SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

To Know, To Kove, and To Serve God in His Charch and Our Community.



2020 Saint John Year in Review

Meeting Each Challenge with Grace, Joy, Flexibility, and Unity, Even While Six Feet Apart or Completely Virtual!



There is no doubt that 2020 will go down in history as one of the most difficult years in American History, and perhaps World History as well. A Pandemic has claimed the lives and health of millions of people. Civil unrest followed racial, economic, and political firestorms. Contentious elections and financial upheaval, with businesses and employment upended. Anxiety and fear causing panic about everything from toilet paper to personal freedom. Schools, stores, and society literally closed down, including our church for a time. The worst is the personal toll that losing loved ones has had on those of us who have survived them, missing them while having to live through quarantining and being shut off from the rest of our family and friends. We are all looking forward with hope for next year.

However, we also saw incredible bravery and selflessness through these trials. Our healthcare workers, law enforcement and public safety officers, teachers, grocery store clerks, public transportation drivers, and countless other essential workers (including priests) put their lives on the line every single day to save, comfort, and serve our community. People sacrificed all they had to keep everyone safe and take care of the elderly and the infirmed. There were moments where Jesus' words, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40), could not have been more real, and they showcased what is best in humankind.

If there is any point where faith can be our strength, our candle in the dark, this year was just that. It was a shining example of how the spirit of our Parish Family of Saint John the Evangelist rose to the challenge at every turn. Here are some highlights from this most challenging year:

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A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. Amen.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Helen Cruthers 8:00 a.m.

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 p.m. Janet & Jerome Paul Vander Horst

5:00 p.m. **Tom Sanders**

Sunday, December 27, 2020

7:00 a.m. SI For Our Parishioners 9:00 a.m. Terry Vander Horst 9:15 a.m. Dep Thi Pham 11:00 a.m. Frank Parkes 11:15 a.m. Jerry Thirion 1:00 p.m. Jerome Koehler 5:00 p.m. Raymond Sydeski

Monday, December 28, 2020

8:30 a.m. Thomas Donegan

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

8:30 a.m. Joseph Mayer

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 8:30 a.m. Claire D'Angelo

Thursday, December 31, 2020

8:30 a.m. Bill Wagner

5:00 p.m. Rose Ann & Jason Webster

Friday, January 1, 2021

8:00 a.m. Tommy O'Reilly 10:00 a.m. Fr. Al Mc Partland 12:00 p.m. Margaret Wolverton

Saturday, January 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. Charles Berg

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 p.m. Stefano Linzalone 3:15 p.m. Rosa Valenzo SI For Our Parishioners 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 3, 2021

7:00 a.m. Conway Marvin 9:00 a.m. Anna Cassara 9:15 a.m. Clementine Garcia 11:00 a.m. Vincent D'Alesandro 11:15 a.m. Sonya Kochan 1:00 p.m. Brady & Yerks Family 5:00 p.m. Lloyd Zimmerman

Requested By

Pat & Harold Jaffe

Kris Vander Horst Mary Sanders Requested By

Vicki Vander Horst Uyen Hoang Louis Perry Jr.

Frank & Rosemarie Marcello

Terri Carpino Requested By

Diana Thirion

Grace Galli

Requested By

Julianne Hughes

Requested By

Janet D'Addario

Requested By

Mary Sanders

Deb Marsh

Requested By

Daniel & Kathleen Mezzalingua

Dennis & Fran Powers Jim & Nancy Moritz

Requested By

Claire Conger

Joyce Bianco & Family The Nardulli Family

Requested By

Marie & Joe Nezi Joan Dickens Barbara Krystaszek Joanne Curran

Frank & Dominica Annese Mike & Cathy Brady Patricia Zimmerman

Readings for the Week

Saturday, December 26, 2020

[Saint Steven]

Feast

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

(696) Pss Prop

Sunday, December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Feast

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 or, in Year B, Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 (17) Pss Prop

Monday, December 28, 2020

[The Holy Innocents]

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 (698) Pss

Prop

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

[Saint Thomas Becket]

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202) Pss

Prop

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203) Pss

Thursday, December 31, 2020

[Saint Sylvester I]

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204) Pss

Prop

Friday, January 1, 2021

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation] Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

(18) Pss Prop

Saturday, January 2, 2021

[Saints Basil the Great and Gregory

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Memorial

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205) Pss I

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, please call the office at (239) 566-8740.

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. *Tricia Schwarz: tricia@sjecc.com.*

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements. Call the parish office. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

Gospel Reflections

Gospel Reflections with Father Tom

Every year, there is an exhibition in Dublin called "The Ideal Homes Exhibition." But it's not so much about homes as about the places in which people live, and the furnishing of those places. It should really be called "The ideal houses exhibition."

There is a big difference between a house and a home. A house is where people keep their furniture and belongings. A home is where people live together. Sadly, it seems that some homes are meant more for the security and convenience of the furniture than for the people who live in them.

Some homes are so neat and tidy that they are not fit to be lived in – if you know what I mean. To look at them you'd never suspect that people lived there. They are more like museums than homes. On the other hand, other homes remind you of a well-thumbed book. It's obvious that people live in them, people who know how to relax and to enjoy themselves.

To have a home is not just to have a house. It is to have a set of familiar surroundings, habits, routines, and neighbors. It is to have roots. It is to have a clear and unmistakable identity. It is to have a set of close ties with people who accept us for who we are, and who give us a sense of belonging. These are the things that constitute that unique feeling – the feeling of being at home.

People put a lot of effort and money into building a good house. And one can understand why. But perhaps there is a danger of neglecting the more important thing – building a home, that is, a little community of love.

The atmosphere in the home is far more important than the quality and quantity of the furnishings. The atmosphere is determined by the quality of the relationships. Jesus, too, needed a home in which to grow up. Mary and Joseph provided that home for him at Nazareth. By their love for him and for one another, Mary and



Joseph created the atmosphere in which he thrived. But the Holy Family didn't have an easy life, as the Gospel shows us. During the early years they suffered the fate of homeless refugees. The family is very fragile in our times. It is under many stresses and difficulties. Yet, in spite of everything, many parents make enormous sacrifices for their children. All such parents can draw inspiration from the example of Mary and Joseph.

Ideally, home is the place to which we can always return, and be sure of a welcome. It is a place where we taste on earth the joy and peace of the place God has for us in heaven. Ideally there is no place like home. But there is no such place as an ideal home.

The 2021 Car Raffle Tickets are On Sale Now!

Please come to the Front Desk of the Parish and pick up your 2021 Saint John Car Raffle Tickets! This year, we will be raffling a brand new Volkswagen, the ID.4, their first-ever all-electric production vehicle. Tickets are \$20 a ticket, or a pack of 6 for \$100. Ticket packets will also be mailed with your 2020 Tax Statements, so you will have an opportunity

to purchase as many as you would like. Please call the office if you would like more than one pack.

Father Tom will pull the winning ticket on Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021.

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#ToKnow

Creating a Safe and Healthy Mass Environment: The Ultimate Expression of Respecting Life

We knew it was coming. For weeks, we had been watching the spread of some new virus throughout the world, eventually landing on our own shores. Its infection rate and transmission vectors unknown, we started to prepare as we would for any health-related event: pre-ordering supplies, testing our brandnew streaming capability, evaluating various scenarios in order to continue our Mission Essential Functions. It did not hurt that we have staff who worked for the National Institutes of Health

and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in their previous lives. When it did hit, we were prepared to continue to serve the community in any way we could. Little did we know, however, just how drastic and long-lasting the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic Response would be.

From the moment Bishop Dewane closed public attendance at Mass, we

began planning how to bring everyone back to the campus in a safe and healthy way. Countless options were discussed and tested, from RSVP's to head counting to staff managing the entrances. At least a dozen cleaning processes and procedures were evaluated to ensure that the biologic agents would exterminate the virus but not harm people or the brand-new church facility. New processes were established to ensure each room would be sanitized between activities like Faith Formation classes, as well as the various Masses in multiple locations. There is so much effort going on under the surface at Saint John to ensure the wellbeing of all who

attend in person, and hopefully it adds to your feeling of safety and allows you to focus on your faith and the Mass.

We know it is a hassle, but the requirement for all individuals to wear masks is truly essential to our efforts. Think of it as your outward expression of our faith and our core tenet to respect the life of all. As Catholics, we are called to protect all the vulnerable and at-risk, whether they be in the



womb, a prison, across the border, or in hospice. A mask helps you protect the life right next to you, or the person just walking by.

Over 400 Youth Continue Weekly Faith Formation: In Person and Virtually

One of the primary missions of Saint John the Evangelist is to educate and engage youth and adults of our community on the Catholic Faith. Even before COVID, our Faith Formation was considered one of the most effective and effusive in the area, with multiple simultaneous Adult programs along with a











weekly Youth Faith Formation that served pre-K through 12th Grade students. Unfortunately, the Pandemic unceremoniously canceled the 2020-2021 courses, suspending our Confirmation and First Communion youth from receiving their Sacraments. However, our dedicated Faith Formation staff and volunteer

catechists continued to communicate with the families, ensuring they would not believe we had left them out in the cold. In fact, our Faith Formation program immediately began planning how to re-engage all ages of students and even executing our brand-new virtual instruction solution. It has served our Parish so incredibly well that we now have over 400 youth who are attending (in person and virtually) weekly. The First Communions occurred in socially distanced Masses, quadrupling the amount of ceremonies so we could accommodate everyone safely (and streaming it for the family members that could not attend).

#ToLove Modifying Our Programs to Provide Opportunities

If there is one area of our Parish Family most impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic Response, it is our programs, namely our Catholic Adult Organization and our Catholic Youth Organization. The social events and activities had to be canceled immediately. Camps and music lessons were cut short. A CYO musical was suspended indefinitely. No concerts, open mic nights, or happy

suspended indefinitely. No concerts, hours. Food and beverages are not authorized to be distributed, so even our Hospitality after Mass was ended. However, we were able to work with the Diocese, along with CDC Guidance, to provide activities safely, and to obtain special approval to begin CYO and CAO activities again. Our strength and agility camps, socially distanced and maximum participation of 10 youth, have been



a tremendous success. We are planning on our CYO Basketball season for the Winter. Adults have been taking advantage of our Life Center for personal fitness programs. You might even find a priest or two exercising if you time it just right!

Building a Fraternal World via Virtual Mass Experience

When we were planning the repairs and renovation of the church after Hurricane Irma, it became clear that the walls of the church, soaked with rainwater, would need to be replaced. This challenge gave us several new opportunities for enhancing the building in ways that would be far too expensive to accomplish otherwise. One of those opportunities was to deploy a state-of-the-art video streaming solution, tied into the brand-new sound system. Never in

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our wildest brainstorming did we ever believe this solution would become the primary way we would provide the healing power of the Mass to our Parish Family, much less to the entire world!

We were blessed to have planned and tested our advanced streaming solution before the closure of the Church, so we seamlessly transitioned from public attendance to our full schedule of Masses available online immediately, without missing a single Mass. This solution has connected us to so many people, our locals, our Parish Family members in other locations, and it even opened the (virtual) doors of Saint John to individuals, families, and religious orders around the world. Father Tom still



receives letters of gratitude on a weekly basis from people who should not or cannot return to Mass in person. Our favorite virtual moment was our collaboration with the Sisters of Christian Charity in New Jersey. Their chapel was closed, and they were confined due to the

significant spread of the virus locally. They joined us daily for Mass, and even provided a virtual retreat for the young women of our Parish as a thank you for our service.

#ToServe Dedication and Devotion of Liturgical Ministers Serving During Crisis

Even during our "normal" time, the amount of effort expended by the dedicated Ministers of Saint John to provide a warm, welcoming, and spiritually fulfilling Mass experience is extraordinary. From the Ushers welcoming people into our Church and the Sacristans and Altar Servers preparing the Altar to the Lectors proclaiming the Word of God and Eucharistic Ministers distributing the Body of Christ to the faithful, it takes an army to serve our Parish Family. Most of these efforts are almost invisible to a majority of people in the Church, but these Ministers deserve accolades for all they do in the name of serving God and Our Parish.

Now, imagine the additional stress that the COVID-19 Response has added to these individuals. From their own personal health concerns, to the constantly evolving safety protocols needed to ensure we can provide the best possible environment for the Mass, there have been Herculean feats of patience, flexibility, and service throughout our Church. Some, like our Altar Servers and our Choir, have needed to take the difficult step back and suspend their Ministry. From enforcing the mask requirement in a kind but firm way, to learning new ways to safely provide the Eucharist, our Ministries have stepped up to the plate and hit it out of the park. If you see one of these dedicated Ministers, please take a moment to thank them for their service.

Going Out into the Community Even More in Need

One facet of our Mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God

in His Church and Our Community has become even more critical during this crisis: our active service to those in need around us. From the moment closures impacted the community, Saint John stepped in, to feed, clothe, and support anyone and the local community. From the Saint Vincent DePaul Society assisting with financial support, to the Ladies of Charity making Christmas special for the youth of Immokalee with hundreds of Christmas Presents, to the constant delivery of food for the pantries of the area, everyone in our Parish Family desires to serve those in need.

One example that stands out includes our Knights of Columbus. When the local schools closed due to the Pandemic Response, including Naples Park Elementary right next door to us, the school system began to distribute breakfasts and lunches to the youth who were learning virtually. However, that required the families to drive to the school to pick up the food, something that many families in the various far-away neighborhoods were not able to do. Their children ride the bus each day, and their parents work from sunrise to late-night in the packing plants and picking in the fields. We took it upon ourselves, along with many of the teachers and youth of Naples Park Elementary, to bring the food directly to those families. Our Knights of Columbus Council led the effort to pick up the food from both the school and the Judy Sullivan Catholic Charities Center on a daily basis and deliver it to the doors of the families. We helped feed dozens of families for over three months.

If you were not aware of this extraordinary effort, please visit our website to see the local coverage on our efforts: https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/news/sje-continues-mission-even-with-suspended-masses



In the face of this extremely challenging year, the Parish Family of Saint John the Evangelist did not shutter our doors. We did not close the office for a single day. We did not stop serving the poor or the community. We did not stop providing the healing balm of the Mass or the Sacraments. Instead, we steeled our resolve and pushed forward with our Mission with love, respect, joy, and fraternity. There are few chances in this world for radical and complete transformation, and I believe we are on the precipice of one of those moments. We can all look inside ourselves right now, see how we used to behave towards one another, and improve ourselves for the betterment of the entire culture and world around us, ensuring we make the world a better place than before this Pandemic began. If you feel called to assist our Parish Family in any one of the above efforts, please reach out to our clergy and our staff and we can get you engaged.

God Bless You and All You Love as we enter 2021!

Faith Formation

Confirmation 2020 ~ Sealed With the Holy Spirit!

It was with great joy that we celebrated our 51 youth and their Confirmation here at Saint John the Evangelist with Bishop Frank J. Dewane on December 10th, 2020. After having to reschedule this Confirmation from the Spring of 2020, it was truly worth the wait! We are so blessed to have a great group of catechists and NET Missionaries who contributed to the preparation of our youth! We are also grateful to the support of our clergy and the parents and sponsors of our youth. Please continue to keep the newly confirmed in your prayers! We look forward to the many gifts and talents they will share with our parish and with the world!





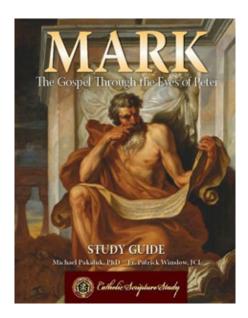




Our Faith Formation Classes will be on Christmas Holiday beginning Sunday, December 20th and will resume on Sunday, January 10th, 2021. We wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas!

Adult Faith Formation

Join Us for An Exciting New Bible Study – Mark: The Gospel Through the Eyes of Peter



As we are now in Cycle B of the Church Liturgical years, and this is the year for the Gospel according to St. Mark, what a great opportunity to study this Gospel! As a traveling companion and secretary to Peter, Mark and his writings would have a unique perspective of Jesus through St. Peter.

In Mark, an 18-session study, learn the compelling introduction to Christ, experiencing Him as a "worker of mighty deeds" who expels demons, heals the sick, and teaches that the Kingdom of God has not only arrived, but is in power. Learn, through Peter, why Christ's suffering was necessary. Experience Mark as a fascinating, compelling study presented through the eyes of Peter, Christ's original disciple.

You will hear the Lord's call, understanding it like never before, just as those first disciples – empowering you to spread the Good News as they did. Join us as Dr. Michael Pakaluk sheds new light in discovering Mark's Gospel verse-by-verse. Fr. Patrick Winslow provides powerful and practical insights to living this Gospel. Learn to apply these teachings to your own spiritual life.

The full-color Study Guide includes a glossary of key words, beautiful sacred art, and extensive commentary to open up the meaning of the entire biblical text. Insightful questions and supplemental readings from the Catechism, Church teachings, and saints aid in reflection and life application. We invite you to join us, even if you've never participated before.

This study will be offered from 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday mornings beginning on January 13th, 2021. To register for the study, please email aff@sjecc.com. Study guides are optional and may be pre-purchased for \$35.00. Space is limited, so please register soon!

We are blessed to have Deacon John Sebastian facilitating this study!

Scripture Readings

Reading 1 SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins – a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

R. (cf. 1) Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading 2 COL 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Alleluia COL 3:15A, 16A

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel LK 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted - and you yourself a sword will pierce - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Hymns for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 26-27, 2020

Prelude Song: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Entrance Hymn: Joy to the World **Preparation of Gifts:** Away in a Manger

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Communion Hymns: Silent Night

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

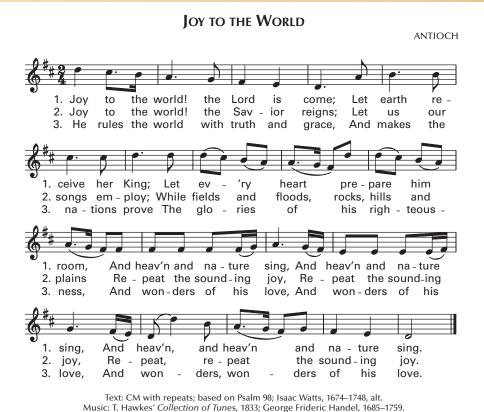
Closing Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

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Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

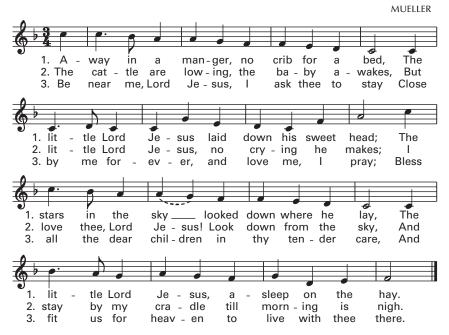


Kyrie eleison (Lord Have Mercy) Based on 'Conditor Alme Siderum' (Creator of the Stars of Night)



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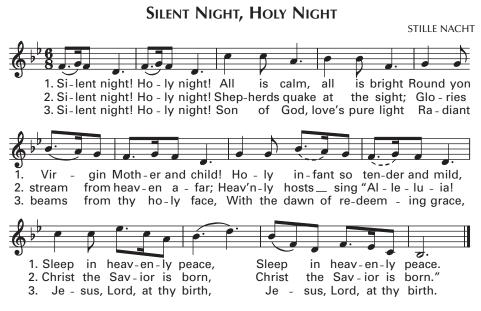


Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, Little Children's Book for Schools and Families, ca. 1885; verse 3, John T. McFarland, 1851–1913; Gabriel's Vineyard Songs, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN



Text: 86 86 86 with refrain; Trad. English Carol, 18th cent. Music: Trad. English Carol; melody fr. *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1846.



Text: 66 89 66; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. by John F. Young, 1820-1885. Music: Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863.



Text: 87 87 88 77. Verses 1 and 2, Polish carol; tr. by Edith M. Reed, 1885–1933; verses 3 and 4 © 2004, Daniel L. Schutte. Published by OCP. All rights reserved. Music: Polish carol.

Angels We Have Heard on High/ Ángeles Cantando Están



Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French Carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II,* London, 1862; English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882; Spanish tr., anon. Music: trad. French Carol.

Join us for our monthly

Encounter on the Mountain: A Holy Hour of Praise and Adoration on Thursday, January 7, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the church and streamed on our website (www.sjecc.com)

The theme of the night is "The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength." We will have confessions available throughout the evening. This is a beautiful way to spend some time with the Lord and allow Him to speak to your heart.

Scripture Readings for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Reading 1 NM 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R/(2a) May God bless us in his mercy.

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

R/ May God bless us in his mercy.

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

R/ May God bless us in his mercy.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R/ May God bless us in his mercy.

Reading 2 GAL 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no

longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

Alleluia HEB 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel LK 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



Hymns for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2021

Prelude Hymn: On This Day, O Beautiful Mother

Entrance Hymn: Joy to the World

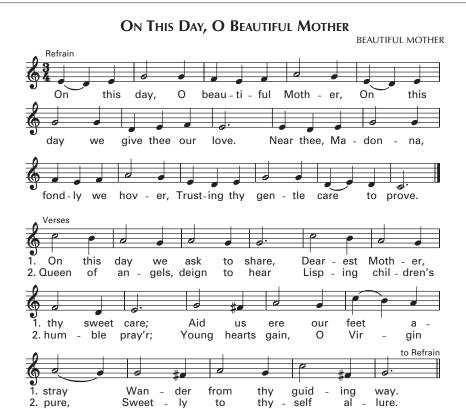
Preparation Hymns: Ave Maria (Cantor solo) -or-

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Communion Hymn: Mary's Song

Closing Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth

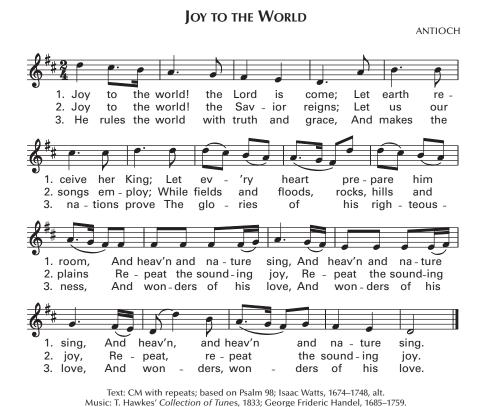
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Saint John Financial Dashboard

Offertory	2020 CFA Goal	Finish the Church
Week of 12/6/20: \$59,626.00	Goal: \$572,000.00	Current Loan Balance (12/1/20): \$899,075.79
A Year Ago: \$46,785.85	Pledged (12/14/20): \$527,839.31	December 1, 2020, Payment: \$13,000
Difference: 27%	% of Goal: 92%	Additional December Contributions: \$146,074.23
	% of Families Participating: 17%	Current Assumed Balance (12/14/20): \$742,001.56



Kyrie eleison (Lord Have Mercy)

Based on 'Conditor Alme Siderum' (Creator of the Stars of Night)



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HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

Carey Landry

Intro: Cantor

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

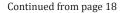


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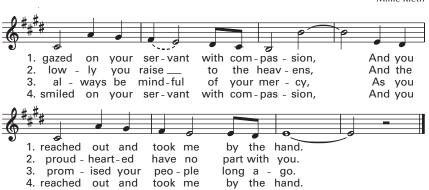


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MARY'S SONG

Millie Rieth



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LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH



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5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid – Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Opening Song Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Felix Mendelssohn

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Verse 1)

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!

Verse 2)

Christ, by highest heaven adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favoured one.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, th'incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!

Verse 3)
Hail! the heaven-born
Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the son of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

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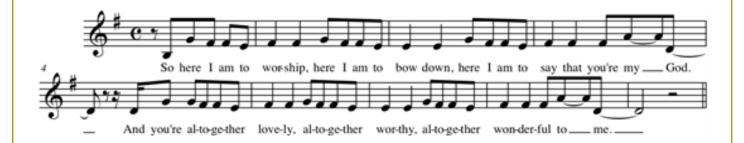
Verse 1)
Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore
you, Hope of a life spent with you:
[to chorus]

Verse 2)

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came
to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor
[to chorus]

Bridge)

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sins upon that cross. (repeat, then chorus:)



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Chorus)
Who am I that I should receive
The Cup of Life outpoured
The Bread of Life
The blood of Christ
The body of my Lord

Verse 1)
Lord I believe
Help my unbelief
Cause me to see You as You are
The King of glory
The Lord of love
The Shepherd of my heart

Bridge)
Lamb of God (Lamb of God)
Holy God (Holy God)
I come to receive You now
Come into my heart
Fill my life with
Your very presence Lord

Verse 2)
Too great for me
This wisdom of the Lord
To hold the Savior in my hand
And greater still the gift of God
That I should be one with Him

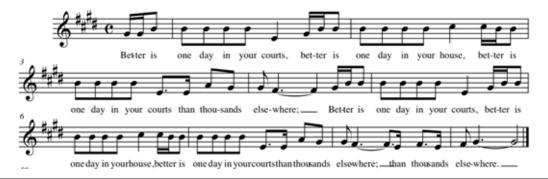
Ending)
Lamb of God (Lamb of God)
Holy God (Holy God)
Lamb of God (Lamb of God)
Holy God (Holy God)
Lamb of God

Communion Song Better Is One DayMatt Redman

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Verse 1)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty, For my soul longs and even faints for you. For here my heart is satisfied within your Presence I sing beneath the shadow of your wings (to chorus) Verse 2)
One thing I ask and I would seek:
to see your beauty,
to find you in the place your glory dwells
(repeat, then to chorus)



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Verse 1) Unto us a child is born Unto us a Son is given Wonderful Counsellor The mighty God Prince of Peace

Chorus) Gloria gloria glory in the highest Gloria glory in the highest Jesus Glory in the highest Jesus (gloria)

Verse 2) Son of God come to save Born into a lowly manger So lift Him high praise His name The hope of all the world our Savior

Bridge) Holy night oh holy night Son of God Love's pure light Glories stream from heaven afar Heaven's host sing hallelujah Hallelujah

Ending) Glory in the highest Jesus Glory in the highest Jesus Gloria gloria gloria gloria

Ministries and Prayer

SOCIAL GROUPS

Boy Scout Troop 226 - St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. *scoutmaster@troop-226.com*

Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Contact Melissa Wychocki: mwychocki@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity. Jury Paulson: jpaulson@habitatcollier.org
Mahjongg. Wednesday Play. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited every day starting 50 minutes before Mass begins, Monday through Saturday. Summer Schedule at 7:40 a.m., Winter Schedule at 7:10 a.m. *Maria Desa: 239-529-7611 or Carol Swank 757.559.4761*

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group - Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432

Divine Will Prayer Group - Gorana Saner: 239.293.1765

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina – Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Library. *Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com. 901.574.2947*

Liturgy of the Hours
Call the Office: 239.566.8740

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AA Robert: 239.287.2442

Adult Children of Alcoholics Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195

Al-Anon For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or

visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

Food Addiction Support Group Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682

Sunset Coast NA 239.451.3275

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Recovering Couples Anonymous Britta: 239.348.5031 or

Roger: 239.250.6888

PRAYER FOR THE MILITARY

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

Adam Decker

Nick Detloff

Sgt. Douglas Hennessy

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett

Lt. Col. Scott Huber - USAF

PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft. Eustis, VA

Hunter Scalzo – Army Ranger with 1st

Division & 75th Infantry

Col. Brian Murphy

Lt. Col. Jill Murphy

Sgt. Larry Oldenburg - US Army

Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps

Austin Spagnola

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino - USAF,

Turkey

Lt. Stephen English – US Army, Alaska

Iane Sullivan

Capt. Connor Tourek - USMC

Lt. Brendan Tourek - USN

Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army

Daniel Petito – US Army Brendan Lynch – US Army, Djibouti,

East Africa

We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

Pat Dadura, Annette Kerinovich, and Adele Monahan

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8:30 a.m.

Saturday

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Thank you!

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