

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

December 28, 2025



Feast of the *Holy Family* of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Let the heart of our families, be like that of Jesus, and together with Mary and Joseph may we ask ourselves what God wants of us and joyfully do it.

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.

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, December 28

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

Monday, December 29

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

Tuesday, December 30

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

Wednesday, December 31 *Office closed

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

Thursday, January 1 *Office closed

8:30am Mass (Church)
12:00pm Mass (Church)
7:00pm Mass (Church)

Friday, January 2 *Office closed

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:00am Novena- Our Sorrowful Mother (Church)
6:00pm First Friday Adoration (Church)

Saturday, January 3

7:00am TMIY (Pulte Cafe)
8:30am Morning Mass (Church)
9:00am First Saturday Adoration (Church)
3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)

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 18 in the Happy Christmas Ad.



WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

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!**

Readings for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Reading I

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading II

Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and

spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. [Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.]

Alleluia

Colossians 3:15a, 16a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,

"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son.

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said,

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there.

And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.

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Music for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

VerSES

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a-dored, Christ, the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
 2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
 3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,

1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
 2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies; With an -
 2. God-head see! Hail th'in - car-nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
 3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to

1. gel - ic hosts pro-claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
 3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915.

Blessed Are Those Who Fear The Lord

(Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5)

Francesca LaRosa

Bless-ed are those who fear the____ Lord

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 and walk in his ways, and walk in his ways.

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

Verses



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, Let noth-ing you dis - may;
 2. From God our heav'n-ly Fa - ther A bless-ed an - gel came,
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth-ing you af - fright;
 4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with-in this place,



1. Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ-mas Day
 2. And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
 3. This day is born a Sav - ior Of Vir - gin pure and bright,
 4. And with true love and char - i - ty Each oth - er now em - brace;



1. To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
 2. How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
 3. To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 4. This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Is filled with heav'n-ly grace.

Refrain



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

Text: 86 86 86 with refrain; Trad. English Carol, 18th cent.

Music: Trad. English Carol; melody fr. *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1846.

Lamb of God

THE FIRST NOWELL, English Carol

Originally adapt.

Carroll Thomas Andrews, 1918–2014

Adapt. John T. Kyler

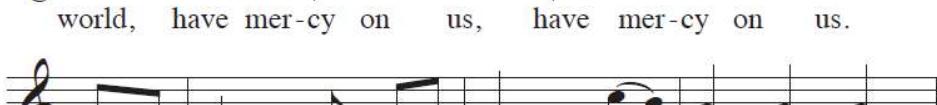
From the Ordinary of the Mass



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

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world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to

1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
 3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Refrain

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 3. lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,
 haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; William C. Dix, 1827-1898. Music: English melody, 16th cent.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

1. O lit - tle town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath-ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent-ly, how si - lent-ly, The won-drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth-le-hem! De-scend to us, we pray;

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1. A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
3. So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless-ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last-ing Light:
2. O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ-mas an - gels The great glad tid-ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em-man - u - el!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Verse

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Verses

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire you heav'nly song.

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.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass Times

December 31

5:00pm

January 1

8:30am

12:00pm

7:00pm



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OFFERTORY

12/3/25 - 12/9/25

\$119,512.10

12/10/25 - 12/16/25

\$88,540.09

Total Households

3569



MEMORIAL GARDEN

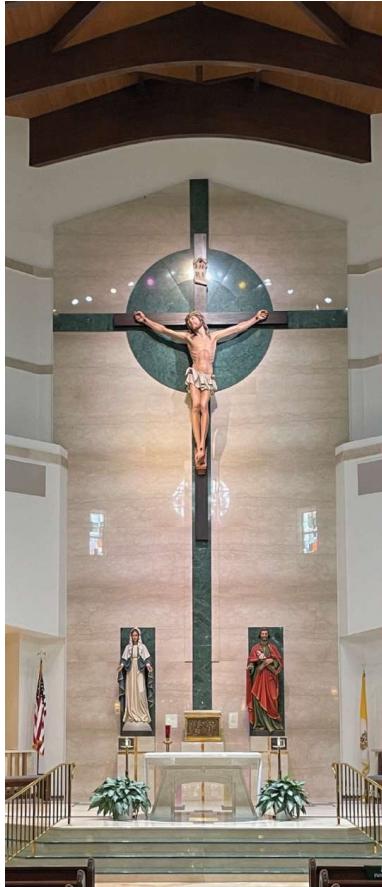
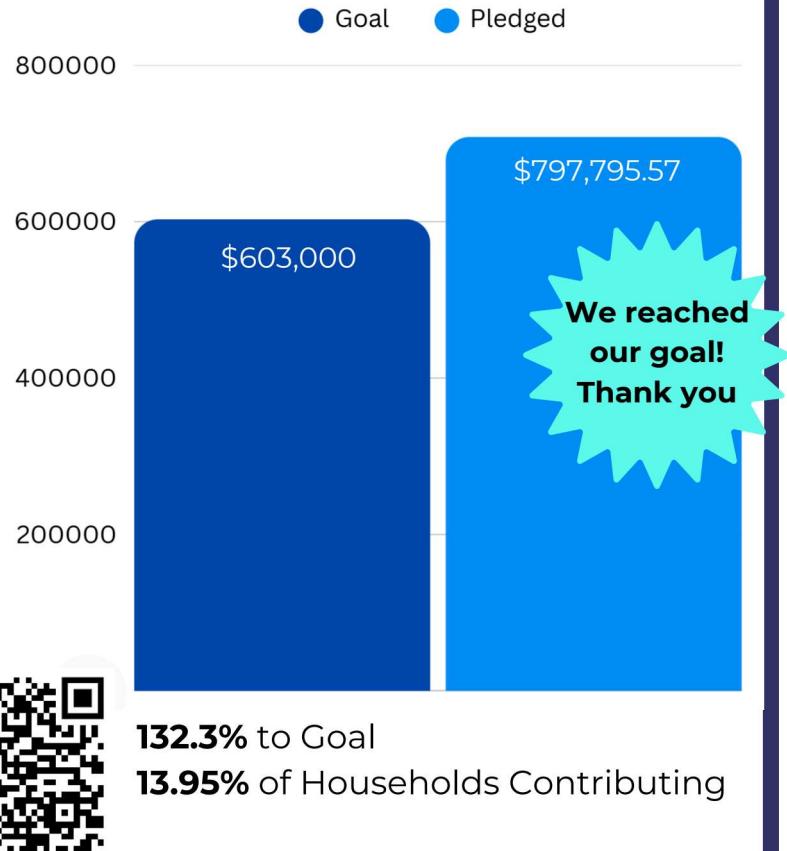
To maintain the dignity of our Memorial Garden, permanent plants, artificial flowers, statues, balloons, pinwheels, vigil lights, breakable objects, rocks, food, and alcohol are not permitted on the memorial markers. Additionally, we do not permit adornments that are considered hazardous to personnel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

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



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 27, 2025

8:30 AM SI Ray and Gonette Caparros
Vigil Masses for Sunday
 3:00 PM + Jean and Joe Carpino
 5:00 PM + Ned and Marylou Leibig

Requested By

Gonette Caparros
 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

Requested By

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

Monday, December 29, 2025

8:30 AM + Barbara Deborah Elefante

Requested By

Anthony Elefante

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

8:30 AM + Eloise Benson

Requested By

John Benson

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

8:30 AM + Melinda Shannon
 5:00 PM + Richie

Requested By

Paul Shannon
 Ingrid

Thursday, January 1, 2026

8:30 AM + Fr. Al McPartland
 12:00 PM + Mary Kay Kemp
 7:00 PM + Dorothy Siwruk

Requested By

Dennis and Fran Powers
 Eileen and Don Foster
 Ben La Marca and Family

Friday, January 2, 2026

8:30 AM + McLoughlin and Wilton Families

Requested By

Bernard and Ryan McLoughlin

Saturday, January 3, 2026

8:30 AM SI Susan Wilcox

Requested By

Jennifer Holmes

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Mary Ellen DeRicco
 5:00 PM + Carter Thomas Jack

Faith Formation Friends

Nana and Papou

Sunday, January 4, 2026

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners
 9:00 AM + Andrew Grutkowksi, Sr.
 11:00 AM + Frank Gilardi, Jr.
 1:00 PM + Daniel Cuenya
 5:00 PM + Rosalie Senatore
 Wine and Host + Rosalie Senatore

Family
 Julie Gilardi
 Lizabeth Cuenya
 Daughters, Deborah and Jodie
 Daughters, Deborah and Jodie

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

Dorothy Munch, Robert J. Saba, Mary Lou Widloski, Nicholas Acquaviva, Nancy Lukasik, Barbara Ann Fuller, Julia Gomez, Steven Bello



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.

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

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
1st 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
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 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
Alex Noble- Air Force

1st Sargent Jake Nowicki
Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – US Army
Private 1st Class Jason Ollanove- 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.

Hallow

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST + Hallow

SCAN HERE to join St. John's Parish Page for FREE!

*St. John the Evangelist is thrilled to announce that we'll be partnering with Hallow this year, the #1 prayer app! Through **prayer** and **meditation** rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow **closer to God** and **find peace**. Users are able to pray alongside Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, + many more. The app also offers mental health and sleep content, audiobooks, and sacred music.*

WELCOME TO All parishioners – paid subscribers and those on the free version – are invited to be a part of St. John the Evangelist's parish page in the app. There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests, and take part in prayer challenges together.

To join, visit hallow.com/parish, search (**zip code 34108**), and follow the prompts. You'll be given a special trial which gives access to all the app's premium content. If you'd like to forgo and remain on the **free version**, simply hit "Skip" and you'll have access to our parish page.

*Throughout the year, we'll take part in a series of **prayer challenges** together! [Our first prayer challenge will be **14 Days of Prayer** which kicks off **Monday, January 12th, 2026**. We'd love for you to take part! Simply visit our parish page on the Community tab, join the waitlist, and on January 12th, we'll begin.*

Issues with app access? Contact parishsupport@hallow.app.

We look forward to praying with you!



November Baptisms



Charlotte Gobin



Lillian Hettesheimer



Maya Fonseca



Evan and Liam VanDeWerken



Gabriella D'Agostino



Miles Jenkinson



Alba Sofia Montalvo



Hannah Martinez



Caroline Meyers



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 confessional on Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.



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/SJ ECC*

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 46: Daily Duties are the Path to Heaven

It is true that our goal must be Heaven. We must constantly keep our eyes on this eternal reality. Why? Because in comparison to this passing world, Heaven is all that ultimately matters. So how do we keep our focus on Heaven without becoming complacent with our daily duties? Would it be proper to neglect our daily duties and responsibilities so as to spend all day at church? Certainly not. In fact, the way to Heaven centrally involves living our duties well. We must live them in fidelity, diligence and love. Living well while we are here on Earth is the best preparation for Heaven

Reflect, today, upon Heaven. See this glorious reality for what it is. It is eternal happiness! It is unending joy! Look, also, at all that God calls you to do each and every day. Be it small menial tasks or great and visible works, do everything for the love of God, seeing each responsibility you have been given as a central way by which you obtain eternal joy.

Lord, I invite You to enter into my life daily. I pray that everything I do may be done as an act of love for You and for others. May I fulfill all my responsibilities well and, through them, obtain the glorious life that awaits. Jesus, I trust in You.

Ministries & Groups

AA Brian R. 732-735-7037

Al-Anon For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact the Main Office 239.566.8740

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – The Cenacle is an opportunity to pray for the conversion of our American family in support of protecting the human rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. We do this as a community in the presence of our Lord, present in the Tabernacle, with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and other traditional Catholic prayers. The Cenacle meets Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm in the Main Sanctuary. For additional information, contact us at 239.250.0432 or relife@aol.com

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

Faith Chat. Thursdays at 9:30 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 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 streaming ministry provides the homebound and parishioners who are away from Naples the opportunity to view our Masses. We stream weekday Masses and three weekend Masses. Contact colleen@sjecc.com.

Ministries & Groups

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

Ministry Opportunity: Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound



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

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

*Safe Environment training and fingerprinting are prerequisites for serving.

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

Sacristans Needed

Sacristans are needed for the Sunday 11:00 Mass and the Wednesday Morning Mass at 8:30. Please contact:

Pollyanna@sjecc.com



Saturdays @7:00am in the Pulte Cafe
for more information:
brandonkaras1993@gmail.com



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.

**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

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.



Knights of Columbus **Baby Bottle Drive**



The Knights of Columbus are raising money to help build a Culture of Life in our community. We are planning to purchase an Ultrasound Machine for CPI (Community Pregnancy Clinics) and provide financial support to other Pro-Life organizations.

Here's how the Baby Bottle Drive works:

- 1) Pick up a baby bottle after Mass from the Knights the weekend of January 17/18.
- 2) Take the baby bottle home with you and fill it with coins, cash or a check made payable to "St. John Council 11281". Write "Baby Bottle Drive" on the memo line.
- 3) Drop the baby bottle off with the Knights before Mass the following weekend, January 24/25.

Please give what you can to support these great organizations!

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



CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH TODAY

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Here are some fun ways you can celebrate with your family during this Christmas Season! See how many you can do as a family!



- Attend Sunday Mass together and after Mass, go reverently near the altar to get a closer look of the Holy Family in our Nativity Scene.
- Wear White & Gold this week to celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season!
- Decorate your table at home with White and gold to symbolize purity and holiness and have a favorite meal together. During the meal, discuss ways each member contributes to making your home a place of love and faith.
- Visit the Adoration Chapel as a Family. It is located at the front left of our church building.
- Pray a Family Rosary together.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love. To you, we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one of love and prayer, faithful in following God's will and patient in trials. May we be a sign of Christ's love in the world. 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 or reach out to us via email at 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 1st, 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!

UPCOMING

Wednesday, January 7th

Wednesday Sessions Resume 5:00-6:15PM

Sunday, January 11th

Sunday Morning Sessions Resume 9:30-10:45AM

Sunday, January 11th

High School Confirmation Youth and Parent Sessions Resume 3:30PM-6:00PM

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS FOR A CATHOLIC FAMILY

Taken from *Orange County Catholic*, occatholic.com

It is a very common tradition for people to set personal goals at the beginning of a new year. Some of these common goals focus on changing or adopting new lifestyles, eating healthier or achieving professional advancements. This is not wrong. Often, we do not think about incorporating spiritual goals that foster a deeper sense of unity and purpose in our lives. For our Catholic families, the New Year offers an opportune moment to strengthen our faith and collectively grow closer to God.

Below are five simple goals that can help a Catholic family grow in their spiritual life during this new year.

Prioritize Family Prayer Time: The foundation of a Catholic family revolves around prayer. “A family that prays together, stays together” – this famous phrase from the Irish Father Patrick Peyton holds intrinsic truth. As a family, we must seek moments during the week for family prayer, whether attending Mass together, praying the Rosary, or participating in evening prayers. By prioritizing these moments, families create sacred spaces for spiritual reflection and community connection.

Attend Mass Regularly: Regular attendance at the weekly Eucharistic celebrations is the cornerstone of every Catholic family. As a family, we must resolve to prioritize attendance at Sunday Mass and, whenever possible, attend daily Mass to deepen our connection with the liturgical calendar of the Church. This commitment not only strengthens individual faith but also foster a sense of community within the family.

Incorporate Scripture Study: Our religious education never ends. As Catholics, we are called to nourish our faith daily through active participation in religious studies. As a Catholic family, we must immerse ourselves in the richness that the Sacred Scriptures offer us. It is essential to seek opportunities in our parishes to participate in Bible study groups suitable for each family member. Encourage yourselves to find opportunities for spiritual reading or attend retreats and workshops provided by your parish or diocese. This shared exploration can lead to opportunities for family conversations and a deeper understanding of the Church’s teachings.

Embrace Acts of Kindness and Charity: As heads of the family, we must instill values of compassion and empathy in our families, especially in our children and youth, by participating in acts of kindness and charity. An excellent way to foster these values is for the family to engage in community service projects or seek opportunities to volunteer in local charitable organizations or within our own parishes. This commitment to serving others reflects the fundamental principles of Catholicism, promoting a sense of gratitude and social responsibility within the family.

Cultivate a Spirit of Forgiveness: We must practice forgiving others, especially within our families, in the same way that Jesus forgive us. The New Year provides an opportunity to leave grudges behind and cultivate forgiveness within the family. Fostering open communication and emphasizing the importance of seeking reconciliation when conflicts arise should be a primary goal in our families. By practicing forgiveness, Catholic families can reflect the mercy and love shown by Christ to us. These five simple goals go beyond individual aspirations to embrace the collective Catholic journey toward spiritual growth. By weaving these purposes into the fabric of daily life, families can create a nurturing environment where faith flourishes, and the love of Christ becomes the guiding force in all aspects of their lives.





33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY

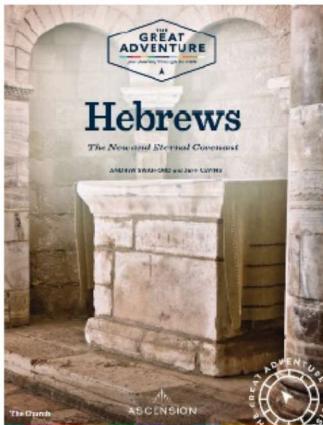
A 6-Week Eucharistic Pilgrimage

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.
The book is available in the Religious Gift Shop.



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.

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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.

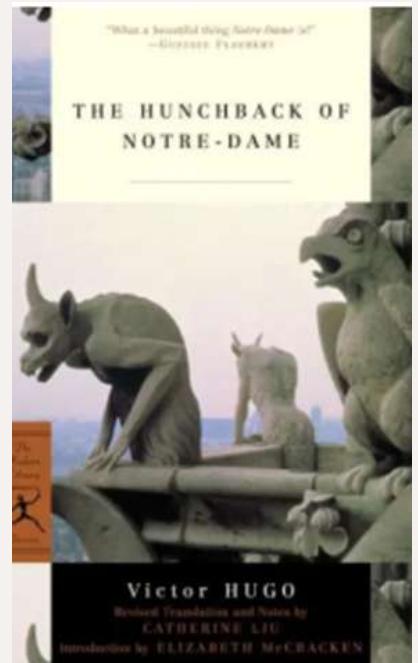
We study Hebrews between Christmas and Easter because it encompasses Christ's Coming, ministry, suffering, dying, and glorious Resurrection. Hebrews proves the Messianic Kingship of Jesus (Yeshua in Hebrew) by drawing upon the parallels between the Old and New Testaments, the liturgy, the Eucharist,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

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 to join our group! We will discuss this selection on Wednesday, January 7th at 6:30-8:00PM or Thursday, January 8th at 10:00-11:30AM. Copies available in the Gift Shop while supplies last for \$18.00. For women of all ages!



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This Week on Formed

Week of December 28, 2025



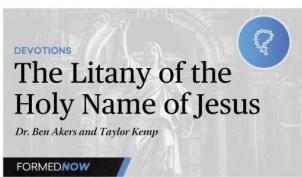
New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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!"

THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Monday, December 29:

No OCIA

Tuesday, December 30:

No Foundations of Faith

Thursday, January 1:

No young adult group





HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY



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



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN GYM NIGHTS

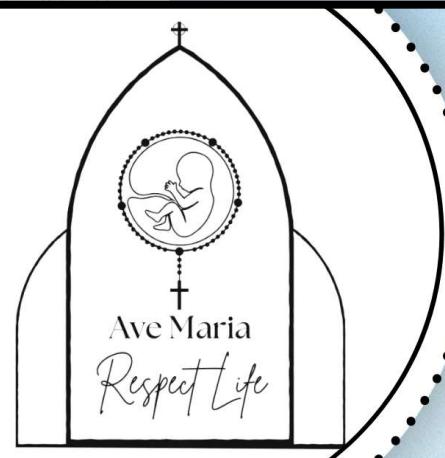
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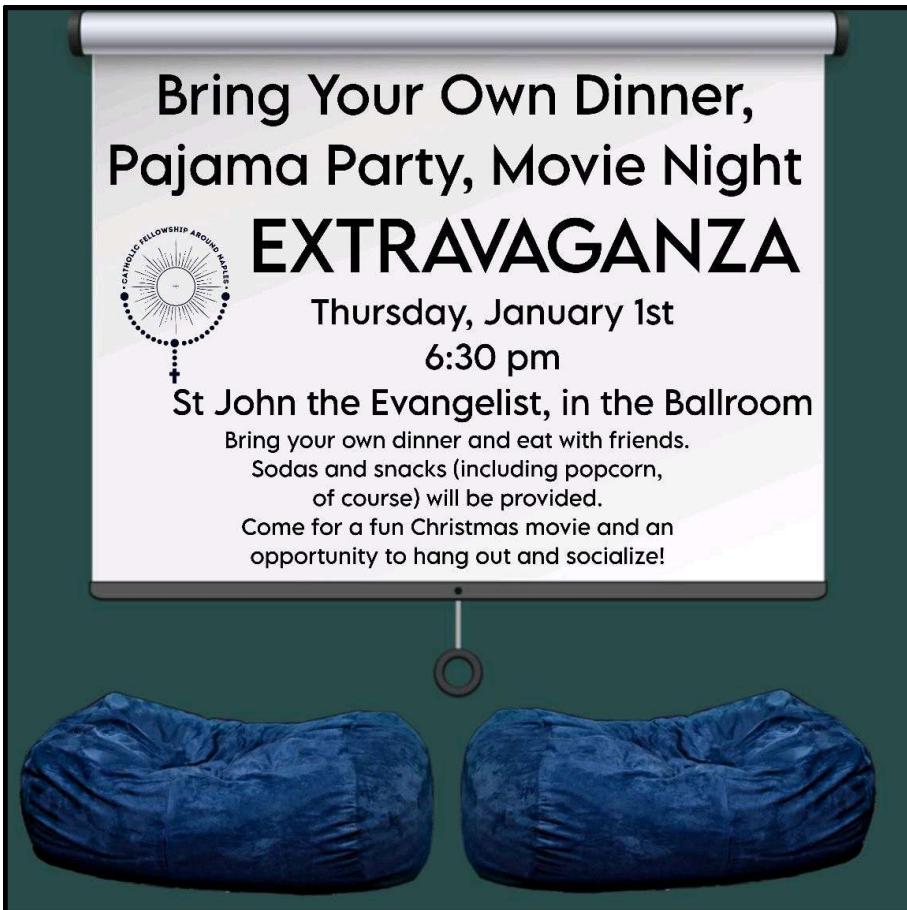
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YOUNG ADULT GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY RECAP

ON THURSDAY THE 18TH, WE HAD A FUN NIGHT OF GIFT EXCHANGING, PRAYING THE ROSARY, AND HAVING FELLOWSHIP.

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



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



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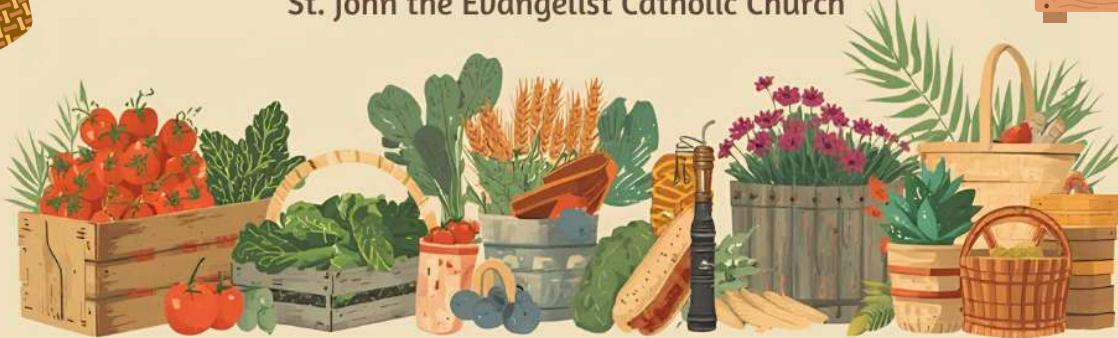
FARMERS MARKET

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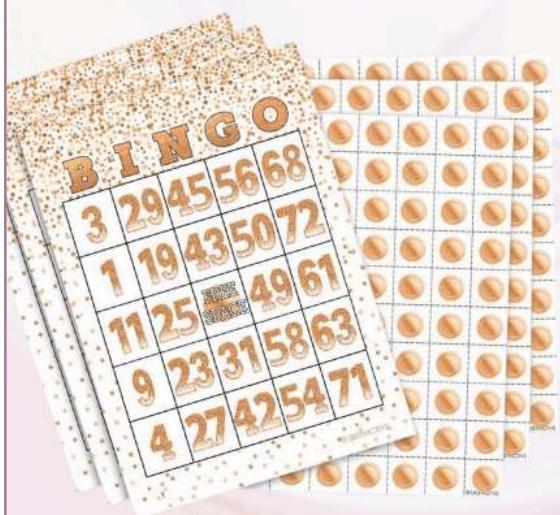
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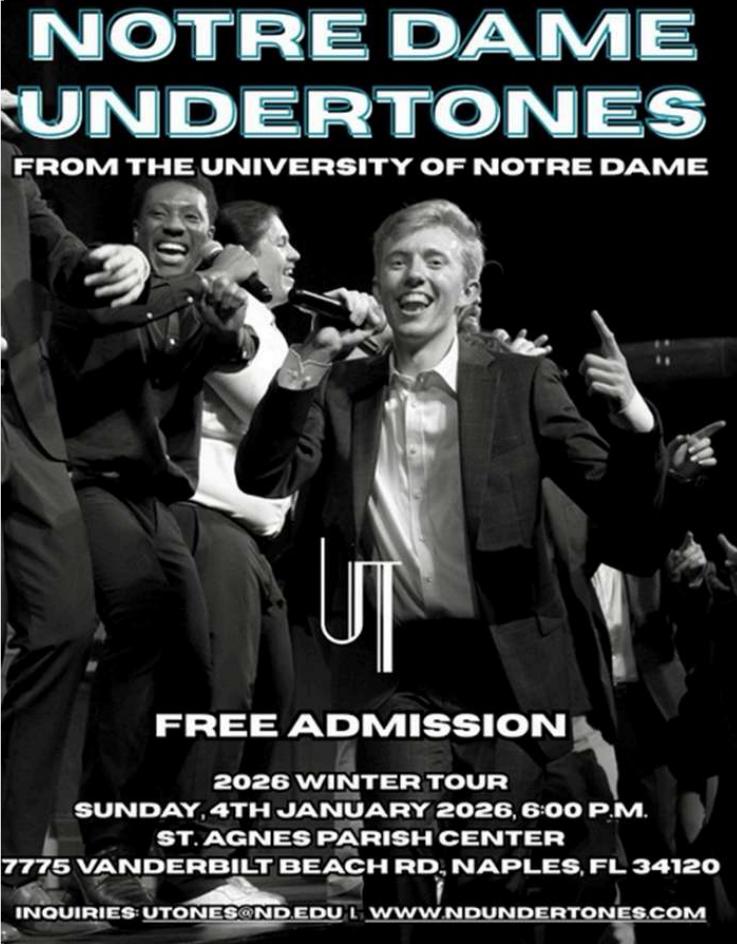
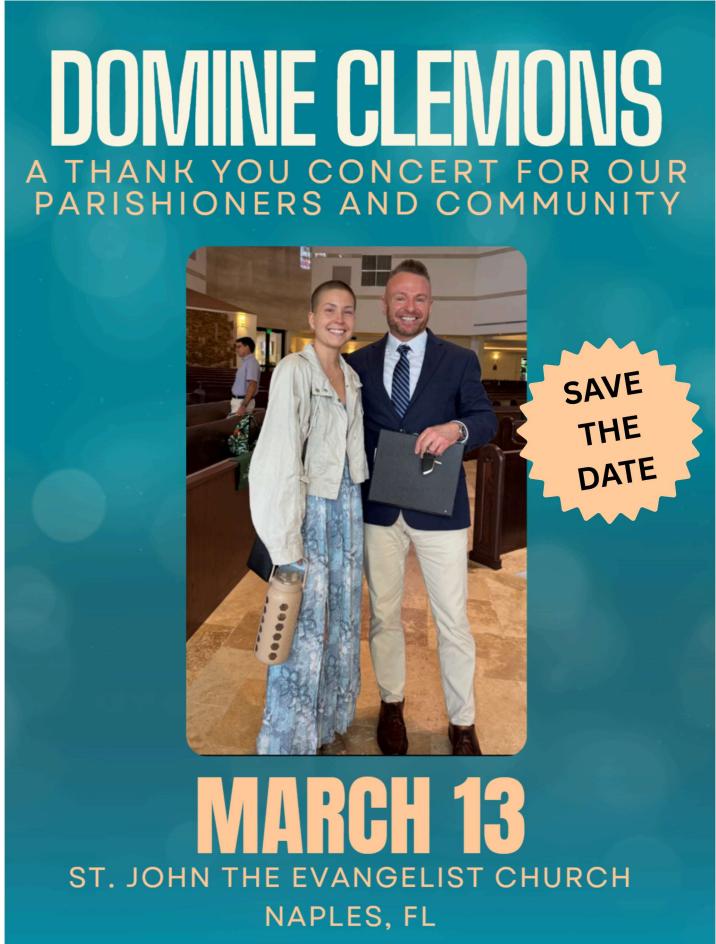
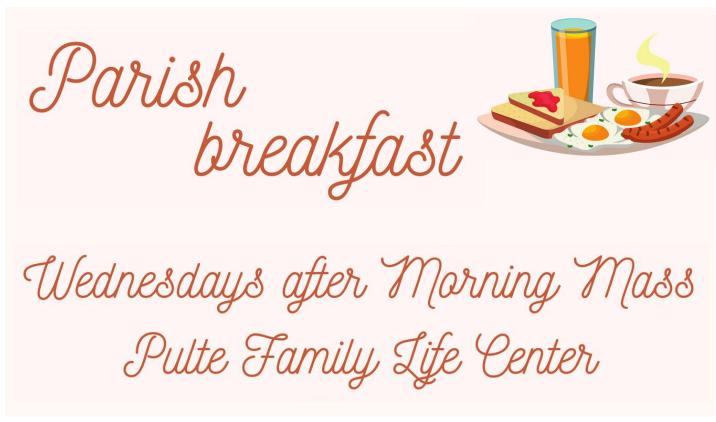
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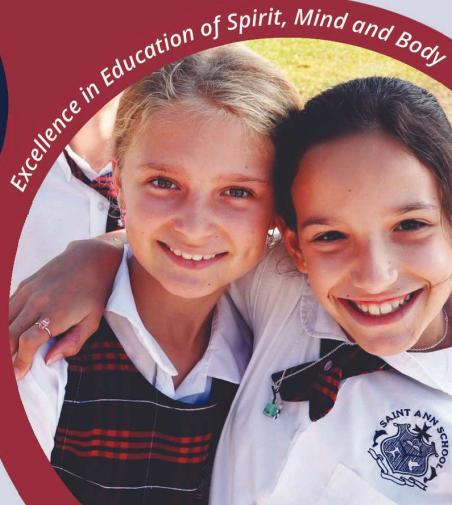
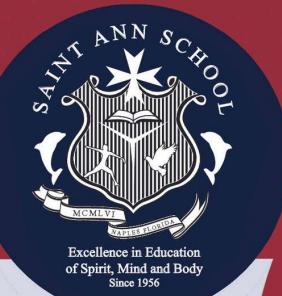
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