



St. John the Apostle
CATHOLIC CHURCH

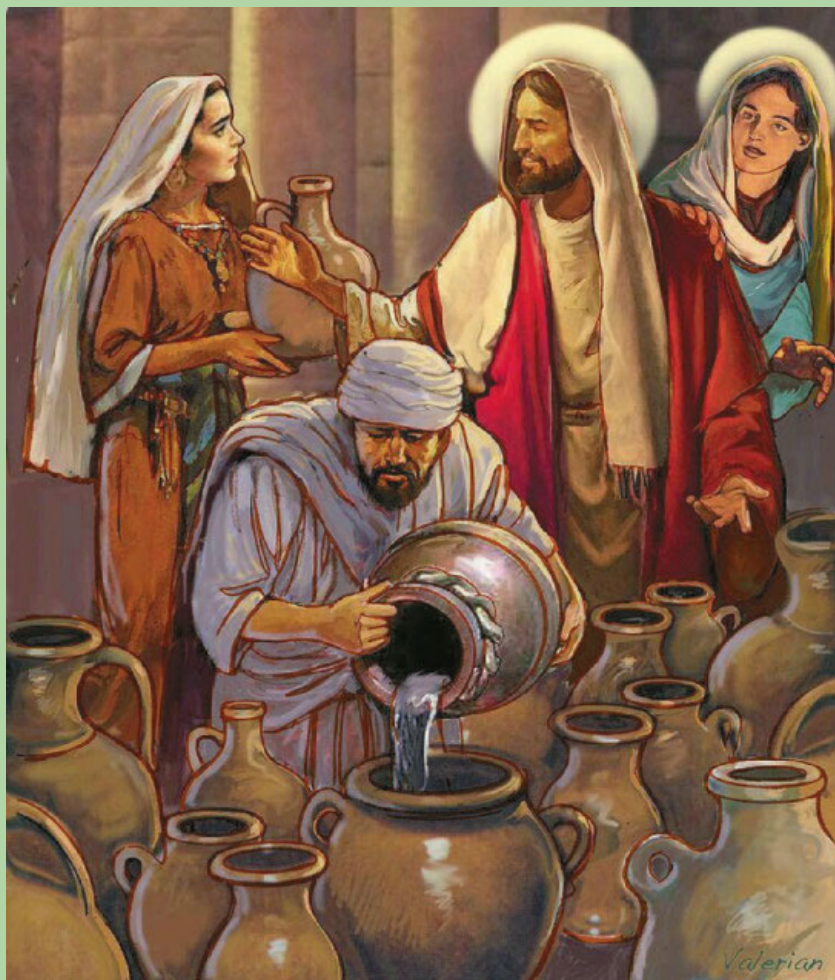


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January 16, 2022 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Parish Office: 1968 Sandbridge Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
Monday & Thursday: 9 am–12 pm & 1–4 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 am–12 pm & 1–4 pm
Friday: 9 am–Noon • Closed weekends
Phone: 757-426-2180 • Fax: 757-426-6857
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Email: parish@sjavb.org
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Parish School: 1968-B Sandbridge Road
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Website: www.sjavb.org
Principal: Ms. Miriam Cotton
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 7:30 am, 9:15 am, and 11:00 am
Weekdays: Monday through Friday at 7:30 am

Penance

Thursdays 5–6:45 pm; Saturday 4–4:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays beginning at 8:00 am. Benediction at 6:45 pm.

Infant Baptism

Normally celebrated during weekend Masses. Parents must first attend a baptism preparation class. Please call the office for information. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

Marriage

In this diocese, couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church should notify their pastor at least six to nine months prior to the anticipated celebration and before setting a date. At least one party in the couple should be a registered parishioner for six months prior to requesting a wedding date.

First Communion

Celebrated during the Easter Season.

Confirmation for Youth

Celebrated during the Easter Season. One-year preparation is normative, beginning in 10th grade.

Christian Initiation of Children or Adults

Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church or entering the catechumenate, please contact the parish office. Inquiry welcomed at any time.

Mission Statement

The mission of St. John the Apostle Catholic Parish is to grow in faith and union with Jesus Christ and one another. We strive to be a place where all are welcome as we respond to the needs of our community and the world through Word, Worship, Stewardship and Service.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30, 9:15, and 11:00 am Masses

9:15 Mass – CLOW

MONDAY, JANUARY 17—Office Closed

Martin Luther King Day

7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

7:00 pm CRHP in Room B

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

10:00 am Truth Among Us Bible Study

1:00 pm Quilters

6:30 pm RCIA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

8:00 am Adoration

10:00 am Thursday Theologica

5:00 pm Confessions

6:45 pm Benediction

7:00 pm Outreach Meeting in Room A

7:00 pm Men of St. Joseph in Room B

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30 am Mass followed by Rosary

9:30 am Women of Grace

6:00 pm NFP Class

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

6:30 pm Young Adult Meeting

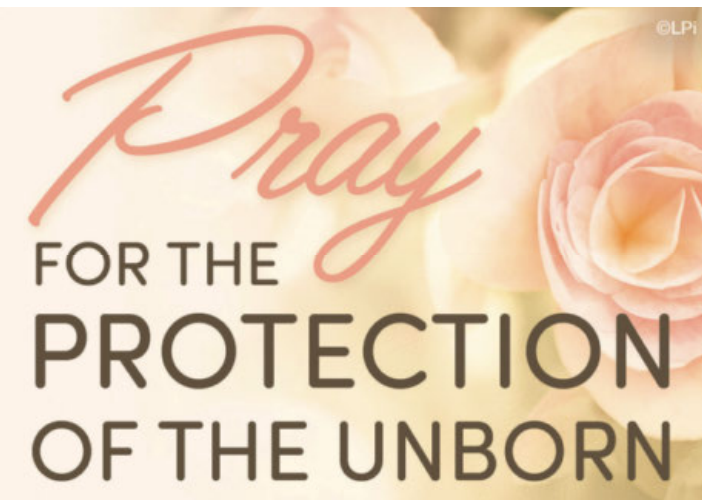


Saint John the Apostle Catholic School

Invites you to our Open
House

Sunday January 30, 2022

12:15pm - 2:00 pm



JANUARY 22, 2022

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children



Nightly Catholic News at 7:00 pm...

www.churchmilitant.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please note that we will be abiding by the COVID precautions in place at the School, including:

- The wearing of masks covering nose and mouth in the School building itself
- Restriction of school access to volunteers and students. Students will be dropped off at the School entrance and escorted to their classrooms.
- Classes start at 12:45 p.m. (Sunday) and 6:15 p.m. (Monday)
- Dismissal of grades will be staggered as last year:
 - Kindergarten & First Grade 15 minutes prior;
 - Second & Third Grade 10 minutes prior;
 - Fourth & Fifth Grade 5 minutes prior; Middle School at the traditional dismissal time. The traditional dismissal time for Sunday is 2:00 p.m. and Monday is 6:15 p.m.

Please note the January schedule for Religious Education is affected by holidays and Catholic Schools Week:

- January 16 & 17 – No Class because of Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 23 & 24 – Class
- January 30 & 31 – No Class because of Catholic Schools Week (NEW CHANGE)

young Adult MINISTRIES

The Monthly General Meeting for Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will be next Saturday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Room. What does it mean to be pro-life? How can we effectively minister to all those who are contemplating or who have been wounded by abortion? Please join us as we welcome *Barbara Firich*, parish Respect Life coordinator, and a special guest speaker who will be sharing her personal testimony of choosing life.

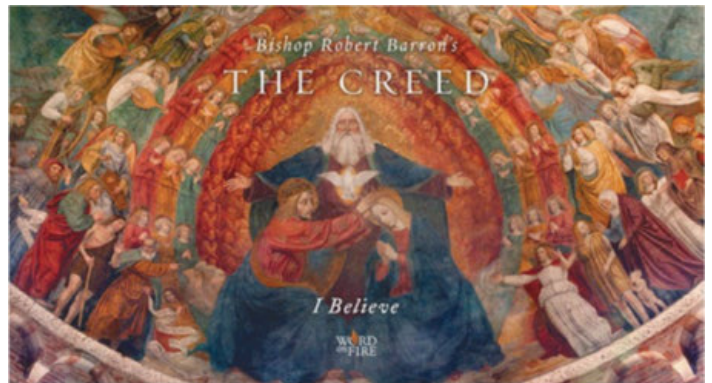


THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Men of St. Joseph is a national movement of Catholic men who gather every week to prayerfully read and discuss Sacred Scripture and call each other to holiness. Please join us on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Church Activity Room B.

<https://www.menofstjoseph.com/>

In Joseph...heads of the household are blessed with the unsurpassed model of fatherly watchfulness and care. – Pope Leo XIII



**Coming January 2022 for Thursday Theologica
Bishop Robert Barron's new series on
"The Creed"**

What do Christians believe? What do YOU believe? What does it even mean to "believe? The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Nicene Creed, which we profess at every Sunday Mass. What does it all really mean?


"The Creed" started on Thursday, January 13, 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Church Activity Room. Books are available for \$25.00. Contact John Domingo for more details.

<https://creed.wordonfire.org/creed-series>



Coming Soon to Sunday Theologica

C.I.A. Youth Ministry Program (Grades 8-12)



C.I.A. YOUTH GROUP GOES BOWLING!

TUESDAY, JAN. 25TH, 4:40PM-7PM

AMF Lynnhaven Lanes
Cost: \$30 per person (includes dinner, drinks, and arcade)
Money due to SJA Office by Monday, Jan. 17th by 12pm



NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT



WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND FUN MLK WEEKEND SPENT WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

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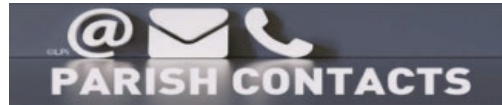
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 Convener, Tommy Irving 439-3304

Parish Finance Council

Chair, Jim Manger 689-4826

Liturgy, Prayer & Worship

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 Altar Servers, Fr. Rob 426-2180
 Baptisms, Office 426-2180
 Choirs, Dr. Brandon Spence 426-2180
 SCHOLA (Men/boys Chant), Dr. Spence 426-2180
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 CRHP, Deacon Mac McClelland 426-2180

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 Extraordinary Ministers—Mary Humphrey 239-4247
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 Funeral Team, Mike Walsh 544-1678
 Greeter Ministry, Joy Catalano 635-7679
 Lectors, Liz Newby 430-8229
 Little Company of Mary, Joyce Leotta 427-1604
 Marian Prayer Group, Lois Bonner 777-6732
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 Prayer Chain, Mary Ellen Roemer roem3@aol.com
 or 732-299-4165

Ushers, Jim Snead 427-2855
 Weddings, Office 426-2180

Faith Formation for Adults

Truth Among Us Bible Study/Billie Sullivan 689-1183
 Women of Grace Group, Jaci Brandwein 412-370-5910

Parish & Community Life

Art & Environment, Karen Tenney and 651-3714
 Andrea Lopshansky 472-0472
 Bereavement Hospitality, Jamie Ridgway 573-8871
 Boy/Cub Scouts, Jerry Kane 427-3860
 Children's Nursery, Amy Kirner 732-809-9211
 Knights of Columbus Council 13467
 Shawn Hutchings, Grand Knight 718-2668
 Patrick Mayette, Deputy Grand Knight 394-2992
 Ministry to the Homebound, Deacon Joe Grillo
 jgrillo@sjavb.org or 426-2180
 Advocates for Persons w/Disabilities...
 Margo Perry 408-5234
 Money Counters Patti Crimmins 737-0783
 Respect Life Barbara Firich 301-3924
 Parish Social Events, Jeri Kislow 427-9646
 Welcome Desk, Betty Rosignolo 437-8662

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Additional Ministries

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 christinaech@yahoo.com
 Natural Family Planning, Chris/Stephanie Finocchio
 430-1493
 Social Media, Office 426-2180
 Meals on Wheels Dennis Hartig 404-7953

For information on additional ministries, please visit our website at www.sjavb.org.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bride and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

Gospel:

Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!
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MEALS ON WHEELS – TEAM 3

Week of January 17-20, 2022

- Monday: Holiday—No Delivery (Leavis)
- Tuesday: Muriel Bucknam & Becky Reynaldo
- Wednesday: Rachel Pocta
- Thursday: Greg & Jan Cavanaugh



WANT TO HELP DELIVER MEALS?

Call 757-404-7953

MEALS ON WHEELS – TEAM 4

Week of January 24-27, 2022

- Monday: Marian & Bill Rosenow
- Tuesday: Agneta White (Needs partner)
- Wednesday: George & Ronnie Sorrentino
- Thursday: Maria Kotwasinski & Rita Sioros



The 49th Annual March for Life will take place on Friday, January 21, 2022, 47 years from the anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion during ALL 9 months of pregnancy.



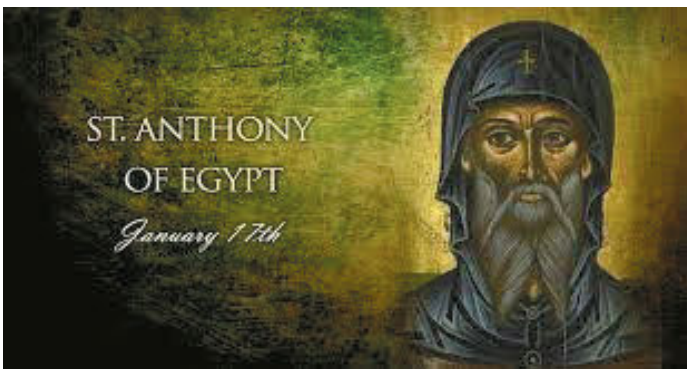
St. John's supports the right to life of every person, from conception to natural death. A bus has been chartered for parishioners to participate in the March for Life held in Washington, D.C. Due to the rising costs of the bus and fuel surcharges, the rider's cost has increased.

Signups for the bus (seating is limited) will end this weekend, January 15-16, or until the bus is full. The cost to reserve a seat is \$25.00 per person, \$50.00 per family (max of 5). Please pay with check or cash. Checks made out to St. John the Apostle.

For more information, contact Barbara Firich at bfjmj0481@hotmail.com or 757-301-3924.



Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle, and even transform your marriage sacrament. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on January 28-30, 2022 in North Myrtle Beach, SC and February 7-8 in Chantilly, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org>.



VOCATION CORNER

“There are different forms of service but the same Lord.” Is your form of service to become a priest?



Call the Vocations Office to speak with *Fr. Brian W. Capuano* at 804-359-5661 or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Answer: Fortitude, wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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St. John the Apostle Parish Blood Drive

Saturday February 12

9:00AM - 2:00PM

Activity Rooms A & B

Schedule your appointment now at

www.redcrossblood.org

Sponsor Code: SJAC

Sign-ups after Masses will begin

January 29, 2022

Contact Roy Alther at roy.alther@gmail.com for additional information or scheduling assistance.

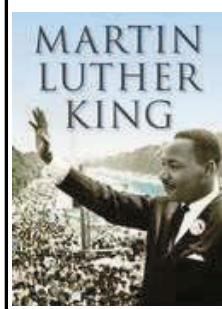
Holding hands during the Our Father— should we or should we not?

There have been numerous queries regarding whether it is appropriate to hold hands during the Our Father. While the Church has not officially prohibited the practice—perhaps because it is an innovation unique to the United States, which developed during the 1960s and '70s—it is suggested that people not hold hands (especially during COVID). The reason is that the *Roman Missal* does not prescribe a gesture for the people during the Lord's Prayer and the Embolism that follows; it simply states that the priest "extends his hands" (which is not the same as holding hands).

Typically, when the *Missal* expects a gesture or posture for the priest and the people it indicates what this is; here it only says that the priest should extend his hands, and so presumably only the priest should do so. Since nothing is said about the people's gesture, presumably nothing should be done. Neither the Vatican nor the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has authorized the holding of hands during the Our Father.

Thus, the following norm would seem to apply: "The liturgical books approved by the competent authority are to be faithfully observed in the celebration of the sacraments; therefore, no one on personal authority may add, remove, or change anything in them" (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 826 § 1). On a practical level, many people feel uncomfortable holding hands, and so it seems best to respect this preference.

Parish Announcements



Please note that the parish office is closed on **MONDAY, JANUARY 17**, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Morning Mass will be offered at 7:30, followed by Rosary, and then the building will be closed.

Parish Breakfast

Come join your fellow parishioners for fellowship and a delicious Parish Breakfast **JANUARY 16** after each Mass.

In addition to socializing with other St. John's parishioners and a belt-buster breakfast, you will be supporting several worthy causes including:

1. Scholarships and improvements at SJA School
2. Support to several Seminarians
3. Rosaries for First Communion
4. A number of other Parish, youth, and Hope4 Life programs

Breakfast is served from 8 am until around 12:30. Under 6 and over 80 are free! **Cost is \$5.00 and we take credit cards.**



Sr. Manners is extremely annoyed! She cannot repeat herself often enough when it comes to gum chewing during Mass.

The practice of chewing gum is not only dreadful to observe, but more importantly, it breaks the one-hour Communion fast! Please understand that the moment you place the gum in your mouth, the digestive system is activated. It becomes the equivalent of eating something less than an hour before receiving Our Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

And when Communion time does come, where, dear reader, does the gum go?

In addition, those of us seated within close proximity to a gum-chewer are often subjected to chomping, cracking, and noisy chewing, all of which are unpleasantly distracting.

Sr. Manners strongly encourages foregoing this habit before Mass and offering up the sacrifice out of respect for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Support

Report for the week ending January 9, 2022

All figures are rounded.

Collection for Operations:

Weekly envelopes	\$10,526
Electronic giving	\$21,080
Loose Cash	\$1,206
Weekday Operations	
TOTAL	\$32,812
Average Budget for 1 week	\$21,838
Week over budget	\$10,974
Month-to-Date Collection	\$58,770
Budget for 2 weeks	\$43,676
Month over budget	\$15,094
Year-to-Date collection	\$618,059
Budget 27 weeks	\$611,464
Year over budget	\$6,595

Thank you for your continued support!

If you wish to become a registered parishioner, please download a registration form from our website (sjavb.org), complete it, and either mail it to us, drop it in the bell tower slot, or bring it to the office during our business hours.

Being “officially” registered is required if you need any type of sponsorship documentation or other sacramental needs.

Questions? Please contact Carole Romanini in the office at parish@sjavb.org.

**Please pray silently:
Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS



Parishioners who are unable to walk in the communion line to receive the Eucharist during weekend Masses are asked to inform an Usher **before** Mass begins each week. This will ensure that the head usher directs the Deacon to your seat with the Host and that you do not miss the opportunity to receive Our Lord.



If you or a family member are ill or facing surgery, and would like to be anointed, please contact the office. When it is not an emergency, please call the office before going to the hospital. Our number is 426-2180.



Infant baptisms (for children from birth to just before the 7th birthday) are scheduled throughout the year at various Masses. Baptisms are not performed during the solemn season of Lent (between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday). Before scheduling their child’s baptism, parents are required to attend a baptism preparation class. Please visit our website (sjavb.org) for dates and times and then phone the office to register for the class of your choice. Parents are encouraged to pick up a copy of our brochure, “Having Your Child Baptized at St. John the Apostle,” which is available online and in the office.

Next Class: February 1, 2022



Couples who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. John’s must contact **Carole Romanini, Office Manager**, at the parish office (426-2180 or parish@sjavb.org). **A minimum of six to nine months is normative for the preparation process after completing and submitting the parish wedding application and reviewing our policy booklet. We strongly encourage visiting the Marriage section of our website under Sacraments at www.sjavb.org prior to calling or emailing.**



Flowers for the Blessed Mother and/or Saint Joseph can be requested in honor or memory of a loved one.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

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Mass Intention

Monday	17	St. Anthony, Abbott	7:30 am	✠	Eddie Sisco
Tuesday	18	Weekday	7:30 am	✠	Dan Lee
Wednesday	19	Weekday	7:30 am		Mike Knox
Thursday	20	Weekday	7:30 am	✠	Charles Roemer
Friday	21	St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	7:30 am	✠	Francesco Sorbello & Sekemesh Tedlia
Saturday	22	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 pm		People of the Parish
Sunday	23	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am	✠	Ceferino L. Mones
			9:15 am	✠	Tomas Sampson
			11:00 am	✠	Harold Speckmayer



*Please pray for the recently deceased.
Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and may perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



~ Sanctuary Candle ~

Please stop by the office if you would like to reserve the sanctuary candle in memory or in honor of a loved one.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Names of individuals in need of prayer are published for four consecutive weeks. If the person continues to need prayers after the fourth week, the requester will need to notify the office either by phone or email (parish@sjavb.org) to reinstate them to the list.

Please remember that only an immediate family member may ask to have someone added to the sick list.

Let us pray for:

Joseph Vitello, Genevieve Kelly, Jeanne Pinkston, Joe and Fran Ragusa, Gary Boryk, Jr., Dolores Kerr, Lynn Stanley, James "Coach K" Kinzel, Lisa Psimas, Kenneth Sayler, Maria Aguilar-Coton, and Charles J. Cunningham.

If you need Communion brought to the homebound, please contact Deacon Joe at jgrillo@sjavb.org.



The 2022 Mass book is open for the month of February.

In order to accommodate the requests of our many parishioners, only six (6) memorials (Mass, Candle, or Flowers) per family will be allowed per year. Requests are on a first come availability basis.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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