SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



We Remember and We Pray

Lord of Mercy, Prince of Peace,



This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.

This day does not pass in the calendar without our remembering. We remember images of death and destruction. Images that human eyes were never meant to see. We remember words our ears were never meant to hear, the tender last words of husbands and wives who would never embrace again.

We imagine the feeling of emptiness in the arms of children who at the end of the day could not find mom or dad for their welcome home hug. We remember our own feelings of emptiness as our sense of security, as our own confidence in the predictable order of life and work was radically shaken.

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We remember the heroism of the many that lost their lives in saving others. We remember all those who suffered and died, we grieve for them still, friends and strangers alike, along with their families and friends.

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And it is right that it should not pass from our memory. But today and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss, it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace, and with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions that will draw us closer to our most ancient and most holy desire, peace among all God's children.

Lord, grant us peace. Amen. (Catholic Charities of NY)

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, September 11, 2021

8:00 a.m. Sally Detloff

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 p.m. James Tucker

5:00 p.m. Carolyn McDonald and Robert Abell Kathy and Bob Sims

Sunday, September 12, 2021

7:00 a.m. Eileen Warburton

9:00 a.m. SI For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. Theresa Sullivan

1:00 p.m. Ron Marlow

5:00 p.m. Emily and Romeo Meilleur

Monday, September 13, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Patrick Metro

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Richard Nee

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

+ William Sickler 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 16, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Pablo Rios

Friday, September 17, 2021

Constantino Boveda 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 18, 2021

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Payne

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 p.m. Paul Swank 5:00 p.m. Joe Reid

Sunday, September 19, 2021

7:00 a.m. Rosemarie Angalet

9:00 a.m. Irene Suidzinski Boutott

11:00 a.m. SI For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. Rick Genel 5:00 p.m. Mildred Couelli

Requested By

The Detloff Family

Friends

Requested By

Arthur Warburton

Loretta and Marty Sullivan Ed and Angela Cristantello

Marilyn DiEnno

Requested By

John and Charlette Quercia

Requested By

Maureen Reed

Requested By

Louis Perry

Requested By

Dyna Rios and Ana Ruiz

Requested By

Olimpia Boveda

Requested By

Ron Klett and Pansy and Don Soltis

Carol Swank Kay Reid

Requested By

Jeff and Elizabeth Crennan

Sally Detloff

Maureen Genel Iohn Couelli

Readings for the Week

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021

[BVM]

1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49 (442)

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 The Twenty-Fourth Day in

Ordinary Time

Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 (131) Pss IV

Monday, Sept. 13, 2021

[Saint John Chrysostom]

Memorial

1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10 (443)

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Feast

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638) Pss Prop

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Memorial

1 Tm 3:14-16 (445)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639) Pss Prop

Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021

[Saints Cornelius and Cyprian]

Memorial

1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50 (446)

Friday, Sept. 17, 2021

[Saint Robert Bellarmine] 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 (447)

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021

[BVM]

1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15 (448)

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

There are two kinds of faith. The first is the faith of those who believe because they follow the traditions of their ancestors, strongly maintaining their tradition of faith. This could be called an inherited faith. The second is the faith of those who have gained it through reason and philosophical thinking. The second could be called personal faith. There is an important difference between the two.

The possessors of an inherited faith have the advantage that they are not easily tempted. Even when confronted with philosophical arguments that might contradict their faith, that faith remains strong because of the traditions they have inherited from their ancestors. Besides this, they have never depended on philosophical speculation. But they also have a disadvantage. Their faith is usually not well reasoned or thought out, and frequently is a faith of habit and routine.

The possessors of a personal faith also have an advantage. They have discovered God with their reasoning, and for that reason, are very strong in their faith. But they, too, have a disadvantage. They can be persuaded by logic, and if confronted with strong contrary arguments, they can be tempted to abandon their faith. In order to be able to withstand challenges, faith must be grounded in something that goes beyond one's own personal experience.

The people who gain their faith in both of these ways have every advantage. They depend strongly on the traditions of their ancestors, while at the same time taking advantage of their ability to think things out for themselves. They thus have the best and most perfect faith.

No longer is it enough to be born into the faith. An inherited faith is a second-hand faith and can be very empty. It's not enough to say, "My parents were believers." Every generation has to be converted anew. It has been said that many church-goers are little better than baptized pagans. That seems unduly harsh. Nevertheless, we see many sad and tired faces in church, the faces of people who come late and leave early.

The question Jesus asked the apostles is the most important question in the Gospel. It concerns the identity of Jesus. He asked the question not for his own sake but for their sake. A question forces people to think about their beliefs.

First he asked: "Who do other people say I am?" They told him. The answers were way off the mark. Then he turned to them and said, "And you, who do you say I am?" And Peter replied, "You are the Christ." "The Christ" means the Messiah. St. Matthew puts Peter's answer like this: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is the core faith on which the Church was founded.

It is important for us to come up with our own answers; to be able to state our own values and beliefs as Christians. It is no longer sufficient merely to repeat the official answers. We have to make the faith our own for it to be alive and influential in our lives. Our parents' faith is not ours until we walk the journey ourselves.

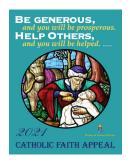


We need to grow in our understanding of the faith. We must believe out of personal conviction. The more of such people we have in the Church, the more it is founded on rock.

It's clear that Peter didn't fully understand what he had said. When he recognized Jesus as the Messiah, he didn't know that Jesus would be a suffering Messiah. There was something he had to learn, and learn the hard way.

Peter made a perfect profession of faith. He got it absolutely right—with his words. But when it came to acting on that faith, he failed. His lowest point was when he denied he ever knew Jesus. This shows us that we need God's grace, not only to profess our faith, but also to live it.

Catholic Faith Appeal



Help Us Reach 40% Participation in Serving the Community Through the CFA

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. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to increase our participation for these worthy efforts. 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.

The Divine Gift Boutique Celebrates Fall!

Bring in the Fall season with gifts from the Divine Gift Boutique that act as daily reminders of God's blessings. We are pleased to offer unique Fall hand-made gifts, angels, religious holiday items, lighted gifts, pumpkins, wall signs, and much more! Our boutique is filled with festive seasonal home decorations and host gifts.

Furthermore, we wish to commemorate St. Faustina's Memorial on October 5th by offering Divine Mercy gifts in her honor, such as novenas, her diary, medals, and statues.

Our Divine Gift Boutique regularly offers 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 gifts crafted by one of our very own sewing ministry members.

Our current featured gifts at a special discount are a variety of hanging ornaments, with optional stands available. The Divine Gift Boutique is located just inside the church entrance, 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!









Ministerial and Social Opportunities

Arimathean Ministry

"Taking the Body of Jesus, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock."

Matthew 27, 59-60.



The name Arimatheans comes from St. Joseph of Arimathea, who tended to our Lord after his death. The Gospel recounts that it was Joseph of Arimathea who asked Pilate for the body of Jesus after his Crucifixion.

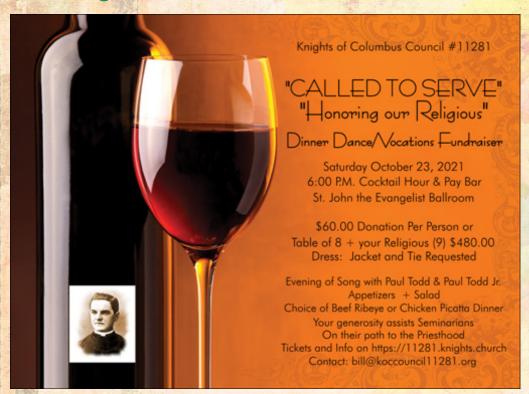
The Arimathean Ministry is based on providing spiritual support and comfort to families who experience the death of a loved one. Members of this ministry attend funeral Masses of parishioners in order to give support to the family of the deceased through our presence.

Those who sign up for this ministry are volunteering to attend the funeral Mass of parishioners as they are able. You would be notified when there is a funeral in the church and if you are able, you would attend and represent St. John's parish family.

If you are available and could sometimes attend a funeral in the parish, please consider volunteering. It is one of the corporal works of mercy to bury the dead. If interested, or if you have questions, please contact the parish office at (239) 566-8740 or at hanaxx1@embargmail.com.

"BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED." Matthew 5, the 4th Beatitude.

Knights of Columbus Dinner/Dance



Tickets available between Masses on September 18 & 19 and online at https://stjohntheevangelist.
weshareonline.org/CalledToServeHonoringourReligious

Pope Francis Visited "Ground Zero"

Pope Francis visited "Ground Zero" at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City on Sept. 25, 2015. This was the Holy Father's speech:

Dear Friends,

I feel many different emotions standing here at Ground Zero, where thousands of lives were taken in a senseless act of destruction. Here grief is palpable. The water we see flowing towards that empty pit reminds us of all those lives which fell prey to those who think that destruction, tearing down, is the only way to settle conflicts. It is the silent cry of those who were victims of a mindset which knows only violence, hatred and revenge. A mindset which can only cause pain, suffering, destruction and tears.

The flowing water is also a symbol of our tears. Tears at so much devastation and ruin, past and present. This is a place where we shed tears, we weep out of a sense of helplessness in the face of injustice, murder, and the failure to settle conflicts through dialogue. Here we mourn the wrongful and senseless loss of innocent lives because of the inability to find solutions which respect the common good.

This flowing water reminds us of yesterday's tears, but also of all the tears still being shed today.



A few moments ago I met some of the families of the fallen first responders. Meeting them made me see once again how acts of destruction are never impersonal, abstract or merely material. They always have a face, a concrete story, names. In those family members, we see the face of pain, a pain which still touches us and cries out to heaven.

At the same time, those family members showed me the

other face of this attack, the other face of their grief: the power of love and remembrance. A remembrance that does not leave us empty and withdrawn. The name of so many loved ones are written around the towers' footprints. We can see them, we can touch them, and we can never forget them.



Here, amid pain and grief, we also have a palpable sense of the heroic goodness which people are capable of, those hidden reserves of strength from which we can draw. In the depths of pain and suffering, you also witnessed the heights of generosity and service. Hands reached out, lives were given.



In a metropolis which might seem impersonal, faceless, lonely, you demonstrated the powerful solidarity born of mutual support, love and self-sacrifice. No one thought about race, nationality, neighborhoods, religion or politics.

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It was all about solidarity, meeting immediate needs, brotherhood. It was about being brothers and sisters. New York City firemen walked into the crumbling towers, with no concern for their own wellbeing. Many succumbed; their sacrifice enabled great numbers to be saved.

This place of death became a place of life too, a place of saved lives, a hymn to the triumph of life over the prophets of destruction and death, to goodness over evil, to reconciliation and unity over hatred and division.

It is a source of great hope that in this place of sorrow and remembrance I can join with leaders representing the many religious traditions which enrich the life of this great city. I trust that our presence together will be a powerful sign of our shared desire to be a force for reconciliation, peace and justice in this community and throughout the world. For all our differences and disagreements, we can live in a world of peace. In opposing every attempt to create a rigid uniformity, we can and must build unity on the basis of our diversity of languages, cultures and religions, and lift our voices against everything which would stand in the way of such unity. Together we are called to say "no" to every attempt to impose uniformity and "yes" to a diversity accepted and reconciled.



This can only happen if we uproot from our hearts all feelings of hatred, vengeance and resentment. We know that that is only possible as a gift from heaven. Here, in this place of remembrance, I would ask everyone together, each in his or her own way, to spend a moment in silence and prayer. Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world which God has given us as the home of all and a home for all. Simply PEACE.

In this way, the lives of our dear ones will not be lives which will one day be forgotten. Instead, they will be present whenever we strive to be prophets not of tearing down but of building up, prophets of reconciliation, prophets of peace.







Five Stories of Hope and Selflessness from 9.11.01

Do not pass by a man in need, for you may be the hand of God for him

-Proverbs 3:27



The first recorded casualty of the attacks was a Roman Catholic priest and NYFD chaplain, **Father Mychal Judge**. He had gone to the burning towers and blessed firefighters, hearing their last confessions—losing his life in the process.

Rick Rescorla, a retired U.S. Army officer, got a job as director of security for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. He had anticipated air attacks due to the vulnerable nature of the building and pleaded with the firm to find a new office space. Because that wasn't an option due to lease agreements, Rescorla enforced regular drills so employees knew how to evacuate in case of an emergency. On 9/11 Rescorla was supposed to be home but was covering for a co-worker. He is responsible for saving 2,700 people, singing inspirational songs into a megaphone while escorting people in and out of the building. Sadly, Rescorla did not make it out that day.

Moira Smith was known for her intense dedication to being a police officer. According to NYPD Angels, this was her second time risking her life in an extremely disastrous situation to help others. The first was during a 1991 subway crash in Union Square which she survived and for which she received the Police Department's Distinguished Duty Medal. Sadly, the second situation on 9/11, Smith

did not survive, though she was seen selflessly saving others. On 9/11 she became known as the woman with the flashlight who helped prevent mass hysteria and the blocking of exits. She saved hundreds of lives by directing people out of the South Tower and encouraging people to "Don't look down; Keep Moving."

Welles Remy Crowther is known by the people he saved as the young man with the red bandana, which he'd used to cover his nose and mouth to protect against smoke and debris. Crowther had been a volunteer firefighter as a teenager, and during 9/11 was working as an equities trader on the 104th floor of the South Tower. When the chaos ensued, Crowther took charge to move groups out of the building, going back in numerous times. He saved over 15 lives, though lost his own. His red banana can be seen at the 9/11 Museum.

Stephen Siller had just gotten off from his job as a firefighter with Brooklyn's Squad 1. When he heard about the attacks, he called his wife to tell her he'd be late. He drove to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, but it was closed. Instead of giving up he strapped on his heavy gear — 60 pounds worth — and ran through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he lost his life selflessly saving others.

Help Wanted

We are currently hiring for a PT Facilities Support position. Duties include basic maintenance as well as setting up and breaking down events. For more information, or to apply, please contact our Operations Manager, Colleen Donnelly, at colleen@sjecc.com.

Prayer for 9/11

Today we pray for and remember all first responders, but especially those who showed love, compassion, and bravery in the face of destruction, chaos, and fear on 9/11/01.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy,
who through your Son
gave us a marvelous example of charity
and the great commandment of love for one another.
Send down your blessings on these your servants,
who so generously devote themselves to helping others.
Grant them courage when they are afraid,
wisdom when they must make quick decisions,
strength when they are weary,
and compassion in all their work.
When the alarm sounds
and they are called to aid both friend and stranger,
let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.













Faith Formation

Faith Formation and Confirmation First Day!

We are excited to begin our first week of Faith Formation class sessions. Catechists have prepared diligently for a new Faith Formation Year! Parents were sent emails with their "First Day" procedures and class locations. Only children that are completely registered may attend the first Faith Formation Session. Families that are still interested in joining Faith Formation should reach out to Natalie at natalie@sjecc.com. Included in this bulletin is a letter from our Bishop, Frank Dewane, regarding safety protocols and guidelines as we start our Faith Formation year. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through these challenging times. We are so blessed to begin this year!













This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, September 12th

9:30-10:45 a.m. – Sunday Faith Formation – 1st Day 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class Session *Water/Snack available at 3:45-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15th

5:30-6:45 p.m. – Wednesday Faith Formation – 1st Day

Our Preschool Atrium begins Wednesday, October 6th. Limited spots available.

Upcoming:

Sunday, September 19th – Catechetical Sunday We will celebrate and Fr. Tom will bless those called to serve in the Catechetical Ministry of the Church.



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 30, 2021

Dear Monsignor/Father:

As we prepare to reopen our Religious Education programs, let us remain focused on Christ who is the reason for catechesis, the reason we teach, and the reason why we will gather, prudently and safely.

The Diocese of Venice Department of Education has developed a reopening plan to provide quidance to our Directors and Coordinators of Religious Education and catechists as we move into the new academic year 2021-22. The plan is built on our conviction that students deserve access to in-person learning and is guided by recent experience and greater understanding of COVID-19. Increased vaccination rates, successful mitigation strategies to limit the spread of the virus, as well as local data and national research, contribute to the formulation of this plan.

The goal is to provide a safe environment with appropriate protocols needed to ensure healthy, in-person learning with masks as optional. Considering the prevalence of the Delta variant, and within the framework of optionality, the Department of Education will monitor the COVID positivity rate by county using data provided by the Florida Department of Health. Optionality will be adjusted, and masks will be required, temporarily, indoors in parish religious education programs in a county with a positivity rate of 10% or greater. When the positivity rate falls below 10%, masks will continue to be optional. The decision about masks will be made using the most current data in each county and communicated by the Diocesan Department of Education.

Some of the effective safety practices that were established in the past will be retained as we strive to provide as normal a school year as possible. The plan may be updated based on the guidance of local and state public health officials. The parish religious education website will serve as the primary source for updated information to parents and guardians, as well as other social media platforms.

Please join me in prayer for the continued wellbeing of all students, as well as yourselves, Directors and Coordinators of Religious Education and Catechists. During this Year of St. Joseph, let us continue to turn to him in prayer that he might intercede for our children that they may be safe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank/J./Dewane

Bishop of/the Diocese of

Venice in Florida

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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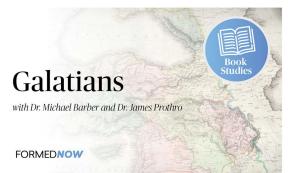
WATCH

THE RELUCTANT SAINT: THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



LEARN BIBLE STUDY: GALATIANS



Join Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro as they dive into St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This new multipart series walks through this pivotal book and how it fits in with the rest of the New Testament, as well as how Paul's writings can help us grow in relationship with Jesus.

LISTEN

DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS BY KIMBERLY HAHN

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



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Events and Promotions

DIOCESE OF VENICE CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN THE CLASSROOM

SEPTEMBER 25. 2021 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.





KEYNOTE PRESENTERS









Plus over 20 workshops in English and Spanish! \$25 includes Mass with Bishop Dewane, workshops and lunch!

Register here: https://dioceseofvenice.org/events/catechetical-conference/

Bishop Verot High School | 5598 Sunrise Drive | Fort Myers, FL Contact: Anne Chrzan | chrzan@dioceseofvenice.org | 941-484-9543

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https://www.eventbrite.com/e/regina-fahey-in-concert-alittle-bit-of-everything-tickets-168982277541



together in holiness CONFERENCE SERIES

Join us for the first annual Together in Holiness marriage conference presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Venice in Florida.

This one-day conference includes dynamic presentations as well as Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, on-site childcare, and an opportunity to spend time with your spouse and build community with other couples.

> Saturday, October 2, 2021 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Agnes in Naples and St. Thomas More in Sarasota Speakers: Kevin and Lisa Cotter, and more!

Registration: \$59/couple and \$35/individual. Early bird discount available until August 16. Scholarships available upon request, please inquire. On-site childcare available with pre-registration. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email th@forlifeandfamily.org.

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 Is 50:5-9a

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. or: R. Alleluia.

I love the LORD because he has heard my voice in supplication, Because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. or: R. Alleluia.

The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me; I fell into distress and sorrow, And I called upon the name of the LORD, "O LORD, save my life!"

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. or: R. Alleluia.

Gracious is the LORD and just; yes, our God is merciful. The LORD keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. or: R. Alleluia.

For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. or: R. Alleluia.

Reading II Jas 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone

says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

Alleluia Gal 6:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

Hymns for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11-12, 2021

God Bless America **Prelude Hymns:**

Our National Anthem

America, the Beautiful -or- Faith of Our Fathers (3:00 p.m.) **Entrance Hymn:**

Glory in The Cross

Lift High The Cross -or- America, the Beautiful **Preparation Hymn:**

Communion Hymns: Be Not Afraid

Closing Hymn: Let There Be Peace (3:00 p.m.)

America, the Beautiful

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God Bless America (Berlin)

God bless America, Land that I love Stand beside her, And guide her Through the night with a light from above From the mountains, To the prairies To the oceans white with foam

God bless America My home, sweet home

God bless America My home, sweet home

Our Adult Choir is seeking new singers to join... NOW!



Our adult choir will resume our Wednesday night rehearsals and is currently inviting ALL SINGERS, ages 18 and older, to join our choir. We develop proper vocal skills, sing exciting sacred music for our beautiful liturgies and concerts, learn more about our Mass and Faith, gain a more personal and rewarding involvement in the worship, socialize, sing, and pray as a family. You get the idea... and we have fun in the entire process! The invitation is open to all interested singers, but especially needing Altos, Tenors, and Basses! We rehearse every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We are about to immerse ourselves into the magnificent

music for Fall/Advent/Christmas!!! Consider coming to a rehearsal to see what we mean. Try choir for one month or a season. Please contact Gary Prettyman at the Church Office during the week or after Mass for more information.

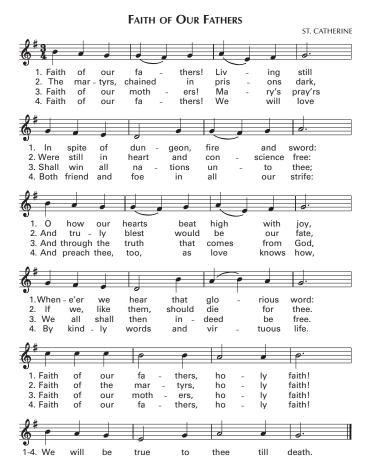
Join us for our monthly Encounter on the Mountain:

A Holy Hour of Praise and Adoration on Friday, October 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the church or watch online at sjecc.com.

Our theme of the night is "Jesus, I Trust in You." This Holy Hour will be filled with Praise and Worship music, silent prayer, and singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. We will also have confessions available throughout the evening. This is a beautiful way to have an encounter with our Lord and spend time with Him for first Friday Adoration.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL MATERNA beau - ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am - ber waves of beau - ti-ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress beau - ti-ful for he-roes proved In lib - er - at - ing pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the beau - ti-ful for vears For pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties A thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A - bove the fruit - ed plain! A - cross the wil - der - ness! 3. Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer - cy more than life! 4. Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears! 1. A - mer i - ca! - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee, i-ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry - mer - mer -3 A _ mer i - cal A - mer - i-ca! May God thy gold re 4. A - mer A - mer - i-ca! God shed his grace on - i-ca! 1. And crown thy good with broth - er-hood From sea to shin-ing 2. Con - firm thy soul in self - con-trol, Thy lib - er - ty in 3. Till all suc-cess be no - ble-ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine. 4. And crown thy good with broth - er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.

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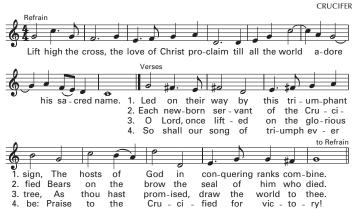
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GLORY IN THE CROSS (HOLY THURSDAY VERSION)



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LIFT HIGH THE CROSS



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If you have received your first holy communion and have a desire to serve in the liturgy of the Mass, prayerfully consider the Youth Altar Server ministry.

Our next group training will be Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 6:15 p.m. However, to fill the need for altar servers at our weekend Masses as quickly as possible, individual training is offered at your convenience. Call Kathy Bailie at (239) 253-5045 or email servers@sjecc.com for more information.

5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid – Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 The Twenty-Fourth Day in Ordinary Time

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Verses) I'm forgiven because you were forsaken; I'm accepted; you were condemned I'm alive and well; your Spirit is within me: because you died and rose again (to Chorus)

Bridge) You are my King; you are my King. Jesus, you are my King, Jesus, you are my King.



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Verse 1) Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice: you became nothing, poured out to death; Many times I've marveled at your gift of Life, and I'm in that place once again, I'm in that place once again.



Verse 2) Now you are exalted to the highest place: King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow; But for now, I marvel at your saving grace, and I'm full of praise once again. I'm full of praise once again. (to chorus)

Bridge) Thank you for the Cross, thank you for the Cross, thank you for the Cross, my Friend (4x, then chorus)

True Pres-ence of .

Communion Song reserved.

The Kingdom of Heaven

The kingdom of hea - ven has come to earth.

His Precious Blood and Bo - dy, Soul and Divin - i-ty havemademe what I'm worth.

The king-dom of hea - ven dwells with-in our midst:

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rist.

Verse 1) There's a place Where mercy reigns and never dies. There's a place Where streams of grace flow deep and wide. Where all the love I've ever found Comes like a flood comes flowing down.

Chorus) At the cross at the cross I surrender my life. I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You. Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white. I owe all to You I owe all to You. Jesus.

Verse 2) There's a place Where sin and shame are powerless. Where my heart Has peace with God and forgiveness. Where all the love I've ever found Comes like a flood comes flowing down.

Bridge) Here my hope is found. Here on holy ground. Here I bow down here I bow down. Here arms open wide. Here You saved my life. Here I bow down here I bow (down).

Ending) Jesus.

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Verse 1) Hear the holy roar of God resound. Watch the waters part before us now. Come and see what he has done for us. Tell the world of his great love Our God is a God who saves (repeat line, to Chorus)

Verse 2) His enemies will run for sure. The Church will stand, she will endure. He holds the keys of life, our Lord. Death has no sting, no final word. Our God is a God who saves (repeat line, to Chorus)



Second Collection

Today's Second Collection

The Second collection today will support food distribution and soup kitchens for the Diocese of Kingston and Montego Bay Jamaica. The island's economy has been severely impacted by the Covid epidemic.

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Jamaica Outreach Program











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We Served will meet Monday, September 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.

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

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- Saint John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 11281 and Assembly 3308: kocinfo@koccouncil11281.org or 239.228.3938
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- Gambler's Anonymous 855.222.5542
- Recovering Couples Anonymous Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888

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

Timothy Curran and Jimmy Limb

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Saturday

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Sunday

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

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