



# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord



## **The Memorare**

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

## **A Prayer for World Peace**

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers - even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. 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, January 4

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

### Monday, January 5

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

### Tuesday, January 6

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

### Wednesday, January 7

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)  
9:00am Parish Breakfast (Pulte Cafe)  
12:00pm Hebrews Study (Alexandria)  
5:00pm K-8 Faith Formation (PAC & Claussen)

### Thursday, January 8

8:30am Mass (Church)  
9:00am Faith Chat (New Antioch)  
6:30pm Young Adult Group (Alexandria)

### Friday, January 9

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)  
6:00pm Happy Hour Karaoke (Pulte Cafe)

### Saturday, January 10

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. In last week's bulletin, she was on page 21 in the Baby Bottle Drive ad.



## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

## 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 Epiphany of the Lord

### Reading I

#### Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

##### R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

##### R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### Reading II

#### Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

### Alleluia

#### Matthew 2:2

##### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

##### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel

#### Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him,

"In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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# Music for The Epiphany of the Lord

## We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we  
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem'splain, Gold I bring to  
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a  
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of  
 5. Glo - rious now, be - hold him a - rise, King and God and

1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,  
 2. crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er  
 3. De - i - ty nigh; Pray'r and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,  
 4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rwing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,  
 5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

Refrain

1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,  
 2. O - ver us all to reign.  
 3. Wor - ship him God on high.  
 4. Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
 5. Sounds through the earth and skies.

star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward  
 lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.  
 Text and music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

## Lord, Ev'ry Nation on Earth Will Adore You

Ps. 72

Michel Guimont

Lord, ev'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you.

## As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing  
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly  
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger  
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the  
 5. In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre -

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1. star be - hold, As with joy they hailed its light,  
 2. man - ger - bed, There to bend the knee be - fore  
 3. rude and bare; So may we with ho - ly joy,  
 4. nar - row way; And, when earth - ly things are past,  
 5. at - ed light; Thou, its light, its joy, its crown,

1. Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious  
 2. Him whom heav'n and earth a - dore; So may we with  
 3. Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest  
 4. Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no  
 5. Thou its sun which goes not down; There for ev - er

1. Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 2. will - ing feet Ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
 3. trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav'n - ly King.  
 4. star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 5. may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Text: 77 77 77; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.  
 Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1889.

### Lamb of God

THE FIRST NOWELL, English Carol

Originally adapt.

Carroll Thomas Andrews, 1918–2014

Adapt. John T. Kyler

From the Ordinary of the Mass

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

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

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# Music for The Epiphany of the Lord

## Away in a Manger

MUELLER

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The  
 2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I  
 3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky \_\_\_\_ looked down where he lay, The  
 2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And  
 3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
 2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885; verse 3, John T. McFarland, 1851–1913; *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.

## The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses

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

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

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

## Music for The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Refrain

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

Born is the King of Is - - ra - el.

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

## Go, Tell It On the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry -  
 where; Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je-sus Christ is born.

Verses

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When high a - bove the earth  
 3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;  
 4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

1. Be - hold, through-out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
 2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.  
 4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925, alt.;  
 from *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940, © Mrs. John W. Work III. Music: Spiritual.

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

### Offertory

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

### St. Vincent de Paul

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

### Jamaica Outreach Program

Make check payable to **JOP**

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

## OFFERTORY

**12/10/25 - 12/16/25**

\$88,540.09

**12/17/25 - 12/23/25**

\$72,187.58

### Total Households

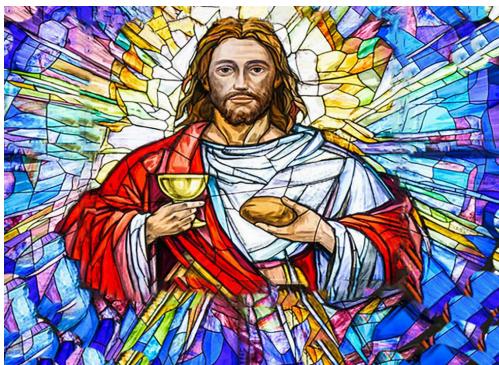
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## MEMORIAL GARDEN

To maintain the dignity of our Memorial Garden, permanent plants, artificial flowers, statues, balloons, pinwheels, vigil lights, breakable objects, rocks, food, and alcohol are not permitted on the memorial markers. Additionally, we do not permit adornments that are considered hazardous to personnel caring for the area. We welcome fresh-cut flowers throughout the year. Once flowers have withered, we will remove them. Flowers may also be removed for routine mowing or maintenance, if needed. Thank you for helping to maintain the dignity of our Memorial Garden.

## Catholic Faith Appeal



Goal

Pledged

\$853,458

\$603,000

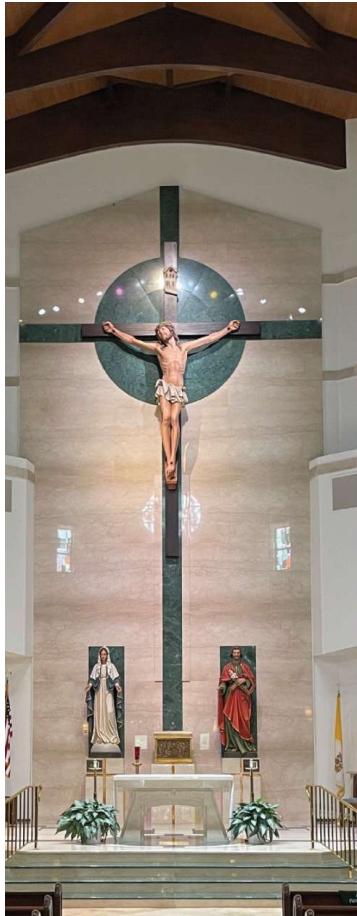
### TO DONATE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:

- 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](http://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa)
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page

**141.54%** to Goal

**14.47%** of Households Contributing

We reached  
our goal!  
Thank you



## 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, January 3, 2026

8:30 AM SI Susan Wilcox  
*Vigil Masses for Sunday*  
3:00 PM + Mary Ellen DeRicco  
5:00 PM + Carter Thomas Jack

## Requested By

Jennifer Holmes  
Faith Formation Friends  
Nana and Papou

## Sunday, January 4, 2026

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

## Requested By

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

## Monday, January 5, 2026

8:30 AM + Sara Hill

## Requested By

Bob Hill

## Tuesday, January 6, 2026

8:30 AM + Mary Lou and Frank Kreber

## Requested By

Children

## Wednesday, January 7, 2026

8:30 AM + Bob Hommel

## Requested By

Nydia Irvine

## Thursday, January 8, 2026

8:30 AM + Janice Reuter

## Requested By

Chres Reuter

## Friday, January 9, 2026

8:30 AM + James Sotnick

## Requested By

Mom and Dad

## Saturday, January 10, 2026

8:30 AM + Richard Sloan

## Requested By

Kate Sloan

*(Vigil Masses for Sunday)*

3:00 PM + Pam Jensen and Francis Bravo  
5:00 PM + Dominick and Grace Corbino

Rachael and Robbie Jensen  
Vincent and Kathryn Corbino

## Sunday, January 11, 2026

7:00 AM + William Beddor  
9:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners  
11:00 AM + Melinda Shannon  
1:00 PM SI Bennett Richards  
5:00 PM SI The Deleon and Mansson Families  
Wine and Host + Charlie Karavolos

Sandra and Joseph DeJesus  
Paul Shannon  
Faith Formation Friends  
The Mansson Family  
The Rabbito Family

## **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

**Rosa Maria Savini**



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

## Military Prayer List



**Let Us Pray For Those Who Serve...** Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Praying for Our Men and Women in Service – We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK  
Cadet Samantha Bocis, West Point  
Sam Bradley, Marines  
Mark Burger, US Army  
Stephen Burger, US Army  
Lieutenant Carson Brial – US Navy  
Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary  
Private David Clark  
Gavin Cooper, Navy, EMN3  
First Lieutenant: Dante Dalmaso- US Army  
Captain Quentin Danyov, US Army  
Adam Decker  
Alexander Denha 1st Lt. Army Ranger, Ft. Bragg N.C.  
Major Derek-Army National Guard  
Nick Detloff  
LCDR Andrew Douglas, United States Navy, Japan  
Sean Duffin- US Army  
Capt. Stephen English – US Army  
Jude Fanton USMC  
Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Dwight Fritz III, Marines  
Senior Reconnaissance Sargent- Lon Giancola- US Army  
Sgt. Amir Gonzalez- US Marine Corps  
Matthew Gordon, US Navy  
SFC Douglas Hennessy  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Brock Hinkle- US Army, Germany  
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 Koepll - 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sargent Jake Nowicki  
Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment  
Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – US Army  
Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jason Ollanove- US Army  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Mackenzie Warren- Space Force  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Hollis Webster- Space Force  
Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, beginning 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.**
- **If you would like to add a name to either of our prayer lists or delete a name, please contact our Main Office. Names will stay on the prayer lists for 6 months.**

# Hallow

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST + Hallow**

**SCAN BELOW 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](https://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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:parishsupport@hallow.app).

We look forward to praying with you!



## Sacraments

### SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

**Baptism:** The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, please call the office at (239) 566-8740.

**Matrimony:** Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. Tricia Hoffman: [tricia@sjecc.com](mailto: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 SJECC Chapel  
we will have 24 hour adoration.*

*TO SIGN UP GO TO  
[www.adorationpro.org/SJECC](http://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 47: Recognizing the Needs of Others

Often times we can be so preoccupied with ourselves and our own problems that we fail to see the struggles and needs of those around us, especially those of our own family. At times, because we are so self-consumed, we run the risk of adding unnecessary burdens to those we are called to love and care for. We need to foster within our hearts true Christ-like empathy and compassion for each person we encounter (See Diary #117).

Do you see the needs of those in your life? Are you aware of their wounds and burdens? Do you sense when they are sad and overwhelmed? Do you add to their sorrow or do you seek to lift them up? Reflect, today, upon the great gift of an empathetic and compassionate heart. True Christian empathy is a human response of love for those all around us. It's an act of Mercy we must foster so as to lighten the burden of those entrusted to our care.

Lord, help me to have a heart full of true empathy. Help me to sense the struggles and needs of others around me and to turn my eyes from myself to the needs that they carry. Lord, You are full of compassion. Help me also to be filled with compassion for all. 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](http://www.NaplesAl-Anon.org)

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

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

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

**Faith Chat.** Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Antioch Room of the Parish Activity Center. All are welcome to join us for this study. Coffee and snacks are provided. For additional information please contact our Parish office: 239-566-8740.

**Grief Support** - Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Are you a widow or widower? Are you grieving any other type of loss? Are you looking for support and healing? St. John the Evangelist provides group and individual grief support services. To register, send your name and telephone number to Deacon Hal: [Hal@sjecc.com](mailto:Hal@sjecc.com) or Maria Chappe: [maria@sjecc.com](mailto:maria@sjecc.com). Individual sessions may be scheduled by calling the Parish Office: 239.566.8740.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Streaming Ministry.** Our 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](mailto:colleen@sjecc.com).

## Ministries & Groups

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

### Ministry Opportunity: Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound



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

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

\*Safe Environment training and fingerprinting are prerequisites for serving.

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

### Sacristans Needed

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

[Pollyanna@sjecc.com](mailto:Pollyanna@sjecc.com)



Saturdays @7:00am in the Pulte Cafe  
for more information:  
[brandonkaras1993@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:aff@sjecc.com) and register at [wellreadmom.com](http://wellreadmom.com). The \$50 annual enrollment fee includes a Study Guide for all books for the year.

**Saint John the Evangelist  
Catholic Church**

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### LEGION OF MARY

Tuesdays | 6:30PM | Claussen Family Center



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

### Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother

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

*Upcoming Novena Dates:  
February 6, March 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**

### **WE ARE ALL CALLED TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS**



Inspired by Gospel values to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service.

### **OUR FAITH IN ACTION: WE HELP PEOPLE IN NEED**

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**



# Jamaica Outreach Program

## Is There Room in Your Inn?

### *The Jamaican Choir is coming to St. John's February 15, 2026*

When Kevin Williams and his choral group visit St. John's they need housing and sustenance during their stay. Parishioners serve as hosts to these wonderful visitors who come annually to participate in the liturgy of the Mass.

Most of the choir members are either gainfully employed or are enrolled in advanced studies. They donate their time and talent as a gesture of appreciation and gratitude for all that we as a parish do for their fellow Jamaicans who have the very least. This year there will be 10 Jamaicans in the group. They will arrive on February 13 and leave on the morning of February 16. Hosts will provide shelter, some meals, and transportation to and from church throughout the weekend for 1 or 2 guests. Two evenings will feature a group event that will provide dinner for guests and their hosts.

If you do step forward to serve as a host family, be prepared to be charmed and delighted by these Jamaicans. We promise it will be a rewarding and fun experience. If you can provide shelter for these special JOP guests, please call Jeanne Pittman at 239-248-3248 or email [JBStamant@gmail.com](mailto:JBStamant@gmail.com).



### Bless Your Home in the NEW YEAR with Epiphany Home Blessing Kits FREE in the Gift Boutique

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence.  
Bless all who live or visit here.....

Stop by the Gift Boutique to pick up a **FREE** kit to help you bless your home this new year. Instructions, prayers, and chalk that has been blessed are included in each bag. Kits available starting December 22nd, while supplies last!



#### INSTRUCTIONS

20 + C + M + B + (two digits for new year. Ex: 26)

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or the front porch step) with these numbers and letters while saying: The three wise men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and (twenty five) years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

#### **Then offer the following prayer:**

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love, and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in knowledge and love of you. Guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

The letters C, M and B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus Mansionem Benedicat ("May Christ bless the house."). The "+" signs represent the cross.

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time, the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions.

After chalking your door, the blessed chalk may be saved for the following years, or buried as is the tradition with blessed items.



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#### **The Three Wise Men**

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



# Epiphany Word Search

(Horizontal + vertical word searches)

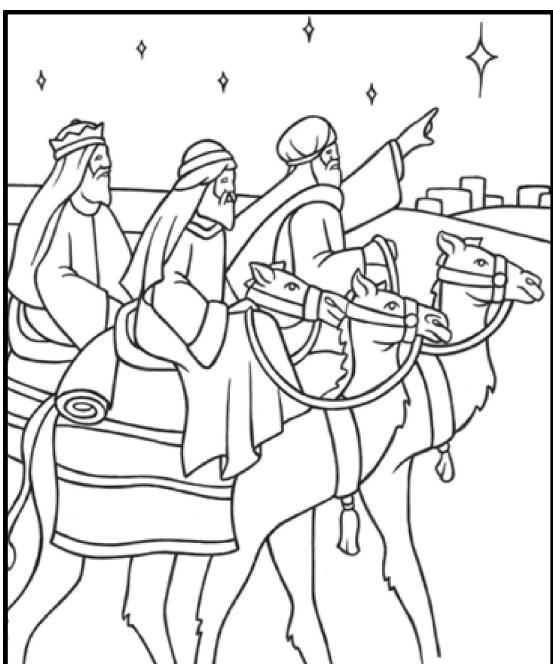


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- EPIPHANY
- CAMEL
- GOLD
- MYRRH
- FRANKINCENSE
- STAR
- WISEMEN
- BALTHASAR
- GASPAR
- MELCHIOR
- KING
- NIGHT
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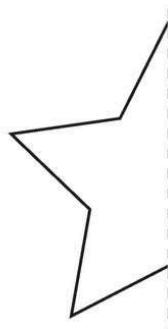


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## PUZZLE

Can you draw the second half of this star?



## MISSION

Ask your family if you can visit a planetarium, or look through a special telescope, so you can see the stars God made.

## THIS WEEK IN YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

**Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**PreK Atrium**

12:30PM-2:30PM

**K-8 Faith Formation**

5:00-6:15PM

**Catholic School Sacrament Preparation Session**

5:00-6:15PM





# 33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY

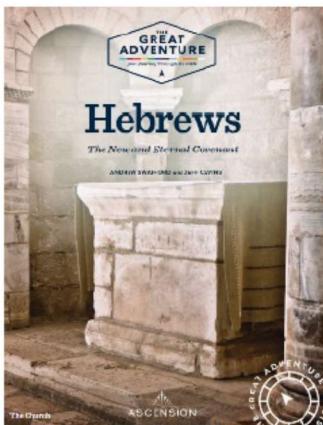
## A 6-Week Eucharistic Pilgrimage

By Matthew Kelly

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS**

**Epiphany**

CHRISTMAS DR. MICHAEL BARBER

### THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### Monday, January 5

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6:30pm in Alexandria

#### Tuesday, January 6

Foundations of Faith  
12:00pm in Alexandria

Young adult group (30s-50s)  
6:30pm in NEW ANTIOCH

#### Wednesday, January 7

Hebrews Study  
12:00pm in Alexandria

#### Thursday, January 8

Young adult group  
6:30pm in Alexandria

### February 28- March 3, 2026 OUR PARISH MISSION!

***“Putting God in the center of your life: A focus on connecting and committing our lives to Christ.”***

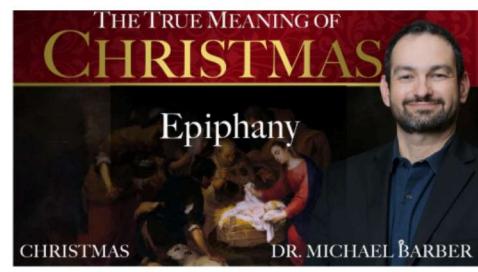
How do we as Catholics today do that?



More information coming soon!

## This Week on Formed

Week of January 04, 2026



### Epiphany

Have you ever wondered what the Epiphany is? In this engaging episode of the True Meaning of Christmas, join Dr. Michael Barber to find out what the Epiphany is.

## Young Adults



catholicfellowshiparoundnaples.wordpress.com

# YOUNG ADULT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE RECAP

On Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, our Young Adult group had a processional pilgrimage along Vanderbilt Drive to St. John's church for the Jubilee Year Indulgence.



We meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Claussen Center, Alexandria room!

## High School

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN GYM NIGHTS**  
EVERY MONDAY FROM 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M. IN THE PULTE CENTER!

**VOLLEYBALL      SOCCER**  
**BASKETBALL      DODGEBALL**  
**& MORE!**

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST YOUTH MINISTRY

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**8:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

**\$10**

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**REGISTER BY 1/11**

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*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



# St. John the Evangelist CHEERS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

# HAPPY HOUR

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

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APPETIZERS  
BEER & WINE

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

REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED:



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# Luxury Bingo Night



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March 7, 2026

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM ~ Cocktail Hour  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM ~ Game Play

St. John the Evangelist Church  
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**\$50 per ticket**

Includes heavy appetizers and one  
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Additional bingo cards available  
for purchase | cash Bar | 50/50 raffle  
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For tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/luxury-bingo-tickets-1978853153050?aff=oddtdtcreator>

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## Events & Programs

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SATURDAY  
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6:30PM  
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- Scan QR code for online tickets

 [paul todd concerts](#)

## Events & Programs



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

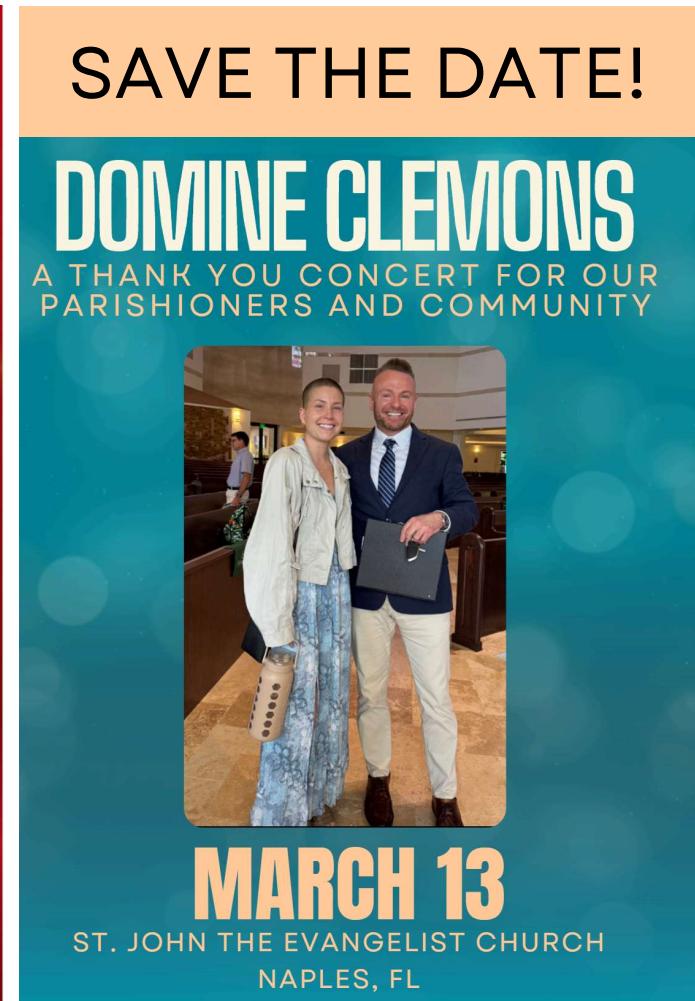
Enjoy a vibrant community market featuring 55+ local vendors offering fresh produce, handmade goods, baked treats, crafts, and more. Support local farmers and artisans while enjoying a friendly, community atmosphere every week!

The poster features a central illustration of a variety of fresh produce including tomatoes, lettuce, and bread. It is framed by illustrations of a basket of vegetables, a smiling farmer, and a small figure holding a pitchfork.



Catholic Fellowship Around Naples  
Singles Ministry Presents:  
*Pints with a Priest*  
The Vocation to Love:  
God's Plan for the Single Seeking Marriage  
Featuring Fr. Mark Harris, St. John the Evangelist Parish  
*For Catholic Singles  
in their 30s, 40s, & 50s*  
Saturday,  
January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
6:00PM - 8:00PM  
Bone Hook Brewery  
1514 Immokalee Rd  
Unit 106, Naples

A QR code is located at the bottom right of the poster.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**DOMINE CLEMONS**  
A THANK YOU CONCERT FOR OUR  
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**MARCH 13**  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH  
NAPLES, FL

## Events & Programs



**UNITED BY FAITH**  
CATHOLIC-JEWISH DIALOGUE OF  
COLLIER COUNTY

**Finding Common Ground:  
Uncomfortable Conversations with a  
Catholic and a Jew**

Join CJD for a dialogue and listening conversation, with a question-and-answer format, as we unpack issues in both faith traditions.

**Sunday, January 25, 2:30 p.m.**  
Nina Iser Jewish Cultural Center  
Admission is free

Scan to register, or visit [jfgn.regfox.com/uncomfortable-conversations-jan-2026](http://jfgn.regfox.com/uncomfortable-conversations-jan-2026)

Questions: Contact Alan Scher Zagier at [azagier@jewishnaples.org](mailto:azagier@jewishnaples.org)



Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater  
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Book by Tim Rice  
Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and  
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Music Adapted and Arranged by David Weinstein

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Thursday, February 5th - 6:30pm  
Friday, February 6th - 6:30pm  
Saturday, February 7th - 12:30pm  
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