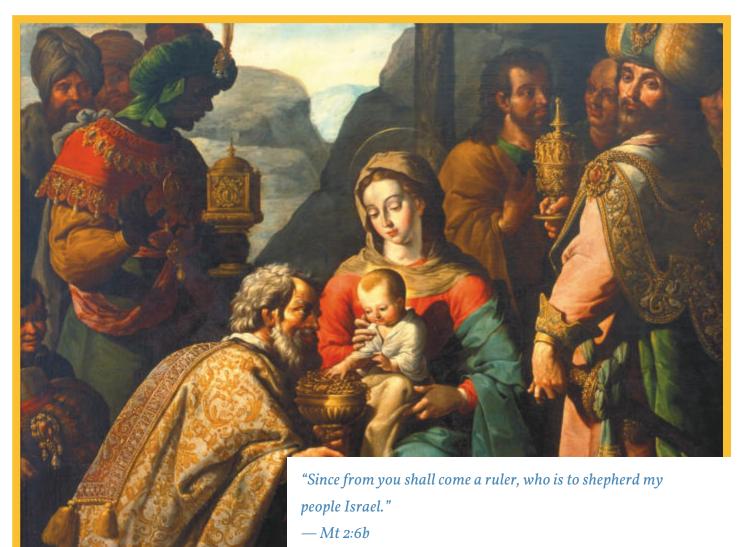
Sunday, January 2, 2022



The Epiphany of the Lord





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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday CLOSED

**Tuesday - Friday** 9:00am - 4:00pm Closed for lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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# Prayer & Worship



## **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



## REFLECTION

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

This Gospel and the feast of Epiphany are not intended to offer us figures to admire, but a journey to join. The Magi's quest reveals the need for a guide and the discipline of discernment.

As someone who has taught adolescents for more than 40 years, I am struck by how important it is for students to have reliable guideposts as they make their way to spiritual and intellectual maturity.

The Magi realized that the star was their GPS. They needed it especially when their guidance system was "hacked" by Herod and his dark forces of envy and control. They needed to discern the nature of the deceit and exploitation they encountered, elements that continue to assail today's searchers. How stark is the contrast between the secret plots of Herod in his palace and the brightness of the star that shines for all to see on the way to Bethlehem.

I have learned a few saving lessons from the Magi and from generations of my students who have made a similar quest for truth. We need the comfort and diversity of fellow travelers to help keep us on course. And we need to discern between the sinful intent of figures like Herod, who hide behind secrecy and privilege, and the innocence of a Christ child, who offers himself in simple surroundings.

When we acquire that gift of discernment, we more readily do what the Magi did—we bow down and offer our gifts. In the flow of grace that comes from that encounter, we come to discern correctly the voice that guides us where we are meant to go.

Fr. Joel Rippinger, O.S.B. '71 M.A. faith.nd.edu

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday – Friday 8:30am Saturday Vigil 4:00 & 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm Confessions Saturday 2:30 - 3:45pm

Holy Days of Obligation Vigil Mass 7:00pm Holy Day Masses 8:30am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, January 1 10:00am † Don Brooks

SUNDAY, January 2 8:00am † Carl LaPorte 10:00am People of the Parish 12:00pm† Catherine Mary Schaffer

MONDAY, January 3 8:30am † Rebeca Oltman

TUESDAY, January 4 8:30am † Edmund Rice

WEDNESDAY, January 5 8:30am Eliana Delgado (Birthday)

THURSDAY, January 6 8:30am † Deacon Dan Scrone

FRIDAY, January 7 8:30am † James McCarthy



Altar Flowers are in Memory of Deacon Dan Scrone

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

# Prayer for the Feast of Epiphany

Almighty God, on this feast of Epiphany may all Christians remember their consecration to a life of holiness and so live their lives in imitation your Son.

May his light be revealed to every people and every nation.

We ask this in his name.

Amen.

## **PRAYER & ADORATION**

#### WEDNESDAYS

Morning Prayer 8:00am Daily Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:00am - 4:00pm Evening Prayer & Benediction 4:00pm

## **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.

# **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 Rio, 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, Jim Schulz, Michael & Myra Schwebel, John Strough, Dan Swing, David Townsend, Andrew Wade, Paul Woodburn Jr.

#### **OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

Amanda, 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

## **MEN OF THE PARISH**

#### IS GOD CALLING YOU?

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 at 7:00pm** in the church. Questions about becoming a Deacon, email Deacon Tony at *deacontony@nocateecatholic.com*.



# Faith Formation

# "THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER."

#### **CLASS UPDATES**

Happy New Year to our Faith Formation families!

This month we will conclude our discussion of the "Our Father" prayer.

January parent meeting: January 6, 7:00pm.

In person Family Community meetings will resume this month! Based on feedback from the survey, we will be completing a lesson together at each of the Family Community meetings this month. Please bring your parent guide and students should bring their activity books with them to the meeting.

Family Community meeting dates:

- St. Teresa of Avila (A1) January 13, 5:00pm 6:00pm.
- St. Leo the Great (A2) January 13, 6:30pm- 7:30pm
- St. Francis of Assisi (B1) January 20, 5:00pm 6:00pm
- St. John Bosco (B2) January 20, 6:30pm -7:30pm
- St. Vincent Ferrer (Sunday) January 23, 1:30pm 2:30pm
- St. Josephine Bakhita Zoom Group January 27, 6:30pm

1st Reconciliation and Communion **Meeting is January 27, 6:00pm.** Parents and students both 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* or Michelle: *assistantflc@nocateecatholic.com*.

# CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The Confirmation Year 2 Retreat will be on **January 29** at the Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine. We are looking forward to a faith filled day! Please pray for our candidates who will be attending the retreat. Any questions please contact Dominic: *flc@nocateecatholic.com*.

Our Confirmation Year 1 held their Advent Gathering on **December 15**. Students and parents enjoyed a night together exploring the meaning of Advent led by the Keller Family. Many thanks to the parents who provided refreshments and gave donations that went to the BEAM House! God bless you!





# 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 - 8:30pm**. 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* and an RCIA team member will get back to you or call Dominic at 904-330-0153.

# **Ministry** Activities



# RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

#### MARCH FOR LIFE ST. AUGUSTINE

The 16th Annual March for Life St. Augustine will be held on **January 15**, **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

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

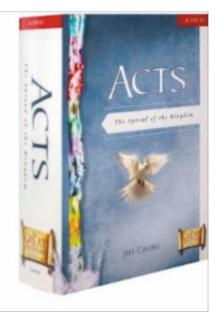
Our SJPII Respect Life Ministry is having a meeting on **Saturday**, **January 8, 2022**. If you are interested in learning more, please join us at **9:30am** under the back tent.

# **BIBLE STUDY RESUMES JANUARY 13, 2022**

#### **NEW DATE**

It's not too late to join our study on "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom " each **Thursday at 9:30am** in the church. 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* or 904-395-3638 to register or more information.

# FINANCIAL PLANNING BIBLE STUDY

#### FAITH & MONEY MATTERS

A fully Catholic 6-week Bible Study which teaches a faith perspective about personal finances, will begin soon.

Participants read and answer questions about Bible verses, which are discussed in the meeting. Learning is enhanced through personal financial exercises, which helps implement biblical principles in our everyday lives. Topics include: God's Role as Owner and Our Role as Stewards; Debt, Cosigning; Honesty; Seeking Godly Counsel; Generosity; Work; Saving; Investing; Crises; Contentment; and Eternity.

Today's secular world drives us to focus on material things, blurring the lines between needs and wants. In this situation, money can become our number one priority. Faith & Money Matters delves into these important issues, teaching us how to focus on God's Word in handling our finances.

For more information, contact Ted Brauch, *ted.brauch@yahoo.com* / 904-534-9548.

#### **Ministry Activities**



## **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, 2022, 6:00pm

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 **1st and 3rd Mondays of the Month and start at 6:00pm** in the church. For more information about the Ministry (including job search resources) please go to our website *tinyurl.com/sjpiicareer* 

We enthusiastically welcome new members.



## FOOD DRIVE

#### SAINT JOHN PAUL II KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### All Masses January 8 & 9

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

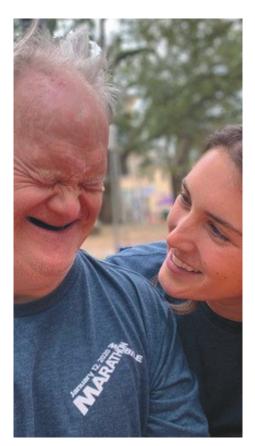
This food drive continues to be very important as St. Augustine Catholic Charities Food Bank strives to meet the increased needs of our community.

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



# HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

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





# DISCOVER A "YOU" YOU NEVER KNEW!

Become an Assistant at L'Arche Jacksonville, a faith-filled community for adults with intellectual disabilities.

Full or Part Time, must be 18 or older

For details: Scan the QR code; or visit our website:

*larchejacksonville.org/participate/be-an-assistant/*; or call the office 904-721-5992.

700 Arlington Rd N, Jacksonville 32211

## **MOM'S 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 us on Flocknote for regular updates on SJPII Mom happenings: nocateecatholic.flocknote.com/SJP2mom

Expecting or in the process of adopting? We'd love to support you! Please contact *sjp2mom@gmail.com* for more information.





# Our Faith

### **EPIPHANY**

#### **QUESTION:**

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

#### **ANSWER:**

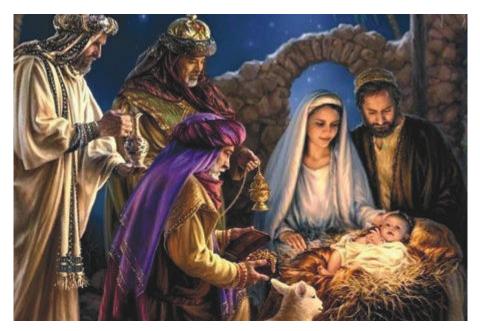
Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

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# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, JANUARY 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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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.

**Project Rachel** – 904-923-9203 With professional counselors and individual priests

Rachel's Vineyard – 904-221-3232 Group weekend retreat



Email your bulletin requests to: communications@nocateecatholic.com BY WEDNESDAY, 5:00pm THE PRIOR WEEK

## SJPII MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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### **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*.

### **NEVER MISS A BULLETIN**

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at *parishesonline.com*. You also can find the bulletin on our website at *nocateecatholic.com*.

## **ONLINE GIVING**

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



#### Stay Connected with St. John Paul II

Visit our website: nocateecatholic.com 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*, locate your parish with the search tool, and sign-up to automatically get an email when a new publication becomes available

### 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 *pastorsoffice@nocateecatholic.com*, please ignore, block, and delete the email. Block and delete text messages of this sort.

#### **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.



