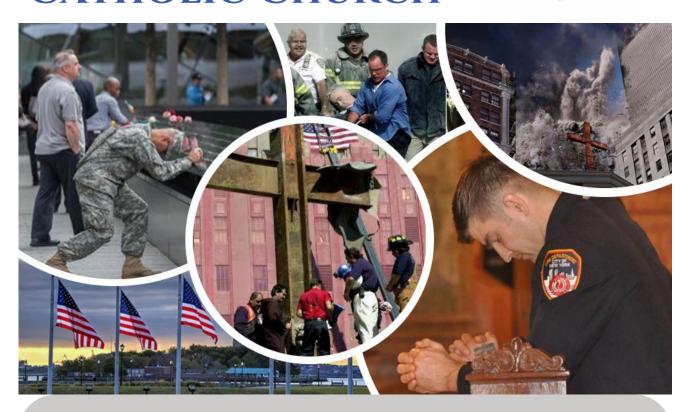
We Remember. We Honor. We Pray.
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of 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.



Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. (livestreamed)

Saturday: 8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. (livestreamed), 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 11:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Hours of Operation

Main Office: Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. John's Religious Gift Shop : Saturday 2:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint John the Evangelist offers the healing sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the Church confessionals on Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 17, 2022

8:00 AM Vigil Masses for Sunday

 Darlene Mattia + Evelyn Addison

5:00 PM + Carolyn and Robert Abell

Sunday, September 18, 2022

7:00 AM 9:00 AM + Albert E. Kozak

+ Rick Genel

11:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners 1:00 PM + Felice Perdichizzi

5:00 PM + Marie Micheida

Monday, September 19, 2022

8:30 AM

+ Linda Gruden

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

+ Jim Limb 8:30 AM

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

8:30 AM + Elizabeth Carrier

Thursday, September 22, 2022

8:30 AM + Irene Soto Friday, September 23, 2022

+ Sue Kiley 8:30 AM Saturday, September 24, 2022

+ Dulis Garrido 8:00 AM

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

+ Marilyn Galloup 3:00 PM

5:00 PM + Alex Dolkas

Sunday, September 25, 2022

7:00 AM

+ Bette Singler

9:00 AM 11:00 AM + Edward and Katherine Larson

1:00 PM

+ Elizabeth and Louis Bolbrock SI For Our Parishioners

5:00 PM

+ George Dublino

Requested By

The Silverio Family

Ulanski Family

Kathy and Bob Sims

Requested By

Albert and Vivian Kozak

Maureen Genel

Mrs. Cassata

DeSantis Family

Requested By

The Silverio Family

Requested By

Pauline Cataldo

Requested By

The Eight Carrier Children

Requested By

Jospeh and Sandra DeJesus

Requested By

Linda Ioxino

Requested By Vincent Lasprogata

Ann and Gregg Agens

Norma Claussen

Requested By

Dan and Stephanie Tamulevich

The English Family

Janis Bolbrock

Maria Dublino

Readings for the Week

Saturday, September 10, 2022

1 Cor 10:14-22/LK 6:43-49 (442)

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/ Lk 15:1-32 (132)

Monday, September 12, 2022

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10 (443)

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17 (444)

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638)

Thursday, September 15, 2022

1 Cor 15:1-11/|n 19:25-27 (446/639)

Friday, September 16, 2022

1 COR 15:12-20/LK 8:1-3 (447)

Saturday, September 17, 2022

1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49/LK 8:4-15 (448)

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.



Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact Ann Petrillo: 239.248.2189

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

Knights of Columbus. At St. John the Evangelist, Knights serve parish ministries, sponsor parish events and help with special projects. They support our clergy, fund parish equipment, assist in events for our youth and help the less fortunate. You can learn more about the parish K of C Council on our website https://11281.knights.church or contact us, at info@kofccouncil11281.org or leave a message at 239.228.3938, and we'll respond promptly. Fourth degree Knights can find information about our Assembly at https://3308.patriotic.degree.

Knitting & Crocheting. Meets year-round on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in classrooms 3&4 in the Parish Activity Center. No experience necessary. Make baby and children's items, prayer shawls, nursing home and elderly blankets. Contact Sharon Camp: 239.438.7867 or sharon@naples.net

Ladies of Charity. Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We strive to serve the poor, sick, and marginalized in our community. Membership is open to any Catholic woman. For more information, please contact Karen Kaspar at kcmk77@aol.com or 216.496.7414.

Sewing Ministry. Sewing Ministry meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Parish Activity Center, rooms 1 and 2. Donations, both monetary and of fabrics and supplies are welcome. If you like to sew we encourage you to come and see what we are all about. Please call either Barbara Arthur at 239.250.4162, email Bka1678@hotmail.com or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul. We give glory to God by offering direct/in-home help to anyone in need within the boundaries of our parish. Our work spans fighting food insecurity, keeping families in their homes, and a wide variety of special projects and programs focused on helping our neighbors address difficult challenges. We meet the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Rome Room. Contact Fred Michaels: fmam@epix.net.



Safe Environment Training. 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 complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For further information, please visit: https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.



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.

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

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – Rosemary Erickson: 239 250 0432

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

Liturgy of the Hours - Call the Office: 239.566.8740 Pray the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena: Every Saturday immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Allan Degnan: 239-919-4465

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 **Gambler's Anonymous** 855.222.5542

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
- SSG Douglas Hennessy
- · Marine Colonel Brian Howlett
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber USAF
- PV2 Alexander McMickle Ft. Eustis, VA
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- 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 SpagnolaStaff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino USAF, Turkey
- Capt. Stephen English US Army

Paul Lombard

- Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
- Lt. Brendan Tourek USN
- Capt. Gregory Sacenti US Army
- Daniel Petito US Army
- PFC John Dyer US Army Germany
- Drew Kendall Seamen US Navy
 LTJG Tanis K. Taylor US Navy, USS
- Sullivans
- · Sophie Koeppl
- Austin Zicht USAF, Germany
- Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF
- SPC Nicholas LaManna
- PFC Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps

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

Michael Brenyo and Maria Squicciarini

Prayer List

Declan Aigner
Molly and Randy Anton
Josephine Apricena
Dexter Aumiller
Tony Aumiller
Allison Avery
Bables Ralph and Charlie
Kim Bach
Florence Ballachino
Sam Ballachino
Barbara Barber
Carolyn Bashaw
Robert Bashaw
Robert Bashaw
Jennifer Basile
Kurt Becker
Ralph Belmore
Linda Berry
Larry Biela
Boxer
Bernie Boyle
Therese Braiz
Kent Brase
Isabella Bucca
Connie Cahill
Camp Family
Dick and Betsy Canny
Paula Cantoni
Hortencia Victoria Arbocco
Carrillo
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Carrillo

Pauline Cataldo Chris Rosanne Christinzio Lorraine Ciano Leonora Coleman Paige Coughlin Margaret Cunnane Anne Cunningham Brad Cunningham Ann Curran Janet D'Addario . Eileen Norma DaSilva Mark Davey Julie DeArmas Nicholas DeCanto Nicki DeVries Vincent DiStefano Tim Dodd Suzanne Donnelly Melissa Eckenrode Michele Eddy Eileen Elkin Escobar Melanie F.

Bill Farley The Fewell Family
Follese and Fiedler Families Kevin Flynn Anna Focht Dylan Fowler Fr. Len Gioeli Ioann Golia Florence Gordon Richard Granger Harry Grevey Jessica Gary Lisa Ann Granger Karen Gross Gary Gwizdala Becky Hanson Fred Harkins Cody Harrison Gayle Harvey Don Herring Rosemary Heyen Amy Hilliard Robert Hilliard Marie Hotle Sianead Hyland

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Bob Lutz
Joan D. Lynch
Barb Marsh
Deborah Marsh
Ruth Martin
Donna Masse
Janice McCarthy
Catherine McCusker
Jutta McInnis
Susan McKeever
Jerry McMahon
Andrew McManus
Rebecca McManus
Rishop Burchell McPherson
Thomas and Michael Miller
Eileen Miner
Heather Schwarz Maroney
Carrie Nudd
James Oko
Francisco Basielio Oliveira
Marylee Olsen
Kathleen O'Donnell
Joseph Pandolfo
Eric Parker

Ryan Paul
Bill Payne
Adolfo Peters
Raymond Placencia
Dennis Powers
Amrita Rashmi
Maria Recchia
John Repice
Vicki Reza
Jack Roberts
Danica Roy
Frank Ryan
Peggy O'Neil Saba
Lisa Sanfelippo
RC Schmidt
Anne Sissman
Kyle Sitarz
Teddy & Joe Sitter
Clyde Smatlak
Robert and Kathleen Soares
Amy Soble
Pamela Solomon
N. J. Spriggle
George Stash
Ruth Stefanek
Julian Stickney
Jeanne Stoll
Brendan Sullivan

Diane Sweeney
Joan Marie Switalski
Terry
Kristin Travis
Kathleen Trotter
Lily Troutman
Beth Tze
Pavel Ushakov
Vlada Ushakova
Nicole Vander Horst
Michael Venardi
Joann Vullo
Noah Wagner
Barbara Wallace
Elaine Wilkinson
Harry Witt
S,J. Zarebi
Carol Zolan



Tom Middlemiss, Parishioner

Twenty one years ago, on September 11, 2001 at 8:45 a.m., American Airlines Flight 11, hijacked by terrorists, deliberately crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City and America was under attack. This was followed by United Flight 175 hitting the South Tower seventeen minutes later.

A third hijacked flight, American Airlines flight 77 stuck the Pentagon and the fourth and final hijacked flight, United 93 crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after an attempt by passengers to gain control the aircraft.

The death toll of these senseless acts were staggering. In New York City, it is estimated that 16,000 to 18,000 people occupied both Towers at the the time of the attack, and through the heroic efforts of the FDNY, PAPD and NYPD, 15,800 souls were saved at an overwhelming cost. 343 New York City Firemen, 37 Port Authority Police Officers and 23 New York City Police Officers paid the ultimate sacrifice for an overwhelming total of 403 personnel murdered on a single day.

As people were running away from the havoc, these heroes were running into the inferno to save lives, because that is what they do. They are our Final Protective Line against the evil that surrounds us and have become the targets of hate for standing up for what is right.

Being born and raised in New York City and spending my entire life working there before relocating to Naples, the attack became personal.

I watched as the Twin Towers were built, an amazing work of art and engineering. It was a marvel as they seemed to reach out to the heavens, having 110 stories 1,312 feet high.

The Towers took five years to complete, 1968-1973, and were destroyed in one day.

As a child, I remember going to church with my parents and siblings to pray for our troops during World War II. It's time again to pray for our troops, first responders and our beloved country with the struggles we face today against the tyranny which threatens our freedom.

Prayer is a powerful tool that we all have and must use to repel the evil we see every day. Bring God back into our lives through prayer and educate our children and grandchildren about current events.

God bless America, land of the free because of the brave.

Jerry Sanford, Naples Resident

A 2022 Veteran Honoree at the Knights of Columbus Independence Party this year, Jerry Sanford is a living symbol of patriotism. Born and raised on Staten Island in New York, he served six years in the United Sates Navy and joined the New York City Police Department in 1965, then transferred to the New York City Fire Department in 1968 where he worked for 29 years in various positions, the last being the Press Secretary for the Fire Commissioner.

Lieutenant Sanford retired from the FDNY in January of 1997 and relocated to Naples the following year. Jerry didn't take to retirement very well and was appointed the Public Information Officer for the North Naples Fire District in the Spring of 2000.

In 2003, Jerry was asked to join a movement to build a lasting Freedom Memorial for the souls lost in the 9/11 attacks and all members of our Armed Forces who died for the freedom we enjoy. It was dedicated on September 9, 2016 as a lasting remembrance to those who gave all for God and Country and is located on Golden Gate Parkway and Goodlette Frank Road.

As fate would have it, Jerry came across an early 1900s antique fire helmet and knew it was from New York City. He immediately made arrangements to return the helmet to Ladder 42 in the South Bronx on September 10th at a rededication of the firehouse.

The stage was set including an altar for Father Mychal Judge, a fire department Catholic Chaplain. It was the last mass that Father Judge would celebrate, as he was killed the next day with falling debris in the 9/11 attack.

Flying out of New York's LaGuardia airport early on September 11th, Jerry and his fellow firemen from Naples headed to Pittsburg for a plane change to Ft. Myers. It was there they found out what happened back in New York. Without missing a beat, they rented a car and drove to Naples. Jerry asked Chief Tobin if he could leave and go back to New York. Given the permission, he headed to New York City and assumed his former role as Press Secretary for the FDNY for several weeks before returning to Naples.

Jerry has written a book about his exploits as a fireman and the 9/11 experience. "It Started with a Helmet" is about his return to New York City the day before 9/11.

Lieutenant Jerry Sanford, a true hero of 9/11.



Gospel Reflections with Father Tom

It's shocking to see how multinational companies sometimes cut the work force, without any consideration for the individuals they are letting go. For them it's all about profits rather than the welfare of the workers.

This is where Jesus' stories of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin come in. What is at stake in both is the value of the individual. But one might say: why all the fuss over one wretched sheep or one miserable coin? To a good shepherd each sheep is important and precious. The coin the woman lost was a drachma, worth about 4 pence That doesn't sound much to us. But at that time it was the equivalent of a day's wage. We can understand

then why she searched so diligently for it. It meant a lot of her.

Once a group of concerned people got together to plan opening a reformatory for boys. They invited a well-known educator to advise them on how to go about it. He made a passionate plea for humane methods of education at the reformatory, urging the founders to spare no expense in getting the services of kind-hearted and competent teachers. He concluded by saying, "If the reformatory were to save even one boy from moral depravity, it will have justified all the cost and labor invested in it."

Afterwards a member of the board approached him and said, "Didn't you get a little bit carried away there? Would all the cost and labor be justified if we could save only one boy?"

"If it were my boy, yes," came the reply.

If you were to ask the shepherd, "Was all the time and effort you spent in looking for that one sheep justified? he would have given a similar answer: 'Yes, when the sheep is your sheep." There was nothing exceptional about the shepherd in Jesus' story. Any shepherd worthy of the name would do the same. Of course Jesus was not talking about sheep but about people, about sinners, to be more precise. The Pharisees were scandalized at seeing him spend so much time in the company of sinners. And he didn't wait for sinners to repent before befriending them. He befriended them in their sinfulness, in their lostness. This is what scandalized the religious authorities; that he associated with sinners while they were still sinners.

Jesus' defense was quite straightforward; he said he went where the need was greatest. The sheep that is lost, and is therefore endangered, has more need of the shepherd than the sheep that is within the fold. And the shepherd doesn't wait for the lost sheep to come back; he goes looking for it. Sinners have more need of him than the virtuous, because they are lost.

In associating with sinners Jesus wasn't condoning their situation. Rather, he was trying to show them a better way. But he could not do this without associating with them and being sympathetic towards them. You never improve people by shunning them. In acting the way he did, Jesus revealed the mercy of God towards sinners.

St. Paul never forgot the fact that he was once an enemy of Jesus. But now he regards himself as a witness to the fact that Jesus came to save sinners (Second Reading). Just as a virtuous person is a witness to the grace of God, so a repentant sinner is a witness to the mercy of God.

"I do not agree with the big way of doing things. To us what matters is an individual." (Mother Teresa)



Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Prayer

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

9/11 Prayer

Years have passed, but the events of September 11th will not be forgotten. As the anniversary comes about, let us take on the heart posture of peace towards our fellow man, and let us come before the Lord God Almighty to pray for our neighbors, our nation, and our world. Ask the Lord this day how you can honor those who lost their lives and how you can serve the Kingdom of God here on earth. Let us be ever mindful to pray for peace and to boldly come before the Lord to invite His Spirit to be among us.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living, and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



Readings for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Tlme

Reading I Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The LORD said to Moses,

"Go down at once to your people,
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt,
for they have become depraved.

They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to
them,

making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it, sacrificing to it and crying out,

'This is your God, O Israel,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt!'
"I see how stiff-necked this people is, " continued the
LORD to Moses.

Let me alone, then,

that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them.

Then I will make of you a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people,

whom you brought out of the land of Egypt
with such great power and with so strong a hand?
Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel,
and how you swore to them by your own self, saying,
'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in
the sky;

and all this land that I promised,
I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'"
So the LORD relented in the punishment
he had threatened to inflict on his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

R. (Lk 15:18) I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Reading II 1 Tm 1:12-17

Beloved:

I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord,

because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry.

I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated

because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief.
Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant,
along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Of these I am the foremost.

But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost,

Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life.

To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia



Alleluia 2 Cor 5:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia. God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel *Lk 15:1-32*

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So to them he addressed this parable.

"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them

would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home,

he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them,
'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'

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I tell you, in just the same way
there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous people
who have no need of repentance.

"Or what woman having ten coins and losing one

would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it?

And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them,

'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.'
In just the same way, I tell you,

there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Then he said,

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father,
'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.'
So the father divided the property between them.
After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings
and set off to a distant country
where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.
When he had freely spent everything,
a severe famine struck that country,
and he found himself in dire need.
So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens
who sent him to his farm to tend the swine.

And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.

He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him,

`Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you;
I no longer deserve to be called your son.'

But his father ordered his servants,
'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him;
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

Take the fattened calf and slaughter it.

Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;

he was lost, and has been found."

Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing.

He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean.

The servant said to him,

'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

He became angry,

and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him.

He said to his father in reply,

'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders;

yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns, who swallowed up your property with prostitutes,

for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'
He said to him.

'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.

But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."



Hymns for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022

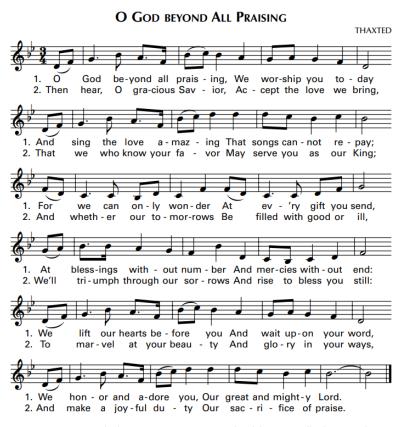
Opening Hymn: O God, Beyond All Praising

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51 - I Will Rise And Go To My Father

Gifts: Let There Be Peace On Earth

Communion Songs: Eat This Bread, Prayer of Saint Francis

Closing Hymns: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, God Bless America



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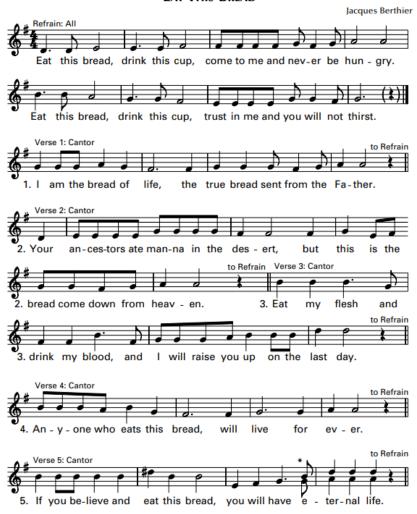
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH



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EAT THIS BREAD



Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini.

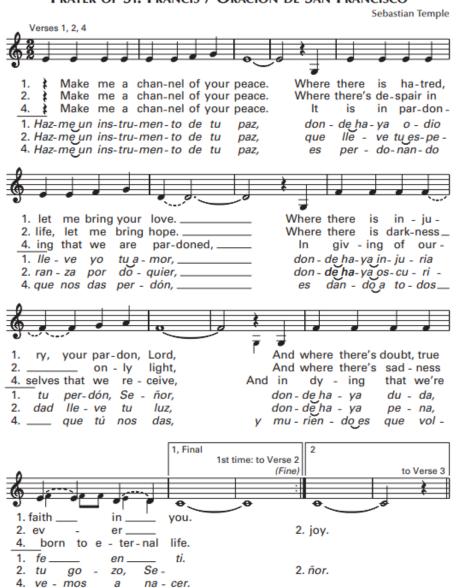
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First Friday Adoration and Benediction Upcoming Dates: October 7, November 4, and December 2 7:00 p.m. in the Church



PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS / ORACIÓN DE SAN FRANCISCO



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MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY



Text: 15 15 15 6 with refrain; Julia W. Howe, 1819–1910. Music: trad. American Melody; attr. to William Steffe, ca. 1830–1911.

God Bless America!

God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains to the prairies.
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home!

Music - 5:00 p.m. Mass

Processional Song

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



Offertory Song

How He Loves

He is jealous for me Love's like a hurricane, I am a tree Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy When all of a sudden I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory And I realize just how beautiful You are And how great Your affections are for me

> And oh, how He loves us, oh Oh, how He loves us How He loves us all



Communion Song

Reckless Love

Verse 1:

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me You have been so, so good to me Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me You have been so, so kind to me

Verse 2:

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me You have been so, so good to me When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus:

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah

Bridge:

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

Closing Song

God So Loved

Verse:

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well
That never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more
Well, come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table
He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus:

For God so loved
The world that He gave us
His one and only
Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
Will live forever

The power of hell
Forever defeated
Now it is well
I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved
God so loved the world



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Verity Pregnancy & Medical Resource Center, Fort Myers 239-433-1929 – www.veritypmc.com

Immokalee Pregnancy Center, Immokalee 239-657-2016 – www.immokaleepregnancy.com



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Faith Formation Classes Begin Wednesday, September 14th and Sunday, September 18th

We look forward to welcoming all our parish families to the upcoming Faith Formation year! Our Faith Formation Staff and Catechists have been diligently preparing for your children! Families that have children registered for Faith Formation will receive an email from Natalie Campbell with additional details one week before classes begin.

For those still seeking to register for Faith Formation after the August 31st deadline, we will do our best to accommodate your class preferences and welcome your registration.

Registration Forms may be found in the family resources area in the hallway near the restrooms and the Gift Boutique. We are blessed to have this new area designated for items like Faith Formation Calendars and Registration materials, as well as Kid's Bulletins and coloring sheets to enjoy during Mass. (A pack of four crayons are available for purchase in the Gift Boutique). We will leave a few clipboards that families can borrow and kindly return at the end of Mass.

Save the Dates

Registration is still open with registration forms available to print at our website, Parish Office, or Narthex of the church. Registration for the upcoming year is open through August 31st to give us time to have adequate Catechists in place and materials ordered to support the program. A \$5.00 increase in registration fees is added per child after August 31st to help with additional later shipping and non-bulk material costs. Thank you for your understanding. Below is a summary of what we plan to offer in the Fall. For more information, feel free to contact Natalie Campbell at natalie@sjecc.com.



Classes Begin – Wednesday, September 14 and Sunday, September 18, 2022.

Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Wednesdays from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Kindergarten through 8th Grade – Wednesdays from 5:00-6:15 p.m. OR Sundays from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation – Wednesdays from 5:00-6:15 p.m. OR Sundays from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

(*Parent Education Sessions available during youth Confirmation class sessions).

A Night In Bethlehem – Wednesday, December 7th – 5:00-7:30 p.m. STELLAR- Shine Jesus Light! Vacation Bible School – June 5th – 9th, 2023



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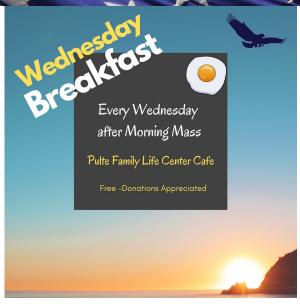
•Never Baptized •Baptized in another Christian tradition •Baptized Catholic as an infant, but not raised as a Catholic or received additional Sacraments

For more information, please contact: Father Arun Paul: rcia@sjecc.com or (239) 566-8740

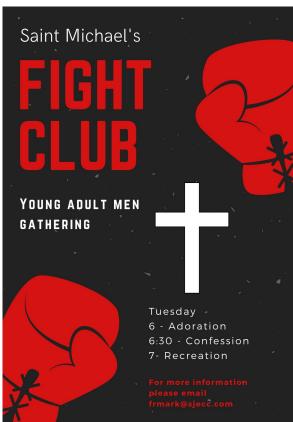
Jean Kechejian - RCIA Coordinator: jeankechejian@yahoo.com or (203) 521-1179

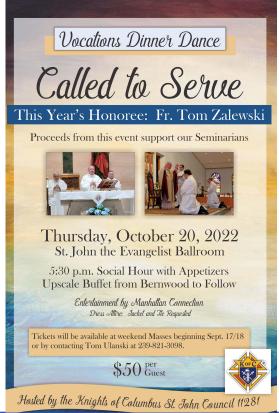
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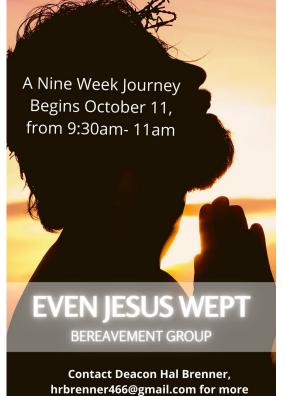












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