## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

A Diocese of Venice Jubilee Pilgrimage Site

August 24, 2025-The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# **MUSIC MINISTRY**

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! Ġive 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

#### 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 vanguished, 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

Fr. Jacob Gwynn, Associate

Fr. Len Gioeli, Retired

Deacon Jim Walworth; Deacon Hal Brenner, Senior Status

#### **Administrative Staff**

**Operations Manager:** Colleen Donnelly:

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#### OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

**Director of Religious Education: Natalie** 

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#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

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

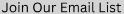
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#### **Altar Servers:**

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#### Calendar and Mass Readings

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### Sunday, August 24

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

#### Monday, August 25

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

#### **Tuesday, August 26**

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

12:00pm The Bible Timeline (Alexandria)

6:30pm Legion of Mary (Library)

#### Wednesday, August 27

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

9:00am Parish Breakfast (Pulte Cafe)

#### **Thursday, August 28**

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

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

#### Friday, August 29

8:30am Mass (Church)

6:00pm Happy Hour Karaoke (Pulte Cafe)

#### Saturday, August 30

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

#### **WEEKLY OBSERVANCES**

Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Wednesday: St. Monica

Thursday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

#### **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 26 in the Well Read Mom ad

#### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and

9b/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt

23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk

6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

#### **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):

All: 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 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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Reading 1 Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD:

I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

#### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117:1, 2

**R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News**Praise the LORD, all you nations;
glorify him, all you peoples!

**R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News** For steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

#### Reading 2 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters, You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children:
"My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges."

Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

#### Alleluia John 14:6

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

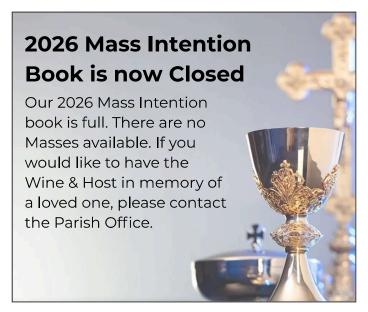
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him,

"Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them,

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."



#### Fr. Tom's Gospel Reflection



A man came to Jesus and said, "Sir, will only a few be saved?" The man was a Jew. As such he would have believed that only Jews would be admitted to the Kingdom of Heaven. Gentiles had no hope at all.

Jesus took the man's question and used it to deliver a warning to his contemporaries. He said, "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able." He was telling the Jews that they were in danger of being locked out of the Kingdom because they did not heed his call to repentance.

The main gate to a castle is generally wide, and therefore easy to enter - if you have the right credentials. These credentials have nothing to do with goodness of life. They have everything to do with having the right connections. Those who enter by the main gate are apt to puff themselves up with a feeling of self-importance. They feel they have a right to enter because of who they are.

But in all castles you will find a narrow side gate. In order to enter through this gate you have to make yourself small. You have to humble yourself. And you have to rid yourself of anything that is likely to encumber you.

This illustration helps us to understand what Jesus meant when he said, "Strive to enter the Kingdom by the narrow gate." It also helps us to understand why on another occasion he said, "Unless you become like little children, you will not enter the Kingdom." The little ones have ready access to the Kingdom. Why? Because they find it easy to make themselves small, and are adept at squeezing through narrow spaces.

All of this is important for us. We must not repeat the mistake of Jesus' contemporaries, who thought they had a divine right to enter the Kingdom. We must really want to enter God's Kingdom, and be prepared to work for it. We must be happy to get in at all, even if it means having to squeeze in.

This ought to be our attitude. We mustn't take anything for granted. We mustn't feel that all we have to do is show up, flash the ID card, or simply tell the gatekeeper that we know the Boss, and in we go. The bottom line is goodness of life. As Jesus said, "Traffic in good and not in evil."

How many will enter the kingdom of God? Will it be, as the Jews believed, a chosen few? Is the kingdom a club for members only? Certainly not. Anyone who is prepared to enter by the narrow gate will get in. At the end of the day, we have to remember that salvation is not something we can earn. It is a gift from God. Jesus opened the Kingdom to sinners, and through humility and repentance they proved themselves better candidates than the so-called virtuous. Think of the good thief he brought in at the very last moment of his life.

Truly, salvation is a gift from God. But that doesn't mean we ought not try to make ourselves worthy of the Kingdom. And we must open our hearts to others, and not begrudge God's generosity to them.



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#### Go Out to All the World and Tell the Good News



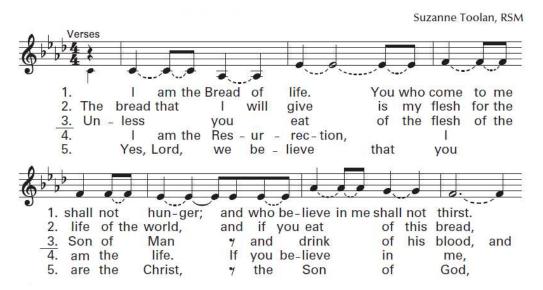
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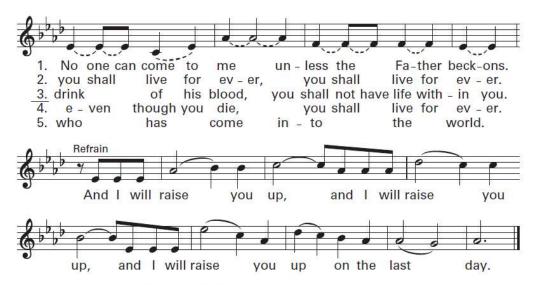
#### O God, You Search Me



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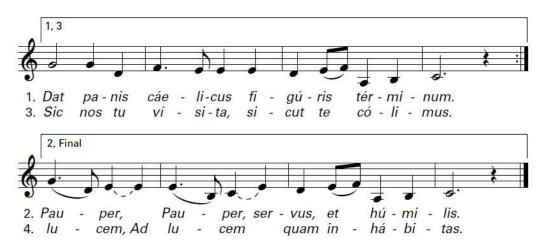
#### I Am the Bread of Life





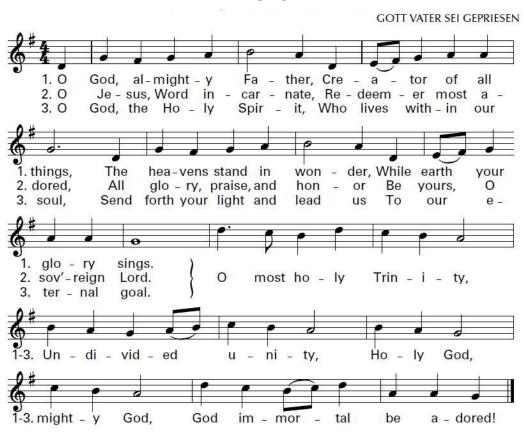
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#### O God, Almighty Father



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#### 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.



#### July Baptisms



Chandler Ehret



Madeleine Montpetit



Kaia Vanderhagen



Sloane Yavorsky



Vincent Messina

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## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### **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** 

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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** 3560

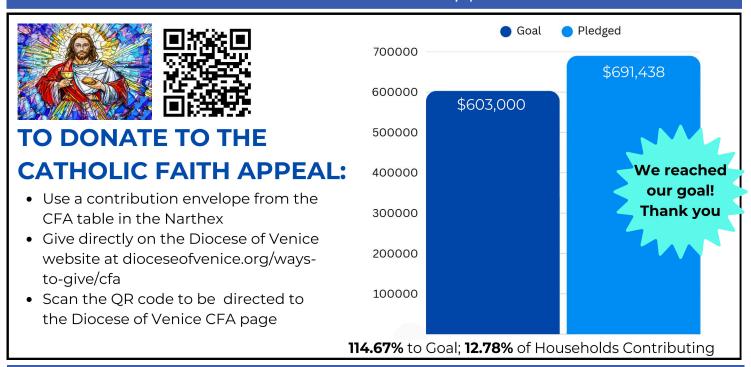


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#### **MEMORIAL GARDEN**

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



#### 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 30: Obedience to God**

One key to holiness is obedience. Adam and Eve fell from grace by disobedience and we are restored to grace by obedience. Obedience can be hard and requires a deep interior decision. Look for opportunities to be obedient to Jesus, especially when you do not feel like doing so. Those are moments of great grace and conversion (See Diary #28).

Work at being humble today. Only through humility will we see the pride that leads to disobedience. Pride leads to an obstinate persistence in our sin and a refusal to be open to God's abundant Mercy. Reflect upon your humble admission of sin and your willingness to repent of that sin so that you can imitate our Lord and His Blessed Mother in their act of perfect obedience to the Will of the Father in all things.

Lord, help me to humble myself before Your Divine Mercy. In that humility, help me to see not only my sin, but also the grace and Mercy You bestow so as to enter into the glorious life of grace You call me to live. May I obey Your perfect commands of love and so be filled with Your Mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.



#### Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23, 2025 Requested By

8:30 AM + John Porco Joseph and Sandra DeJesus

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

5:00 PM + Kay Lain Jack Lain

Sunday, August 24, 2025 Requested By

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
5:00 PM + Lori Serrano Victor Serrano

Wine and Host + John Michael Jannusch Jannusch Family

Monday, August 25, 2025 Requested By

8:30 AM + James Bestgen Anne and Joan Bestgen

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 Requested By

8:30 AM + Anthony (Tony) Cesa and Beverly J. Frato Beverly Frato Children and Grandchildren

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 Requested By

8:30 AM + Peter Paul D'Attoma Mary Ann Pelli

Thursday, August 28, 2025 Requested By

8:30 AM + Frank Szot Kelly Swan

Friday, August 29, 2025 Requested By

8:30 AM + John Christian Sally Christian

Saturday, August 30, 2025

8:30 AM + Tom Middlemiss Norma Claussen

3:00 PM + Michael Cataldo Pauline Cataldo

5:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

Sunday, August 31, 2025

7:00 AM + Frankie Andriotti Linda Coltelli
9:00 AM + Rose Rutigliano Christine Rutigliano
11:00 AM SI Myles Levy Marilyn DiEnno
1:00 PM + Frederick Fiedler Stephanie Fiedler

5:00 PM + Julianne McConville Maureen and Bob Murphy

#### **Recently Deceased**

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

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.

Maggie Stott Irene Powers Ruth Stefanek

Mary Ann Albers Kathleen Kotscher

#### 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 Eric Handler 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 and Phyllis Foti Ann Marie Fuller Barbara & Lester Fuller

Bennett Gilbert Fr. Len Gioeli Ava Goltseker Sam Greenberg Peter Greenberg Denise Guido Gary Gwizdala Paul Hagerty Terry Hansberry

Rebecca Hansberry Saralane Harrer Fr. George Hazler Hearson Family Elaine Hill Evzen Hlavacek

Fia Hutt Cici Hutt

Joseph Jannuccilli Marcia Johnson Rick Jones Rita Jones H. K.

Baby Bayli Kaufman

Tim Keating Yvonne Keenan Lynne Keevan

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 lbeth 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

John Sherman Bob Sims Jimmy Sissman Nancy Sjostrom Elaine Slipko Josephine Sparno

Ila Stienly Laura Stokes Jeanne Stoll Sally Stookey Christopher Suki Mary Surmont Catherine Szczerbaniuk Fernando Trevino Lisa Marie Turner Raymond Vanasse

Ken Villone Gina Vitale Adam Wais Carol Watchmaker Anne White Nancy Whiteman Mary Lou Widloski Eugene D. Williams II Lothar Winklbauer

Diane VanderHorst

Evan Vider

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 wfuller1@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.





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

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

"Paul" is an Independent Handyman, then his foundations buckled. We are helping him fix important things.

Paul (not his real name) does painting, pressure washing and Handyman repairs. He is also the Caregiver for his 90+ year old Stepparent. Then Paul became sick with cancer.

He is recovering, ready to start work, but his truck broke bad and needs major repairs.

We helped get his truck running so he can support his Stepparent, get back to work, regain his income and a regular life.

A stable life is difficult and a struggle. We help. Your Support stays here in Naples and is deeply valued







#### Ministries and Groups

Join us for the

## Legion of Mary

St. John The Evangelist

Tues | 6:30 p.m | Library Claussen Family Center

For more details:





ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## BLUE MASS

 $\star\star\star\star$  Honoring First Responders of All Faiths  $\star\star\star\star$ 

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

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

625 111TH AVENUE NORTH NAPLES



### **Music Ministry News: A Message of Thanks from Domine**



After a successful bone marrow transplant at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa and 90 days of quarantine, I am so grateful to finally be back home in Naples!

My most recent bone marrow biopsy came back with the best-case scenario—I am officially in remission! While this is not the end of my journey and I still have much healing ahead, it feels wonderful to be surrounded by family and familiar comforts again. For now, my focus is on rest, recovery, and taking things slow as I look toward my next biopsy in October.

Thank you again for all of your prayers and support over these challenging months—I truly don't know where I would be without them. It is because of your love and encouragement that I am so excited to announce a special "thank you" concert at St. John's on March 13th.

Please save the date!

#### **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**

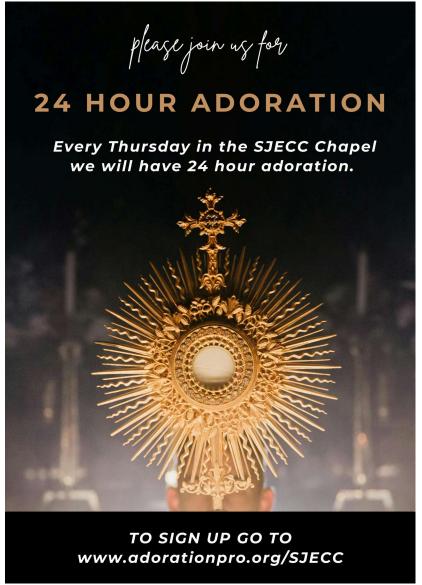
Active encouragement and facilitation for increased participation in Eucharistic Adoration by our parishioners.

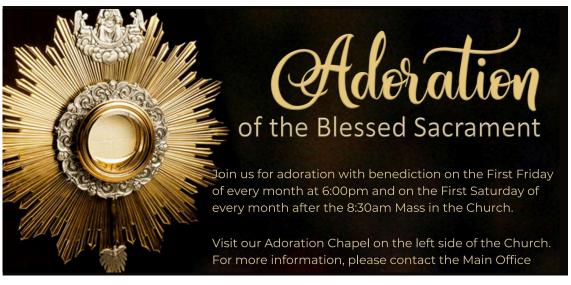
#### **Robust Faith Formation**

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.





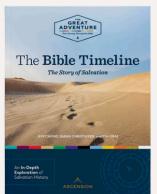
Jesus has made
Himself the Bread
of Life to give us
life. Night and day,
He is there. If you
really want to grow
in love, come back
to the Eucharist,
come back to that
Adoration.

~Mother Teresa

#### Adult Faith Formation

#### The Bible Timeline: Old Testament Study – Tuesdays Continuing August 26th

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 24, 2025



#### The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.



#### Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.



#### The Confessions of Saint Augustine

Actor Leonardo Defilippis captures the poetry and passion of Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) in a performance that is accessible and deeply moving The play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a "new age" style cult. Be inspired by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseverance of his faithful mother, Saint Monica.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

#### 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 26th

Bible Timeline with Sue Hamilton – Alexandria Room 12:00-1:30PM

#### Thursday, August 28th

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

#### Thursday, August 28th

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

HOST

Francie Mourad & Lisa Brochu \*Morning & Evening Groups

CONTACT AFF@sjecc.com

Scan here for more info!



#### Faith Formation



## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

N-YOUTH-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 14th & Wednesday, September 17th



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

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>

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







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

## Camp Covecrest 2025



#### Camp Covecrest 2025



Our youth have been strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and they are on fire for the Lord since returing from Camp Covecrest. In a world shadowed by uncertainty and anxiety, they have encountered Radiant Hope, the truth that Christ's light breaks through even the darkest moments. Mary is the perfect icon of Radiant Hope. Her "yes" at the Annunciation was given without a guarantee and only a promise. She remained steadfast at the foot of the Cross, believing in the goodness of God even when all seemed lost. Her radiance wasn't loud, but it was unwavering. She held onto hope, and in doing so, became the bearer of the world's Savior. She teaches us that radiant hope is often quiet, but always powerful. During their time at Camp Covecrest, our teens opened their hearts to Christ, allowing His love and guidance to touch their lives in profound ways.

"Let us give ourselves to the Immaculata. Let her prepare us, let her receive Him in Holy Communion. This is the manner most perfect and pleasing to the Lord Jesus and brings great fruit to us. Because the Immaculata knows the secret, how to unite ourselves totally with the heart of the Lord Jesus... We do not limit ourselves in love. We want to love the Lord Jesus with her heart, or rather that she would love the Lord with our heart."

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making it possible for our high school youth to attend this year's Catholic Camp Covecrest. Your generosity, prayers, and encouragement are greatly appreciated. Our teens are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to grow in their faith, and it wouldn't have been possible without your loving and continued support. May we, like Mary, hold fast to God's promise and let Christ's light guide us in every moment.

Juliana D'Agostino
Director of Youth Ministry

#### Youth Ministry & Young Adults



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

<u>John's is where Faith Formation comes to life beyond the classroom!</u> 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
  - o Adoration, games, gym, fellowship, and
- Year 1 & 2 Confirmation can receive Parish service hours for attending and assisting.

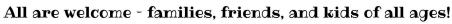
Sun. 10/19: Attend the 11 a.m. Mass with Max

- 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.





#### COFFEE & FAMILY SOCIAL

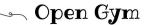


Join us once a month on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass until 1:30 p.m. in the Pulte Family Life Center. We hope to see you there!



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST











**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!

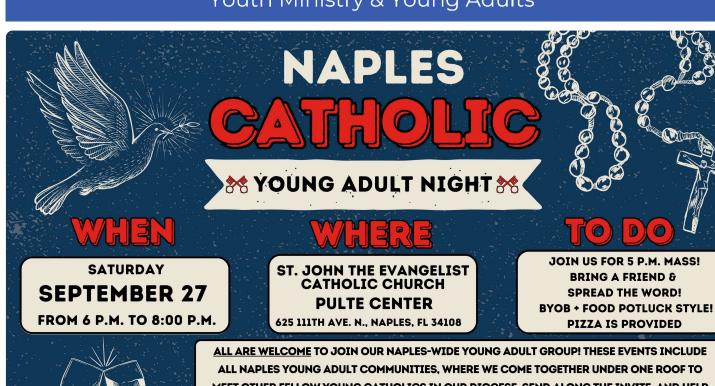


- YOUTH CHOIR
- **LECTOR**
- ALTAR SERVER
- CATECHIST ASSISTANT
- **LEUCHARISTIC MINISTER**
- **A LIVE STREAM TEAM**
- **APARISH EVENTS & OUTREACH**
- AND MORE!





#### Youth Ministry & Young Adults



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR NAPLES-WIDE YOUNG ADULT GROUP! THESE EVENTS INCLUDE 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**





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

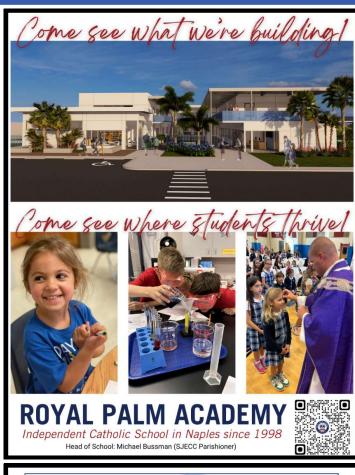


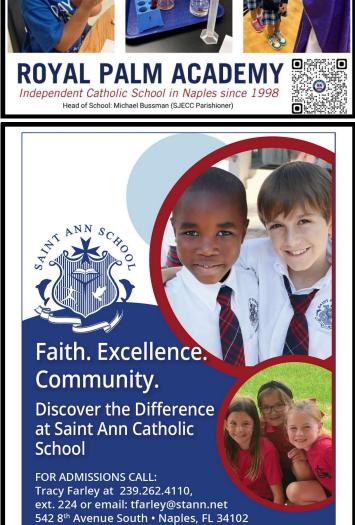
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#### JOIN US ON OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CRUISE ON HOLLAND AMERICA LINE

#### ms Rotterdam | 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

#### 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.

#### **AVAILABLE ADD-ON:**

#### Holland America Line's "Have it All" Package:

Available for purchase for \$60 per person per day. This Includes their Signature Beverage Package, 2 nights Specialty dining, \$200 per cabin shore excursion credit and their Surf WIF!!

Reserve your stateroom, at time of booking, with deposit which is approximately 10% of cruise fare, higher for suites. Travel insurance quoted at deposit and highly recommended.



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