


December 1, 2013
First Sunday of Advent



the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Divine Gift Boutique Re-Dedication Next Sunday

After an expansion and renovation, the Divine Gift Boutique now has almost double the space of the previous 450 square foot gift shop. To celebrate, the Divine Gift Boutique will have a grand re-opening ribbon-cutting ceremony next Sunday, December 8 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Fr. John will do the honors. Everyone is invited.

“Although we made some minor renovations to the old gift boutique only one year ago, space was the major constraint in the boutique recognizing its full potential. The new Divine Gift Boutique now has an array of merchandise allowing for a truly unique shopping experience. There is literally something for everyone,” said Scott Schlossberg, General Manager.

Gift shop manager Jackie Gibson is excited about the enlarged space. “With the larger space, we can accommodate a lot more people... and display our items much better,” she said.

The gift shop expanded into the adjoining altar server room, which was relocated across the hall. Parishioner Marty Gauthier subdivided the sacristy space to make room for the altar servers. The closets were removed from the original altar server room making space for more merchandise. “This makes it easier to have duplicate merchandise,” Jackie said.

The larger space allows Jackie to carry a wider assortment of merchandise in a larger quantity.

“We have a large selection of crucifixes, statues, a new tower of medals and crosses, and we have a baby section. Also, we carry



Volunteer Elaine DeLaurentis (right) teaches volunteers Ann Ganley (right) and Clare Fanta (middle) how to work the new cash register. Customers below browse the selections available in the gift shop.



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Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. – Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

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 Cilufò 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

December 2, 2013 Monday

8:00 AM + Agnes Cannon Wallace Joe Cannon
9:00 AM Nora & Ambrose Ryan Joanne Ryan

December 3, 2013 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Reuss & Page Families Ronald Reuss
9:00 AM + Nina Dvornek Skubick Family

December 4, 2013 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Al Moser Robert & Jane Moser
9:00 AM Ernest Anastasio Vic & Kathy Sterne

December 5, 2013 Thursday

8:00 AM + Jean Cesare Kay & Joe Reid
9:00 AM + Joseph Doucette Shep & Rita Pritchard

December 6, 2013 Friday

8:00 AM + Dick Lydon Dolores Kernochan
9:00 AM + Bill Seymour Wife

December 7, 2013 Saturday

8:00 AM + Elsa Everstijn Darlene & Jim Follese

Vigil Mass

3:00 PM + Ernest Hutter Janet D'Addario
5:00 PM + Linnae Eddy Parents

December 8, 2013 Sunday

7:00 AM + Martha DeFrancesca Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM + Nicholas Senatore Rosalie, Debbie & Jodi
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + Joseph Trupiano Catherine Trupiano
5:00 PM + John Spagnola Rita & Family

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 2, 2013

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

St. Francis Xavier
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

St. John Damascene
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6, 2013

St. Nicholas; First Friday
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7, 2013

St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 – 10:1

Vigil Mass

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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...

Hymns for the First Sunday of Advent, November 30 & December 1

Readings: **609** *The First Sunday of Advent, Year A*

Entrance Hymn: **63** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Preparation Hymn: **374** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Communion Hymn: **265** Take and Eat

516 Prayer of St. Francis

Closing Hymn: **520** Let There Be Peace On Earth

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

Before the Mass **Come, Emmanuel** *Don Besig & Nancy Price*

Presentation **Panis Angelicus** *Fr. Louis Lambilotte, S.J.*

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, December 2: Monday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Jer 31: 10; Is 35: 4*

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations;
declare it to the distant lands:

Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 106 (105): 4-5; Is 38: Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.*

Tuesday, December 3: Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 18 (17): 50; 22 (21): 23*

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Mt 10:27*

What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Wednesday, December 4: Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Hb 2: 3; 1 Cor 4: 5*

The Lord will come and he will not delay.
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness
and reveal himself to all the nations.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Is 40: 10; 35: 5* Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

Thursday, December 5: Thursday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 119 (118): 151-152*

You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth.
From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ti 2: 12-13* Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of the glory of our great God.

Friday, December 6: Friday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord will come
descending with splendor to visit his people with peace,
and he will bestow on them eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Phil 3: 20-21*

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorified body.

Saturday, December 7: Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.

Jamaica Outreach Program

Pocket Change Results Will Make a Difference

The Pocket Change collection last week yielded \$6,200 for the benefit of students at the Skills Centers in Kingston. We extend thanks and appreciation to the donors and volunteers who reached out to make a difference in the lives of the students enrolled there. A tip of the hat also goes to whoever rounded the sum to that last dollar. *every cent counts!*

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.

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jewelry, holy cards, St. Christopher and angel sun visors medals. In addition, we have a new large selection of night lights," Jackie said.

The Divine Gift Boutique now has a new Book Nook with the latest book selections, including Bibles, children books and a selection of everyday cards for birthdays and all occasions from Printery House, a division of Abbey Press.

Seasonal merchandise is more prominently displayed in the larger space. Jackie and her staff of volunteers have stocked a wide selection of Christmas merchandise for the holidays from nativities, mugs, angels, ornaments, stocking stuffers, hostess gifts and much more. Currently, Advent wreaths, Advent candles and Advent calendars are in stock as well.

The Gift Boutique appeals to all age groups. "I have two little regulars every Sunday morning. They have bought almost every little glass animal in the shop," Jackie said.

To make things run more smoothly, the gift shop accepts credit cards, as well as cash and checks and now has a cash register, making checking out and

inventory more efficient.

"The gift boutique provides the community with the opportunity to make purchases right on the spot. We offer merchandise that our parishioners might not readily find at any other place. All the money goes right back into the general fund," Jackie said.

The boutique is staffed by volunteers. "They are completely dedicated to our boutique and to making the customers happy by helping them find just the right gift," Jackie said. "The Divine Gift Boutique is dedicated to servicing the St. John Evangelist community in every way we can."

The expansion of the gift shop was done in house by Marty and the maintenance staff of Marcos Burgoa and Ovidio Moreno.

Everyone is invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony next Sunday, December 8 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. "We hope you will join us in this re-dedication of the Divine Gift Boutique. We will serve light refreshments and have a drawing for a snowman that can stretch up to 62 inches," Jackie said.

Stop by the ribbon cutting next Sunday to fill out a card with your name and phone number. You do not have to be present to win.



Among other Christmas items, the gift shop carries Christmas mugs and holiday night lights.



The Divine Gift Boutique has a large selection of angels, crosses and statues.



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

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.

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.

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	
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
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Administrative Assistant & Records

Melanie Harrison

Assistant to the Pastor

Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Tom Oram

Choir Director

Ellie Roberts

Sacristan

Lorna Woonsam

Communications

Kathy Sims

Memorial Garden

Scott Schlossberg

Religious Boutique

Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

Director of Maintenance

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

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 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...

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.

Divine Gift Boutique Looking for Sunday Volunteers

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.

Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

St. William – Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.
601 Seagate Drive, Naples

St. Agnes – Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

St. Ann – Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.
475 9th Avenue South, Naples

St. Peter the Apostle –
Monday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

St. John the Evangelist – Tuesday,
December 17 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Marco Catholic Church – Thursday, December 19
at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
851 San Marco Road, Marco Island

*Oh Lord, how precious is your Love,
we seek your Holy Will.*

The Ladies of Charity Annual Christmas Food Drive for our local soup kitchens

Starting: **November 30-December 1**

Ending: **December 28-29**

- A tree will be in the Narthex with ornaments on it.
- Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament and generously donate a check to St. John the Evangelist with "Food Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.

NO FOOD PLEASE! We are requesting checks only.

- The organizations that will benefit are The Guadalupe Soup Kitchen, St. Matthews House and the St. Vincent de Paul Counsel.
- The Ladies of Charity will designate the money collected to be used during the summer months when food shelves are near empty.

Thank you for helping us stock the soup kitchens.

Altar Servers:

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Arts & Liturgical Environment:

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Respect Life:

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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

Sp. Petrus Botha
U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus
U.S. Air Force

Ensign Stuart Campbell
U.S. Navy

Bradley N. Chartier
U.S. Army

BM2 Charley Davidson
U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

Adam Decker
U.S. Air Force

Nicholas Detloff
U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante
U.S. Army (Afghanistan)

Joshua Emmons
U.S. Air Force

Lt. Colin Flood
U.S. Army, Special Forces

Lt. Bernardo Garcia
U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig
1st Marine Division
* LAV Recon

Cpl. Dylan Granza
U.S. Army Ranger

Specialist Shelby Granza
U.S. Army

Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer
U.S. Marine Corp
* LAV Recon

Specialist Douglas Hennessy
U.S. Army

Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett
U.S. Marine Corp

AT3 Corinne MacFarlane
U.S. Navy

Lt. John Meyers
U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak
(USMC)

LCpl. Ryan D. Novak
(USMC)

Ryan D. Novak
(USMC)

Cpt. Daniel Palmer
U.S. Army

Cpt. John Palmer
U.S. Army

Cpt. Martin Palmer
U.S. Army

1Lt. Robert Pedrigi
U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer
U.S. Army

Lt. Gregory Spencer
U.S. Army,
(Afghanistan)

Lt. Kelly Spencer
U.S. Air Force

Houng Tran
U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco
(USN)

Co. Glenn Yeck U.S. Navy (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

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Beverly Lang

May they rest in eternal peace.

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially

Carmela Abbate
Thomas Abell
Deacon Al
Maureen Alonso
Marie Amont
Jim Amont
Noah and Ethan Amsler
Jacob Andrew
Agatha Barczynski
Jennifer Basile
Bev Basler
Mike Bauman
Margie Benefico
Linda Berry
Mary Bessner
Lucretia Biasi
Anthony Bonavita
Genevieve Brown
Pat Brothy
Imelda Bruney
Joseph Carchia
Robert Carnevale
Anna Cassara
Christine Cassara
James Castaldi
Diane Centenaro
Drew and Kanema Clark
Joanna Clark
Richard Clark
Claussen Family
Joanne and Glen Cromo
Susan Cusick
Brian Davis
Winston & Barbara Decuir
James Diamante
Julie Dieter
Lucy DiFranco
Patty Dillow
Connie Dimucci
Alexandria Dolkas
John Dovi
Michael Dunlop
Nancy Ellert
Ellen Enright
Ann Marie Esposito

Edith Esposito
Claire Febrezo
Troy Feidler
Tiffany Fiedler
Thomas O. Flood
Donna Flynn
Edward Gaynor
Joan Gleason
Veronica Glennon
Dick Goepel
Stephen Golia
Lisa Granger
Rich Greenwood0
Carmela Grosso
Diana Gust
George Haggerty
Kathleen Hall
Harry Hammond
Barbara Hanson
William "Bill" Hardy
Frank Harris
Luci Hartert
Jerry Heyen
Colleen Hill
Karen Hohne
Charlotte Hollohan
Betty Horkey
Donald Howe
Jimmy
Pam Jenkins
Nadiya Joseph
Michael Justes
Karlis Family
Charleen Brennan Kasabian
Kathleen
David Kelly
Edward Kelly
Mary Kelly
Colleen Kirkmaier
Agness Kosloski
Bob Kroupa
JoAnn and Glenn Krumel
Helen Lackey
Anna LaGrasta
Diane Leahy
Pattie Leiner

Ed & Frances Lenart
Mary Lenick
Lindsay Levery
Josh & Carl Locke
Kevin Locke
Mr. & Mrs. Louser
L.T.M.
Sheila Macken
Betty Mahoney
Henry and Joan Maier
Carol Maingot
Susie Marceau
Kim Marino
Claire Marmion
Pat Martell
Judy Mazza
Barbara McCabe
Sharon McCarthy
Carolyn McDonald
John J. McGuire
Dr. Martin McKenna & Family
McKee Family
Carolyn McNichols
Harriet Meza
Michael
Connie Miles
Dodd Millard
Rosi Mladsi
Jim Moran
Ed Moriarity
Mildred Morrison
Bob Munnely
Robert Naples
Peter Nicoletta
Honey O'Connell
Jim Orlando
Tyler Ostos
Maryla Panagos
James Patton
Tom Peterson
Irene Pires
Joe Pohrer
Kimberly Porter
William Pulte
Janice Quigley

Joe Reid
Esther Riley
Francine Ruiz
Betsy Russo
Joseph C. Russo
Anneliese Salomon
Kathleen Salvi
Reagan Scacchetti
Dominick Scaiano
Cynthia Scariati
Michael Scheidemann
Cathy Schindone
Joanne Scimora
Douglas Scott
Walter Scott
Carol Seiffert
Madelon Gorsky
Jane & Bob Shengulet
Teresa Shengulet
Jean Smith
Jeff Smith
Norah Smith
Inga Sovia
Jeanne Stoll
Margaret Stovich
Pat Sutter
Joanmarie Switalski
Tara & Family
Rita Taranto
Patricia Trapnell
Grace Utz
Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Jessica Vilvion
Larry Watson
Lucy Westman
Gradie James Winstead
Patricia Whitlock
John Yotis
Mary Yotis

LET US PRAY...

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

DECEMBER 1, 2013 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



We welcome new parishioners. Please complete the registration form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket. This form may be used to update family information as well.

Office Use Only:	Envelope # _____
	Date Entered _____

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Parish Registration

625 111th Ave N., Naples, FL 34108
(239) 566-8740 • Fax: (239) 566-9117

Website: www.saintjohntheevangelist.com E-mail: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Family Name _____

Local Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Local Subdivision _____ Email _____

Would you like to be added to our email list? Yes No

Northern Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Marital Status _____ Date of Marriage _____ Do you want envelopes? Yes No

Year-Round Resident Yes No Seasonal Resident (Months) _____

Head of Household Title: <input type="text" value="Other"/> First Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Religion _____ Occupation _____	Spouse Title: <input type="text" value="Other"/> First Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Religion _____ Occupation _____
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Dependents

Child's First Name _____
 Date of Birth _____
 Place of Baptism _____
 First Communion Yes No
 Confirmation Yes No
 Current Grade _____
 Current School _____
 Enrolled in Faith Formation? Yes No

Child's First Name _____
 Date of Birth _____
 Place of Baptism _____
 First Communion Yes No
 Confirmation Yes No
 Current Grade _____
 Current School _____
 Enrolled in Faith Formation? Yes No

Child's First Name _____
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 Enrolled in Faith Formation? Yes No

Child's First Name _____
 Date of Birth _____
 Place of Baptism _____
 First Communion Yes No
 Confirmation Yes No
 Current Grade _____
 Current School _____
 Enrolled in Faith Formation? Yes No

SCOTT'S CORNER... WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK.

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.

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.

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.

Drivers Available to Drive Shut-in Parishioners 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.



upcoming events:

January 15, 2014: Fr. Dennis Cooney
February 19, 2014: Patrick Coffin
March 19, 2014: Fr. Robert McTeigue
April 23, 2014: Patrick Novecosky



fr. jim simko

WHAT'S WRONG WITH PORN?

The parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist, Fr. Jim was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Denver in 1991. He returned to Florida 10 years ago.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

6 pm - 8 pm

Parish Life Center Ballroom
St. John the Evangelist Parish
625 11th Ave., Naples

Suggested donation at the door: \$20
Season tickets available

Faith & Ale is monthly gathering of men. We gather for food, drink, camaraderie, and an inspirational speaker. All men are invited: the saints, the sinners and everyone in between. Faith & Ale strives to encourage, exhort, and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, workplaces, and parishes.

FaithAndAle.com

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, December 1, 2013:

the First Sunday of Advent

Opening Song **63** **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** Traditional

Kyrie • **5A** *hymnal*

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 122) Music by Tom Oram, © 2004, 2010 A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI.) All rights reserved. Used w/permission.

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

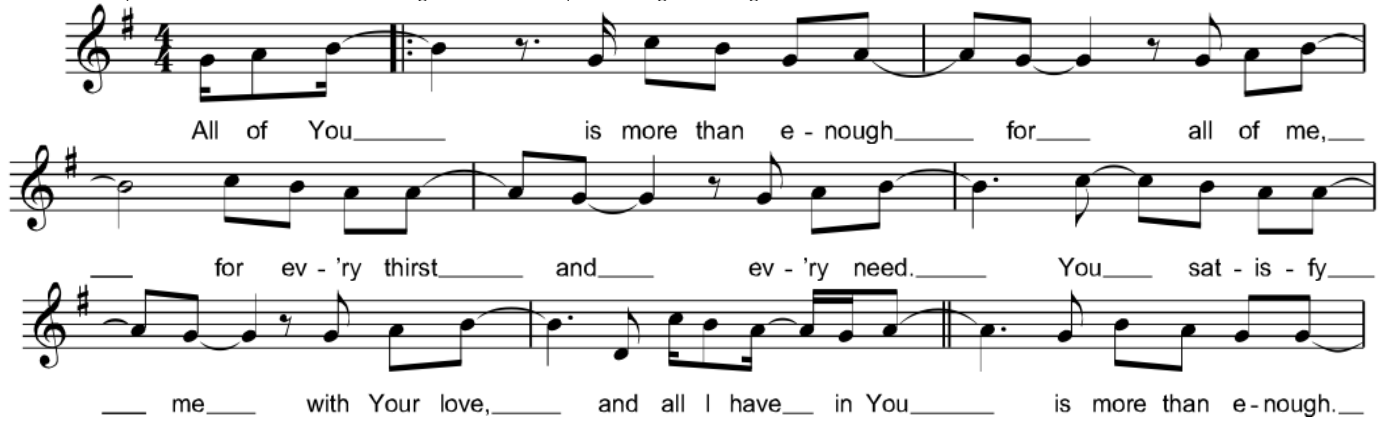
Gospel Acclamation • **11A** *hymnal*

Preparation Song **Better Is One Day** Matt Redman CCLI Song No. 1097451 © 1995 Thankyou Music
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<i>Verse 1)</i>	<i>Verse 2)</i>
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty,	One thing I ask and I would seek:
For my soul longs and even faints for you.	to see your beauty,
For here my heart is satisfied within your Presence	to find you in the place your glory dwells
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings <i>(to chorus)</i>	<i>(repeat, then to chorus)</i>

Better is one day in your courts, bet-ter is one day in your house, bet-ter is
 one day in your courts than thou-sands else-where; — Better is one day in your courts, bet-ter is
 one day in yourhouse, better is one day in yourcourts than thousands elsewhere; — than thousands else-where. —

- Sanctus • **19A**
- Memorial Acclamation (A) • **20A**
- Great Amen • **21A**
- Agnus Dei • **24A**



V.1) You're my supply, my breath of life
 Still more awesome than I know
 You're my reward, worth living for
 Still more awesome than I know, and (to Chorus)
 V.2) You're my sacrifice of greatest price
 Still more awesome than I know

You're my coming King, you are ev'rything
 Still more awesome than I know, and (to Chorus)
 Bridge) More than all I want, more than all I need
 You are more than enough for me
 More than all I know, more than all I can say
 You are more than enough (to Chorus)

Verse 1
 Holiness, holiness is what I long for
 Holiness is what I need
 Holiness, holiness is what you want from me
 [to Verse 2]

Verse 2
 Faithfulness... [etc., then to Chorus]

Chorus
So take my heart and form it;
Take my mind, transform it
Take my will conform it
To yours, to yours, oh Lord. [repeat last line]
 Verse 3 Righteousness... [to Verse 4]
 Verse 4 Purity... [to chorus]

Closing Song **520 Let There Be Peace On Earth** Sy Miller / Jill Jackson

*prepare ye
 the way
 of the Lord*



The Word & Life

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

The Season of Hope, Expectation and Promise

“Give me time to think!” This was my sentiment when I went out to buy a few things the other day. Even before Thanksgiving Day arrived, our stores were filled with Christmas bargains and songs. Whatever happened to a sense of reflection and sacred preparation for the Incarnate Feast of the Church? We are called to take a step back as Catholics and to reflect on the events surrounding Christmas as we now begin our journey through the Advent Season. It is a season of hope, expectation and promise. It is a time to appreciate the great gift that God bestowed upon our world when He sent his only Son to be our Savior.

The people of the ancient world, who lived under God’s law, longed to see the day when the messiah would come to bring justice. The prophet Isaiah refers to this as the time of fulfillment and promise. The world was in need of God. The covenant made at Mount Sinai was broken because of sin. The people of God were in need of a new covenant, one that would once and for all unite heaven and earth. It is no surprise then that redemption is truly the sole purpose of the Christ event. In Jesus’ teaching everything is restored and made whole — the world is reconciled with God. In contrast, the people of the early Christian Church then longed for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Humanity always seems to hunger for more — there is a constant longing for God’s hope by the people of faith!

So what does this mean for us? It means that we simply live in a right relationship with God, others, and ourselves. In the event of the Incarnation, we are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see. We who live two thousand years after the Christ event have been gifted with the Word of God through the passage of time. Even though we might not see God face to face right now, we know by the promises given us in baptism and in the Word, that we will eventually see the Lord. If we live on in Christ’s love and are open to his presence in our lives, we will truly stand justified before the Son of Man. In this way *we will be prepared to meet the Lord when He comes.*

Let us take the time during the Advent Season to pray and



reflect on the coming of Christ. As we move through the four weeks of this Season, let us be renewed in faith and experience the longing for the God of peace in our own lives. If there are troubling situations in our lives or in our families that continue to be unresolved, let us be the instruments of Christ's love and compassion.

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



Reflection Questions

1. What did the coming of Christ mean to ancient Israel?
2. What does the Christ event mean to you?
3. What does Jesus mean by the coming of the Son of Man?
4. How will you observe the Season of Advent in your home?
5. Why is it important for Christians to celebrate Christmas each year and spend time in prayerful preparation for the sacred feast?
6. Would you be prepared to meet Christ face to face if your life was taken from you today? Why or why not?
7. Is Christ the center and focus of your life? Why or why not?

Prayer

*O come, O come, Immanuel.
Captivate our imaginations and
our hearts as we seek your ways.
May we be redeemed as we
contemplate the events that gave
us salvation in Christ. Let our
prayer be sincere as we place all
our hope in You. Amen.*

Wisdom of the Fathers

“With today’s first Sunday of Advent, a new liturgical year begins. The Church takes up her journey again, and invites us to reflect more intensely on the mystery of Christ, a mystery that is always new and that time cannot exhaust. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Thanks to him, the history of humanity proceeds as a pilgrimage toward the fulfilment of the Kingdom which he inaugurated with his Incarnation and victory over sin and death.

For this reason, Advent is synonymous with hope: not the vain waiting for a faceless god, but concrete and certain trust in the return of him who has already visited us, of the “Spouse” who with his blood has sealed with humanity a pact that is an eternal covenant. It is a hope that stimulates vigilance, the characteristic virtue of this special liturgical season. Vigilance in *prayer*, fostered by a loving expectation; vigilance in the dynamics of *concrete charity*, aware that the Kingdom of God comes close whenever men learn to live as brothers.

The Christian community begins Advent with these

resolutions, keeping the spirit vigilant, the better to receive the message of the Word of God. In today’s liturgy we hear the famous and wonderful *oracle of the Prophet Isaiah*, spoken at a time of crisis in the history of Israel. “In the days to come, the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it;... they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again” (cf. Isaiah 2,1-5).

These words contain a promise of peace that is more urgent than ever for humanity and, in particular, for the Holy Land, from where even today, unfortunately, sad and worrying news reaches us. May the words of the Prophet Isaiah inspire the minds and hearts of believers and of all men and women of good will, so that will help to create a more serene and solitary climate in the world.”

— *Blessed John Paul II, The Angelus Address,
Sunday, 2 December, 2001*

Faith Formation



Mark Your Calendar

December 4

Families in Christ

December 11

First Reconciliation Rehearsal

December 12

First Reconciliation Ceremony

December 20

The Christmas Story

Faith Formation News

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

Did you ever leave your garage door open and have your bike stolen? Or, did you ever leave a new jacket on the ground while you played a game and then found it gone? The Gospel says if we knew a thief was coming, we would stay awake and be ready. But we forget the garage door is open or our jacket is lying under a tree somewhere. In this Gospel Jesus wants to teach us to be ready for all the ways he comes among us every day.

Each year the Sundays of Advent give us a time to prepare for Jesus' coming in our daily lives. We remember how the people of Israel longed for peace. The prophet Isaiah hoped one day all the nations of the world would keep the Ten Commandments and honor and respect one another. Then they could melt their swords and spears and make them into plows for planting crops and pruning hooks to trim their olive trees and grape vines. Don't you wish we could find a way to turn our guns into microscopes for science or our bombs into baskets of bread for hungry people?

Each year the season of Advent invites us to grow more like Jesus. The Gospels call us to bring compassion and peace to the people we meet each day. No one knows when Jesus will come again, but the Church urges us to make each Sunday of Advent the "now" day, the day we live the same way we would live the day of Jesus' final coming.

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



By Kathleen M. Carroll

During the season of Advent, we do our best to savor the days of waiting, but those with small children in their lives know what it's like to have someone tiny always insisting that there is only one important day on the horizon—Christmas. This time of year can add demands to housework (shoveling walks, coaxing the furnace into another year's service) and jobs (end-of-year accounting, health-care renewals) just when the family demands are ramping up. We're all too aware of each minute that counts down to the big day.

In today's Gospel, we are reminded that we cannot be so sure of when the Lord is coming. We might circle Christmas on the calendar, but Jesus has his own schedule for breaking into our lives in new ways. Our hearts should always be prepared for the coming of the Lord.

Bringing Home the Word, December 1, 2013, Franciscan Media

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: How do you count down the days to a special event?

Gospel Question: How do you get ready for Christmas?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What are some rules you live by?

Gospel Question: In what ways can we be ready for Jesus' coming at Christmas?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: When have you felt scared and left out?

Gospel Question: When will Jesus come in glory?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: Who do you think about helping at Thanksgiving and Christmas?

Gospel Question: How can people be ready for Jesus' Second Coming?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What is good about anger? What is dangerous?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus' birth change the world?

ADULTS

Life Question: What rituals does your family value and experience?

Gospel Question: When has God come when you least expected?

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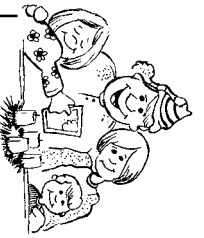
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Family Advent Calendar



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>			

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**Guess what's coming this January?
(or rather, what we're going on an overnight trip to?)**



MARCH FOR LIFE SAINT AUGUSTINE

JANUARY 18, 2014

OTHER SPEAKERS:

BISHOP FELIPE J. ESTÉVEZ
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RACHEL BURGIN
Director, Florida Right to Life

MISSY MARTINEZ
National High School Program
Coordinator
Students for Life of America

SATURDAY

9 am Mass with Bishop Estévez
Prince of Peace Church
Mission Nombre de Dios

10 am Live music and info booths
at Mission Nombre de Dios
(The Great Cross).

11 am Speakers followed by our
peaceful procession will go down St.
George Street, to the Public Plaza and
Gazebo Downtown. Our March will
finish with our keynote speaker
in the Plaza.

12-4 pm Spaghetti Dinner
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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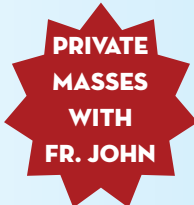
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