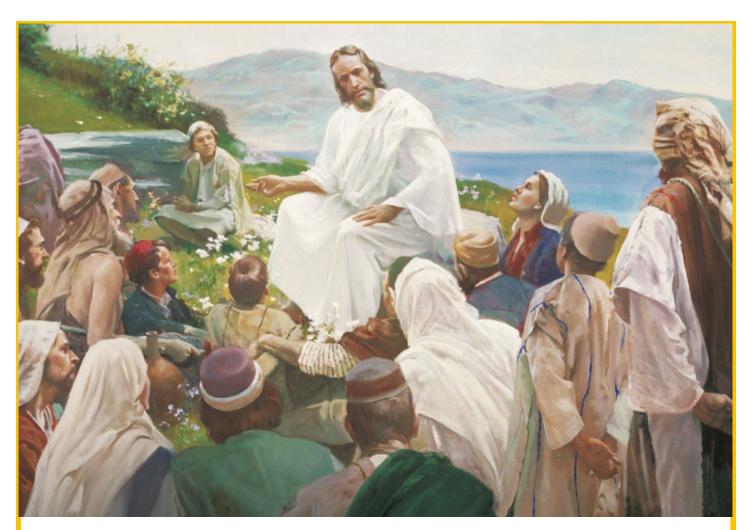
Sunday, February 18, 2024



First Sunday of Lent



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." ~ John 1:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPi

OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED

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

PARISH STAFF

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BECOMING A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Our parish community continues to grow rapidly with a +15% increase in the number of registered families throughout 2023. The welcoming, dynamic, and vibrant atmosphere draws new members weekly. As we grow, we have added many new ministries to support the men, women, and youth of our community, within and outside of our parish. Fr. Pagano and the staff share the excitement of our parishioners and greatly appreciate the time, talent, and treasure that you faithfully provide to meet the needs of our community.

The progress of our **Light to the Nations Capital Campaign** reflects your continued support and generosity.

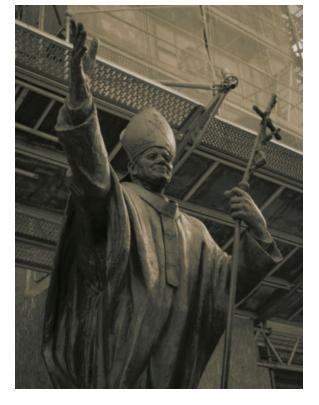
- Ending on a high note: Capital campaign contributions increased +69% from 2022 to 2023.
- A great start to the New Year: Capital campaign contributions increased +155% from Jan 2023 to Jan 2024!
- We received approval from the Diocese for our updated Master Site Plan and are moving into design & development for Phase I of our campus build out.
- We look forward to sharing exciting new milestones and groundbreaking timing with you in the upcoming months!

As we enter the season of Lent, let us reflect on the gifts we have received from God and show Him our gratitude by using those gifts to give back to Him through service to His Church and His people. May we be good and faithful servants, and may we always see the face of Jesus in one another.

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 2024 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.

Note: All contributions to the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal must use the envelope provided either in the mail or at commitment weekend. Please do not make any checks payable to St. John Paul II Church for the Appeal.



LIGHT THE NATIONS

Prayer & Worship

A LENTEN PRAYER

Look with favor, Lord, on your household. Grant that, though our flesh be humbled by abstinence from food, our souls, hungering after you, may be resplendent in your sight.

- Pope Pius V

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SICK & INFIRM — ESPECIALLY Mabel Acosta, Hillary Barretto, Michelle Beck, Tom DeMuyt, Debbi Duran, Ray Husveth, Pat Mayhew, Nancy McTighe, Donna Pezzuto, Ann Talarico, Carmen Talarico OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS Amanda Burke, Caroline Fairly, Gaby Malone, Sarah Martin, Gladys Mejia, Addie Menconi OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY ENS Alyssa Albano, USN; LT Aidan Byrnes, USA; LT Chalin Fairly; SGT Kyle Graves, USA; LCDR Trevor Hoyt; 2Lt. Matthew Mahlmeister, USA; SGT Daniel O'Connor; Cadet 1/C Erin Sass, USCG; AT2 Kyle Swanson, USN; Command Master Chief Avagayle Williams, USN

If you wish to add an individual's name to the prayer list, please send a request: *nocateecatholic.com/prayer-request*. In addition to prayers, if you would like a blessed Prayer Shawl, please contact: **Mary Therese Capone:** *prayershawl@ nocateecatholic.com*; text **631 413-7267** or **Marcia Garrett: 904 373-0786**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJPII

FEB 19 & 20: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
FEB 21: MOMS BLESSED IS SHE STUDY BEGINS
FEB 23: FIRST LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AT 5:30PM
FEB 23: LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 5PM
FEB 28: SJPII LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE, 5-7PM

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

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 6:00pm 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

For the First Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, February 17 4:00pm † David Martel 6:00pm † Gaspar Nunez

SUNDAY, February 18 8:00am † Stanislawa Kossowski 10:00am † Jesse Kimble 12:00pm Nelson Taveras Jr

MONDAY, February 19 8:30am Frank and Mary Licciardone

TUESDAY, February 20 8:30am Kuriacko Analil

WEDNESDAY, February 21 8:30am † Andrew Raptash

THURSDAY, February 22 8:30am † Antoinette Cammarata

FRIDAY, February 23 8:30am † Anne Bianconi

Mass intentions through March 2024 have been filled. Intentions can be reserved through June of 2024 at this time.

LENT 2024 AT SJPII - LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 5:00pm - Feb 23 - Mar 1, 8 & 15

- Mar 22 - 7:30pm - Living STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH SJPII YOUTH We will not have Stations of the Cross Good Friday, March 29th.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

St. John Paul II

- Thur, Feb 29th 5:00-7:00pm **Our Lady Star of the Sea** - Wed, Mar 20th, 7pm
- San Juan del Rio
- Every Wed & Thur of Lent at 5 pm
- Thursdays from 12-1pm for seniors
- Saturdays 3:30-5:00pm

HOLY WEEK *Schedule subject to change

MON, MAR 25	8:30am Mass
TUE, MAR 26	8:30am Mass
WED, MAR 27	No 8:30am Mass
	8:00am - Liturgy of the Hours
	8:30am - 4:00pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	4:00pm - Evening Prayer & Benediction
THU, MAR 28	No 8:30am Mass
	8:30am - Morning Prayer
FRI, MAR 29	No 8:30am Mass
	8:30am - Morning Prayer
	3:00pm - Passion of Our Lord & Veneration of the Cross
SAT, MAR 30	8:30am - Morning Prayer

TRIDUUM:

THU, MAR 28	6:00pm - Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration
FRI, MAR 29	3:00pm - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
SAT, MAR 30	8:30pm - Easter Vigil

EASTER - RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, MAR 31

6:00am	Sunrise Mass outside (bring your own chairs)
8:00am	Mass in church
10:00am	Mass in church with overflow in the outdoor tents
12:00pm	Mass in church

LENTEN MEALS AT SJPII

Fridays from 5:30-7:30pm

THIS FRIDAY - SOUP SUPPER!!

Mar 1 Soup Supper Mar 8 Fish Fry Mar 22 Fish Fry

\$10 per person (ages 5 and under free)\$50 maximum per family (2 parents & their children)

No charge for Soup Supper.

Donations to the Light to the Nations Capital Campaign are welcome!

Tickets can be purchased:

- After Masses Feb 3&4 and Feb 10&11
- By scanning the QR code below
- https://sjpiichurch.breezechms.com/ form/Lent2024
- By visiting the parish office



JOE PADDY MASS & FESTIVAL

Sun, Mar 17- Mass at 12:00pm

Procession of St. Joseph & St. Patrick at 1:00pm Festival begins at 1:30pm

\$30 for Adults

\$20 for Children (ages 10 and under)

\$100 maximum per family (2 parents & their children)

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March 1 & 2

*Begins with Mass at 8:30am on Friday, March 1

*Followed by 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration

*Ends with Mass at 9am on Saturday, March 2

Come to worship and adore the Lord, Truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament

Join in prayers for our parish ministries & Offer up reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD AT 5PM

Other devotions will be held by the ministries during Adoration

ALL ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME!

May the Heart of Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved, with grateful affection, in all the tabernacles of the world, until the end of time. Amen. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

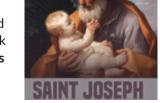
For more information, please contact the Sacred Heart Ministry at Staceypolito33@gmail.com

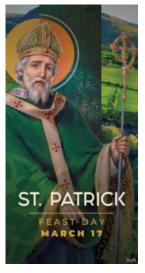
Commit to an hour of Adoration at the link: nocateecatholic.flocknote.com/ signup/155191

JOE PADDY FESTIVAL, MARCH 17

SEEKING CHILDREN 5+ YEARS

Have your children join in the cultural event of celebrating the Italian and Irish cultures by joining the procession to honor St. Joseph and St. Patrick at the noon time mass. We are SEEKING CHILDREN 5+ years to process in and out of the 12 pm Mass on March 17. Interested children are required to do the following:





- Friday, March 8, from 6-6:30pm attend a rehearsal meeting at the church.
- Sunday, March 17, arrive at the church at 11:30 a.m. wearing a white shirt/blouse and black pants/skirt.

If interested, please email Angela giving her the name and age of your child. She can be reached at: registration@nocateecatholic.com or call her at 904-330-0153, Extension 107.

COME TO PRAY THE JOYFUL MYSTERY OF THE PRO-LIFE ROSARY

JOIN US ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AFTER MORNING MASS (9:15)

We will continue to discuss our "going forward path" here at St. John Paul II. We will also provide a report on our journey to Catholic Days at the Capitol. *For additional information, please contact Pam Dewey at rlm@nocateecatholic.*



Faith Formation

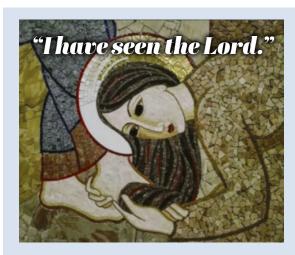
K-6 FAMILY OF FAITH FEBRUARY INFORMATION

Family Community Meetings:

Sunday, February 18th @ 1:30pm

We look forward to seeing all of our families!

Questions? Please reach out to Dominic Salamida: flc@nocateecatholic.com



SAINT OF THE MONTH: St. Mary Magdalene (July 22) Patron saint of repentant sinners

VERSES OF THE MONTH:

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." John 20:22-23



LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR INCOMING 6TH-8TH GRADERS

Camp will be at Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, GA June 10-15 Email YOUTHFLC@nocateecatholic.com for more info.

RISE-UP MARCH 2ND

All are invited and welcome for an unforgettable young experience.

The Rise-Up youth conference will happen on March 2 at Bolles Middle School from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Rachel Leininger will be the keynote speaker, and Stella will perform praise and worship music.

Also, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., attendees can enjoy food trucks and games before the main event starts at 6:00 p.m.

Best of all, general admission is free!

Take advantage of this opportunity to connect with other young people and grow your faith. **Get your tickets now at Riseupyc.org.**

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 *homebound@nocateecatholic.com* or contact the parish office at **904-330-0153** to schedule a visit.



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Ministry Activities

A SMALL SACRIFICE FROM BIG HEARTS AT ST. JOHN PAUL II

The Outreach Committee is working with St. Francis House and Port in the Storm to provide work jeans for day laborers.

We know that in the past your generosity has helped meet basic needs by providing socks and sweaters. Please help us to continue to fill basic needs of our homeless by purchasing **blue jeans**. We are looking for waist sizes 36-38.

Our Big Hearts program starts Wednesday February 14th and will end Sunday March 3rd. Thank you!

GALATIANS: SET FREE TO LIVE!

Paul's letter to the Galatians speaks directly to the heart of Christians and addresses the most critical question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?" It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, and it explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice through faith and love. Galatians is a study that will reignite your love for God as you learn of God's astonishing love for you. Video Presentations presented by Jeff Cavin.

Thursdays, January 11th - March 14th, 9:45 am - 11:45 am.

Church Hall

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

The Ministry of Consolation will offer a gathering, Coffee and Conversations for widows and widowers on the **fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Tent**. Whether you are newly bereaved or have been without a partner for some time, all are welcome. **Dates follow:** 2/26, 3/25, 4/22, 5/TBD, 6/24.

Monthly we'll discuss one aspect of your grief journey, you'll have an opportunity to share if you wish in small group discussions and socialize with others who are without a partner.

Coffee, tea, and baked goods will be available.

For more information, please contact consolation@ nocateecatholic.com.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION MEN'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We welcome all men who are grieving the loss of a loved one recently, or in the past, to come together to share their journey through grief.

Meetings begin on March 8, 2024, 10:30 – Noon for six weeks in the Chapel at St John Paul II 27 Stone Mason Way, Ponte Vedra

The iCare Grief Support program along with other resources, will be utilized as a framework for guidance and support. Professional grief specialists lead Grief Support groups.

To register and for more information, please contact griefsupport@nocateecatholic.com.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Who: All confirmed parishioners, especially our youth, who would like to learn how to reverently assist our priests in the distribution of Holy Communion during the Mass.

What: Training is twofold. First we discuss the theological aspects of Holy Communion then we cover the practical procedures we use at St. John Paul II Catholic Church.

When: Saturday, February 24 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Where: St. John Paul II Catholic Church

To register please contact: Mike O'Brien 904-866-3694 or Susan Sass 904-823-1492



GRACE & RECOVERY MINISTRY

The Grace and Recovery group meets the **1st and 3rd Mondays each month at 7pm in the Church**. All are welcome. The purpose of these Grace and Recovery meetings is to bring freedom, in complete anonymity, to those who love someone with an addiction and those personally struggling with addiction.

We hope that we can find a personal relationship with Christ as we heal through each other's experiences, strengths, and hopes, as we grow through our journey in recovery.

Sign up through Flocknote or reach out to the team leads directly at: graceandrecovery@nocateecatholic.com

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



ALL CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC

Young Adults for faith formation and social events! It is a group of both single and married Catholic young adults in the greater St. Augustine area growing in faith and fellowship.



Sign up for the email newsletter using the QR code and connect on social media to receive reminders for monthly mass and brunch, adoration and potlucks, and social events.

Plan to attend adoration with Fr. Mac and potluck on Feb. 23 at St. Benedict the Moor at 7 PM!

LOCAL CONFESSION TIMES



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA Wednesday: 5:30pm - 6:30pm Friday: 9:00am - 9:45am

OUR LADY OF LA LECHE NATIONAL SHRINE (Available in English & Spanish) Monday - Saturday: 11:00am - 11:55am

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday: (Iglesia histórica - En español) 8:40am - 9:00am 10:10am - 10:30am Monday - Saturday: 7:30am - 7:55am (Historic Church; Offered before Daily Mass) Thursday: 5:30pm - 6:00pm (Iglesia histórica - En español) Saturday: 4:30pm - 5:30pm (Main Church - Marian Center)

FORMED



PICKS OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 18TH

Looking for something powerful, provocative, and inspiring to deepen your Lenten journey this year? The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit. If you've never watched this series, or only some of its content, take time this week to watch "Wild Goose" on FORMED.org. This is one of the best series on FORMED as it immerses viewers into an encounter, or renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.

Think your children know everything about Lent? Like what does the word "Lent" mean? Or what are ashes made of? Watch "10 Things you may not know about Lent" with them this week on FORMED.org. There's so much more to this pre-Easter tradition than meets the eye and this short video, designed to appeal to kids, will make their Lenten journey more interesting.

To set up y our free account visit *formed.org/signup* and insert the SJPII zip code (32081). **Be inFORMED, be transFORMED, with FORMED.org**

CAREER MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Career Ministry will be February 19, 2024 at 5:30pm in the Church.

Finding a job is hard. Finding your purpose is even harder. You are not alone in your struggle. Come network and join our discussion about overcoming the hurdles many people experience. Our ministry provides support and guidance through prayer. Join us and find peace in seeking to discern God's will.

Parishioners and non Parishioners are all welcome! Please spread the word.

Please contact Joan Walsh (jwwalsh367@gmail.com) /(904) 236-1884 or Christine McCauley (Christine McCauley (flmccauley32@gmail.com) 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**

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VISION STATEMENT

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

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION, LOGIN & PASSWORD

Please register online at our website, nocateecatholic.com, or come into the office for assistance. Only ONE person per household needs to register at the following address or by scanning the QR code to the right.

Once you have registered, a Welcome Email will be sent to you with a link to create your own username and password so that you can manage your own account, add family members, set up and view contributions, and more!



Already registered? Create your account at sjpiichurch.breezechms.com/login/create

If you have questions, please email registration@nocateecatholic.com.

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Our community at SJPII is vibrant, with something for just about everyone! Whether you are simply looking for more information about our ministries, or are ready to join one (or more!),

go to nocateecatholic.com/ministries, or scan the QR code, for the SJPII Ministry Directory.

For general ministry questions, email us at ministry@nocateecatholic.com.



DIRECTORY

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.

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.

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

Use 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.**

FOREIGN CURRENCY

We are so grateful for our parishioners' generosity however, we are not able to accept donations of foreign, non-US currency in the donation basket. Thank you.

TEXT TO GIVE

Text the amount you would like to donate to 904-901-7884. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING

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



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 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.

GIVE TO YOUR PARISH WITH A BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION GIFT

- Complete a simple change request form for your retirement accounts, life insurance, and bank accounts.

- You can modify it at any time without changing your will and don't need probate.

Questions? Contact Kelly Wood 904-208-6931 or kwood@dosafl.com



