

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

A Diocese of Venice Jubilee Pilgrimage Site

December 7, 2025



The Second Sunday of Advent



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed)

Saturday: 8:30am, 3:00pm (livestreamed), 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am (livestreamed), 11:00am (livestreamed), 1:00pm, and 5:00pm

Reconciliation Times

Monday and Wednesday after morning

Mass Saturday: 9:00am and 2:00-2:45pm

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Calendar and Mass Readings

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7

7:00am Mass (Church)
 9:00am Mass (Church)
 9:30am K-8 Faith Formation (PAC & Claussen)
 11:00am Mass (Church)
 12:00pm St. Nicholas Family Event (Pulte Cafe)
 1:00pm Mass (Church)
 3:30pm Confirmation (PAC & Claussen)
 5:00pm Mass (Church)

Monday, December 8

Office Closed

8:30am Mass (Church)
 12:00pm Mass (Church)
 6:00pm OCIA (Alexandria)
 7:00pm Mass (Church)



Tuesday, December 9

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
 9:30am Stations of the Nativity (Alexandria)
 12:00pm Bible Timeline (Alexandria)
 6:30pm Legion of Mary (Library)

Wednesday, December 10

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
 9:00am Parish Breakfast (Pulte Cafe)
 5:00pm Night in Bethlehem (Ballroom)

Thursday, December 11

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
 9:00am Faith Chat (New Antioch-PAC)

Friday, December 12

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

Saturday, December 13

7:00am TMIY (Pulte Cafe)
 8:30am Morning Mass (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.



WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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.**

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Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed; or the Apostles Creed may also be recited):

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Universal Prayer / Prayer of the Faithful:

Lector: ...let us pray to the Lord. People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Table / Presentation of the Gifts (first part may be done silently):

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness... (2x)

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Acclamations during the Eucharistic Prayer:

Preface Dialogue:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. People: **It is right and just.**

Sanctus:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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Mystery of Faith:

Priest: The mystery of faith:

People: A – **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**
B – **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**
C – **Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.**

Great Amen:

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.** (*may be sung more than once*)

COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,...

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace:

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. All: **And with your spirit.**

Breaking of the Bread:

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Preparation for Communion:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Reception of Communion:

Minister: The Body of Christ. Communicant: **Amen.**

Minister: The Blood of Christ. Communicant: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing & Dismissal:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace. (*or another longer formulation*)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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Readings for The Second Sunday of Advent

Reading 1

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

May his name be blessed forever;
as long as the sun his name shall remain.

In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Reading 2

Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

Alleluia

Luke 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan

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River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that

does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8

Mass times: 8:30am | 12:00pm | 7:00pm



Music for The Second Sunday of Advent

On Jordan's Bank

WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose

1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
Music: *Musicalishes Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

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Justice Shall Flourish in His Time, and Fullness of Peace for Ever

(Psalm 72)

(Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17)

Francesca LaRosa

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Jus - tice shall flour - ish in his time, and full-ness of peace for ev - er.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

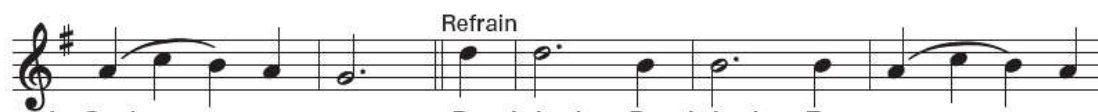
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our


1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

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Refrain



1. God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.
 4. o'er the grave.
 5. mis - er - y.
 6. put to flight.
 7. Prince of Peace.




el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!


Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6, para. in *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal* 1940, alt.
 Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; Chant, Mode I.

Jesus Christ Bread of Life

REFRAIN



Je - sus Christ, Bread of Life, fill us with your love,




Je - sus Christ, Lamb of God, fill us with your peace.

VERSES



1. Thank - ful - ly, here we bring sim - ple bread and wine,
 2. Faith - ful - ly, we re - call, gath - ered here as one,
 3. When we drink of this cup, when we eat this bread,
 4. Are not all hearts a - flame when we break this bread?
 5. Joy - ful - ly we par - take in this ho - ly food.

To Refrain



1. For the life of the world, once and for all time.
 2. Bread of Life, cup of peace, which we now be - come.
 3. We pro - claim Je - sus Christ ris - en from the dead.
 4. Are not all one in Christ by this blood he shed?
 5. Of - fer - ing all we have, praise and grat - i - tude.

Steve Schaubel, 1953–2016

Antonín Dvořák, 1841–1904
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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, This Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,

1. Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing, As those of old have sung.
2. With Ma-ry we be-hold it, The Vir-gin Moth-er kind.
3. Dis-pel in glo-rious splen-dor The dark-ness ev-'ry-where;

1. It came, a flow-er bright, A-mid the
2. To show God's love a-right, She bore to
3. True man, yet ver-y God, From sin and

1. cold of win-ter, When half spent was the night.
2. us a Sav-ior, When half spent was the night.
3. death now save us, And share our ev-'ry load.

Text: 76 76 6 76; based on Isaiah 11:1; Trad. German Carol, 15th cent.; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.
Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599.

The King of Glory

KING OF GLORY

Refrain

The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re-joic-es.

O - pen the gates be-fore him, lift up your voic-es.

Verses

1. Who is the King of glo-ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal-i-lee, in cit-y or vil-lage,
3. Sing then of Da-vid's Son, our Sav-ior and broth-er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal-va-tion,
5. He con-quired sin and death; he tru-ly has ris-en,

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to Refrain



1. He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
2. He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
3. In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
4. He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
5. And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

Text: 12 12 with refrain. Text © 1967, Willard F. Jabusch. Administered by OCP. All rights reserved.
Music: Trad. Israeli Folk Song.




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THE ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
ADULT CHOIR, SOLOISTS,
AND ORCHESTRA

Friday, December 19, 2025 - 7:00pm
Christmas Concert
St. John the Evangelist Church
625 111th Avenue N, Naples

&

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - 11:00pm
Christmas Concert with Readings
St. John the Evangelist Church
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Advent Penance Services & Christmas Mass Times



Advent Penance Services in our Area

Tuesday, December 9th

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish | 6PM | 5225 Golden Gate Pkwy, Naples

Wednesday, December 10th

St. Peter the Apostle Parish | 6:30PM | 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Rd, Naples

Thursday, December 11th

St. William Parish | 5:30PM | 601 Seagate Dr, Naples

Monday, December 15th

St. John the Evangelist Parish | 5:30PM | 625 111th Ave N, Naples

Tuesday, December 16th

St. Agnes Parish | 5:00PM | 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples

Wednesday, December 17th

St. Finbarr Parish | 2PM | 13520 Tamiami Trail E, Naples

Thursday, December 18th

San Marco Parish | 5PM | 851 San Marco Rd, Marco Island

Thursday, December 18th

Ave Maria Parish | 6:30PM | 5078 Pope John Paul II Blvd, Ave Maria

Christmas Eve Mass Times

3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 12am



Christmas Day Mass Times

7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

DONATION REMINDERS

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

Offertory

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

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Jamaica Outreach Program

Make check payable to **JOP**

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

OFFERTORY

11/5/25 - 11/11/25

\$48,605.85

11/12/25 - 11/18/25

\$82,952.15

Total Households

3569



MEMORIAL GARDEN

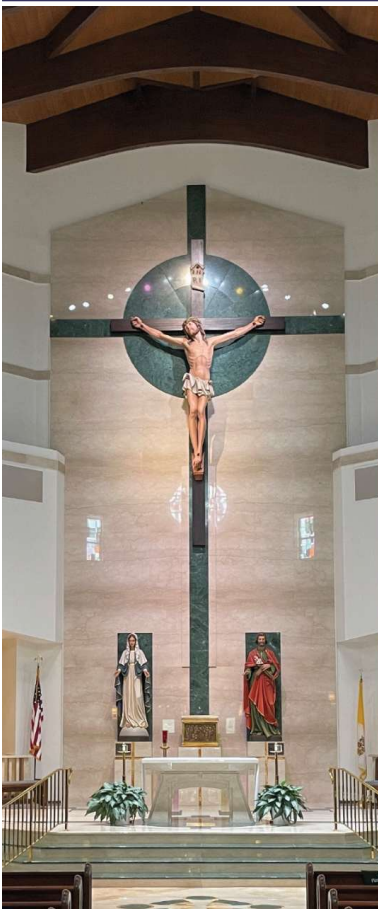
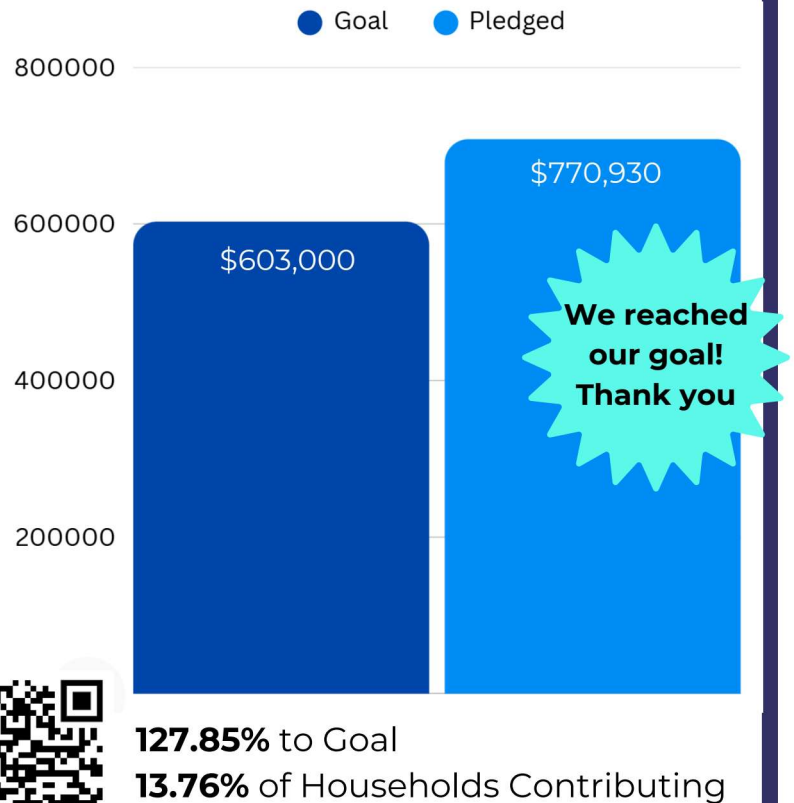
To maintain the dignity of our Memorial Garden, permanent plants, artificial flowers, statues, balloons, pinwheels, vigil lights, breakable objects, rocks, food, and alcohol are not permitted on the memorial markers. Additionally, we do not permit adornments that are considered hazardous to personnel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



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA *OFFICE OF THE BISHOP*

December 5, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Parishes in the United States will soon be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection, an annual appeal that benefits over 21,000 elderly members of religious orders. For most of their lives, elderly religious worked tirelessly, often for minimal pay and without pensions or retirements plans. Today, they need our help.

Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all their members; however, many are struggling to care for their elderly due to a lack of financial resources and personnel. Proceeds from the annual Retirement Fund Collection provide the financial assistance religious communities need for the day-to-day care of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. This collection also provides the funding necessary to invest for long-term retirement needs.

Many of us know a religious who had a positive influence in our life, either in school, at your parish, or in a hospital. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice will conduct the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious the weekend of December 13 & 14, 2025. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family. Have a Blessed Advent Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

FJD/cg

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.



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 SJECC Chapel
we will have 24 hour adoration.**

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

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 44: The Lord's Gaze Casts Out Fear

Do you know that our Lord gazes upon you, night and day, with perfect love and affection. Do you know that He knows every detail of your life and walks with you through everything? This may be hard to believe because we cannot hear Him audibly, see Him with our eyes, or touch Him with our hands. But His intimacy is much deeper than the physical world. His intimacy is one that looks into our soul and loves us. His gaze of love, if we let it, will cast out all fear in life (See Diary #90). What is it that you fear the most? What is it that causes you the greatest anxiety? Today, try to identify the cause of your fear. And when you do, know that our Merciful Lord has already seen it all. He is aware of your situation and looks at you with love. The key is to look back at Jesus, to seek His face within your own soul, and to gaze back at Him with love. There, by looking intently upon our Lord, you will find the courage you need to let go of all that weighs you down and you will allow His grace to lift you on high.

Lord, help me to turn my eyes from all my fears. Help me, instead, to seek out Your loving gaze and to allow that gaze of love to cast out all that is not of You. Lord, if I could only see Your face, radiant and beautiful, living in my soul, I would be consoled and comforted in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 6, 2025

8:30 AM + Christopher DiEnno, Augustine and John MacIndo
Vigil Masses for Sunday
 3:00 PM + Claude and Margaret Host
 5:00 PM + Ned and Marylou Leibig

Requested By

Marilyn DiEnno
 Stan and Julie Kunkle
 Don and Kathy McGrath

Sunday, December 7, 2025

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners
 9:00 AM + Nyla Ulanski
 11:00 AM + Cecilia and William Schultz
 1:00 PM + Frederick A. Lourenso
 5:00 PM + Richie
 Wine and Host + Ana Benilda Maravilla

Requested By

Ulanski Family
 The Schultz Family
 Joanne Lourenso
 Ingrid
 Sharon Dulko

Monday, December 8, 2025

8:30 AM + Agatha and Peter Sanchez
 12:00 PM + Eric Vierling
 7:00 PM + Teresa Dep Pham

Requested By

Linda Sherman
 Polly Caddell-Vierling
 Chi Hoang

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8:30 AM + Emily and Jessie Campbell

Requested By

McElroy Family

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

8:30 AM + Arthur Baker

Requested By

Bill and Beth Robbins

Thursday, December 11, 2025

8:30 AM + Jim Foley

Requested By

Carol Roettele

Friday, December 12, 2025

8:30 AM + Tom Roettele

Requested By

Carol Roettele

Saturday, December 13, 2025

8:30 AM + Kay F. Lain

Requested By

SJE Sewing Ministry

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Bob and Carolyn Bashaw
 5:00 PM + Raymond Pohlman

Bill and Pat Smart
 George and Laurie Pfothenauer

Sunday, December 14, 2025

7:00 AM + Herbert Penfield
 9:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners
 11:00 AM SI The Priests of Nigeria
 1:00 PM + Fr. Peter Cleary
 5:00 PM + Tom Middlemiss
 Wine and Host + Lester Fuller

Vania Penfield
 Kelly Christian
 Marie Gagliardo
 Susan Menz
 Jacki and John Keys

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

Dominic Ellerbe, Cynthia Johnson, Connie Moran, Constance Marano, Sandy Marsh, James Crawford, Julia Gomez, Reverend Marcin Koziola



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

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
Zachary Horwitch, GSM US Navy.
First Lieutenant Daniel Huber, US Marine Corps
Cadet Sloane Janopoulos, USAF Academy
Senior Airman Spencer Kanar- US Airforce
Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy
Capt. Ashlyn M. Kennedy, USMC Quantico
Senior Airman Jack Kirk, US Airforce
Max Koepl - Midshipman, USMMA, Kings Point, NY
Sgt. Nicholas LaManna
Captain William E. McDonnell-US Marine Corps
Midshipman Brady McDonough- US Naval Academy
Sgt. William McKinney
PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft. Eustis, VA
Lieutenant Joseph Moses, Naval Aviator
Col. Brian Murphy
Lt. Col. Jill Murphy
2nd Lieutenant, Samantha Naples, US Marine Corps

Alex Noble- Air Force
1st Sargent Jake Nowicki
Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – US Army
1st Lieutenant Deanna Ogrinc, US Army
Finley Donald Patterson- US Army
Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps
Daniel Petito – US Army
Captain Anthony James Raguso, US Marines
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

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

Ministries & Groups

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

Well-Read Mom. The St. John chapter of the national organization Well-Read Mom meets from October through July, with an evening kickoff and informational meeting for both sessions on September 3rd, 2025, at 6:30PM. Evening sessions meet the first Wednesdays of each month from 6:30 to 8:00PM. Morning sessions meet the first Thursday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30AM. For more information, email aff@sjecc.com and register at wellreadmom.com. The \$50 annual enrollment fee includes a Study Guide for all books for the year.

Ministry Opportunity: Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound



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

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

*Safe Environment training and fingerprinting are prerequisites for serving.

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

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

LIVE STREAM

We are in need of someone to livestream our 3:00pm Mass on Saturdays. Please contact colleen@sjecc.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

Ministries & Groups

St. John's Religious Gift Shop



Advent &
Christmas items
are in stock!

Cub Scout Pack 226

Pancake Breakfast

**SUNDAY
Dec 21st**

After 7 AM, 9 AM, 11AM Masses

In the Ballroom

Pancakes | Eggs
Coffee & Juice | Bacon

FREE!

Donations Greatly Appreciated



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

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.

Saint John the Evangelist

Christmas

TOY DRIVE

Presented by the Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281



Drop off at all masses
December 6/7 & 13/14

New toys and other appropriate gifts are needed for girls and boys up to 17 years of age.

Please do not wrap your gift.

Thank you for your generosity!

Toys are distributed to needy children and families through the Angela's Angels Gift Drive at the North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District.



Jamaica Outreach Program

Hurricane Melissa Special Collection

Our November special collection for Hurricane Melissa relief raised over \$91,000.

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity. Your gifts have already provided food assistance and emergency roof repairs, and they will continue to support the long process of rebuilding communities in western Jamaica. The road to recovery will take time and money, but because of you, families who have suffered so much now have renewed hope.

JOP Second Collection • December 6–7, 2025

Our clinics, soup kitchens and schools in Kingston are nearly back to normal, and we are committed to sustaining this important work. The December 6–7 second collection will take place as scheduled to support these ongoing programs. If you have already contributed by mail, please accept our sincere thanks.

Wishing you a blessed Advent and a joyful Christmas season.

- *Cash or checks payable to Jamaica Outreach can be dropped in collection baskets OR*
 - *Donate online at www.JamaicaOutreach.org/give , OR,*
 - *Mail a check payable to Jamaica Outreach, PO Box 110581, Naples, FL, 34108*
- The poor served by this St. John's ministry are eternally grateful for your support. Thank You!*

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



EXPERIENCE THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND
EXCITEMENT OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS
A Night in Bethlehem

Wednesday, December 10 | 5:00pm-7:00pm
St. John the Evangelist Ballroom

Bring friends and family...and experience the excitement of a
first-century marketplace. Meet Bethlehem's citizens. Feed manger animals.
Witness a live Nativity. Create interesting crafts. Make unforgettable memories.



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

**Only \$10
per ticket**

Faith Formation

GETTING READY FOR A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM: WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

5:00PM Doors Open to the Bethlehem Marketplace

6:30PM Tents Close for Nativity Play & Children's Choir Performance

6:45PM Tents Reopen Briefly

7:00PM Marketplace closes as Families Exit with their Family Gift

At the various tents there are crafts, food, a professional photographer to take a family photo, live animals to fees as well as a live Nativity of the Holy Family. This event is for all ages. Most of the crafts at the tents are geared towards ages 4-11. Tickets are \$10 each. If this is a hardship for anyone, please email Natalie at natalie@sjecc.com. We have several scholarship opportunities. Come enjoy this magical evening as we wait for the birth of our savior! Please see the QR code for tickets. This event has sold out early in the past.

Tickets ON SALE NOW! \$10 Each! Selling Fast!

CELEBRATING THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This Sunday we light the 2nd purple candle on our Advent wreath marking the 2nd Sunday of Advent: PEACE. As we wait in great anticipation for Jesus and Christmas, it is good to slow down and engage in the beautiful liturgical season of Advent. We also celebrate this week, Mary, Mother of God, who was conceived without sin. She is so full of grace!

Monday, December 8th, 2025 the church celebrates as a Holy Day of Obligation, the Immaculate Conception of Mary. We have so much to rejoice about as we prepare for Christmas! While we wait, here are some Advent Family Challenges this week. See how many you can do as a family!

- Attend Mass as a family on December 8th celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass Times at St. John are 8:30AM, 12:00PM and 7:00PM
- Pray 3 Hail Marys every day in Advent
- Give a rosary to someone special this Christmas
- Read the Gospel of Luke: Chapter One
- Add "Ode to Mary" by Mark Mallett to your playlist and listen together

THIS WEEK IN YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, December 7th , 2025

9:30-10:45AM K-8 Faith Formation

12:00PM Family Social in the Pulte Center After Mass – Celebrating the Feast of St. Nick

3:30-6:00PM – High School Confirmation

Monday, December 8th, 2025

Reminder: Holy Day -Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary- Mass Times: 8:30AM, 12:00PM and 7:00PM

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

Wednesday, December 10th , 2025

12:30-2:30PM PreK- Atrium – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

5:00-7:00PM -A Night In Bethlehem – Parish Ballroom- Tickets \$10.00 Each

Adult Faith Formation

Advent Retreat/Reflection

Advent is a time of waiting--waiting for hope, for peace, the promise of joy and love. As we await the birth of Jesus during this season, let us take some time out of our busy schedules and reflect on the events that led up to His coming to earth. Join us for a two-week reflection of the Infancy Narratives found in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew.

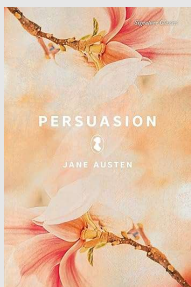
When: Tuesdays, December 9 and 16
Time: 9:30-11 a.m.
Where: Alexandria Room in the Clausen Center
Facilitator: Jean Kechejian

To register:

email the Office of Faith Formation: aff@sjecc.com



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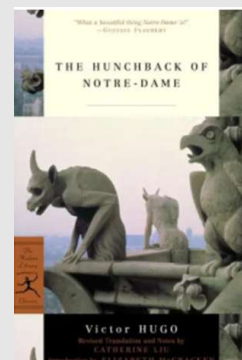
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Well Read Mom January Book Selection - The Hunchback of Notre-Dame

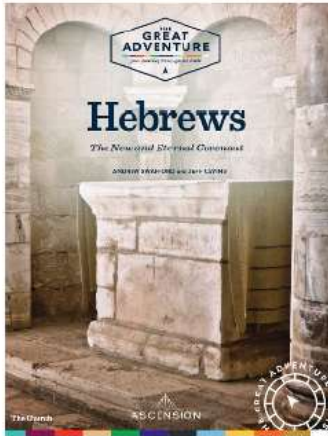
Set in medieval Paris, Victor Hugo's powerful historical romance *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame* has resonated with succeeding generations ever since its publication in 1837. It tells the story of the beautiful gypsy Esmeralda, condemned as a witch by the tormented archdeacon Claude Frollo, who lusts after 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!



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

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 prophecies, 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 12/08

OCIA in Alexandria 6-7:30

Tuesday 12/09

Stations of the Nativity with Jean 9:30-11 Alexandria

The Bible Timeline with Sue 12-1:30 in Alexandria

Thursday 12/11

Faith Chat 9-11:30 in New Antioch (room 8 PLC)

Thursday 12/11

Young Adult Group 6:30-8 in Alexandria





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HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
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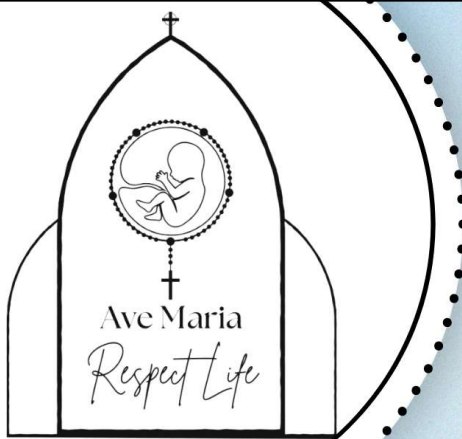
UPCOMING DATES:

MONDAY DEC. 1ST - OPEN GYM

MONDAY DEC. 8TH - NO OPEN GYM (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BE AT 7PM MASS!)

MONDAY DEC. 15TH - CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Events & Programs

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DECEMBER
SUNDAY | 7 | 12 P.M.

PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
FOLLOWING THE 11 A.M. MASS

HOT COCOA BAR
TREATS
CRAFTS
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Adult Paint & Wine

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Pulte Family Life Center Cafe

Sign up on Eventbrite or
contact Jamie at the Pulte Center



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-paint-night-christmas-tickets-1972569255744?aff=oddtcreator>



"We Served" Veteran's Event

Monday, Dec 8, 2025 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Veterans, you, and your spouse are invited to join other vets for Breakfast and a Presentation by guest speaker.

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- Gaining a better understanding of Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- Increasing awareness of behavioral symptoms.
- Equip others to communicate effectively.
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Location:

Saint John the Evangelist Church, Pulte Family Life Center
625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108

You MUST Register to Attend

Call the Parish Office: 239.566.8740

or

Bill Fuller at: 239-280-8870--or-- wfuller1@comcast.net.

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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

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Mondays @ 6:00pm

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Beginning January 6, 2026

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

1:00 P.M.

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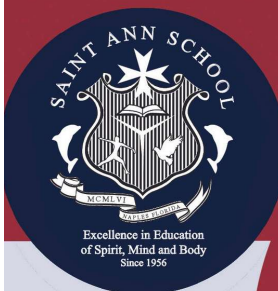
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