

November 24, 2013

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The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year of the Church. It is the crowning feast and it casts light on all the teachings we have received this year.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

Altar Flowers in Memory of Priscila Horton Penteado ~ requested by the Penteado Family

November 23, 2013 Saturday

8:00 AM + Mr. V. Poirier Dr. Jack & Priscilla

Vigil Mass

3:00 PM + Helen & Matthew Anderson John & Marilyn Fredrickson & Family
5:00 PM + Lucille McCauslin Vic & Kathy Sterne

November 24, 2013 Sunday

7:00 AM + Margaret Wood Peggy Wood
9:00 AM + Fay Moots Mark Moots Family
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + Arlene Kruthers Husband
5:00 PM + Benjamin Prettyman Gordon & Alvera Clark

November 25, 2013 Monday

8:00 AM Mass For Life Respect Life
9:00 AM + Daniel & Bette Higgins Joanne Ryan

November 26, 2013 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Dick Lydon Lee Youlio
9:00 AM + Albert Moser Kirk & Colleen Kuetko

November 27, 2013 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Gingie Albert Del Albert
9:00 AM + Peter Tenerowicz Mom & Dad

November 28, 2013 Thursday ~ Thanksgiving

9:00 AM + Pat Sullivan Dick Sullivan

November 29, 2013 Friday

8:00 AM + Tom Conway Family
9:00 AM + Michael Pokorny, Jr. Mom

November 30, 2013 Saturday

8:00 AM Maria Cortez Marie Shields

Vigil Mass

3:00 PM + Al Moser Robert & Jane Moser
5:00 PM + Sal Cilufio Jerry & Mary Heets

December 1, 2013 Sunday

7:00 AM + Jon Shane Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Albert Moser Pat & James Admonius
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + John P. Murphy Murphy Family
5:00 PM + Gordy & Rita Smith Connie & John Hickey

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 23, 2013

St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Vigil Mass

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Sunday, November 24, 2013

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Monday, November 25, 2013

Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Catherine of Alexandria
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67;
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 28, 2013

Thanksgiving Day; Hanukkah begins

Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday, November 29, 2013

Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 30, 2013

St. Andrew

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Vigil Mass

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Sunday, December 1, 2013

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Homebound: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound.
Contact the office: 566.8740

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

MASS INTENTIONS...

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Hymns for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, November 23 & 24

Entrance Hymn:	301	To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
Preparation Hymn:	452	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Communion Hymn:	520	O Sacrament Most Holy
	348	Give Me Jesus
Closing Hymn:	300	Rejoice! The Lord Is King

Choral Anthems at the 9:00 & 11:15 Masses

<i>Before the Mass</i>	All Creatures of Our God and King	<i>arr. Jay Althouse</i>
<i>Presentation</i>	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	<i>arr. Richard Wienhorst</i>

Ministry Looking for Young Children to Read at the Sunday Family Mass

Young children who would like to be more spiritually involved in the liturgy can participate by becoming a youth lector at the 11:15 a.m. Family Mass on Sunday.

Children who want to be one of the two readers at this Family Mass must be in fourth grade up to high school, must be enrolled in Faith Formation or attend a private Catholic school, and be a capable reader.

If you are a currently a reader at this Mass or if you are interested in learning more this about this spiritual opportunity, please contact Tricia and Scott Schwarz by emailing tricia@saintjohntheevangelist.com or calling 566.8740, ext. 3902. Information on training and scheduling will be provided.

Saint Ann School Will Award \$16,000 in Merit Scholarships - Must Apply by December 13

Two merit scholarships of \$4,500 each will be awarded to two 7th graders who will continue their education at St. Ann School for 2014-2015. In addition, another \$9,000 will be divided between two 8th graders who plan on attending St. John Neumann High School. These merit scholarships are awarded to students based on their academic accomplishments, leadership abilities, extracurricular involvements and community service. Seventh and eighth grade students must submit an application and essay by December 13, 2013, to be considered.

Third Annual Apologetics Conference Will Be Held Tuesday, February 4

The Third Annual Diocese of Venice Apologetics Conference will be held Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

The theme of the conference is "Catholic Moral Teaching," and topics will include the moral issues surrounding marriage, end-of-life decisions and human sexuality.

For further information, please contact evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org or call 941.484-9543.

Advent Retreat Offered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Father J.J. McCarthy will facilitate an Advent Retreat on the "Spirituality of Waiting". The Retreat will run on three consecutive Mondays: December 2, 9 and 16 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon.

The Cost is \$20.00 per session and includes continental breakfast and lunch. For reservations and additional information, call 941.486.0233 or email olphinfo@olph-retreat.org. Registration information is available at www.olph-retreat.org

Ladies of St. John's Christmas Luncheon Is December 11 at the Club at The Strand

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be Wednesday, December 11 at the Club at The Strand at 11:30 a.m. (Your name will be left at the gate for entrance. Go over three speed bumps and it will be on your right.)

The cost of the luncheon is \$28.00. For a reservation, mail a check payable to Mary Haynes and mail to Mary Haynes, 5907 Three Iron Drive, Apt. 2303, Naples, FL 34110. The deadline is Friday, December 6.

Please bring a wrapped toy appropriate for ages 2 through 6 years and label your toy boy - age ___ or girl - age ___ for Santa's bag.

Santa will be present to collect the toys and will deliver the gifts to "R.C.M.A."

If you have any questions, please call Barbara Fenn at 261.1894. As always, this event is festive and fun so please mark your calendar.

JOB OPPORTUNITY Saint Ann School is looking for a full-time Cafeteria Manager. Experience preferred with Serve Safe certification. To apply for this position or to get more information, please send your resume/questions to Principal Tommy Bridges at tbridges@stann.net.

Parish Registration Forms Available

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.

There is also a link on bottom left side of the home page under Parish Office. We welcome all new members.

Jamaica Outreach Program

Is there room in your Inn?

The JOP is looking for host couples who can offer shelter and local transportation for 3-4 days to a Jamaican college student who will be undergoing corneal transplant surgery at the All Saints Eye Center in December. The student, a female in her mid twenties, will be in Naples for about 10 days sometime between December 2 and December 20. Hosts willing to care for her would be a blessing to this patient and the JOP as well. Call Martha Mador at 992.2646 or email to martha@madors.net for more information if you are moved to help in this significant way.

Blood Pressure Checks Will Be Offered at Three Masses December 7 - 8

Several nurses from the **Parish Nurse** Ministry will be available to take parishioners' blood pressure three times during the weekend of December 7 - 8. They will be available after the 3:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 7 and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 8. The nurses will be outside the front of the church. You will be given a chart so you may keep track of your blood pressure on a regular basis.

How Can the Parish Nurse Ministry Help You?

The **Parish Nurse** Ministry wants to know what parishioners would like to see the ministry offer in terms of body, mind and spirit. The ministry has compiled a survey to gather this information. The surveys are available in the ministry wagon located in the Narthex. Please fill one out and return it to the parish office.

Let Us Use Our Gifts for the Children **Please Support The Ladies of Charity**

Christmas Sneaker and Sock Drive

*to benefit the needy children of
Naples Park Elementary School
& the children of Immokalee*

Items must be NEW.

Starting: November 16-17

Goal: 500 Pairs

Ending: December 14-15



- A tree will be in the Narthex with ornaments depicting the children's different sizes starting next weekend.
- Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament and generously donate NEW sneakers or write a check to Saint John the Evangelist with "Sneakers Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.
- Those leaving before December 15 can drop the NEW sneakers off at the church at any time.
- For all others we ask that you bring the NEW sneakers and socks to the church by December 15.



Please help us reach our goal of 500 pairs.

Spiritual Adoption Program Continues With Month Eight

The Spiritual Adoption Program is heading into the eight month. Your commitment is to pray a short prayer daily through Christmas.

MONTH 8 - Developing Baby — “I like to listen to my Mommy’s voice!”

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother’s womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother’s voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby’s mother



appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

The next Novena of Masses for Life at St. John will be Monday, November 25 at 8:00 a.m. This Mass will be celebrated in special observance of the life of Jesus in the womb of our Blessed Mother. For a complete schedule of the Novena of Masses for Life, check the diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 2013

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Poverty remains a daily fact of life for many people in our society. Pope Francis has repeatedly expressed concern for the poor among us and calls for a response from each one of us. Here in the United States there are many Church-related organizations serving the poor, among them is a decades-old outreach of our country’s Catholic Bishops and faithful aimed at reducing poverty: the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

Firmly guided by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, CCHD uses small grants to address the root causes of poverty. These grants come in two forms: community organizing grants and economic development grants. The first type assists groups working to overturn unjust laws or enact legislation protecting the poor. The second type helps the poor start initiatives like a farmer’s market co-op or a business that trains people on the job who otherwise would be unable to find employment.

The National Collection is the primary source of funding for the CCHD’s anti-poverty grants and education programs, and will be taken up in all parishes of the Diocese the weekend of November 23 and 24, 2013. Please remember, 25% of the Collection’s proceeds stay here in our Diocese to fight poverty in our communities and defend the dignity of our neighbors.

Thank you for your kind consideration of the needs of the poor in our country. Be assured of my continuing prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank J. Dewane".

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception — No Obligation

December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is the patronal feast day of the United States of America, and as such, is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, since it falls on a Sunday this year, the feast is moved to Monday, December 9, and the obligation does not attach. You are still most welcome to honor the Blessed Mother by attending Mass at the regular daily weekday times of 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

National Night of Prayer for Life Sunday, December 8

Join other Catholics in prayer for life, liberty and the faith on December 8 from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. One very important feature of the Night of Prayer is the HOUR OF UNITY at 12:00 midnight (EST-USA) when people in all four American time zones are united in prayer to end abortion and to restore God’s blessings of Life and Religious Liberty in America.

Special opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the rosary and other prayers will be available during this time at San Pedro Parish, North Port and San Marco Parish, Marco Island. St. Raphael Parish, Lehigh Acres will have a special hour of prayer from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For additional details, contact the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 941.441.1101 or Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org.

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	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

Assistant to the Pastor

Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Tom Oram

Choir Director

Ellie Roberts

Sacristan

Lorna Woonsam

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Kathy Sims

Memorial Garden

Scott Schlossberg

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Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

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Marcos Burgoa: 248.6588

Education Staff

Director of Faith Formation

Margie Lynch: 228.3904/3909

Director of Youth Ministry

Call the Office: 566.8740

Director of RCIA

Margie Lynch: 228.3909

Family Ministry

Margie Lynch: 228.3904/3909

email staff members at:

info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

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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 a.m. 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 2014.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2015 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.

PARISH INFORMATION...

Annual Vocation Dinner A Success

\$9500.00 Raised for the Diocese Seminarians

175 attendees enjoyed a great meal, good music, Elvis Presley and the Phantom of the Opera and the excitement of both Oral and Silent Auctions. The St. John Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who attended and especially the merchants and parishioners who donated to the auctions.

MERCHANTS...Donations for Auctions

Marriott World Center Orlando	Brios Restaurant
John's Barber Shop	Sumo Sushi Sake
LaPlaya Beach Hotel	Flemings
Seasons' 52	Joe's Diner
Capt. Cains Charters	Blueberry
The Good Life Kitchen Utensils	New York Pizza
Frisco's Catering	Bertgold Chiropratic

If these Merchants can support us when we ask, then it would seem good for us to support them.

PARISHONERS AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILIES ... Donations for Auctions

Sandy Paniccia	Jack and Madeline Gaffey
Bill Janes	John and Marilyn Thyen
Marty Gauthier	Bill and Karen Wright
Mary Chalhoub	Lou Carrier
Mary Ellen Moegling	

SEMINARIAN BOOSTERS... Donation of Cash

Doug and Joanne Ridge	Bob and Jaenne Stamant
Bill and Tammy Warvel	Raymond and Mary Rich
Jim and Bonnie Rankin	Jerry and Sally Detloff
St. Johns' Mens Club	Frank and Mary Ann Lagonigro
Bob Valentine	

TABLE FLOWER DONATION:

Lan Tran ...30 beautiful handmade table center places

We especially thank the Council Members who donated all the fine wines for the Wine Basket raffle and the tickets for the Money Tree raffle.

Gifts of \$500.00 were presented to Ten Seminarians during the dinner to Rev. Gregg Caggianelli who is on the teaching staff at the St. Vincent de Paul Seminary. Additional matching checks will be sent just prior to Easter next year.

This annual event makes these helping hand checks possible.

Vivat Jesus.

Knights of Columbus, Saint John Council #11281



Honoree Rev. John Rouke



A crocheted flag - one of the auction items.



175 attendees enjoyed dinner catered by Frisco's.

photos by Scott Schwarz

Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher
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Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Stewardship Council:

Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

Offers adult education programming for continued growth in our faith through such activities as retreats, Bible & Catechism studies, lectures, seminars, social action opportunities 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 p.m. in the library and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. aga-fl.org

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

Al-Anon. Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon - discussion; all in PLC. Carol: 804.306.5323

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 - 11 a.m., in PLC pre-school classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Resumes September 9. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

Bible Teaching. Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m. in the 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 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. Jim or Darlene 495.9741

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

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the ladies restroom). **Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** If interested in volunteering in the gift shop on Sunday contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

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

Grief Support. Sessions will be on the following Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in room 1 of the Claussen Center: October 8, October 15, October 22, October 29, November 12, November 19 and November 26. Dec: 594.7193

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.

Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m. Social meeting last Monday of the month. Visiting Knights are welcome. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meeting are third Tuesday of every month at Noon in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Bill Wright FN 593.5965

Knitting & Crocheting. Tuesdays from 10 - 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. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

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 Dianne Pesce at 630.571.0707. If interested in joining, call MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702.

Mah Jong. Wednesday, Noon - 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 the second Thursday of the month, 2-3 p.m.. New members welcome. Joe Lichwalla: 348.1828

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 - 8 p.m. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

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

Philothea. Women ages 20-45 meet to support and encourage one another through the joys and struggles of life, work and motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 407.615.9017 or mjr.oram@gmail.com

Pinochle. Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865

Respect Life. A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stages. 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 in the PLC after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Bill Smart: 566.8740

Sing-A-Long. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Juniper Village at Naples and Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Kiva of Canterbury - at 2 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. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or maggnana@comcast.net or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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

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.

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Lcpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines	Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	AT3 Corinne MacFarlane U.S. Navy
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army	LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	1Lt. Robert Pedrighi U.S. Army
Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Specialist Shelby Granza U.S. Army	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)
Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon	Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force
	Houng Tran U.S. Army
	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)
	Co. Glenn Yeek U.S. Navy (Serving in Afghanistan)

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

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. Following the morning Mass, every

Wednesday, Wednesday Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library.

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.

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

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially

Carmela Abbate	Nancy Ellert	Diane Leahy	Joe Pohrer
Thomas Abell	Ellen Enright	Pattie Leiner	Kimberly Porter
Deacon Al	Ann Marie Esposito	Ed & Frances Lenart	William Pulte
Maureen Alonso	Edith Esposito	Mary Lenick	Janice Quigley
Marie Amont	Claire Febrezio	Lindsay Levery	Joe Reid
Jim Amont	Troy Feidler	William Line	Francine Ruiz
Noah and Ethan Amsler	Tiffany Fiedler	Josh & Carl Locke	Betsy Russo
Jacob Andrew	Thomas O. Flood	Kevin Locke	Joseph C. Russo
Agatha Barczynski	Donna Flynn	Mr. & Mrs. Louser	Anneliese Salamon
Jennifer Basile	Edward Gaynor	L.T.M.	Kathleen Salvi
Bev Basler	Joan Gleason	Sheila Macken	Reagan Scacchetti
Mike Bauman	Dick Goepel	Betty Mahoney	Dominick Scaiano
Margie Benefico	Stephen Golia	Henry and Joan Maier	Cynthia Scariati
Linda Berry	Lisa Granger	Carol Maingot	Michael Scheidemann
Mary Bessner	Carmela Grosso	Susie Marceau	Cathy Schloendorn
Lucretia Biasi	Diana Gust	Kim Marino	Joanne Scimone
Anthony Bonavita	George Haggerty	Claire Marmion	Douglas Scott
Genevieve Brown	Kathleen Hall	Pat Martell	Walter Scott
Pat Brothy	Harry Hammond	Judy Mazza	Carol Seiffert
Imelda Bruney	Barbara Hanson	Barbara McCabe	Madelon Gorsky
Joseph Carchia	William “Bill” Hardy	Sharon McCarthy	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Robert Carnevale	Frank Harris	Carolyn McDonald	Teresa Shengulet
Anna Cassara	Luci Hartert	John J. McGuire	Jean Smith
Christine Cassara	Jerry Heyen	Dr. Martin McKenna & Family	Jeff Smith
James Castaldi	Colleen Hill	McKee Family	Norah Smith
Diane Centenaro	Karen Hohne	Carolyn McNichols	Inga Sovia
Drew and Kanema Clark	Charlotte Hollohan	Harriet Meza	Jeanne Stoll
Joanna Clark	Betty Horkey	Michael	Margaret Stovich
Richard Clark	Donald Howe	Connie Miles	Pat Sutter
Claussen Family	Jimmy	Dodd Millard	Joanmarie Switalski
Joanne and Glen Cromo	Pam Jenkins	Rosi Mlads	Tara & Family
Susan Cusick	Nadiya Joseph	Jim Moran	Rita Taranto
Brian Davis	Michael Justes	Ed Moriarity	Patricia Trapnell
Winston & Barbara Decuir	Karlis Family	Mildred Morrison	Grace Utz
James Diamante	Charleen Brennan Kasabian	Bob Munnely	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Julie Dieter	Kathleen	Robert Naples	Jessica Vilvion
Lucy DiFranco	David Kelly	Peter Nicoletta	Larry Watson
Patty Dillow	Edward Kelly	Honey O’Connell	Lucy Westman
Connie Dimucci	Mary Kelly	Jim Orlando	Gradie James Winstead
Alexandria Dolkas	Colleen Kirkmaier	Tyler Ostos	Patricia Whitlock
John Dovi	Agness Kosloski	Maryla Panagos	John Yotis
Michael Dunlop	Bob Kroupa	James Patton	Mary Yotis
	JoAnn and Glenn Krumel	Tom Peterson	
	Helen Lackey	Irene Pires	

LET US PRAY...

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

NOVEMBER 24, 2013 ~ THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



I hope that everyone will enjoy a HAPPY THANKSGIVING this coming Thursday. If you are traveling over the holiday to be with family and loved ones, we wish you a safe return. It just so happens that there is another occurrence this same week for which we should give thanks. Fr. John's birthday falls on Tuesday, November 26. Please wish him well on his big day!

Speaking of Thanksgiving, don't forget that the annual Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on November 28 at 9:00 am. This is a very special Mass for several reasons. Obviously, we are able to give thanks to God for all that He has given us in our lives. In addition, we will have the opportunity to improve the lives of those who are not as fortunate. The entire collection from the Thanksgiving Mass will be given to our St. Vincent De Paul Society to assist families in need in our parish community. I can assure you that the need has never been greater. Did you know that our St. John's Council has distributed over \$96,000.00 this year to deserving families in our vicinity? Our volunteer caseworkers have been working feverishly to accommodate all of the calls they have received. The requests are many, and those requesting assistance basically have nowhere else to turn. Our Society assists these families on several different levels including, but not limited to, rent assistance, utilities, fuel and food. The families are screened prior to being assigned a caseworker, at which time one of our volunteers meets with them to further assess their needs. Many of these families are those who never thought they would be in need of assistance. Believe it or not, some of these families requesting assistance are former supporters of St. Vincent De Paul themselves. Please consider my comments while attending Mass this Thanksgiving and be as generous as possible. As I have said before: the family that you are assisting through your generosity could be sitting right next to you at Mass. If you are not able to make it to the Thanksgiving Day Mass, you may drop a donation in any of the "secure" poor boxes at any time. All of the proceeds from the poor boxes are for the use of our St. John the Evangelist Council of St. Vincent De Paul.

Several of our parishioners have taken advantage of the favorable IRS guidelines pertaining to the Pension Protection Act (PPA). For those who are not familiar with the Pension Protection Act, here is a brief summary:

Have you taken advantage of the favorable IRS regulations (Pension Protection Act) regarding distributions from your IRA? Many of you have done so, however, many more may not be aware of this opportunity which will expire in 2014. In an attempt to increase philanthropic giving, the IRS has

extended the deadline in which distributions from your IRA may be directed to a charitable organization tax free. Once an individual attains the age of 70 1/2, he or she is required to begin taking minimum distributions from their IRA. This distribution is taxed at the individual's particular tax bracket (15%, 25%, 28%, etc...). For the remainder of the 2013 tax year, you may choose to gift your distribution (up to \$100,000) directly to your favorite charity (i.e. St. John's, Jamaica Outreach, CFA) completely tax free. This is a great opportunity to make a one-time gift without the federal government getting their "cut". Please see your financial advisor or tax professional to obtain the forms necessary to make your gift.

As the year end approaches, I have received numerous calls regarding the donation of stock. All stock gifts are processed through the Diocese of Venice for the benefit of St. John the Evangelist. If you would like to make such a year-end stock gift, please call the Diocese of Venice at 941.484.9543 and ask for the development office. They will handle the transfer for you and allocate the funds as you request. You may split your gift however you like (i.e. 50% for general operating, 35% CFA 15%, Jamaica Outreach.) The DOV will acknowledge your gift and notify us of the transfer and allocation. You will then receive an acknowledgement from St. John's. Your annual statement will also reflect the gift.

Do you know of a deserving family who may be struggling financially this year with the holidays quickly approaching? Fr. John is looking for four (4) such families. If you know of a family meeting this criteria, please contact Fr. John's assistant (Tricia) 566.8740 ext. 3902 or tricia@saintjohntheevangelist.com for a confidential conversation. There are four parish families wishing to adopt a family in need for the holidays.

As my form of Thanksgiving to all of you who do so much to make this parish so wonderful, I will not include a plea for the Catholic Faith Appeal this week. Although I make this comment in jest, please know that on behalf of all the clergy and staff, we are forever grateful to our amazing parishioners for sharing your many gifts of time, talent and treasure.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

In order that we may enhance communication within the parish through our new email module, we must have your email address. We will use the email address to send out newsletters and pertinent emails relating to upcoming events which you may want to be involved. Thank you for your co-operation.

Drop in the collection basket or turn in at the parish office.

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Catholic Charities Ball Saturday, January 25

The 25th Anniversary Catholic Charities Ball for Catholic Charities of Sarasota and Manatee Counties will be held Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton in Sarasota. For tickets visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 941.355.4680 ext. 311 or email jwozniak@ccdis1.org.

Diocese Offers Safe Environment Training at St. John Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m.

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment.

A Safe Environment Training Class will be here at St. John on Thursday, December 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Library in the PLC. To register for this class, call the parish office during office hours at 239.566.8740.

For further information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment.

Report all abuses against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800.962.2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers, call the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Barbara DiCocco at 941.416.6114.

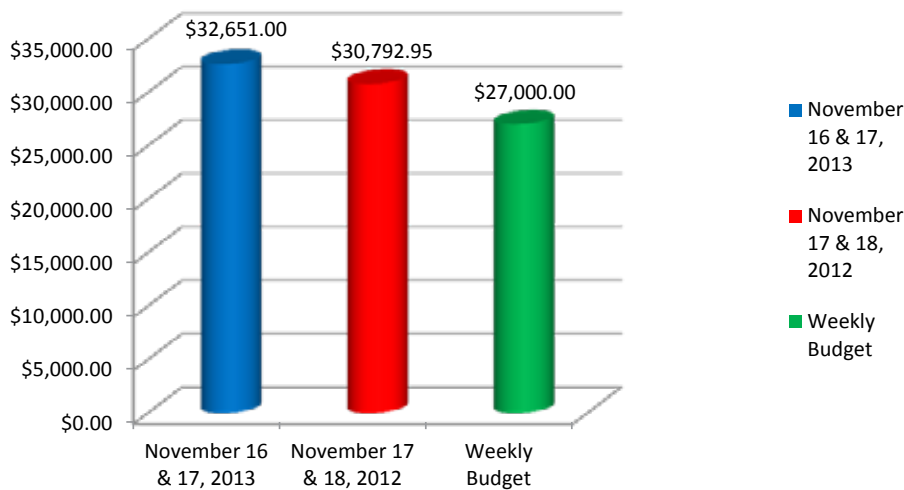
Drivers Available to Drive Shut-ins to Mass on Weekends

The **Drivers of Compassion** Ministry offers rides to Masses on the weekends to any parishioner who is a shut-in and would like to attend a weekend service. Call the parish office at 566.8740 by 10:00 a.m. on Friday if you need a ride to a weekend Mass.

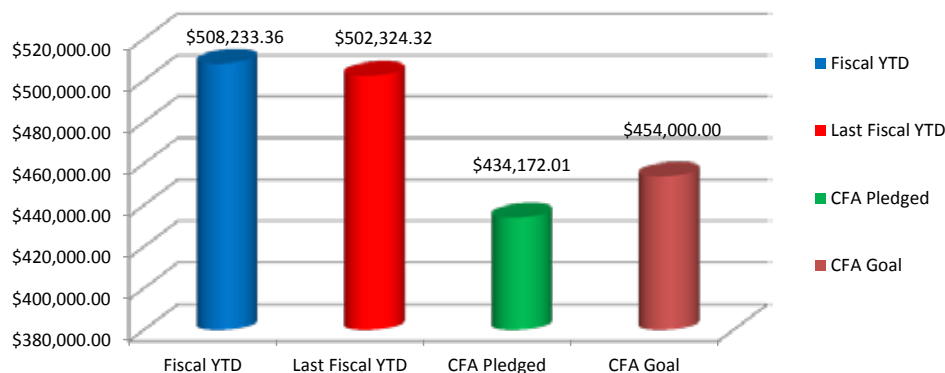
Divine Gift Boutique Needs Your Help

Jackie Gibson, gift shop manager, is looking for more volunteers for Sunday to staff the newly remodeled and expanded Divine Gift Boutique. No experience necessary. Jackie or one of the other volunteers will provide the training. If interested, please contact Jackie at 228.3921.

Collection Summary



Fiscal YTD (7/1/2013-6/30/2014) & CFA Summary



5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, November 24, 2013

the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Opening Song **Here Is Our King** David Crowder

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Chorus

Here is our King, here is our Love, here is our God who's come to bring us back to him.

5
He is the One, he is Je - sus. And he is our King, here is our Love, here is our

11
God who's come to bring us back to him. He is the One, he is Je - sus. Je - sus.

v.1) From wherever spring arrives to heal the ground...
From wherever searching comes—
(the look itself, a trace of what we're looking for!)
so be quiet now and wait...
The ocean is growing—the tide is coming in, here it is:

v.2) And what was said to the rose to make it unfold
was said to me here in my chest
so be quiet now, and rest...
The ocean is growing—the tide is coming, here it is:
(to Chorus, above)

Kyrie • *spoken*

Gloria • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

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Let us go re - joi - cing, to the house, to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

1. ...we remember saying that these manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics: and we said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations.

PIUS IX, QUAS PRIMAS (On the Feast of Christ the King) 12/11/1925

Preparation Song **King of Glory** Mac Powell / 3rd Day CCLI Song No. 3118867 © 2000 New Spring | Vandura 2500 Songs (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc. All rights Reserved. CCLI License #2008891.

Verse 1) Who is this King of glory that pursues me with his love and haunts me with each hearing of his softly spoken words? My conscience, a reminder of forgiveness that I need... Who is this King of glory, who offers it to me? (to Verse 2)

Verse 2) Who is this King of angels, O blessed Prince of Peace, revealing things of heaven and all its mysteries? My spirit's ever longing for his grace in which to stand... Who is this King of glory? Son of God and Son of Man... (to Chorus, below:)

Verse 3) Who is this King of glory with strength and majesty and wisdom beyond measure, the gracious King of kings? The Lord of earth and heaven, the Creator of all things... He is the King of glory— He's ev'rything to me! (to Chorus, below:)

His name is Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, Lord Al - might-y, King of my heart, King of glo - ry.

Memorial Acclamation (C) • Great Amen • *Agnus Dei*
The Mass of St. John the Evangelist (please see worship aid in pew)

Communion Songs **The Kingdom of Heaven** Sharon Murray © 2003 Sharon Murray. All rights reserved.

The kingdom of heaven has come to earth. His Precious Blood and Body, Soul and Divinity have made me what I'm worth. The kingdom of heaven dwells within our midst: True Presence of my Jesus, the Holy Eucharist.

348 Give Me Jesus traditional spiritual

Closing Song **301 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King** Martin Hellriegel

32. ...it is our fervent desire, venerable brethren, that those who are without the fold may seek after and accept the sweet yoke of Christ, and that we, who by the mercy of God are of the household of the faith, may bear that yoke, not as a burden but with joy, with love, with devotion; that having lived our lives in accordance with the laws of God's kingdom, we may receive full measure of good fruit, and counted by Christ good and faithful servants, we may be rendered partakers of eternal bliss and glory with him in his heavenly kingdom.

PIUS IX, QUAS PRIMAS (On the Feast of Christ the King) 12/11/1925

The Word & Life

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

The Shepherd Who Brings Paradise

The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year of the Church. It is the crowning feast and it casts light on all the teachings we have received this year. We have journeyed with Luke the evangelist as we gathered to share the word of God the past twelve months. Each gospel proclaimed led us into a deeper consciousness of God's presence in our lives. The parables, miracles, and teachings of Jesus continually call us to conversion.

Today we hear the account of the crucifixion where Jesus is mocked and jeered at for being the King of the Jews. This is such an unexpected exit for a king, is it not? Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. His wisdom ultimately brought us to this fact. Everything that Jesus did and taught led humanity into the depth of God's heart and mind. The transformation and redemption that he brought left behind a lasting impression, *one that continues to inspire people to follow him*. The wisdom of Jesus contradicted the

wisdom of his time and continues to contradict the popular trends in our world. In the gospel reading, the repentant thief sees that there is nothing criminal in what Jesus gives witness to. He *recognizes* the truth that Jesus offers and makes the request, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." As he hung beside Jesus at Calvary, he knew there was more to the carpenter, the unconventional preacher, the gentle shepherd. The repentant thief yearned for the paradise that he believed Jesus could give.

The Feast of Christ the King reminds us of Jesus' power over our lives. It is not a power that seeks to control us, but a power that seeks to free us, to heal, redeem, and to give us life. He has power over death and the power to open the gates of life for all those who believe in him. As we look back on this liturgical year, much has happened in all our lives. We have witnessed many births in our parish and looked on as the young commit themselves to one another in the sacrament of marriage. Some of us have lost loved ones.

Reflection Questions

1. Why is the title "Christ the King" significant in the Scriptures?
2. How is Jesus' rule significantly different from the monarchies of the past and present world?
3. What does Calvary represent for you?
4. How are you loyal to rule of Christ in your life?
5. Consider the ways in which you dutifully pay homage by living the gospel that you profess through prayer, word and most of all action.
6. Do your choices reflect the wisdom of Jesus or wisdom of the world?
7. How are you being called to promote the kingdom?

Many of us have experienced the suffering of illness or the pains of shaky relationships. Parts of our country and of the world have been devastated by the forces of nature and the destruction of war — many people still struggle to rebuild their lives. *One person unites humanity* as we make our pilgrimage on the journey of life — it is Christ the King who shepherds us through all of these times. Our true destiny is to be with Jesus in paradise. Our attitudes and actions pave the way to this destiny. In order to truly appreciate our lives and to transform what is lacking, we must allow Jesus Christ to rule our lives. Christ is the head of the Church. Every action of our local faith community, diocese, and universal Church, must permit the wisdom of Jesus to infuse every teaching and pastoral practice, so that others may recognize his eternal presence and rule.

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



Prayer

Jesus, gentle shepherd, bring us peace. Rule our lives with the healing power of your love. Guide us with your wisdom as we strive to know the reality of your kingdom. May we willingly accept your power over our lives. Let us place our trust in you. Make us eager to yearn for your Word. Amen.



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Voices of Faith

Christ the King

Jesus, the Nazarene
Son of a carpenter and lowly lady,
Stranger not to a world of work
A friend to the ordinariness of life
A mystery to those who know not his heart

Jesus, the Nazarene
Son of a carpenter and lowly lady,
Stranger not to the world of poverty
Born in the midst of a stable
A mystery to the magi who knew Him as a king

Jesus, the Nazarene
Son of a carpenter and lowly lady,
Stranger not to the world of the broken and forgotten
A friend to the sinners and the unsavory
A mystery to his religious contemporaries

Jesus, the Nazarene
Son of a carpenter and lowly lady,
Stranger not to man's suffering
A friend to the dying as he hangs upon the Tree
A mystery rejected, ignored and defiled

Jesus, the Nazarene
Son of a carpenter and lowly lady,
Stranger not to the wisdom of God's heart
Born to set man free
A mystery yet to reveal itself in soul's seeking peace

Jesus, the Nazarene
Son of a carpenter and lowly lady,
Stranger not to his divine kingship
A friend of heavenly estate
A mystery revealed as Universal King and Lord to save us all

Jesus, the Nazarene
Son of a carpenter and lowly lady,
Man adores your majesty
He subjects himself to your authority
As you call him to serve the vulnerable and the poor

Jesus, the Nazarene
Son of a carpenter and lowly lady,
Yours is not the crown of jewels and costly diamonds
But a crown of thorns placed upon your head
Your staff, the Cross on which you hung to save us all

Jesus, the Nazarene
Son of a carpenter and lowly lady,
Rule over our lives
Make us subjects of your desires
May your disciples reveal the mystery of your love

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

Faith Formation



Jesus Christ and the Good Thief

Mark Your Calendar

November 27

No Faith Formation Classes

"Thanksgiving"

December 4

Families in Christ

December 11

First Reconciliation Rehearsal

December 12

First Reconciliation Ceremony

December 20

The Christmas Story

Faith Formation News

Thanksgiving Holiday...There will be no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, November 27, 2013, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Families in Christ...will take place on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the ballroom.

First Reconciliation Rehearsal...will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the church. Since First Reconciliation is a ceremony that involves both parents as well as the child, both parents should be present at rehearsal. Children and parents will sit in a reserved section according to their child's assigned faith formation class.

First Reconciliation Ceremony...will take place on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. Through the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, children learn to know Jesus as their friend, to love Him above all things, to love others, and to have contrition for their sins when they fail to love.

The Christmas Story...will take place on Friday, December 20, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The whole parish comes together to present the "Reason for the Season."

Faith Formation continues on page 17

REFLECTION

In Sunday's Gospel, the charge against Jesus at his crucifixion hangs above his head. The charge reads "The king of the Jews." Jesus is put to death for claiming to be Israel's messiah or king. To be a king in Jesus' time was to have power. To be crucified was to be totally powerless. For the people mocking Jesus, his crucifixion proves he is not the Messiah. No way would a savior sent by God die in such a shameful way.

Jesus changes the meaning of what it means to be Israel's messiah. His crucifixion is not the end but the beginning of Jesus' story. His resurrection transforms the meaning of the cross. The cross is a place of forgiveness. One of the thieves crucified next to him wants to be remembered in Jesus' kingdom. Jesus accepts the man's change of heart, forgives him, and promises him paradise.

The cross is a place of trust, where Jesus accepts death as all humans must, but trusts God's power to give life. Jesus' resurrection shows that his actions of forgiving, sharing, and loving have power stronger than death for all of us.

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



By Kathleen M. Carroll

Somewhere in my childhood, vague references to the good Thief and my father's constant exhortations that, whatever job you had to do, you should do it well, combined to create a bizarre phantasm: I thought the Good Thief was a hand-working and talented thief and that Jesus appreciated his skill.

With time (thankfully, not too much of it), the character of the Good Thief solidified into the man from the Gospel story. We don't know if he was good at thieving, but we do know that—at least in his final moments—he recognized his mistakes and atoned for them.

This may have been the first of many famous deathbed conversations, but it illustrates an important point: It is never too late to reconsider, to convert, to apologize, even a life of sin (and even the most devout among us can point to a life of sin) can be rectified at the last moment. As the Hail Mary reminds us, that's what the last moment is for.

Bringing Home the Word, November 24, 2013, Franciscan Media

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: Who can be a leader?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus lead us?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What are some ways you forgive others?

Gospel Question: What kind of king is Jesus?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: What ways do you ask for forgiveness?

Gospel Question: How do you know when you are forgiven?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What is forgiveness like?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus show he is the Messiah?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What do you find hard to forgive?

Gospel Question: What example does Jesus give us in regard to forgiveness?

ADULTS

Life Question: Who do you need to forgive? From whom do you need forgiveness?

Gospel Question: For what innocent people do you speak out like the good thief?

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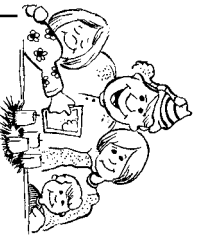
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Family Advent Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>December 1</p> <p>Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first purple candle each night this week.</p> <p>MI 24:37-44</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Set up your Nativity scene, but leave out the Holy Family.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Read together about Elizabeth and Zechariah's special blessing in Luke 1:5-25.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Make Christmas cards and bring them to a nearby hospice or nursing home to cheer the residents.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Together, write your Christmas cards. Let older kids address the envelopes and younger ones seal them.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Clean out your closets of unwanted clothes or toys in good condition. Donate them to a shelter or other charity.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ask a family member you have hurt in the past year for forgiveness. Offer it to one who has hurt you.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Light two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."</p> <p>MI 3:1-12</p>	<p>9</p> <p>In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Read about the angel's remarkable visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Talk about ways we can also say, "yes," to God.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priest, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Set out a rose tonight in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Cut and paste pictures from Christmas cards you receive into ornaments for your tree.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Put up and decorate your family Christmas tree.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy. See which of you can sing loudest at Mass today.</p> <p>MI 11:2-11</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Set the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the rest of the scene.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Write letters to Baby Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Attend Confession as a family and go out for a treat afterward to celebrate forgiveness!</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Read today's Gospel reading. Matthew 1:18-24.</p> <p>MI 1:18-24</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus. Light it during Christmas dinner.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Put the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Family Movie Night. Make some popcorn and watch a Christmas movie together.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Give each family member a chance to say "thank you" for a blessing God has given this year.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Celebrate the feast of the Holy Family by gathering for a special family meal today.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Send a thank-you note to the priest or other parish ministers who enriched your seasonal celebration.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Resolve to pray as a family for at least 15 minutes every night during the coming year.</p>	<p><i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city; and Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary; his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).</i></p>			

st. john the evangelist youth ministry

SPOTLIGHT ON..our teens!

Allison MacDougall

Senior, Barron Collier High School

Extra-curriculars: JJ's Dance, employee at Journey's Shoes and also a student worker at Naples Park Elementary's after school program

Other activities or ministries at St. John: Lectoring at 5 PM Sunday Mass

Favorite part of youth ministry: My favorite part of youth ministry is probably the youth retreats; they are always tons of fun and really powerful. It's really nice that we've had so many opportunities at this parish to go on retreats, and retreats are a great way to get to know the other teens in the parish. It's really moving to escape from the distractions of the world and focus just on renewing your faith, and it's a great experience to even just see how thrilled huge numbers of other teens are about being Catholic, and to bond with other people in your group through deep personal experiences.

A moment you truly felt the presence of God in youth ministry? For me personally, I felt the presence of God the most in youth ministry when I attended Theology of the Body classes, taught by Martha Oram, with a small group of other high schoolers where we talked about John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, of course, but we could also ask other questions pertaining to our faith and get real answers. Instead of being told what to do to be good little Catholics, we learned about why we should *want* to follow the Catholic guidelines, and that being a practicing Catholic isn't about being boring and stuffy, and that there is actually reasoning behind the teachings of the Church. The course made me think a lot about my life and my choices, and the in-depth learning experience definitely inspired me to live out my faith and taught me how to respect myself and others.



Favorite Bible verse: **Philippians 2:3** *“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself.”*

← Allison (right) with just-graduated senior (& Ludden Award winner) Tiana Ferrante

Any advice to younger teens? I know that this Jesus stuff might sound kind of lame or preachy, but for me personally it helps me live up to be the best, and probably happiest, version of myself; and it is definitely worth it to have your faith to fall back on when things stop going your way. I would advise skeptics to take a little time to actually learn about Catholicism before deciding that it's not for you. Most of all, I want to encourage you to respect ALL of the people in your life, and in the long run, regardless of religion, you will have more value for yourself and everyone around you if you treat all people with the dignity and love they deserve as children of God.

Middle School youth meet Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7, in the Youth Room.
High School teens meet Sundays, 6 to 8, in the Seminar Room.

“Keep Christ in Christmas”

Help to “Keep Christ in Christmas” by sending religious Christmas cards.

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Parish Contact: tom@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Divine Gift Boutique Has Advent Wreaths and Calendars



The Divine Gift Boutique offers Advent wreaths, Advent Candles and Advent Calendars. The remodeled and expanded gift shop will have a **ribbon-cutting ceremony Sunday, December 8 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.** Everyone is invited.

Religious gift shop hours:

Monday through Friday 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Divine Gift boutique is located across from the ladies restroom in the Narthex.



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Shop at our sale December 7 and 8 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saint Ann Jubilee Center. Questions? Carol March at 248-1685 or gratefulgators@comcast.net; Ana Martinez at 398-1718 aecm@bluedotcomputers.com; Allison Sullivan at 571-0946 alisullivan@comcast.net



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