

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

March 8, 2026

The Third Sunday of Lent



## Welcome, Fr. Antony Lukka

Dear Parish Family,

Prayerful greetings. I am incredibly happy to write this message. Let me introduce myself to you. I was born and brought up in a village by name Elamgulam in the Catholic Diocese of Kanjirapally, Kerala, India. Both of my parents are enjoying their eternal reward in Heaven. I have five brothers and three sisters, all of them live in India. Two of my sisters are missionary sisters in India. I did my post-graduation studies in Chemistry and in Educational Administration. I was ordained on May 30, 1995 and have served as Associate Pastor, Pastor, Teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal for 18 years in a school with over 3700 students from K to 12. (St. Antony's Public School, Anakkal, Kanjirapally, Kerala, India)

Upon the request of the Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, MI, I moved to the United States, where I served vulnerable populations, including the sick, homebound, and prisoners. After five years, it became too difficult for me to continue to drive in the snowy and whiteout conditions. In 2016, I came to Florida and served first at St. Williams Parish and then at Our Lady of Lourdes in Venice. In 2022, my Bishop from India asked me to return and work as the Principal of my former school, where I served until my recent move back to Naples. I believe that things happen beyond our control. As we read in the book of Proverbs, "Man may make plans in his heart, but what the tongue utters is from the LORD" (Proverbs 16:1).

As I start my ministry with you, I am dedicating my first few months to getting to know you and the various activities of the Parish. This is a time for you to get to know me too. Do not hesitate to stop in and greet me even when you see me at the store or in the parking lot. I am very grateful to Fr. Tom, Fr. Jacob, Fr. Len, and the Parish staff for their friendly welcome. I look forward to collaborating with them and all of you in coming months. I am also very much interested in visiting the sick and homebound of the Parish. I am requesting your prayers and support so that I can fruitfully serve you as God's people. I always promise my prayers to you. "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28).

With prayers and love  
Fr. Antony Lukka

### **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

## Lenten Penance Services in our Area

Monday, March 16th

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

Monday, March 23rd

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

Wednesday, March 25th

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

Thursday, March 26th

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

Friday, March 27th

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

Tuesday, March 31st

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



## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday

Saturday Vigil: 3:00pm & 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm  
Overflow Mass in the Ballroom at 9:15am and 11:15am

### Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00pm

### Good Friday

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

The Passion of the Lord: 3:00pm

Family Stations of the Cross: 6:00pm (Church)

### Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer: 8:00am

Easter Vigil: 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm

Overflow Mass in the Ballroom at 9:15am and 11:15am

## Lenten Services

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8:30am and 5:30pm

Saturday: 8:30am

### Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday: 9:00am

Saturday: 9:00am and 2:00pm

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 12:00pm in the Church



Every Friday through Lent

February 20th through March 27th

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4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Seating in the Parish Ballroom  
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Thank you so much, Fr. Bill, for all your hard work this weekend for the mission!

If you missed his talks, visit [SJECC.com](http://SJECC.com) under the Adult Faith Formation tab for notes and the books he shared.



# Parish Information

## Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed), 5:30pm (Lent)

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

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

## OFFICE INFORMATION

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Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

### Religious Gift Shop Hours

Wednesday: 9:00am-1:00pm; Friday: 9:00am-1:00pm  
Saturday: 2:00pm - 6:15pm; Sunday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

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# Calendar and Mass Readings

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 8

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

### Monday, March 9

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)  
9:00am "We Served" Breakfast (Pulte Cafe)  
5:30pm Daily Mass (Church)  
6:00pm Trivia (Pulte Cafe)  
6:00pm OCIA (Alexandria)

### Tuesday, March 10

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)  
9:30am Bereavement Group (PLC Classroom 8)  
12:00pm Foundations of Faith (Alexandria)  
1:00pm Bingo (Pulte Cafe)  
5:30pm Daily Mass (Church)  
6:00pm St. Therese Study (Alexandria)  
6:30pm Legion of Mary (PLC Classrooms 11&12)

### Wednesday, March 11

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

### Thursday, March 12

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)  
9:00am Faith Chat (New Antioch)  
9:30am No Greater Love (Alexandria)  
5:30pm Daily Mass (Church)

### Friday, March 13

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)  
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)  
4:30pm Fish Fry (Ballroom)  
5:30pm Daily Mass (Church)  
7:00pm Domine Clemons Concert (Church)

### Saturday, March 14

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

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

## 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 are not present).

St. John the Evangelist also requires the following volunteers to go through the background screening process (through fingerprinting):

- 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.

## FIND CHIARA

This year, our Faith Formation Students learned about Blessed Chiara Badano. Each week in the bulletin, an 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. Last week she was on page 27 in the OCIA photo.



# 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.**

# 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 Third Sunday of Lent

### Reading I

#### Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!"

The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink."

This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God, and we are the people he  
shepherds, the flock he guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works."

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

### Reading II

#### Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord

Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

### Verse Before the Gospel

#### John 4:42, 15

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

### Gospel

#### John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well.

It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her,

"Give me a drink."

His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—

Jesus answered and said to her,

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him,

"Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her,

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him,

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"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her,

"Go call your husband and come back."

The woman answered and said to him,

"I do not have a husband."

Jesus answered her,

"You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

The woman said to him,

"Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her,

"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him,

"I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Jesus said to her,

"I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people,

"Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

They went out of the town and came to him.

Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat."

But he said to them,

"I have food to eat of which you do not know."

So the disciples said to one another,

"Could someone have brought him something to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'?"

I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified,

"He told me everything I have done."

When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

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## St. John's Gift Shop Easter Hours

**Additional Days Open:** Tuesday, March 17 open 9am-1pm and Tuesday, March 31 open 9am-1pm

**Last day the Shop is open before Easter:** Wednesday, April 1

**The Shop will be closed on April 3 (Good Friday) and April 4 (Holy Saturday). We WILL be open regular hour on Easter Sunday (April 5)**



# Music for The Third Sunday of Lent

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures  
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of

1. of the sea; There's a kind-ness in his jus - tice  
2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal  
3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der

1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -  
2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more  
3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the

1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is  
2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our  
3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is

1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor - rows of the Head.  
2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good-ness of our Lord.  
3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

Text: 87 87 D; Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.  
Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Boerenlities*, c. 1710.

## If Today You Hear His Voice, Harden not Your Hearts

(Psalm 95)

(Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9)

Francesca LaRosa

If to-day you hear his voice, har-den not your hearts.

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If to-day you hear his voice, hard - en not your hearts.

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# Music for The Third Sunday of Lent

## Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Refrain



Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.



Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Text: ICEL, © 1969

Music: *Jubilaton Mass*, James J. Chepponis, © 1999, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Come to the Water

John Foley, S.J.



1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the  
 2. And let all who seek, let them come to the  
 3. And let all who toil, let them come to the  
 4. And let all the poor, let them come to the



1. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,  
 2. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,  
 3. wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,  
 4. wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,



1. let them come to the Lord: with - out  
 2. let them come to the Lord: with - out  
 3. let them come to the Lord: all who  
 4. bring them all to the Lord: bring the



1. mon - ey, with - out price. Why should you pay the  
 2. mon - ey, with - out strife. Why should you spend your  
 3. la - bor, with - out rest. How can your soul find  
 4. chil - dren with - out might. Eas - y the load and



1. price, ex - cept for the Lord?  
 2. life, ex - cept for the Lord?  
 3. rest, ex - cept for the Lord?  
 4. light: 7 come to the Lord.

Text: Based on Isaiah 55:1-2; Matthew 11:28-30. Text and music © 1978, John B. Foley, S.J., and OCP.  
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# Music for The Third Sunday of Lent

## Sanctus XVIII

Mass XVIII, Chant

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt coe-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Text and music: Chant; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

## Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Sa-rior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion you have set us free.

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## Agnus Dei XVIII

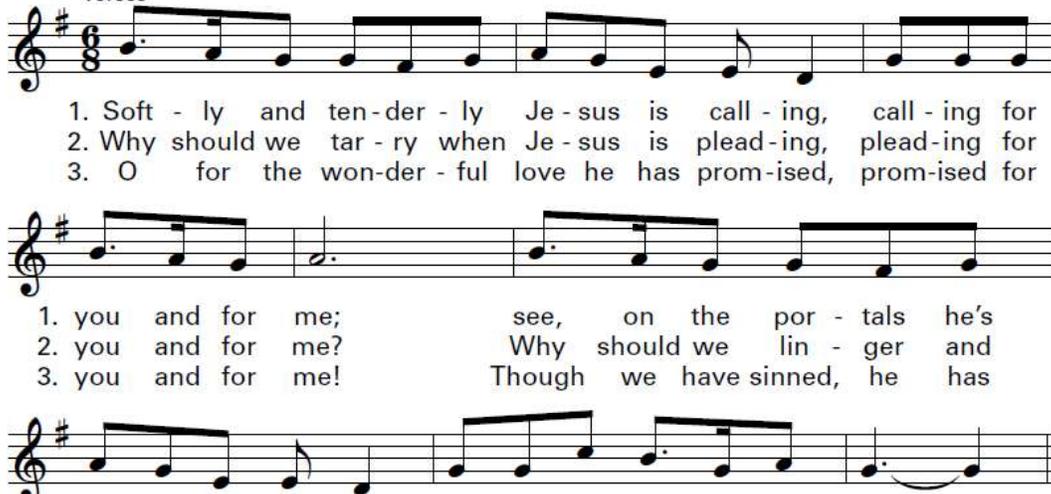
A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis. A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis. A-gnus De-i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

# Music for The Third Sunday of Lent

## Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

THOMPSON

Verses



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

1. you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's  
2. you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and  
3. you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

1. wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.  
2. heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?  
3. mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

Refrain



Come home, come home, you who are  
wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,  
Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for you to come home!

Text: 11 7 11 7 with refrain; Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909, alt. Music: Will L. Thomson, 1847-1909.

## O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell



1. O God, you search me and you know me.  
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.  
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,  
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,

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1. All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
2. You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
3. You have known its mean - ing through and through.
4. Still I search for shel - ter from your light.
5. Gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



1. When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
2. And with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
3. You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
4. There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
5. For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



1. Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
2. In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
3. God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
4. E - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
5. Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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### I Heard the Voice of Jesus

KINGSFOLD



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's



1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy



1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So
2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In



1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a
2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

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1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.  
Music: trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

## Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days, For
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, And
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And
5. A - bide with us that when this life Of



1. us did fast and pray, Teach us with you to
2. did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in
3. teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and
4. through your Pas - sion - tide, For - ev - er - more, in
5. suf - fer - ing is past, An Eas - ter of un -



1. mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
2. you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.
3. al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.
4. life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
5. end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Text: CM; Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898, alt. Music: *The Whole Psalmes in Foure Partes*, 1563, alt.

## You Alone

Sarah Hart and Dwight Liles

Refrain

You a-lone are ho - ly, you a-lone are Lord. You a-lone are  
wor-thy to be hon-ored and a - dored. Mer-cy you have  
giv-en, kind-ness you have shown. Love is you a - lone.

# Music for The Third Sunday of Lent

Verses

1. Who of us is sin-less in this place? Who of us de -  
 2. What is there to do but thank you, then, for the gift that

1. serves your sav - ing grace? Who of us is good  
 2. we might call you friend? Great - er love has not

1. at all with-out your bless - ed love that falls up -  
 2. been known than that for which you gave your on - ly

2 to Refrain

1. on our hearts to heal our bro - ken - ness?  
 2. son, that you might see us, pure and blessed.

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## On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

Verse 1

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

to Refrain

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the  
 breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
 sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

to Verses (last time to Coda) ⊕

⊕ Coda

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

Verse 2

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

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

Verse 3

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

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

Verse 4

4. For to his an-gels he's giv-en a com-mand to

4. guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

4. bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone. to Refrain

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## Above All

Lenny LeBlanc / Paul Baloché

1. Above all powers, above all kings,  
above all nature and all created things;  
above all wisdom  
and all the ways of man,  
you were here before the world began.

2. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
above all wonders  
the world has ever known;  
above all wealth  
and treasures of the earth,  
there's no way  
to measure what you're worth.

### Refrain

Crucified, laid behind the stone,  
you lived to die, rejected and alone.

Like a rose trampled on the ground,  
you took the fall,  
and thought of me above all.  
(to Verse 2, Refrain and Final Refrain)

### Final Refrain

Crucified, laid behind the stone,  
you lived to die, rejected and alone.  
Like a rose trampled on the ground,  
you took the fall,  
and thought of me above all.  
Like a rose trampled on the ground,  
you took the fall,  
and thought of me above all.

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## Music for The Third Sunday of Lent

### The Glory of These Forty Days

1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days  
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw  
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight,  
4. Then grant that we like them be true,

We cel - e - brate with songs of praise;  
The lov - ing God who gave the law;  
De - liv - ered from the li - on's might;  
Con - sumed in fast and prayer with you;

For Christ, by whom all things were made,  
And to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came  
And John, the Bride-groom's friend, be - came  
Our spir - its strength - en with your grace,

Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
And give us joy to see your face.

Text: *Clarum ducis jejuniti*; Gregory the Great, c. 540-604; tr. by Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, © Oxford University Press  
Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH, LM; Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-1561

## 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

### Reflection 55: Creation Reflects the Mercy of God

Think of the most beautiful sunset possible, gleaming over the wide ocean in the evening with the sky radiant in color. Or think of the majestic mountain peaks piercing through a bright blue sky, or a mighty waterfall, pouring forth from the heights. All of these gifts of creation are glorious, beautiful and breath-taking. But none of them compares to the glory and majestic splendor of God's Mercy (See Diary #158). God's Mercy, when properly perceived, will take our breath away and more. We will be left in awe of His perfect unfailing love for us. But sometimes we cannot see His Mercy for what it is. Reflect, today, upon your own experience of God's Mercy. Do you perceive all that He is? Have you had moments when you have encountered His Mercy in an overwhelming way within your own soul? If not, spend time seeking to comprehend Him. Humble yourself before Him and ask Him to peel back the veil of His infinite love for you. Lord, I know You are merciful beyond what I could ever imagine. But there are many times when I do not understand You and Your ways. I feel distant and lost. Help me to know Your love. Help me to see the splendor and beauty of who You are. And help me, as I come to discover You, to be drawn into a burning love for You. Jesus, I trust in You.



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**Total Households**

3585



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A sincere THANK YOU to all who generously donated to our Rectory Campaign. We are pleased to announce that the campaign has officially closed. Any donation toward the campaign received after March 1 will be considered as tithe. Again, thank you to all who contributed. Our priests are humbled by your kindness and are enjoying their new homes.



# Catholic Faith Appeal

Dear Parish Family, In 2025, you contributed \$921,356 toward our Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) goal of \$603,000! We can't thank you enough for your generosity and support. And, because we surpassed our goal, \$234,552 will come back to the parish to further support our programs and ministries. Additionally, \$79,598 will be donated to a charitable cause of our choice within our Diocese.

Now, once again, we have been called to work together toward our 2026 goal. The needs in our communities are more pressing than ever, and your support will directly help those in Southwest Florida. St. John the Evangelist has been assigned a goal of \$650,000 for 2026. This year, we hope to also raise our household participation. In 2025, 15.52% of St. John the Evangelist households participated in our Catholic Faith Appeal, as compared to 17.23%-23.4% at our neighboring churches. With greater participation, we have the ability to do even more good works.

Throughout the CFA campaign, we will highlight both personal stories about CFA as well as the programs and communities it supports. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to the CFA. If you haven't given in the past, please know that every donation matters, and no amount is too small. To donate, please visit: <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa>, pick up a CFA envelope in the Narthex, or scan the QR code. If you need assistance, please contact Colleen Donnelly, our Operations Manager, at: [colleen@sjecc.com](mailto:colleen@sjecc.com). Thank you, as always, for your support and generosity.

“Tell them to do good...be generous, ready to share.” (1 Tim 6:18)

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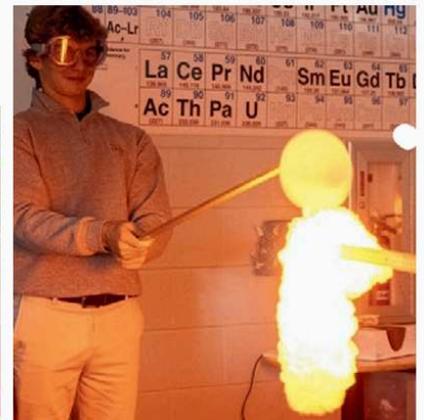


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## Prayer List

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.

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## 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.

John Franklin Baird- US Army  
 Cadet Samantha Bocis  
 Lieutenant Caron Brial- US Navy  
 Captain Russell Burt- Air Force  
 Ben Cullen- Air Force  
 1st Lieutenant Dante Dalmaso- US Army  
 Captain Quentin Danyor  
 LCDR Andrew Douglas, US Navy, Japan  
 Sean Duffin- US Army  
 Captain Stephen English- US Army in South Korea  
 Jude Fanton USMC  
 1st Lieutenant Dwight Fritz III- Marines  
 Senior Reconnaissance Sargent Lon Giancola- US Army  
 Sgt. Amir Gonzalez- US Marine Corps  
 Captain Timothy Guinee- NH Air National Guard  
 SFC Douglas Hennessy  
 Tyler Hickcox- Marines  
 1st Lieutenant Brock Hinkle- US Army  
 First Lieutenant Daniel Huber- US Marine Corps  
 Cadet Sloane Janopoulos- USAF Academy  
 Senior Airman Sepncer Kanar- US Airforce  
 2nd Lieutenant Lucy Keegan- US Army  
 Midshipman Max Koeppel- USMMA, Kings Point, NY  
 Sgt. Nicholas LaManna- US Army  
 Captain William E. McDonnell- US Marine Corps  
 Midshipman Brady McDonough- US Naval Academy  
 Major Justin McQueen- National Guard  
 Lieutenant Joseph Moses- Naval Aviator  
 2nd Lieutenant Samantha Naples- US Marine Corps  
 Major Justin Nell- US Army Reserve

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 Alex Noble- Air Force  
 1st Sargent Jake Nowicki  
 Sgt. Hugh O'Donnell- 75th Ranger Regiment  
 1st Lieutenant Deanna Ogrinc- US Army  
 Private 1st Class Jason Ollanove- US Army  
 Daniel Petito- US Army  
 Captain Robert W. Raleigh IV- US Marine Corps  
 Sean Riordan- US Marines  
 Duke Roach- US Navy  
 Grayson Roberts- US Navy  
 Steven Robinson- US Army  
 Captain Sophie Sekutera- US Army  
 Captain Luke Sekutera- US Army  
 Captain Ben Sekutera- US Army  
 Commander Adam Shields- US Navy  
 Charlie Sjostrom- Martines- US Army  
 Captain Jared T. Smith- Marine Corps  
 Captain Fox Stevens- US Army  
 Captain Matthew Stevenson- Marines  
 Lieutenant Grace Tanguilig- US Navy  
 Matt Tavarone- US Army  
 Lieutenant Tanis Taylor- US Navy  
 Captian Grant Ullrich- US Army  
 Captain Mackenzie Webster- Space Force  
 Captisn Hollis Webster- Space Force  
 Colonel Ryan Whitaker- US Airforce  
 Kaden Winckel- Air Force  
 Master Sgt. Andrew Zecchino- USAF  
 Tach. Sgt. Kaitlin Zecchino- USAF

**NEW MASS  
 BOOK**

**The Mass Book for 2027 will open on March 18. If you would like to request a Mass, please visit our Main Office during regular business hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, March 7, 2026

8:30 AM + Anthony and Evelyn Votta

*Vigil Masses for Sunday*

3:00 PM + Richard Mulvey

5:00 PM + Frank Gilardi, Jr

## Sunday, March 8, 2026

7:00 AM + Lyle Gray

9:00 AM + Michael Tobin

11:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

1:00 PM + Charles Wing

5:00 PM + Benito Tauro

Wine and Host + Alfredo Fortuno and Family

## Monday, March 9, 2026

8:30 AM + Larry Gonneville

5:30 PM + David Hansen

## Tuesday, March 10, 2026

8:30 AM + Kevin and Monica Baker

5:30 PM + Brendan John Joyce

## Wednesday, March 11, 2026

8:30 AM + Giuseppe, Antonia and Ambrogio

5:30 PM + Anita Moretti DeSantis

## Thursday, March 12, 2026

8:30 AM + Rev. J. Richard SSJ

5:30 PM + James Catapano

## Friday, March 13, 2026

8:30 AM + Margaret Mundo

5:30 PM + Michael Anthony Sissman

## Saturday, March 14, 2026

8:30 AM + Harold Clement

*(Vigil Masses for Sunday)*

3:00 PM + Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D'Addario

5:00 PM + The Beebe Family

## Sunday, March 15, 2026

7:00 AM + Harold Leahy

9:00 AM + Meghan Constance Moore

11:00 AM + William Shannon

1:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

5:00 PM + Steve Marasco

Wine and Host + Carter Thomas Jack

## Requested By

Anthony and Marianne Votta

Jim and Margaret Culkar

Julie Gilardi

## Requested By

Veronica Kirschling

Gina Day and Jon Tobin

Sharon Luebbert

Family

Ivelysse Miro

## Requested By

Linda Gonneville

Maureen and Bob Murphy

## Requested By

Kevin Kleinsmith

Sleight Family

## Requested By

Anna Nardulli and Family

Paula Petosa

## Requested By

Peter Griffin

Beverly Cornell

## Requested By

Jim and Geri Jostes

The Sissman Family

## Requested By

Dianne Rowe

Janet D'Addario

Rick and Karen Beebe

Betty Barry

Kathleen Hinckley

Paul Shannon

Elizabeth Carroll

Jim and Jody Katerakis

## 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

**Grace Haller and Kenneth Calijone**





# JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

1226- 2026

On the 800th anniversary of the passing of St. Francis into eternal life, Pope Leo XIV is offering Catholics an extraordinary opportunity to seek God's grace in a powerful way. By proclaiming a Jubilee Year of St. Francis and offering an indulgence, the Pope is calling on the faithful to transform their lives and become "a model of holiness" in the example of St. Francis of Assisi. God's mercy means that any sin we confess will be forgiven. We also believe in God's justice, which means that penance or reparation is needed to repair the harm caused by sin. One form of penance is the Catholic Church's practice of indulgences, a means of restoring justice and purifying the soul.

### **How to Receive a Plenary Indulgence**

Baptized Catholics can receive an indulgence during certain occasions as determined by the Church, such as this year's Jubilee of St. Francis. The Church prescribes specific actions to be taken to receive the indulgence and to conform the heart closer to Christ. In this article, we outline these actions and provide answers to frequently asked questions about the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. Here are the six steps for receiving a plenary indulgence during the Franciscan Jubilee Year:

1. Visit in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship named after St. Francis or connected to him for any reason.
2. Spend time in meditation and prayer, focusing on the example of St. Francis, his love for all and his zeal for peace among people.
3. Pray the following: Our Father, Nicene Creed, Invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Francis of Assisi, St Clare and saints of the Franciscan Family, Intentions of Pope Leo XIV
4. Detach yourself from all sin, even venial.
5. Participate in sacramental confession.
6. Receive Holy Communion.

### **Opportunities for the Homebound**

The homebound and their caregivers can also receive a plenary indulgence provided they are detached from any sin and intend to fulfill the three usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father) as soon as possible. They must join spiritually in the jubilee celebrations of the Year of St. Francis, offering their prayers and sufferings to God.

# Jubilee Year of St. Francis

## Why is 2026 a Jubilee Year of St. Francis?

According to Pope Leo XIV in his letter to the General Ministers of the Conference of the Franciscan Family, "Eight centuries have passed since the death of the Poverello of Assisi, who wrote the word of Christ's salvation indelibly in the hearts of the people of his time. May the example and spiritual legacy of this Saint, strong in faith, steadfast in hope and ardent in active charity towards his neighbor, inspire in everyone the importance of trusting in the Lord, of living a life faithful to the Gospel, and of accepting and illuminating every circumstance and action of life with faith and prayer."

## What is an indulgence?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishments due for their sins. Thus, the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity" (#1478).

## What are the dates of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis?

According to a decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary, a key Vatican office that oversees indulgences: "His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Minister of our faith and our joy, establishes that, from January 10, 2026, to coincide with the closing of the Ordinary Jubilee, until January 10, 2027, a special Year of St. Francis may be proclaimed, in which every Christian faithful, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, may himself become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace."



The Year of St. Francis will be realized in the Diocese of Venice in a particular way, as the Diocese is blessed to have a Parish named for this saint. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Grove City, located at 5265 Placida Road, has been designated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane as a Jubilee site, and will be welcoming pilgrims throughout the Jubilee Year for Mass, visits, and special events and activities. The Church Sanctuary and Poor Clare Adoration Chapel will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays to welcome pilgrims, and at other times by arrangement. Visit the Parish's website for more information: <https://www.sfoachurch.com/>



Please visit the beautiful painting of St. Francis of Assisi by artist Rosalie Anne Polivka Ramstead in the Narthex of our Church. Rosalie is a portrait artist trained in classical realism at the Atelier Lack School of Classical Realism in Minneapolis, MN. She has been painting portraits for over 40 years. Her award-winning work had been published in books such as "Artists of Naples" and has been featured in galleries nationwide, including vonLiebig, Ritz Carlton and Philharmonic Invitational. In 2007-2008, she served on the original Arts Board for Ave Maria University. In 2006-2008, she served as principal painter for Opera Naples. *The painting was generously donated to St. John the Evangelist.*

## 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 5:30-6:30 p.m. 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 at 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 6:30 p.m. in the Claussen Center. [sjcclegion@gmail.com](mailto:sjcclegion@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. 7:30 a.m., one hour before daily Mass begins. 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 3rd Friday of every month 9 a.m.-12 p.m. For more info, please call Rosemary at 239-250-0432.

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

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

## Ministries & Groups

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** We give glory to God by offering direct/in-home help to anyone in need within the boundaries of our parish. Our work spans from fighting food insecurity to 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@SVDPhaples.org](mailto:bwstjohn@SVDPhaples.org).

**Waiting in Love: A Grandparents' Support Ministry.** Being a grandparent is a special time in a person's life. However, family rejection can leave grandparents with no contact with their grandchildren, causing disbelief and sadness. This ministry will provide an opportunity for participants to hear one another's burden, learn new information, and

spend time in prayer for each other's needs. It will help participants find peace in the present while maintaining hope for the future. Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Rome Room. [Begins 2/5/26.](#)

**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. Evening sessions meet the first Wednesdays of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Morning sessions meet the first Thursday of each month from 10:00AM 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.

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

### RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

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

**COME JOIN US!** Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary are prayed mornings, Monday through Saturday, inside our church, beginning at 7:30 a.m. You are most welcome to share this prayer time as we pray for special petitions among our parishioners. Meditation cards are provided to enhance the individual prayers. We are the FAMILY that prays together!



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us for adoration with benediction on the First Friday of every month at 6:00 pm and on the First Saturday of every month after the 8:30 am Mass in the Church. Visit our Adoration Chapel on the left side of the Church. For more information, please contact the Main Office

*please join us for*

### 24 HOUR ADORATION

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

**TO SIGN UP GO TO  
[www.adorationpro.org/SJ ECC](http://www.adorationpro.org/SJ ECC)**



## Youth Ministry



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
YOUTH MINISTRY

# DONUTS, COFFEE & FAMILY SOCIAL

All are welcome - families, friends, and kids of all ages!

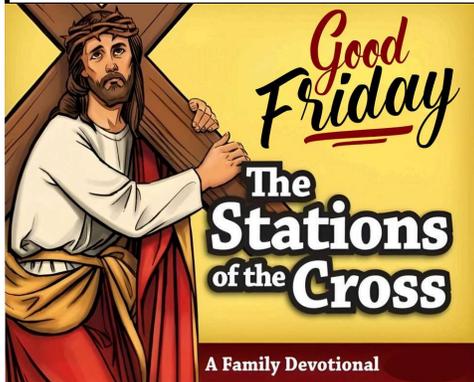
Join us once a month on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass until 1:30 p.m.

in the Pulte Family Life Center. We hope to see you there!

Donuts & Coffee ~ Open Gym ~ Board Games



## March 22



A Family Devotional

ACCOMPANYING JESUS ON HIS WAY TO CALVARY

## FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

JOIN US FOR FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS! THE REFLECTIONS WILL BE LED BY OUR YOUTH, WHERE WE COME TOGETHER TO WALK ALONGSIDE JESUS, ACCOMPANYING HIM ON HIS WAY TO CALVARY. AS WE PAUSE AT EACH STATION, WE REFLECT ON EACH MOMENT OF JESUS' PASSION, ALLOWING US TO CONNECT MORE DEEPLY WITH HIS LOVE AND SACRIFICE. IT'S A TIME TO UNITE IN FAITH, TO PRAY TOGETHER, AND TO FOSTER A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEPTH OF HIS SACRIFICE FOR EACH OF US.

## Camp Covecrest Fundraiser

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST! AVAILABLE IN THE GIFT SHOP!

EVERYTHING  
**Catholic**  
Candles

HAND-POURED

PREMIUM WOODEN WICK

HANDCRAFTED 100% PURE BEESWAX

**\$30**



## Young Adult

# YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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

- WEEKLY GATHERINGS
- SOCIAL EVENTS
- SERVICE PROJECTS
- ADORATION
- DISCUSSIONS
- PRAYER



[HTTPS://CATHOLICFELLOWSHIPAROUNDNAPLES.WORDPRESS.COM/](https://catholicfellowshiparoundnaples.wordpress.com/)



## Faith Formation



Our Faith Formation children pray the Stations of the Cross for inner peace, world peace and their special intentions at St. Francis statue in our prayer garden.

They also learned how to pray the rosary and put it into practice in class. They also prayed for inner peace, world peace and their special intentions.



**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 8-12, 2026**

**CAMPER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

**VBS Registration & Volunteer Info**  
**Volunteers**

- All volunteers must be cleared before receiving the registration link.
- Go to the website and complete the age-appropriate clearance.
- Once cleared, Melissa will email you the private volunteer link.

**Already Cleared?**

- If your age group has not changed and you were cleared for VBS last year, email [vbs@sjecc.com](mailto:vbs@sjecc.com) to check your status.
- After confirmation, Melissa or the VBS team will send you your link.

Please support the CRS Rice Bowl Program this Lent by taking a small cardboard box to collect your change this Lent and return on Easter Sunday. Together all of our change can make a big difference. You can pick up your cardboard Rice Bowl in church or at Faith Formation. **Please return the boxes after Easter.**

Thank you!



## THIS WEEK IN YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Wishing all of our children a Happy Spring Break! See you next week, Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>!



Use the QR code to be directed to the volunteer page on the SJ ECC website!

## Adult Faith Formation

### WHAT DOES LOVE LOOK LIKE?



People can nurture and energize us. They can chisel us for the better. But how do we discern the more challenging relationships? What makes a healthy Marriage? And how about In-laws, adult children, neighbors, the “other” family, coworkers, parents, blended and divorced families? What about empty nesters? In this presentation you will learn about the God Lens, what the research says, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse and the Death Star of Marriage. We will discuss how to protect your mission in life, and what constitutes love and a healthy relationship. You’ll be surprised.

The talk will be held on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am in the Alexandria room. Email [aff@sjecc.com](mailto:aff@sjecc.com) to register. Mariette Danilo holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from Columbia University. As an academic, she taught graduate courses in Psychology and Education.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you—or someone you know—interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? OCIA is the process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and community. Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or a baptized Catholic who has not yet received First Communion and Confirmation, OCIA offers a supportive and faith-filled journey toward full initiation into the Church.

All are welcome!

**For more information, you can go to the website and fill out the inquiry form, or email [aff@sjecc.com](mailto:aff@sjecc.com)! For those interested in volunteering for the next cycle, please email [katherine@sjecc.com](mailto:katherine@sjecc.com).**

Don't miss this podcast, going through 'The Way of Trust and Love' this Lent



The Way of  
**TRUST AND LOVE**  
*A Retreat Guided by St. Thérèse of Lisieux*



BOOKS AVAILABLE  
IN THE GIFT SHOP!

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult confirmation will begin  
the week after Easter!

**For more information and  
enrollment, email**



**[aff@sjecc.com](mailto:aff@sjecc.com)**



# Adult Faith Formation

## AN INVITATION TO ENCOUNTER THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA A SPECIAL MORNING WITH



**SR. ANGELA, ASM**  
GENERAL SUPERIOR,  
ALIANÇA DE SANTA MARIA



**SR. FILIPA, ASM**  
ALIANÇA DE SANTA MARIA

### DATE

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

### SCHEDULE

8:30 AM MASS  
BREAKFAST AND TALK TO FOLLOW

### LOCATION

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH  
BALLROOM  
625 11TH AVE N, NAPLES, FL, 34108

### WHY THIS MATTERS

Sr. Angela de Fatima Coelho, has spent her life at Fatima, Portugal, guarding and sharing the message of Our Lady of Fatima — a message of **conversion, prayer, sacrifice, and hope**, urgently needed in our world today. She will share insights on the miracles of Fatima, how Our Lady's message speaks powerfully to families and faith today, and the mission of Aliança de Santa Maria.

ALL ARE WELCOME. NO RSVP REQUIRED.

**COME. LISTEN. PRAY. BE  
RENEWED.**



## THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

OCIA; 6:00PM in Alexandria

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

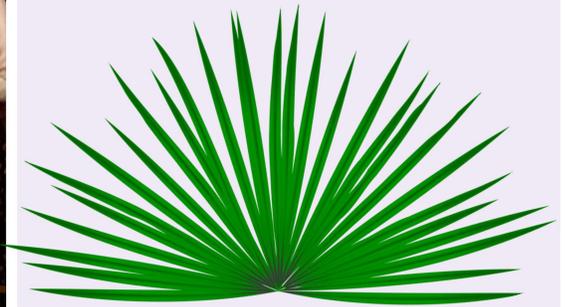
Foundations of Faith; 12:00-  
1:30PM in Alexandria

The Science of Love; 6:00PM-  
7:30PM in Alexandria

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

No Greater Love; 9:30AM-  
11:00AM in Alexandria

Young Adult Group; 6:30PM-  
8:00PM in Alexandria



## THE CATECHETICAL COLUMN

**Question:** What do the different colors of the liturgical calendar symbolize?

**Answer:** There are four primary colors of chasubles used during the celebration of Mass (white, green, red, and violet), and each has its own meaning. Green is used during Ordinary Time and symbolizes life and growth. Violet is used during Advent and Lent and represents penance, repentance, and renewal. Rose (pink) expresses joy in anticipation and is used on Gaudete Sunday during Advent and Laetare Sunday during Lent. White is used during the Christmas and Easter seasons to represent joy and victory, and it also serves as a reminder of the resurrection. Lastly, black symbolizes mourning or death. It is not commonly used, but it is permitted according to the USCCB, along with gold and silver for solemn occasions. If you are interested in this topic, I suggest reading the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 345.



Thank you for your question!



Email ANY questions you may have about the faith or Catholic Church to [aff@sjecc.com](mailto:aff@sjecc.com), and your question may be featured anonymously in next week's bulletin with an answer!

# Events & Programs



## "We Served" Veteran's Event

Monday, March 9th, 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.

**Chris Boudi** 



- VA- Accredited Advocate concerning service connected benefits
- Specialized Claims focusing on:
  - Agent Orange Related Conditions
  - Mental Health Conditions, including PTSD
  - DIC Claims
  - Sleep Apnea
  - Cancers, *and many more*

**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.

# DOMINE CLEMONS

## Thank You Concert & Organ Pipe Dedication

**MARCH 13TH**

**WHERE:** St. John the Evangelist Church

**TIME:** 7 PM

**FREE ADMISSION**

**SCAN TO REGISTER:** 




Come celebrate remission and God's miraculous healing! This evening is a thank you to the Naples faith community that prayed for Domine continuously and supported her family through this challenging year. Blending beloved worship songs and an encouraging message of purpose and resilience, she invites every listener to surrender and trust in God's plan amid life's most challenging moments.

Accompanied by **Edward Persin**, St. John the Evangelist Director of Music, **Victoria Ianniello**, classically trained violinist and sacred music educator, and the Adult Choir. Featuring guest vocalists: **Gregg and Isabelle Clemons**.

# St. Patrick's Day Celebration

St. John the Evangelist Church

8:30am St. Patrick's Day Mass in the Church w/Irish Hymns and Prayers

9:30am Celebration in the Ballroom! Music, fun, Irish coffee, and desserts!



The Band Trinity



March 17

**Our St Vincent de Paul Society** 

To thank you for your continual support of those in need



SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Presents:

## Planning for Tomorrow

Wednesday, March 18, 2026  
10:00 AM—Noon  
In the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Center

**A COMPLIMENTARY LIFE PLANNING WORKSHOP**

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church has partnered with the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida and local estate planning experts to host a complimentary workshop, which will provide participants with the knowledge they need to make critical health, legal and financial decisions for themselves and/or a loved one.

Attendees will obtain important information on:  
Avoiding Guardianship, Wills vs. Trusts, Probate, Durable Power of Attorney, Beneficiary Designations, Healthcare Surrogates, Advanced Directives, Financial Planning, Smarter Ways to Give and more.



**RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY**  
CALL: 941-486-4722

# Events & Programs

Tickets on Sale Now

# BEE GEES

## Concert

**March 20**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Pulte Center**





Scan the QR code or visit the Pulte Center for tickets!

*featuring Bee Gees Now*

# KARAOKE

## Happy Hour



**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**  
**6 - 8 P.M.**

PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

# BINGO

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10 & 24**  
**1:00 P.M.**

**\$20 - 10 GAMES - CASH PRIZES**  
**PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER**



## Compass Rose

Sunrise Stretch & Reflection on the Beach  
Begins February 2026



Wednesday Mornings  
**7AM - 8AM**

Enter at Delnor Wiggins State Park (park at Connor Park, short walk)  
\*Bring towel or sheet



Inspirational storyteller and award-winning author Geraldine Giombianco (Gigi) leads the way to share faith-filled reflections combined with Mind, Body and Soulful excersices and be done by 8AM in time for 8:30 mass at St. John's.

Prayerful support by St. John's The Evangelist Church

Reap the benefits of Breathing Ocean Air, Stretching, Tapping, Music

All Sizes and Shapes Welcome  
Pay as you wish

**Text 914-255-1943 for details**

# An evening of MOTOWN

**Friday, April 24, 2026**  
**St. John the Evangelist Ballroom**  
**5:30 p.m. Doors Open**  
**6:00 p.m. Buffet followed by Show**



All proceeds support **St. Vincent de Paul Naples**  
Helping seniors & adults, low-income individuals & working families in the area

featuring **The Girls of Motown**



**\$40** Includes Dinner & Show!

Buffet dinner provided by **Patio Café**  
Beer, Wine & Soda Available

For ticket info, contact Bill Warvel via email at: [bill@sjecc.com](mailto:bill@sjecc.com) or call 732-672-4109  
Tickets also on sale after weekend masses April 11/12 & 18/19

special thanks to our lead sponsor **Patio Café Naples**  
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# Events & Programs



## Adult Paint & Wine

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

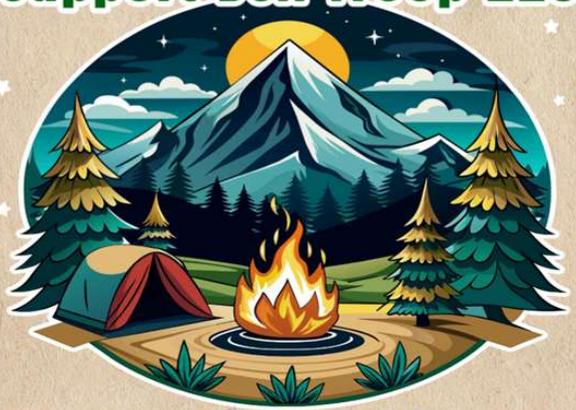
Pulte Family Life Center Cafe

Sign up on Eventbrite or  
contact Jamie at the Pulte Center



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-paint-night-march-coasters-tickets-1984383280811?aff=oddtcreator>

## Support BSA Troop 226



Scouts are Selling Discount  
Cards Before & After Mass

**Cards are \$10 Each**  
**Valid thru 3/1/27**

**Sat Mar 21 & Sun Mar 22**

Scouts are attending Summer Camp in the Smokey  
Mountains of Tennessee - June 2026



Make a Direct Donation - We thank you for your  
continued support of our Scouts!

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OR MARCH 28**

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## SJN COUNTRY JAM IS COMING IN HOT

MARCH 27, 2026 | DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM



THE STAGE IS SET FOR LOCAL FAVORITES  
**BACK COUNTRY BOYS**

**\$25\* TICKET GETS YOU:**

- ✓ ADMISSION TO THE BASEBALL GAME
- ✓ ACCESS TO 60+ RAFFLE PRIZES — INCLUDING OUTDOOR ADVENTURES, GETAWAYS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
- ✓ FAMILY TICKET: \$40  
(2 ADULTS + 2 KIDS 8TH GRADE & UNDER)

FOOD FROM CHEF DAN AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
**THE BIGGEST, BOLDEST JAM YET!**

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**UNLIMITED  
BEER & WINE  
CUP \$20**



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