

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

December 21, 2025



The Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Nativity of the Lord



## 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

*We will not have confessions on Wednesday, December 24, 2025*

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# Calendar and Mass Readings

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 21

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

**Pancake  
Breakfast in the  
Ballroom after  
Masses today!**

### Monday, December 22

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

### Tuesday, December 23

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

### Wednesday, December 24

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)  
3:00pm Mass (Church) **Our Parish Office  
is closed today.**  
5:00pm Mass (Church) **Merry Christmas!**  
7:00pm Mass (Church)  
12:00am Mass (Church)

### Thursday, December 25

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

**Our Parish Office  
is closed today.  
Merry Christmas!**

### Friday, December 26

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

### Saturday, December 27

7:00am TMIY (Pulte Cafe)  
8:30am Morning Mass (Church)  
3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)  
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)

## CHANGE TO CONFESSION SCHEDULE

We will not have confessions on Wednesday,  
December 24, 2025

## FIND CHIARA

This year, our Faith Formation Students learned about Blessed Chiara Badano. 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, she was on page 11 in the Christmas Concert ad.



## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

**Thursday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

**Friday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**Saturday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

## 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Reading 1

#### Isaiah 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:  
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be  
deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But  
Ahaz answered,  
"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"  
Then Isaiah said:  
Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to  
weary people, must you also weary my God?  
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the  
virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name  
him Emmanuel.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

##### **R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.  
For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.

##### **R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?  
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain.

##### **R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,  
a reward from God his savior.  
Such is the race that seeks for him,  
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

##### **R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

### Reading 2

#### Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle  
and set apart for the gospel of God, which he  
promised previously through his prophets in the holy  
Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended  
from David according to the flesh, but established as  
Son of God in power according to the Spirit of  
holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the  
grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of  
faith, for the sake of his name, among all the  
Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called  
to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in  
Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from  
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Alleluia

#### Matthew 1:23

##### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

##### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

#### Matthew 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.  
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,  
but before they lived together, she was found  
with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her  
husband, since he was a righteous man, yet  
unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to  
divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when,  
behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in  
a dream and said,  
"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take  
Mary your wife into your home. For it is through  
the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived  
in her. She will bear a son and you are to name  
him Jesus, because he will save his people from  
their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said  
through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall  
conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him  
Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."  
When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the  
Lord had commanded him and took his wife into  
his home.

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# Music for The Fourth Sunday of Advent


## Immaculate Mary

LOURDES HYMN

Verses




1. Im - mac - u - late Ma - ry, your prais - es we sing. You  
2. In heav - en the bless - ed your glo - ry pro - claim; On  
3. We pray for our Moth - er, the Church up - on earth, And



1. reign now in heav - en with Je - sus our King.  
2. earth we your chil - dren in - voke your fair name.  
3. bless, Ho - ly Ma - ry, the land of our birth.

Refrain



A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a! A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a!


Text: 11 11 with refrain; anon. in *Parochial Hymn Book*; Boston, 1897;  
rev. of *Hail Virgin of virgins*, by Jeremiah Cummings, 1814–1866, alt.  
Music: Trad. Pyrenean Melody, pub. Grenoble, 1882; alt. by Augustus Edmonds Tozer, 1857–1910.

## Let the Lord Enter; He is King of Glory

(Psalm 24)

(Psalm 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6)

Francesca LaRosa




Let the Lord — en - ter; he is king of glo - ry.


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## Mary, Full of Grace

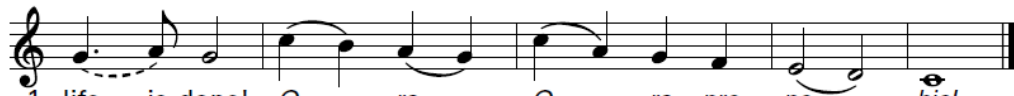
O DU FRÖLICHE



1. Ma - ry, full of grace, Splen - dor of our race, Ho - ly Vir - gin Ma -  
2. Moth - er, Vir - gin pure, Hope and ref - uge sure, Lead us safe - ly to



1. ri - a! Pray for us to Christ, your Son, Now and when our  
2. Je - sus! Spir - it filled and low - ly, Mir - ror of the



1. life is done! O - ra, O - ra pro no - bis!  
2. Ho - ly! O - ra, O - ra pro no - bis!

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# Music for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

## Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

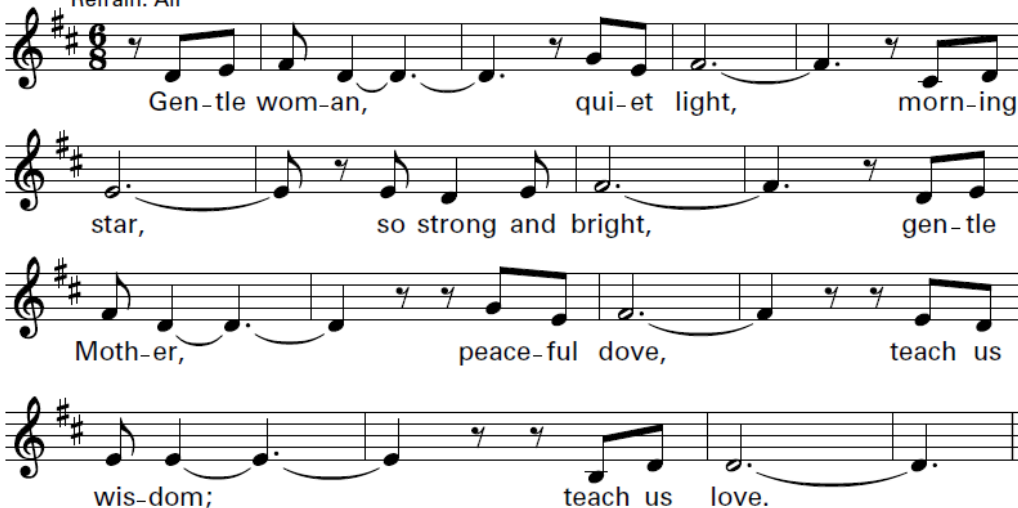
Carey Landry

Intro: Cantor

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women and  
blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain: All



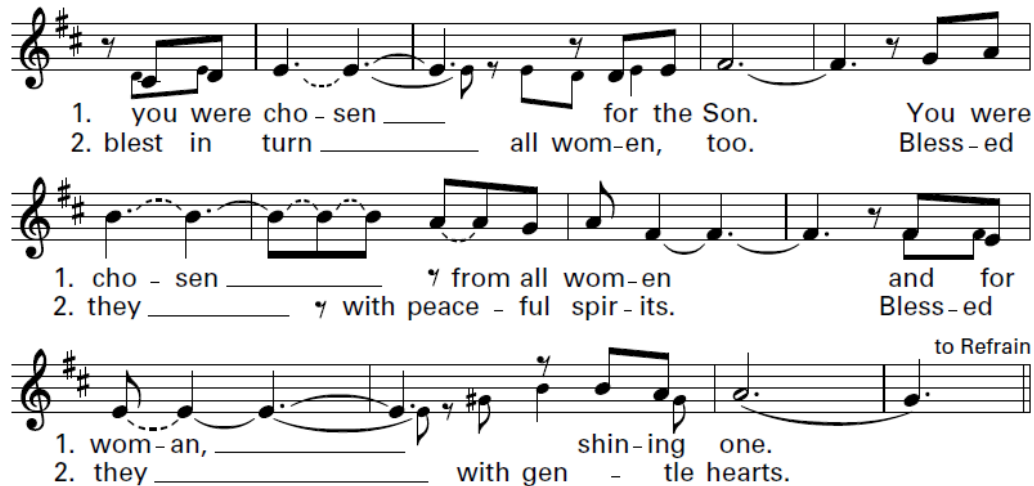
Gen-tle wom-an, qui-et light, morn-ing  
star, so strong and bright, gen-tle  
Moth-er, peace-ful dove, teach us  
wis-dom; teach us love.

Verses: All



1. You were cho - sen by the Fa-ther;  
2. Bless-ed are you a-mong wom-en,

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1. you were cho - sen \_\_\_\_\_ for the Son. You were  
2. blest in turn \_\_\_\_\_ all wom-en, too. Bless-ed

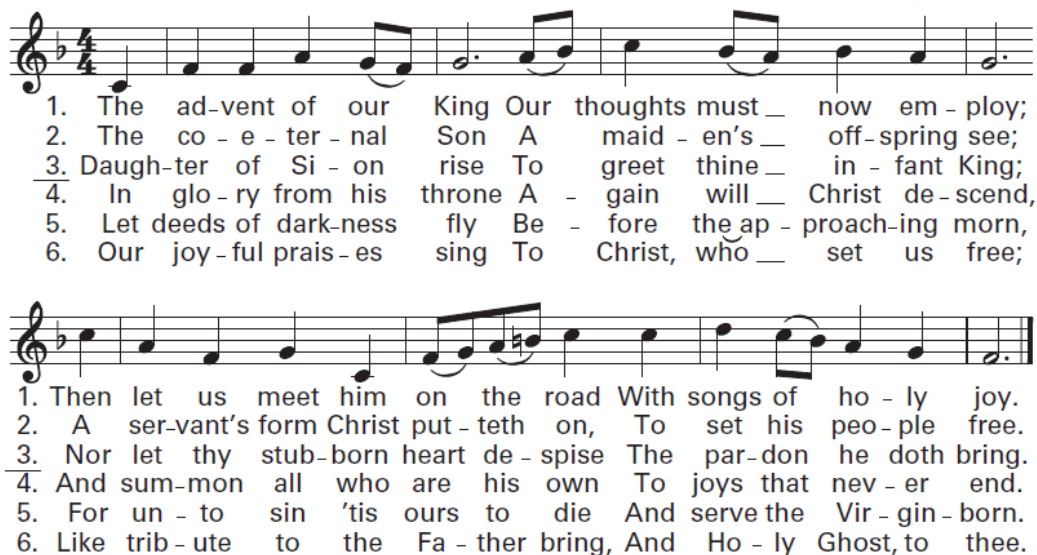
1. cho - sen \_\_\_\_\_ ♪ from all wom-en and for  
2. they \_\_\_\_\_ ♪ with peace - ful spir - its. Bless-ed

1. wom-an, \_\_\_\_\_ shin-ing one. to Refrain  
2. they \_\_\_\_\_ with gen - tle hearts.

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### The Advent of Our King

ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)



1. The ad-vent of our King Our thoughts must now em - ploy;  
2. The co - e - ter - nal Son A maid - en's off-spring see;  
3. Daugh-ter of Si - on rise To greet thine in - fant King;  
4. In glo - ry from his throne A - gain will Christ de - scend,  
5. Let deeds of dark-ness fly Be - fore the ap - proach-ing morn,  
6. Our joy - ful prais - es sing To Christ, who set us free;

1. Then let us meet him on the road With songs of ho - ly joy.  
2. A ser-vant's form Christ put - teth on, To set his peo - ple free.  
3. Nor let thy stub-born heart de - spise The par-don he doth bring.  
4. And sum-mon all who are his own To joys that nev - er end.  
5. For un - to sin 'tis ours to die And serve the Vir - gin - born.  
6. Like trib - ute to the Fa - ther bring, And Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

Text: SM; Charles Coffin, fr. *Paris Breviary*, 1736; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.  
Music: *New Universal Psalmist*, 1770; Aaron Williams, 1731-1776.



Christmas Eve  
Mass Times

3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 12am

Christmas Day  
Mass Times

7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm



## Readings for The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass

### Reading I

#### Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

##### **R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations.

##### **R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
in the light of your countenance, O LORD,  
they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day,  
and through your justice they are exalted.

##### **R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

He shall say of me, "You are my father,  
my God, the rock, my savior."  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm.

##### **R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

### Reading II

#### Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my

own heart; he will carry out my every wish.'

From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

### Alleluia

#### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:

the Savior of the world will reign over us.

#### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

#### Mt 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.



# Readings for The Nativity of the Lord Mass at Midnight

## Reading I

### Is 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

## Responsorial Psalm

### Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

#### **R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

#### **R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and what fills it resound;  
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

#### **R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;  
for he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with his constancy.

#### **R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

## Reading II

### Ti 2:11-14

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly

desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

## Alleluia

### Lk 2:10-11

#### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:  
today a Savior is born for us,  
Christ the Lord.

#### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

### Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



## Readings for The Nativity of the Lord Mass During the Day

### Reading I

#### Is 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

### Reading II

#### Heb 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters:  
In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets;

in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: You are my son; this day I have begotten you? Or again: I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me? And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

### Alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.  
For today a great light has come upon the earth.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

#### Jn 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying,

# Readings for The Nativity of the Lord Mass During the Day

"This was he of whom I said,  
 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of  
 me because he existed before me.'"  
 From his fullness we have all received,  
 grace in place of grace, because while the law

was given through Moses, grace and truth came  
 through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God.  
 The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side,  
 has revealed him.

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## Music for The Nativity of the Lord

### O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Verses

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,  
 4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -

1. come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
 3. Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n;  
 4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.

1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;  
 4. Na - tum ví - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O  
 Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!  
 ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mí - num.

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786;  
 tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.



# Music for The Nativity of the Lord

## Forever I Will Sing the Goodness of the Lord

(Psalm 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29)

(Psalm 89)

Francesca LaRosa

For ev - er I will sing the good - ness, the

4  
good - ness of the Lord. For ev - er I will sing the

7  
good - ness, the good - ness of the Lord.

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## Today is Born Our Savior (Psalm 96)

### REFRAIN

To - day is born our Sav - ior, to - day is born our

Sav - ior, to-day is born our Sav - ior, Christ— the Lord.

1. Sing, O sing brand new melodies.  
Raise your voices, shout for joy.  
All creation sings a new song:  
Glory! Alleluia!
2. Day by day, sing salvation.  
Tell all nations: great is our God.  
All you people, join in the song:  
Glory! Alleluia!
3. Let the heavens rejoice and the whole world be glad.  
Let the sea and its creatures thunder with praise. Alleluia!
4. God is here, alleluia!  
Truth and justice, light for the world—  
all God's people, singing as one:  
Glory! Alleluia!

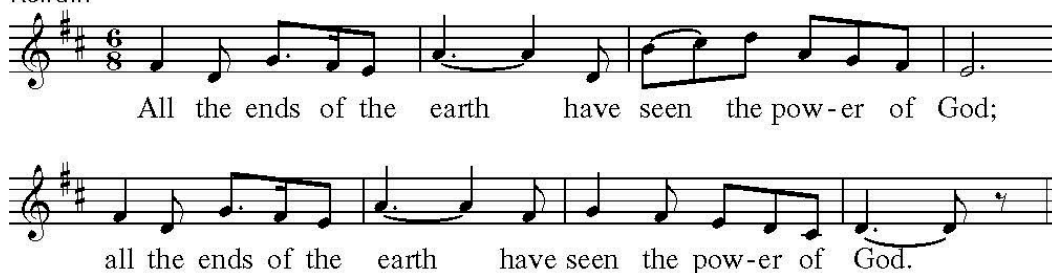
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# Music for The Nativity of the Lord

## All the Ends of the Earth (Psalm 98)

### Refrain



### Verses

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;  
whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm.
2. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all,  
remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.
3. All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.  
Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.
4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.  
Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord.

Text: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6, David Haas, Marty Haugen  
Music: David Haas, Marty Haugen  
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## Angels We Have Heard on High

### Verses

Two staves of musical notation in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?  
3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

1. *Án - ge - les can-tan-do es-tán Tan dul - cí - sí - ma can-ción;*  
2. *Los pas - to - res sin ce - sar Sus can - ta - res dan a Dios;*  
3. *Hoy a - nun-cian con fer-vor Que ha na - ci-do el Sal - va - dor;*  
4. *Oh, ve - nid pron-to a Be-lén Pa - ra con-tem-plar con fe*

Two staves of musical notation in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.  
3. Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.  
4. Ma - ry, Jo-seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

1. *Las mon - ta - ñas su e - co dan Co - mo fiel con - tes - ta - ción.*  
2. *Cuán glo - rio - so es el can-tar De su me - lo - dí - o - sa voz.*  
3. *Los mor - ta - les go - za - rán Paz y bue - na vo - lun - tad.*  
4. *A Je - sús, Au - tor del bien, Al re - cién na - ci - do Rey.*

# Music for The Nativity of the Lord

Refrain

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a a Dios en el cie - lo.

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a a Dios en el cie - lo.

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French Carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862;  
English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882; Spanish tr., anon. Music: trad. French Carol.

## Lamb of God

THE FIRST NOWELL, English Carol  
Originally adapt.  
Carroll Thomas Andrews, 1918–2014  
Adapt. John T. Kyler

From the Ordinary of the Mass

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## Silent Night

1. Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and child!  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

3. Silent night! Holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King.  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born."

# Music for The Nativity of the Lord

## The First Noel

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw a star
3. And by the light of that same star
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three,
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;
3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;
4. O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5. Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee,
6. Sing prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the earth it gave great light,
3. To seek for a king was their in - tent,
4. And there it did both stop and stay,
5. And of - fered there, in his pres - ence,
6. Who with the Fa - ther we a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
6. And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.



# Music for The Nativity of the Lord

## Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -  
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our  
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

**On behalf of  
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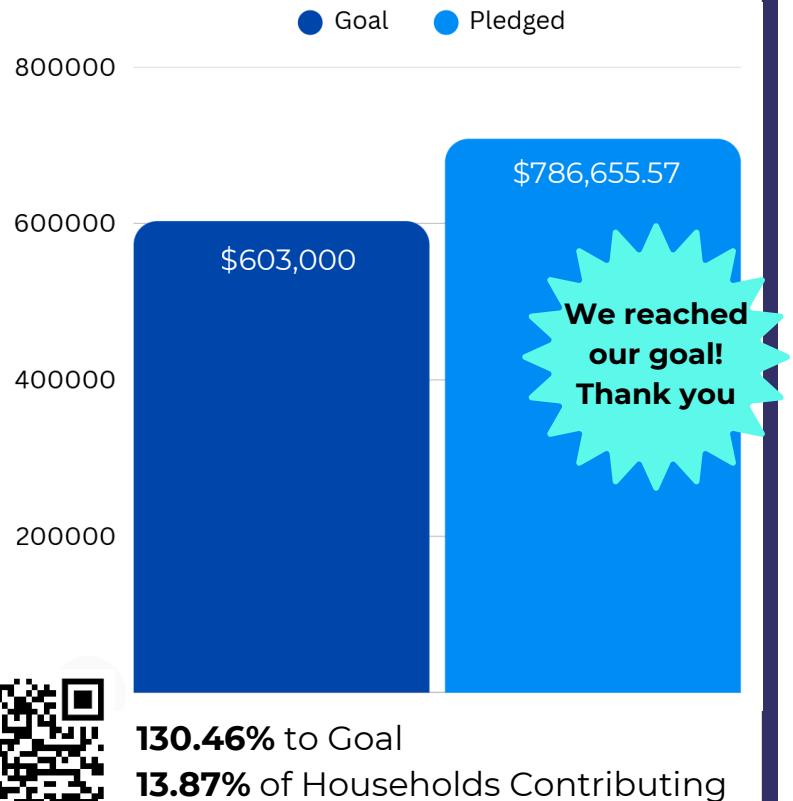
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## Security Procedure Update

For the safety, comfort, and peace of mind of all who gather for Mass, we want to inform you of an important update to our Parish security procedures. All Church doors will be locked once Mass begins. This step is being taken as part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe and prayerful environment for everyone in our community.

If you happen to arrive after the doors have been secured, please do not worry — an usher will be stationed at the main entrance of the Church to assist you and allow you to enter quietly so that you can join the celebration of the Eucharist without disruption.

We understand that this is a change from our usual practice, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation as we implement this measure. Our goal is not to create barriers, but to ensure that all who come to worship can do so with a sense of security and peace.

Thank you for your understanding, your support, and your continued prayers for the safety and well-being of our parish family. Together, we can keep our Church a place of welcome, reverence, and protection.



# Mass Intentions

## **Saturday, December 20, 2025**

8:30 AM + Enrico Coltelli  
*Vigil Masses for Sunday*  
 3:00 PM + Genevieve Piper  
 5:00 PM + Leo Hundt

## **Requested By**

Linda Coltelli  
 Dianne Rowe  
 Mary Lou Hundt

## **Sunday, December 21, 2025**

7:00 AM + John Charles Griffin  
 9:00 AM + Daniel Cuenya  
 11:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners  
 1:00 PM + Joan Gaetano  
 5:00 PM + Rosalie and Nicholas Senatore  
 Wine and Host + Rosalie and Nicholas Senatore  
 Altar Flowers + Jose Arteta

## **Requested By**

Vincent and Ann McMullin  
 Lizabeth Cuenya  
 The Parone Family  
 Jodie Senatore  
 Daughters, Deborah and Jodie  
 Parents

## **Monday, December 22, 2025**

8:30 AM + Jim Foley

## **Requested By**

Carol Roettele

## **Tuesday, December 23, 2025**

8:30 AM + Jose Arteta

## **Requested By**

Parents

## **Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

8:30 AM + Charles Mazzoni  
 3:00 PM + Mary and James Conley  
 5:00 PM + Terence Downer  
 7:00 PM + Andy Sanfelippo  
 12:00 AM + Lorna McGrory

## **Requested By**

Mazzoni Family  
 Conley Family  
 The Downer Family  
 Kay Sanfelippo  
 Family

## **Thursday, December 25, 2025**

7:00 AM + Teresa Dep Pham  
 9:00 AM + John P. Hickey  
 11:00 AM + Timothy Pollard  
 1:00 PM + Ozzie D'Addario

## **Requested By**

Chi Hoang  
 The Hickey Family  
 Alexis Pollard  
 Janet D'Addario

## **Friday, December 26, 2025**

8:30 AM + Dominic Mariani

## **Requested By**

Mary Ann LaPerch

## **Saturday, December 27, 2025**

8:30 AM SI Ray and Gonette Caparros

## **Requested By**

Gonette Caparros

*(Vigil Masses for Sunday)*

3:00 PM + Jean and Joe Carpino  
 5:00 PM + Ned and Marylou Leibig

Family  
 Don and Kathy McGrath

## **Sunday, December 28, 2025**

7:00 AM + Stretch Baker  
 9:00 AM + Beatrice Corcoran  
 11:00 AM + Walter (Tom) Southworth  
 1:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners  
 5:00 PM + Francesca Arquilla  
 Wine and Host + Jerry Mattessich, Bobby Mattessich and John Tarabocchia

Jerry Neltner  
 Richard Corcoran  
 Wife, Children and Grandchildren  
 Venanzio and Shannon Arquilla  
 Mary Jane and John Tarabocchia

## **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

**Thomas Babon, Deb Marsh, Lawrence Amidei, Robert Gundaker, Cindy Johnson, Mary Dionne, Joseph Zaks, Paula Cohen**



## 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.

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas	Danielle Eisenberg	Richard Kruger	Sharon
Acquaviva	Joan Eisenberg Smith	Christina Le	Dana Shea
Russ Albers	Tom Endres	Elysse Lescarbeau	John Sherman
Deborah Anderson	Tim Faust	Myles Levy-Vexler	Martha Simons
Rory Anderson	Sal Ferrante	Denise Lindheim	Bob Sims
Michael Angelillo	Merci Ferrante	Tracy & Chiara Loesing	Teddy Sitter
John Anthony	Johanna Senatore Ferreira	Baby Hudson Matthew Lopez	Nancy Sjostrom
James B.	Lori Fischer	Nancy Lukasik	Donna Slattery
Angelo Babbo	Susan Fitzpatrick	Bob Lutz	Emily Spotz
Mandy Bailey	Anna Focht	Wai Man Chow	Emily K. Squittieri
John (Ben) Bailey	Ron Fongemie	Patricia Mapre	Laura Stokes
Crystall Ball	Cheryl Foster	Laurel Martone	Jeanne Stoll
Eric Barker	Peter and Phyllis Foti	Mary A.	Sally Stookey
Nancy Barragan	Bettina Fouts	Rochelle Masom	Larry Storbeck
Jennifer Basile	Olivia Frawley	Zachary Mazzola	Christopher Suki
Maribeth Baumgartner	Barbara	Salvatore Minardi	Kathleen Sullivan
Christopher Baylow	Barbara Ann Fuller	Eileen Miner	Jack Suter
Elaine Beebe	Chase G	MLR	Sue Sweeny
Dr. Steve Bello	Trisha Gasiorowski	Maryann Mondragom	Ann Tran
Jerry Benedetto	Linda Giambertone	Jennifer Mottolese	Tuan Tran
Marjorie Blazevic	Bennett Gilbert	Andy Murphy	Fernando Trevino
Patty Bleicher	Lucretia Gilbert	Ed Naybar	Lisa Marie Turner
Paul Bolio	Bernadette Gilchrist	Robert Needham	Janine Uzzi
Tom Brown	Fr. Len Gioeli	Cindy Orlando	Baby Utah V.
Erin Campbell	Frank Grzesk	Paula P.	Raymond Vanasse
Mary Lee Carr	Ben Gunterson	Jim Pankau	Adam Wais
Louis Celiberti	Jim Gurgone	Lisa Parisi	Mike Walker
Chuck Chaffee	Gary Gwizdala	Eric Parker	Carol Watchmaker
Domine Clemons	Susan Hamilton	Barbara Pastine	Callie Grace Watson
Monsignor Coll	Terry Hansberry	Doris Patrao	Elaine Wenning
Ken Coloma, Sr	Barbara Hardebeck	Judith Ann Patterson	Gail Wheeler
Merlyn Comeriato	Dorothy Harkins	Lynn Petrovic	Nancy Whiteman
Julia Conifrey	Saralane Harrer	The Pleeter Family	Mary Lou Widloski
Francine Crawford	The Hawley Family	Dennis Powers	Eugene D. Williams II
John D.	Fr. George Hazler	Frances Powers	Lothar Winklbauer
Michelle D.	Elaine Hill	Albert Previte	Harry Witt
Roberta Dabronzo	Raymond Hogge, Jr.	Debbie Previte	Paul Wyzoski
Raymond Dauterive	Katie Hokanson	Dorothy Queenan	Blake Young
Rich Davidson	Kelly Honsberger	Tom Redman	Connor Z.
Sue Delaney	Amiel Horvath	Robyn	Ed Zarebi
George Deuchar	Deanne Hutchinson-Pinto	Shannon Rolquin	
Phyllis Devlin	Joseph Iannuccilli	Susie Romanovich	
Julie Dieter	William Jackson	Brian Rondeau	
Donna DiMare	Sharon Johnson	Theresa Rowe	
Daniel Drobenko	Lynn K.	David Russell	
Tom Duncan	Baby Bayli Kaufman	Peggy O'Neil Saba	
Kelly Duncan	John Kegaly	Lisa Sanfelippo	
Elizabeth Dyer	Michelle Kelly	Lee Schilling	
Baby Bennett Edington	Basia Koser	Joseph Sciortino	
Robert Egan	Hannah K & Kathleen Kotscher	Enrico Senatore	

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 6 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Dwight Fritz III, Marines  
Senior Reconnaissance Sargent- Lon Giancola- US Army  
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.  
First Lieutenant Daniel Huber, US Marine Corps  
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 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  
Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps  
Daniel Petito – US Army  
Captain Anthony James Raguso, US Marines  
Captain Robert W. Raleigh IV- US Marine Corps  
Lt. Jill Rice, Commander in the US Navy  
Lt. Joseph Rice, Commander in the US Navy  
Sean Riordan- US Marines  
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  
Colonel Ryan Whitaker- US Airforce  
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

We will begin a new Military Prayer list, starting on January 18, 2026. If you would like a name to be on/remain on the new list, please contact our Main Office at 239.566.8740. Thank you.

## 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. *\*We will not have confessions on Wednesday, December 24, 2025*



### 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

*please join us for*

### 24 HOUR ADORATION

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

TO SIGN UP GO TO  
[www.adorationpro.org/SJECC](http://www.adorationpro.org/SJECC)

## Ministries and Groups

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



During 2025, the St John Conference aided over **111 families, many in the parish**, through October. Your support helps these families stay in their Homes.

Rent support, utility payments and supplies help to keep the lights on and stabilize their lives.

Helping Neighbors to Stay-In-Their-Home is the major Mission of St Vincent de Paul at St John.

We extend spiritual and financial support, lifelines to help our Neighbors continue to live with dignity.



**Your Support stays here in Naples and is deeply valued**



## 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](http://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](mailto:relife@aol.com)

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

**Faith Chat.** Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Antioch Room of the Parish Activity Center. All are welcome to join us for this study. Coffee and snacks are provided. 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](mailto:Hal@sjecc.com) or Maria Chappe: [maria@sjecc.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:swan11@bellsouth.net) or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email [jandpcrivelli@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:aff@sjecc.com) and register at [wellreadmom.com](http://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](mailto: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

SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join Us For The

## LEGION OF MARY

Tuesdays | 6:30PM | Claussen Family Center

For More Information Email: [sjecclegion@gmail.com](mailto:sjecclegion@gmail.com)

### Sacristans Needed

Sacristans are needed for the Sunday 11:00 Mass and the Wednesday Morning Mass at 8:30. Please contact: [Pollyanna@sjecc.com](mailto:Pollyanna@sjecc.com)



### Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother

*The first Friday of every month after the morning Mass*

*Upcoming Novena Dates:  
January 2, February 6*



Mary plays an important role in our salvation and we plea for her intercession so that we may follow her example in following Christ her Son. Our church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. People are often looking for someone who cares for them and the Sorrowful Mother has her arms open to welcome and listen. Mary has promised to grant seven graces to the souls who honor her by meditating on her tears and sorrows.

**TMIY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!  
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN



Saturdays @7:00am in the Pulte Cafe  
for more information:  
[brandonkaras1993@gmail.com](mailto:brandonkaras1993@gmail.com)

### CELEBRATING THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This Sunday we light the last **PURPLE** candle on our Advent wreath, marking the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: **PEACE**

While we wait, here are some Advent Family Challenges this week. See how many you can do as a family!

- Attend Sunday Mass together for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.
- Mass Times at St. John are 3:00PM & 5:00PM on Saturday and 7AM, 9AM, 11AM, 1PM & 5PM on Sunday.
- Wear **PURPLE** this week to celebrate the **PEACE** of Advent!
- Visit the Adoration Chapel as a Family. It is located at the front left of our church building.
- Attend **CHRISTMAS** Mass together. Christmas Eve Mass Times 3:00PM, 5:00PM, 7PM & MIDNIGHT.
- Christmas Day Mass Times 7AM, 9AM, 11AM, 1PM.
- Celebrate the Feast Day of St. John the Evangelist on December 27<sup>th</sup> – Pray a prayer to the Patron saint of our church.

*O glorious St. John, you were so loved by Jesus that you merited to rest your head upon his breast, and to be left in his place as son to Mary. Obtain for us an ardent love for Jesus and Mary. Let me be united with them now on earth and forever after in heaven. Amen*

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

If you or your children are interested in learning more about our Faith Formation offerings at St. John, please visit our website at [www.sjecc.org](http://www.sjecc.org) or reach out to us via email at [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com). We have a beautiful team of staff and volunteers to serve you and your family. Registration for the 2026-2027 school year begins on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

If you are interested in becoming a Catechist and serving our children in Faith Formation, please reach out to us as well. We will help you through the required volunteer clearance process, as well as our Catechist Basic Certification through Franciscan at Home online.



### THIS WEEK

#### IN YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

We will resume all Faith Formation Sessions in the New Year! God bless you all and Merry Christmas!





## A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM--THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who made A Night in Bethlehem so special! We continue to wait well in anticipation for the coming of our Savior on Christmas day!







## 33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY

### A 6-Week Eucharistic Pilgrimage

By Matthew Kelly

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory is an invitation for you to journey with fellow pilgrims to reflect on what makes Catholics unique—Eucharist. We need to better understand the treasures and gifts the Eucharist provides to nourish us spiritually, not only at Mass, but in our daily lives. Join us for this six-week journey to start your New Year with reflecting on the love, peace and hope that we receive from Jesus in the Eucharist.

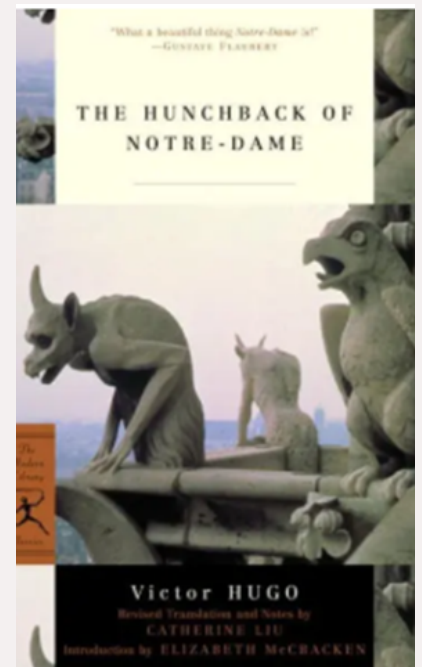
Dates: Tuesdays, January 13 – February 17  
Time: 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Where: Alexandria Room in the Clausen Center  
Facilitator: Jean Kechejian

To register email the Office of Faith Formation: [aff@sjecc.com](mailto:aff@sjecc.com). The book is available in the Religious Gift Shop.

## Well Read Mom January Book Selection - The Hunchback of Notre-Dame

Set in medieval Paris, Victor Hugo's powerful historical romance *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame* has resonated with succeeding generations ever since its publication in 1837. It tells the story of the beautiful gypsy Esmeralda, condemned as a witch by the tormented archdeacon Claude Frollo, who lusts after her. Quasimodo, the deformed bell ringer of Notre-Dame Cathedral, having fallen in love with the kindhearted Esmeralda, tries to save her by hiding her in the cathedral's tower. When a crowd of Parisian peasants, misunderstanding Quasimodo's motives, attacks the church in an attempt to liberate her, the story ends in tragedy.

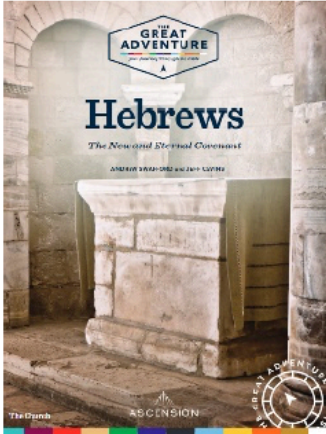
To learn more about Well-Read Mom and to Sign up at [www.wellreadmom.com](http://www.wellreadmom.com) to join our group! We will discuss this selection on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8:00PM or Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00-11:30AM. Copies available in the Gift Shop while supplies last for \$ 18.00. For women of all ages!



## COMING IN MARCH - OUR PARISH MISSION!

Be on the lookout for the 2026 Parish Mission! There will be Masses and talks from a special guest. The topic is "Our Personal relationship With Jesus!"

## Adult Faith Formation



### *Hebrews, The New and Eternal Covenant*

*Lectures by Dr. Andrew Stafford & Jeff Cavins; Facilitated by Dee Schwartz, Spiritual Director*

**8 Sessions on Wednesdays January 7 – February 25 at 12:15 – 1:30**

**Workbooks will be available for purchase in the giftshop while supplies last.**

**To register, please register email [aff@sjecc.com](mailto:aff@sjecc.com)**

**Books for the study are available now in the Gift Shop**

**Hebrews is like a mini catechism, as it taught the earliest Christian Hebrews truths that are foundational to our Catholic Faith. It celebrates the Messiah, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by reflecting on how EVERYTHING changed upon His birth, and again after Christ's resurrection.**

Hebrews more than any other book in the Bible shows the parallels between the Old and New Testaments. Early manuscripts show that Hebrews was written before 70 A.D. to the Hebrews at a time of great suffering under Roman rule and upheaval.

Hebrews appears to be a Sermon due to its exhortation style. It's recommended to read aloud. It addresses the doubts that Jesus was the promised Messiah by clarifying the theological maze between the Old and New Covenants, Messianic prophesies, and Christ's ministry on earth.

We study Hebrews between Christmas and Easter because it encompasses Christ's Coming, ministry, suffering, dying, and glorious Resurrection. Hebrews proves the Messianic Kingship of Jesus (Yeshua in Hebrew) by drawing upon the parallels between the Old and New Testaments, the liturgy, the Eucharist, the priesthood, and much more.

Discover how gentle God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are with us, as God reveals His plan for salvation gradually over millennia encapsulated in this God-breathed Hebrews Sermon.



### **THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

**Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>- No OCIA This Week**

**No other Adult Faith Formation Sessions this Week.**

**We wish everyone a Merry Christmas!**



## Middle School

# MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH!!

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS A BLAST! THE KIDS WROTE CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR A NURSING HOME, PLAYED HUMAN GIFT WRAPPING GAME, AND ENJOYED A BUNCH OF CHRISTMAS CHEER.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!  
SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR! MORE UPDATES TO COME.



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



## Young Adult

# 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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OUNDNAPLES.WORDPRESS.COM/](https://catholicfellowshiparoundnaples.wordpress.com/)







*Join us for a joyful weekend of faith, fellowship, food and fun at our very first parish festival!*

## Saturday, January 24

Ticket Event: \$20 per person

**6 pm - Festival opens after 5 pm mass**

Food & non-alcoholic beverages included in ticket price

Beer/Wine Garden, Margaritas and Pina Coladas \$5 each



**Live Music!**  
Johnny Caribe  
Band 6:30-9:30 pm

Festival Closes  
at 9:30 pm  
on Saturday



## Sunday, January 25

Free Admission

**12 pm - Festival opens after 11 am mass**

Food and non-alcoholic beverages included!

Beer/Wine Garden - \$5 each

DJ

Dessert Trucks, Cake Walk

Family & Children games/activities

Ax Throwing

Bingo

50/50 Cash Raffle

Festival Closes at  
5 pm on Sunday





## Events & Programs

St. John the Evangelist  
**CHEERS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**  
**HAPPY HOUR**

A NIGHT TO HONOR  
THOSE WHO GIVE THEIR  
TIME TO SERVE OUR  
PARISH COMMUNITY

APPETIZERS  
BEER & WINE

JANUARY 30, 2026  
5:30-7:30PM  
PULTE CAFE

REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED:

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# FARMERS MARKET

Every Tuesday  
Beginning January 6, 2026  
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church



Enjoy a vibrant community market featuring 55+ local vendors offering fresh produce, handmade goods, baked treats, crafts, and more. Support local farmers and artisans while enjoying a friendly, community atmosphere every week!

## Pancake Breakfast

Cub Scout Pack 226

**SUNDAY  
Dec 21st**

After 7 AM, 9 AM, 11AM Masses  
In the Ballroom

Pancakes | Eggs  
Coffee & Juice | Bacon

**FREE!**  
Donations Greatly Appreciated



## DOMINE CLEMONS

A THANK YOU CONCERT FOR OUR  
PARISHIONERS AND COMMUNITY



SAVE  
THE  
DATE

**MARCH 13**  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH  
NAPLES, FL

## TRIVIA NIGHT

**Mondays  
@ 6:00pm**

**Pulte Cafe**

**Light food  
& drinks**

Save the Date

## Luxury BINGO

fundraiser



March 7, 2026



## PAUL TODD

Love Songs

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST | PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
625 11TH AVE N, IN NAPLES

FOR TICKETS:  
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/PAUL-TODD-CONCERT-TICKETS-1977513856177?AFF=ODDTDTCREATOR](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paul-todd-concert-tickets-1977513856177?aff=ODDTDTCREATOR)

