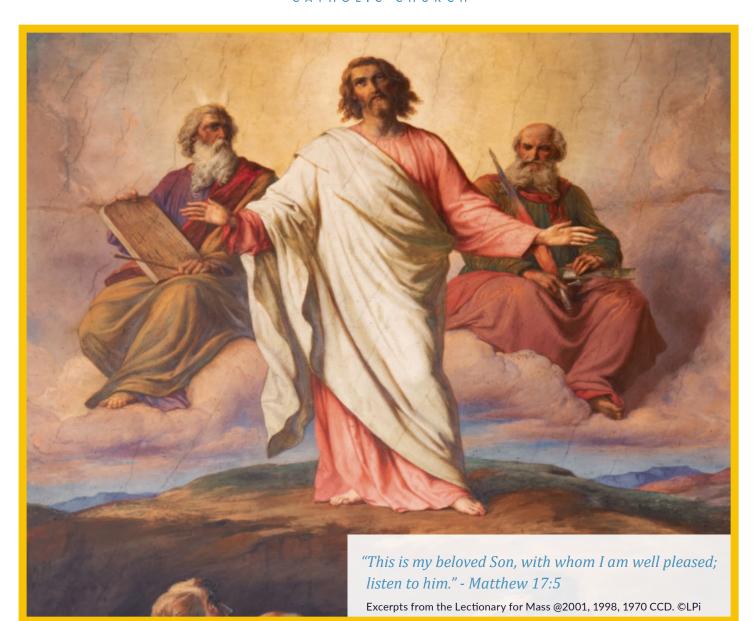
Sunday, March 5, 2023



Second Sunday of Lent



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





FINANCIAL UPDATE: OCT-DEC '22

In the 4th Quarter of 2022 we saw significant contributions to the Light to the Nations Capital Campaign in response to the Beacon of Light Gala and generous year-end donations. Our weekly offertory held steady through the last quarter of 2022.

Thank you to our community, both locally and globally, that continues to support our parish with their prayers and generosity. May God continue to bless our parish and guide us as we build out our campus.

44-DAY CONSECRATION

At the weekend Masses **March 18 & 19**, we will honor the Feast of St. Joseph as we embark on a 7-week prayer journey as a parish and begin the 44-Day Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph. Accompanying this devotion, Father Pagano will lead the community in a weekly reflection during each weekend liturgy. We will be distributing personal journals for each parishioner at the Masses **March 18 & 19** that will allow you to reflect and meditate on the Scriptures and the impact of the Word of God in your life. Please bring these journals to Mass each weekend from **March 19 through April 30**. On **May 1**, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Father Pagano will conclude the consecration and invite the community to come together in prayer.

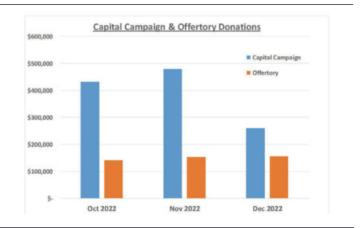
St. Joseph has played a significant role in the growth, development, and accomplishments of our parish. We pray that he may continue to intercede for us and to guide us as we design, develop, and build out our campus.

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.



CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH SAINT JOSEPH

AN INTEGRATED LOOK AT THE HOLY FAMILY



DR. GREGORY BOTTARO & JENNIFER SETTLE

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.

You were transfigured on the Mountain, O Christ God, showing Your Disciples as much of Your glory as they could hold.

Let Your eternal light shine also upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Giver of Light, glory to You.

Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS OUR SICK & INFIRM — ESPECIALLY

Javier-Maria Alonso, Kazierz Banas, Jim Barber, James Boling, Joyce Bors, 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

Lucy Whiting

OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

LCDR Alex Alonso, 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, March 4 4:00pm † Nancy Stein 6:00pm † Anne Catherine Keehan

SUNDAY, March 58:00am People of the Parish10:00am † Alejandro Gonzalez12:00pm † Charles Santangelo, Sr.

MONDAY, March 6 8:30am † Ida Mae Scott

TUESDAY, March 7 8:30am † Mary Suerth

WEDNESDAY, March 8 8:30am † Cathy Phillips

THURSDAY, March 9 8:30am † Gene Madiou

FRIDAY, March 10 8:30am † Dorothy Bossow

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

Lenten Activities



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**.

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.





Stations of the Cross

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

5:00pm in the church

Mar 10, 17, & 24

Living Stations of the Cross Friday, March 31 at 7:00pm

FISH FRY

Join us this **Friday**, **March 10** from **5:30** - **7:00pm** for our First Lenten Fish Fry!

Come enjoy this delicious event hosted by the Knights of Columbus and celebrate together as we begin our Lenten journey.

Purchase tickets on our website or at the Parish Office during the week.

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





ANNUAL JOE PADDY FESTIVAL SUNDAY, MARCH 19

COME CELEBRATE THE FEASTS OF ST. PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH!

Join us at the **12:00pm Mass Sunday, March 19** as we honor these two inspiring saints with a special liturgy, procession, and festival.

After Mass we will celebrate our Italian and Irish cultures with delicious food, entertainment, and libations from both cultures. Sample some of each and then YOU decide your favorite - Italian or Irish!

Purchase tickets at the parish office or online at: https://nocateecatholic.com/lenten-passport/

Adults: \$25 Children (ages 3-11): \$15 Family: \$75

Faith Formation

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."

Family Community Meetings:

Sunday: March 5 @ 1:30pm

Thursday: March 23 @ 6:00pm

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



The Holy Spirit

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

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*.

CAREER MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Career Ministry will be **Monday**, **March 6 at 6:00pm** in the Church.

Our ministry provides support through prayer, objective perspectives and coaching. If you are praying to discern God's will for your life or contemplating a job change, consider attending our meeting.

Parishioners and non Parishioners are all welcome! A person's age and career stage are immaterial to the discussion. Why not join us?

Please contact Joan Walsh jwwalsh367@gmail.com / (904) 236-1884 or Ted Brauch ted.brauch@yahoo.com / (904) 534-9548 with any questions.

Updated meeting information will also be posted to the Career Ministry website: *tinyurl.com/sjpiicareer*.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ALTAR SERVER OF THE QUARTER

The Altar Server of the Quarter is **Giuliana Daragjati**. Her parents are **Lazer** and **Albina**.



Giuliana is in the 6th grade at Palmer

Catholic. Giuliana is an avid hockey fan and an excellent hockey player and is strong in her faith and love of the Lord.

Giuliana has been altar serving at Saint John Paul II for 3 years. She also serves the children's mass at Palmer Catholic. She served at the Basilica for a Confirmation Mass with Bishop Estevez and has served with Bishop Pohlmeier at the March for Life Mass in St. Augustine, as well as the St. John Paul II feast day with the Bishop here at the church.

Congratulations Giuliana, and thank you for your wonderful service to the Lord and to the community!





SJPII MARRIAGE MINISTRY

"Love that leads to marriage is a gift from God and a great act of faith toward other human beings." - **St. John Paul II**

Our marriages and families are the foundation of society and we must work as a community to protect the sanctity and formation of our couples and our children. Throughout marriage preparation, we must surround our couples with encouragement, formation, and positive examples of marriage commitment. We are developing a Marriage Ministry of sponsor couples, marriage coaches, and those who want to help with marriage preparation. If you feel called to participate in our Marriage Ministry, please attend our introductory meeting **Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00pm** in the church to learn more about the ministry and how you can become involved.

In Ephesians 5: 25-33, Paul teaches that Christ made marriage a sign of His love for the Church. This means that

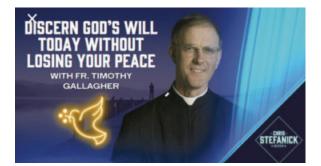
a sacramental marriage lets the world see, in human terms, something of the faithful, creative, self-emptying, abundantly life-giving love of our Lord. This Christian meaning confirms and strengthens the human value of a marital union. (from "A Pastoral Statement of the Arizona Catholic Conference Bishops - March 2, 2006).

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Celebrate your Sacrament by signing up for a World Marriage Encounter Weekend available weekends **July 21 - 23, and November 3 - 5, 2023.** Early registration is strongly recommended.



Visit our website at www.wwme.org or https://flcn-wwme.org or register at applications@flcn-wwme.org





FORMED PICKS OF THE WEEK

What does God want from me? Watch "Discern God's Will Today Without Losing Your Peace" on *FORMED.org*. Even the most faithful Catholics struggle with discernment. Figuring out what God wants can really stress you out. But when you develop your discernment skills, you can relax. There's no peace like knowing you're in tune with God's will.

Do you children have a relationship with God through prayer? Watch "Brother Francis: Let's Pray" on *FORMED.org*. Practice makes perfect! This is a true saying whether one is playing basketball, drawing a picture, reading or even praying. In this fun inaugural episode, the ever-joyful Brother Francis will help your children establish a personal relationship with God!

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

Be inFORMED, be transFORMED, with FORMED.org

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

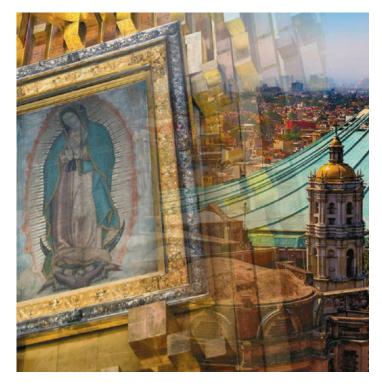
Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him." The Son is always bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

– Father John Muir

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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

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

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

Bible Study - biblestudy@nocateecatholic.com Career Ministry – Ted Brauch or Joan Walsh: careerministry@nocateecatholic.com Financial Planning Ministry – Ted Brauch or Tina James: financialplanning@nocateecatholic.com FORMED Faith Enhancement – Tony Merenda or John Essegian: formed@nocateecatholic.com Grace and Recovery Ministry – Stacy Bogle: mothersmantle4@gmail.com Knights of Columbus - Ken Gault: gaultken@gmail.com Ministry of Consolation – Maggie Coolican: consolation@nocateecatholic.com Ministry to the Sick – Karen Gilbert: ministry@nocateecatholic.com Moms Ministry – Kelly Stevens: momsministry@nocateecatholic.com Our Lady of Guadalupe – Laura Zablah & Carmen Aponte: ourladyofguadalupe@nocateecatholic.com Respect Life Ministry – Elizabeth Krause: rlm@nocateecatholic.com **Rosary/Adoration – Pam Dewey:** adoration@nocateecatholic.com Rosary Making – Colleen & Martin Porvaznik: nanapop50@bellsouth.net Spiritual Direction – Barbara Lorenzo: spiritualdirectorjp2@nocateecatholic.com St. Vincent de Paul Society – Robert Hopkins: stvincentdepaul@nocateecatholic.com Walking with Purpose – Stacy Meyers: wwp@nocateecatholic.com Youth & Family Mass - Amy Ayres: youthfamily@nocateecatholic.com

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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