

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

April 5, 2026  
Easter Sunday



HAPPY  
EASTER

## **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), 5:00pm

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

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

### Religious Gift Shop Hours

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# Calendar and Mass Readings

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 5 - Happy Easter

7:00am Mass (Church)  
9:00am Mass (Church)  
9:15am Overflow Mass (Ballroom)  
11:00am Mass (Church)  
11:15am Overflow Mass (Ballroom)  
1:00pm Mass (Church)  
5:00pm Mass (Church)

### Monday, April 6

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

### Tuesday, April 7

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)  
9:30am Bereavement Group (PLC room 8)  
9:30am SHE Shall be Called Woman (Nazareth)  
12:00pm Foundations of Faith (Alexandria)  
6:30pm Legion of Mary (PAC rooms 11&12)

### Wednesday, April 8

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

### Thursday, April 9

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)  
9:00am Faith Chat (New Antioch)  
6:30pm Mysteries of the Rosary (Pulte)

### Friday, April 10

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

### Saturday, April 11

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

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

## 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.



Happy Easter from the  
Clergy & Staff of  
St. John the Evangelist Parish

## 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 34 in the Rosary section.



## Sacraments



### 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 SJECC Chapel we will have 24 hour adoration.*

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### 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

## 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 58: Purification of Sin

Sin is a topic that many avoid. We don't like to think about our sins. We don't like to admit to them, and we often rationalize them as if we do not have any. We can easily come up with excuses for this "sin" or that. But here is another perspective on sin. We should see our sin, no matter how grave or how small, as a little twig. And then we should see a huge and blazing fire. If you were to throw that twig into the fire it would immediately be consumed. The twig is our sin and God's Mercy is so powerful that it can easily and quickly consume it. We only need to be willing to admit our sins and throw them into that burning fire of Divine Mercy. Can you admit your sin? Do you see your sin? No excuses, just honesty. And are you willing to confess your sins, all of them, in the sacramental fire of Reconciliation? If you are aware of the power of God's Divine Mercy and His willingness to eliminate your sin, you will have no fear in honestly admitting it and letting Him consume it. Try to examine your conscience today and face that which you need to let God burn away. Lord, Your Divine Mercy is infinite and most powerful. It is a flame of burning love. Help me to trust in You enough to face my sin honestly and to throw it into the fire of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May I trust in this glorious Sacrament and, in so doing, may I trust in You. Jesus, I do trust in You.



# 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!**

## Fr. Tom's Easter Reflection



There is something beautiful about Easter morning. Even people who don't come to church often feel drawn here today. The flowers are beautiful, the music is incredible, and there is a sense—deep down—that something important has happened. And it has.

Christ is risen. And because He is risen, everything changes. We sometimes envy the apostles and the first disciples. We are convinced that they had an advantage over all later Christians because they were actually present at the events .

related in the Gospels. They saw the risen Jesus with their own eyes, and touched him with their hands. Therefore, faith was easy for them. And we are convinced that it would be easy for us too if only we could see Jesus personally, as the apostles did, or if only we could see for ourselves the miracles he performed, as the first disciples did.

But if we look more closely, we realize something surprising: faith was not easy for them either. Yes, the first disciples had the advantage of seeing Jesus with their own eyes. But did that make faith any easier for them? In fact, many who saw Jesus did not believe. Even the apostles themselves struggled. After the crucifixion, they were confused, afraid, and hiding. When they first heard that Jesus had risen, they doubted.

So where does that leave us? We cannot see Jesus the way they did. We cannot touch His wounds. We cannot look into His face and say, "My Lord and my God." We must live by faith, not by sight. And yet—we are not at a disadvantage. In some ways, we are actually blessed. Yes, it may feel harder. Two thousand years have passed. The world is noisy. Faith can seem dimmed or distant. But on the other hand, something remarkable has happened over time. The message of Jesus has spread across the world. The idea that God entered human history, died, and rose again—has taken root. It has been lived, preached, and witnessed by countless generations.

And the truth remains: every disciple—whether in the first century or the twenty-first—must make the same leap of faith. The apostles saw the risen Christ only a few times after Easter. But that was enough to change everything. Their fear turned into courage. Their doubt turned into conviction. Their lives became a witness to hope. Easter is not just something we celebrate once a year. It is something we are called to live every day. We are called to be Easter people—people who live in hope. In a world that often feels overwhelmed by bad news, division, and discouragement, Easter people stand out. We believe that good is stronger than evil. We believe that life is stronger than death. We believe that no darkness, no failure, no sin has the final word—because Christ is risen. And more than that, we are called to become a source of that hope for others.

You are here today to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Perhaps it is your faith that brought you here. Perhaps someone else invited you. What matters is that you are here. May your faith continue to strengthen and bring you to the table of the Lord every Sunday. The Lord calls YOU to a deeper relationship. I promise you—you won't regret it!

Happy Easter!  
Fr. Tom

# Readings for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

## Reading 1

### Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

“You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

## Responsorial Psalm

### Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad**

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.”

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad**

## Reading 2

### 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may

become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

## Sequence - Victimæ paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems;

Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;

bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

to Galilee he goes before you.”

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

## Alleluia

### cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

### John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When

# Readings for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other

disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

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## Music for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
Praise him, now His might confess, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Spirit blest. Alleluia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; verse 1, Latin, 14th cent.; para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; verses 2-3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, ca. 1750, alt.; verse 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Later form of melody fr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

### This is the Day

(Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23)

(Psalm 118)

Francesca LaRosa

The musical score is written on two staves in G major and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff begins with a measure rest (5) before the melody resumes.

This is the day\_ the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.  
Al - le - lu-ia... Al - le - lu-ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

5  
This is the day\_ the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.  
Al - le - lu-ia... Al - le - lu-ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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### Christians, to the Paschal Victim

1. Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
Offer your thankful praises!

2. A Lamb the sheep redeems;  
Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciles sinners to the Father.

3. Death and life have contended  
in that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

4. Speak, Mary, declaring  
What you saw, wayfaring.

# Music for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

5. "The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;

6. Bright angels, attesting,  
The shroud and napkin resting.

7. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;  
To Galilee he goes before you."

8. Christ indeed from death is risen,  
our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Allelúia.

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## Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the  
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the  
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing his  
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -  
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



1. prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
2. giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
3. chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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## Jesus is Risen

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

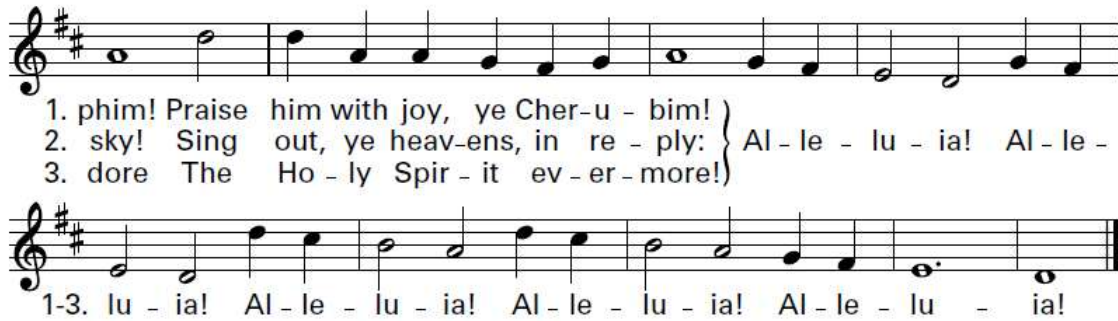


1. Je - sus is ris-en! Let us sing! Praise to the ev - er - liv - ing  
2. On this most ho - ly day of days, Let us to - geth - er sing his  
3. To God the Fa - ther let us sing, To God the Son, our ris - en



1. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him in song, ye Ser - a -  
2. praise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Raise joy - ful voic - es to the  
3. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! And e - qual - ly let us a -

# Music for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord



1. phim! Praise him with joy, ye Cher-u - bim!  
 2. sky! Sing out, ye heav-ens, in re - ply: } Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 3. dore The Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more!  
 1-3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: LM with alleluias; Composite.  
 Music: *Auserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.

## I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the Bread of life.  
 You who come to me shall not hunger;  
 and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
 No one can come to me  
 unless the Father beckons.

Refrain  
 And I will raise you up,  
 and I will raise you up,  
 and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give  
 is my flesh for the life of the world,  
 and if you eat of this bread,  
 you shall live forever,  
 you shall live forever.

3. Unless you eat  
 of the flesh of the Son of Man  
 and drink of his blood,  
 and drink of his blood,  
 you shall not have life within you.

4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life.  
 If you believe in me,  
 even though you die,  
 you shall live forever.

5. Yes, Lord, we believe  
 that you are the Christ,  
 the Son of God,  
 who has come  
 into the world.

Text: John 6:35, 44, 51, 53-54; 11:25-27. Text and music © 1966, 1970, 1986, 1993, 2005, GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## Take and Eat

Michael Joncas



Refrain  
 Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod - y  
 Take and drink; take and drink:  
 giv-en up for you. this is my blood giv-en up for you.  
 to Verses  
 (Fine)

# Music for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord



1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4. I am the cor - ner-stone that God has laid;
5. I am the light that came in - to the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;



1. I am the seed that died to be re - born;
2. I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
3. I am the gate that guards you night and day;
4. A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;
5. I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;
6. I am the Lord who died that you might live;



1. I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
2. I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
3. You are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;
4. You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;
5. I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;
6. I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;



1. I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
2. I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
3. You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
4. Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
5. Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
6. You are my bride, come to the mar-riage feast.

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## Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN TO JOY

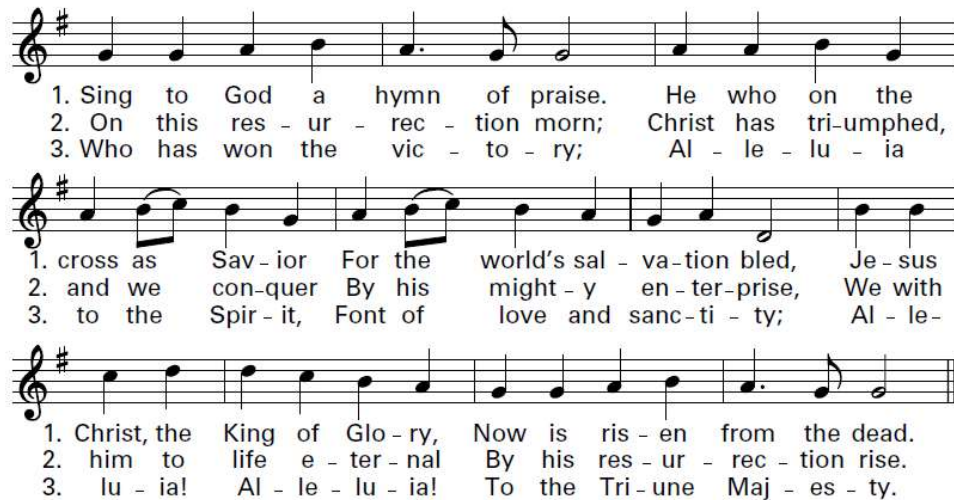


1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to



1. voic - es raise; Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
2. life is born, Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal,
3. God on high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior,

## Music for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord



1. Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the  
2. On this res - ur - rec - tion morn; Christ has tri-umphed,  
3. Who has won the vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia

1. cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus  
2. and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise, We with  
3. to the Spir - it, Font of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le -

1. Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
2. him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.  
3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Text: 87 87 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1872, alt.  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

## “Giving from the Heart: The Spiritual Meaning of the Offertory”

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There's a moment during Mass that many of us easily overlook — when the priest receives the gifts and places them on the altar. While the choir sings and the congregation sits, something deeply spiritual is taking place. It's not only the bread and wine that are offered, but also our lives, our work, our sacrifices, and our material blessings. That simple offertory basket at the exits after Mass is not just a practical gesture — it's a sacred sign. Each envelope, each bill, each coin represents a grateful heart saying, “Lord, everything I have comes from You.”

Too often, we fail to see the spiritual meaning behind this act, reducing the offertory to a routine or an obligation. Yet giving is not about losing — it's about trusting, thanking, and participating in Christ's saving work. When we give with faith, we help sustain the Church and allow the Gospel to continue transforming lives.

Saint Paul reminds us: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). The offertory, then, is not merely about money — it's an act of faith and love.

From the very first pages of Scripture, humanity has offered the fruits of its labor to God in gratitude. Abel offered the best of his flock; Noah built an altar after the flood; Israel brought the first fruits of the harvest as a sign of thanksgiving. Every time we place our offering before God, we silently proclaim, “Lord, I trust in You. Everything I have is a gift from You, and I give back in gratitude.” To give is to place God at the center of our life — to acknowledge that all we are depends on His providence, not our own security.

A thankful heart does not calculate. Those who have truly experienced God's goodness cannot remain indifferent to the needs of His Church. Jesus noticed the poor widow who placed two small coins into the treasury (Mark 12:41-44). He didn't look at the amount — He saw the heart. She gave all she had, and her offering became a living prayer. In the same way, when we give with love, our offering becomes a silent prayer that says, “Thank You, Lord, for Your goodness. Receive this gift as a sign of my love.” Generosity purifies the heart, frees us from selfishness, and opens us to God's grace. Giving does not diminish us — it enlarges our hearts and strengthens our faith.

## “Giving from the Heart: The Spiritual Meaning of the Offertory”

The Church lives through the charity of her children. Every Mass celebrated, every sacrament administered, every catechism class taught, every act of service and mercy — all are made possible by the generosity of the faithful. The offertory is a direct way of participating in Christ’s mission. The money placed in the collection is transformed into living Gospel: it becomes food for the poor, education for children, maintenance for our parish, support for priests, and strength for the ministries that bring hope to others.

Each gift, no matter how small, becomes grace multiplied. Giving regularly — weekly or monthly — builds the Church today and secures its future. We are all part of the mission, and we all share the responsibility of sustaining it with love.

Our gifts, too, are part of the Eucharistic sacrifice: we place what we have in God’s hands, and He turns it into blessing. Giving unites us to Christ, who “though He was rich, became poor for our sake” (2 Corinthians 8:9). The offertory, when understood in this light, is an act of prayer, conversion, and praise. It frees us from attachment and teaches us to trust in God’s providence.

Ultimately, the offertory is a deeply spiritual act because it places love for God and His Church at the very center. It’s not about money — it’s about faith. It’s not about obligation — it’s about love. When we give with joy, we unite our hearts to Christ, who gave Himself completely for us. As Jesus reminds us, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). Every offering becomes an opportunity to renew our love, our gratitude, and our faith. In the end, when we give, we lose nothing — instead, we gain everything in Christ.

## *Offertory In Action*

Invigorated by our faith, St. John the Evangelist lives our mission to Know, Love, and Serve God in His Church and Our Community. Your offertory donation supports the operations of our parish, including grounds and facilities maintenance, liturgical supplies and needs, Faith Formation programming, utilities, ministries, staffing, and more. When a second or special collection is designated, this supports the Diocesan and Universal mission of the Church.

In coming weeks, we will highlight ways in which your offertory donation supports our mission and Faith Community.

### Communion Hosts & Wine



Each year, offertory donations are used to purchase Communion wine and hosts. In 2025, our Sacristans ordered 326,725 hosts and 264 bottles of communion wine.

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## DONATE THE EASY WAY WITH ONLINE GIVING



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

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## WE NOW ACCEPT ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE BY:

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

## DONATION REMINDERS

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

### Offertory

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

### St. Vincent de Paul

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

### Jamaica Outreach Program

Make check payable to **JOP**

***\*Beginning 3/1/26, online donations to JOP will need to be made directly to JOP via the following link: <https://jamaicaoutreach.org/give/>. Existing automatic donations to JOP will be terminated as of 3/1/26. Contact Karen Beebe with any questions 239.228.3903***

*\*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

**3/11/26 - 3/17/26**

\$73,014.76

**3/18/26 - 3/24/26**

\$82,740.82

**Total Households**

3585



## RECTORY CAMPAIGN

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.

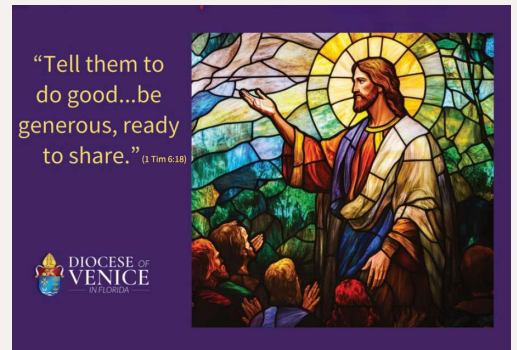


# Catholic Faith Appeal

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.

## Catholic Faith Appeal Supports: Religious Education

**Through our Religious Education Programs, children, youth, and adults are lovingly guided to deepen their knowledge of Our Lord. This may be in preparation to receive a Sacrament or to respond to Christ to be evermore faithful. Our dedicated catechists provide a nurturing environment where participants grow in their understanding of Scripture, Church Teachings, and Tradition. These programs are spiritual milestones that strengthen families, build communities, and deepen lifelong Discipleship.**



NOTE: In Religious Education, this past year alone, the Diocese enrolled **9,935** K – 8 students to encounter Christ and His teachings at various levels.



**The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** is the official process for welcoming individuals and families into full communion with the Catholic Church. Last year alone, **552** individuals received this opportunity. OCIA is a faith-filled journey of conversion and formation. Participants come from diverse backgrounds and find a new spiritual home in the Catholic Church. Your support helps to provide resources for formation, training of catechists, opportunities for retreats, and programming that reaches those seeking to grow ever closer to Jesus Christ.



## ENDOWMENT FUNDS



### Make a Forever Gift

An Endowment Fund provides a permanent source of income to the Catholic organization of your choice. This fund is designed to function in perpetuity, making it possible for you to ensure long-term financial support and sustainability to your Parish, School, Diocese or other Catholic program or ministry about which you care most. Once established, anyone can make additional contributions to the fund in any dollar amount. You can choose to support an existing endowment fund, start your own named fund, or establish a fund to honor or memorialize friends, family or other loved ones.



#### You can...

- Open an Endowment Fund with a minimum of \$10,000
- Designate any Catholic organization, or leave unrestricted to serve the greatest need
- Open with cash, marketable securities or other assets
- Avoid capital gains taxes on long-term, highly appreciated assets
- Make a bequest from your will or trust



#### Key benefits

- Provide a perpetual annual source of revenue for the Catholic entity of your choice
- Ensure your gift will always be used as you intended
- You can add to your existing Endowment Fund, or start one, with a gift or designation in your will, trust, or beneficiary designation
- Donations are invested in accordance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops guidelines for Socially Responsible Investments
- You can receive a reduction in income taxes



# Endowment



## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### How does an Endowment Fund work?



MAKE A GIFT



INVESTMENT



FUND GROWTH



DISTRIBUTION

### Make a gift



Donate cash or easily transfer appreciated assets (such as stock) to establish an Endowment Fund and avoid having to pay capital gains taxes while maximizing your philanthropic dollars. Or use your IRA required minimum distribution and reduce your taxable income.

### Investment



Funds are invested in accordance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops guidelines for Socially Responsible Investments. You, and others, can continue to make additional tax-deductible contributions after the Endowment Fund is established.

### Fund growth



Investment earnings and interest are added to the fund balance allowing it to grow year over year.

### Endowment distribution



Following the Catholic Community Foundation's distribution policy and inline with the fund agreement, a distribution is made annually to the agreed upon Catholic beneficiary.



Scan the QR Code to learn more.

## Let's talk

### About the Catholic Community Foundation

The Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida began operating in 2004 to help donors create lasting legacies uniquely aligned with their Catholic values and beliefs. The Foundation works with donors to provide long-term support and sustainability to the ministries, programs, and entities about which they care most.

### Why the Catholic Community Foundation

The Foundation supports the mission of Christ in the Diocese of Venice and beyond and was created as an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit to help safeguard donors' assets and to ensure that donations will always be used in alignment with donors' wishes. The Foundation also invests all donations in Catholic-screened investments in keeping with our Faith.

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# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, April 4, 2026

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
*Vigil Masses for Sunday*

8:00 PM + Armeda Voss

## Sunday, April 5, 2026

7:00 AM + Teresa Dep Pham  
 9:00 AM + Shawn McWhirter  
 9:15 AM + Alex and Nancy Caprio  
 11:00 AM + Caterina and Antonio Tauro  
 11:15 AM + Tom Roettele  
 1:00 PM + Paul Adl  
 5:00 PM + Jean Kowalski  
 Wine and Host + Marcel Rajotte

## Monday, April 6, 2026

8:30 AM SI Pauline Cataldo

## Tuesday, April 7, 2026

8:30 AM + John Kindsvater, Sr.

## Wednesday, April 8, 2026

8:30 AM + Ron O'Keefe

## Thursday, April 9, 2026

8:30 AM + Jacob Winkler

## Friday, April 10, 2026

8:30 AM + Juliana Phillips

## Saturday, April 11, 2026

8:30 AM + Ann MaCaulay

*(Vigil Masses for Sunday)*

3:00 PM + Ralph Corbino  
 5:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

## Sunday, April 12, 2026

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners  
 9:00 AM + Ramirez-Foster Family  
 11:00 AM + Alba and Charles Mancini  
 1:00 PM + William Haggerty  
 3:00 PM + Jesus Comas  
 5:00 PM + Dr. John Vitale  
 Wine and Host + Fernando Diaz and Family

## Requested By

Robert Voss, Jr.

## Requested By

Chi Hoang  
 Chres Reuter  
 Roxann Painter  
 Debora Tauro  
 Carol Roettele  
 His Wife, Alicja  
 Tom and Judy Lynch  
 Dianne and Tom Reilly

## Requested By

Fr. Len

## Requested By

Jack and Connie Kindsvater

## Requested By

Claire Conger

## Requested By

Merle and Janet Nett

## Requested By

Kim Bruno

## Requested By

Her Husband, Robert

Vincent and Kathryn Corbino

Jose Ramirez

Family

Paul Haggerty

Geri Fitapelli

The Sissman Family

Ivelysse Miro

## 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

**Mae Cairns, William Jacobs, Gerald Pace**



# 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.

Antoinette Acquaviva	Elizabeth Dyer	Joseph Iannuccilli	Mary Ann Pembroke
Rory Anderson	Baby Bennett Edington	William Jackson	John Petrovic
Chidsey Ann	Robert Egan	Sharon Johnson	Fran Pishotti
John Anthony	Tom Endres	Debbie Jones	The Pleeter Family
Frank Ashline	Elkin Escobar	Lynn K.	Albert Previte
James B.	Kiera Fahey	Lynne Keevan	Debbie Previte
Angelo Babbo	Jeanne Faup	John Kegaly	Dorothy Queenan
Mandy Bailey	Sal Ferrante	Beth Kekacs	Kathy R
Crystal Ball	Merci Ferrante	Julie Kelley	Tom Redman
Eric Barker	Johanna Senatore Ferreira	Nancy and William Kennelly	Dave Roberts
Jennifer Basile	Lori Fischer	Hannah K and Kathleen Kotscher	Shannon Rolquin
Elaine Beebe	Denise Fisher	Richard Kruger	Susie Romanovich
Ben and Joyce Bill	Joe Fitori	Clayton Kunkle	Brian Rondeau
Scott Bjornson	Fitz for Fitzgerald	Sonny LaGreca	Theresa Rowe
Marjorie Blazevic	Susan Fitzpatrick	Frank Landi	Ronald Rubeck
Patty Bleicher	Anna Focht	Carrie Lehmann	Peggy O'Neil Saba
Paul Bolio	Ron Fongemie	Elysse Lescarbeau	Roy Sabalboro
Kimmy Bonacci	Cheryl Foster	Mason Leslie	Steve Salinas
The Braunius Family	Bettina Fouts	Myles Levy-Vixler	Lisa Sanfelippo
Charlie Brennan	Olivia Frawley	Tracy & Chiara Loesing	Catherine Schmitt
Tom Brown	Chase G	Baby Hudson Matthew Lopez	Jerry Schwanebeck
Anthony Busa	Linda Giambertone	Freddy Lourenso Jr.	Sandi Schwarz
Charlotte Byron	Donna Gilbride	Bob Lutz	Joseph Sciortino
Frank Carillo	Fr. Len Gioeli	Spencer Lyons	Dante and Ellen Serricchio
Mary Lee Carr	Lee Goldman	Wai Man Chow	Sharon
Louis Celiberti	Sally Grace	Doris Martin	Dana Shea
Michael Cerankowski	Patricia Graftstrom	Mary A.	Ron Shirer
Diana Chappel	Barbara Graves	Mary Beth	Catherine Shriver
Tyler Chorba	Sam Greenberg	Rochelle Masom	Kirk Sines
Al and Lorraine Ciano	Peter Greenberg	Anthony Masse	Jimmy Sissman
Domine Clemons	Justin Griffin	Zachary Mazzola	Teddy Sitter
Laurie Evelyn Cline	Frank Grzesk	Kelli Jo McCarthy	Patty Skubick
Monsignor Coll	Ben Gunterson	Carolyn McDonald	Donna Slattery
Merlyn Comeriato	Gary Gwizdala	Mary McGowan	Emily Spotz
Julia Conifrey	Nikki Haley	McGuire and Leesman Family	Emily K. Squittieri
Francine Crawford	Susan Hamilton	Jim Meerpohl	Joanna Steenburgh
John D.	Anthony Hamilton	Salvatore Minardi	Ila Steinly
Michelle D.	Terry Hansberry	Eileen Miner	Patricia Stiff
Phyllis D.	Dorothy Harkins	MLR	Laura Stokes
Roberta Dabronzo	Saralane Harrer	Maryann Mondragon	Jeanne Stoll
Raymond Dauterive	Fr. Mark Harris	Mark Moss	Sally Stookey
Kathy Davidson	The Hawley Family	Jennifer Mottolese	Larry Storbeck
Sue Delaney	Robert Hearson	Andy Murphy	Christopher Suki
Carol Delly	Jennifer Heider	Anthony Napolitano	Kathleen Sullivan
George Deuchar	Brenda Hernandez	Robert Needham	Bill Sullivan
Melissa DiDonna	Elaine Hill	Daniel Newton	Jack Suter
Julie Dieter	Raymond Hogge, Jr.	Thomas O'Dea	Peter Swift
Donna DiMare	Kelly Honsberger	Richard Paine	Mabel Tangney-Decker
Daniel Drobenko	Kathleen Howard	Eric Parker	Paul Todd
Tom Duncan	Murray Hunkin	Doris Patrao	Danielle Pacicco Tsombanos
Kelly Duncan	Deanne Hutchinson-Pinto	Judith Ann Patterson	Lisa Tuner

## Prayer List, continued

Janine Uzzi  
Raymond Vanasse  
Diane VanDerHorst  
Josalyn Vazquez  
Ken Villone  
Adam Wais  
Carol Watchmaker  
Callie Grace Watson

Fran Webber  
Mia Weddell  
Judy Weickert  
Elaine Wenning  
Gail Wheeler  
Mike Whitehead  
Carol Widdowson  
Carole Wielosinski

Eugene Williams II  
Shantaye Williams  
Jennifer Winter  
Harry Witt  
Rande Wright  
Blake Young  
Connor Z.  
Ed Zarebi

**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.**

## 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.

LCMDR Michael Adamski, Jr. - US Navy  
John Franklin Baird- US Army  
First Lieutenant Nehemiah Samuel Baker, U.S. Marine  
Lieutenant Jake Barberio- US Navy  
Lieutenant Madelein Barberio- US Navy  
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 Danyov- US Army  
Conor DiNatale  
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  
Jonathan Hoaglund- 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  
2nd Lieutenant Ethan Lange- US Army  
Captaim 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  
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  
Joseph Rice LCDR  
Jill Rice LCDR  
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  
Andrew Wieland- US Airforce  
Sergeant First Class Eugene D. Williams- US Army  
Kaden Winckel- Air Force  
BMSN3 Cameron Yedlin-US Navy  
Master Sgt. Andrew Zecchino- USAF  
Tech. Sgt. Kaitlin Zecchino- USAF

## Remembering Bishop Burchell McPherson

### Jamaica Outreach Program

**In memoriam: Bishop Burchell McPherson - March 25, 2026**

On the feast of the Annunciation, Bishop Burchell went home to the Lord .

In 1997, Bishop Burchell McPherson (then pastor of St Pius X Parish in Kingston) partnered with Father Tom Glackin (then pastor of St John the Evangelist in Naples Florida) as founders of the Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP). They twinned their two parishes to alleviate the plight of the impoverished in the St Pius X community. They began with small steps which grew into multiple programs, including medical, optical, dental care, education, food, and housing. Bishop Burchell's love of the poor and his powerful presence inspired many volunteers and donors to support the mission as it grew from serving one location to multiple areas in Jamaica over the past 29 years. It seems whenever Father Burchell was reassigned there were new "opportunities" presented. His leadership, encouragement and inspiration led the organization to say "yes" to God's calls for reaching out to the poor.

In a 2022 letter to JOP, Bishop Burchell wrote *"I implore you to continue with enthusiasm and joy, to plant those seeds of effective social outreach in the educational support of our youth, the elderly, the sick and the homeless.... Your triumphs and challenges through your ministry over the past 25 years gives Jamaica hope that there is a bright future to be realized by labouring in the vineyard.... Keep building on the solid foundation laid by those who have served before you and prepare the way for those yet to come!"*

Thank you Bishop Burchell for creating JOP's solid foundation and building upon it. Your life was a blessing and we will treasure all the memories in our hearts. We are filled with joy in the knowledge that you are at peace in your eternal home. Your dear friend Father Glackin would quote Matthew: "Well done, good and faithful servant! ...Come and share your master's happiness!".



JOP founders: Fr. Tom Glackin & Bishop Burchell McPherson



# 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

**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.

### COME JOIN US! PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND THE ROSARY

..."The 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 PEACE in our world and for special intentions among our parishioners. Meditation cards are provided to enhance the individual prayers. We are the FAMILY that prays together."



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join Us For The

## LEGION OF MARY

Tuesdays | 6:30PM | Claussen Family Center



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

**TMIY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!



Saturdays @ 7:00am in the Pulte Cafe

for more information:  
[brandonkaras1993@gmail.com](mailto:brandonkaras1993@gmail.com)

## Ministries & Groups

# GRIEF MINISTRY

**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?**

Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Antioch room of the Parish Activity Center. No fee, and all materials are provided free of charge.

St. John the Evangelist provides both group and individual grief support.

To register, send your name and telephone number to Deacon Hal: Hal@sjecc.com or Maria Chappel: maria@sjecc.com. Individual sessions may be scheduled by calling the Parish Office: 239.566.8740.



## Waiting in Love: A Grandparents' Support Ministry

*"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged..." (Proverbs 17:6)*

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 Support 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 also help participants (without providing therapy) find peace in the present, while maintaining hope for the future.

This ministry will meet on the **First Thursday of every month** at 9:00am in the Rome Room at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 111<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Naples.

For additional information, please contact Bill Shipman: wshipman@sjecc.org



**Roman Janopoulos &  
Troop 226 presents...**

**15,000 MEALS,  
ONE EAGLE SCOUT MISSION**

As an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 226 in Naples, Florida, I am deeply committed to making a meaningful difference in our community.

Even here in Collier County, where there is so much prosperity, rates of food shortages hover around 10 to 12%, leaving thousands of our neighbors struggling to access reliable nutritious meals.

This reality has fueled my strong desire to help squash hunger in our area, and it is the center piece of my **Eagle Scout Project**. With the help of my fellow Troop 226 Scouts and You, I will provide 15,000 nutritious, delicious and shelf stable meals to our hungry community.

My goal is to raise \$5,000 to buy all the food, seasonings and packaging needed to build the meals. I am partnering with Meals of Hope and we will lovingly assemble the ready to eat meals here at St. John the Evangelist Church, where I am a parishioner.

I invite you to join me in this positive effort to fill tummies with food and hearts with hope. Together we can make a real impact. Thank you for your support!

— Roman Janopoulos,



Eagle Scout Candidate, Troop 226, Naples, FL

MEALS OF  
**Hope**

Scan QR Code &  
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# Our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Saint John the Evangelist Church

## The Growing Need in Naples



The Naples Council Food Pantry visits increased from **13,875 People** in 2024, **To 22,145** in 2025, **+60%. Such great need!**

Our **Job Pathway Program and Life Skills classes** are helping our neediest as well!



All of this because of your prayers and generous contributions.

There are greater needs than our resources, so please join us or donate so we can bring support to the ever-growing people in need.

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



### 4th Annual Catholic Education Tuition Assistance Scramble



**Saturday, May 2, 2026**  
**Arrowhead Country Club**

**7:15am Registration**

**8:15am Shotgun Start**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Troy Costain

Phone: 239.825.9279

EMAIL: troy@dgarrettconstruction.com

### SPONSORSHIPS

#### Father Glackin Sponsorship

\$15,000

Two Foursomes

Hole Sign

Recognition at the SJN Awards Night when the Father Glackin Scholarship is awarded. You will have the honor of presenting the scholarship. Acknowledgement at lunch.

#### Salesians of St. John Boco Sponsorship

\$10,000

Two Foursomes

Hole Sign

Recognition at the SJN Awards Night when the Father Glackin Scholarship is awarded. You will have the honor of presenting the second scholarship. Acknowledgement at lunch.

#### Deacon Panaccia Sponsorship

\$7,500

Two Foursomes

Hole Sign

Recognition at the awarding of the Panacci Scholarship at our local Catholic Schools. You will have the honor of presenting the scholarships. Acknowledgement at lunch.

**GOLFERS: \$150 per player**

includes golf, cart, and lunch

#### TITLE SPONSOR \$3500

Two Foursomes Included

Hole signage and Business on all Player Placards

Start on First or Tenth Holes play together

#### LUNCH SPONSOR \$3000

Two Foursome Included & play together

#### CART SPONSOR \$2500

Your business will be on every event score card placed in the golf carts

#### GOLF BALL SPONSOR \$2000

One Foursomes Included

Dedicated hole to Network with all the golfers

#### PUTTING CONTEST \$1500

Run or help run the contest

Signage at Putting Green

#### LONGEST DRIVE - (2 Available) \$1000

Dedicated hole to Network with all the golfers

Hole Signage

#### CLOSEST TO THE PIN (3 Available) \$500

Dedicated hole to Network with all the golfers

Hole Signage

#### HOLE SPONSOR \$300

Your business name displayed on a hole sign on the course

TO MAKE A DIRECT DONATION PLEASE

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**FRIDAY, MAY 1ST  
6 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
ALEXANDRIA ROOM**

# Summer Send-Off

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
YOUTH MINISTRY

**JOIN US FOR WATER GAMES,  
FELLOWSHIP, D.J., REFLECTION, FOOD,  
AND FUN! BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES  
AND A TOWEL.  
YOUTH GROUP WILL  
RETURN IN THE FALL!**



**CONTACT MAX BERMAN  
AT [MAX@SJECC.COM](mailto:MAX@SJECC.COM), OR  
SCAN THE QR CODE FOR  
MORE DETAILS.**

**PLEASE OBSERVE MODEST SWIM ATTIRE:  
BOYS ARE TO WEAR A T-SHIRT WITH SWIM  
TRUNKS, AND GIRLS ARE TO WEAR A ONE-  
PIECE SWIMSUIT WITH SHORTS OR A  
SKIRT COVER. THANK YOU!**

# HIGH SCHOOL LUAU NIGHT

**MONDAY, APRIL 27  
PULTE CENTER  
FROM 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.**

**DON'T MISS OUR LAST  
HIGH SCHOOL GAME NIGHT  
BEFORE SUMMER  
- LUAU STYLE!**

**DRESS IN YOUR BEST  
TROPICAL ATTIRE  
GAMES, REFLECTION, FOOD,  
AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**HIGH SCHOOL GAME  
NIGHTS WILL  
RETURN IN THE FALL**

## Youth Ministry



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
YOUTH MINISTRY

# DONUTS, COFFEE & Parish SOCIAL

After the 11:00 a.m. Mass until 1:30 p.m.

In the Pulte Family Life Center. All are welcome!



## April 19



Donuts & Coffee — Open Gym — Board Games

# PICKLEBALL CAMP

## \$50

**JUNE 16 – JUNE 19**

Pulte Center Gym

**AGES 7-10**

9 a.m.  
10 a.m.

**AGES 11-17**

10:30 a.m.  
Noon

FOUR-DAY  
PICKLEBALL  
TRAINING WITH  
PICKLEBALL JIMMY  
ON INDOOR  
COURTS. PLEASE  
BRING A PADDLE!

Registration  
Opens soon!

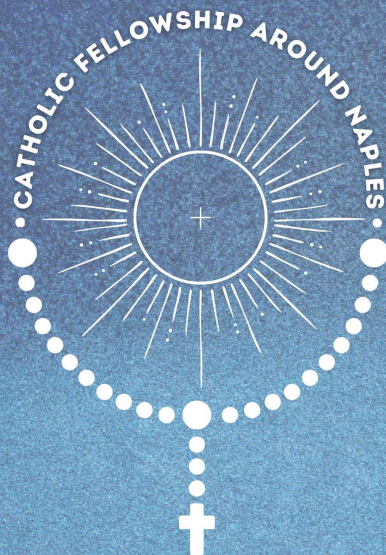


## Young Adult

# YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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

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



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MAX BERMAN - YOUTH MINISTER  
MAX@SJECC.COM



**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 8-12, 2026**

**75% FULL!  
SPOTS ARE GOING FAST!  
SIGN UP BY MAY 1ST OR BEFORE  
WE REACH FULL CAPACITY.  
GRAB YOUR SPOT TODAY... WE  
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**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.

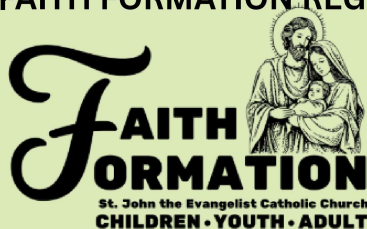
**Already Cleared?**

- 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 your link.



USE THE QR CODE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE VOLUNTEER PAGE ON THE SJEC C WEBSITE!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 15 FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!



We are excited to announce registration for the 2026-2027 School Year! Online Registration Opens April 15<sup>th</sup>. On the next page are the options for next year! Please contact Natalie Campbell at [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com) for more information.

To learn about volunteer opportunities in our program, please contact Natalie Campbell at [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com).

Basic Catechist Certification is required and offered to all interested in volunteering.

# Faith Formation

## **PreK3 & PreK4- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium**

The Saint John the Evangelist pre-school catechism class, based on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 1 program meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:45AM-11:45AM. NEW TIME for 2026-2027 School year! The program is under the direction of Charlotte A. Williams.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children. Level 1 is given to children from the ages of 3 years old up to 6 years old.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd's (CGS) formation of the child is rooted in the Bible and Liturgy and is founded on the educational principles of Maria Montessori. The children gather in the "atrium", which is a room prepared for them containing simple yet beautiful materials that they use to help them absorb the most essential proclamations of our Catholic faith.

## **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Preparation**

The Faith Formation Program, which runs from late August through early May, provides sacramental preparation for the youth of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Specifically, to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, children must be at least seven years old and in the second grade. Children must have a minimum of two consecutive years of religious instruction. Our curriculum includes preparation from Ascension Press RENEWED and RECEIVED.



## **K-8 Faith Formation**

We are pleased to offer Faith Formation sessions to our K-8 children in our parish. We have over 58 catechists who serve in our ministry. It is a blessing to have this time with children to encourage and support the faith of the family. Sessions are offered on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:15PM and Sundays from 9:30-10:45AM. New students to the program will need to submit a copy of their Baptism Certificate at the time of registration.

## **High School Confirmation**

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is an exciting time for high school youth. Confirmation encompasses two years of preparation, typically in ninth and tenth grade. However, each program year often includes students in eleventh and twelfth grade who have not yet received this sacrament. We view the program as a journey, rather than a race. In this way, youth are afforded the opportunity to explore their faith at a reasonable pace, given the myriad of other obligations that occupy time in their lives. Students study the faith, choose sponsors to help them along their journey, and get to learn more about their chosen Saint, who will provide inspiration to each candidate through extraordinary stories of living the faith. Our confirmation program is open to ALL high school-age youth. We meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:45 – 6:00 p.m. approximately twice a month. As part of our class sessions, we attend Mass together, and families are welcome to join us. Video-based programs and direct instruction provide the framework for small, supportive formation groups. Youth attend 1 retreat per year and complete 4 Parish service hours per year as part of the preparation.



## Adult Faith Formation

# 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!

**Our program starts April 14th, and use the QR code to register!**  
**For those interested in volunteering for the next cycle, please email**  
**katherine@sjecc.com.**



## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult confirmation will begin Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 3:30 PM and continue every Sunday afternoon until the sacrament takes place with the Bishop May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**For more information and enrollment, email [aff@sjecc.com](mailto:aff@sjecc.com)**

### Session Dates:

April 12<sup>th</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup>

April 19<sup>th</sup> May 10<sup>th</sup>

April 26<sup>th</sup> May 17<sup>th</sup>



BABYSITTING  
INCLUDED!

## COUPLES NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 5 PM | MARRIED COUPLES (21-50)



Come hear Sr. Clare Hunter, FSE, talk about God's original genius plan for men and women! This will be an engaging talk exploring God's creation, what went wrong and how to make it right!



## Hallow Prayer Challenge Invitation: "Spiritual Exercises"

**Begins Monday, April 6**



## 28-Day Spiritual Exercises

Fr. Timothy Gallagher

Our parish community at St. John the Evangelist is inviting everyone to pray together on our Hallow parish page! Starting Monday, April 6, we'll be going through *The Spiritual Exercises*, led by Fr. Timothy Gallagher. One of the world's leading experts on Ignatian spirituality, Fr. Tim will guide us in St. Ignatius' method of prayer—entering into the Gospel, encountering Christ personally, and deepening our friendship with Him.

To join, first go to our parish page on the Hallow app. You can find it by searching for our parish name or zip code in the *Community* tab, by visiting [hallow.com/parish](http://hallow.com/parish), or scanning the QR code. From there, you'll see the *Spiritual Exercises* challenge and can pray along with our parish family. Let's grow in prayer together!



# MYSTERIES of the ROSARY

## Glorious Mysteries

Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ. Rooted in scripture and theological truths, this series is filled with captivating stories woven together with breathtaking scenery, and illuminating sacred art. By filming on location in the Holy Land, this program makes the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the participants. The seven powerful episodes and meaningful discussions will lead to even deeper encounters with Christ in personal prayer and contemplation of the Rosary. Nothing is more powerful than prayer!

Please use the QR code to register!



**Tuesday Mornings 9:30-11:00 AM starting April 14th**  
**Thursday Evenings 6:30-8:00 PM starting April 16th**  
**LOCATED IN THE NAZARETH ROOM**

## Coming This Fall!

### LOVE UNVEILED

# She Shall Be Called Woman

She Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. This program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, participants are equipped with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Offered to parishes at no cost, it is intended for all women of the parish.



Promotional Video



# An evening of **MOTOWN**



featuring

## The Girls 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  
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**\$40** Includes  
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Show!

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

For ticket info, contact  
Bill Warvel via email at:

or call 732-672-4109  
Tickets also on sale after  
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St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

# Events & Programs

*Parish breakfast*  
*Wednesdays after Morning Mass*  
*Pulte Family Life Center*



FREE. Donations appreciated.

**B I N G O**

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 & 28  
 1:00 P.M.  
 \$20 - 10 GAMES - CASH PRIZES  
 PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



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FRIDAY, APRIL 17  
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 HIGH SCHOOL



**SJN Justin Holecek Student Life Center**

April 17 & 18 at 7pm  
 April 19 at 2pm

# Join Us On Our St. Johns Annual Fundraising Cruise!

## Celebrity Cruises | 8-Night Caribbean Cruise Roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale | Jan. 16-24, 2027

DATE	PORT OF CALL	TIME	
Day 1	Ft. Lauderdale		
Day 2	At Sea		
Day 3	At Sea		
Day 4	Curacao	9:00am	6:00pm
Day 5	Aruba	8:00am	11:00pm
Day 6	Bonaire	7:00am	4:00pm
Day 7	At Sea		
Day 8	At Sea		
Day 9	Ft. Lauderdale		

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### INCLUDED:

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- Bus round trip St Johns with 25 passengers (Burger King Pine Ridge Rd if not)
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