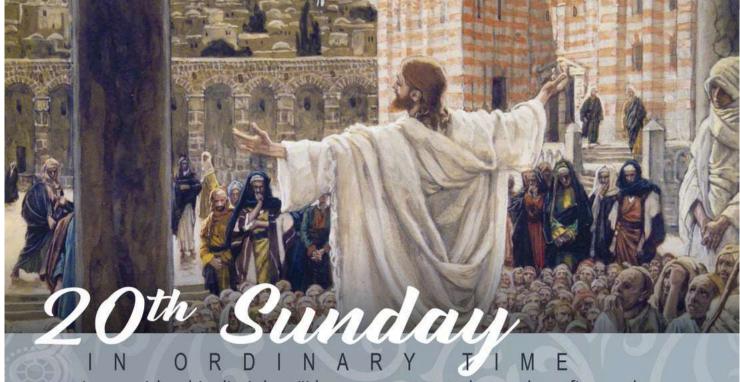
## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

A Diocese of Venice Jubilee Pilgrimage Site

August 17, 2025



Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

#### The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

#### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

#### Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

### Parish Information

#### **Mass Times**

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed)

Saturday: 8:30am, 3:00pm (livestreamed), 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am (livestreamed), 11:00am (livestreamed), 1:00pm, and 5:00pm

### **Reconciliation Times**

Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass Saturday: 9:00am and 2:00-2:45pm

### **OFFICE**

### **INFORMATION**

### **Mailing Address & Contact Information**

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108

Phone: 239.566.8740 Email: info@sjecc.com

### Office Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

### **Religious Gift Shop Hours**

Wednesday: 9:00am-1:00pm; Friday: 9:00am-1:00pm Saturday: 2:00pm - 6:15pm; Sunday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

### **CLERGY & STAFF**

### Clergy

Fr. Tom Zalewski, Pastor

Fr. Mark Harris. Associate

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#### **Greeters & Ushers:**

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#### **Altar Servers:**

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### Calendar and Mass Readings

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### Sunday, August 17

7:00am Mass (Church)
9:00am Mass (Church)
11:00am Mass (Church)
1:00pm Mass (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

### Monday, August 18

8:30am Daily Mass (Church) 6:00pm Trivia (Pulte Cafe)

#### **Tuesday, August 19**

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

12:00pm The Bible Timeline (Alexandria)

1:00pm Bingo (Pulte Cafe) 6:30pm Legion of Mary (Library)

### Wednesday, August 20

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

9:00am Parish Breakfast (Pulte Cafe)

### **Thursday, August 21**

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

7:00pm Men's Bible Study (Rooms 1&2)

#### Friday, August 22

8:30am Mass (Church)

#### Saturday, August 23

8:30am Morning Mass (Church) 3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church) 5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)

### **WEEKLY OBSERVANCES**

Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of

the Church

Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope

Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

### **FIND CHIARA**

This year, our Faith Formation
Students learned about Blessed
Chiara. Each week in the bulletin, the
illustrated version of Blessed Chiara is
hidden. When you locate her, say a prayer for
her canonization. Learn more about her selfless
life; she is an amazing example for all of us.

In last week's bulletin, Chiara was on page 27 in the Covecrest picture

#### WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-

4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and

44/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30 **Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16 **Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14 **Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-

10/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY



The Diocese of Venice states that, "all employees, covered volunteers and religious brothers and sisters must be electronically fingerprinted. Eligibility for employment/ volunteer work/ministry will be contingent and conditioned upon a satisfactory background investigation. A reasonable effort shall be made to update the criminal history background information every five (5) years". The Diocese classifies a covered volunteer as "any unpaid adult person engaged or involved in a Diocesan activity in which he/she is entrusted with the care and supervision of children or allowed unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults" (e.g. when screened personnel not present).

St. John the Evangelist also requires the following volunteers to go through the background screening process (through fingerprints):

- Volunteers who handle cash, credit cards, and other financial transactions
- Volunteers who are entrusted with confidential information, such as donor records and parish registration forms
- Volunteers who serve, distribute, and administer the Holy Eucharist

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

### Mass Responses and Prayers

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting:

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you. (or another greeting)

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act (Confiteor and/or Kyrie):

A) All: 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.

B) Priest: Lord, have mercy.
Priest: Christ, have mercy.
Priest: Lord, have mercy.
Priest: Lord, have mercy.
People: Lord, have mercy.
People: Lord, have mercy.

Gloria (an ancient hymn of praise):

I: 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.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Response after the First and Second Readings:

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Dialogue before the Gospel Proclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia! (sung) People: Alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: **And with your spirit.** 

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel Proclamation:

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Mass Responses and Prayers

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed; or the Apostles Creed may also be recited):

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.

Universal Prayer / Prayer of the Faithful:

Lector: ...let us pray to the Lord. People: Lord, hear our prayer.

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Table / Presentation of the Gifts (first part may be done silently):

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness... (2x)

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,

for the praise and glory of his name,

for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Acclamations during the Eucharistic Prayer:

Preface Dialogue:

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. People: It is right and just.

Sanctus:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### Mass Responses and Prayers

Mystery of Faith:

Priest: The mystery of faith:

People: A - We proclaim your death, O Lord,

and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

B – When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

C - Save us, Savior of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Great Amen:

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

People: Amen. (may be sung more than once)

#### COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer:

All: 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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sign of Peace:

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. All: And with your spirit.

Breaking of the Bread:

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Preparation for Communion:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Reception of Communion:

Minister: The Body of Christ. Communicant: Amen.

Minister: The Blood of Christ. Communicant: Amen.

#### CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing & Dismissal:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace. (or another longer formulation)

People: Thanks be to God!

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### Readings for The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading 1

### Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king:
"Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is
demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city,
and all the people, by speaking such things to
them; he is not interested in the welfare of our
people, but in their ruin."

King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him:

"My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city."

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

### R. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me.

#### R. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry.

He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps.

#### R. Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD.

#### R. Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the LORD thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back!

#### R. Lord, come to my aid!

### Reading 2

#### **Hebrews 12:1-4**

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

### **Alleluia**

#### John 10:27

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

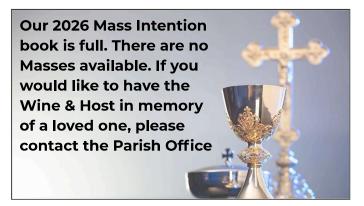
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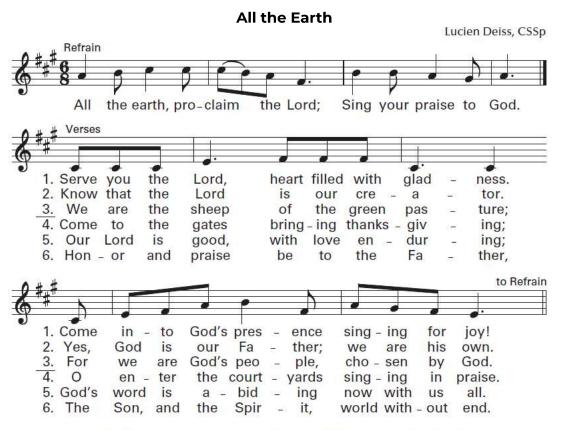
### Gospel

#### Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."





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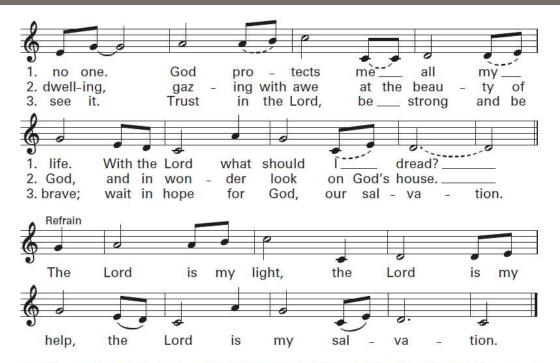


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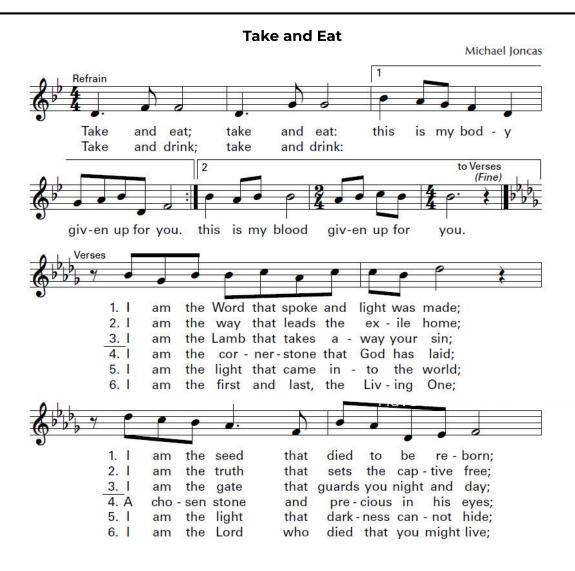
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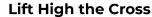
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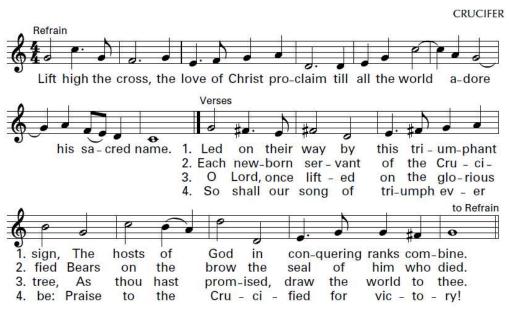
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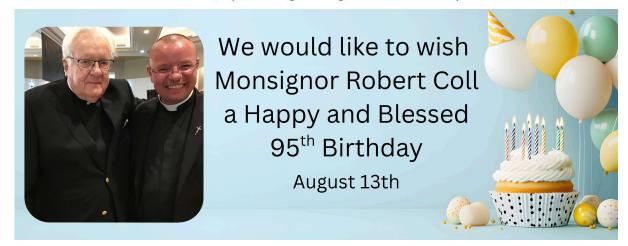


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### Music Ministry Sign-Ups





Members of the Music Ministry will be outside the Narthex with information and sign-up forms. No audition required. Come and join a spirit-filled ministry that praises the Lord in song!

Give it a try. No commitments just yet.

### Music making opportunities for all ages!

Children's Choir: 3rd-6th Graders with Mr. Persin

Youth Choir: 7th-12th Graders. 5:00pm Sunday Mass. Service Hours Provided.

Adult Choir: With Edward Persin. Christmas Music rehearsals have just begun!

Musical Instrumentalist at Mass: Contact Edward Persin

For more information, or to see how you or your child's musical gifts can be shared with our Parish family, please contact Mr. Edward Persin, Director of Music: Edward@sjecc.com or 239.566.8740

New members accepted throughout the year

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

# BLUE MASS

\*\*\* Honoring First Responders of All Faiths \*\*\*

Show your gratitude and support for the men and women who serve our community.

Join us as we gather and pray for all our first responders, active, retired and fallen, and their families.



SATURDAY SEPT. 13 5:00P.M. MASS

REFRESHMENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN THE BALLROOM

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### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Your weekly contributions to

St. John the Evangelist help us in our continued efforts to bring Christ to our parishioners and the community and to make a difference in the lives of so many. Scan below to get started. If you need assistance, have questions, or need to make changes to an existing reoccurring donation, please call Karen Beebe 239.566.8740.

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If you currently give online and would like to STOP receiving offertory envelopes, please contact Rachael Jensen in the Main Office: 239.566.8740 or rachael@sjecc.com

### **DONATION REMINDERS**

Please review the guidelines below to help streamline the counting process for our volunteers.

### Offertory

Our collections are taken at the end of Mass at all exits of the Church. We ask that you use your weekly envelope and write your envelope number on the memo line of your check. Make the check payable to **St. John the** 

**Evangelist.** We cannot accept checks made payable to CASH.

#### St. Vincent de Paul

Make check payable to St. Vincent de Paul

### Jamaica Outreach Program

Make check payable to **JOP** 

\*Only donations by St. John the Evangelist registered parishioners will be tracked.
Additionally, if you are not an SJECC registered parishioner, you will not receive a year-end tax statement.

### **OFFERTORY**

**7/23/25 - 7/29/25** \$38,231.81

**7/30/25 - 8/5/25** \$58,400.58

**Total Households** 3559



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### **MEMORIAL GARDEN**

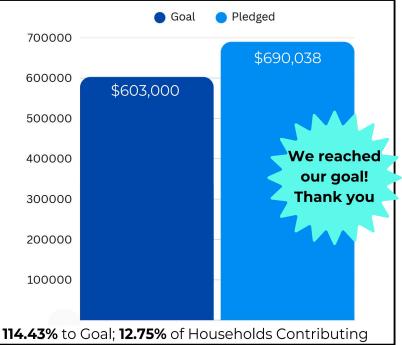
To maintain the dignity of our Memorial Garden, permanent plants, artificial flowers, statues, balloons, pinwheels, vigil lights, breakable objects, rocks, food, and alcohol are not permitted on the memorial markers. Additionally, we do not permit adornments that are considered hazardous to personnel caring for the area. We welcome fresh-cut flowers throughout the year. Once flowers have withered, we will remove them. Flowers may also be removed for routine mowing or maintenance, if needed. Thank you for helping to maintain the dignity of our Memorial Garden.

### 2025 Catholic Faith Appeal



# TO DONATE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:

- Use a contribution envelope from the CFA table in the Narthex
- Give directly on the Diocese of Venice website at dioceseofvenice.org/waysto-give/cfa
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page



## **VOCATIONS**

The Office of Vocations seeks to encourage and support young people as they discern God's call to priesthood and consecrated religious life. Discernment for the priesthood is crucial as it ensures those called by God to serve as priests have a deep understanding of their role, are well-prepared to lead the community and contribute to the health and continuity of the Catholic Church. With annual expenses of more than \$75,000 per seminarian, the CFA provides financial assistance needed to educate and form the future generations of Priests.

Religious Sisters dedicate their lives to serving God through prayer, ministry and various works of charity in locations where those most in need are the focus of their efforts. This includes service in educational roles, nurturing the intellectual, spiritual and moral formation of youth.

The Permanent Diaconate Program facilitates the discernment and formation of men called to the role of Permanent Deacon. A five-year formation program of prayer and study helps to prepare them for service in the Church. Deacons assist at the Sacred Liturgy, confer Baptism and witness Marriage. Many Deacons also help their Parishes in other varied ways.





- 17 **SEMINARIANS**
- 23 RELIGIOUS SISTERS
- 84 PERMANENT DEACONS





### Sacraments

#### SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

**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.

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

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. John the Evangelist offers the healing sacrament of Reconciliation in the Church confessionals on Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass and Saturday at 9:00 a.m.and 2:00-2:45 p.m.



### Weekly Divine Mercy Reflection

"Reflections on Divine Mercy" provides an awakening to the abundant Mercy of God. It offers reflections and prayers to assist us in understanding the Mercy poured forth from the Heart of Jesus as it is revealed in the writings of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. These gems are selected from the book titled "Daily Reflections on Divine Mercy, 365 Days with Saint Faustina "John Paul Thomas (Stockbridge, MA)

#### **Reflection 29: Moments of Consolation**

Just at the right time, if we are wholeheartedly seeking God every day, we will find that we receive a moment of consolation. It may be an unexpected peace or joy, we may feel enlightened and encouraged, or we may just sense the presence of God in our lives. Whatever the case may be, remember the moments of consolation you receive. They will not accompany us every day, but they are given at certain moments to remind us God is with us. Remember those moments, especially when you struggle (See Diary #27).

Reflect, today, upon the last moment you experienced some grace or consolation from God. What was He telling you through that experience? Ponder it, sit with it, be grateful for it and remember it. Let God speak to you through those experiences and never forget what He says.

Lord, I thank You for I oving me with a perfect love. I thank You for coming to me in the moments I need You the most. Help me to always savor those moments and to remember them when life is difficult. Jesus, I trust in You.



### Mass Intentions

Saturday, August	Requested By		
8:30 AM	+	Randy Baldwin	Mike and Maureen Reed
Vigil Masses for Sunday			
3:00 PM	+	Dolores M. Kernochan	Pauline Cataldo
5:00 PM	+	Lambert and Louise Abell	Kathy and Bob Sims
Sunday, August 1	7, 202	Requested By	
7:00 AM	+	Riley and Smalley Families	Julie Bechant
9:00 AM	+	Charles Mazzoni	Mazzoni Family
11:00 AM	+	Dr. John Vitale	Sissman Family
1:00 PM	+	Robert Naples	Frances Naples
5:00 PM	SI	For Our Parishioners	
Monday, August 1	18, 20	Requested By	
8:30 AM	+	Andrew Grutkowski	Family
Tuesday, August 1	19, 20	Requested By	
8:30 AM	+	Enza Emiliani	Carol and Dennis Robilotto
Wednesday, August 20, 2025			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Albert Seghi	Dale and Patty Chiara
Thursday, August 21, 2025			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Dan Wagner	The Baker Family
Friday, August 22, 2025			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Virginia Coman	John Benson
Saturday, August 23, 2025			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	John Porco	Joseph and Sandra De Jesus
(Vigil Masses for Sund	lay)		
3:00 PM	+	For Our Parishioners	
5:00 PM	+	Kay Lain	Jack Lain
Sunday, August 2	4, 202	<u>5</u>	
7:00 AM	+	Allen Bollam	Ellen Mohlenhoff
9:00 AM	+	Amato Natale	The Velez Family
11:00 AM	+	Pat Doherty	Susan Greer
1:00 PM	+	Nicholas Costanza and John Spagnola	Judith Costanza

### **Recently Deceased**

5:00 PM

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Carol Barrus , Mitch Dario, Gottfried Kotscher, Kathleen Kotscher

+ Lori Serrano



Victor Serrano

### Prayer List

Heavenly Father, we lift all who are suffering from illness and difficulties to You. Grant them Your comfort and solace, replacing their pain with hope and joy. Surround them with supportive friends and family, who can offer love and encouragement during this difficult time. Let them feel Your presence and assurance, knowing that healing is possible through Your grace. I pray that their faith strengthens, and they embrace the journey toward recovery with courage. Amen.

Robert A'Hearn Michele Amato Rory Anderson Michael Angelillo John Anthony James B. Angelo Babbo Mandy Bailey Crystall Ball Nancy Barragan Jennifer Basile Jerry Benedetto Scott Bjornson Marjorie Blazevic Patty Bleicher Bill Braunius Kathy Brode Erin Campbell Frank Carillo Linda Carini Michael Cerankowski Jennifer Michelle Chirichella Terry Hansberry

Mr. and Mrs. Ciano Darlene Clark Domine Clemons Monsignor Coll Kenneth Coloma, Sr Enrique Coloma Merlyn Comeriato Julia Conifrey

Francine Crawford Rich Davidson Raphael DeAza Sue Delaney George Deuchar Phyllis Devlin Julie Dieter

Donna Dimare Dawn Donald Daniel Drobenko Tom Duncan Megan Ebert

Baby Bennett Edington Danielle Eisenberg Joan Eisenberg Smith Tom Endres

Elkin Escobar **Evans Family** 

Joan Exner Tim Faust Pattie Fawcett Diane Fischer Denise Fisher Moss Raymond Foley Darlene Follese Ronald Fongemie Ronald Forbis II Peter & Phyllis Foti Ann Marie Fuller Barbara & Lester Fuller Bennett Gilbert

Aya Goltseker Sam Greenberg Peter Greenberg Denise Guido Gary Gwizdala Paul Hagerty Eric Handler Rebecca Hansberry Saralane Harrer Fr. George Hazler Hearson Family Elaine Hill Evzen Hlavacek

Fr. Len Gioeli

Fia Hutt Cici Hutt Joseph Jannuccilli Marcia Johnson Rick Jones Rita Jones

Baby Bayli Kaufman Tim Keating Yvonne Keenan Lynne Keevan

H. K.

Hannah K & Kathleen Kotscher

Richard Kruger Clayton Kunkle Frank Landi Jeana Lang Charlotte LaPlaca Myles Levy-Vixler Nancy Loftus Dan Loggi

Drew Loggi Michele Loggi

Baby Hudson Matthew Lopez

**Bob Lutz** Carole Mancini Patricia Mapre Deb Marsh Lonnie Martin Laurel Martone

Marv A. Jim Matiach Patricia Matre Lana McBride

Elaine & Doug McCracken Dorothy Michalowski Salvatore Minardi Eileen Miner

Maryann Mondragom Giuliana Morse-Ballachino

Mark Moss Griffin Myers Ibeth Noelia Marylee Olsen Cindy Orlando Jim Pankau Eric Parker

Judith Ann Patterson Frank Pawlowski

Ludmila Pridalova

Ken Rapp Kenny Rapp Rick Rondinelli Theresa Rowe David Russell Peggy O'Neil Saba Steve Salinas

Lisa Sanfelippo

Lee Schilling Catherine Schmacht

Thomas Scudero Albert Senatore Wendy Sequeira Katheryn Shapiro Christopher Shea

Bernard & Martina Sherman

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Josephine Sparno Ila Stienly

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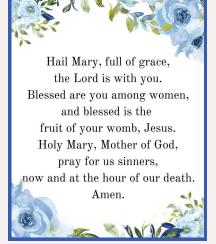
Szczerbaniuk Fernando Trevino Lisa Marie Turner Raymond Vanasse Diane VanderHorst

Evan Vider Ken Villone Gina Vitale Adam Wais

Carol Watchmaker

Anne White Nancy Whiteman Mary Lou Widloski Eugene D. Williams II Lothar Winklbauer

Harry Witt Paul Wyzoski Carolyn Zorn



### Military Prayer List



Let Us Pray For Those Who Serve... Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Praying for Our Men and Women in Service – We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK

Cadet Samantha Bocis, West Point

Sam Bradley, Marines Mark Burger, US Army Stephen Burger, US Army

Lieutenant Carson Brial – US Navy Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary

Private David Clark

Gavin Cooper, Navy, EMN3

First Lieutenant: Dante Dalmaso- US Army

Captain Quentin Danyov, US Army

Adam Decker

Alexander Denha 1st Lt. Army Ranger, Ft. Bragg N.C.

Major Derek-Army National Guard

Nick Detloff

LCDR Andrew Douglas, United States Navy, Japan

Sean Duffin- US Army

Capt. Stephen English - US Army

Jude Fanton USMC

Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Dwight Fritz III, Marines

SFC Lon Giancola

Matthew Gordon, US Navy SFC Douglas Hennessy

1st Lieutenant Brock Hinkle- US Army, Germany

Zachary Horwitch, GSM US Navy.

2nd Lieutenant Daniel Huber, US Marines Cadet Sloane Janopoulos, USAF Academy Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy Capt. Ashlyn M. Kennedy, USMC Quantico Senior Airman Jack Kirk, US Airforce

Max Koeppl - Midshipman, USMMA, Kings Point, NY

Sgt. Nicholas LaManna

Captain William E. McDonnell-US Marine Corps

Sgt. William McKinney

PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft. Eustis, VA Lieutenant Joseph Moses, Naval Aviator

Col. Brian Murphy Lt. Col. Jill Murphy

2nd Lieutenant, Samantha Naples, US Marine Corps

1st Sargent Jake Nowicki

Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment

Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – US Army

1st Lieutenant Deanna Ogrinc, US Army

Finley Donald Patterson- US Army Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps

Daniel Petito – US Army

Captain Anthony James Raguso, US Marines

1st Lieutenant Robert W. Raleigh IV - US Marine Corps

Lt. Jill Rice, Commander in the US Navy Lt. Joseph Rice, Commander in the US Navy

Duke Roach- US Navy Grayson Roberts- US Navy Steven Robinson, US Army Clayton Rutz, US Army

Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army

Hunter Scalzo - Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry

Sophie Sekutera - Captain US Army Luke Sekutera - Captain US Army Ben Sekutera Captain US Army Lieutenant Jane Shelley- US Navy Commander Adam Shields- US Navy

Charlie Sjostrom-Martinez

Austin Spagnola

Captain Fox Stevens- US Army, South Korea First Lieutenant Matthew Stevenson, USMC LTJG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans

Corporal Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps Captain Grant Ullrich, US Army in Kuwait

Lance Corporal, Christopher Vandyck- US Marine Corps

1st Lieutenant Mackenzie Warren- Space Force 1st Lieutenant Hollis Webster- Space Force

Petty Officer 3rd Class, Logan Wehrheim- US Navy

Andrew Wieland US Air Force

SFC Eugene Williams-US Army in Poland Kaden Winckel, Airman 1st Class, USAF

Michael Wolfe- US Marines

Master Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey

Tech. Sgt. Kaitlin Zecchino

Austin Zicht - USAF

### Add a Name to Our Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to either of our prayer lists or delete a name, please contact our Main Office 239.566.8740. Names will stay on the prayer list for six months.

### Ministries & Groups

**AA** Brian R. 732-735-7037

**Al-Anon** For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

**Arimatheans.** Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact the Main Office 239.566.8740

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – The Cenacle is an opportunity to pray for the conversion of our American family in support of protecting the human rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. We do this as a community in the presence of our Lord, present in the Tabernacle, with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and other traditional Catholic prayers. The Cenacle meets Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm in the Main Sanctuary. For additional information, contact us at 239.250.0432 or relife@aol.com

**Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina** – Mondays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947

Faith Chat. Thursdays at 9:30am in the Antioch Room of the Claussen Center. All are welcome to join us for this study. Coffee & snacks will be provided. Faith Chat will not be meeting during the month of August. On September 4, we will begin our new study in our Bibles on ROMANS. We will be studying the first Three chapters. For more information, please contact Janis Bolbrock: janis\_bolbrock@msn.com

**Grief Support** - Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Are you a widow or widower? Are you grieving any other type of loss? Are you looking for support and healing? St. John the Evangelist provides group and individual grief support services. **All sessions for the month of August have been canceled. We will resume in September.** To register, send your name and telephone number to Deacon Hal: Hal@sjecc.com or Maria Chappe: maria@sjecc.com. Individual sessions may be scheduled by calling the Parish Office: 239.566.8740.

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

**Knights of Columbus.** The Knights of Columbus 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. Contact Grand Knight, Jack McHale: mchale.jack57@gmail.com

**Knights of Columbus - Wheelchair Program.** If you or someone you know are in need of a wheelchair, contact Bill Fuller at 239-280-8870 or wfullerl@comcast.net

**Knitting & Crocheting**. Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. No experience necessary. Donations, both monetary and yarn, are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867 or sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com. https://stjohnknittersandcrocheters.wordpress.com/

Ladies of Charity. Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We serve the poor, sick, and marginalized in our community. Membership is open to any Catholic woman. For more information, please contact Lauren Pavlovich at: ilove2sing@icloud.com.

Legion of Mary. The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of lay people, priests, and religious under the patronage of our Blessed Mother; One with Mary's love and Mary's will, dedicated to bring Christ to the world and to the souls who need Him, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Claussen Center. sjeccadoration@gmail.com

Pray the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena -Every Saturday at 8:20 a.m. before Mass on the 1st Saturday and immediately after Mass on the other Saturdays of the month. Allan Degnan:, 239-919-4465

Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited 50 minutes before daily Mass begins, at 7:40 a.m. Contact Barbara Hardebeck: 765-714-6589

Quilting Ministry - Meets on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. Donations, both monetary and fabric, welcome. Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867, sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com. https://stjohnquilting.wordpress.com

**Respect Life -** We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. The team participates in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Naples each 1st Friday of every month 9am-12pm. For more info, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.

**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 washable, child friendly fabrics are welcome. No supplies PLEASE. If you like to sew, we encourage you to come and see what we are about. Please contact Marianne Swan 305.965.5980, email swan11@bellsouth.net or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

**Streaming Ministry.** Our steaming ministry provides the homebound and parishioners who are away from Naples the opportunity to view our Masses. We stream weekday Masses and three weekend Masses. Contact colleen@sjecc.com.

### Ministries & Groups

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We give glory to God by offering direct/in-home 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 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in classroom 1, in the Parish Life Center. For more information, contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDPnaples.org.

Well-Read Mom. The St. John chapter of the national organization Well-Read Mom meets from October through July, with an evening kickoff and informational meeting for both sessions on September 3rd, 2025, at 6:30PM. Evening sessions meet the first Wednesdays of each month from 6:30 to 8:00PM. Morning sessions meet the first Thursday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30AM. For more information, email <a href="mailto:aff@sjecc.com">aff@sjecc.com</a> and register at wellreadmom.com. The \$50 annual enrollment fee includes a Study Guide for all books for the year.

## Our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Saint John the Evangelist Church

People Got Help. You Helped People.

The St John members of St Vincent de Paul **helped 74 Families and Individuals** in the last eight months, October - May.

**39% MORE** people Got Help, versus Last Year. St John has 15 Caseworkers, who help those people, our Neighbors.

Helping Neighbors to Stay-In-Their-Home is the major Mission of St Vincent de Paul at St John. We extend spiritual and financial support, lifelines during the lean months, to help our Neighbors continue to live with dignity.

Your Support stays here in Naples and is deeply valued



This perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Sorrowful Mother will bring people closer to Christ and His Sorrowful Mother.

### **Upcoming Novena Dates**

September 5, 2025 October 3, 2025

#### **Novena Time**

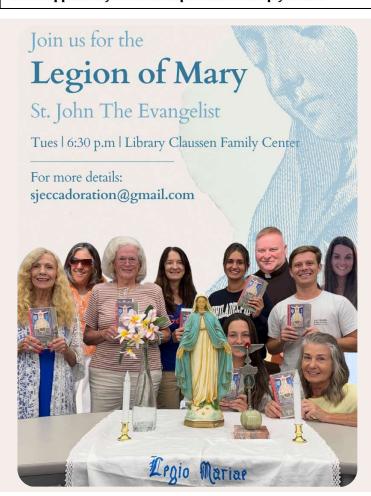
The first Friday of every month after the morning Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church 625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108

## Why choose a Novena dedicated to Mary?

Mary plays an important role in our salvation and we plea for her intercession so that we may follow her example in following Christ her Son. Our church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. People are looking for someone who cares for them and the Sorrowful Mother has her arms open to welcome and listen.

## Why a Novena specifically to honor our Sorrowful Mother?

Mary has promised to grant seven graces to the souls who honor her by meditating on her tears and sorrows.





### Gift Shop



### Eucharistic Revival

The four pillars for St. John the Evangelist Year of Parish Revival are: Reinvigorate Worship, Personal Encounter, Robust Faith Formation, and Missionary Sending.

#### **Reinvigorate Worship**

Attentiveness to full preparation, reverent celebration, and offering many opportunities for parishioners to experience the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist more profoundly.

#### **Personal Encounter**

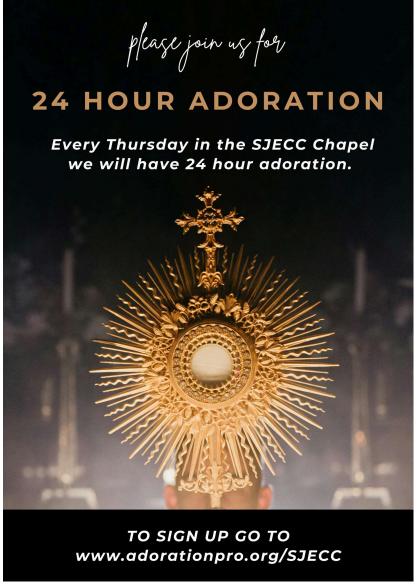
Active encouragement and facilitation for increased participation in Eucharistic Adoration by our parishioners.

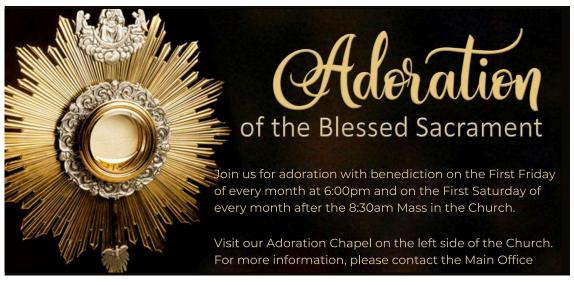
#### **Robust Faith Formation**

Providing opportunities in our Faith
Formation and Youth Ministry for instruction
about the Eucharist; and personal
engagement for our children, young adults,
and their families. Providing parishioners
resources to learn more about the Real
Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

#### **Missionary Sending**

Welcoming our parishioners and their families when they are drawn to the Church for sacraments. Proactive outreach and welcome to non-Catholics to join our Church. Attentiveness to our Eucharistic Ministry to encourage ongoing learning and to engage more volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers who bring Christ to all in our Parish, both at Mass and to those who are not able to attend Mass.





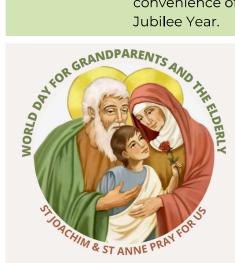
Jesus has made
Himself the Bread
of Life to give us
life. Night and day,
He is there. If you
really want to grow
in love, come back
to the Eucharist,
come back to that
Adoration.

~Mother Teresa

### Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



The 2025 Jubilee Year, as established by Pope Francis, has begun. Five locations in the Diocese of Venice have been designated as Jubilee pilgrimage sites by Bishop Frank J. Dewane: Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, St. John XXIII Parish in Fort Myers, **St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples**, St. Paul Parish in Arcadia, and Our Lady of Perpetual Health Retreat & Spirituality Center in Venice. These five locations, located in each of the geographical regions (Deaneries) of the Diocese, were selected for the convenience of the faithful, so that they may take advantage of the grace of the Jubilee Year.



Dear brothers and sisters,

The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age. When that hope has also been tempered by fire over the course of a long life, it proves a source of deep happiness.

Sacred Scripture offers us many examples of men and women whom the Lord called late in life to play a part in his saving plan. We can think of Abraham and Sarah, who, advanced in years, found it hard to believe when God promised them a child. Their childlessness seemed to prevent them from any hope for the future.

Zechariah's reaction to the news of John the Baptist's birth was no different: "How can this be? I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years" (Lk 1:18). Old age, barrenness and physical decline apparently blocked any hope for life and fertility in these men and women. The question that Nicodemus asked Jesus when the Master spoke to him of being "born again" also seems purely rhetorical: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (Jn 3:4). Yet whenever we think that things cannot change, the Lord surprises us with an act of saving power.

#### The elderly as signs of hope

In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old (cf. Ex 7:7). God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope. Augustine asks, "What do we mean by old age?" He tells us that God himself answers the question: "Let your strength fail, so that my strength may abide within you, and you can say with the Apostle, 'When I am weak, then I am strong'" (Super Ps. 70,11). The increasing number of elderly people is a sign of the times that we are called to discern, in order to interpret properly this moment of history. The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled (cf. Gen 48:8-20). If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

### Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

#### Signs of hope for the elderly

From biblical times, the Jubilee has been understood as a time of liberation. Slaves were freed, debts were forgiven and land was returned to its original owners. The Jubilee was a time when the social order willed by God was restored, and inequalities and injustices accumulated over the years were remedied. Jesus evoked those moments of liberation when, in the synagogue of Nazareth, he proclaimed good news to the poor, sight to the blind and freedom for prisoners and the oppressed (cf. Lk 4:16-21). Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment. This year is a fitting time to do so. God's fidelity to his promises teaches us that there is a blessedness in old age, an authentic evangelical joy inspiring us to break through the barriers of indifference in which the elderly often find themselves enclosed. Our societies, everywhere in the world, are growing all too accustomed to letting this significant and enriching part of their life be marginalized and forgotten.

Given this situation, a change of pace is needed that would be readily seen in an assumption of responsibility on the part of the whole Church. Every parish, association and ecclesial group is called to become a protagonist in a "revolution" of gratitude and care, to be brought about by regular visits to the elderly, the creation of networks of support and prayer for them and with them, and the forging of relationships that can restore hope and dignity to those who feel forgotten. Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are. In this case, it urges us to work for a change that can restore the esteem and affection to which the elderly are entitled That is why Pope Francis wanted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated primarily through an effort to seek out elderly persons who are living alone. For this reason, those who are unable to come to Rome on pilgrimage during this Holy Year may "obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, the elderly who are alone... making, in a sense, a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (cf. Mt 25:34-36)" (APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, Norms for the Granting of the Jubilee Indulgence, III). Visiting an elderly person is a way of encountering Jesus, who frees us from indifference and loneliness.

### As elderly persons, we can hope

The Book of Sirach calls blessed those who have not lost hope (cf. 14:2). Perhaps, especially if our lives are long, we may be tempted to look not to the future but to the past. Yet, as Pope Francis wrote during his last hospitalization, "our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope" (Angelus, 16 March 2025). We possess a freedom that no difficulty can rob us of: it is the freedom to love and to pray. Everyone, always, can love and pray.

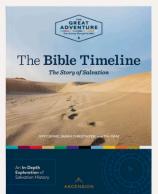
Our affection for our loved ones – for the wife or husband with whom we have spent so much of our lives, for our children, for our grandchildren who brighten our days – does not fade when our strength wanes. Indeed, their own affection often revives our energy and brings us hope and comfort. These signs of living love, which have their roots in God himself, give us courage and remind us that "even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor 4:16). Especially as we grow older, let us press forward with confidence in the Lord. May we be renewed each day by our encounter with him in prayer and in Holy Mass. Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age.

From the Vatican, 26 June 2025 LEO PP. XIV

### Adult Faith Formation

### The Bible Timeline: Old Testament Study – Tuesdays Beginning August 12th

Join Us Tuesdays beginning August 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:30PM as Sue Hamiliton Facilitates the Study of the Old Testament Using the Bible Timeline. This study will run through December 2025. Study Materials available at the first session for \$40.00. The Study will take place in the Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center. Please Register by sending an email to <u>AFF@sjecc.com</u> to join.





### The Study Set Includes:

- The Full-Color Bible Timeline Workbook Provides session overviews, home reading assignments, engaging study questions, responses, and talk notes for the video presentations.
- The Bible Timeline Chart A fascinating, color-coded overview of the twelve Bible Timeline periods, the historical context for each book of the Bible, and the family tree of Jesus Christ.
- The Bible Timeline Bookmark A handy color-coded bookmark with a summary of the twelve Bible Timeline periods and a list of the scriptural books that tell the stories of each period.

The Bible Timeline study Program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven through Scripture. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



We welcome you to inquire about our Catholic Faith and the many blessings it has to offer you

A Journey of Faith

The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a process designed for you:

- To ask questions about the Catholic Faith
- To explore the beauty of Sacred Scripture and Catholic Tradition
- To journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil

#### The OCIA journey is for those:

- Never Baptised
- Baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholic as an infant, but not raised as a Catholic or received additional Sacraments
- Catholics who do not practice their faith, and want to connect with the Sacramental way of life
- Catholics who have left the Church, and want to return to their Sacramental roots

For additional information about OCIA, please contact DeChelle Summers: dechelle.summers@gmail.com



### This Week on Formed

Week of August 17, 2025



#### Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



#### The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



#### Mary, Queen of Heaven | Brother Francis

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

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### Adult Faith Formation



### 7 SECRETS OF THE EUCHARIST A study based on Vinny Flynn's book of 7 Secrets of the Eucharist

This book was written to summon all Catholics to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ hidden in the Eucharist. We all need books like this to help us grow spiritually, to remind us of what we are doing in the Mass, and to summon us to receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist with fuller awareness and participation ~Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J.

As we journey during this Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite you to join us on this 8-week study of the 7 SECRETS OF THE EUCHARIST.

Dates: Tuesdays, September 30 – November 18

Time: 9:30-11 a.m.

Where: Alexandria Room in the Clausen Center

Facilitator: Jean Kechejian

To register email the Office of Faith Formation: <u>aff@sjecc.com</u>. The book may be purchased in the Gift Shop for \$10.

## This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, August 19th

The Bible Timeline 12:00-1:30PM Alexandria Room

#### Thursday, August 21st

Faith Chat 9:30AM-11:00AM Claussen Center

#### **Thursday, August 21st**

Men's Bible Study 7:00-8:00PM Rooms 1 & 2 - Parish Activity Center

### **Coming this Fall!**

### Season 5 of the CHOSEN

8 episodes weekly on Wednesdays 9:30-11:00AM October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>



#### TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEART THROUGH READING AND FRIENDSHIP





Eucharist

### YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR Well Read Morn SMALL GROUP!

Well-Read Mom accompanies women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true.

Well-Read Mom groups read one book per month and meet to discuss once a month. Book selections for each year correspond to the themes of a woman's life. This year we are excited to dive into the theme of "teacher"

KICK OFF MEETING!

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Come and learn more about our Well-Read Mom group at St. John.
Please let us know you are coming by emailing us at AFF@sjecc.com.

Year of the Teacher

"Without confidence and love, there can be no true education." — Saint John Bosco

\$49.95 a year per member To register today, or for more information: WellReadMom.com. DATE/TIME Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 6:30-8:00PM

PLACE St. John the Evangelist 625 111th Ave North

Naples, FL 34108

Francie Mourad & Lisa Brochu \*Morning & Evening Groups

CONTACT AFF@sjecc.com

Scan here for more info!



### Faith Formation



## FATIH FORMATION REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

NAYOUTH-ADULT Faith Formation Late Registration through August 29th

Register Now! We will do our best to accommodate preferences of those that register late.

### Thank you for your patience and understanding.

K-8 – Meets Wednesdays 5:00-6:15PM or Sundays 9:30-10:45AM High School Confirmation – Select Sundays 3:30-6:00PM

## Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation 2025-2026 Calendar Online Now! REGISTRATION OPEN NOW ONLINE

Opening Session Days:

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>



## High School Confirmation 2025-2026 Calendar Online NOW! REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW ONLINE

OPENING SESSIONS DAY: Sunday, September 21st

3:30 PM-6:00 PM \*Includes 5:00 PM Mass celebrated all together.

\*Parent Session in the Nazareth room 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



## PREK- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Pagistration OPEN NOW- Sessions most Wodn

### Registration OPEN NOW- Sessions meet Wednesdays – 12:30-2:30PM

The Saint John the Evangelist pre-school catechism class, based on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 1 program meets on Wednesday afternoons between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The program is under the direction of Charlotte A. Williams. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children. Level 1 is given to children from the ages of 3 years old up to 6 years old. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd's (CGS) formation of the child is rooted in the Bible and Liturgy and is founded on the educational principles of Maria Montessori. The children gather in the "atrium", which is a room prepared for them containing simple yet beautiful materials that they use to help them absorb the most essential proclamations of our Catholic faith.



## SAVE THE DATE A Night in Bethlehem

## Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM

Volunteer Registration Open NOW! Family Tickets available September 1st

vbspro.events/p/5b5bda





#### Welcome to Fr. Jacob!

We welcome Fr. Jacob to our Parish and look forward to all we have to learn from him! Fr. Jacob began his first day with a weeklong trip to Lifeteen Camp Covecrest with our youth!



### Faith Formation

#### CHILDREN'S RESOURCES



Please visit our Children's resource area across from the bathrooms before and after Mass. We have books to borrow during the Mass as well as coloring sheets for the little ones, crayons, kid bulletins and so much more! We are blessed to have so many families in church and hope you enjoy this special resource area. Kindly return materials to their place after Mass for other to use.

Thank you!







#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

SAVE THE DATE for next year!

June 8th -12th

Camper Registration Opens March 1st, 2026

Youth Registration Opens to Parishioners January 1st, 2026

Volunteer Team Information Coming Soon!



### Children's and Youth Choirs



### OPEN TO ANY CHILD IN 3RD-6TH GRADE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO SEE HOW YOUR CHILD'S MUSICAL GIFTS CAN BE SHARED WITH OUR PARISH FAMILY. PLEASE CONTACT MR. EDWARD PERSIN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: EDWARD@SJECC.COM OR 239.566.8740



For more information, or to see how your child's musical gifts can be shared with our parish family, please contact Mr. Edward Persin, Director of Music: edward@sjecc.com or 239.566.8740

### Youth Ministry & Young Adults



### SJECC YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR – MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Ministry at St. John's is where Faith Formation comes to life beyond the classroom! It's the ideal place for middle and high school students to express their faith in fun, meaningful, and engaging ways. Whether it's volunteering in the parish, enjoying community nights filled with games and laughter, or spending time in prayer through the Rosary, Adoration, or small group discussions, there's something for everyone. Our aim is to grow in faith together. Youth Ministry is more than just a program—it's a community. All youth are welcome and encouraged to join us for any of the scheduled events throughout the year. Come as you are, bring a friend, and get ready to encounter Christ in new and exciting ways!

### SEPTEMBER

Sun. 9/21: Attend the 11 a.m. Mass with Max Berman

- Open to middle and high school students.
  - Contact Max if attending.
- Donuts and coffee, and an open gym in the Pulte Center after Mass (open to families)
  - Year 1 & 2 Confirmation students can receive Parish service hours for this event.

Fri. 10/03: Verso L'Alto Youth Night

- Open to middle and high school students.
- Claussen Center Alexandria room from 6 p.m. to
  - Adoration, games, gym, fellowship, and
- Year 1 & 2 Confirmation can receive Parish service hours for attending and assisting.

Sun. 10/19: Attend the 11 a.m. Mass with Max Berman

Open to middle and high school students.

- Contact Max if attending.
- Donuts and coffee, and an open gym in the Pulte Center after Mass (open to families)
  - Year 1 & 2 Confirmation can receive Parish service hours for this event.

Fri. 10/31: Halloween Trunk or Treat

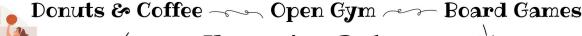
All are welcome to attend!



### 🖫 DONUTS, COFFEE & FAMILY SOCIAL 🖫 🛧

All are welcome - families, friends, and kids of all ages!

Join us once a month on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass until 1:30 p.m. in the Pulte Family Life Center. We hope to see you there!









### **Upcoming Dates**

September 21 November 9 October 19 December 14





## Middle & High School Volunteers – Use Your Gifts to Serve!

YOU ARE UNIQUE, CREATED BY GOD WITH GIFTS AND TALENTS MEANT TO BE SHARED! WHETHER YOU LOVE TO SING, SPEAK, SERVE BEHIND THE SCENES, OR JUST WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED, THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU HERE AT ST. JOHNS!



- YOUTH CHOIR
- **LECTOR**
- ALTAR SERVER
- CATECHIST ASSISTANT
- **LEUCHARISTIC MINISTER**
- **A LIVE STREAM TEAM**
- **APARISH EVENTS & OUTREACH**
- AND MORE!







ALL NAPLES YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITIES, WHERE WE COME TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF TO MEET OTHER FELLOW YOUNG CATHOLICS IN OUR DIOCESE. SEND ALONG THE INVITE. AND HELP **US BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY. SEE YOU SOON!** 

REGISTER TO OUR SJECC FLOCKNOTE TO RECEIVE TEXTS/EMAILS ABOUT **UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT EVENTS BY TEXTING CYAN TO 84576!** 



### **Events & Programs**



### Say Goodbye to Joint Pain!!

Are aching joints slowing you down? Join us for an informative and inspiring talk with Nicholas Ghanem, from Physicians Rehabilitation, to learn how this cutting-edge regenerative care treatment can help you find real relief—without surgery. Discover how non-surgical solutions work to boost your body's natural way of healing, helping you move easier, feel better, and get back to the activities you love. This lecture is the perfect opportunity to explore how you can take the first step toward a pain-free, more active lifestyle! *Knowledge is power...* educate yourself today for the resources you,

or someone that you love may need tomorrow.

Event is **FREE** but **RSVP** is required, Call 239-776-7353 to reserve your spot!



August 19, 2025 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Saint John the Evangelist 625 111th Ave N Naples, FL 34108



Adult Paint & Wine
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Pulte Family Life Center Cafe



https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adu lt-paint-night-hummingbirdtickets-1578195127109? aff=oddtdtcreator



### **BSA SCOUT TROOP 226**

IS PARTNERING WITH BEVERLY'S ANGELS FOR OUR FALL COMMUNITY GIVE BACK PROJECT

# Pajama Collection

SIZES NEWBORN - ADULT 3XL NEEDED (NEW WITH TAGS, PLEASE)

COLLECTION BOX IN ST JOHN OFFICE THROUGH AUG 31
COLLECTING BEFORE/AFTER MASS - AUG 24

POVERTY DOESN'T ALWAYS LOOK LIKE WHAT YOU EXPECT.
SOMETIMES, IT LIVES RIGHT NEXT DOOR.

MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION





TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 - 1:00 P.M. \$20 - 10 GAMES - CASH PRIZES

### **PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER**









Mondays @ 6:00pm Pulte Cafe

Light food & drinks

# JOIN US ON OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CRUISE

Holland America Line | 12-Night Panama Discovery Roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale | Jan. 18-30, 2026

DATE	PORT OF CALL	TIME
Jan. 18	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	4pm
Jan. 19	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	9am-5pm
Jan. 20/21	Days at Sea	
Jan. 22	Willemstad, Curacao	7am - 4pm
Jan. 23	Day at Sea	
Jan. 24	Enter & Cruise Panama Canal	6am
Jan. 24	Cruise Gatun Lake	11am
Jan. 24	Exit Panama Canal	2pm-3pm
Jan. 24	Colon, Costa Rica	5pm - 9pm
Jan. 25	Limon, Costa Rica	7:30am-4:30
Jan. 26	Day at Sea	
Jan. 27	Falmouth, Jamaica	7am-4pm
Jan. 28	Georgetown, Cayman Islands	7am-4pm
Jan. 29	Day at Sea	
Jan. 30	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	7am

Contact April Williams at 800.940.2394

or awilliams@cruiseandtravelexperts.com

### **PER PERSON FARES FROM\*:**

\$3,539 per person category B Vista Suite, mid-ship deck 8 \$2,889 per person category V Veranda, most mid-ship deck 5 \$2,839 per person category VA Veranda, most mid-ship deck 8 and 6

\$2,499 per person VE Veranda Deck 8 and 7, fore and aft

\$805 additional per person taxes and fees \*More categories and pricing available upon request

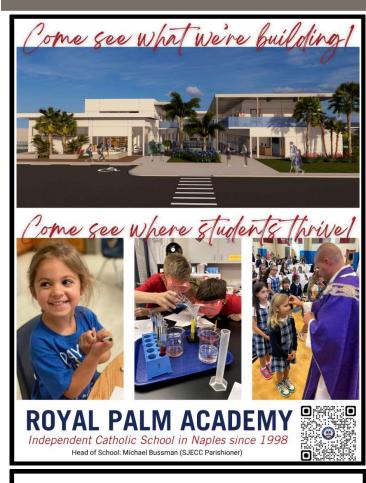
### **INCLUDED:** (with 25 passengers)

- Pre-cruise Meeting at St John's
- Bus round trip St Johns with 25 passengers (Burger King Pine Ridge Rd if not)
- Cocktail Party onboard the Rotterdam
- Deduct \$50 per person if paying balance with check for everyone.

Holland America Line's "Have it All" Package: Available for purchase for \$60 per person per day.

\*Price is per person, cruise only, based on double occupancy. Deposit is due at reservation and about 10% of final fare. Insurance highly recommended. Please see terms and conditions on flyer for financial details, responsibilities, cancellation fees and other information. Fla. Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST40081 Fla. Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST40081 O6/23/2025.

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