

Sunday, December 26, 2021



Feast of the Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**ST. JOHN PAUL II**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*“After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.” — Lk 2:46-47*

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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday**  
CLOSED

**Tuesday – Friday**  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Closed for lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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# Prayer & Worship

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## HELP US CREATE THIS SANCTUARY

We humbly ask you to pray for the success of the this campaign and to consider making a financial contribution to participate in bringing this vision to reality.

*"Now more than ever, in a world that is often without light and without the courage of noble ideals, people need the fresh, vital spirituality of the gospel." — St. John Paul II*

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## REFLECTION

### ALL IN THE FAMILY

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday** 8:30 AM

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00 & 6:00 PM

**Sunday** 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

**Confessions Saturday** 2:30 – 3:45 PM

**Holy Days of Obligation**

**Vigil Mass** 7:00 PM

**Holy Day Masses** 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM — † Alejandro González

**SUNDAY, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM — People of the Parish

10:00 AM — † Aaron Charlton

12:00 PM — † Linda Svane

**MONDAY, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM — Brianna DeSilva (Birthday)

**TUESDAY, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM — † Rose Delgado

**WEDNESDAY, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM — Edmund & Frances Rice  
(Anniversary)

**THURSDAY, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM — Felicity & Jason Pickens  
(21<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

**FRIDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 AM — † Martin S. Egan

7:00 PM — † Natty Rutherford

## PRAYER & ADORATION

### WEDNESDAYS

Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM

Daily Mass at 8:30 AM

Adoration 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Evening Prayer & Benediction at 4:00 PM



## MEN OF THE PARISH

There will be an information night for men between the ages of 27 to 51 who feel a calling to the Permanent Diaconate. The meeting will be Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church. Questions about becoming a Deacon, email Deacon Tony at [deacontony@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:deacontony@nocateecatholic.com)

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

### Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve)

8:30 AM

7:00 PM (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil)

### Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Day)

10:00 AM (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

*No Confessions or Vigil Masses*

### Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> (The Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. John Paul II Catholic Community is a welcoming and engaging parish family nourished by the Eucharist and called by Jesus Christ to discipleship through scripture, sacraments, and stewardship guiding us to eternal life.

## VISION STATEMENT

The parish of St. John Paul II will cultivate an environment of discipleship to evangelize and reconcile our dynamic community.

**SUNDAY 10:00 AM MASS: LIVE STREAMED ONLINE & MASS STREAMED TO TENT – CONDITIONS PERMITTING**

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 27th for Christmas break.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### OUR SICK & INFIRM — ESPECIALLY:

Dale Adams, Christine Angevine, Barbara Arcement, Jim Barber, Jacqueline Bergel, Lisa Brauch, Reagan Bruce, Jay & Toni Cammarata, Antoinette & Salvatore Cammarata, David Cratem, Mary Ann Daniels, Roberto De Las Alas Sr., Claudia Del Río, Ben DeWees, Scott Dorow and family, Diane Duffy, Debbi Duran, Tim Dunn, Peter Earley, Rick Gerber, Dan Giambra, Christina Gormley, Stephanie Gormley, Guenzler Family, Barbie Hawkins, Amery Houston, Dave Johnson, Lynda Lewis, John & Allison Linfante, Pat Mayhew, John McKenney, Alex Miller, Kris & Fred Mitchell, Sheila Mortensen, Christine Multari, Antoinette Neubauer, Sharon Neuman, Dr. Roger O'Brien, Beto Alamilla Padrón, Dorothy Raby, Thomas Reardon, William Sandel, Jim Schulz, Michael & Myra Schwebel, John Strough, Dan Swing, David Townsend, Andrew Wade, Paul Woodburn Jr.

### OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Thespina (Nitsa) Bellissimo, Nicole DePorre Crepes, Mikaela Drury, Meaghan Limbaugh

### OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

LT Dominic Bellissimo, USN; 2Lt. Matthew Mahlmeister, USA; LT COL Michael Opresko, USAF; Cadet 3/C Erin Sass, USCG; AT2 Kyle Swanson, USN

## Prayer to the Holy Family

Lord, You intended for the Holy Family to be an example for all, and for the Holy spirit to enlighten our homes. May we, like them, be able to live according to the family virtues and stand united by the strength of Your Love before meeting again for eternity in the joy of Your house.

*Amen*

# Faith Formation

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## CLASS UPDATES

### **"THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER!"**

December is here! Let us prepare a way for our Lord. Our theme this month continues to build on one of our most important prayer tools, the Our Father.

December Family Community Meetings: There are NO in person Family Community Meetings in December.

In person classes will RESUME in January.

January Parent Teaching Meeting is **January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM.**

### *Family Prayer*



## SACRAMENTAL PREP

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Meeting is **January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM.**

**Parents and students attend. Materials will be distributed at this time.**

Those who are in K-6 Faith Formation and have not registered, please contact Dominic: [flc@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:flc@nocateecatholic.com) or Michelle: [assistantflc@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:assistantflc@nocateecatholic.com).

Confirmation Year 2: Save the date! The CY2 RETREAT will be on **January 29<sup>th</sup> @ the Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine.** We are looking forward to a faith filled day! Any questions please contact Dominic: [flc@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:flc@nocateecatholic.com)

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS / CHILDREN

*Were You Baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation? Not Baptized or Baptized in another faith and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Then RCIA is for you!*

### **What Is It?**

RCIA, The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, offers the opportunity to come together in a group setting to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

Together with catechists and sponsors, candidates explore elements of the Catholic faith as sessions focus on the teachings, traditions and experiences of the Catholic Church.

### **When & Where Is It?**

RCIA for 2021-22 meets weekly each **Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.** Candidates attend other special activities and retreats throughout the year. Classes are held at St. John Paul II Church.

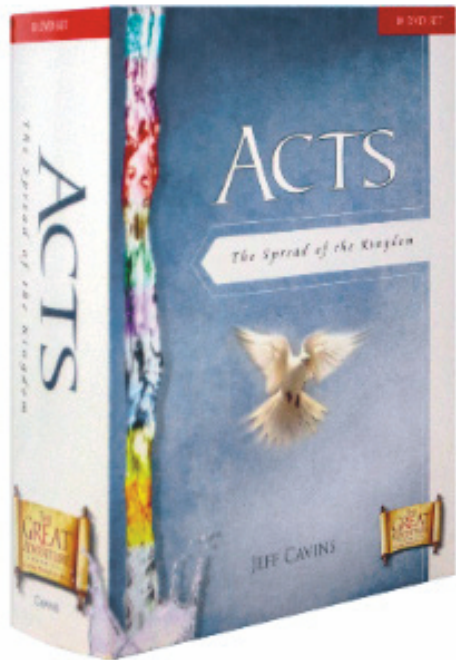
### **How Can You Get Started?**

E-mail [rcia@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:rcia@nocateecatholic.com) and an RCIA team member will get back to you or call Dominic at 904-330-0153.



# Ministry Activities

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## BIBLE STUDY RESUMES NEW DATE JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN OUR STUDY ON ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM

It will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ. We have completed 8 of the 20 sessions, so begin your New Year with a purpose. Review and outlines for the first sessions will be available.

Acts is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.

Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.

All are welcome. Contact Marsha Slick at [chsmss2@live.com](mailto:chsmss2@live.com) or 904-395-3638 to register or more information.

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## MOMS MINISTRY

### MISSION STATEMENT

Journeying with Catholic women in their vocation of motherhood to grow closer to Jesus through prayer, service & fellowship.

All moms, all stages & ages, are welcome to join to pray, play and/or serve! The Moms Ministry offers weekly, monthly & seasonal opportunities to connect:

- Wednesday Rosary
- Thursday Play Dates

- Monthly Moms' Night Out
- Triannual Holy Hours
- Ways to support local moms...& more!

Join our group on Flocknote for regular SJPII Mom updates! Contact [sjp2mom@gmail.com](mailto:sjp2mom@gmail.com) for more information.

Website: [tinyurl.com/sjp2momsmministry](http://tinyurl.com/sjp2momsmministry)

Flocknote: <https://nocateecatholic.flocknote.com/SJP2mom>



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: MONTHLY CLOTHING DRIVE

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY: JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2022**

In need of: Warm winter clothing and shoes, especially men's  
Please make sure donations are sellable items in good condition. We would like to thank the parish for their overwhelming response to our clothing drives each month. Your generous donations bring dignity instead of a handout

for those who purchase the clothing at our St. Vincent de Paul Thrift stores at very nominal prices. The monies raised are in turn used to assist others with rent, utilities, and emergency funds. We appreciate your generosity and support.



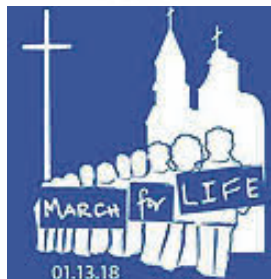
## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**MARCH FOR LIFE, ST. AUGUSTINE**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life St. Augustine will be held on **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 beginning at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche (101 San Marco Ave.)**. The theme this year is "Heal Our Wounded Culture, Choose Love, Choose Life" which focuses on choosing the love of God and the precious gift of Life.

Check out their website at [www.marchforlifestaugustine.com](http://www.marchforlifestaugustine.com)

A SJPII group meeting place will be communicated as we get closer to the event date.



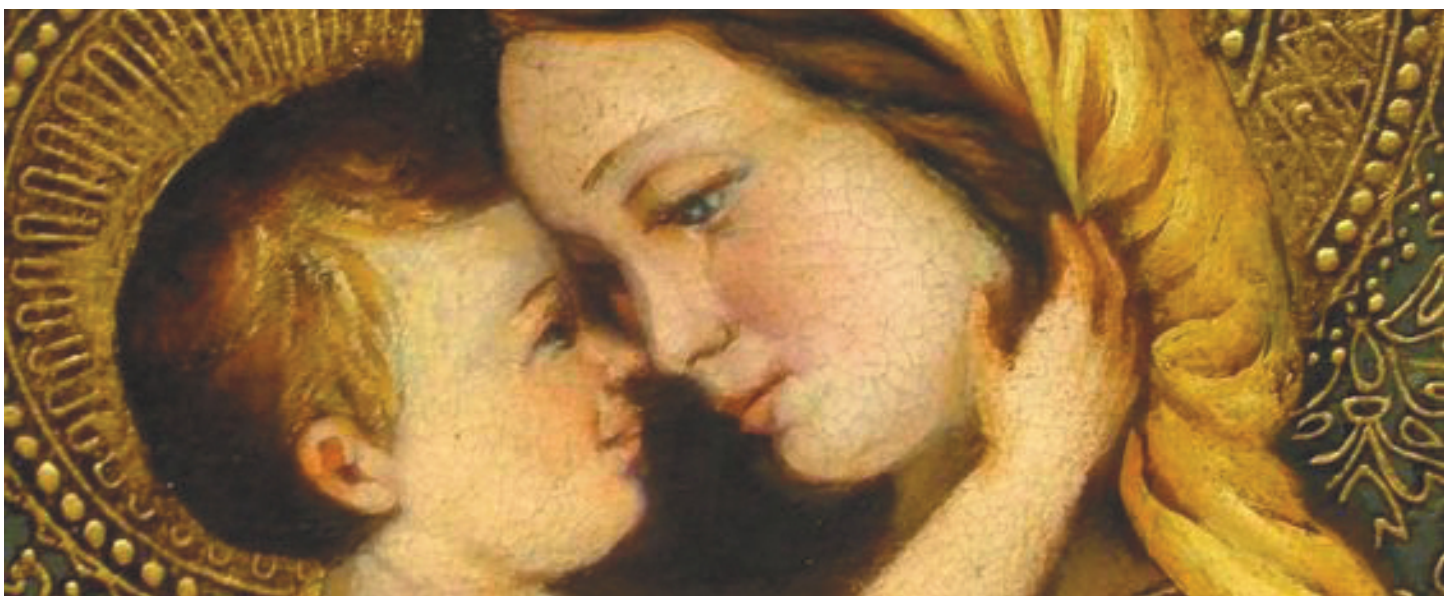
## FINANCIAL PLANNING BIBLE STUDY

Want to increase savings? Reduce personal debt? Grow closer to God? Strengthen personal relationships?

Faith & Money Matters, a 6-week Bible study that teaches God's perspective about money and possessions, will begin soon. The study is done in a small group and consists of reading and answering questions about Bible verses, which are discussed among the participants. There are also personal financial exercises, which help you implement Biblical principles in your daily life.

"If, then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth?" (Luke 16:11)

For more information, contact Ted Brauch [ted.brauch@yahoo.com](mailto:ted.brauch@yahoo.com) / 904-534-9548



## CAREER MINISTRY MEETINGS

We are grateful for the Lord's blessings on our Ministry as we witness how our efforts have helped our members and we have exciting plans to extend the Career Ministry reach beyond the Parish. Since we launched the ministry, six short months ago, we have success stories, have developed a website with tools for job search, as well as opportunities to partner with other ministries beyond our Parish.

Looking forward, we have several guest speakers lined up in the weeks ahead. Topics include: The Blessing of Unemployment, Career vs Calling, and The Career Road Map: A Process for Anyone. Stay tuned for more information.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 6:00 PM**

We continually welcome new members! Whether you need career assistance or are interested in serving as a coach or mentor contact us or come to a meeting. We are always in need of subject matter expertise!

As a reminder, **meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the Monday and start at 6 PM in the church.** For more information about the Ministry (including job search resources) please go to our website [tinyurl.com/sjiicareer](http://tinyurl.com/sjiicareer)

We enthusiastically welcome new members.

## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please let our Ministry to the Sick volunteers bring them the Eucharist and pray with them. Only a commissioned minister should bring the Eucharist outside of church. Send an email to [ministry@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:ministry@nocateecatholic.com) or contact the parish office at 904-330-0153 to schedule a visit.



## ROSARY FOR RECOVERY

Pray to break the chains of addiction  
**The first Sunday of each month at 3:00 PM**

Where: Our Lady of La Leche  
National Shrine at Nombre De Dios  
101 San Marco Avenue  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

For more information contact: Sean—377-5425

All are welcome!

Please spread the word and encourage others to come and pray a powerfully simple Rosary in front of Jesus in the Tabernacle.

## SAINT JOHN PAUL II KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Christmas Greetings from the Knights of Columbus

Our warmest wishes for a joyful Christmas and a grace-filled New Year.



## FOOD DRIVE

### SAINT JOHN PAUL II KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All Masses Jan 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Please support Catholic Charities Food Bank in St. Augustine, and help those families, individuals, and seniors in need.

This food drive continues to be very important as St. Augustine Catholic Charities Food Bank strives to meet the increased needs of our community.

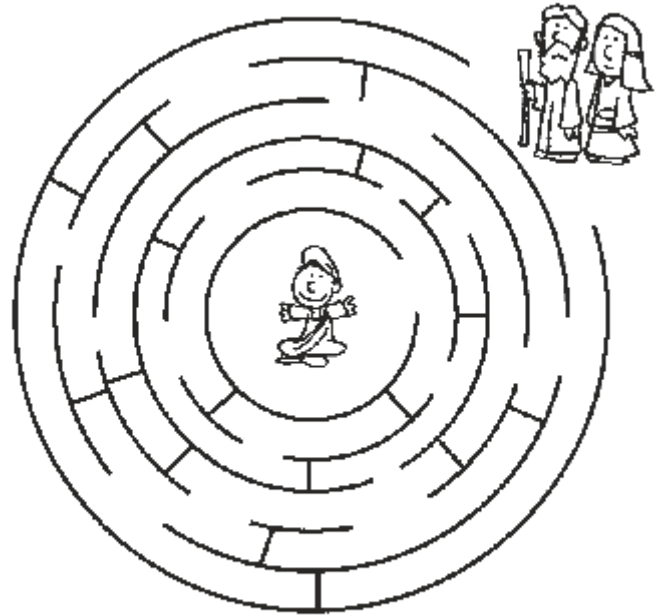
Your generous support by donating food this weekend at all Masses will help the hungry and undernourished in our community and St. Johns County.

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# Why Do We Do That?

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## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

### QUESTION:

If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

### ANSWER:

The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' human nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary Theotokos. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

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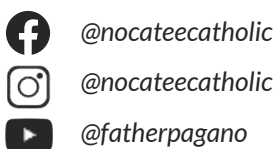
## Parish Information

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## RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE

There is no need to feel alone when real help is available during an **unplanned pregnancy**. Caring Choices at 866-901-9641 offers help through counseling, support, education, resources and referrals. This is one decision not to face alone! If you are struggling with emotional or spiritual pain following an abortion there are two healing ministries available, both are **post-abortion healing ministries** that will lovingly help to transform your pain to hope and through reconciliation give peace.

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Text **GOTJESUS** to **84576** to receive spiritual quotes, information and messages from SJPII.

Download the **WeConnect** Parish app for access to the bulletins, church calendar and important parish notifications. Text **ParishApp1** to **555888** for iPhone Users; or Text **ParishApp2** to **555888** for Android Users.

Parishioners can visit [parishesonline.com](http://parishesonline.com), locate your parish with the search tool, and sign-up to automatically get an email when a new publication becomes available.

Email your bulletin requests to:  
[communications@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:communications@nocateecatholic.com)

**BY WEDNESDAY, 5:00 PM THE PRIOR WEEK**

## ONLINE GIVING

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will enable the church to minister to our community.



## IMPORTANT

If you receive an email or text message that appears to be from Father Pagano requesting help, money, or donations, please be aware this is a phishing scam. If the email is not from [pastoroffice@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:pastoroffice@nocateecatholic.com), please ignore, block, and delete the email. Block and delete text messages of this sort.

## SJPII MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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- Young Adult Ministry** – Miranda Powell, [fed@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:fed@nocateecatholic.com)

## GUIDELINE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flowers may be sponsored on a weekly basis in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, such as an anniversary, wedding or birth. Donation is \$120 for the center altar flowers. Due to certain holidays and feast days some weeks may not be available. Please call the Parish Office at 904-330-0153 for availability. Donations may be made online through WeShare, by scanning the QR code, or at the parish office.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

### BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please complete a registration form, which can be found in the Gathering Area of the church, and return it to the office. Or register online at [nocateecatholic.com](http://nocateecatholic.com).

## ATTENTION

The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with the allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. **To Report Abuse Call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-775-4659, ext. 129 or Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96Abuse or 1-800-962-2873.**

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