

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

A Diocese of Venice Jubilee Pilgrimage Site

September 14, 2025-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



THAT THE WORLD
MIGHT BE
SAVED.

— JOHN 3:17 —

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

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Calendar and Mass Readings

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14

7:00am Mass (Church)
9:00am Mass (Church)
9:30am K-8 Faith Formation (PAC & Claussen)
11:00am Mass (Church)
1:00pm Mass (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

Monday, September 15

8:30am Daily Mass (Ballroom)
6:00pm Trivia (Pulte Cafe)
6:00pm OCIA (Alexandria)

Tuesday, September 16

8:30am Daily Mass (Ballroom)
12:00pm Bible Timeline (Alexandria)
1:00pm Bingo (Pulte Cafe)
6:00pm Paint & Wine (Pulte Cafe)
6:30pm Legion of Mary (Library)

Wednesday, September 17

8:30am Daily Mass (Ballroom)
9:00am Parish Breakfast (Pulte Cafe)
5:00pm K-8 Faith Formation (PAC & Claussen)

Thursday, September 18

8:30am Daily Mass (Ballroom)
6:30pm Young Adult Group (Alexandria)
7:00pm Men's Bible Study (Rooms 1&2)

Friday, September 19

8:30am Daily Mass (Ballroom)
6:00pm Happy Hour Karaoke (Pulte Cafe)

Saturday, September 20

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

Due to construction work in the Church, **Daily Mass (M-F) will take place in the Ballroom this week.** We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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 20 in the Gift Shop Ad.



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

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. People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Christ, have mercy. People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: 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 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 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Reading 1

Numbers 21:4b-9

Add a With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said,

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us."

So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses,

"Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live."

Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Hearken, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable,
I will utter mysteries from of old.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

While he slew them they sought him
and inquired after God again,
Remembering that God was their rock
and the Most High God, their redeemer.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But they flattered him with their mouths
and lied to him with their tongues,
Though their hearts were not steadfast toward
him, nor were they faithful to his covenant.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But he, being merciful, forgave their sin
and destroyed them not;
Often he turned back his anger
and let none of his wrath be roused.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Reading 2

Philippians 2:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because
by your Cross you have redeemed the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

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Our 2026 Mass Intention book is full. There are no Masses available. If you would like to have the Wine & Host in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

Music for The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Lift High the Cross


CRUCIFER

Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till all the world a-dore

Verses



his sa-cred name. 1. Led on their way by this tri-um-phiant
2. Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-
3. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious
4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er

to Refrain



1. sign, The hosts of God in con-que-ring ranks com-bine.
2. fied Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. tree, As thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to thee.
4. be: Praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!


Text: 10 10 with refrain; 1 Corinthians 1:18; George Kitchin, 1827-1912;
alt., by Michael R. Newboldt, 1874-1956. Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1875-1947.
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Do Not Forget the Works of the Lord!

(Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38)


(Psalm 78)

Francesca LaRosa



Do not for-get the works of the

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Lord! Do not for-get the works of the Lord!

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O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

ST. COLUMBA



1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Fill
2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Un -
3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, My
4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, So

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1. me with life a - new, That I may love the
2. til my heart is pure; Un - til my will is
3. will to yours in - cline, Un - til this self - ish
4. I shall nev - er die, But live with you the

1. things you love, And do what you would do.
2. one with yours, To do and to en - dure.
3. part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.
4. per - fect life For all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: CM; Edwin Hatch, 1835–1889, alt. Music: trad. Irish.

Unless a Grain of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,
it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.

Verses

1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
2. If an - y one serves — me, then they must fol - low me;
3. ‡ Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
4. If you re - main in me and my word lives in you,
5. ‡ Those who love me are loved by my Fa - ther;
6. ‡ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;

to Refrain

1. if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. —
2. wher - ev - er I am, my ser - vants will be.
3. those who re - main in me bear much fruit. —
4. then you will be my dis - ci - ples. —
5. we shall be with them and dwell in them. —
6. peace which the world can - not give is my gift.

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The Summons

KELVINGROVE
Arranged by Bobby Fisher

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

1. call your name? Will you go where you don't
 2. call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 3. call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 4. call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 5. call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

1. know And nev - er be the same? Will you
 2. kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
 3. free And nev - er be the same? Will you
 4. side And nev - er be the same? Will you
 5. you And nev - er be the same. In your

1. let my love be shown, Will you let my
 2. risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
 3. kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as
 4. use the faith you've found To re - shape the
 5. com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and

1. name be known, Will you let my life be
 2. tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 3. this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
 4. world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
 5. foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

1. grown In you and you in me?
 2. pray'r In you and you in me?
 3. mean In you and you in me?
 4. sound In you and you in me?
 5. grow In you and you in me.

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Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN TO JOY

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to

1. voic - es raise; Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness,
2. life is born, Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal,
3. God on high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior,

1. Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the
2. On this res - ur - rec - tion morn; Christ has tri-umphed,
3. Who has won the vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia

1. cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus
2. and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise, We with
3. to the Spir - it, Font of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le -

1. Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
2. him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.
3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Text: 87 87 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1872, alt.
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

Blessing of the Animals



To mark the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a short blessing for the animals who share our homes and lives. We invite you to bring your well-behaved pet, photos of pets who don't travel or have passed away, or a beloved stuffed animal.

**Saturday, October 4
10:00am**

**St. John the Evangelist
Prayer Garden**

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

OFFERTORY

8/20/25 - 8/26/25

\$47,744.11

8/27/25 - 9/2/25

\$36,834.77

Total Households

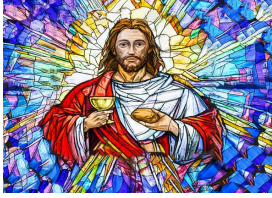
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MEMORIAL GARDEN

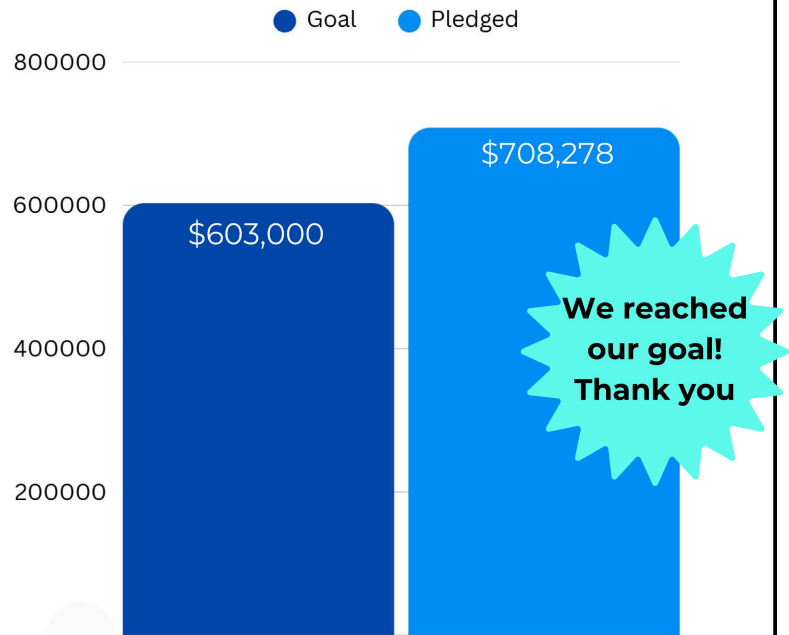
To maintain the dignity of our Memorial Garden, permanent plants, artificial flowers, statues, balloons, pinwheels, vigil lights, breakable objects, rocks, food, and alcohol are not permitted on the memorial markers. Additionally, we do not permit adornments that are considered hazardous to personnel 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/ways-to-give/cfa
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page



117.46% to Goal; 12.97% of Households Contributing

EVANGELIZATION AND RETREAT CENTERS

Celebrating
40
YEARS

The Office of Evangelization reaches out with programs and ministries to Parishes, schools, homes, workplaces, prisons and the larger community. Opportunities to experience the fullness of the Catholic faith are provided so as to draw every person to the Lord. This is accomplished through conferences, retreats, Bible studies, prison ministry, Eucharistic Congresses and other vital initiatives to strengthen the faith throughout the Diocese.



The Office of Youth and Young Adult Outreach coordinates events like the Annual Youth Rally, as well as ongoing Theology on Tap for youth and young adults to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. The younger generations face numerous challenges in our society. These programs endeavor to illuminate spiritual growth and highlight our faith tradition.



The Office of Marriage and Family Life exists to promote and strengthen families to carry out God's plan allowing the basic unit of society to grow together in holiness and raise children in the Catholic Faith. Engaged couples are formed for sacramental marriage, and married couples are empowered to become active witnesses and supporters of family life.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Campo San Jose Retreat Centers provide an ambiance to inspire a deep personal relationship with the Lord. By removing the distractions and noise of everyday life, one can more clearly listen to the Lord.



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA *OFFICE OF THE BISHOP*

August 27, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the violent conflict in Gaza continues, a grave humanitarian crisis is unfolding, with many Christians and innocent people struggling to survive. With this devastating situation in mind, I write to you in appeal for our brothers and sisters in need in the midst of these destructive events.

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has expressed his concern with the situation, saying, "I am following with great concern the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza, where the civilian population is suffering from severe hunger and remains exposed to violence and death." Our Catholic Faith calls each of us to care for those in need, and, at this time in particular, for those who are suffering in the wake of this ongoing tragedy.

Recognizing the need of those who have been so severely impacted by the conflict in the region, the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked Dioceses throughout the country to take up a special collection to assist with humanitarian aid in Gaza. Within the Diocese of Venice, the collection will be taken on the weekend of **September 20-21, 2025**

Your generosity and your prayers for the people of Gaza are deeply appreciated. May Almighty God bless you and your families. Please continue to pray for peace throughout the world, particularly in the middle east.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

FJD/mm

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.

please join us for

24 HOUR ADORATION

***Every Thursday in the SJECC Chapel
we will have 24 hour adoration.***



**TO SIGN UP GO TO
www.adorationpro.org/SJECC**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us for adoration with benediction on the First Friday of every month at 6:00pm and on the First Saturday of every month after the 8:30am Mass in the Church.

Visit our Adoration Chapel on the left side of the Church.
For more information, please contact the Main Office

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

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 33: The Mercy of Purification

Imagine if you could see your soul as God sees it. What would you see? How might God see your soul? Certainly He sees His precious child and looks at you with the greatest of love. But He also sees your sin, even the slightest sin. These sins, even the smallest imperfection, must be purged from within by His burning love. The Mercy of God becomes deeply "painful" in a spiritual way as it purifies. But this purification is necessary and is freeing. Purification must take place either now or through Purgatory. Choose the purification of God's merciful love now and you will not regret it (See Diary #36).

Reflect, today, upon God's love coming to you to purify your soul of every sin, even the smallest imperfection you may have. See this as an act of abundant Mercy. Be ready to feel the sweet pain of being purified and do not run from this. Your purification fills the Heart of our Lord with immense joy!

Lord, help me to see my soul as You see it. Help me to let Your merciful gaze cleanse me of every sin. In Your compassion, dear Lord, replace the sin in my life with Your Mercy. And help me to never run from You. Jesus, I trust in You.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13, 2025

8:30 AM + Enrico Coltelli

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Lawrence Tomaielly

5:00 PM + Leo Hundt

Requested By

Linda Coltelli

The Tomaielly Family

Mary Lou Hundt

Sunday, September 14, 2025

7:00 AM SI Steven, Mary and Lucas White

9:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

11:00 AM + John and Marilyn Gulloup

1:00 PM + Joseph Hiris

5:00 PM + David Nelson

Wine and Host + Anthony Piermani

Requested By

Dad and Ma

Ann and Greg Agens

Brigitte Hiris

Family

Maria

Monday, September 15, 2025

8:30 AM + Taylor Brandt

Requested By

Marci and Barry Brandt

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

8:30 AM + Lew Gallardy

Requested By

The Gallardy Family

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

8:30 AM + Ann Catherine McClanahan

Requested By

Kenneth Knief

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30 AM + Julie Rownd

Requested By

Falcone Family

Friday, September 19, 2025

8:30 AM + Sonia "Sunny" Boodman

Requested By

Jacque Brodeur

Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:30 AM + Mary Fangerson

Requested By

Julianne Hughes

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Stephen Derr

5:00 PM + Julie Russell

Beverly Cornwell

Uri and Jennifer Holmes

Sunday, September 21, 2025

7:00 AM + Thomas and Mary Neville

9:00 AM + Katherine and Ed Larson

11:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

1:00 PM + Francis B. and Angela Connolly

5:00 PM + Amato Natale

Wine and Host + Christopher McLaughlin

John and Monica Murphy

The English Family

Patricia Connolly

Gwen Williams

Judy Mattera and Mary Smith

Recently Deceased

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.



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	Ronald Forbis II	Patricia Matre	Bernard & Martina
Russ Albers	Peter & Phyllis Foti	Lana McBride	Sherman
Rory Anderson	Bettina Fouts	Elaine and Doug McCracken	John Sherman
James B.	Barbara & Lester Fuller	Salvatore Minardi	Bob Sims
Mandy Bailey	Trisha Gasiorowski	Eileen Miner	Jimmy Sissman
Crystall Ball	Fr. Len Gioeli	Maryann Mondragom	Nancy Sjostrom
Jennifer Basile	Sam Greenberg	Giuliana Morse-Ballachino	Josephine Sparno
Jerry Benedetto	Peter Greenberg	Mark Moss	Ila Stienly
Scott Bjornson	Denise Guido	Ibeth Noelia	Laura Stokes
Marjorie Blazevec	Gary Gwizdala	Cindy Orlando	Jeanne Stoll
Patty Bleicher	Paul Hagerty	Jim Pankau	Sally Stookey
Kathy Brode	Eric Handler	Eric Parker	Christopher Suki
Erin Campbell	Terry Hansberry	Barbara Pastine	Catherine Szczerbaniuk
Frank Carillo	Rebecca Hansberry	Judith Ann Patterson	Ann Tran
Michael Cerankowski	Saralane Harrer	Frank Pawlowski	Fernando Trevino
Chuck Chaffee	Fr. George Hazler	Lynn Petrovic	Lisa Marie Turner
Jennifer Michelle Chirichella	Hearson Family	Ludmila Pridalova	Raymond Vanasse
Mr. and Mrs. Ciano	Elaine Hill	Kenny Rapp	Diane VanderHorst
Darlene Clark	Evzen Hlavacek	Theresa Rowe	Gina Vitale
Domine Clemons	Katie Hokanson	David Russell	Mike Walker
Monsignor Coll	Amiel Horvath	Peggy O'Neil Saba	Carol Watchmaker
Enrique Coloma	Fia Hutt	Steve Salinas	Nancy Whiteman
Merlyn Comeriato	Cici Hutt	Lisa Sanfelippo	Mary Lou Widloski
Julia Conifrey	Joseph Iannuccilli	Lee Schilling	Eugene D. Williams II
Francine Crawford	Marcia Johnson	Thomas Scudero	Lothar Winklbauer
Rich Davidson	Cynthia Johnson	Wendy Sequeira	Harry Witt
Raphael DeAza	Rick Jones	Katheryn Shapiro	Paul Wyzoski
Sue Delaney	Rita Jones		
George Deuchar	H. K.		
Phyllis Devlin	Baby Bayli Kaufman		
Julie Dieter	Tim Keating		
Donna Dimare	Yvonne Keenan		
Daniel Drobenko	Michelle Kelley		
Tom Duncan	Hannah K & Kathleen Kotscher		
Megan Ebert	Richard Kruger		
Baby Bennett Edington	Clayton Kunkle		
Danielle Eisenberg	Frank Landi		
Joan Eisenberg Smith	Jeana Lang		
Tom Endres	Myles Levy-Vixler		
Elkin Escobar	Denise Lindheim		
Evans Family	Baby Hudson Matthew Lopez		
Joan Exner	Bob Lutz		
Tim Faust	Carole Mancini		
Pattie Fawcett	Patricia Mapre		
Denise Fisher Moss	Deb Marsh		
Raymond Foley	Lonnie Martin		
Darlene Follese	Laurel Martone		
Ronald Fongemie	Mary A.		



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
1st Lieutenant Dwight Fritz III, Marines
SFC Lon Giancola
Sgt. Amir Gonzalez- US Marine Corps
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
Senior Airman Spencer Kanar- US Airforce
Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy
Capt. Ashlyn M. Kennedy, USMC Quantico
Senior Airman Jack Kirk, US Airforce
Max Koepl - Midshipman, USMMA, Kings Point, NY
Sgt. Nicholas LaManna
Captain William E. McDonnell-US Marine Corps
Midshipman Brady McDonough- US Naval Academy
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 reife@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 9:30a.m. in the Antioch Room of the Claussen Center. All are welcome to join us for this study. Coffee and snacks are provided. This Thursday September 11th we will be discussing from our Bible study chapters 4,5,6,7 and 8 of Romans. Every week there after we will discuss four more chapters of Romans. For additional information please contact our Parish office: 239-566-8740.

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. 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 aff@sjecc.com and register at wellreadmom.com. The \$50 annual enrollment fee includes a Study Guide for all books for the year.

Ministry Opportunity: Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound



St. John the Evangelist seeks prospective Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound. We visit facilities, communities, and individual homes;

bringing Communion on a weekly basis, following morning Mass. If you would like further information, or would like to join this worthwhile ministry which reaches out to our parishioners currently unable to attend Mass, please send an email to mlkopenspaces@aol.com.

*Safe Environment training and fingerprinting are prerequisites for serving.

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office at 239.566.8740

Join us for the Legion of Mary

St. John The Evangelist

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

For more details:

sjeccadoration@gmail.com



Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother

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

Upcoming Dates:
October 3
November 7

LINEN & KITCHEN COLLECTION TO BENEFIT PROVIDENCE HOUSE

St. John's Respect Life team will be outside Masses on October 4 & 5 to collect new linens and kitchen items for Providence House. The collection is part of a Fall campaign to support the mission of Providence House, a faith-based transitional housing program for women 18+ and their children in Collier County. To learn more about Providence House, visit: <https://www.providencehousenaples.org>



Shopping List

Kitchenware Items:

- Silverware service for 8
- Drinking glasses for 8
- Dish sets (service for 6-8)
- Pots & Pans
- Serving/Mixing bowls
- Toasters and Toaster Ovens
- Small Coffee Makers
- Small microwaves

Linens:

- Twin sheet sets - cotton
- Twin waffle blankets - cotton
- Lightweight twin comforters - cotton
- Twin mattress covers - regular & waterproof
- Bed pillows
- Towel sets
- Shower curtains and liners

As a thank-you to parishioners for supporting this collection, the Respect Life ministry invites you to an Ice Cream Social in the Pulte Center Cafe after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, October 5.



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**



DONUTS & COFFEE FAMILY SOCIAL



After 11 am Mass, Sept. 21st



Donuts &
Coffee

Open
Gym

Board
Games

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

We invite you to join us once a month on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Pulte Family Life Center for donuts and coffee. We will also have our gym open for youth sports & games. We hope to see you there!



Upcoming Dates

September 21 November 9
October 19 December 7



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CALLING YOUNG VOICES



CHILDREN'S
CHOIR

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

To sing is to pray twice.

Saint Augustine

St. John's Religious Gift Shop

NEW



Now featuring beautiful, faith-inspired pieces from the Lenny & Eva Collection

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



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

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

7 SECRETS OF THE EUCHARIST

A study based on Vinny Flynn's book:
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**.

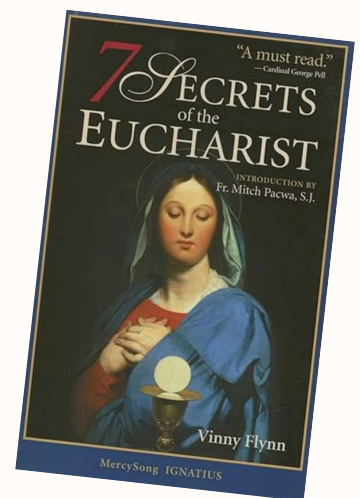
Dates: Tuesdays, September 30 – November 18
Time: 9:30-11 a.m.
Where: Alexandria Room in the Claussen Center
Facilitator: Jean Kechejian

To register:

Please send an email the Office of Faith Formation:

aff@sjecc.com

The book may be purchased in the Gift Shop for \$10



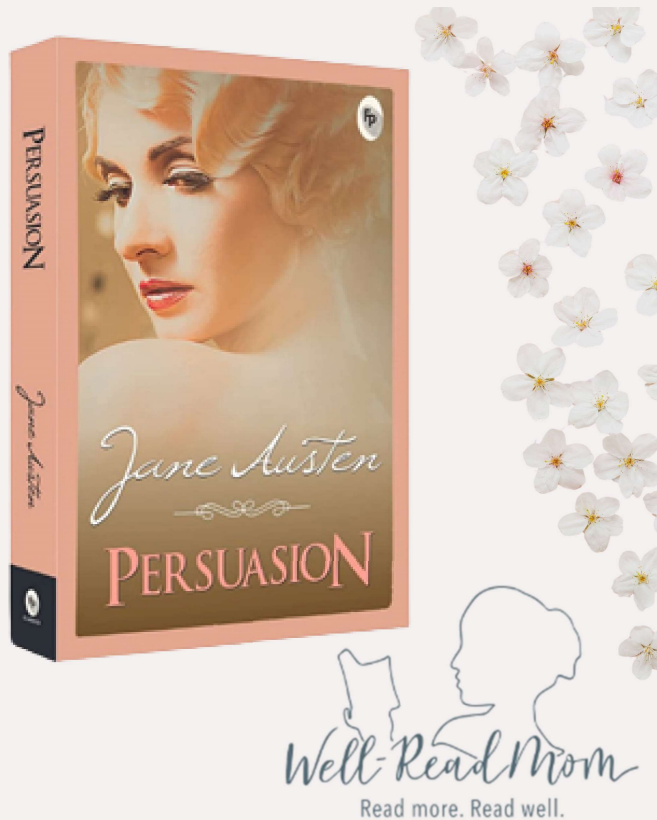
Adult Faith Formation

WELL READ MOM

OCTOBER READ:

Jane Austen's, *Persuasion*

Join us as we meet to discuss our October selection on Wednesday, October 2nd from 6:30-8:00PM or Thursday, October 9th from 10:00-11:30AM. RSVP to aff@sjecc.com. We are looking to form a group with mom's in their 20s and 30s on Saturday morning once a month, please let us know if that interested you. 😊 *Persuasion* is available in our Gift Shop while supplies last for \$10.00.



Coming this Fall!

Season 5 of the CHOSEN

8 episodes weekly on Wednesdays | 9:30-11:00AM | October 1st through November 19th

The CHOSEN



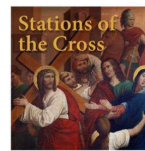
This Week on Formed

Week of September 14, 2025



The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.



The Seven Sorrows of Mary | Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis as he prays and explores the Seven Sorrows of Mary Devotion!

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

This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Monday, September 15th

OCIA | 6:00PM

Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center

Tuesday, September 16th

Bible Timeline with Sue Hamilton | 12:00-1:30PM

Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center

Thursday, September 18th

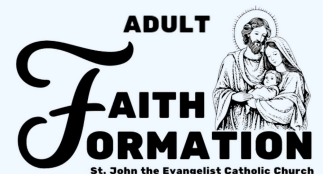
Faith Chat | 9:30AM-11:00AM

Claussen Center

Thursday, September 18th

Men's Bible Study | 7:00-8:00PM

Rooms 1 & 2 | Parish Activity Center



Faith Formation

Faith Formation 2025-2026 Begins Today!



We are so excited to begin our NEW Faith Formation 2025-2026 Year on Sunday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 17th and Sunday, September 21st (High School Confirmation). Thank you for so many of you that have registered! Our team is busy preparing for the children, setting up classrooms, training our catechists and processing registrations! Thank you for your patience as we work behind the scenes diligently to be ready for

your children! Please see our website for more information on our Faith Formation Programs, Calendars and Forms. Please Note: As per the of our recent direction from our Diocese, a portion of the 1st day of Classes will include the Safe Environment Cyber Safety Lessons. For more information, please contact Natalie Campbell, Director of Religious Education, at natalie@sjecc.com.

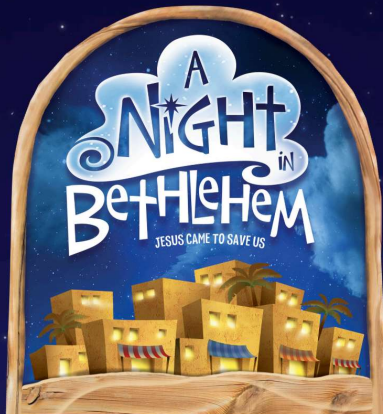
Teen Mom Basket Project Coming Soon!

This year we will be supporting 14 babies as part of our Teen Basket Project! If you would like to donate a LARGE white rectangular laundry basket, please feel free to drop off at the Parish Office this week. We would like to collect 14 Baskets before beginning this project. Please email natalie@sjecc.com to let us know you will be bringing one so we can keep track of the baskets. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

A Night in Bethlehem
Wednesday, December 10th 5-7PM



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/night-in-bethlehem-st-john-the-evangelist-catholic-church-2025-tickets-1640795125389?aff=oddtcreator>

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 others to use. Thank you

Happy 70th Birthday, Pope Leo XIV !

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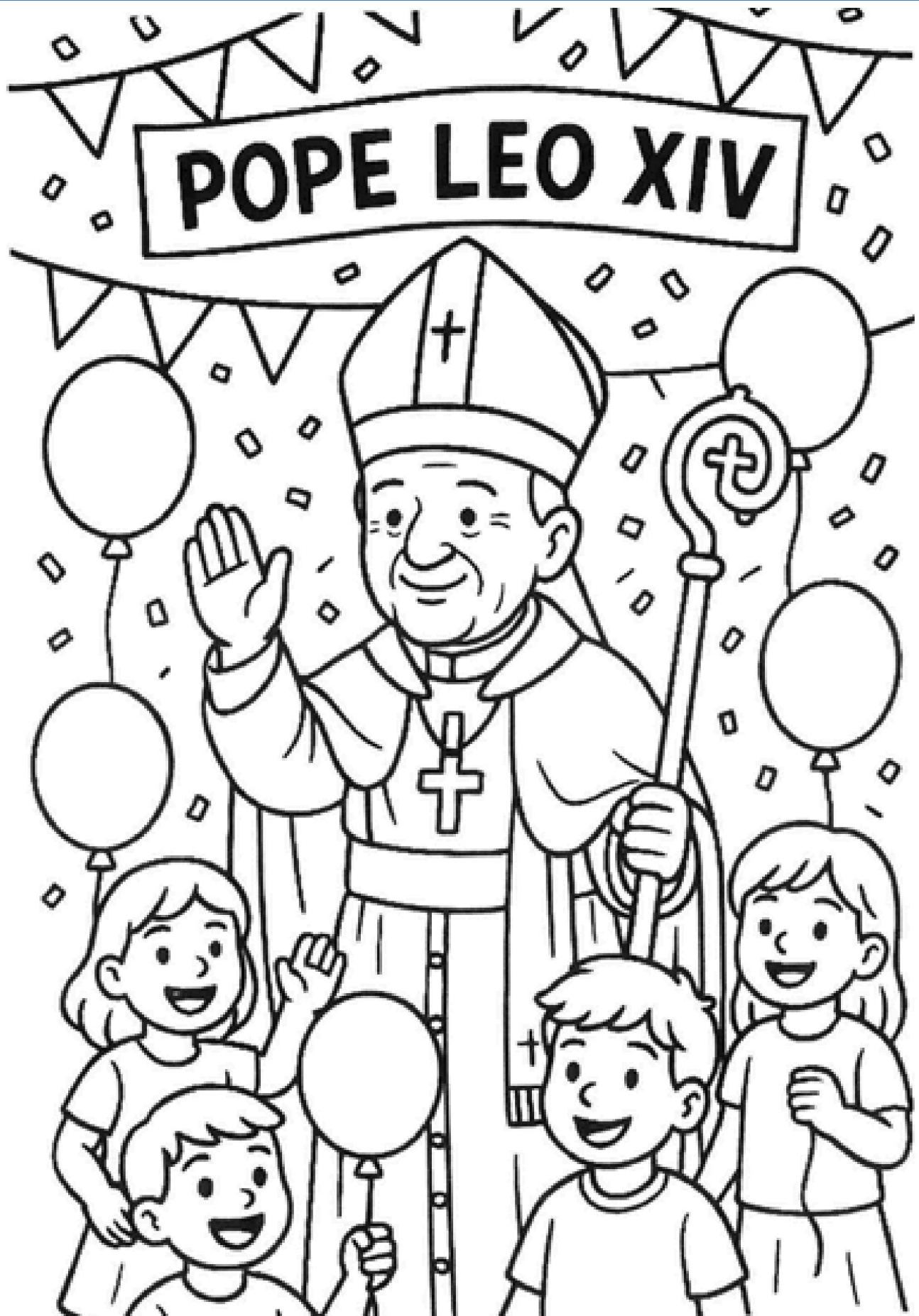
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 Pope
 Peru
 Chicago

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 United States
 Robert Prevost
 Vatican City
 Bishop of Chiclayo

Cardinal
 Illinois
 Papal Conclave
 Tennis
 White Smoke

White Sox





Youth Ministry & Young Adults

SJECC YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING DATES 2025 - 2026 MIDDLE SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 9/21: 11 am Mass + Open Gym

- Middle school youth are invited to join us for the 11 am Mass as a group, and attend the coffee & donuts family social for open gym afterwards. (Open to families) **Contact Max if attending.**

OCTOBER

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

- Join us for a night full of fun, prayer, and games! We will be having pizza, going to adoration, having a short talk, and going to the gym for games. Claussen Center - Alexandria room from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sun. 10/19: 11 am Mass + Open Gym

- Middle school youth are invited to join us for the 11 am Mass as a group, and attend the coffee & donuts family social for open gym afterwards. (Open to families) **Contact Max if attending.**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE INFO!



[HTTPS://SJECC.ORG/NEWS/YOUTH-GROUP/](https://sjecc.org/news/youth-group/)

CONTACT US!

MAX BERMAN

YOUTH MINISTER

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WELCOME BACK MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!

Join us Friday, October 3rd from 6 to 8pm for our middle school youth group kickoff in Alexandria of the Claussen Center.

We will have a packed evening of games, pizza, hangout, prayer, discussion, and gym time. Bring a friend! Scan the QR code or contact Max for further details, and registration. Hope to see you there!



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UPCOMING DATES

October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th



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HIGH SCHOOL OPEN GYM NIGHTS

EVERY MONDAY FROM 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M. IN THE PULTE CENTER!

VOLLEYBALL
BASKETBALL
& MORE!

PICKLEBALL
SPIKE BALL

JOIN OUR GROUPME
FOR LIVE UPDATES!



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Youth – 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!

🎵 CHOIR
📖 LECTOR
✚ ALTAR SERVER
✂ CATECHIST OR ASSISTANT

🙏 EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
👥 LIVE STREAM TEAM
🏠 PARISH EVENTS & OUTREACH
🌟 AND MORE!





NAPLES CATHOLIC

✂ YOUNG ADULT NIGHT ✂



WHEN

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 27
FROM 6 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

WHERE

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH
PULTE CENTER
625 111TH AVE. N., NAPLES, FL 34108

TO DO

BRING A FRIEND &
SPREAD THE WORD!
BYOB + FOOD POTLUCK STYLE!
OPEN GYM (PICKLEBALL, BBALL)
PIZZA IS PROVIDED



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!



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 6:30 P.M. IN
THE CLAUSSEN CENTER, ALEXANDRIA ROOM!

○ WEEKLY GATHERINGS
○ SOCIAL EVENTS
○ SERVICE PROJECTS

○ ADORATION
○ DISCUSSIONS
○ PRAYER



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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Parish Breakfast

Breakfast Favorites: Eggs, Potatoes, Bacon,
Sausage, French Toast, Fruit, Coffee, and Juice

Wednesdays after Morning Mass
Pulte Family Life Center Cafe

Free for parishioners and guests
Donations are gratefully accepted



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 & 30

1:00 P.M.

\$20 - 10 GAMES - CASH PRIZES

PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



Mondays @
6:00pm

Pulte Cafe

Light food &
drinks

Events & Programs



Adult Paint & Wine

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Pulte Family Life Center Cafe



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-paint-night-hummingbird-tickets-1578195127109?aff=oddtcreator>

Blessing of the Animals **Saturday, October 4 at 10:00am**

St. John the Evangelist Church
Prayer Garden



To mark the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a short blessing for the animals who share our homes and lives. We invite you to bring your well-behaved pet, photos of pets who don't travel or have passed away, or a beloved stuffed animal.

Gulfshore Ballet Presents **The Nutcracker**

SAVE THE DATE
December 6



Save the Date!



Saturday, January 24 & Sunday, January 25

Food, music, games & fun for all ages!

St. John the Evangelist
CHEERS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

HAPPY HOUR

SAVE
THE DATE
JANUARY 30



Save the Date

Luxury BINGO

fundraiser

Amazing prizes


March 7, 2026



SAVE THE DATE

DOMINE CLEMONS

A THANK YOU CONCERT FOR OUR
PARISHIONERS AND COMMUNITY



MARCH 13

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
NAPLES, FL

SAVE THE DATE!

BEE GEES

Concert

MARCH 20
6:00PM
PULTE GYM



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