

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

A Diocese of Venice Jubilee Pilgrimage Site

September 7, 2025-The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

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Faith comes to our aid at these times when words seem to fail. Christ's word is the only one that can give a response to the questions which trouble our spirit. Even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say. Christian hope is based on this truth; at this time our prayerful trust draws strength from it.

-Saint John Paul II, September 12, 2001

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 7

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

Monday, September 8

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


Tuesday, September 9

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
6:30pm Legion of Mary (Library)

Wednesday, September 10

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:00am Parish Breakfast (Pulte Cafe)

Thursday, September 11

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

Friday, September 12

8:30am Mass (Church)

Saturday, September 13

8:30am Morning Mass (Church)
3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church) - Blue Mass
6:00pm Blue Mass Reception (Ballroom)

WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Thursday: Patriot Day

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Saturday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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 10 on the Music Ministry page



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

PROMISE TO
PROTECT



PLEDGE TO
HEAL

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.**

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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.**

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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing
grass, Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our
days. And may the gracious care of the LORD
our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands
for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reading 2

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Alleluia

Psalm 119:135

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Let your face shine upon your servant; and
teach me your laws

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them,
"If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops

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he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

2026 Mass Intention

Book is now Closed

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.



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Music for The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy, Holy, Holy

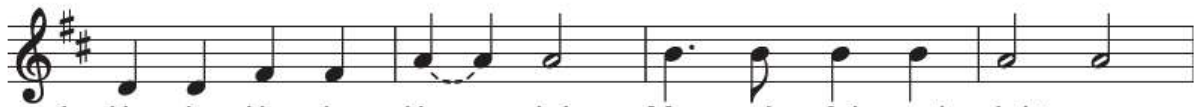
NICAEA



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord ____ God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord ____ God Al - might - y!



1. Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
2. Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
3. Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
4. All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
2. Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
3. On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



1. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
2. Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
3. Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
4. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: 11 12 12 10; Reginald Heber. 1783–1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876.

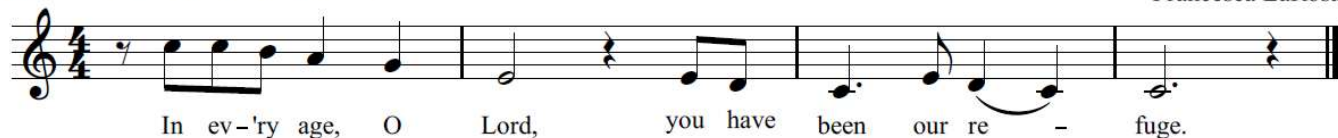
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In Every Age, O Lord, You Have Been our Refugee

(Psalm 90)

(Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17)

Francesca LaRosa



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Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA



1. Be still, my soul— the Lord is on thy side!
2. Be still, my soul— thy God doth un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul— the hour is has - t'ning on



1. Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
2. To guide the fu - ture as he has the past;
3. When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



1. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide—
2. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake—
3. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



1. In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
2. All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
3. Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re-stored.



1. Be still, my soul— thy best, thy heav'n - ly friend
2. Be still, my soul— the waves and winds still know
3. Be still, my soul— when change and tears are past,



1. Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
2. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
3. All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.


Text: 10 10 10 10 10 10; Katharina von Schlegel; in *Neue Sammlung Geislicher Lieder*, 1752; tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1813–1897. Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957.

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I Have Loved You


Michael Joncas

Refrain



I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love, I have called you
and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love,

Verses



I have called you and you are mine. 1-3. Seek the face of the Lord and
to Refrain

1. long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace.
2. long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. long for him: he will bring you his care and his love.

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On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

Verse 1



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in his
shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

to Verses (last time to Coda) ♪



sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

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♩ Coda



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse 2



2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring



2. you no fear: un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield.

Verse 3



3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



3. day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

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Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson



Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me.



Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to



be. With God as our Fa-ther, broth - ers
(optional text) we are



all are we; Let me walk with my broth - er in
fam - i - ly. Let us walk with each oth - er



per - fect har - mo - ny. Let peace be - gin with me, let

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musical score for the hymn "This Be the Moment Now". The score is written on four staves in treble clef. The lyrics are: "this be the mo-ment now. With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: To take each mo-ment and live each mo-ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly. Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me. let it be - gin with me." The score includes a first ending bracket and a final ending bracket.

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~Saint Mother Teresa

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WE NOW ACCEPT ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE BY:

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



Scan Here

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

DONATION REMINDERS

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

Offertory

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

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Jamaica Outreach Program

Make check payable to **JOP**

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

OFFERTORY

8/13/25 - 8/19/25

\$46,015.25

8/20/25 - 8/26/25

\$47,744.11

Total Households

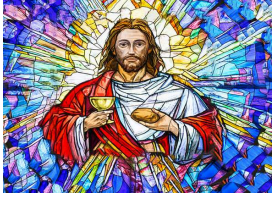
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MEMORIAL GARDEN

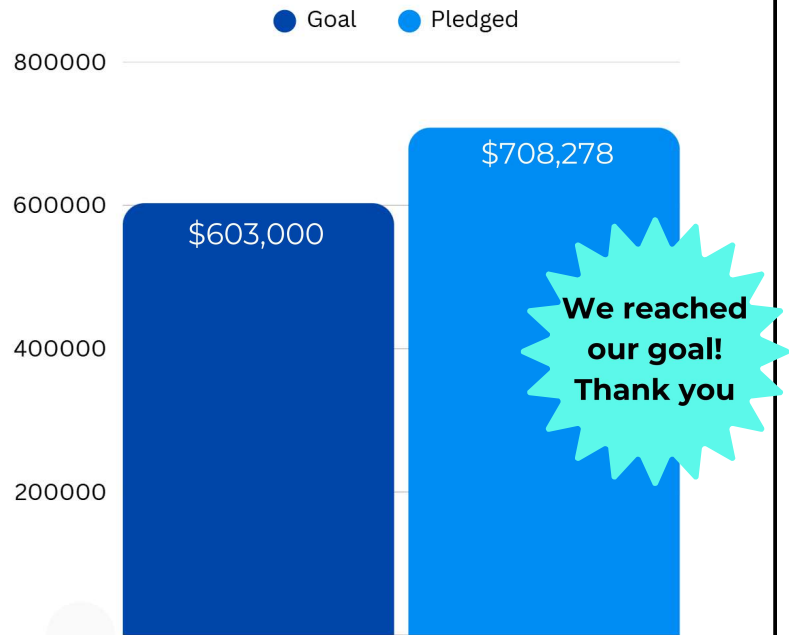
To maintain the dignity of our Memorial Garden, permanent plants, artificial flowers, statues, balloons, pinwheels, vigil lights, breakable objects, rocks, food, and alcohol are not permitted on the memorial markers. Additionally, we do not permit adornments that are considered hazardous to personnel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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Celebrating
40
YEARS

Religious Education prepares children for the sacraments and to face life's challenges. The approach to catechesis is Parish based while emphasizing the family unit. Programs like Totus Tuus awaken children of all ages to the faith, helping them to understand more fully the mystery of Christ and the holiness His call entails.



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

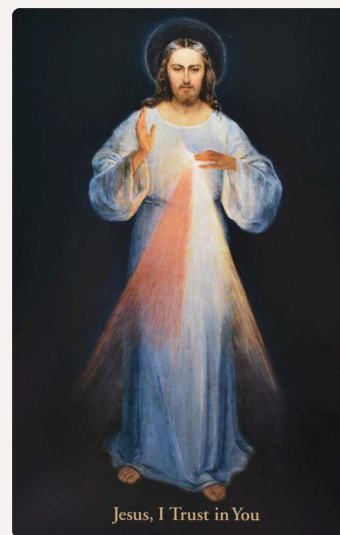
"Reflections on Divine Mercy" provides an awakening to the abundant Mercy of God. It offers reflections and prayers to assist us in understanding the Mercy poured forth from the Heart of Jesus as it is revealed in the writings of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. These gems are selected from the book titled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

Reflection 32: The Mercy of Forgiveness

Throughout life you will be hurt by the sins of others. This is inevitable. The real question to ponder is what you do with this hurt. Will you hold onto it and brew over it? Or will you forgive? But forgiveness is not enough. You must let the Divine Mercy so enter your soul that you not only forgive, but also allow this Mercy to fill your heart with compassion. You must let God's Mercy inspire you to love deeply. You must come to pray for those who have hurt you and, in doing so, dispense the grace of God to them. You are a dispenser of God's Mercy when you allow forgiveness to flow from your heart to the hearts of those who have hurt you (See Diary #31).

Humbly ponder your calling to be a dispenser of the compassion of the Heart of Jesus to those who have sinned against you. This is a high calling and requires deep surrender and love. But it is the only way to freedom and is the only way God's Mercy will fill your own soul.

Lord, I choose, this day, to forgive all who have wronged me. Help that act of Mercy to flood my mind, heart, passions, feelings and every part of my soul. May I be a dispenser of Your perfect and unlimited love for all. Jesus, I trust in You.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 6, 2025

8:30 AM + John Petru Zello
Vigil Masses for Sunday
 3:00 PM + Richard Theriault
 5:00 PM + Carolyn McDonald and Robert Abell

Requested By

Janis Bolbrock
 John and Kathy Kellerhals
 Kathy and Bob Sims

Sunday, September 7, 2025

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners
 9:00 AM + The deceased members of the Shaw and Hickey Families
 11:00 AM + Philip and Dorothy Rice
 1:00 PM + James Bollam
 5:00 PM + The Fry and Hanson Family

Requested By

Jane Ellen Gertz
 David and Maria Rice
 Ellen Mohlenhoff
 Michelle Hanson

Monday, September 8, 2025

8:30 AM + Florence Demski

Requested By

Jacquie Brodeur

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:30 AM + Fr. Louis Massanett

Requested By

Cuenya Family

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:30 AM + Frank and Mary Lou Kreber

Requested By

Chris Higgins

Thursday, September 11, 2025

8:30 AM + Antionette Salvato

Requested By

Pauline Cataldo

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:30 AM + Angeline Cornelius

Requested By

Larry and Fran Everly

Saturday, September 13, 2025

8:30 AM + Enrico Coltelli

Requested By

Linda Coltelli

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Lawrence Tomaielly
 5:00 PM + Leo Hundt

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

Dad and Ma
 Ann and Gregg Agens
 Brigitte Hiris
 Family
 Maria

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.

Peter Mello, Catherine Schmach, John Phelan, John Flanagan, Marilyn Siler, Tony Avallone



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



Please join in praying for the Annunciation Parish and School Community in Minneapolis, especially for those who have lost their lives, the recovery of those injured, and for the families of all impacted.

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 Ariman Spencer Kanar- US Airforce
Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy
Capt. Ashlyn M. Kennedy, USMC Quantico
Senior Airman Jack Kirk, US Airforce
Max Koeppel - 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 9:30am in the Antioch Room of the Claussen Center. All are welcome to join us for this study. Coffee & snacks will be provided. *Faith Chat will not be meeting during the month of August.* On September 4, we will begin our new study in our Bibles on ROMANS. We will be studying the first Three chapters. For more information, please contact Janis Bolbrock: janis_bolbrock@msn.com

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

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

Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus serve parish ministries, sponsor parish events and help with special projects. They support our clergy, fund parish equipment, assist in events for our youth and help the less fortunate. Contact Grand Knight, Jack McHale: mchale.jack57@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus - Wheelchair Program. If you or someone you know are in need of a wheelchair, contact Bill Fuller at 239-280-8870 or wfuller1@comcast.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sewing Ministry. Sewing Ministry meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Parish Activity Center, rooms 1 and 2. Donations, both monetary and of washable, child friendly fabrics are welcome. No supplies PLEASE. If you like to sew, we encourage you to come and see what we are about. Please contact Marianne Swan 305.965.5980, email swan11@bellsouth.net or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

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

Ministries & Groups

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We give glory to God by offering direct/in-home help to anyone in need within the boundaries of our parish. Our work spans fighting food insecurity, keeping families in their homes, and a wide variety of special projects and programs focused on helping our neighbors address difficult challenges. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in classroom 1, in the Parish Life Center. For more information, contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDNpales.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.

St. John's Religious Gift Shop



Celebrate the Canonization of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati

Books, medals, Tiny Saints, and more available for purchase in our Gift Shop



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**



TOILETRY KIT FUNDRAISER

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH
AFTER ALL MASSES**

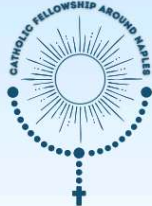
Sponsored by the CFAN Young Adult Group

On Sunday September 14th after all masses, the young adult group will be fundraising money and collecting travel-sized toiletry donations to assemble hygiene kits for the underprivileged of Immokalee. All kits will be sent to Catholic Charities where they have a great need.

All cash donations will be put towards buying the necessary items for packaging our kits, and other supplies we may need to purchase for donation. Please no checks at this time.

For physical donations, things we need are travel-sized items of:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Wipes
- Conditioner
- Brushes
- Combs
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Wash rags
- Floss picks
- Razors



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

catholicfellowshiparoundnaples.wordpress.com

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

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP AROUND NAPLES PRESENTS:

Catholic Singles Potluck & Social Event

AGES 25-55

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
IN THE ROME ROOM

Scan here to sign up
for more info!



Adult Faith Formation



7 SECRETS OF THE EUCHARIST

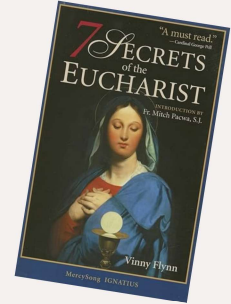
A study based on Vinny Flynn's book of 7 Secrets of the Eucharist

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

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

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

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



This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Monday, September 8th

OCIA
6:00PM
Alexandria Room-Claussen Center

Tuesday, September 9th

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

Thursday, September 11th

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

Thursday, September 11th

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

Coming this Fall!

Season 5 of the CHOSEN

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

THE
CHOSEN

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
A Journey of Faith

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

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

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

The OCIA journey is for those:

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

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

Faith Formation 2025-2026 Begins Soon!



We are so excited to begin our NEW Faith Formation 2025-2026 Year on Sunday, September 14th; Wednesday, September 17th; and Sunday, September 21st (High School Confirmation). Thank you to everyone who has 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.

Teen Mom Basket Project Coming Soon!

If you are super organized and like to lead projects AND would like to be part of the team that puts together the Teen Mom basket project for our Teen moms in Collier Counties TAPP program, please contact Natalie at natalie@sjecc.com. Teams will make item lists with tags to collect during Respect Life month in October. Baskets will be prepared and delivered before Thanksgiving! We are so happy to support our teens choosing life!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE
for next year!

June 8th -12th

Camper Registration
Opens March 1st, 2026

Youth Registration
Opens to Parishioners
January 1st, 2026

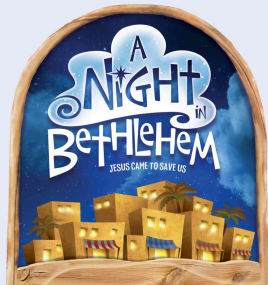


Volunteer Team Information Coming Soon!

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=oddttdtcreator>

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

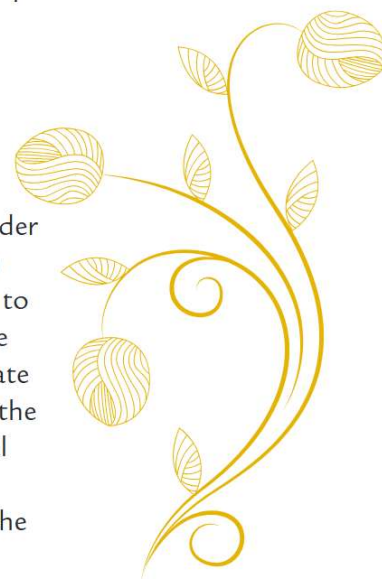
CANONIZATION:

4 Steps to Becoming a Saint

Being named a saint in the Catholic Church is a very high honor. It means the saint's name is added to the official catalogue of saints, and that Masses and feast days can be celebrated in his or her honor. Churches can then be dedicated in the saint's memory, and his or her name can be used in public prayers, such as litanies. What does it take for someone to be named a saint? The process is called *canonization* and it involves 4 major steps.

1 REQUEST FOR CANONIZATION

At least five years after a person's death (unless a special exception is made by the pope), a formal request is made to consider him or her for sainthood. The people making the request are usually from the candidate's church or religious community. They submit their request to the bishop of the diocese where the person died. The request tells how the person lived a life of holiness and lists reasons for considering the candidate for sainthood. If the bishop believes there is enough evidence to consider the person for sainthood, he asks the Vatican for permission to open a special tribunal. Witnesses are then called to attest to the candidate's goodness, holiness, devotion to God, and other virtues. If a person passes this step, he or she is named a "Servant of God."



2 DETERMINATION

The bishop sends a formal report and request to Rome where it is reviewed by the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. Nine theologians read the material and determine whether there is enough cause to pass it to the entire Congregation. If so, the candidate's writings and other aspects of his or her life are studied to make sure there is nothing that goes against the teachings and practices of the Church. As part of this investigation a person called a "devil's advocate" raises questions and objections to the candidate's sainthood. This is to make sure the final decision is complete and fair, and all evidence of the candidate's saintliness is assured. Once a candidate has been determined to be virtuous and heroic in his or her faith, he or she is declared "Venerable."





3 BEATIFICATION

The next step is beatification. If the candidate was a martyr, someone who died for their faith, he or she may be beatified and named “Blessed.” Otherwise, a miracle brought about by the intercession of the saint must occur and be verified by the Congregation. Once the person is beatified and named “Blessed,” he or she can be venerated, or officially honored, in his or her city, diocese, region, or religious community.

4 CANONIZATION

After being beatified, another miracle is required for the person to be canonized and officially declared a saint. Once again, the miracle must have occurred as a result of the person’s intercession. The Prefect of the Congregation then sends the cause for canonization to the pope who makes the final decision. Once a person is canonized, he or she is officially declared a “Saint.” The pope declares this in an official way at a special Mass in honor of the new saint.



You can watch the Canonization on Sept. 7

The Holy Mass for the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be held on 7 September 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Square. (4:00AM Florida time). The canonization of Acutis will be streamed live on EWTN. You also can find a livestream link on Saint-of-the-Month.com when it becomes available. Additionally, films about Carlo Acutis, such as “Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality” are available for streaming on CREDO and other platforms.



Blessed Carlo Acutis



Carlo Acutis wasn't a saint from the past, he was a teenager of our time. He played video games, wore hoodies and jeans, loved animals, and knew how to build websites. But what made him stand out wasn't his tech skills or style, it was his radical love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

From the day he received his First Communion at age 7, Carlo didn't want to miss daily Mass. He said the Eucharist was his "highway to heaven", and he truly believed that Jesus was present in the consecrated Host and Wine. His faith wasn't theory, it was fire. And he lived it with joy, depth, and purpose.

Instead of using his digital talents to go viral or build a following, Carlo made a bold decision: he created a website to document and explain Eucharistic miracles from around the world. While other teens were posting selfies, Carlo was posting stories of hosts that bled, turned into human flesh, and transformed hearts. His mission? To help people believe that Jesus is alive, truly present, and giving Himself to us in every Mass.

Carlo once said: "When we stand in front of the sun, we get tanned. But when we stand in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints."

His website became a digital exhibition that has now been translated into many languages and turned into a traveling exhibit that reaches millions across the globe. And it all started with a 15-year-old who lived like God was real, not just an idea.

Carlo died of leukemia in 2006, offering his suffering for the Pope and for the Church. He never complained. He wasn't afraid. He was ready for Heaven because he had lived close to Jesus.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



Pier Giorgio Frassati was a young Italian layman whose short but radiant life continues to inspire the Church, especially the youth. He was born in Turin, Italy, on April 6, 1901, the son of Alfredo Frassati, founder and director of the newspaper *La Stampa* and a political leader, and Adelaide Ametis, a talented painter. He grew up with his sister Luciana in a home that was culturally rich but not particularly supportive of his deep spiritual fervor.

From an early age, Pier Giorgio showed a simple and steadfast piety. He joined Marian groups, obtained permission to receive daily Communion, still rare at the time, and centered his life on the Eucharist, the Virgin Mary, and works of charity. As a student of mining engineering at the Polytechnic of Turin, he deliberately chose this field to be close to workers and to serve Christ among the poor. He became a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and of Catholic Action, dedicating his free time and resources to helping

Faith Formation

those in need. Pier Giorgio's life was not only prayer and study; he was full of joy, energy, and friendship. He loved the outdoors, particularly mountain climbing, which for him became a path of contemplation and evangelization. During one of his last climbs in June 1925, he wrote the words "Verso l'alto" ("to the heights") on the back of a photograph, a phrase that later became the motto of his life and spirituality, symbolizing his pursuit of holiness.

His spiritual journey deepened when he entered the Third Order of St. Dominic as a lay Dominican in 1922, taking the religious name Fra Girolamo, after Girolamo Savonarola. The Dominican charism of study, prayer, and preaching harmonized with his devotion to the Eucharist and the Rosary, and his passion for justice and service.

Pier Giorgio was also active in public life. He opposed the rise of fascism, defended human dignity, and engaged in student and civic movements. Known for his contagious humor, nicknames, and practical jokes, he combined an intense spiritual life with an approachable, cheerful personality that drew many friends closer to Christ.

In late June 1925, Pier Giorgio contracted polio, likely from his visits to the sick in poor neighborhoods. The disease advanced quickly. After a week of great suffering borne with serenity and faith, he died on July 4, 1925, at the age of 24. His funeral astonished the city of Turin: thousands of poor people whom he had helped secretly came to honor him, revealing to his family the extent of his hidden charity.

The cause for his canonization began in 1932. On May 20, 1990, Pope St. John Paul II beatified him, calling him the "Man of the Eight Beatitudes." His incorrupt body rests in the Cathedral of Turin, and he has become a patron and model for young people, students, and mountaineers. In the Holy Year 2025, he will be canonized together with Blessed Carlo Acutis on September 7, 2025.

More than his accomplishments, Pier Giorgio's legacy lies in the unity of prayer and action. He kept detailed notes of those he helped, reminded his friends that charity admits no delay, and lived every friendship as a path to holiness. His motto "Verso l'alto" was not just about mountain peaks, it was a call to live every day climbing toward God, bringing others along. Today, Pier Giorgio Frassati continues to inspire young Catholics worldwide to love the Eucharist, serve the poor, live friendship deeply, and seek holiness in everyday life. His joyful witness proves that sanctity is not reserved for long or extraordinary lives, but is possible through a daily, courageous, and joyful "yes" to Christ.





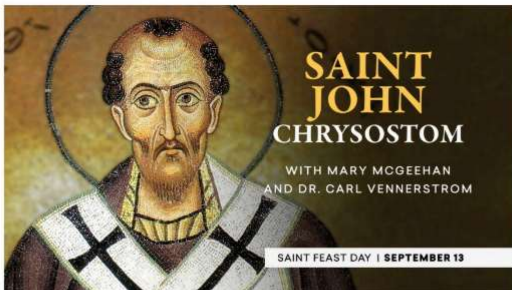
This Week on Formed

Week of September 07, 2025



The Boy from Milan

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.



Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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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!

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



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UPCOMING DATES

October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th



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YOUTH MINISTRY

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BASKETBALL SPIKE BALL
& MORE!



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NAPLES CATHOLIC

✂ YOUNG ADULT NIGHT ✂



WHEN

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 27
FROM 6 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

WHERE

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

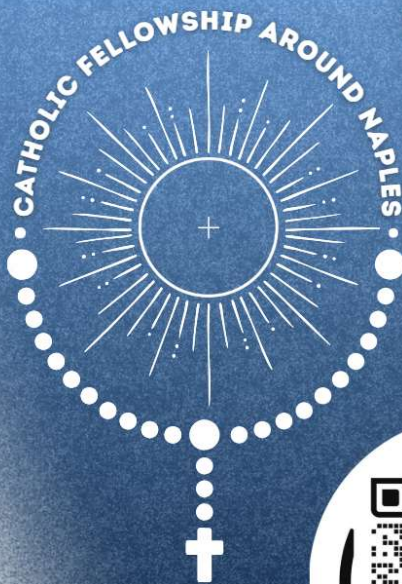
TO DO

JOIN US FOR 5 P.M. MASS!
BRING A FRIEND &
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BYOB + FOOD POTLUCK STYLE!
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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Events & Programs



KARAOKE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
6-8 P.M.
PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



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>



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**

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2026


Saturday, January 24 & Sunday, January 25

Food, music, games & fun for all ages!

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MARCH 13

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