the SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community.

Church Repair and Renewal

We have begun the transformation of our church building here at Saint John the Evangelist. Friday was moveout day from the building itself, and setup for services to continue uninterrupted within our newly repaired
Ballroom. Our Parish Family owes our Liturgical Ministries a huge debt of gratitude for all their hard work and
collaboration that transformed our Parish Activity Center into an enlivening and faith-filled space. From the
complete relocation of the Sacristy, including vestments and everything needed for Mass, to moving the liturgical
furniture and missals, the volunteers (you know who you are) gave their all to ensure Saturday would go off
without a hitch. Our Arts and Liturgical ministry beautified the Ballroom and "Narthex" (entrance-way into the
Ballroom). The Ushers and Greeters helped people find their way into
the new church space and found seats for
all. The Music Ministry set ambient music even before Mass began this weekend, and the Eucharistic Ministers
ensured every seat was served with the Blessed Sacrament. Our Liturgical Ministries should be lauded for the
tremendous effort they have expended for us and their commitment to ensuring our Masses will continue in the
Ballroom for as long as we need them to. Signage points everyone toward the Ballroom and ensures our Parish
Family and friends know we are open. We Are Saint John!



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

Saturday Vigil Masses: 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

If you are interested in volunteering with our Hospitality Ministry, contact Loretta Sullivan at loretta@sjecc.com or 239-566-8740.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (until all are heard)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108 Phone: 239.566.8740 • Fax: 239.566.9117

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Administrative Office Hours:

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

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine. We have 2018 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

PARISH CLERGY AND MINISTERS

Fr. Robert Murphy, Associate Fr. Paul D'Angelo, Associate Deacon Hal Brenner Deacon Forrest Wallace Deacon Frank Paniccia, Senior Status

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Arts & Liturgical Environment: Kay and Andy Sanfelippo ksanfelippo66@gmail.com



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

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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.



Scan this tag with your smartphone to view our mobile website.

Mass Intentions... Special Observances and Readings

Mass for Deceased (*) and Special Intentions (SI)

July 7, 2018	3 Saturday
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8:00 a.m. + Guy Dufresne Jeannine Dufresne & Children

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Albert Kozak The Parejko Family 5:00 p.m. + Rick Genel Sandy & Al Pistocchi

July 8, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Louis Defrancesca Marcie Sten
9:00 a.m. + Rita & Marco Marino Kathy & Brian Marino Karen & Jennifer Hays

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
1:00 p.m. + Michael Cristantello Mr. & Mrs. Crivelli &

Mr. & Mrs. Cappadona 5:00 p.m. + Joseph Giacobbe Liz & Bob Koplitz

July 9, 2018 Monday

8:30 a.m. + Thomas Multerer Susan Diaferia

July 10, 2018 Tuesday

8:30 a.m. + Jack Guiffre Ellen & Graham Wright

July 11, 2018 Wednesday

8:30 a.m. + Paul & Martin Lawrence Eleanor, Wife and Mother 6:30 p.m. + Kathryn Ann O'Brien Eileen Severs

July 12, 2018 Thursday

8:30 a.m. + McNulty Family Anne & Andrew McNulty

July 13, 2018 Friday

8:30 a.m. + Grace Burch Schaeffer Mr. & Mrs. Richard Powers

July 14, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Heather Bolhke Eileen Mills

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Barrett Family Kathleen Shea 5:00 p.m. + Nina Albano Len & Jeanne Benefico

July 15, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Evelan Danner Joe & Mary Lee Kennedy
9:00 a.m. + Giulia, Antonia & Rosa Nardulli
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
1:00 p.m. + Michael Cristantello Jeanine & John Oswald
5:00 p.m. + Rolin Rodriguez Millie Rodriguez & Family

ASSISTED LIVING MASSES

July 10, 2018 Tuesday - Aston Garden

3:00 p.m. + Richard (Dick) Becker Lee & Teresa Belfore

Readings for the Week

Saturday, July 7, 2018

[BVM]

Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17 (382)

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a (101) Pss II

Monday, July 9, 2018

[Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions] Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26 (383)

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38 (384)

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

[Saint Benedict]

Memorial

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7 (385)

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15 (386)

Friday, July 13, 2018

[Saint Henry]

Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23 (387)

Saturday, July 14, 2018

[Saint Kateri Tekakwitha] Memorial

Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33 (388)

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 contact our Parish Secretary, Deborah Marsh: deb@sjecc.com or (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.

Ministries and Prayer

PARISH COUNCILS

Building and Grounds Council. The Buildings and Grounds Council provides future direction, advice, and insight for the physical plant of St. John the Evangelist, to include all buildings, the grounds, and all utilities therein. The Council meets quarterly to evaluate any long-term strategy planning that is required. Council President: Bill Sjostrom: bsjost@yahoo.com or 815.670.3733

Finance Council. The Finance Council assists the Pastor and General Manager in their decision-making process to serve the needs of the Parish in the prudent administration of its resources and funds. Council President: Robert Stift: rcs0242@gmail.com or 239.989.5149

Pastoral Stewardship Council. The Pastoral Stewardship Council's mission is to create awareness of God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and to encourage their use to the best of one's ability for the good of the Parish. The Council has three major subcommittees: Hospitality, Sharing, and Time and Talent. Council President: Rick Beebe: psc.sjecc@yahoo.com or 239.566.8740

MEET OUR MINISTRIES

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Anne Petrillo: gapetrillo41@gmail.com or 239.248.2189

Companion Driving Ministry. Offers transportation to church services regardless of age, infirmity, marital, or socioeconomic status. To sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver: Beth Lucci: sjeride@gmail.com or 239.877.6254

Divine Gift Boutique. (located across from the restrooms). Non-Season Hours: Saturday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If interested in volunteering, contact Elaine deLaurentis: elaine@sjecc.com or 239.228.3921

Divorced and Separated Support Group. Provides support and guidance for divorced/separated Catholics through our shared spiritual journey. We meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information Lhara Echeverria: 239.293.3694 or Ihara@sjecc.com or Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254

Faith and Wine. Monthly thought-provoking speakers, food, and fellowship for women in the Diocese. Nancy Squittieri: faithandwine@gmail.com or 239.272.4257

Grief Support Ministry. Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. Geralyn Poletti: geralyn@cathliccharitiescc.org or 239.455.2655 ext. 107

Jamaica Outreach Program. JOP provides goods, food, medicalvision-dental services, education, and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica. We welcome new volunteers. For more info: Jeanne Stamant: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org

Knitting & Crocheting. Make baby hats, booties, and blankets for babies, lap robes for nursing homes, prayer shawls, baptismal blankets, and sweaters for kids. Meets year-round on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. No experience necessary. Joyce Yepez: 239-250-3434 or Joyce@Joycie.net

Ladies of Charity. Volunteer in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen, and clothing bank. The Ladies also visit local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. In addition, they are available to provide friendly visits and to perform simple errands for the elderly and homebound. Meets the second Friday of every month. Homebound: Marie Elaina Mullin: 239.273.1702. To join: Carole Mancini: froglady505@gmail.com 239.370.1521

Marriage Ministry: Together Forever. Couples gather: 1) To share and know; 2) To grow and love; and 3) To listen and serve and to celebrate our healthy marriages. All married or engaged couples are welcome to join us. Meets monthly on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Rachel Baier: 239.498.4197

Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary. Organizes events, prepares meals, and provides staff and support for a multitude of parish and parish-related functions. Monthly meetings 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday from October to May. Men's: Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551 and Millie Lucanegro: 239.566.9854; Ladies: besunnyinflorida@ amail.com

Respect Life. Helps Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with supporting the God-given dignity of every person which naturally leads to protecting the gift of every person's life. Rosemary Erickson: relife@aol.com or 239.250.0432

Sewing Ministry. Meets to sew for needy children of Collier County on Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. from October to May. To volunteer or donate (we accept child-friendly fabric or trim): Phyllis Crivelli: jandpcrivelli@gmail.com or 239.594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 239.250.4162

St. Vincent de Paul. Helps the poor, specifically people in zip codes 34108, 34109, and 34110. Members work in teams making home visits to those in need. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Carl Monticelli: (SVdP Office): 239.775.1667

Vocations Ministry. What is your vocation? Help the Parish Family educate and identify vocations through prayer and activities. Marty Gautier: marty@naples.net or 239.370.4277

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. Nancy Bouchard: 443.498.8452 or nancybdds@comcast.net

Knights of Columbus Councils:

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meeting information to be announced via email during the Parish's refurbishing process, due to availability of rooms. Visiting Sir/ Knights welcome. S/K Paul Barrus Faithful Navigator: 609-741-4593 or oldsalt232@hotmail.com

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281. Worldwide Catholic men's fraternal organization founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.St. John's Council provides regular financial support for our seminarians and our parish. Knights also conduct a wide variety of activities to enhance and strengthen family life in the parish. Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6:30 p.m; business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Visiting Knights are welcome. Grand Knight Ed Phelps: efpep@aol.com or 239.339.3847

Check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group. Groups do not always meet in the same location from week to week.



Ministries and Prayer

SOCIAL GROUPS

Boy Scout Troop 226 - St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to AA. Robert: 239.287.2442 make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. 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 Food Addiction Support Group. Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682 way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. joanne116@mac.com or 239.919.2265

Habitat for Humanity. Koulloheras:nick@hfhcollier.com

Mah Jong. Space Limited. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

Pinochle. Joseph DeJesus: 239.598.9865

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Narcotics Anonymous. 800.477.6291 or Mark Katsnelson: 856.912.0894

Gambler's Anonymous. 855,222,5542

Recovering Couples Anonymous. Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by PRAYER and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. - Philippians 4:6

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Carol Swank 757.559.4761

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group - Rosemary Erickson: 239.566.8740

Divine Will Prayer Group - Gorana Saner: 239.293.1765

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Library. Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947

Liturgy of the Hours

Call the Office: 239.566.8740

PRAYER FOR THE MILITARY

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

Adam Decker Nick Detloff

Sgt. Douglas Hennessy

SFC Brian Holmes - U.S. Army

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett

Lt. Col. Scott Huber - USAF, Turkey

Christian McLaughlin - U.S. Navy, Jacksonville

Sgt. Larry Oldenburg - U.S. Army, Iraq

Cpl. Derek Perez - U.S. Marine Corps

Michael Paul

Austin Spagnola

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino - USAF, Turkey

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

PRAYER LIST

Baby Declan Aigner Jean Balliro Jennifer Basile Beagan Family Gallen Boardman William M. Boardman Lori Breyman Donald Brown Brian Bulger Connie Cahill **Gregory Camp** Rosalie Castro Kathy Conley Corinne & Children Lauren Carr Frank Comeriato Merlyn Comeriato Nancy Cornillie Tony Corvelo **Brad Cunningham Dorothy Cutlet** Anthony D'Antuono Mark DaBronzo Donald Demski

Florence Demski

Melissa Diamantini Dee Donnelly Donovan Family Leon Doughty Robyn Hyland Doyle F.W. Carolyn Felner Sandy Flaig Darlene Follese Tara Follese & Family Patty Gahan Inez Galm Jeff Gatt Julia Giblin George Gonser Jr. Philip Gorney Keri Grasso Jayne Hagg Mary Haig Gerard Heyen Rosie Heyen Jim Huber Karen Kelly Ted Konicki Krista Leigh Kozowyk

Pat Lampe Jean Lydon M.M. Joan Maier Robin Malone Diane Maloney Margaret Margie Lynch Maria and Family Ron Marlow Barbara Marsh Donna Massee Mary Ann McCabe J. McG Paul McIntyre Cynthia McLemore Eileen Miner Mary Ann Morreale Lorrie Morrison Tom Morse Joan M. Oliver Jane Orazietti Emma O'Rourke Ronald J. Parker

Rene Lacoste

Francesca Pearo Anne Perrino Ann Petrillo Noreen Prine John Putalik Renee Rake Ellen Roberts Terre Rozin Sterling C. Rutherford Lloyd Sample Lisa Sanfelippo Shelia Scaduto Gary Schutebach **Robert Sims** Thomas Sissman **Avery Smithies** Sr. Colette Stevenson Nancy Stewart **Edward Sullivan** Rita Taranto William J. Teplica Isaiah Thompson Marilyn Thyen

Helen Thornburg

JoAnn Tinevra Albert Treichel Iim Tucker Mike Walsman Dan Ward Baby Benedict Wardein Sandra Welker Bernadette White Carole Wielosinski Kirsten Wills Nancy Wise Harry Witt

Note: In order to place a name on our Prayer List, that individual (the individual to be prayed for), must provide us with a signed release (or email-based approval) prior to the inclusion of his/her name in the printed Prayer List. To download the Consent Form, visit our website: http://sjecc.

com/forms.

To Know, To Love, To Serve... Parish Mission and Life

Focusing on the Mission: Service to Others

We continue to move forward as a Parish Family in our temporary church environment, and while I have received a spectrum of comments from the macabre to the sublime about this situation, I want to thank all of you for your continued involvement in our faith and in our church. The feedback overall has skewed very positive. We will continue to refine our Ballroom to ensure it provides the most enriching faith location possible for Masses, funerals, baptisms, and weddings. God bless all of you and your continued understanding, patience, and sense of humor.

Our Masses and Services are the Mission Essential Functions of our church. We have additional Mission Essential Functions here at St. John that flow directly from our Mission Statement: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community. Faith Formation is how we learn more about our faith, both as youth and as adults, so we can grow constantly in our understanding and appreciation of the mystery of Catholicism. Hospitality is our way of welcoming and engaging each other, loving each and every one of God's creatures. Pope Francis says, in "every human person there is the imprint of God, the source of life." The most precious of our Mission Essential Functions to me is our dedication to service to the community. From Thanksgiving in the Park to our Immokalee Soup Kitchen and Jamaica Outreach Program, from the weekly food pantry runs of the Knights of Columbus, to our direct support of the poor through Saint Vincent DePaul, our Parish Family will continue to live out Service to the Community every single day.

Our Holy Father wanted to make sure the latest set of Cardinals he elevated last week understood that dedication to mission is core to the Catholic Church, even calling them out to focus on service to those most in need, not their own desires. It is a clarion call to the entire church and our society:

At the third and most troubling announcement of the Lord's passion, the Evangelist does not shrink from disclosing secrets present in the hearts of the disciples: their quest of honours, jealousy, envy, intrigue, accommodation, and compromise. This kind of thinking not only wears and eats away at their relationship, but also imprisons them in useless and petty discussions.



by Jean-Paul Boucher General Manager jp@sjecc.com

Yet Jesus is not concerned with this: He walks ahead of them, and He keeps going. And He tells them forcefully: "But it shall not be so among you; whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (Mk 10:43). In this way, the Lord tries to refocus the eyes and hearts of His disciples, so that there will be no fruitless and self-referential discussions in the community. What does it profit us to gain the whole world if we are corroded within? What does it profit us to gain the whole world if we are living in a stifling atmosphere of intrigues that dry up our hearts and impede our mission? Here, as someone has observed, we might think of all those palace intrigues that take place, even in curial offices.

"But it shall not be so among you." The Lord's response is, above all, an encouragement and a challenge to His disciples to recoup their better part, lest their hearts be spoiled and imprisoned by a worldly mentality blind to what is really important. "But it shall not be so among you." The voice of the Lord saves the community from undue introspection and directs its vision, resources, aspirations, and heart to the only thing that counts: the mission.

Jesus teaches us that conversion, change of heart, and Church reform is and ever shall be in a missionary key, which demands an end to looking out for and protecting our own interests, in order to look out for and protect those of the Father. Conversion from our sins and from selfishness will never be an end in itself, but is always a means of growing in fidelity and willingness to embrace the mission. At the moment of truth, especially when we see the distress of our brothers and sisters, we will be completely prepared to accompany and embrace them, one and all. In this way, we avoid becoming effective "roadblocks," whether because of our short-sightedness or our useless wrangling about who is most important. When we forget the mission, when we lose sight of the real faces of our brothers and sisters, our life gets locked up in the pursuit of our own interests and securities. Resentment then begins to grow, together with sadness and revulsion. Gradually we have less and less room for others, for the Church community, for the poor, for hearing the Lord's voice. Joy fades and the heart withers (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 2).

"But it shall not be so among you," Jesus goes on to say. "Whoever would be first among you must be slave of all" (Mk 10:43.44). This is the Beatitude and the Magnificat that we are called to sing daily. It is the Lord's invitation not to forget that the Church's authority grows with this ability to defend the dignity of others, to anoint them and

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Focusing on the Mission: Service to Others... Continued

to heal their wounds and their frequently dashed hopes. It means remembering that we are here because we have been asked "to preach good news to the poor... to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Lk 4:18-19).

Dear brother Cardinals and new Cardinals! In our journey towards Jerusalem, the Lord walks ahead of us, to keep reminding us that the only credible form of authority is born of sitting at the feet of others in order to serve Christ. It is the authority that comes from never forgetting that Jesus, before bowing his head on the cross, did not hesitate to bow down and wash the feet of the disciples. This is the highest honour that we can receive, the greatest promotion that can be awarded us: to serve Christ in God's faithful people. In those who are hungry, neglected, imprisoned, sick, suffering, addicted to drugs, cast aside. In real people, each with his or her own life story and experiences, hopes and disappointments, hurts and wounds. Only in this way can the authority of the Shepherd have the flavour of Gospel and not appear as "a noisy gong or a clanging symbol" (1 Cor 13:1). None of us must feel "superior" to anyone. None of us should look down at others from above. The only time we can look at a person in this way is when we are helping them to stand up. - Pope Francis (6/28/18)

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180628_omelia-concistoro-nuovicardinali.html

Saint John the Evangelist is fully committed to our service mission, and we will be continuing major programs to

ensure we support our community. If you are interested in assisting, here are a few upcoming ones that you can join in:

Undy Sunday

The 22nd annual supply drive for the area youth going back to school will be on the weekends of August 4 and August 11. Please bring unopened packages of underwear and socks for ages 4-12 to church with you.

Knights of Columbus

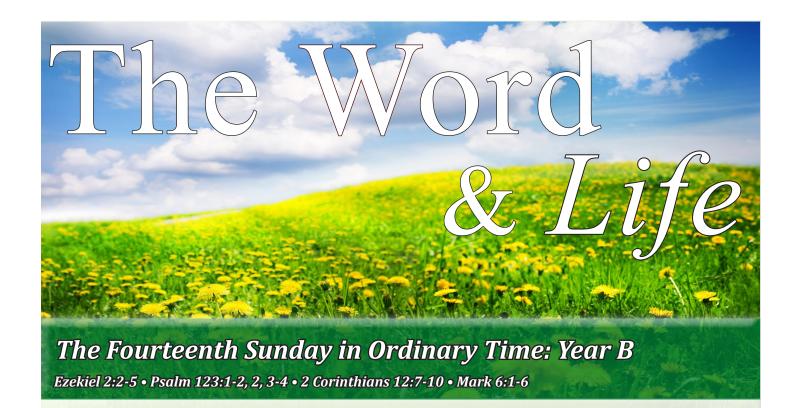
Charity is the first core principle of the Knights of Columbus, and our council is one of the most active in SW Florida. From weekly food pantry deliveries to Tootsie Roll Drives for Special Needs Children, the Knights serve our Parish Family and the area. If you are a man over the age of 18 and are looking for a way to become involved in community service, the Knights are the way to go. Please contact our Grand Knight, Joseph Hemrick at jhemrick21@ gmail.com for more information on how to join.

Thanksgiving in the Park

St. John leads an immense effort of the Naples area for Thanksgiving in the Park for its upcoming 37th year. We have already begun the planning to gather, prepare, and serve thousands of individuals and families a warm Thanksgiving Meal in Immokalee. With hundreds of volunteers from "Bring Your Turkey to Church Weekend," to pulling those turkeys and packing the mashed potatoes the day before Thanksgiving, to serving meals all afternoon, to finally cleaning all the utensils and trays on Friday, there is a need for volunteers of all abilities and schedules. For more information on how to become part of this amazing program, please contact Donna Boucher at: titp@sjecc. com.







Wisdom Beyond Time & Space

he incarnation represents for us the dawning of salvation. The characters involved in the events surrounding this watershed in history were people like us. Since salvation was to be offered to the world, God's wisdom came to rest in the midst of the human condition. Jesus, for us, is the wisdom of God. Jesus was confronted by the fragility of human existence. His hand of healing was extended to the poor, the brokenhearted, the weak, the strong, the outcast, the sinner, the possessed, the dispossessed,

Reflection Questions

- 1. Why do you think Jesus is rejected in his native place?
- 2. What wisdom and works were the people referring to?
- 3. What are the fruits of a lack of faith?
- Name the times you have been rejected because of your faith with people familiar to you.
- 5. Why do you think people reject the wisdom of God from the very ones they know and love?
- 6. How is God's grace sufficient and enough for you?
- 7. In what ways is the Spirit at work in your life?

the depraved, the religious, the nonreligious, the God-filled, the Godless, the blind, the sick, and the dead. Jesus was a man for all seasons that touched and transformed the heart of humanity. The most powerful factor in all this, the Word became flesh to dwell among us, to transform us. God becomes one with us to show us how to be truly human.

We cannot fully appreciate the context within which Jesus lived. Scripture tells us that He came from a small town of Nazareth. It was a basic town in which very simple town folk existed. Their lives would have been very basic, in which trade and commerce took place on a very local level. Roman legions would have probably been scarce, but they had to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus was born into this simple life. He was the son of Mary and the Carpenter, Joseph. He would have been taught the trade of His foster father in order to make ends meet. His contemporaries watched Him grow and mature. It is not surprising, therefore, to see Jesus being rejected in today's account of the gospel. For the believers of the day, God existed in the heavens. The work of the Lord was accomplished in the anointed people God had chosen. The question they would have been asking: How can Jesus perform

the great acts of faith? How can He have such wisdom, for He is one of us? Jesus realizes their lack of faith and is not able to accomplish God's work among His own and has to move on. The negative aspect of humanity gets in the way of Jesus' gift to transform humanity.

The reality of God is clear. Jesus became flesh to become a model of perfection for humanity. Just like the prophets and the chosen disciples, God likewise chooses people like us to accomplish His mission. Through the very nature of baptism, we are set apart to make His presence known in the world today. The wisdom of God is to speak through us – our words and deeds. We have an opportunity to reach out to the various groups of people that Jesus reached out to. The ministry and wisdom of



Prayer

Lord, help us to prophets of our day. Empower us to read the signs of modern day and discern where we are to give witness to You. We ask that your wisdom will lead and guide us in all things. May Your ways be our ways and Your thoughts our thoughts. Amen.

Jesus transcends time and space to occupy an important part of our faith life and journey. We might very well face opposition from the contemporaries of our day. Maybe there will be some who might always be on the sidelines, pointing out our inconsistencies when we are trying to be consistent in living out the gospel. The scriptures today give us courage. In the words of Paul in the second reading today: "Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

Wisdom of the Fathers

"The term laity is here understood to mean all the faithful except those in holy orders and those in the state of religious life specially approved by the Church. These faithful are by baptism made one body with Christ and are constituted among the People of God; they are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetical, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out for their own part the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world......

But the laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. They live in the world, that is, in each and in all of the secular professions and occupations. They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. They are called there by God that by exercising their proper function and led by the spirit of the Gospel they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven. In this way they may make Christ known to others, especially by the testimony of a life resplendent in faith, hope and charity....."

Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium, paragraph 31.



Faith Formation

Calling All Catechists!

We welcome volunteers in our Faith Formation Program that would like to serve as Catechists, Classroom Aides, or Administrative Assistants within our program. Please contact the Faith Formation office at Natalie@sjecc.com if you are interested. Volunteers may begin helping once their Volunteer packet, fingerprints, and one-time Safe Environment Class are completed. Please contact Deborah Marsh in the parish office to complete volunteer files 239-566-8740 or deb@sjecc.com.

Saint John Youth Give Their Time to Serve Those in Need

Last month, several of our youth in the parish traveled to Immokalee to serve in the Soup Kitchen at the Guadalupe Center. The Soup Kitchen at Guadalupe Center is just one of the many initiatives to help meet the needs of impoverished families living in Immokalee. While working in the kitchen, our teens served meals, washed dishes, and worked hard cleaning. The teens traveled along with Kyle VanDuser, CYO Spiritual and Social Director, as well as with Luz Lozano, Assistant to the Office of Faith Formation. We are very blessed by the many youth in our parish!







Reflections of our teens give witness to how they received many blessings from this day as well.

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more." – Ryan W.

"Going to the soup kitchen was such a fun, eye-opening experience!" – Julia H.

"This was a good way to help out people that needed it." – Jack B.

"Volunteering here was a fun experience. I was the guy who poured the bean soup. I will do it again next year. "-Blake B.

"I had and amazing time!" – Justin S.

"This was an eye-opening experience, and it felt nice to help people." – Olivia H.

"It was a fulfilling experience!" - Ben B.

"I really enjoy my experiences at the soup kitchen because I like helping people and making them feel good." – Lily C.

"The atmosphere was very nice, and everyone who volunteered looked happy to help!" – Brady W.

Music and Choir

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Entrance Hymn: 596 Christ, Be Our Light
Preparation Hymn: 490 Center of My Life
Communion Hymn: 197 Beautiful Savior
Closing Hymn: 488 Faith of Our Fathers

Choir Schedules

Gary Prettyman: gary@sjecc.com

Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

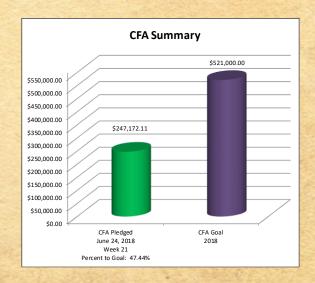
Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome.

Youth/Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 4:40 to 5:30 p.m. - Ages 9-18 (Age 8 considered)

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. – Grades 6-12 especially welcome.





Music and Choir

5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, July 8, 2018: The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song Your Grace Is Enough Matt Maher CCLI Song No. 4477026 © 2003 spiritandsong.com | Thankyou Music | (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). All rights Reserved. CCLI License #2008891.

Verse 1)

Great is your faithfulness, O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus)
So remember your people, remember your children
Remember your promise, O God

Verse 2)

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of your salvation
And all your people sing along (to pre-chorus)

Chorus)

For your grace is enough, your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me!

Preparation Song 486 Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte

Communion Songs 245 The Cup of Life Outpoured Jim Cowan

70th Anniversary Blessing

Antonio and Hiverica Pardo, ages 99 and 92 years respectively, were born in the island of Cuba, and married on July 29, 1948, have 2 children, 3 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren with one more on the way.

In anticipation of the upcoming Castro revolution, Antonio had the courage and forethought to leave a successful diamond setting business in Cuba to immigrate to and seek employment in New York City, in order to make way for his family. They have lived in the U.S. since then. After living and raising their family in New Jersey, they moved to North Naples, FL, in 1984. They have been faithful parishoners of St. John the Evangilist ever since. Antonio and Hiverica feel blessed to be married 70 years and be able to still enjoy their lives in Naples, Florida, still living in the house they purchased in 1984. They will be joined by their family and friends in an anniversary blessing by Father John followed by a celebration on July 15, 2018.









Music and Choir

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Closing Song

604 America, the Beautiful

MATERNA, Samuel Ward / Katherine Bates

Event Information... Church and Social Events

Caregiver Workshop/Dementia Series

Annalee Kruger, President of CareRight, Inc. presents

Grandpa, is That You? Kids! This One is for You!

July 24, 2018 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist

This seminar is FREE and and a light lunch will be served.

Anyone wanting to attend must RSVP by **July 17** to the Parish Office at 239.566.8740.

For more information, contact or JP at jp@sjecc.com



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