

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

A Diocese of Venice Jubilee Pilgrimage Site

September 21, 2025



THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
IN SMALL MATTERS IS
ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN
GREAT ONES.

— LUKE 16:10 —

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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Monday and Wednesday after morning

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Calendar and Mass Readings

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 21

7:00am Mass (Church)
9:00am Mass (Church)
9:30am K-8 Faith Formation (PAC & Claussen)
11:00am Mass (Church)
1:00pm Mass (Church)
3:30pm Confirmation (PAC & Claussen)
3:30pm Confirmation Parents Session (Pulte)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
12:00pm Bible Timeline (Alexandria)
6:30pm Legion of Mary (Library)

Wednesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 25

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

Friday, September 26

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

Saturday, September 27

8:30am Morning Mass (Church)
3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
6:00pm Naples Catholic Young Adults (Pulte)

WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

Monday: National Migration Week
Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

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 Pope Leo Word Search.*



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!
"When will the new moon be over," you ask,
"that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!"
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned
on high and looks upon the heavens and the earth
below?

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
to seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

Reading 2

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved:
First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle — I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

Alleluia

Cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples,
"A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.'
The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.'
He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?'
He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.'
He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.'
Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?'
He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.'
The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.'
And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.
"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Fr. Tom's Gospel Reflection



The steward in Jesus' story was unreliable and dishonest. It's obvious that he had been so for quite some time. It probably started off in little ways, but eventually become a way of life. He must have known all along that he was living dangerously. But he got away with it for a long time, thus evading public judgment and even self-examination. However, in spite of his craftiness, he was eventually found out, and his master confronted him with his misconduct.

It must have been a very humbling and painful moment for the steward. He was about to lose not only his job but also his reputation. He had brought shame and disgrace on himself and on his family, if he had a family. Yet it was also a moment of truth and

revelation, because it showed him the dishonest reality in which he had been living. It provided him with an opportunity to leave behind illusions and lies. It could have been a turning point in his life.

But what happened? He learned nothing from it. Even after being sacked from his job he continued on in his old dishonest ways. There wasn't the slightest change in his character. Not the least dent in his armor. He refused to take responsibility for the kind of person he had become.

It's very difficult to change the habits of a lifetime. Dostoevsky says, "The second half of a person's life is usually made up of the habits acquired during the first half." That's a pretty frightening thought. It seems that there comes a moment in our lives when the precious clay of which we are made hardens and sets, so that from that point on we can assume no new shape. The dishonest person will remain dishonest to the end. The greedy person will remain that way to the end.

Once a holy man was instructing his disciples as they walked through a wood. He pointed to a small oak sapling, and asked one of his disciples to pull it up. The disciple did so with one hand. Then the master pointed to another oak, a little bigger than the first, and asked the disciple to pull that one up. He did so but had to use both hands. The master pointed to a third and bigger oak, and asked the disciple to pull it up. He could do so only with the help of one of his companions. Finally he pointed to a still larger oak and asked the disciple to pull that one up. Even with the help of all of his companions he was unable to do so. And the master concluded, "That's how it is with passions and habits. In the beginning, before they have sunk deep roots, it is easy to eradicate them. But if we allow them to sink deep roots, it becomes virtually impossible to rid ourselves of them." This, presumably, is what happened to the servant in Jesus' story. He had become so used to a dishonest way of life that he couldn't change. However, what is impossible to us can become possible with the aid of God's grace.

While the story shows the danger of bad habits it also shows the importance of forming good habits. Just as dishonesty can become a way of life so can honesty. Honesty can become habitual, spontaneous, second nature.

How does one arrive at this happy state? It cannot be achieved overnight. It has to be learned by long practice. It is not achieved by a few great deeds but by a lot of little ones. The real reward for a good deed is that it makes the next good deed easier. Every little action of the common day makes or unmakes character.

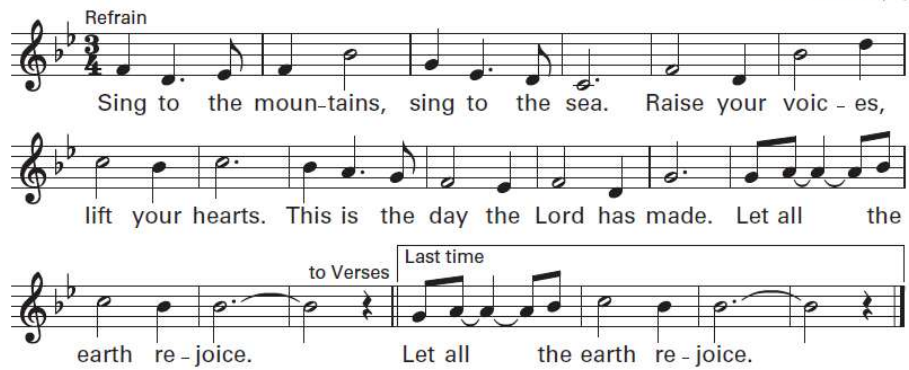
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Sing to the Mountains


Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain




Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic - es,
lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the
earth re - joice. Let all the earth re - joice.

Verse 1



1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have
1. an - swered my plea. You have saved my
1. soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

Verse 2



2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Heav -
2. en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Verse 3



3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re-joice.
3. Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glo-ry of God.

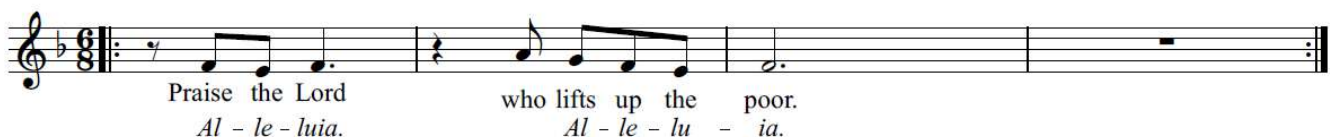
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Praise the Lord Who Lifts up the Poor

(Psalm 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8)

(Psalm 113)

Francesca LaRosa



Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
Al - le - luia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music for The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek, and
3. You do not live by bread a - lone, but by

1. righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be
2. ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be
3. ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the

1. add - ed un - to you.
2. o - pened un - to you. } Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
3. mouth of God.

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I Received the Living God

LIVING GOD

Refrain

I re-ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of
joy. I re-ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

Verses

1. Je-sus said: "I am the Bread Knead-ed long to give you life;
2. Je-sus said: "I am the Way, And my Fa - ther longs for you;
3. Je-sus said: "I am the Truth; If you fol - low close to me,
4. Je-sus said: "I am the Life Far from whom no thing can grow,

to Refrain

1. You who will par-take of me Need not ev - er fear to die."
2. So I come to bring you home To be one with him a - new."
3. You will know me in your heart, And my word shall make you free."
4. But re-ceive this liv - ing bread, And my Spir - it you shall know."

Text: 77 77 with refrain; anon. Music: Anon.

Music for The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Soul of My Savior

ANIMA CHRISTI

1. Soul of my Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy my breast; Bod - y of
2. Strength and pro - tec - tion may thy Pas - sion be; O Bless - ed
3. Hear me, Lord Je - sus, lis - ten as I pray; "Lead me from

1. Christ, be thou my sav - ing guest; Blood of my Sav - ior, bathe me
2. Je - sus, hear and an - swer me; Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and
3. night to nev - er end - ing day. Fill all the world with love and

1. in thy tide; Wash me with wa - ter flow - ing from his side.
2. shel - ter me; So shall I nev - er, nev - er part from thee.
3. grace di - vine, And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine."

Text: 10 10 10 10; attr. to Pope John XXII, 1249-1334; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.
Music: W.J. Maher, 1823-1877.

Blessed by Your Sacrifice

ST. ELIZABETH

1. Blessed by your sac - ri - fice, Strong in your love, O Christ,
2. O Splen - dor, Glo - ry bright, Brought forth as Light from Light!
3. Come, raise the an - them high! Let prais - es fill the sky!

1. Our grate - ful voic - es to you we raise. True ad - o - ra - tion
2. O Day, all days en - light - en - ing! An - gels with one ac - cord
3. Sing out a new song un - to the Lord! Let all, with heart and voice,

1. Through - out cre - a - tion Rings out in joy - ful songs of praise.
2. Cry "Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord!" To you, our ev - er - last - ing King.
3. Be - fore the throne re - joice Of him whom heav'n and earth a - dore.

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Music: Trad. Silesian melody; Hoffman and Richter's *Schlesische Volkslieder*, Leipzig, 1842.



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 4 at 10:00am

St. John the Evangelist 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 or photos of pets who don't travel/have passed away.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Your weekly contributions to

St. John the Evangelist help us in our continued efforts to bring Christ to our parishioners and the community and to make a difference in the lives of so many. Scan below to get started.

If you need assistance, have questions, or need to make changes to an existing reoccurring donation, please call Karen Beebe 239.566.8740.

WE NOW ACCEPT ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE BY:

- PayPal
- ACH (Bank Account)
- Venmo
- Credit/Debit Card



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

DONATION REMINDERS

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

Offertory

Our collections are taken at the end of Mass at all exits of the Church. We ask that you use your weekly envelope and write your envelope number on the memo line of your check. Make the check payable to **St. John the Evangelist**. *We cannot accept checks made payable to CASH.*

St. Vincent de Paul

Make check payable to **St. Vincent de Paul**

Jamaica Outreach Program

Make check payable to **JOP**

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

OFFERTORY

8/27/25 - 9/2/25

\$36,834.77

9/3/25 - 9/9/25

\$58,976.74

Total Households

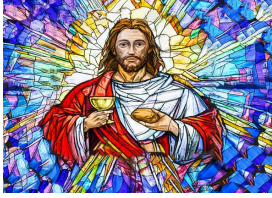
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MEMORIAL GARDEN

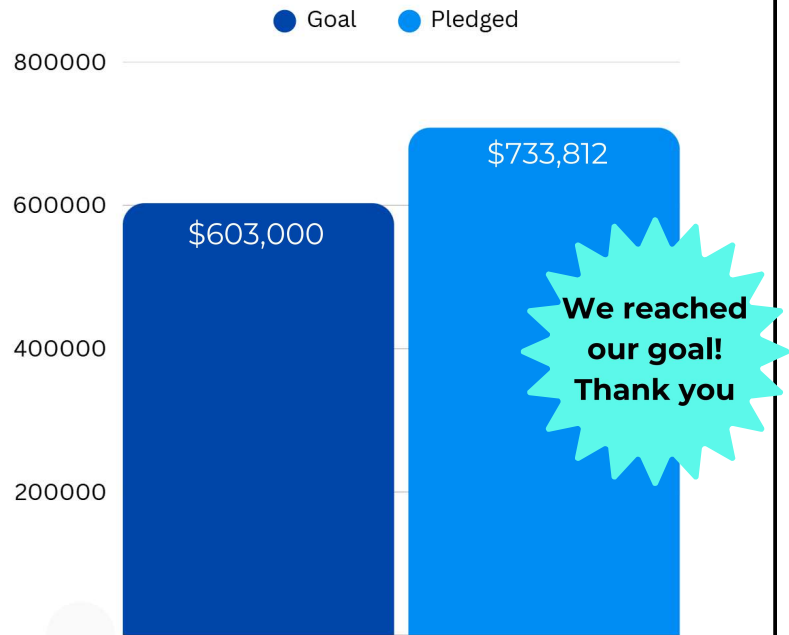
To maintain the dignity of our Memorial Garden, permanent plants, artificial flowers, statues, balloons, pinwheels, vigil lights, breakable objects, rocks, food, and alcohol are not permitted on the memorial markers. Additionally, we do not permit adornments that are considered hazardous to personnel 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



121.69% to Goal; 13.21% of Households Contributing

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

In our Catholic Schools, families and students experience a superb education infused with Catholic values, teachings and traditions to prepare students for college and a life of purpose. Students are educated for excellence, formed in faith and sent to serve. Each one of our schools is at capacity and has a waiting list.



15 SCHOOLS

100% GRADUATION RATE

6,474 STUDENTS ENROLLED



FY25 Financial Report

St. John the Evangelist Parish FY25 Financial Report and Statements:

In FY 2025, Parishioners provided a generous outpouring of financial support that will allow St. John the Evangelist to grow in all aspects of our Mission – To Know, To Love and To Serve God in Our Parish and in This Community.

Our successful Rectory fundraising campaign allowed us to aggressively pursue construction. At the time of this publication we are 80% complete, on time and on budget.

We had another great year in our CFA campaign, exceeding our goal in May.

Below are our Financial Statements for FY2025 with an Income Statement over/(under) comparison to FY2024.

Income Statement July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025		
	FY 2025	0/(U) FY 2024
Income		
Offertory & Gifts	\$3,673,713	146,997
Donations (Rectory, Endowments)	1,264,582	(2,908,445)
Pastoral Income & Other	751,652	197,776
Ministry & Programs	373,347	67,520
Total Income	\$6,063,294	\$(2,496,152)
Expenses		
Personnel Costs	\$1371,309	\$91,482
Facilities & Technology	1,174,198	107,803
Ministries & Programs	418,890	24,997
Pastoral & Liturgical	384,003	47,073
Insurance	288,272	21,326
Education Programs	268,335	(1,110)
Operations & Services	166,195	18,881
Outreach	158,129	(30,184)
Other	62,989	18,088
Depreciation	751,559	19,040
Total Expenses	\$5,043,879	\$317,396
Net Income	\$1,019,415	\$(2,813,548)

FY25 Financial Report

Balance Sheet June 30, 2025



FY 2025

Assets

Parish Operating Account	\$254,579
Ministry Accounts	14,147
Parish Savings	828,124
Approved Building Savings	1,675,473
Restricted Savings (Reserves)	2,287,537
Endowments	1,646,300
Inventory (Gift Shop)	47,123
Prepaid Assessments & Accounts	217,701
Land, Buildings, & Furnishings	\$18,365,443
Total Assets	\$25,336,427

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$105,485
Other Current Liabilities	9,480
Memorial Garden Open Contracts	\$987,038
Total Liabilities	\$1,102,003

Equity

Equity	\$24,234,424
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$25,336,427

Important notes about our financial statements:

- FY 2025 brought increased offerings, accompanied by expense growth commensurate with Parish growth. Our Rectory campaign wound down and cash outflows focused on construction.
- By the end of the calendar year we expect to open the new Rectory to all 4 of our priests and begin the sale process on the house and condo we currently own.
- We had Net Income of \$1,019,415 in FY 2025 driven by the Rectory campaign and bequests compared to Net Income of \$3,832,963 in FY 2024. We exited FY 2025 in strong financial position, prepared to continue delivering on our Mission.
- Our Income Statement has been adjusted to reflect only Church operations. CFA accounts are tracked separately.
- As of September 13, 2025 we have raised \$733,812 toward our 2025 CFA goal of \$603,000, representing participation from 13.21% of our parishioners.

A Review of FY25 Goals

Focus on Our Youth and Young Adults—In FY25, we sent our youth to Covecrest Camp in Georgia. The Youth were able to fundraise to support this trip, providing more opportunities for them to engage with our Parishioners. This year, our Youth also participated in a Confirmation retreat and volunteer project, packaging 13,000 meals for Meals For Hope. Our Music Director, Edward Persin, continued to work with and develop the Children's Choir, which performed at Masses and other Parish programs. We continued our partnership with Children For the Arts, who performed Seussical Kids, Peter Pan, and the Wizard of Oz for parishioners and guests. We also had youth summer camps for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball. The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts remained active, with weekly meetings, a Pinewood Derby, and numerous pancake breakfasts. St. John the Evangelist provided a home for the Naples Catholic Young Adult evenings as well as our own Young Adults Group. *This goal will continue in FY26. We will increase participation in our 5:00pm Sunday Mass, develop a Youth choir, provide programs and activities for Youth in our Pulte Family Life Center, and find new partnerships in the Arts community. We will partner with our Scouts, engaging them in parish activities and programs. We will continue to provide opportunities for young adults to gather, serve, and socialize, becoming more involved in their parish and Faith.*

Support Our Families – In FY25, we supported our families through increased programs and resources. We held programs such as movie nights, paint nights, seasonal parties, and family game nights. We also had our first post-pandemic Parish Picnic, with games, activities, and treats. Our Faith Formation team, led by Natalie Campbell, our Director of Religious Education, produced Adult Faith Formation programs such as Bible Studies, Well Read Mom, OCIA, and The Chosen discussion group. Youth Faith Formation programs included weekly classes for 400 children, retreats, and Vacation Bible School. Families also received support through Parent Prayer Night, a welcome back gathering, and tuition assistance provided to our students attending local Catholic schools. *In addition to continuing these programs, in FY26, we will provide more opportunities for youth to serve at Masses, welcome families to our Pulte Family Life Center for athletic and spiritual engagement, and host special programs such as Night in Bethlehem and a Parish Festival.*

Coordinate Catholic Connections - In FY25, St. John the Evangelist worked with the Diocese of Venice to create significant opportunities for Parishioners to engage in coordinated Catholic experiences. This included sending Youth to Covecrest Camp, Evangelization training, That Man Is You, a Young Women's Prayer group, a Men's Bible in a year group, Praise and Worship, 24-hour Adoration, a Legion of Mary group and a monthly Novena to our Sorrowful Mother. Our clergy continued to say Mass at Royal Palm Academy, visit the sick at NCH, and support Diocesan needs. St. John the Evangelist was selected by the Bishop to host this year's Chrism Mass, and we were one of five parishes chosen as a Jubilee Site. *In FY26, we will continue to provide opportunities for all parishioners to connect deeper with their Catholic faith.*

Complete Facilities Improvements – In FY 25, there was a focus on continued landscaping work and campus beautification. We landscaped the front of the property along 111th Ave; completed work in the Memorial Garden, including a new fountain and beautiful statue of our Blessed Mother; improved landscaping in front of the Pulte Family Life Center; completed renovation work to our Parish Office; and painted many of our interior spaces. We also broke ground on, and are nearing completion of the new rectory. *In FY26, we will replace our current exterior signage, install organ pipe facades in the Church, continue to improve security and safety measures throughout the campus, replace carpeting in our Nazareth room, and move our clergy into the rectory.*

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.



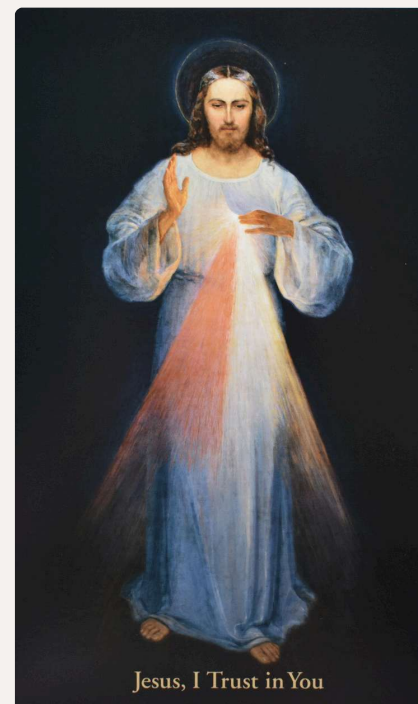
Weekly Divine Mercy Reflection

"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 34: Satisfaction Only in God

So often in life we can fall into the trap of believing that we are satisfied by worldly and passing things. We can even be fooled into thinking that our sins satisfy us. And, in a strange way, they do offer a temporary satisfaction of sorts. But this "satisfaction" is shallow and deceptive. When we come to the profound realization that nothing but God satisfies our souls, we will be blessed and we will be disposed to seek true satisfaction only in Him. This comes about only through a deep recognition of His Mercy (See Diary #42). Do you long to be satisfied by the Mercy of God? Do you seek out His Mercy every day? Reflect upon the desires within your heart. What do you long for? Let God's grace free you from unhealthy and foolish attachments and desires this day so that your desire can be set on God and God alone.

Come to me, Lord, in Your abundant Mercy and free me from the desires of this passing world. Help me to desire You above all things and, in that desire, to be overwhelmed by Your divine love. Jesus, I trust in You.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:30 AM + Mary Fangerson

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Stephen Derr

5:00 PM + Julie Russell

Requested By

Julianne Hughes

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

Requested By

John and Monica Murphy

The English Family

Patricia Connolly

Gwen Williams

Judy Mattera and Mary Smith

Monday, September 22, 2025

8:30 AM + Elizabeth Chambers

Requested By

Jacqueline Knief

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8:30 AM + Jorge Fernandez and Rosa Magaz

Requested By

Carmen Fernandez

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

8:30 AM + Lorraine Zabarovski

Requested By

Constance Parry

Thursday, September 25, 2025

8:30 AM + Josie Arpaia

Requested By

Jacquie Brodeur

Friday, September 26, 2025

8:30 AM + Noreen Vincent

Requested By

June Falcone

Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:30 AM + Wayne Wincey

Requested By

Rick, Karen, Jackson and Carter Beebe

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Fred Copps

Betty and Phil Duff

5:00 PM + Donna Jannasch

EM 5pm Mass

Sunday, September 28, 2025

7:00 AM + Tom Roettele

Carol Roettele

9:00 AM + Beatrice Corcoran

Richard Corcoran

11:00 AM + Louis and Elizabeth Bolbrock

Janis Bolbrock

1:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

5:00 PM + Simone and Nicole Glowaz

Raymond

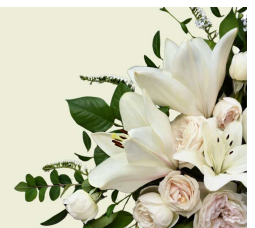
Wine and Host + Christopher McLaughlin

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.

Josephine Sparno, Mitchell Harder



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

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.



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
Alex Noble- Air Force
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

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 9:30a.m. in the Antioch Room of the Claussen Center. All are welcome to join us for this study. Coffee and snacks are provided. Every week we will discuss four 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

**Sheila is a retired Nurse, whose car got sick.
We are helping make things healthy.**

Sheila (not her real name) drives Uber to supplement her social security. She also volunteers driving Seniors who can no longer drive. Mostly to Doctor appointments.

She also cares for her Mother, dealing with cancer. Her Son suffers from Crohn's disease, and she champions efforts to cure that.

Her car got sick, broke down. Getting repairs chewed up her rent payment. SVdP helped with the rent so the car could be repaired.

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




Ministries & Groups

**CALLING
YOUNG
VOICES**

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
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



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

**Youth
CHOIR**

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



St. John's Religious Gift Shop

St. Padre Pio



"Pray, hope, & don't worry"



**Feast
Day
Sept. 23**



Holy cards, medals, books, statues, and more available for purchase in our Gift Shop

BE PART OF THIS YEARS NOVEMBER 11TH 2025 VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

During "Veterans Day Week 2025", REMEMBER A VETERAN signs will be made available to anyone wishing to honor a Veteran or our Military during Veterans Day Week. 18x24 Signs will be located throughout the SJECC Campus with your personal message to honor a Veteran. Cost of the signs are \$75.00 per sign and are YOURS TO KEEP after Veterans Day Week display. Fill out the form below and DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE or MAIL TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN WITH YOUR MESSAGE. EXAMPLE TO THE RIGHT



Your Name: _____ Address: _____ Town/State: _____ Phone/Email: _____

☐ **Attach Your Message:** Keep to three (3) Lines with Max 25 letters per line. If sending artwork, send word doc

to email address below. Use above artwork/message as example. Flag, "Thank you For your Service" is already included on signs.

☐ Number of Signs _____

☐ Enclosed check payable to AJ Corr Assembly 3308 - \$75.00 for each sign requested.

Contact BILL WARVEL Email: bill@sjecc.org Cell: 732-672-4109 for additional information.



Mail check/form/message (or drop off at SJECC Parish Office) to:
Knights of Columbus – AJ Corr Assembly 3308
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108



Note: If you have a sign which you purchased last year, we will be happy to display it again. Just drop off at Parish Office

Independence is Possible

Providence House provides a faith-based, transitional housing and self-sufficiency program for motivated women with young children who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.



Interview with Carol Hollander, Executive Director of Providence House By Rosemary Erickson, Respect Life of St John the Evangelist

RE: Carol, can you give us an overview of Providence House?

Our mission statement best sums up what we are about: Providence House provides a faith-based transitional housing and self-sufficiency program for motivated women with young children who are

homeless or at risk of being homeless. I emphasize the importance of the mother being motivated and also that we can take only young (10 and under) children.

RE: Please give us examples of how you have helped the residents.

We refer to other organizations that are able to help our mothers with mental health issues stemming from abuse and other stress related issues. We have in-house parenting and financial classes (teaching even the basics such as writing a check and keeping track of their bank account). Residents work one-on-one with a Case Manager to develop a plan for success. We offer spiritual classes – Bible studies. Please know that we accept residents, regardless of their faith backgrounds.

RE: I'm sure you have seen an impact on the lives of your residents. Can you share some success stories?

Two mothers come to mind: A young Mexican mother, with a tiny baby who was sleeping on the floor, came and through the help that was offered to her, she was able to get a good job and receive her U.S. Citizenship. She also was approved for a "Habitat" home. Within the last six months, three residents of Providence House have received approval for Habitat for Humanity homes. We had a married mother, with a 2 yr old and 6 yr old, who was in an abusive situation, living out in Golden Gate Estates and without a vehicle to even get food for her family. She was holding down two minimum wage jobs when she came to us. Her children received scholarships to attend catholic schools and she presently has a career in banking as a personal banker.

RE: What is Providence House's great need at this time and how can we help?

All of our resident's units and the Community Center facility were greatly affected by the flooding during Hurricane Ian. We are still working on some of the units, but especially our Community Center. When the renovations are complete we will need desks, tables, computers, etc, but presently we need supplies for each unit (linens, kitchen supplies, even paper products) and gifts cards (from Walmart, Target, Dollar Stores, Amazon, Publix, etc.) Our website will provide more information on our needs.

RE: How is Providence House supported?

We receive no government funding. All of our donations come from individuals, grants, churches, family foundations and other non-profit organizations.

RE: What are some of your greatest challenges?

We are anxiously waiting to have all the renovations completed so we can get back to utilizing the community center for the resident's needs.

RE: Is there anything that you would like to share with us that hasn't been covered?

We are so thankful for the tremendous generosity of the people in our community who have given to us throughout our 20 years. We have been a recipient of "Ask and you shall receive" in every way imaginable.

Representatives from our Respect Life Ministry with Fr Mark recently visited the Providence House. We saw beautiful fully furnished duplex apartments surrounded by massive shade trees. There was a playground for the children and also a lovely Prayer Garden. We found Providence House to be most welcoming.

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**.

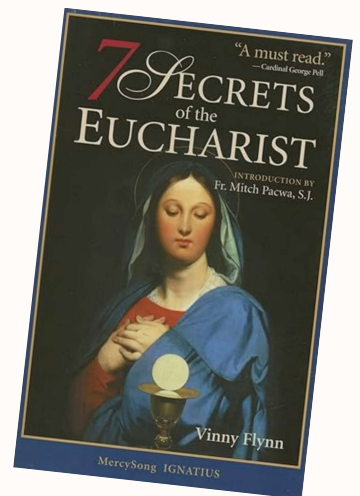
Dates: Tuesdays, September 30 – November 18
Time: 9:30-11 a.m.
Where: Alexandria Room in the Claussen Center
Facilitator: Jean Kechejian

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



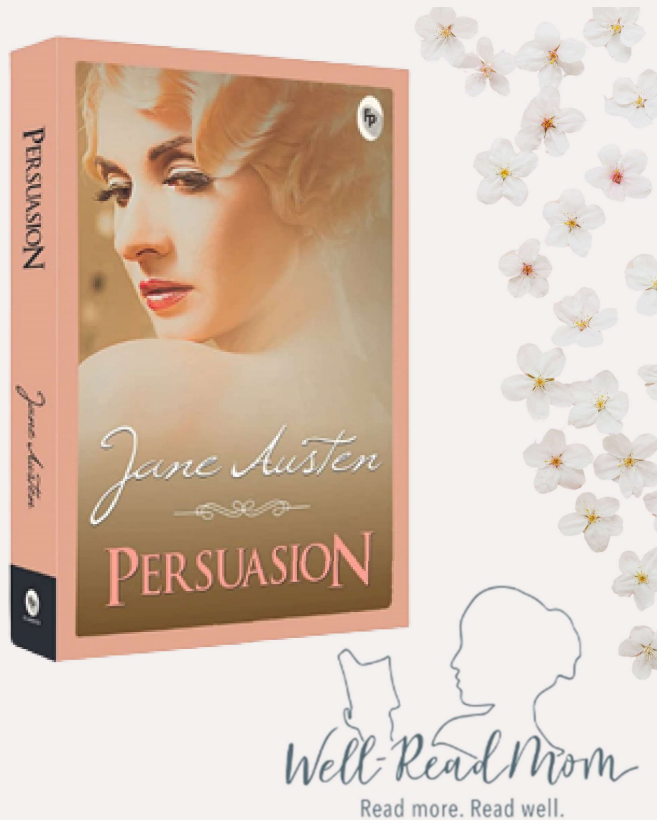
Adult Faith Formation

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

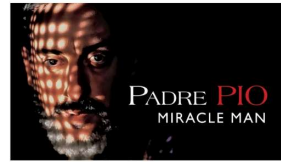
8 episodes weekly on Wednesdays | 9:30-11:00AM | October 1st through November 19th

The CHOSEN



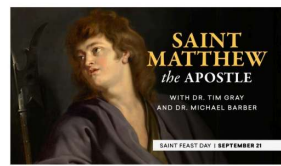
This Week on Formed

Week of September 21, 2025



Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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

THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Monday, September 22nd

OCIA | 6:00PM

Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center

Tuesday, September 23rd

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

Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center

Thursday, September 25th

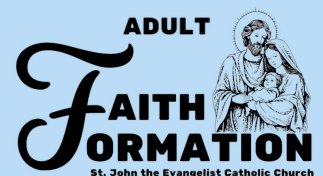
Faith Chat | 9:30AM-11:00AM

Claussen Center

Thursday, September 25th

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

Rooms 1 & 2 | Parish Activity Center



Faith Formation

A GREAT OPENING WEEK TO FAITH FORMATION!



We had a wonderful opening week in Pre-K through 8th grade in Faith Formation this week. Our Faith Formation Chaplain, Fr. Jacob, blessed all of our Catechists and all of our classrooms as we prayed together and began this new year! We have just over 400 children and youth registered in Faith Formation this year and look forward to growing in faith with the children and their families.



THIS WEEK IN YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, September 21st, 2025

- 9:30-10:45AM K-8th Grade Sunday Faith Formation
- 11:00AM Mass – Middle School Sits Together
- 12:00-2:00PM – Donuts, Pizza and Games in the Pulte Family Life Center
- 3:30-6:00 PM – Confirmation Sessions – Year 1 & Year 2

Monday, September 22nd, 2025

- 6:00-8:00PM – Youth Ministry Open Gym for All High School Youth – Pulte Center Gym

Wednesday, September 24th, 2025

- 12:30-2:30PM PreK- Atrium – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:00-6:15PM – K-8 Wednesday Faith Formation

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!



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY CELEBRATED SEPTEMBER 21ST as Catechists are Commissioned at the 11:00AM & 5:00PM Masses



The vocation of a catechist is a gift from God, calling on those to serve and spread His Good News of the Gospel.

As we commission all of our catechists today, please keep them in your prayers.

Catechist Prayer

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 8-12

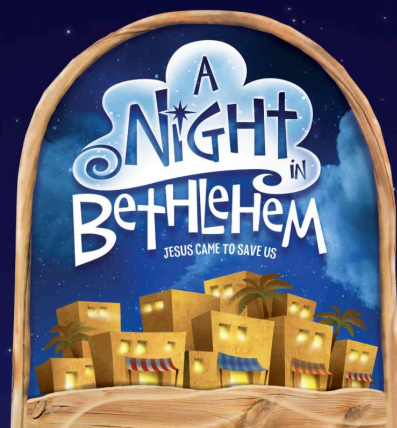
**CAMPER REGISTRATION
OPENS MARCH 1ST, 2026**

**YOUTH REGISTRATION
OPENS TO PARISHIONERS JANUARY 1ST**

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>

Youth Ministry

SJECC YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING DATES 2025 - 2026 MIDDLE SCHOOL

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE INFO!



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

CONTACT US!

MAX BERMAN

YOUTH MINISTER

MAX@SJECC.COM

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 9/21: 11 am Mass + Open Gym (Family Social)

- 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 (Family Social)

- 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.**



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!



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

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ASST. YOUTH MINISTER
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UPCOMING DATES

October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN GYM NIGHTS

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

VOLLEYBALL PICKLEBALL
BASKETBALL SPIKE BALL
& MORE!



JOIN OUR GROUPME
FOR LIVE UPDATES!



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
YOUTH MINISTRY

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



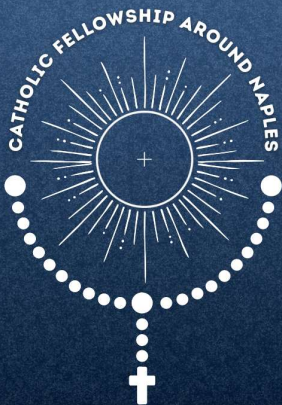
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR NAPLES-WIDE YOUNG ADULT GROUP! THESE EVENTS INCLUDE ALL NAPLES YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITIES, WHERE WE COME TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF TO MEET OTHER FELLOW YOUNG CATHOLICS IN OUR DIOCESE. SEND ALONG THE INVITE, AND HELP US BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY. SEE YOU SOON!

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



[HTTPS://CATHOLICFELLOWSHIPAROUNDNAPLES.WORDPRESS.COM/](https://catholicfellowshiparoundnaples.wordpress.com/)



fiat ministries DISCERNMENT RETREAT

DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 10 - 12, 2025

Calling all single women, ages 18-30! You are invited to attend the upcoming Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center in Venice, FL**. This retreat is led by Team Fiat, a dynamic group of lay women passionate about supporting other young women. Team Fiat partners with consecrated religious sisters from various communities who assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated religious sister. Join us in seeking God's will for your life! The cost to attend is \$50.



REGISTER AT
FIATMINISTRIES.ORG/RETREAT
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

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Events & Programs



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

1:00 P.M.

\$20 - 10 GAMES - CASH PRIZES

PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Parish Breakfast

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

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

Light food &
drinks

**Mondays @
6:00pm**

Pulte Cafe

**Wednesdays after Morning Mass
Pulte Family Life Center Cafe**

Free for parishioners and guests
Donations are gratefully accepted

Gulfshore Ballet Presents The Nutcracker



SAVE THE DATE
December 6



Save the Date!



**Saturday, & Sunday,
January 24 & 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



featuring Bee Gees Now