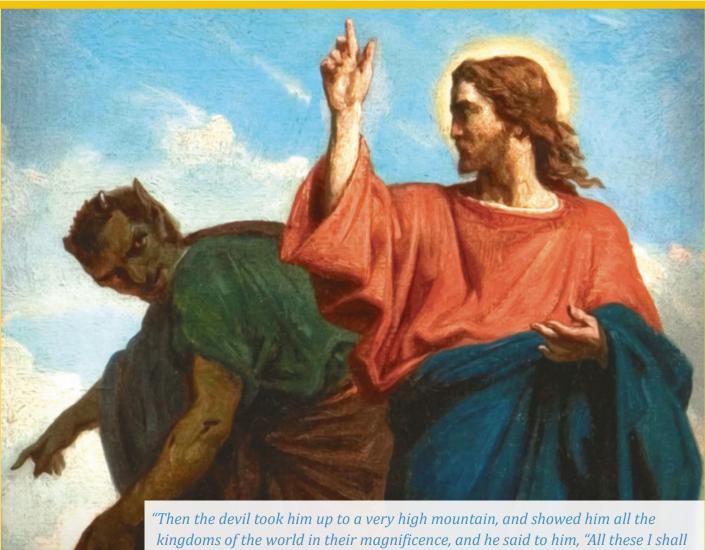
Sunday, February 26, 2023



First Sunday of Lent



give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Matthew 4:8-9

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED

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

PARISH STAFF

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Prayer & Worship

BISHOP'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Last week, we shared a video message from Bishop Pohlmeier at all Masses. This week, we are participating in Follow-Up Weekend for any parishioner who may not have been with us last week.

We hope you will make a prayerful decision to pledge a gift to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. If you have not made a pledge to the Appeal, we invite you to participate in this worthy mission by making a gift by using the in-pew envelope provided at Mass or online at www.dosafl.com/bishopsappeal.

Your participation truly makes a significant difference in the lives of so many in need within our diocese.

SHARE YOUR STORY

How has the Catholic Church helped you in your spiritual life? How has St. John Paul II Church helped you in your spiritual life? Have you experienced something that you would like to share with the community?

Perhaps your story could touch the heart of someone in our community and bring that person closer to Jesus. If you are willing to share your story, please contact *office@nocateecatholic.com* and provide your name, email address, phone number, and a brief summary of your story.

We are so grateful for all the blessings God has given our community and look forward to hearing your story.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

NEXT STEPS

As we prepare to move to the next stages of the Light to the Nations Capital Campaign and ultimately the expansion of our community and church, we need extra hands, homes, and prayers.

We need your help in getting the community excited about the vision of our campus! We're looking for volunteers to host a gathering of friends and family in their homes where a portion of the night will be about how to support the Light to the Nations Capital Campaign... and don't worry, we have experts who will help you make your event a success!

If you're interested in learning more, please contact as fundraising@nocateecatholic.com. Please include your name, email address, and phone number. Thank you for answering your call to serve.

44-DAY CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH ST. JOSEPH

As a parish we will pray together the 44-day Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph **from Sunday, March 19th through Monday, May 1st.** Through the intercession of St. Joseph our parish has experienced many blessings. We pray that he may continue to guide us and those who will work with us as we design and develop the plans for our campus.

Please join us in this prayerful devotion. We will post daily videos to accompany you as you pray this devotion. If you do not have the book, "Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph: An Integrated Look At the Holy Family" by Dr. Gregory Bottaro and Jen Settle, you may purchase it after the Masses this weekend, or you may purchase it on *amazon.com*.

Please look for details in the Weekly Email, the bulletin, and visit our website at *www.nocateecatholic.com*.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH SAINT JOSEPH

AN INTEGRATED LOOK AT THE HOLY FAMILY



DR. GREGORY BOTTARO & JENNIFER SETTLE

A Prayer for Lent

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel.

Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You.

For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SICK & INFIRM — ESPECIALLY

Javier-Maria Alonso, Kazierz Banas, Jim Barber, James Boling, Viola Cldeo Bradshaw, Alan Damascus, John Deesburg, Deepak Dey, Tim Dunn, John Egolf, Robert Engl, Sharon Escamilla, Levi Fisher, Sergio Garcia Jr., Ian Hall, Alex James, Jim, Joe, Kathy, Dillon Kind, Ronald Klemkowski, Antonia Lima de Sousa, Francisca Lima de Sousa, Vicente Lima de Sousa, Magdalena Lovejoy, Pat Mayhew, Nancy McTighe, Michael N., Roger O'Bryan, Jenifer Owens, Paula Phillips, Jay Rudometkin, William Sandel, Roseanbe Scruggs, John (Jack) Slater, Maria Smith, Maria, Linda Teubner, David V. Townsend, Kent Vanderkolk, Victor, Melissa Wadely, Gail Wood, Larry Wood, Mary Ann Yaeger, Claudine Zelenski

OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Angela DiBenedetto, Gabriela Malone, Laura Oring, Lucy Whiting

OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

ENS Alyssa Albano, USN; 2Lt. Aidan Byrnes USA, 2Lt. Matthew Mahlmeister, USA; LT COL Michael Opresko, USAF; Cadet 2/C Erin Sass, USCG; AT2 Kyle Swanson, USN

If you wish to add an individual's name to the prayer list, please send a request: *nocateecatholic.com/prayer-request*

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday 8:30am Saturday Vigil 4:00pm & 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

PRAYER & ADORATION WEDNESDAYS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 254:00pm † Mary, Cappy, & Mike Winn6:00pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, February 26
8:00am † Mary & Frank Licciardone
10:00am † Don Jurgens
12:00pm † D'Arcy Moran Freeman

MONDAY, February 27 8:30am † Bernard Hughes

TUESDAY, February 28 8:30am † June Fusco

WEDNESDAY, March 1 8:30am † Elaine Friedman

THURSDAY, March 2 8:30am † Sherley Craig

FRIDAY, March 3 8:30am † Lucille Licciardone

Mass intentions through April, 2023 have been filled. Intentions can be reserved through August, 2023 at this time.

Lenten Activities

ADORATION: FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY

Jesus promises us, "I will be with you always even to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:20

Jesus IS WITH US in the Most Blessed Sacrament! He veils His power and His glory, humbling Himself so that we can have His Holy Presence in our midst, and even receive Him into our hearts through holy communion.

In Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we honor Jesus in a profound way. **Beginning May 5th and 6th**, our parish will have an opportunity for Adoration **following 8:30 am Mass on First Friday through 9am on First Saturday**, which will be followed by a 9am Mass. This will be a new monthly opportunity to make reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on First Friday and to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart on First Saturday.



Please pray about joining in this time of Adoration. Any time spent before the Blessed Sacrament has an eternal value for your heart as you console the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

More information will be coming in the weeks ahead. If interested in participating, please contact Ginger Salamida at gmsalamida@gmail.com.

LENTEN PASSPORT PROGRAM

PRAYER, FASTING, & ALMSGIVING

Throughout the next 40 days we celebrate the season of Lent - a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare to meditate on the Passion of our Lord, His death, and His Resurrection. During this time let us pray, *"Lord, give me the grace to love You more on Easter."*

The parish will have many activities where our community can enjoy wonderful food, fellowship, and prayer. **Each Friday** we will have Stations of the Cross at **5:00pm** in the church. Please see our website for dates and times of our social activities such as Fish Fries, Soup Suppers, and the Joe Paddy Festival.

You may purchase tickets for individual events, or you can save some money and purchase the Lenten Passport where you get one pass that grants you access to all the Lenten events for one price. Plus you will get an SJPII-logo lanyard with your Lenten Passport.

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend, on our website, or in the parish office during the week.

For details and to purchase tickets, visit *https://nocateecatholic.com/Lenten-passport/*.

NOTE: the QR code is only for the Lenten Passport tickets, not for tickets to individual events.







LENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Please join the LENT BY CANDLELIGHT event on Thursday, March 9.

An opportunity for the men and women of SJPII to share an evening with fellow parishioners and friends. Tables are set in the church hall. Table hosts coordinate with the people at their table to provide appetizers or dessert to share while an inspiring message is delivered.



Doors open at **6:30pm** for social time and the event starts promptly at **7:00pm**. Tickets can be purchased in the parish office or by scanning the QR code. Table reservations and individual reservations are available.

Cost is \$50/table of 6-8: \$10/individual.

Contact **Pam Murdock** at *psmurdock@aol.com*. Please put **LENT BY CANDLELIGHT** in the subject box. Or call **Pam** at **248-752-0898**.

PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 1, 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Lent is a time to reflect and to focus more deeply on our relationship with Christ. He gives us the sacrament of confession as a gift and His mercy is extended to all. Whether you participate in the sacrament of confession regularly or you have not been to confession in years, Christ invites you to open your heart to His mercy.

Join us **Wednesday**, **March 1st** for our Lenten Penance Service. We will have many priests available to hear confessions beginning at **4:30pm**. Come receive Christ's mercy and free your heart of your burdens.

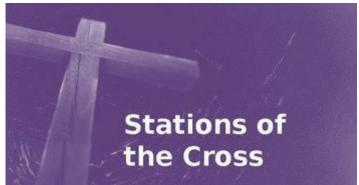


SOUP SUPPER

Friday, March 3, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Come join us for a simple soup supper hosted by our Faith Formation Families. We will have several choices of soup and bread available. \$5 per cup of soup. All are invited to participate in the **Stations of the Cross at 5:00pm** in the church and then enjoy a warm cup of soup.





STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us each Friday of Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross.

5:00pm in the church

Feb 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

THANK YOU

The Parish Mission led by **Fr. Dan Leary** provided many blessings and graces to our parish community. We are so blessed and grateful for his charism and the experience to pray and listen to the message of Christ through him.

Thank you to all who participated in the Parish Mission. We appreciate the time you spent with us and your gracious hospitality toward Fr. Dan and his staff.

"I am very grateful that Jesus brought me to St. John Paul II Parish to pray and spend time with you. The love and support you have shown to me, to the Sisters, and to the children touches my heart. We are so blessed to share in this faith as children of God, to experience His mercy and love. I pray that each of you will continue to seek His Truth and grow closer to Him through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. May He bless your parish, your pastor, and all who work in His name. God bless." - **Fr. Dan Leary**

> Spiritual Bouquet from the girls at World Villages for Children in Chalco, Mexico





Faith Formation

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

St. John Paul II will facilitate the Protecting God' Children Workshop in the Parish Center at various times throughout the year. Currently, we are accepting registrations for the following workshop:

Monday, February 27 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Registration on the VIRTUS website is limited to 30 people for each course. Course availability is on a first come/first served basis. All required materials will be provided on the day of attendance. Please note:: due to the sensitive nature of the course material, attendance is limited to registered adults.

If you have any questions, please email **Dominic Salamida**, the Family Life Coordinator at: *flc@nocateecatholic.com*.

FAITH FORMATION DATES

K-6 FAITH FORMATION MARCH DATES:

Saint of the Month: St. Peter St. Peter was our first pope! His feast day is celebrated on June 29.

Verse of the Month: John 14:18

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

Parent Teaching Meeting: March 2 @ 6:00pm

Family Community Meetings: Sunday: March 5 @ 1:30pm Thursday: March 23 @ 6:00pm



The Holy Spirit

Please note: There are no St. Joseph's workshops in March.

Ministry Activities

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.

GRACE & RECOVERY MEETING

A ministry for those seeking healing from the effects of addiction. All are welcome - those recovering from addiction and all family members who love someone with an addiction. Every third Friday of the month at **5:30pm** at St. John Paul II Church. Please visit www.graceandrecovery.org or call **732-425-7949** for more information.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

ICARE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

An iCare Grief Support Group will be offered by the Ministry of Consolation beginning **Monday**, **March 6**, from **10:30am** – **12:00pm** in the Saint John Paul II Chapel for six weeks. The newly bereaved and those continuing to grieve a loved one are welcome. The Support Group provides comfort and gentle guidance as you walk through the journey of grief, mourning and bereavement. Participants find healing and peace while growing in faith, share common grief challenges, and actively engage in spiritual journaling. For more information and to register, please contact **Cindy Walls** by phone at **202 256-5779**, or email at *support@nocateecatholic.com*.

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 **866-901-9647** 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 2 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

MOMS MINISTRY

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: Rosary, Play Dates, Stroller Walks, Moms' Night Out, Holy Hours & more!

HOLY HOUR

Join us for our first SJPII Mom Holy Hour of 2023! A Holy Hour will be held at St. John Paul II on Saturday, March 4th, 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Confession will be available with Fr. Larkin & fellowship will follow under the tent. Come spend some time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration!

LENTEN REFLECTION

This Lent, the SJPII Moms Ministry is hosting a small group on Wednesdays for New Wine // Lent 2023 Devotional



by Blessed Is She. We'll meet for 5-weeks on Wednesday evenings starting March 1st, 7pm in 20 Mile at Nocatee.

"Enter into Lent prepared for transformation. In this new liturgical devotion, New Wine, you are invited to pray with the theme of being crushed as a grape to be made into wine."

Please contact *momsministry@nocateecatholic.com* for more information or to RSVP. If you're unable to join us in person, we'd still love for you to read along with us!

Join us on Flocknote for regular updates on SJPII Mom happenings: *nocateecatholic.flocknote.com/SJP2mom*

SAINT JOHN PAUL II KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FOOD DRIVE

All Masses March 4 & 5

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.

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, March 4 & Sunday, March 5

Special Collection for the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry

Paper Products

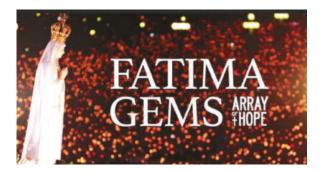


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The St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store in St. Augustine has recently opened a food pantry in partnership with Feeding Northeast Florida, Costco, and our Publix in Nocatee. These partners provide a wide range of

frozen and fresh foods. Paper products, however, are needed.

Please help by bringing **toilet paper and paper towels** for this special collection during **all Masses Saturday March 4** & Sunday March 5. Our clothing drive will start up again in April. Thank you for your kindness.





FORMED PICKS OF THE WEEK

How does sacrifice and suffering help us? Watch "Fatima Gems: Offering Sacrifice and Suffering" on *FORMED.org*. As human beings, we will experience suffering throughout our lives. This episode shows us how our suffering and sacrifices, both big and small, can help us and other souls get to Heaven.

Are your children preparing for Confirmation? Watch Signs of Grace on *FORMED.org* with them. Confirmation happens on a very special day. In this video Bishop Jorge Rodriquez walks through the entire day and explains what will take place and why. All elements of the day are covered and provide interesting reinforcement of their Confirmation class learning.

To set up your free account visit *formed.org/signup* and insert the SJPII zip code (32081).

Be inFORMED, be transFORMED, with FORMED.org

Living the Faith

THE CATHOLIC TALK SHOW -PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO CITY 2023

Join Fr. Rich Pagano, Ryan DellaCrosse, and Ryan Scheel as they go on pilgrimage to Mexico, visiting The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and more April 17 - 22!

On this pilgrimage, you will journey to Mexico City to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe where the Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Juan Diego and left her image in the miraculous Tilma. We will have the opportunity to explore the beauty of Mexico, with stops including the tomb of the martyr Saint Miguel Pro, the tomb of Blessed Conchita Cabrera, the impressive Pyramid of The Sun, and more! Reserve your spot now: https://mexico.catholictalkshow.com

VOCATIONS MASS AT SHRINE

HOLY MASS OFFERED

Holy Mass: Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00pm For our Bishop, our priests, our religious and an increase in Holy Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Asking the laity to please join us in praying for this beautiful intention at the main church of The Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nobre De Dios in St. Augustine. PRAY! PRAY!



A MORNING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

LED BY SISTER KATHLEEN POWER, SSJ

Saturday, March 4; 9:00am - 11:30am; \$20 Morning refreshments available at 8:30am.

St. Joseph Renewal Center, 234 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Sister Kathleen has been a retreat and spiritual director for 64 years with rich experiences and background. She earned her Masters in Spirituality from Duquesne University in Pittsburg, PA. **To Register:** call or email **Sister Jane** at **904-824-5894** or *sjstoecker63@ssjfl.org*. Registration will be confirmed by email.

Parish Information

ST. JOHN PAUL II

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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.



SJPII MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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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.

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 www.parishesonline.com. You also can find the bulletin on our website at www.nocateecatholic.com.

Submit communications requests using the form on our website, *nocateecatholic.com/communications-request*. Requests must be received by **5:00pm on Tuesdays; twelve days prior to the Sunday bulletin publication date**.

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: www.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.

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.**

GUIDELINE FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions may be made for a living or deceased loved one. Only one Mass Intention per Mass is permitted. Mass Intentions will be limited to 6 per person requesting the intentions per year and may be made up to 6 months in advance.





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