

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord



Thank you, Bishop Frank Dewane
Welcome, Bishop-elect Emilio Biosca Agüero

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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

Thank you, Bishop Frank Dewane

Bishop Frank J. Dewane, the longtime spiritual leader of more than 250,000 Catholics in Southwest Florida, is stepping down, the Diocese of Venice announced on May 13 at a press conference.

Dewane's resignation from pastoral governance of the diocese was accepted by Pope Leo XIV and first reported by the Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The USCCB Office of Public Affairs said on Wednesday that the Pope has named Rev. Emilio Biosca Agüero as Bishop-elect of Venice, using a source within the Apostolic Nunciature in the United States. The Apostolic Nunciature, also based in Washington, functions as the de facto Vatican embassy in the U.S. and manages the Church's hierarchy in the U.S.

Canon law requires bishops to submit a request to retire to the Pope upon turning 75. The resignation only takes effect when officially accepted by the pope. A retired bishop receives the honorary title of "Bishop Emeritus" or "Archbishop Emeritus" of his former diocese.

Biosca, 61, will be the third bishop to lead the Diocese of Venice, which was established by Pope John Paul II in 1984 with Bishop John Nevins at the helm.



Dewane's future role with the Church was unclear. Retired bishops often continue to serve in multiple ways, including assisting in diocesan events, celebrating Mass and sacraments, and offering spiritual direction or retreats. Considering Dewane's background and exceptional levels of service, he does not figure to remain on the sidelines for long.

Dewane has a long history of leadership within the Church, including in Rome.

Before he was installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice by Pope Benedict XVI on Jan. 19, 2007, Dewane served in the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. He was later appointed Under Secretary of the former Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. Dewane currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors for The Pontifical North American College and is a member of the board of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, according to the Diocese.

Dewane also serves on several committees of the USCCB, including the Pro-Life Committee, the International Justice and Peace Committee, and the Subcommittee for the Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers. He is a member of the board for St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, and Ave Maria School of Law in Naples.

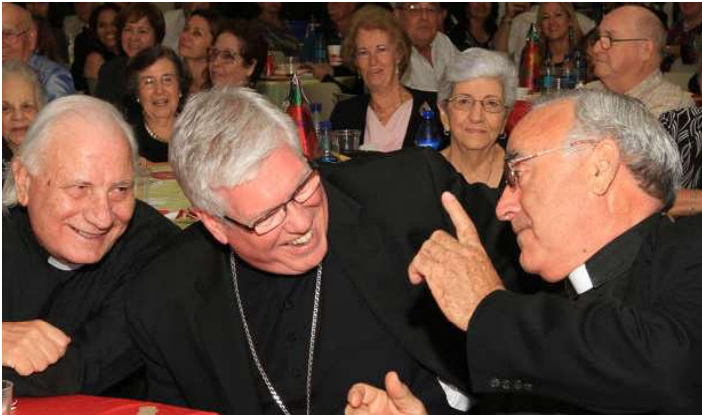
Dewane holds a bachelor's degree in social science from the University of Wisconsin (1972) and also completed studies at American University in Washington and at the Pontifical Gregorian University and Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, both in Rome.



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Dewane was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Green Bay (Wisconsin) in 1988. Prior to entering the seminary, Dewane worked for NBC in Moscow and later for a subsidiary of PepsiCo in New York City.

Source: Sarasota Herald-Tribune



Heavenly Father, we thank You for the dedicated ministry of Bishop Frank Dewane, who has faithfully led the flock of the Diocese of Venice. Grant him Your ultimate grace as he steps into retirement. Fill his days with the justice, peace, and joy of Your Holy Spirit. May he feel our continuous gratitude and deep affection as he enjoys this well-deserved season of rest, travel, and deeper prayer. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

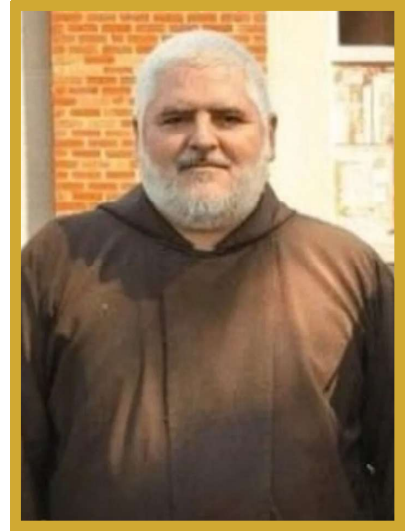


Welcome, Bishop Emilio Biosca Agüero

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Father Emilio Biosca Agüero, a Capuchin Franciscan missionary who served in Cuba and Papua New Guinea, as the new bishop of Venice, Florida.

Father Biosca, 61, is a member of the Pittsburgh-based Capuchin Franciscan Friars of the Province of Saint Augustine and has served since 2019 as pastor of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Washington. His episcopal ordination and installation as Venice's third bishop will take place July 11. He will be the new shepherd of a diocese that covers 10 counties and has a Catholic population of over 250,000.

At a morning news conference, Bishop Dewane welcomed his successor "to our Diocesan family, which will be greatly blessed by his ministry, and I very much look forward to getting to know him as in just a few days he has shown himself to be a deeply spiritual and exceptional priest."



The son of an immigrant family with seven children, Bishop-designate Biosca "is enthusiastic, with a strong pastoral spirit and particular devotion to the Virgin Mary and to serving the People of God," Bishop Dewane said in a statement.

"Our new Bishop is coming to a Diocese that is growing at a rapid pace with families and individuals that evidence a vibrant faith and diverse backgrounds," he said. "It has been a great joy for me to have ministered here for the past twenty years. I am pleased and very proud of the Catholic Community of the Diocese, who they are and who they are becoming, by their witness to Christ. This has become possible by the great pastoral care and service that the priests, both Diocesan and Religious, have provided." Bishop Dewane thanked the priests, deacons, religious "and joy-filled laity" of the diocese for "being a wonderful family of faith, hope, and love. I look forward to my continued home here assisting the new Bishop pastorally, in any manner I can. I also look forward to more time for prayer, study and travel." "I am thrilled to be here and filled with joy to begin this new chapter together in faith and charity," Bishop-designate Biosca said in a statement at the news conference, speaking in English and Spanish. "I am also eager to join you in the great task of evangelization, growing together in our knowledge of Christ and sharing the profound hope of the Gospel"

He expressed gratitude to many, including Pope Leo, Bishop Dewane, his provincial minister and other Capuchin Franciscans, Cardinal Robert W. McElroy of Washington and the Washington Archdiocese. He said he looked forward to meeting the priests of the diocese and thanked its religious and lay faithful, including lay leaders, for their "witness" and "fidelity" to the Church.

"I look forward to entering into the life of this local Church: to know its people, to understand its history, to appreciate its customs and traditions, and to learn the events that have shaped the spiritual character of this region," Bishop-designate Biosca said. "I hope to discover not only the history written in books and archives, but also the living history preserved in families, parishes, neighborhoods and their witness to Christ."

Bishop-designate Biosca has extensive missionary experience, serving 12 years as a missionary in Papua New Guinea before a series of assignments in Cuba from 2007 to 2019 that took him from the Capuchin Fraternity of Cristo de Limpías in Havana, to a parish in Santa Clara, and finally to Iglesia La Purísima Concepción in Manzanillo, where he served for eight years.

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“Bishop-designate Biosca is one of the finest pastors in the Archdiocese of Washington,” Cardinal Robert W. McElroy of Washington said in a statement May 13. “He has the faith and witness which attracts men and women to the person of Jesus Christ. He piercingly preaches the Gospel in its integrity and makes the call to conversion real and engaging.”

Cardinal McElroy said the newly named bishop “has the tender heart of a true Shepherd, and has made the Shrine of the Sacred Heart a true haven of compassion.” He described the bishop-designate as “a skilled administrative leader and a defender of his flock” who has been “unswerving in reaching out to the poor and the marginalized, and the undocumented.”

“He is also a bridgebuilder who reaches across the boundaries of polarization to forge real solidarity in the family of God,” the cardinal said, adding that St. Francis “burns” in Bishop-designate Biosca’s heart. “While I will miss him profoundly in Washington, I know clearly that God is at work in his new mission in Florida, and I give thanks,” he said.

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As the pastor of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Father Biosca took a leading role in a procession last fall to mark the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, reflecting on how his parish has always kept its doors open to migrant families. “It doesn’t matter where they come from, or what language they speak, we know they are brothers and we welcome them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,” he said.

Born in Fairfax, Virginia, on Dec. 15, 1964, Bishop-designate Biosca entered the Capuchin Franciscans in 1987, the same year that he graduated from Borromeo College in Wickliffe, Ohio, with a degree in philosophy. He made his perpetual profession on Aug. 17, 1991, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1994.

His theological formation includes a master’s degree in theology and a master of divinity, both from Oblate College in Washington as well as a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington.

From the moment of his ordination, he served as a missionary, spending more than a decade in Papua New Guinea from 1994 to 2006. Bishop-elect Biosca speaks Spanish and Tok Pisin, a Creole language spoken throughout Papua New Guinea.

The Diocese of Venice was established by John Paul II in 1984 and encompasses 9,035 square miles in southwest Florida, an area with a significant Cuban American population.

“Jesus reminds us that faith is not simply about knowing ideas about God, but about living in relationship with Him through love,” Bishop-designate Biosca wrote in his most recent parish bulletin. “The more we love as Christ loved, the more clearly, we come to recognize His presence in our lives.”

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed) and Wednesday 5:30 pm

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

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

Reconciliation Times

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

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Calendar and Mass Readings

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 17

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

Monday, May 18

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

Tuesday, May 19

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:30am SHE Shall be Called Woman (Nazareth)
12:00pm Catholicism: The Pivotal Players (Alexandria)
6:00pm Paint & Wine (Pulte Cafe)
6:30pm Legion of Mary (PAC rooms 11&12)

Wednesday, May 20

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

Thursday, May 21

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

Friday, May 22

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

Saturday, May 23

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

FIND CHIARA

This year, our Faith Formation Students learned about Blessed Chiara Badano. Each week in the bulletin, 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 15 in the Royal Palm Academy Ad.



WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

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.

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 SJ ECC Chapel
we will have 24 hour adoration.**

**TO SIGN UP GO TO
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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.

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 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

Reflection 64: Hearing the Voice of God

When you are at church, do you listen? Specifically, do you listen to the voice of God? Often times we sit and listen to the homily and our mind wanders and we miss all or most of what was said. Where does your mind wander? The truth is that sometimes a wandering mind is from the Lord. Sometimes there may be one thing said at Mass that our Lord then places on your heart to ponder. Do not be afraid to let Jesus take you on a spiritual journey while at Mass or while alone in prayer. He may often wish to speak a homily directly to your soul (See Diary #221).

Reflect, today, upon how well you reflect. True prayerful reflection is not simply daydreaming. It's not distraction that leads us to obsess or worry about this thing or that. Prayerful reflection is a way of letting God take hold of our imagination so as to lead us into His Truth. He often desires to lead us into a particular word of Truth that we need to know at that time. How well do you do this? Ponder your prayerful pondering and next time you pray do not be afraid to let God take control.

Lord, I know You speak to me day and night. Help me to hear Your sweet voice and to listen. Help me to allow You to take control of my prayer and to direct me into all You have to say. Jesus, I 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.**

Mass Responses and Prayers

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

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

Universal Prayer / Prayer of the Faithful:

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

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

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

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

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

Acclamations during the Eucharistic Prayer:

Preface Dialogue:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

Sanctus:

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

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Mass Responses and Prayers

Mystery of Faith:

Priest: The mystery of faith:

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

Great Amen:

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

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

COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer:

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

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

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

Sign of Peace:

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

Breaking of the Bread:

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

Preparation for Communion:

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

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

Reception of Communion:

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

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

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing & Dismissal:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

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

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Readings for The Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.

They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.

God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reading 2

Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Alleluia

Matthew 28:19a, 20b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Music for The Ascension of the Lord

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR



1. Hail the day that sees him rise
 2. There for him high tri-umph waits;
 3. High - est heav'n its Lord re - ceives;
 4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove.
 5. Lord, though part - ed from our sight
 6. There with you we shall re - main,
- Al - le - lu - ia!



1. To his throne be - yond the skies;
 2. Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates;
 3. Yet he loves the earth he leaves;
 4. See! he shows the wounds of love.
 5. Far be - yond the star - ry height,
 6. Share the glo - ry of your reign,
- Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n,
 2. He has con- quered death and sin;
 3. Though re - turn - ing to his throne,
 4. Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow,
 5. Lift our hearts that we may rise
 6. There your face un - cloud - ed view,
- Al - le - lu - ia!



1. En - ters now the high - est heav'n!
 2. Take the King of glo - ry in.
 3. Still he calls the world his own.
 4. Bless-ings on his church be - low.
 5. One with you be - yond the skies:
 6. Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.
- Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Robert Williams, 1781-1821.

God Mounts His Throne

(Psalm 47)

(Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9)

Francesca LaRosa



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music for The Ascension of the Lord

Go Make of all Disciples

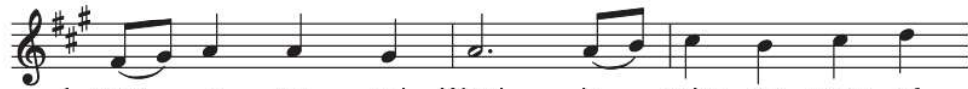
ELLACOMBE



1. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We hear the
 2. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" Bap - tiz - ing
 3. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We at your
 4. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We wel - come



1. call, O Lord, That comes from you, our Fa - ther, In
 2. in the name Of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— From
 3. feet would stay Un - til each life's vo - ca - tion Ac -
 4. your com-mand; "Lo, I am with you al - ways:" We



1. your e - ter - nal Word. In - spire our ways of
 2. age to age the same. We call each new dis -
 3. cents your ho - ly way. We cul - ti - vate the
 4. take your guid - ing hand. The task looms large be -



1. learn - ing Through earn-est, fer-vent prayer, And let our
 2. ci - ple To fol-low you, O Lord, Re - deem - ing
 3. na - ture God plants in ev - 'ry heart, Re - veal - ing
 4. fore us— We fol-low with-out fear. In heav'n and



1. dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - 'ry - where.
 2. soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.
 3. in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach-er's art.
 4. earth your pow - er Shall bring God's king - dom here.

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Worthy is the Lamb

Ricky Manalo



Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive



hon-or and glo - ry. Wor-thy are the ones who be - lieve



to re - ceive the good-ness of God.

Music for The Ascension of the Lord

Verses

1. Wor - thy are you, O Pas - chal Lamb.
 2. Wor - thy are you, O Bread of Life. Sal -
 3. Wor - thy are you, O Ris - en Christ.

1. Wis - dom and strength be - long now to you. You
 2. va - tion and joy be - long now to us. By
 3. Won - ders and signs, re - veal - ing your might. Your

1. laid down your life and died up-on the cross: we've be -
 2. con - quer - ing death and ris - ing to new life, we've be -
 3. pow - er and glo - ry shine up-on our lives: we've be -

2 to Refrain

1. come a peo - ple of hope.
 2. come a peo - ple of praise.
 3. come your light for the world.

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Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford, SJ

Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of
 1. thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the
 1. way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-

to Refrain

1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low
 me, and I will give you rest.

1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2

Music for The Ascension of the Lord

Verse 2

2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not
 2. drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be
 2. harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your
 2. side, know that I am with you through it all. to Refrain

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To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

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1. To Je - sus Christ, our Sov - 'reign King, Who is the
 2. Thy reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To ev - 'ry
 3. To thee and to thy Church, great King, We pledge our
 1. world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age do we bring And
 2. land and na - tion; For in thy king - dom, Lord di - vine, A -
 3. hearts' ob - la - tion Un - til be - fore thy throne we sing In
 1. thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
 2. lone we find sal - va - tion. } Christ Je - sus, vic - tor!
 3. end - less ju - bi - la - tion.
 1-3. Christ Je - sus, rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and re - deem - er!

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“Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ Your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.”

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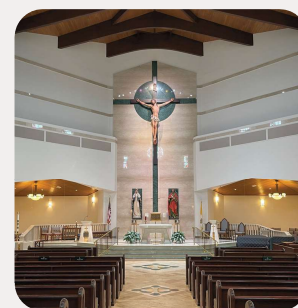
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4/29/26 - 5/5/26

\$85,541.32

Total Households

3629



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.



Offertory in Action: St. John's Gift Shop

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.

Offertory supports our wonderful **St. John's Gift Shop**. We are blessed to have our Shop Manager, Kelly Swan, and amazing volunteers who order and organize merchandise, process sales, and help customers find special gifts for sacraments and other joyous occasions. Our shop is located inside the Church, right off the Narthex. Some interesting facts about the shop:

1. The most popular items are rosaries, holy cards, religious jewelry, and Tiny Saints keychains (with over 150 different Tiny Saints available!)
2. There are sections devoted to Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, featuring thoughtful gifts and cards for loved ones receiving these sacraments.
3. Our sewing ministry donates a variety of handmade items which are sold in our gift shop, including handbags, rosary cases, bookmarks, and prayer squares.
4. There's a children's corner stocked with books, puzzles, and even VBS merchandise!
5. The shop carries over a dozen flavors of Trappist Preserves. In addition to the classics, it also has distinctive flavors such as Damson Plum and Elderberry.



Catholic Faith Appeal

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



Dear Parish Family, In 2025, you contributed \$921,356 toward our Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) goal of \$603,000! 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. With greater participation, we have the ability to do even more good works. 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:
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Thank you, as always, for your support and generosity.

Goal:
\$650,000

Pledged:
\$606,739



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93.34% to goal; 8.87% of households contributing

Catholic Faith Appeal: Your Gift in Action



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 16, 2026

8:30 AM + Jean Margaret Garneau
Vigil Masses for Sunday
 3:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners
 5:00 PM + Erik Iverson

Requested By

Mourad Family

 Mary Lou Hundt

Sunday, May 17, 2026

7:00 AM + Jimmy Limb
 9:00 AM + Roseann Foglio
 11:00 AM + Sharon Rosenberg
 1:00 PM + Augusta "Gus" McGowan
 5:00 PM + Charles Exley
 Wine and Host + Sharon Rosenberg

Requested By

Mom and Dad
 Angelo and Kathy Scolieri
 Linda Donaldson
 Faith Chat
 Marie Elaina Mullin
 Linda Donaldson

Monday, May 18, 2026

8:30 AM + Mark Galle

Requested By

Mom

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8:30 AM + Sandra Geffert

Requested By

Tony Maglione

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

8:30 AM + Lemmie B. Shew
 5:30 PM + Hank White

Requested By

Jack and Connie Kindsvater
 Natalie Campbell

Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:30 AM + Robert Frazier

Requested By

Joan Frazier

Friday, May 22, 2026

8:30 AM + Betty O'Rourke

Requested By

Matt O'Rourke Family

Saturday, May 23, 2026

8:30 AM + Barbara Coble

Requested By

Patricia and John MacAniff

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Frank and Muriel Celeskey
 5:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners

Jim and Margaret Culkar

Sunday, May 24, 2026

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners
 9:00 AM + Edward "Bud" Sullivan
 11:00 AM SI Briana, Frank and Elijah Billanti
 1:00 PM + Sophie Ulanski
 5:00 PM + William Schultz
 Wine and Host + Raffaella and Franco Gaudio

Diane Sullivan
 Juliana D'Agostino
 The Ulanski Family
 The Schultz Family
 Pompa Family

Recently Deceased

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Rita Frances Cowart, Margaret Caselli, June Falcone, Sharon Mahar



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	Linda Donaldson	Nancy and William Kennelly	Roy Sabalboro
Rory Anderson	Daniel Drobenko	Hannah K and Kathleen Kotscher	Steve Salinas
Angelo Anello	Baby Bennett Edington	Richard Kruger	Lisa Sanfelippo
Michael Angelillo	Elysse	Clayton Kunkle	Catherine Schmitt
Chidsey Ann	Tom Endres	Glenna Kyle	Jerry Schwanebeck
John Anthony	Al Erzak	Sonny LaGreca	Sandi Schwarz
Frank Ashline	Elkin Escobar	Frank Landi	Dante and Ellen Serricchio
James B.	Tyler Evans	Carrie Lehmann	Ron Shirer
Mandy Bailey	PF	Mason Leslie	Catherine Shriver
John Bailey	Kiera Fahey	Myles Levy-Vixler	Kirk Sines
Crystal Ball	Jeanne Faup	Alliene Liden	Jimmy Sissman
Nancy Barragan	Denise Fisher	Tracy & Chiara Loesing	Teddy Sitter
Jennifer Basile	Joe Fitori	Baby Hudson Matthew Lopez	Patty Skubick
Maribeth Baumgartner	Fitz for Fitzgerald	Freddy Lourenso Jr.	Donna Slattery
Ben and Joyce Bill	Susan Fitzpatrick	Victor Lupinacci	Ellen Spiezio
Scott Bjornson	Ron Fongemie	Bob Lutz	Emily K. Squittieri
Marjorie Blazevic	Bettina Fouts	Spencer Lyons	Joanna Steenburgh
Patty Bleicher	Olivia Frawley	Steph M.	Ila Steinly
Kimmy Bonacci	Nancy G.	Doris Martin	Angela Stewart
Joe Bonavita	Terry Gallagher	Mary A.	Patricia Stiff
The Braunius Family	Bennett Gilbert	Mary Beth	Laura Stokes
Charlie Brennan	Lucretia Gilbert	Anthony Masse	Jeanne Stoll
Tom Brown	Donna Gilbride	Kelli Jo McCarthy	Larry Storbeck
Anthony Busa	Bernadette Gilchrist	Carolyn McDonald	Thomas Stuart
Charlotte Byron	Fr. Len Gioeli	Mary McGowan	Christopher Suki
Jim Cappello	Lee Goldman	McGuire and Leesman Family	Bill Sullivan
Frank Carillo	Sally Grace	Erin N McNulty	Kathleen Sullivan
Ralph Cassano	Patricia Graftstrom	Jim Meerpohl	Sunshine Taliento
Louis Celiberti	Barbara Graves	Lillian Mina	Mabel Tangney-Decker
Michael Cerankowski	Sam Greenberg	Salvatore Minardi	Paul Todd
Diana Chappel	Peter Greenberg	Eileen Miner	Anna Tran
Nelson Chengapa	Justin Griffin	MLR	Danielle Pacicco Tsombanos
Tyler Chorba	Frank Grzesk	Maryann Mondragon	Lisa Tuner
Wai Man Chow	Gary Gwizdala	Mark Moss	Raymond Vanasse
Al and Lorraine Ciano	Nikki Haley	Rosemarie Murphy	Diane VanDerHorst
Domine Clemons	Anthony Hamilton	Andy Murphy	Michelle Van Heemst
Laurie Evelyn Cline	Terry Hansberry	Anthony Napolitano	Josalyn Vazquez
Kanneth Coloma	Saralane Harrer	Daniel Newton	Ken Villone
Enrique Coloma	Fr. Mark Harris	Thomas O'Dea	Carol Watchmaker
Pancho Coloma	Robert Hearson	Connie Ojanen	Fran Webber
Merlyn Comeriato	Jennifer Heider	Maria Pacicco	Mia Weddell
Donna Connolly	Brenda Hernandez	Richard Paine	Judy Weickert
Francine Crawford	Elaine Hill	Doris Patrao	Elaine Wenning
Phyllis D.	Kelly Honsberger	Judith Ann Patterson	Judy Wentz
Stacey Dahn	Kathleen Howard	John Petrovic	Gail Wheeler
Raymond Dauterive	Murray Hunkin	Fran Pishotti	Mike Whitehead
Carol Delly	Deanne Hutchinson-Pinto	Richard Porter	Carol Widdowson
George Deuchar	Joseph Iannuccilli	Dorothy Queenan	Carole Wielosinski
Diane	Debbie Jones	Kathy R	Eugene Williams II
Rick Diaz	Lynn K.	Dave Roberts	Shantaye Williams
Melissa DiDonna	Baby Bayli Kauffman	Susi Romanovich	Jennifer Winter
Julie Dieter	Lynne Keevan	Brian Rondeau	Harry Witt
Donna DiMare	Beth Kekacs	Ronald Rubeck	Rande Wright
	Julie Kelley	Peggy O'Neil Saba	Caroyln Zorn

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
Private 1st Class Maxwell DeLuca- 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
Captiam 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
Maj. Anthony Raguso USMC
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
Anthony Joseph Schmidt- US Army
Captain Sophie Sekutera- US Army
Captain Luke Sekutera- US Army
Captain Ben Sekutera- US Army
Commander Adam Shields- US Navy
Charlie Sjostrom- Marines- US Army
Captain Jared T. Smith- Marine Corps
Captain Fox Stevens- US Army
Captain Matthew Stevenson- Marines
Carter Stewart- US Army
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
Major Fred Wolfe- US Army
BMSN3 Cameron Yedlin-US Navy
Master Sgt. Andrew Zecchino- USAF
Tech. Sgt. Kaitlin Zecchino- USAF

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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.*

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AA Brian R. 732-735-7037

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ladies of Charity. Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We serve the

poor, sick, and marginalized in our community. Membership is open to any Catholic woman. For more information, please contact Lauren Pavlovich: 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. sjecclegion@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. <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.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate- Is a call to strengthen the church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop, lavishing of prayers for his deeper conformity to Christ. Normal commitment is for a year, from June to June, the month of the Sacred Heart. A discernment period to start, continue, or end a current commitment precedes in May, the month of the Immaculate Heart. Substitutes volunteer to pray in lieu of an apostolate who might be unable to say the committed hour for any reason. For more information, please contact Stella.boyle@gmail.com or call/text 847.567.8339.

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 or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email jpcrivelli@gmail.com

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before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

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

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@SVDPNaples.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.

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 and register at wellreadmom.com. The \$50 annual enrollment fee includes a Study Guide for all books for the year.



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 111th Ave N, Naples.

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

Our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Saint John the Evangelist Church



In March, the Naples SVdP Food Pantry helped 1,496 people
In April 1,556 people were helped (+4%)

We help Neighbors, real neighbors

Families and People who live around, near the St. John Church

March 56 Families / 146 people April 65 Families / 178 people

We extend spiritual, food and financial support to Neighbors in need

Your Support stays here in Naples and is deeply valued



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. 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.

MONDAY - SATURDAY
7:30 A.M.

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Honest Discussions for Today's Challenges



Every Saturday Morning

7:00 AM

Pulte Family Life Center Cafe

Join us as we grow in faith together

Free Breakfast Provided

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ST. JOHN'S GIFT SHOP

SUMMER HOURS
BEGINNING THE WEEK OF MAY 17

SUNDAY	8:30AM-1PM
MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	9AM-1PM
THURSDAY	CLOSED
FRIDAY	CLOSED
SATURDAY	1:15PM-6:15PM

LOCATED INSIDE THE CHURCH
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625 111TH AVE N. NAPLES, FL 34108
CONTACT: KELLY SWAN - KELLY@SJECC.COM



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A Call to Strengthen the Church Through Prayer

Commit to one Holy Hour of prayer each week
for the sole intention of a specific Priest or Bishop

One Year Commitment: June-June,
the month of the Sacred Heart

A discernment period to start, continue, or end a current
commitment precedes in May, the month of the Immaculate Heart.

Substitutes available when an apostolate
is unable to say the committed hour

Join Us in Prayer:
stella.boyle@gmail.com or 847-567-8339

Knights of Columbus Paniccia Family Education Assistance Fund

Will your children (or grandchildren or great grandchildren) attend a Diocesan K-12 Catholic school for the 2026/2027 school year? **Would you like to receive a \$500 education assistance award?** Do you know of others – perhaps family members or friends – who would benefit from this program? **Open to all Parishioners**

How can my family receive an award?

- Contact Troy Costain at troy@dgarrettconstruction.com for more information, to receive an application form, or to ask questions.
- Complete and submit the Education Assistance Application Form.
- The submission deadline is May 31,, 2026.
- Financial need is **not** part of the decision criteria.

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For information about the Knights of Columbus,, send a message to Jim Zizzi at (239) 273-7648.

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13th Annual Independence Celebration



Honoring Our Country, Veterans & Freedom

Presented by Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308

Saturday June 27, 2026
6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Church
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Help us celebrate our independence and honor the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present, who protect our liberty and freedom.

Dinner catered by Mel's
Includes BBQ Ribs/Chicken,
Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans,
Cole Slaw & Pasta Salad
Beer & Wine \$40 per guest

Plus great entertainment
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JB Holmes
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Florence (Dusty) Holmes
Staff Sgt., US Army

Tom Lampa
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Ticket Information Contact:

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St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteer Bookkeeper

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for a part-time volunteer to be their bookkeeper to help them serve the people in need.

Serve Your Community

Requirements

Some accounting/bookkeeping experience would be very helpful
Part-time commitment
Heart for serving those in need



Benefits



Use your skills



Serve your parish community



Make a difference



Help those in need

Contact Information

Bob Westenberg
bwstjohn@svdnaples.org

Volunteer for Our Church Livestream Ministry

Bring the Mass to those
who can't be here in person



Contact: Colleen Donnelly
Email: colleen@sjecc.com



LEGION OF MARY

Saint John the Evangelist
Catholic Church

Join us every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
in the Claussen Family Center

sjecclegion@gmail.com

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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?

Grief Ministry

Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Antioch Room of the Parish Activity Center
No fee, materials provided free of charge

To register, send your name and telephone number to Deacon Hal: hal@sjecc.com
Individual sessions can be scheduled by calling the office: Phone 239.566.8740

Catholic Schools

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ON SUNDAY, MAY 17
AT THE 5 P.M. MASS

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**TO ENSURE WE HAVE AN ACCURATE LIST OF
THOSE ATTENDING, PLEASE REGISTER
AHEAD OF TIME. THIS WILL HELP US MAKE
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. THANK YOU,
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING
THIS SPECIAL MOMENT WITH YOU!**

Youth Ministry

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!

Register Here!



BASKETBALL CAMP

\$50

JUNE 22 – JUNE 26
Pulte Center Gym

AGES 5-12
9 a.m. - Noon

FIVE-DAY
BASKETBALL
TRAINING WITH
EXPERIENCED PAST
AND PRESENT
COACHES AND
CURRENT PLAYERS.

Register Here!

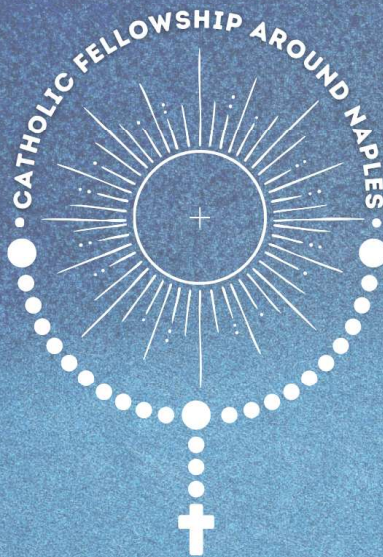


Young Adult

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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

- ADORATION
- DISCUSSIONS
- PRAYER
- WEEKLY GATHERINGS
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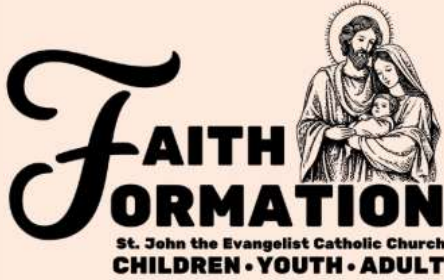
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MAX BERMAN - YOUTH MINISTER
MAX@SJECC.COM



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR!



We are excited to announce that registration for the 2026–2027 school year is now open! On the next page, you will find the available options for the upcoming year. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities in our program, please contact Natalie Campbell at natalie@sjecc.com.

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

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.



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.



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.

Faith Formation

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.



“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

–John 14 : 6

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

Please join Sue Hamilton for a study on the pivotal players of the Catholic faith. This study dives deep into the lives of the saints and historical figures that played a key role in shaping the Church into what it is today. It is a 6 week program studying the lives of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, St. John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo.

The class will take place Tuesday at 12:00 PM in the Alexandria room from May 19th - May 26th and continuing June 16th

For more information and to register please email aff@sjecc.com!

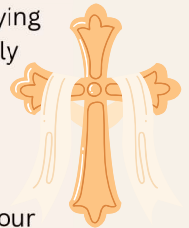
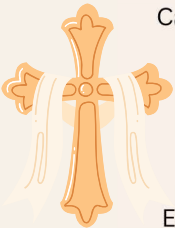
THE CATECHETICAL COLUMN

Question: Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?

Answer: Catholics make the sign of the cross because it is a prayerful gesture that publicly and personally links the person to Christ's Cross, invokes the Trinity, and asks for God's help. The Catechism says that "The Christian begins his day, his prayers, and his activities with the Sign of the Cross: 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'"

It also notes that making this sign can strengthen someone "in temptations and difficulties."

The Church uses sacramentals, sacred signs that include prayer and a physical gesture, and the Catechism explicitly says these often include "the sign of the cross" (along with gestures like laying on of hands or sprinkling holy water). It also teaches that the Church imparts blessings "usually while making the holy sign of the cross of Christ."



Thank you for your question!

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

THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday May 17th

Adult Confirmation; 2:00-3:30 PM in Alexandria

Monday May 18th

OCIA; 6:00-7:30 PM in Alexandria

Tuesday May 19th

Mysteries of the Rosary; 9:15-10:45 AM in Nazareth
Catholicism: The Pivotal Players; 12:00 PM in Alexandria
New OCIA; 6:00-7:30 PM in Alexandria

Thursday May 21st

Mysteries of the Rosary; 6:30-8:00 PM in Nazareth

YOUNG ADULT 18+ SPORTS NIGHT

**Starting Monday, May 18th
6 - 8 p.m. | Pulte Center Gym**



For Women - Adult Faith Formation



MYSTERIES of the ROSARY



Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ. Rooted in Scripture and theological truth, this series is filled with captivating storytelling, breathtaking scenery, and illuminating sacred art. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, it brings the Rosary to life in the hearts and minds of participants. Through seven powerful sessions, each focusing on the Glorious Mysteries, you'll be led into a deeper encounter with Christ through personal prayer and contemplation of the Rosary. Nothing is more powerful than prayer.

Glorious Mysteries Join at any time!

Tuesdays | 9:30–11:00 AM (April 14 - May 26)

-or-

Thursdays | 6:30–8:00 PM (April 16 - May 28)

Location: Pulte Center - Nazareth Room



Open to women 18+



Register Here

Example Schedule

Fellowship & Food (25 min)

Connect, relax, and build community.

Watch Video (30 min)

Experience Mysteries of the Rosary.

Discussion (30 min)

Reflect and share how God is speaking to you—no pressure, just meaningful conversation.

Prayer (5–25 min)

Share intentions and pray one decade of the Rosary together.

Hallow

More Information



Dr. Edward Sri



A Biblical Walk Through the Mass May 11 - May 18



Have you ever wondered why we say what we say—or do what we do—at Mass? Join us for a new prayer challenge on our community page on the Hallow app: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, starting on May 11 and ending on May 18. Led by Dr. Edward Sri, this powerful Hallow Course unpacks the biblical foundations of the prayers, postures, and rituals we experience during the Liturgy. Each session brings deeper understanding and renewed meaning to our worship. To participate, search for our parish name or zip code in the Community tab by visiting hallow.com/parish. All are welcome, whether you're diving deeper into your own faith or just curious to learn more. We encourage you to join us and invite a friend to walk through this journey with you. Let's grow in faith and love for the Mass together as a parish family.

YOUTH BASKETBALL ACADEMY

WHO CAN JOIN:

- ✓ Ages 5-12
- ✓ Boys and Girls
- ✓ All Skill Levels
- ✓ 100% FREE!



BEGINNING THURSDAY, MAY 21 6-8 P.M.

In preparation for our week-long summer basketball camp, June 22-26, please join us for five Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m.

**MAY 21 ~ MAY 28 ~ JUNE 4 ~
JUNE 11 ~ JUNE 18**

Come for one date - come for them all! Scan the QR code to register.

MORE INFO:

jamie@sjecc.com

JOIN THE FUN!



Adult Paint & Wine

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Pulte Family Life Center Cafe

Sign up on Eventbrite or
Contact Jamie at the Pulte Center
jamie@sjecc.com



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1988823629012?aff=oddttdtcreator>

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Parish breakfast

Wednesdays after Morning Mass
Pulte Family Life Center

The Tuesday Farmer's Market is Taking a Break for Summer



We hope to see you when we
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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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Reserve your stateroom with \$450 per person based on 2 people in the cabin.

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