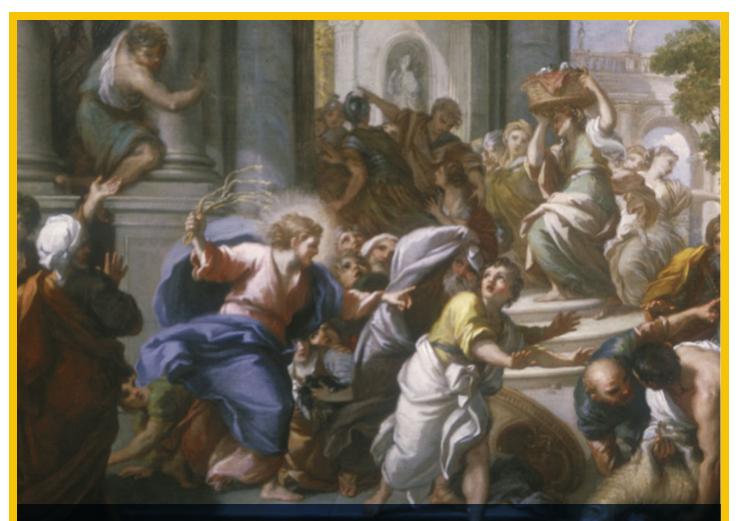
Sunday, March 3, 2024



Third Sunday of Lent





"Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." - John 2:13-15

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

March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker, holds special meaning at St. John Paul II Church. In 2020, through the intercession of St. Joseph, our parish eliminated the debt on our current facilities as we prayed the 44-day Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph. On May 1, 2020, we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph astoundingly debt-free.

Last Spring, through a 7-week prayer journey, Father Pagano led the parish in the practice of Lectio Divina and we reflected deeply on our commitment to God's plan for ourselves, our church, and our community.

The **Arise & Build** program confronted us with the needs of our world and introduced us to the resources that St. John Paul II parish will provide to meet these needs as we build out our campus.

Your steadfast prayers and continued financial generosity have launched our **Light to the Nations Capital Campaign** and enabled us to achieve important milestones in our design and development process with our architectural team.

As March 19th approaches, we prepare to pray together, once again, the 44-day Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph and to ask, through his intercession, that he guides our hearts and minds as we labor and sacrifice to provide a sanctuary where we welcome all people who are seeking consolation, mercy, and community to come and participate in the plan God has for His people.

We invite you to join with us this Lenten season through **prayer**, **fasting**, **and almsgiving** to reflect on ways we can use our gifts from God to share His mercy and love with those in our families, our parish, and our communities.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

LOCAL CONFESSION TIMES

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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)



LIGHT THE NATIONS



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Prayer & Worship

"Lord you left your Mother in our midst that she might accompany us.

May she take care of us and protect us on our journey, in our hearts, in our faith.

May she make us disciples like herself, missionaries like herself.

May she teach us to go out onto the streets.

May she teach us to step outside ourselves.

May she, by her meekness, by her peace, show us the way."

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SICK & INFIRM — ESPECIALLY Mabel Acosta, Hillary Barretto, Michelle Beck, Debbie Block, Karen Block, Robert Block, Tom DeMuyt, Maureen Duffy, Debbi Duran, Jadan Grata, Jeremy Grata, Ray Husveth, Pat Mayhew, Nancy McTighe, Mason Moore, Donna Pezzuto, Ann Talarico, Carmen Talarico, David Vincent Townsend

OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS Elizabeth Alonso, Amanda Burke, Mikaela Drury, Caroline Fairly, Sarah Lieberman, Gaby Malone, Sarah Martin, Gladys Mejia, Addie Menconi, Juliana Vodicka

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

MAR 8	SJPII FISH FRY
MAR 17	JOE PADDY FESTIVAL
MAR 22	FISH FRY & LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

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 Third Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 2 9:00am Fr. Luke's Intentions 4:00pm † Kenneth Brazzel 6:00pm † Sherley Craig

SUNDAY, March 3 8:00am Walt Ehmer 10:00am The Gimbel Family 12:00pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, March 4 8:30am † Gerald Butler

TUESDAY, March 5 8:30am Carl & Geraldine Zahn

WEDNESDAY, March 6 8:30am † Alejandro Gonzalez

THURSDAY, March 7 8:30am Mgr Cowles

FRIDAY, March 8 8:30am † Sandra Tonee Rangs

Mass intentions can be reserved through August of 2024 at this time.

LENT 2024 AT SJPII - LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 5:00pm

- Mar 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

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 – FISH FRY!! Mar 22 - Last Fish Fry

\$10 per person (ages 5 and under free)
\$50 maximum per family (2 parents & their children)
No tickets will be sold the day of

the Fish Fry.

No charge for Soup Supper. Donations to the Light to the Nations Capital Campaign are welcome!

Tickets can be purchased:

- After Masses Mar 2 & 3
- By scanning the QR code >>
- 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)

Tickets can be purchased:

- After Masses Mar 2 & 3
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COME VOLUNTEER FOR THE JOE PADDY FESTIVAL

WE NEED HELP WITH SET UP, SERVING, CLEAN UP, AND OTHER DUTIES.

The Joe Paddy Festival Committee is looking for volunteers on March 16th and March 17th. Volunteer opportunities include helping with set-up, food service, clean-up, and more. To sign up: nocateecatholic.flocknote.com/signup/156850

Please reach out to Theresa Parenteau at 321-427-7667 or support@nocateecatholic.com with any questions. God bless!

JOE PADDY FESTIVAL, MARCH 17

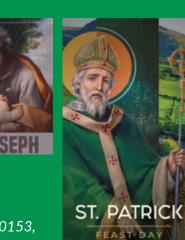
WE ARE SEEKING CHILDREN 5+ YEARS TO PROCESS IN

AND OUT OF THE 12 PM MASS ON MARCH 17.

Requirments to volunteer:

- 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.



MARCH 17





Sacred Heart Ministry sends a big "thank you!" to all the parish ministries who participated in the Lenten Day of Prayer during First Friday Adoration this weekend. It was a beautiful day of prayer and unity! May abundant grace be poured out on our many ministry outreaches and on all our parishioners.

Sacred Heart Ministry also wants to invite new members to join us! This ministry focuses on promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through planning and supporting:

- First Friday and First Saturday Devotions;
- Eucharistic Devotions, particularly 24-hour Adoration once a month & the Corpus Christi Procession and Celebration; and
- Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Stacey at staceypolito33@gmail.com**. We would love to have you be a part of this ministry!

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O, my adorable and loving Savior, consume my heart with the burning fire with which Yours is aflame. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your Love." ~ St. Gertrude the Great

Ministry Activities

SJPII'S CAREER MINISTRY

"WHATEVER YOU DID FOR THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS, YOU DID FOR ME." MATTHEW 25:40

SJPII's Career Ministry is a parishioner-led mentoring ministry designed to support our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ seeking permanent or part-time employment, contemplating a career change, and recent college graduates.

While we are always identifying job opportunities in many fields, we are currently **assisting parishioners who are seeking openings in the Information Technology (IT) field.** If you have, or know of IT job opportunities, please let us know: Ted Brauch (ted.brauch@yahoo.com) 904-534-9548; bobcowhey@gmail.com



FIRST THURSDAYS SOCIAL

Please join us for fellowship and light breakfast following the 8:30 Mass on the first Thursday of the month. **Our next social is this Thursday, March 7th.**

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

SECOND ANNUAL GATHERING FOR BEREAVED MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS

Please save the afternoon of May 5, 2024, at 2:00 PM, to gather with other bereaved mothers and grandmothers to honor and remember our children of any age who have died, whether recently or many years ago.

For more information or to participate on the planning committee or please contact Consolation@nocateecatholic.com.

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: 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.

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.

NOON MASS ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Youth & Family Mass (Noon Mass) is looking for adult volunteers to lead youth ushers and lectors during the noon mass. Any adult volunteers will sign up via the signup genius sent out for the youth ushers and lectors. You can sign up based on your own schedule. Additional mass coverage is crucial to this ministry as this is a small ministry team who is struggling to balance schedules. Any question please reach out to **youthfamily@nocateecatholic.com**.

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!

BE STILL AND PRAY

LENTEN, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS AND PRAYER SPACES

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We are Be Still Prayer Space, a local, family-run business continually concepting, creating, and producing our sustainable Catholic crafts to be a reminder to just Be Still and pray - especially this Lent!









WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on May 5-8 in Winter Park or July 19-21 in St Johns.

For more information or for other scheduled weekends visit our website at wwme.org or e-mail:

Applications@FLCNwwme.org Or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski at waltviv.wwme@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any man or woman who is struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion or miscarriage in their life. Come and receive peace, forgiveness of self and others and the



compassion of God. These retreats are private, strictly confidential and for people of all faiths.

Our next English retreat will be on March 8-10, 2024.

For more information call 904-221-3232 or email rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com. All calls & inquiries are very confidential. Come and be restored!

FORMED





PICKS OF THE WEEK: MARCH 3rd

You know the devil tempted Christ three ways in the desert – but why did he choose those three temptations over all the other ways he could have tempted Christ? Watch "The Three Temptations" this week on FORMED.org. Dr. Brant Pitre explains each temptation, why the devil chose it and how these three temptations get to the heart of the meaning of Lent.

Lent and Eucharist go hand in hand, and our children need constant education and reminders about this extra-special sacrament. Watch "Marcam Learns About the Eucharistic Revival" with them this week on FORMED.org. Join Marcam in this informative episode about Eucharistic prayer, sacred vessels, and this special threeyear celebration of the Eucharist that we are in now.

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**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 3, 2024 3rd Sunday of Lent

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. -Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods besides me." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

- Father John Muir

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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.

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- 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



