 23, 2021

9:00 a.m. Iose Nicholas Arteta

Fridav, December 24, 2021 - Christmas Eve

8:30 a.m. Ioan Gaetano 3:00 p.m. Ozzie D'Addario Cecile DeKlerk 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Rose Perone Joe Reid 12:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 25, 2021 - Christmas Day

7:00 a.m. Jean Pearce Ankner 9:00 a.m. Horev and Thoman Families

11:00 a.m. Patricia Sullivan 1:00 p.m. Wolfgang Galle

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 p.m. George Kadri

Dr. Thomas McDonagh 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 26, 2021

7:00 a.m. + Gloria Valentine Iohn Hinkson 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. SI For Our Parishioners Eric F. Vierling 1:00 p.m.

Louis and Peg McLinden 5:00 p.m.

Requested By

Vincent J. Lasprogata

Nardulli Family Kay Sanfelippo Requested By

Lance and Maureen

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

Requested By

Carroll Manor Friends

Requested By

Patricia and Kathleen Rellihan

Requested By

The Zellers Family

Requested By

Patricia Canfield

Requested By

The Parone Family Ianet D'Addario

Arthur and Eileen Warburton

Michael Faccone Kay Reid

Requested By

Faith Formation Team

Iris Horev Dick Sullivan Chres Reuter

Helen McDonagh Helen McDonagh

Requested By

Bob and Barb Garbinsky Nat and Brad Campbell

Polly Vierling Peg and Bruce Reale

Readings for the Week

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

Sunday, December 19, 2021 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 (12) Pss IV

Monday, December 20, 2021 Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 (196)

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

[Saint Peter Canisius] Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 (197)

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 (198)

Thursday, December 23, 2021

[Saint John of Kanty]

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 (199)

Friday, December 24, 2021

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79 (200)

Saturday, December 25, 2021 The Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation] Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13) Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk

2:15-20 (15)

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (16) Pss Prop

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

In his book, **Christmas** (Mercier Press), the Kerry writer, John B. Keane, talks about "the urging" of Christmas. He tells about a man who, in normal circumstances, wouldn't give you the crumbs from his table, but who, when imbued with the spirit of Christmas, phoned his estranged daughter in England and begged her to come home for Christmas. The daughter accepted the invitation, and on both sides all was forgiven. John B. says that he wasn't half as mean afterwards and concludes: "So, my friends, take Christmas by the horns – it can work wonders."

He goes on to say that we shouldn't be ashamed to be weepy or sentimental about Christmas, because we might not get the chance during the year ahead to show our humanity to the world. That, after all, is what Christmas is for – taking stock of our humanity and dispensing it where it is most needed.

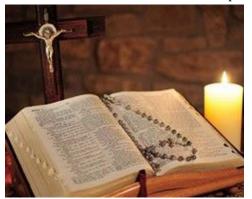
So, if we feel the impulse to be forgiving and charitable and loving, we shouldn't think twice about it, or we'll miss the boat. "The milk of human kindness doesn't come from cows and goats. It comes from that great repository of compassion and hope, namely, the human heart."

The spirit of Christmas cannot be killed. It has survived Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini, and many other tyrants. It has survived human greed and human jealousy and every human failing one cares to mention. Nothing lasts like Christmas. Not all the inhumanity, nor all the greed, nor all the violence will reduce its message by a whit. It's here to stay, and there's nothing that evil men can do about it and that's one great consolation.

Christmas is a time of opportunity. It creates a climate which encourages us to reveal our better natures. Just as the spring assures the growth of crops, so Christmas assures the growth of love.

It is not possible for us, because of our fallen nature, to be charitable and compassionate all the year round. Let us, therefore, make the most of Christmas. It's not true that Charles Dickens invented Christmas as we know it. Christmas was born out of love and carries on out of love. It springs from God's gratuitous love for us.

How bleak the world would be if there was no Christmas. There is nothing else with the power to move the human heart to its utmost capability. We mustn't take it for granted. If we haven't done anything



about it yet, then for pity's sake let us do it now or we'll be guilty of the awful crime of undermining Christmas.

Christmas is a feast of the heart. It reveals to us what the heart of God is like. It was God who started it all when he gave us the gift of his Son. At the same time it reveals to us what the human heart is capable of. Christmas causes us to open our hearts. And the extent to which we open our hearts to God and to one another, will be the extent to which we experience the "great joy" the angels announced to the shepherds, because joy is the fruit of love.

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
Lorell Fortress Series Steel Bookcase for Choir Room	3	\$249
Computers for Catechists for the Classroom	6	\$500
Kinder tables for Faith Formation	5	\$250
Rolling carts for Facilities	6	\$120
iPads for Volunteer sign-in	3	\$600
File Cabinets for Choir Room	6	\$280
Lateral File Cabinets for Record Room	4	\$1050
Round Event Tables	20	\$180
Daily Mass Vestments	3	\$200
Feasts and Solemnities Vestments	3	\$750

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.

Around the Diocese



Anniversary Masses – All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Masses will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on February 12 at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs and at 11:00 a.m. on February 19 at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue, Venice. *Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than a week prior to the event you choose to attend.*

Christmas Day Televised Mass for the Homebound – The televised Christmas Day Mass for the Homebound with Celebrant Bishop Frank J. Dewane will air for a full hour on Christmas Day. For viewers in the northern portions of the Diocese (DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee, and Sarasota counties), the Mass will air at 9:30 a.m. on the CW Network. In the southern portions of the Diocese (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee counties), the Mass will air at 6:00 a.m. on WFTX-TV (FOX-4). Please check your cable provider for channel listings. The Mass will also be available on the Diocesan website at dioceseofvenice.org/televisedmass. Leaflet missals are available upon request by calling Gail Ardy at 941-486-4714 or by writing: TV Mass, Diocese of Venice, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285. For more information email ardy@dioceseofvenice.org.

Respect Life

Catholic Days at the Capitol - Join others from around the state for the annual Catholic Days at the Capitol in Tallahassee from February 1-3, 2022. The three-day trip includes a legislative briefing on important bills relating to human life and dignity, a breakfast with legislators and the Florida Bishops, tours of the capitol and museum, scheduled visits with legislators and the annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit with the Florida Bishops and public officials. Bus transportation is provided while space is available at no cost. For details and registration (January 10 deadline) visit https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/catholic-days-at-the-capitol-2022. For more details contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-374-1068, or visit https://www.flaceb.org/cdac.

Catholic Charities

Annual Christmas Appeal – The 20th Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is underway and needs your support! The Christmas Appeal takes place now through January, 2022. The Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is the largest annual fundraiser and critical to operating this social service organization. Gifts provide funding for the many Catholic Charities programs and services available

throughout Southwest Florida. Your generosity enables us to serve those seeking help all year long. To donate please mail a contribution to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285, or visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.

Mark Your Calendars - Come support Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. programs in Lee, Hendry, Glades counties, with the first ever Celebration of Hope Luncheon, Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at the Lexington Country Club, 16257 Willowcrest Way, Fort Myers. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. For tickets or to sponsor the event, visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/event-on. For more information, please contact Victoria Guevara at 239-334-4007 ext. 2100 or victoria.guevaranunez@catholiccharitiesdov.org.

Tele-Mental Health Counseling Services - Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc. is offering Mental Health Counseling for adults and children provided by licensed mental health therapists. If you or someone you know is feeling stressed, anxious, overwhelmed, depressed, or helpless, Catholic Charities can help. For more information, please call 239-455-2655. There is no charge for this service.

Diocese of Venice Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation

Franciscan at Home Online Workshops – The Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation presents "Franciscan at Home," offering online workshops for all who want to grow deeper in the Catholic Faith. This is a program sponsored by your Parish at no cost to you. Workshops are available on Parenting, Youth Ministry, Prayer, Catholic Social Teaching, Theology of the Body, Scripture and much more. Many workshops are available in Spanish. Please visit www.franciscanathome.org/institute-dov, or call the Institute at 941-766-7334 for further information.

Office of Family Life

Day of Reflection for Sacramental Marriage – The Diocese of Venice Office of Family Life is hosting several one-day seminars for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The day is designed to offer couples a deeper awareness of the privileges and responsibilities of marriage. Registration at all locations and on all dates begins at 9:30 a.m. with the retreat beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. The fee is \$50.00 per couple. The first date and location in 2022 is January 15th at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 625 111th Avenue, Naples, FL.

For a complete list of dates and locations please $\underline{\text{CLICK}}$ HERE for the flier.

Events





Navigating the Senior Years: Preparing For Aging Symposium

Inviting all Parishioners, Seniors, and Caregivers! On January 19, 2022, the Seniors Blue Book is hosting their annual senior symposium right here at St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church. This event is designed to provide information, education, and share community resources focused on the process of aging gracefully and being proactive vs. reactive! This event is FREE and will include: expert panel discussions, vendor booths, health screenings, free consults, and much more! Breakfast & Lunch are provided!

Event is FREE but RSVP is required. Please call 239-776-7353 to register today! See your church bulletin for more information!



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 the Fourth Sunday of Advent

As our Faith Formation children enjoy the Christmas holidays, we are so thankful for the catechists and volunteers that support the Faith Formation program, as well as our Knights of Columbus working the carlines week after week. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to serving you in the New Year!









Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene (www.usccb.org)



In its present form, the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time. When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the **Leader says**: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Leader prays with hands joined: God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. R/. Amen.

Adult Faith Formation



Resa Pearson Presents, "The Spirituality of Aging" Tuesday, January 11th



Drawing on insights from Catholic thinkers, Henri Nouwen, Teilhard de Chardin, Ed Hayes, Pope Francis, and Emilie Griffin, Resa will present a talk on *The Spirituality of Aging* to give participants new ways to think about the negative aspects of aging as well as new ways to appreciate and manifest the spiritual gifts that come with aging. She will explore how to do both in a way that moves her participants closer to Christ.

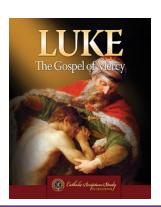
Resa Quinn Pearson, CEO of a technology sales consulting company, earned an M.A. in Spirituality from Santa Clara University. Resa maintains a website called <u>spiritabounds</u>. <u>com</u> where she curates Christian spirituality content.

To register, please email your request to <u>AFF@sjecc.com</u>. The talk will take place in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Center on Tuesday, January 11th from 11:30-1:30 p.m.

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 AFF@ sjecc.com 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 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Email <u>AFF@sjecc.ocm</u> 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.

Polish Dinner Dance



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).

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!













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 Mi 5:1-4a

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Reading II Heb 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not

desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, :Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Alleluia Lk 1:38

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."





Hymns for the Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18-19, 2021

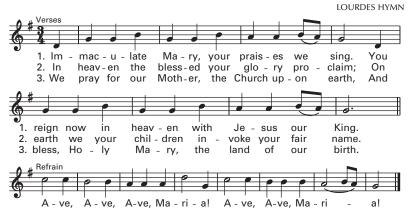
Opening Hymn: Immaculate Mary Gifts: Servant Song Holy Is His Name

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Closing Hymn: Soon and Very Soon

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IMMACULATE MARY



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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.





HOLY IS HIS NAME



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HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

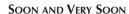
Carey Landry

Intro: Cantor

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.



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5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid - Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Verse 1)

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you! All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my Shelter, tower of refuge and strength, Let every breath, all that I am, Never cease to worship you!

Chorus)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the King! Mountains bow down and the seas will roar At the sound of your name! I sing for joy at the work of your hands, Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand; Nothing compares to the promise I have in you!



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Chorus) This is the Body; this is the Blood; broken and poured out for all of us. In this Communion, we share in his love... This is the Body; this is the Blood.

Verse 1) I will remember ev'rything, Lord, that you've done for me I won't take for granted the Sacrifice that set me free I hunger and thirst for your love, come fill me today

Verse 2) We hunger and thirst for your love and your righteousness We long for your Presence here, Lord...Be with us again...

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Verse 1) Come Thou long expected Jesus. Born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation. Hope of all the earth Thou art. Dear desire of every nation. Joy of every longing heart.

Verse 2) Born Thy people to deliver. Born a child and yet a King. Born to reign in us forever. Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit. Rule in all our hearts alone. By Thine all sufficient merit. Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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

Verse 2) O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer. Our spirits by Thine advent here. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight

Bridge) Rejoice, again I say rejoice! For unto us is born the Savior of the world. Take heart, O weary world, take heart! For help is on the way and holy is His name.

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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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.

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: 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
- Austin Zicht USAF, Germany

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

Edward Duff

PRAYER LIST

ı	Declan Aigner	Mark Davey	Kennedy Johnston	Catherine McCusker	Amy Sobie
l	Molly and Randy Anton	Nicki DeVries	Ophelia Joy	Jerry McMahon	Pamela Solomon
l	Josephine Apricena	Melanie F.	Shawn Kay	Andrew McManus	N. J. Spriggle
l	Babies Ralph and Charlie	Lori-Jo Fergie	Yvonne Keenan	Rebecca McManus	George Stash
l	Sam Ballachino	The Fewell Family	Marion Kelly	Bishop Burchell McPherson	Ruth Stefanek
l	Jennifer Basile	Follese and Fiedler Families	Nancy Kiel	Eileen Miner	Julian Stickney
l	Ralph Belmore	Anna Focht	Tracey Kirk	Alli Model	Jeanne Stoll
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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.

Sunday

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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