


December 23, 2012

Fourth Sunday of Advent

& Christmas Edition



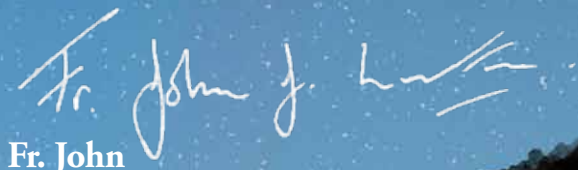
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SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas: A Time for Shared Blessings and Thanksgiving

A Blessed Christmas to you all. During this Holy Season people around the world gather to celebrate the fact that Jesus is Emmanuel – God with us! As you look upon the nativity scene in the Church, it is a reminder that God sent his Son so that you could have life and have it more abundantly. Each member of your family and loved ones are blessed by the coming of the Savior. Christmas is a time for shared blessings and also a time to give thanks to God for what He has done for us. In a very special way, the Christmas Season evokes memories of years gone by when we shared experience with those who are now on the other side of life. My prayers will be offered especially for those who have lost loved ones this past year. A first Christmas without the one you love is hard to get through. For those in our community who have relatives serving in the armed forces overseas, this can be an anxious and lonesome time. We remember you also in prayer. There are many in our parish who can no longer physically come to the Christmas celebration of Mass because of illness or disability. Please know that you are not forgotten and you will also be prayed for at Mass.

Thanksgiving will be offered at all the Masses for those who are engaged in the various groups and ministries that make St. John the Evangelist community such a warm and vibrant parish. A special word of thanks I offer to the music ministry, sacristans, and the arts and liturgical environment committee, who spend countless hours preparing for the Christmas liturgies. I also thank my staff of the laity, deacons and priests for all their hard work and dedication. Last but not least, I would like to thank you, the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist, for your dedication to the Lord and your generosity throughout the year.

May God continue to bless you and those you love. Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year!



Fr. John



Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions**Requested by****December 22, 2012 Saturday**

8:00 AM McEntee Family Barbara McEntee

Vigil Masses3:00 PM + Cecilia & William Schultz Joanie Schultz
5:00 PM + Frank & Jeanette McCoy Daughter & Son**December 23, 2012 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Val & DeFrancesca Families Peter DeFrancesca

9:00 AM + Maurice Glennon The Family

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Rita Perrotta Janet D'Addario

5:00 PM + Owen Murphy Mary Murphy Wheeler

*Altar Flowers in Memory of Daniel Corboy ~ Requested by Nancy Corboy***December 24, 2012 Monday**

8:00 AM + Lillian Dunnabeck Husband

9:00 AM + Enid Gauthier Husband

3:00 PM + Ozzie D'Addario Janet D'Addario

5:00 PM + Fr. Joseph J. O'Neill Veronica Glennon & Family

10:00 PM + Harold Atzingen and
+ Mildred Henrickson Wife and Family**December 25, 2012 Tuesday**

7:00 AM + Theresa Jonas Rick & Barbara Rutter

9:00 AM + Jean & Anthony DeCesare Kay & Joe Reid

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM Virginia Sheil Fr. John Ludden

December 26, 2012 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Antoinette Baldino

9:00 AM + Andrew DiFiore James & Elsa Cattano

December 27, 2012 Thursday

8:00 AM + Barbara DiFiore James & Elsa Cattano

9:00 AM + Annie Mangan Gilroy Mary Murphy Wheeler

December 28, 2012 Friday8:00 AM + Innocents of St. John the
Evangelist Parish Loretta Judy

9:00 AM + Rita Perrotta Mary & Jimmy Ventura

December 29, 2012 Saturday

8:00 AM + John Schultz Mary Crane

Vigil Masses

3:00 PM + Lillian Dunnabeck Husband

5:00 PM + Josephine Carter Peter DeFrancesca

December 30, 2012 Sunday

7:00 AM Ida & Frank Repking Chrys Fisher

9:00 AM + Joan P. & Al Moser Children

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Alfred Gaddis Dorothy Daly

5:00 PM + Dr. Frances J. Healey Mary Crane

Nursery Closed on Christmas Day.**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, December 22, 2012**

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Vigil Masses

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday, December 23, 2012**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday, December 24, 2012**Vigil of Christmas**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday, December 25, 2012**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)****Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;Lk 2:1-14; **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20; **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps

98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday, December 26, 2012**St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,

16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday, December 27, 2012**St. John**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, December 28, 2012**The Holy Innocents**

1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29, 2012**Fifth Day within the Octave of the****Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Vigil Masses

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;

Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-

21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Sunday, December 30, 2012**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and****Joseph**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;

Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-

21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH • WWW.SAINTJOHNTHEEVANGELIST.COM

\$16,847 Needed by December 31 to Meet Our 2012 CFA Goal

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

In the December 9 bulletin, we, the Saint John the Evangelist Finance Council members told you that we strongly support the Annual Catholic Faith Appeal, as these funds are used to provide services to the less fortunate in our diocese, some of our own parishioners. To reiterate again, St John's 2012 assessment/goal is \$443,000.00. Right now, we are still short of our goal. We need \$16,847.00 by December 31, 2012.

Scott Schlossberg, our General Manager, in Scott's Corner has repeatedly explained how the CFA program works and if we fall short of our goal, we will have to use our general operating funds to pay the shortfall. Conversely, if we exceed our \$443,000.00 goal by the end of 2012, any excess will be returned to the parish free of diocese assessment. We hope this year that will happen; we could use these funds to support our many ministries that are available to us.

We are confident that with your help, we CAN achieve our goal and more. Please consider making a pledge or an additional contribution to the 2012 Catholic Faith Appeal before December 31, 2012. Remember to make your check payable to the CFA with St John the Evangelist in the memo line.

God Bless You and Your Loved Ones!

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Holy New Year!

Saint John the Evangelist Finance Council

Mass Times

Christmas and New Year

Monday, December 24, 2012

Christmas Eve Mass

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. is Children's Mass,
10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25, 2012

Christmas Day Mass

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m.
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Monday, December 31, 2012

Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon

Bishop Dewane Will Be Celebrant for Televised Christmas Day Mass for the Homebound on WFTX-TV

The televised Christmas Day Mass for the Homebound with Bishop Frank J. Dewane as celebrant will air at 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day. For viewers in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass airs on WFTX-TV (FOX-4 in Cape Coral). Please check your cable provider for channel listings.

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found area in the room next to the Religious Gift Boutique for any items you may have lost. Any items not claimed by Thursday, January 3, 2013, will be donated to the needy in Immokalee.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Understanding the Gospels

Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will be conducting a course on **Understanding the Gospels** beginning on Tuesday January 8, 2013, and continues for thirteen consecutive Tuesdays. Classes will be held from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Parish Life Center at St. John. The course will cover the four Gospels with background on when, why and to whom they were written, as well as the central themes of each Gospel. Also presented will be methods to read, understand and interpret the Bible.

Course Objective

The objective of the course is to develop a richer understanding of God's message to us and to grow in our faith. All are welcome and there is no charge for the class. To register please call Deacon Hal Brenner at 566.8740, extension 174 and leave a message.

Wedding Banns

***First announcement between
Carolyn Molden & Gary Ray***

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli Associate
Fr. Thomas Kelly Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner
Deacon Rob Chalhoub
Deacon Frank Panicia
Deacon Forrest Wallace
Deacon Al Groh Senior Status

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:15 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice.

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Office is located in the PLC (behind the Church)

**All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740**

General Manager

Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678

Fax: 239.325.2100

Administrative Assistant & Records

Melanie Harrison: *Ext. 113*

Assistant to the Pastor

Natalie Campbell: *Ext. 134*

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Tom Oram: *Ext. 179*

Choir Director

Ellie Roberts: 682.5609

Sacristan

Lorna Woonsam: *Ext. 133*

Communications

Kathy Sims: *Ext. 128*

Memorial Garden

Scott Schlossberg: *Ext. 114*

Religious Boutique

Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

Director of Maintenance

Marcos Burgoa: *Ext. 117*

Education Staff

Director of Faith Formation

Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Director of Youth Ministry

Bill Maguire: 566.8740, *Ext. 177*

Director of RCIA

Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Family Ministry

Charlene Youngs: 566.8740 *Ext. 123*

email staff members at:

info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: saintjohntheevangelist.com Click on the **Welcome** tab on the top left side and scroll down to **Forms**. Return to office.

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

(until all are heard)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com
Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Please submit all ordinary time submission requests by Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **10 days prior** to the Sunday publication you are requesting. You can **e-mail:** kathys@saintjohntheevangelist.com or drop your submission off in the parish office.

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2013.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2014 Mass availability and 2013 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

MISSION STATEMENT

The spirit-filled community of St. John the Evangelist is committed to following the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church through stewardship and serving its parishioners, the community and those most in need.

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Recently Baptized

The Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist, along with our Clergy and Baptism Team, will celebrate our newest baptized members at the 11:15 a.m. Mass on January 13, 2013, the special Feast Day of The Baptism of the Lord. All are welcomed to attend.



Isabella Berta Marchand
December 2, 2012



Dezaray Dominique Soto
December 2, 2012



Georgia Lee Resch
December 2, 2012



Genevecia Maffei
December 9, 2012



Michael Burhard
December 9, 2012



Logan Patrick Plumley
November 4, 2012



Edward Reddish
December 9, 2012



Madison Marie Nugent
October 13, 2012



Vitangelo Mariano Petruzzella
December 2, 2012

Hymns for the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 22 & 23

Entrance Hymn:	199	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Preparation Hymn:	529	Servant Song
Communion Hymn:	502	Our Blessing Cup
	203	See How the Virgin
Closing Hymn:	186	O Come, O Come Emmanuel verses 1 & 7

Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

Before the Mass	When Will We See the Little One?	<i>J. Althouse / Albrecht</i>
At Communion	Hail, Mary	<i>Oram</i>

Hymns for Christmas Eve & Day, December 24 & 25

Entrance Hymn:	206	O Come, All Ye Faithful
Preparation Hymn:	212	O Little Town of Bethlehem
Communion Hymn:	205	Silent Night
	211	Away In a Manger
Closing Hymn:	207	Joy to the World

Understanding Spirituality & Prayer

will be the theme at the
Parish Retreat

January 26, 2013

Speaker: Fr. J.J. McCarthy

Open to Men and Women of St. John the Evangelist

Cost: \$30

includes breakfast, lunch and speaker

Attendance at Retreat fulfills Sunday obligation.

Limited to 60 participants.

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, 3989 South Moon Drive, Venice, FL

Registration: See Deacon Al

239.597.5172

deaconalg@comcast.net

Carpooling available.

The staff at St. John the Evangelist wishes all of our parishioners and their families and friends a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy 2013. Merry Christmas.



St. John Youth Ministry

Merry Christmas!

Last Sunday our high school and middle school youth groups brought homemade Christmas cards and sang Christmas carols to the residents of our local assisted living homes. It was a great blessing for our young people to have this opportunity to share the joy and peace of the Christmas season with our older brothers and sisters in Christ. Many of our students were surprised to discover that in the ministry of giving the gift of

Jesus' love, they actually received far more than they gave!



Bill Maguire
Director
of Youth Ministry

- High School: we will not meet on December 23 or December 30. We will resume on January 6.
- Middle School: we will not meet on December 26 or January 2. We will resume on January 9. **Please note the following time change: from January 9 onward we will be meeting from 5:30-7:00 p.m. rather than 6:00-7:30 p.m.**



High School Youth meets from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the ballroom

Middle School Youth meets from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center Seminar Room

Altar Servers:

Neal Borter 804.357.5712

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

Calling & Caring:

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

Eucharistic Ministry

Ernest Woonsam 947.8618

Homebound

Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

Greeters & Ushers:

John Smith 598.2306

Jamaica Mission:

Al & Ann Kerns 514.1553

Lectors:

Victor Yopez 290.9090

Daily Mass Lectors:

Rosemary Slevin 596.7057

Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

Develops programs for adults to grow as Catholics through activities such as retreats, small groups meetings, lectures, seminars, social action and workshops. Stephanie Wardein: 289.5541; Perpetualimagesofnaples@gmail.com

AGA (Alienated Grandparents

Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. First Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the library and third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. aga-fl.org

AA. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. PLC.

Al-Anon. Monday 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., PLC; Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. PLC.

Ala-Teen. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. PLC.

Arimatheans. A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Virginia: 597.7687

Bible Story Time. Bible stories, crafts, prayer and fun Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in PLC pre-school classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Jennifer Grenardo: grenardo@comcast.net

Bible Teaching. Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m., Claussen Center for relevant Bible teaching and retelling of the Scriptures. Join us in acquiring greater understanding of the weekly readings and growing in faith with us. Victor: 290.9090

Choirs:**Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. Grades 1-5. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Circle of Comfort. Are you or a loved one affected by cancer? We are a support team who help, encourage, pray, listen, laugh and do whatever it takes to help each other. We don't meet on a regular basis, so please call Jim or Darlene: 495.9741

Cursillistas. Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 PM: The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas are welcome including visitors. Loretta Judy: 596.2291

Evangelization. Designed to psychologically bring back individuals who have left the Catholic Church. Deacon Al: 566.8740, ext. 125

Families Helping Families. Mondays at 3 p.m. For families with a member who has a problem with alcohol &/or drugs. This is a small caring group to talk & answer questions. Bill: 732.5979

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.

Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Officers. First Monday of every month. Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited to join our Council meeting. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly

3308. Meeting are the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K John A. Fazackerley FN 495.5380

Knitting & Crocheting. Tuesdays from 10:00-Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties, & prayer shawls. Anne Orem: 566.9636

Ladies of Charity. Meets the second Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Jan Sukay: 431.7376. If interested in joining, call Valerie Matulis: 390.3545

Mah Jong. Wednesday, 12-3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Joan Scariotti: 594.0994

Men's Club. Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:00. New members welcome. Andy Sanfelippo: 949.7122

Gospel Forum. Group of men who join together to discuss the following Sunday's gospel and its application to everyday life. Prayer and casual discussion of various spiritual writings follows. Pizza and soft drinks offered. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

Narcotics Anonymous. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. PLC.

Philothea. Women ages 20-45 meet to support & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work and motherhood in a Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 177

Pinochle. Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Angie Cornelius: 498.4512

Religious Gift Shop. NEW HOURS: Saturday: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. At this time, the boutique is closed on Friday. Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

Respect Life. A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stage. They coordinate all respect life activities within the parish as well as outreach to the community. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

Sewing Group. Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in room 1 of the PLC. New members are invited. Nancy Cote: 514.0410

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:30 a.m., Mass in PLC. Bill Smart: 566.8740

Sing-A-Long at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Harbor Memory Care, Naples, at 2:00 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites.

Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566.7307

Women's Bible Study. Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and Monday evenings in Room 3 and 4 in the PLC. We are currently studying the book "Come and See The Gospel of St. John" by Emmaus Road Publishing. You are welcome to join at any time. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER GROUPS

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

Blessed John Paul II said "a great prayer for Life is urgently needed!" Cenacle participants pray for an end to the Culture of Death every Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., in the Adoration Chapel. In the powerful presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we offer 10 mysteries of the rosary and related prayers and we fast one day a week on our own. All are welcome! Please call the parish office for the Chapel code.

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

Forty-five minutes of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Only your quiet presence is needed. Mondays: 5:30 p.m., Room 15 Claussen Center. Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m., Room 15, Claussen Center. Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library on Wednesday mornings following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:45 a.m.).

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army	David Jensen
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Specialist Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army, serving in Ft Bragg, N.C	LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Sgt. Thomas Flood U.S. Army	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	Lt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Sgt. Michael Flood U.S. Army	Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)
Cpl. Dylan Granza (Serving in Afghanistan)	Houng Tran U.S. Army
	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN) Deployed on U.S.S. Boxer

Divine Will Prayer Group

Are you hungering and thirsting for the Lord. Come. Grow in the knowledge of his most adorable will where you will be filled to overflowing with his love. The group meets on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. in the Claussen Center, room 15. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

Liturgy of the Hours

Members of the third order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites pray the Morning Prayer after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

We pray every morning in the Church except Sunday. We begin 45 minutes before Mass. Please join us. *(We have printed guides with the prayers.)*

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

Prayer group meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in cry room. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Marilyn O'Reilly

May they rest in eternal peace.

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

Joan Abele	Douglas Donaldson	Victor & Marie	Diana Pecaro
Tom Abele	Dana Downs	Louise Lisabeth	Joan Peters
Anita Anderson	Michael Dunlop	Mr. & Mrs. George Losure	Patty Pilkington
Jacob Andrew	Ann Marie Esposito	Catherine Lusk	Joe Pohrer
Ed Barber	Thomas O. Flood	Shari Lussier	Angela Preuss
Jerry Barton	Donna Flynn	Betty Maher	David Pupo
Makayla Basile	Barbara Fuller	Jeanne Majeske	Don Robinson
Jennifer Basile	Lauran Gaines	F. Mansfield	Maria Scarcella
A.J. Becker	Randall Galt	Richard Maynard	Cathy Schloendorn
Rick Becker	Tim Hagan	Judy Mazza	Carol Seiffert
Linda Berry	Kathleen Hall	Jean K. McCarthy	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Mary Bessner	Charlotte Hallohan	Sharon McCarthy	Teresa Shengulet
Bill Briggs	Leslie Haywood	Bob McEvoy	Annette Sholette
John Brooks	Gerald Heyen	Carolyn McNichols	Liam Sjostrom
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To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740,

email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com,

or complete the form below and return it to the parish office.

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Name _____
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LET US PRAY...

DECEMBER 23, 2012 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EDITION



On behalf of the clergy and staff of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and for those who are traveling over the holidays, a Happy New Year.

Did you know that this coming Monday will mark the 20th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in our church? On December 24, 1992, the first Mass was

celebrated in (the newly constructed) St. John the Evangelist church. For those who remember, that first Mass nearly never happened due to problems with Collier County in obtaining our certificate of occupancy. Thanks to the diligence of a few well connected parishioners, everything came together at the 11th hour – literally. We are thrilled to have you here with us this Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Ladies of Charity Bike Drive officially ended this past Sunday. After nearly a month of solicitation, our parishioners really came through, donating 216 bicycles. Many of these bicycles were purchased through your cash donations which totaled \$10,045.00. After rethinking the security issue, the ladies of charity used a portion of the cash donations to purchase locks for every single bike sent to Immokalee. We hope to have the Naples Daily News publish an article next week recognizing the amazing work of the Ladies of Charity. Thank you once again to all of our parishioners for making Christmas in Immokalee this year very special for 216 deserving individuals.

Thank you to everyone that gave so generously this Christmas season. Whether it was a gift to the CFA, a donation to Jamaica, a gift to the Bike Drive or a contribution to the regular offertory, you defined the essence of Christmas. I am continually amazed every year at this time by the outpouring of generosity shown by our parishioners. It is truly remarkable what you do for others while ensuring that St. John is provided for. I am not a “cradle catholic” like many of you, however, I have visited my share of catholic churches, especially during the design stages of St. Agnes. As I have said many times before, there are countless parishes out there that could learn a thing or two by visiting St. John the Evangelist and simply observing. There just seems to be a spirit that exists here at St. John that does not exist at any other parish I have visited. Obviously, the Holy Spirit is present at Mass; however, there is something more that exists within the friendly confines of St. John.

Lighting Update:

As you saw this past weekend, the lighting truss has now

been installed. We have decided to add a few more fixtures to the truss to create the proper lighting. After the penance Mass this past Tuesday, we will have met to test out the lighting and receive a brief tutorial on its operation. This means that barring any further obstacles, the new lighting should be operational for this weekend’s Masses and for Christmas. Thank you again for your patience while we tweak the finished product.

Save the Date:

We are preparing for the Parish Picnic/Ministry Fair to be held on March 10 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the PLC ballroom and outside in back of the Claussen Center. This will not be your typical parish event. We will have a plethora of activities for the children and strongly encourage our families to attend. There will be bounce houses, a dunk tank (with the opportunity to dunk me) numerous games, crafts and more. In addition, this will be your opportunity to visit with representatives from our parish ministries in the hope that you will find one that fits your talents. The Men’s Club will provide the food and drinks. The best part of it all is that there is no charge to attend. Please see the bulletin for further details after the first of the year.



As of this past Monday, we are only \$16,847.00 short of our goal with one week to go. Remember that the CFA is the single most important component of our annual operating budget. As a reminder to our seasonal residents and visitors, please make your check payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal with St. John the Evangelist in the memo line. You may also make electronic contributions by visiting the Diocese of Venice website at www.dioceseofvenice.org. In addition, you may also make contributions of stock by contacting

Deborah Shafer in the Diocese of Venice development office at 941.484.9543. Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Faith Appeal.

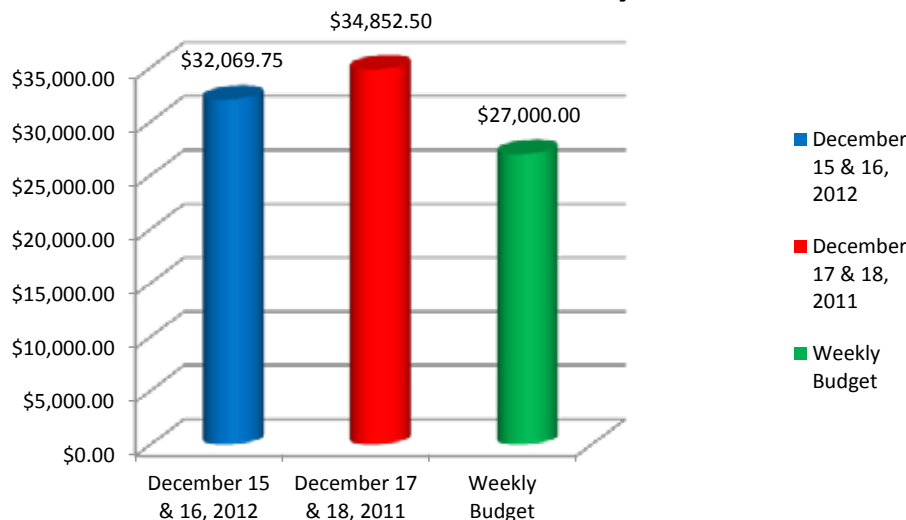
Time is running out! For those who may have missed my recent comments, the price for space in the Memorial Garden will increase on January 1. The current price of \$1,200.00 will increase to \$1,500.00. If you would like to secure pricing before the increase, please contact me at 566-1678 before the end of the year. If I receive your call prior to January 1, your pricing will be locked in at the rate of \$1,200.00 even if we don’t finalize the agreement until after the New Year.

In His work together,

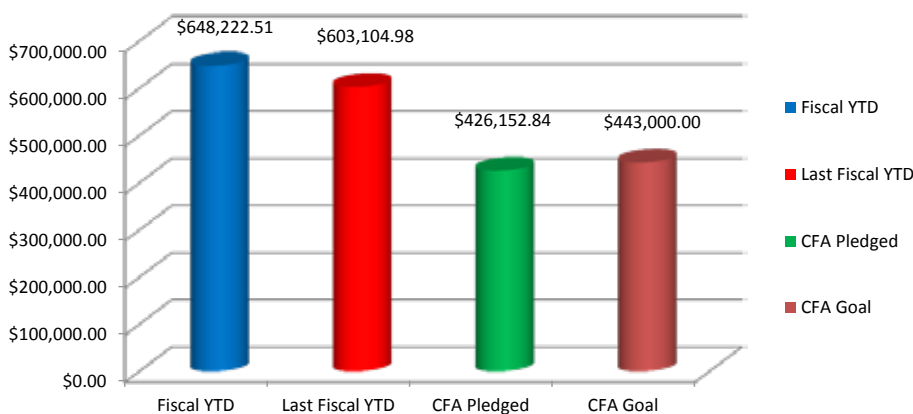
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Next Magnificat Breakfast Saturday, January 19 at HolidayInn Airport

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women.

The breakfast will be held Saturday, January 19, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Our speaker is Fr. Stephen Asante Bakor, from Ghana in West Africa. Fr. Stephen is assisting in pastoral ministries at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. He loves the Blessed Virgin Mary and believes God is using her, through Magnificat, to make Pentecost happen in our own time.

Advanced registration is required by mail. Seating is limited; no walk-ins. Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 3315 Bermuda Isle Circle, Unit 128, Naples, FL 34109, or Shirley Ruehl, 11451 Pembroke Run, Estero, FL 33928, 239-949-7015. Requests must be postmarked by January 11.

Feast of the Holy Innocents Memorial Mass December 28

When your heart cries for the memory of your child who is no longer with us during

this Christmas season, we come to the Christ Child, the Lord of Life, for consolation. A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, December 28 at 8:00 a.m. on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

We will be remembering **ALL** deceased children. We will also remember all of our unborn children, either miscarried or aborted, at this special celebration of your child's life in the arms of Jesus. Pre-registration is not necessary.

For more information, contact Loretta Judy at 596.2291 or 293.5897.

NURSERY CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

The nursery will **NOT** be open on Christmas Day, December 25, so that everyone can be with their families.

Thank you for your understanding.

Parish Registration Forms

St. John the Evangelist welcomes all guests. If you would like to become a parishioner here, please fill out a registration form.

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: saintjohntheevangelist.com

When on the website, click on the **Welcome** tab on the top left side of the home page and scroll down to **Forms** and select Parish Registration Form. Download the form, complete it and return completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

Diocese of Venice in Florida Prayer for the Year of Faith



YEAR OF FAITH 2012

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths the holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die.

We turn to you in humble supplication for ourselves and our Parish and Diocese in which we work, live, and pray, that this Year of Faith may be a true source of renewal for each of us. May we be strengthened to live our faith in the midst of the world with joy and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word & Life

Micah 5:1-4A

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Born of a Mother's Love

It is the tradition of the Catholic Church to focus on the person of Mary on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Mary plays an important part in the event of Incarnation. It is through Mary that Jesus is nurtured in the womb and the Word became flesh. As mother, Mary would safeguard the infant king and protect him as he made his first steps. Mary, along with Jesus' foster father, Joseph, would have passed on personal faith. Many of the parables Jesus used in his public ministry were probably adaptations of stories given him by a mother's love as she tucked her son into bed at night. Mary, along with her husband Joseph, would have played an extremely important part in what is considered to be the hidden years of Jesus' life where he developed his relationship with the Father in heaven.

There are few references to Mary in the gospels, but these few references we have provide a great insight into who she was. In today's gospel, Elizabeth tells Mary, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary believed in the fulfillment of God's

Word in her life. Mary's life in the scriptures shows how she constantly ponders the events that she agreed to participate in. Mary recognizes God's will and accepts it. She says yes to the angel when asked to be mother of our Lord and risks the stigma of a pregnancy outside of marriage. Mary says yes to the lineage of Jesus and humbles herself by giving birth to God's king in a common stable that became her homeless shelter. This mother risks political exile in her flight into Egypt in order to escape the slaughter of her child. She says yes to God in raising Jesus in her faith and allowing him freedom to accomplish God's work in his public ministry. She says yes to God in being there for Jesus during the scandal of the cross and the rejection of all but one of his disciples. Mary returns to those tyrants who left Jesus alone in his most painful hour, to an upper room to await resurrection. In doing these things, Mary dedicates her whole life to God. Why? Because she believed that His words would be fulfilled, thus giving witness to the resurrection.

Mary is truly a model of faith for us. When we

Reflection Questions

1. Who was Mary?
2. What relevance does she have for us as Christians?
3. What risks does she take?
4. What characterizes the life of Mary?
5. How am I inspired by her life?
6. What risks shall I take for Christ?
7. How do I understand my life?
8. What role do I play in the economy of salvation?
9. How can my life become an expression of the good news of Christ's presence?

contemplate her life we see great witness and commitment to God. The relevance of Mary in our lives is that we mirror the example that she gave us and we honor the memory of one so beautiful, gentle, and great!

Prayer

Heavenly Father we ask you for the courage to accept your will as Mary did. May we be inspired by the life of the Mother of your only Son. She said yes to You and your will. Enable us to say yes to You with each step of our life's journey. We ask you, Mary, our Mother, to pray for each one of us, now and until the hour of our death. Amen.

Reflecting on the Sunday Readings with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor



Voices of Faith

Lady of Grace

The simplicity of a maiden girl
Filled with humility and gentleness
Radiates the beauty of God
Vessel of God's grace
She protects the essence of God's love
In the warmth and security of her womb

This lady of grace journeys forth in haste
to Elizabeth, both relative and friend
The olive trees shroud the arid hillside of Judah
Testaments of life amidst barren landscape
Life bursts forth in a land parched with thirst
And in lives hungering for God

Entering into humble abode
Mary is greeted by a woman of faith,
All is possible for God
As the infant within sacred womb
Leaps for joy
For one who was once considered barren

"Blessed are you among women,"
The Spirit-filled cousin did say,
"And blessed is the fruit of your womb."
The sacredness of God's presence is noted
The promise of Israel comes true
The prayers for Messiah are granted

But how could it happen
That the mother of the Lord comes to one in such lowly estate?
How could it be that a lady of grace, humble though she be
A Blessed believer in Word fulfilled?
For such is the greatness and graciousness of God
To find his promise and dwelling in the humble of heart

God remains also with man
As he makes his way through life
The sacredness of God presence is found within every soul
The great towering cathedrals
And the humblest chapel upon hillside green
Reminders of the eternal promise of Emmanuel

—*"Peaceful Moments"* – Fr. John J. Ludden

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): Year C

Vigil Mass

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 89:4-5,
16-17, 27, 29, Acts 13:16-17,
22-25, Matthew 1:1-25

Mass at Night

Isaiah 9:1-6, Psalm 96:1-2,
2-3, 11-12, 13, Titus 2:11-14,
Luke 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn

Isaiah 62:11-12, Psalm 97:1,
6, 11-12, Titus 3:4-7, Luke
2:15-20

Mass During the Day

Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98:1,
2-3, 3-4, 5-6, Hebrews 1:1-6,
John 1:1-18

The Word & Life

Christmas – The Birth of Hope



Christmas is a beautiful time of wonderment for children and memories for adults. The passage of time and space becomes transparent in the seamless garment of the swaddling clothes that covered Jesus in the manger at Bethlehem. The scene of the Nativity calls to mind thoughts of Christmases gone by and evokes a sense of security and peace within us. We remember a Savior has been born to us today — Jesus Christ the Lord. The first Christmas witnessed the birth of a shining star, the shepherds' awe and wonder, the choirs of the angels, and the journey of the magi. This Christmas, we remember the great things from years gone by that give our lives meaning and purpose.



Image: The Adoration of the Shepherds

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The birth of Jesus marks the birth of our destiny. As Jesus was laid in a manger, we also know that our hope made its resting place in a world hungering for God's love. When the shepherds were told, "Do not be afraid", so the world was given the same message of courage. The reality of the child Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes led humanity into an ongoing journey into the heart of God. Hidden in the folds of the swaddling clothes, was the mercy and forgiveness of God waiting to unfold in the life of Jesus. While Jesus' manger was made of the poorest wood, it contained the world's finest treasure worth more than gold — a treasure that would promise paradise.

For some, like the shepherds and the wise men, the journey ended at Bethlehem. However, for us, that is where our journey begins. The ultimate sign of God's love was for his only Son to be born into a world of poverty and need. Mary and Joseph found themselves

without shelter on the day of Jesus' birth. Even so, shepherds came to visit their Savior and wise men came to offer their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Extraordinary events surrounded Jesus' humble birth.

Christmas is ultimately good news for us. It is a statement from the Father in heaven. God wants to be close to us. No matter how rich or how poor we are, God's initiative is to make his dwelling among us to change our lives. The gift of the Christ child is God's gift to us — even thousands of years later. The work of redemption and salvation continues today as we journey through the years of our lives. The ordinary lives that we lead may one day be an extraordinary life of someone who has answered God's call to live the truth of the gospel. Each one of us is opened to the reality of God's presence through Christ's birth. Christ came to build a bridge between God and humanity. The experience of the Incarnation initiates a deeper relationship with God. This is the hope that the event of Bethlehem establishes for us.

Voices of Faith

The Christmas Gift

The festival of lights illumine the heavens
Over an ancient land
Where people watch and pray
For the eternal promise
Breaking through the moonlit skies
Appears the comet as a bright shining star
Leading humanity to stable stall
Where Emmanuel is born – God with us

On hillsides shepherds stand and watch
Protecting their sheep from wandering wolves
And suddenly heaven is wedded to earth
As the angelic throngs join together in heavenly chorus
“Glory to God in the highest!
And on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests!”
Music to the ears of simple folk
Souls filled with faith and hope

Trembling with fear
The shepherds are asked to fear not
Surrounded by God's glory
Their prayers for a savior now answered
An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes
Lying in a manger
Is the dream of God fulfilled

Reflecting on the Sunday Readings with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor



Prayer

Word made flesh, be with us as we celebrate your birth. May Christ always live in our hearts and give us the power to understand who we are called to be. Your Son, Father, was your gift to us. May our lives become our gift to you. Amen.

Reflection Questions

1. **What does Christmas mean to me?**
2. **How does the coming of Christ gift my life?**
3. **How does the world change with the coming of Christ?**
4. **How can I become a gift to God?**
5. **What can I do to offer such homage to this infant king?**
6. **Do I allow God's Word to become heaven's treasure in my life?**
7. **How do I permit Christ to enter into my heart?**

With no room at the Inn
Mary and Joseph in a manger rest
Delivering salvation's dawning day
Through the eyes of their child
God peers out at the world in wonder
The poverty of stable stall
Beholds a priceless treasure longed for by both prophets and kings

Amidst poverty comes Emmanuel –
God is with us
There is no longer room for fear
Blessed reassurance as God becomes one of us
To show us how to live and love
To show us how to forgive and hope
To show us how to die and to rise again!

—“Peaceful Moments” – Fr. John J. Ludden

Faith Formation



Mark Your Calendar

December 19 – January 2

*Christmas Break (no Faith Formation
Classes)*

January 6

Sunday Classes Resume

January 9

Wednesday Classes Resume

January 16

First Communion Parent Meeting

Faith Formation News

Christmas Break...There are no Faith Formation classes from December 19, 2012, through January 2, 2013. Please have a blessed and safe Christmas season.

Sunday Classes Resume...on January 6, 2013, after the Christmas break.

Wednesday Classes Resume...on January 9, 2013, after the Christmas break.

First Communion Parent Meeting...will be on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the seminar room in the Claussen Center. All parents who have children making their First Eucharist in May 2013 need to attend this meeting.

Faith Formation continues on page 17



By Kathleen M. Carroll

When the angel appeared to Mary, he mentioned that her cousin Elizabeth also was expecting—another miracle of the Lord. Knowing she would be the mother of the Messiah, Mary didn't run and tell her parents or her betrothed. She didn't fret about the coming events or start knitting booties. She set out immediately to help her cousin.

The blessings and burdens of family are intensified during the holidays. We greet those rarely seen faces and, just a few short minutes later, are reminded why some are so rarely seen. We dote on the children in our lives, knowing that, even though Christmas comes every year, each childhood season is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

With so much to do, holiday visiting can become another chore on our checklist. If we have to pick and choose whom we'll see this holiday, we can take a cue from Mary. Maybe the wealthy aunt with the lavish feast will take a rain check this year while we visit that nephew in rehab or an uncle in the nursing home. If we go where we're most needed, we can always be sure of a warm reception.

Bringing Home the Word, December 23, 2012, Franciscan Media

REFLECTION

Mary teaches us to trust God. Mary and Elizabeth show us how to rejoice in God's blessings to us. They praise God for their children and trust God's word. They both believe in Jesus, who will show people how to love.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the first person to believe in Jesus. He is the fruit of her womb, as we pray in the Hail Mary. Throughout her life Mary trusts God's power to get her through hard times. She faces the challenge, too, of believing in Jesus when he makes enemies and finally dies on the cross.

Mary is the God-bearer, the one who brings the Son of God into the world. She trusts that nothing is impossible to God. Mary's example calls us to trust God and bring God's love to others in the world as she did.

Gospel for All Ages, Good Ground Press and Pflaum Publishing Group

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: What is it like when a favorite relative or friend visits you?

Gospel Question: Why does Mary visit Elizabeth?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What are some things you have done this Advent to prepare you for Christmas?

Gospel Question: Why does Mary visit Elizabeth?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: Who do you visit to tell big news?

Gospel Question: How does Elizabeth help Mary?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: Who do you rush to see when you have good news to share?

Gospel Question: How is Mary a model for believing in Jesus?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What free or inexpensive Christmas traditions does your family or community practice?

Gospel Question: What does Elizabeth see happening in Mary?

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5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, December 23, 2012: the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Opening Song

Come, Now Is the Time To Worship

Brian Doerksen

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Come, now is the time_____ to wor - ship._____

Come, now is the time_____ to give_____ your__ heart._____ Come,

just as you are_____ to wor - ship._____ Come,

just as you are_____ be - fore_____ your God._____ Come.

One day ev - 'ry tongue will con - fess_____ You are God._____

One day ev - 'ry knee_____ will bow._____ Still, the great - est treas - ure re - mains_____

_____ for_____ those_____ who glad - ly_____ choose_____ You now._____

Kyrie

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Responsorial Psalm (Ps 80)

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Response (cf. v.4)

Lord, make us turn to you;_____ let us see your face and

5 we shall be saved, we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Preparation Song

529 Servant Song

Donna Marie McGargill

Sanctus • 9 (page 14 of the missalette)

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Great Amen • (page 26)

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Chorus) **This is the Body; this is the Blood; broken and poured out for all of us.
In this Communion, we share in his love...This is the Body; this is the Blood.**

Verse 1) I will remember ev'rything, Lord, that you've done for me
I won't take for granted the Sacrifice that set me free
I hunger and thirst for your love, come fill me today

Verse 2) We hunger and thirst for your love and your righteousness
We long for your Presence here, Lord...Be with us again...

Hail, Mary Tom Oram



Closing Song **186 O Come, O Come Emmanuel** Verses 1 & 7 Trad. Advent carol

The O Antiphons and Advent Tom Oram

Each of the seven verses of **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** is associated with a particular day of the Octave (or “eight days”) before Christmas Eve, the “Golden Nights”: December 17th through the 23rd. The “O Antiphons”, as they are known, each employ a different title for the Messiah, as foretold by the prophets Isaiah and Micah, of Jesus the Christ. The Church has used them at Vespers (Evening Prayer) for as many as fifteen hundred years or perhaps even more.

They include, beginning on December 17, O **S**apientia (O Wisdom), then O **A**donai (O Lord), O **R**adix Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O **C**lavis Davidicae (O Key of David), O **O**riens (O Dawn), O **R**ex gentium (O King of nations), and O **E**manuel (O God with us). In a fascinating result, the first letters of each title, read backwards, also spell the Latin phrase **ERO CRAS**, “Tomorrow, I come”, a phrase completed only on Dec. 23 with the singing of the final antiphon. Thus: after we have called upon the Lord to come to us, he answers us, “**ero cras!**”, referring to his coming in the great Solemnity of the Nativity! The antiphon for today, **Dec. 23rd, O Emmanuel** (Hebrew for “God with us”), is also the best-known (cf. Isaiah 7:14). (Verse 7 was yesterday’s antiphon.)

⊕ **Emmanuel, Rex et legislifer noster,
expectatio Gentium, et Salvator earum:
veni ad salvandum nos, Domine, Deus noster.**

*O Emmanuel, our King and lawgiver,
the expectation of the nations, and our Savior,
come to save us, Lord, our God!*



Zuzu says,



to my St. John family! I hope you enjoyed my cameo as the Baby Jesus in *The Christmas Story*! Thank you so much for all the love, support, gifts, & prayers with which you've so richly blessed me and my parents this year!"
with love, (Tom, Martha, &) Susannah Oram

As we gather once again
To celebrate the birth of the babe
in a manger,
May we be struck
with the same sense
of wonder and awe
That brought the shepherds
to their knees and the Magi
to His door.

The Jamaica Outreach Program wishes
the parishioners of St John the Evangelist
A Blessed Christmas
And a New Year filled with the peace
that surpasses all understanding.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Social

The Knights of Columbus Christmas social was held Thursday, December 6 and needless to say it was a really special time for our Brother Knights and their families. The meal that was served was nothing short of spectacular.

After a delicious dinner, guess who walked through the door? It was the grand old St. Nick himself. In that moment if you could have seen the smiles and expressions that came across the children's faces your life would have been touched in a special manner.

A giant thank you to all my Brothers who worked so diligently to make this event a success (what a crew of workers we have). We are truly blessed. Thank you to our Clergy who attended, making the evening even more special.

Everyone brought gifts for the needy children in our area and I contacted the North Naples Fire Department about picking up those gifts and distributing them to those children. They responded immediately.

Thank you to all of our Council members who attended, brought gifts and shared their families with us for this special event. I am sorry some of you were unable to attend, but our Holiday wishes during this Christmas season go with you. God Bless all my Brothers and their Families, our Clergy, our Military, Storm Sandy's victims and our ailing Brother Knights. Everyone have a Holy and Happy Christmas.

Paul Barrus, Grand Knight



St. Nick with Fr. Len



Pam Stenzel
Girlz Gone Right:
Make a Difference in the Lives of Your
Daughters, Granddaughters and Nieces
Wednesday, January 9, 2013

Please join us as we welcome Pam Stenzel on **Wednesday, January 9th** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom (625 111th Avenue North, Naples). Pam travels the world speaking each year to over 500,000 teens, as well as parents and educators regarding issues of teen sex, consequences, and the "abstinence advantage." She was the first female invited to address the Faith and Ale men last year and they gave her a standing ovation!"



We encourage you to pre-pay for this event before January 4th by going to www.faithandwine.com and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can drop off (before January 4) your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur (in The Mercato) 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108 (**note that you can no longer sign up at the SJE Parish office**). The cost is \$10 before January 4th and \$15 at the door (this includes a light dinner, a glass of wine or other beverage, and the speaker).

Faith and Wine is a group of diverse women who seek fellowship with each other and a greater understanding of their Catholic faith in order to enrich their lives and help them cope with the ever-changing challenges presented by today's society. For more information, please visit our website at www.faithandwine.com.

HONEY, THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG... LET'S DANCE!

The Men's Club Big Band Dance Schedule:

Thursday, January 10, 2013

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Thursday, February 7, 2013

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Tuesday, April 2, 2013



The Big Sock Hop is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2013.

More details will follow in future issues of the bulletin.

Jamaica Outreach Program

JOP Christmas Tea

The poor in Jamaica will be blessed with net proceeds of over \$6,500, as a result of the 5th annual JOP Christmas Tea, which was held Wednesday, December 5. Some 220 people attended, which included a champagne reception, vendors, entertainment and the traditional tea, sandwiches, scones and sweets.

“The yummy scones and food served by Cappelli’s Catering was top notch as always,” said Jeanne Stamant, event organizer.

Seven gentlemen served the guests champagne upon arrival or sold raffle tickets. Fr. Len said the blessing and enchanted all the ladies as he served tea and coffee to each table. “Mr. & Mrs.,” Mark & Diane Fogel, provided music and led a sing-along of Christmas carols. Donors of gifts made it possible for 23 lucky ladies to win the raffle prizes and 10 others won door prizes. Three vendors sold gifts, floral arrangements, jewelry and crafts and each donated a percentage of their sales to the charity. “The ballroom never looked so festive” said one St John staff member.

“Kohls (the Naples store) sent five employees (on their own time) to volunteer and are expected to generate a grant to Jamaica Outreach of \$500 for children’s education in Jamaica,” said Jeanne.

Thank you to the committee, volunteers, and St John’s staff for helping to make this the most successful Tea yet.

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