



Sunday, September 15, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. JOHN PAUL II**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." Mark 8:34-35*

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

**Rev. Rafael Lavilla, Pastor** . . . . . pastor@nocateecatholic.com  
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# BEACON *OF* LIGHT GALA

FRIDAY

OCTOBER

18

2024

6:00 PM

**ONLY 5 WEEKS UNTIL THE GALA**

**You Do Not Want to Miss This Incredible Event!**

5:00 pm	<b>VIP Early Access &amp; Cocktail Hour</b>
6:00 pm	Doors Open - Cocktail Hour
7:00 pm	Dinner & Program Begin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>New Church Update - Fr. Rafael</b></li></ul>
7:40 pm	Live Auction & Paddle Raise
9:00 pm	<b>2 HOURS of DANCING BEGINS</b>

## TICKETS

ATTEND THE GALA OR DONATE A TICKET

Single Ticket: \$300 Single

Premium Table: \$3,500



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# Prayer & Worship

## PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### OUR SICK & INFIRM - ESPECIALLY

Riley McCahill, Letecia Pangilinan-Gella, Alexander Sandel, Dennis Siple

### OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Carlye Gates Arcas, Caroline Fairly, Sarah Martin, Karol Robles, and 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; LT Col Edyta Partum, USA; ENS Erin Sass, USCG; AT2 Kyle Swanson, USN; AOC Shaun Wildenstein, USN; Command Master Chief Avagayle Williams, USN; SGT Scott Zemaitis, USAR

If you wish to add an individual's name to the prayer list, please send a request: [nocateecatholic.com/prayer-request](http://nocateecatholic.com/prayer-request). In addition to prayers, if you would like a blessed Prayer Shawl, please contact us at [prayershawl@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:prayershawl@nocateecatholic.com).

Almighty and merciful Father,  
You have created all things through your Son  
and have made Him the unshakable foundation of your kingdom.  
Through the gift of your eternal wisdom,  
grant that the construction of our Parish Church Building will be  
materialized for your greater glory and that our well-being may  
progress day by day to its successful completion.  
Through the intercession of our Patron, Saint John Paul II, and the  
guidance of St. Joseph and Mother Mary, we ask you to bless all  
of us with the eagerness to participate through our prayers and  
the many blessings you have given us. We ask this through Christ  
our Lord. Amen

St. John Paul II, Pray for us.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJPII

- SEP 16** Grace & Recovery Meeting: 7pm
- SEP 17** WWP Bible Study Begins: 9:45am
- SEP 20** TMIY Week 2 - A Cause Greater Than Yourself: 6am
- SEP 29** Feast of San Lorenzo - Noon Mass & Festival

## 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  
Adoration 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Evening Prayer & Benediction 4:00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:00pm + Bev Kilarski  
6:00pm People of the Parish

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00am + Grace Napoli  
10:00am + Kenneth Dec  
12:00pm + Diane Massaglia

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30am + Rosie Jurgens

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30am + Robert Paul Koepfel

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30am Mary Saylor

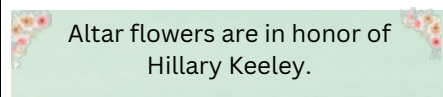
#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30am + Marie Jurgens

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30am Ronald DeBellis

Mass intentions through Jan 2025 have been filled. Intentions can be reserved through February 2025 at this time.





# Faith Formation

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## FRATERNUS IS BACK!

Calling all boys and men of the parish ages 11-99! For over a decade Fraternus has been recovering the lost art of mentoring, harnessing the power of brotherly men and fathers, and teaching the virtues rooted in Christ as the path to authentic manliness. The Fraternus Brotherhood is back for another year of growing in faith and fellowship through our weekly meetings (Frat Nights) and the opportunity to attend a camp in the summer (Ranch). Fraternus will meet on Wednesday nights from 6pm-8pm in the ELC starting September 11. Please register using this form: <https://sjpiichurch.breezechms.com/form/Fraternus2425> For more information, contact Dominic Salamida: [frc@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:frc@nocateecatholic.com)



## OCIA HAS BEGUN - BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Are you considering entering the Catholic faith? Are you a Catholic but lacking some sacraments like Confirmation? Are you a practicing Catholic who wants to learn more about your faith? Are you just curious but don't want to make a commitment? **OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) is for you.** This series of sessions **meets on Tuesday evenings in the church from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.** There is **no cost** and all materials are provided. Call Dominic or text Helene (904-514-3837) for more information or fill out the interest form <https://nocateecatholic.com/sacraments/#OCIA>. **All are welcome.**

# Ministry Activities

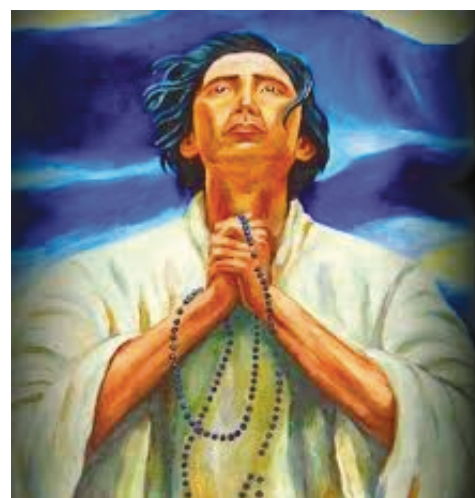
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## FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ NOON MASS & FESTIVAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2004

Everyone is invited to attend!  
**Feast Day Celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint Sunday, September 29, 2024, after the noon Mass.**

Come enjoy the music, dancing, singing, games, and the **amazingly delicious food of the Philippines.**

**FREE for everyone and ALL are welcome.**



## SJPII KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOTBALL MANIA CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES

WIN up to \$400 in each of the 18 weeks of the NFL season, based on the teams on your game card. For \$25 play the entire 18-week NFL season. Winners are notified each week. Buy 5 get 1 FREE!

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Questions to Michael Worthey (319) 270-5152 or [fbmaniakofc@yahoo.com](mailto:fbmaniakofc@yahoo.com).



## CAREER MINISTRY

Monday, September 16th at 5:30pm

Finding work in today's marketplace can be a frustrating and daunting task. That's why St. John Paul II formed its Career Ministry to help job seekers find comfort in each other. Our leaders have more than 100 years of professional experience in the business world, representing different industries and career fields. We provide a safe space to discuss relevant issues, address your questions and develop a strategy to help you progress through your job search. **We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month in the church at 5:30 PM.**

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## FINANCIAL EDUCATION MINISTRY

October 13 at 1:30 PM in the Church

We will be discussing ways we can better align our lives with God's plan for us as Catholics.

We are a Ministry focused on the biblical precept that all our possessions belong to God and that we are called to **be good and faithful stewards of the blessings He has bestowed upon us**. Good stewardship requires making wise choices. It starts by accepting that you are managing God's resources, not your own. The world would have us believe that happiness comes from the accumulation of material goods. But God tells us differently.

Today, we ask you to consider your current financial situation. Have you been following the financial guidance promoted by the secular world? How is that working out for you? Is it bringing you joy and happiness?

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## MOMS MINISTRY

### OUR MISSION

Journeying with Catholic women in their vocation of motherhood to grow closer to Jesus through prayer, fellowship and service.

### ROSARY STUDY

With the month of October every year dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, the Moms Ministry will meet to discuss Mystery // Blessed Conversations by Blessed Is She. We'll dive deeper into The Sorrowful Mysteries starting Wednesday, October 2nd, 7pm. Join us for 5-weeks on Wednesday evenings in the Chapel at St. John Paul II. Let us know if you plan to attend and we will share the study material with you!



**The Rosary is my favorite prayer.**  
*Pope Saint John Paul II*



"Perhaps the best person to teach us about the life of Christ is His mother, Mary. After all, she was there with Him from the moment of the Incarnation to His Ascension into Heaven, and she now enjoys eternal life with Him! That's why the Rosary is such a powerful prayer in the life of a Catholic. Our Lady holds our hands as we dwell on the life of Christ and what He means for our lives!"

Contact [momsministry@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:momsministry@nocateecatholic.com) or visit our website for more information: [sjp2mom.com](http://sjp2mom.com).  
Join us on Flocknote for regular ministry updates: [nocateecatholic.flocknote.com/SJP2mom](http://nocateecatholic.flocknote.com/SJP2mom).

## THE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

The Special Needs Ministry welcomes you to join us as we support the integration of all individuals into our faith filled community. We **meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30-7:30pm** in the Church.

Come join us as we aim to foster inclusiveness within our church community to empower individuals with special needs and their families as full participants in spiritual, sacramental, and social growth at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church..

For questions or more information contact: [support@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:support@nocateecatholic.com)



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## MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

### iCARE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Monday, September 30, 2024, 10:00 – 11:30am at Saint John Paul II Chapel for six weeks.**

The newly bereaved and those continuing to grieve a loved one are always welcome. This group provides comfort and gentle guidance as you walk through the journey of grief, mourning and bereavement using the iCare Grief Support Program as well as other resources.

Retired grief professionals lead iCare Grief Support groups.

For more information and to register, please contact [griefsupport@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:griefsupport@nocateecatholic.com).

### COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

The Ministry of Consolation will resume gatherings for widows and widowers **Coffee and Conversations in the church at 10:00 AM on the following dates: September 23, October 28, November 25, and December 23.**

Whether you are newly bereaved or have been without a partner for some time, all are welcome.

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

For more information, please contact [consolation@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:consolation@nocateecatholic.com).

## SJPII OUTREACH

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### NEW SJPII MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE - **BEGINNING IN OCTOBER**

All donations will help the **Catholic Charities Food Pantry in St. Augustine.** Catholic Charities will provide the list of food donations and brown bags.

#### EACH MONTH:

**1st Saturday/ Sunday:** Please pick up a bag and fill it with the requested items.

**3rd Saturday/ Sunday:** Return the bags of donations to the church.

Please only include the items on the Pantry Bag List. Please do not leave any other food donations in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

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## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please let our Homebound Ministry 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](mailto:homebound@nocateecatholic.com) or contact the parish office at 904-330-0153 to schedule a visit.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation? The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all. By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

— Father John Muir

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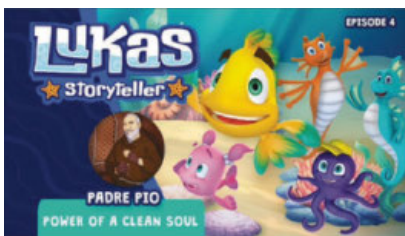
## FORMED

### PICKS OF THE WEEK

September 15, 2024



September 21st is the feast day of St. Mathew so why not celebrate it by watching "**The Gospel of St. Mathew**" this week on FORMED.org? Join scripture scholars Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they dive into the Gospel of Matthew in chapter-by-chapter episodes for easy viewing and understanding. Mathew's gospel is considered unique by many because of its prophesy and high regard for Old Testament Scriptures.



Do your children understand the importance of having a clean soul? Watch "**Lukas Storyteller: Padre Pio**" with them on FORMED.org this week. This animated story for children uses the inspiring life and miracles of Padre Pio to help them understand the **importance of having a clean soul and dealing with setbacks in life**. Padre Pio's feast day is September 23rd.

To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and insert the SJPiI zip code (32081)

**Be inFORMED, be transFORMED, with FORMED.org**

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."





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 or by emailing



stayacatholic@gmail.com and connect on social media to receive reminders for monthly mass and brunch, adoration and potluck, and social events. Plan to attend mass, adoration, and a potluck on September 20th at St. Benedict the Moor at 7 pm

## CALLED TO COMMUNION: THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP SERIES

OCTOBER 18th, 7-9pm

Join the Youth and Young Adult, Family Life and Evangelization offices for the final of the three-part series on discovering the importance of cultivating authentic friendships and sustaining communal relationships. This series is **for young adults 21+** and will include activities, speakers and practical tools to take along with you. The final topic, **“The Gift of Communion,”** will be held on Oct. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at San Jose, 3619 Toledo Rd., in Jacksonville.

## External Ministry Activities

### 2025 JUBILEE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE TO ROME JULY 26 - AUGUST 5, 2025

The Diocese of St. Augustine will be going on pilgrimage to Rome and St. John Paul II will be joining! **Our very own Fr. Rafael will be the chaplain for the pilgrimage!** Families are welcome to join, but **the pilgrimage is designed for our teens and young adults.**

We will start with 2 days in Assisi with the rest of the pilgrimage being in Rome to participate in the Jubilee of Youth Events.

If you would like to know more information regarding flights, pricing, itinerary, or would like to register, please reach out to [youthflc@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:youthflc@nocateecatholic.com)



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## PRAYER TO PROTECT THEM BOTH

### Vote No on Amendment 4

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us!



## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

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 October 4-6, 2024, and our Spanish retreat will be on September 13-15, 2024. For more information call 904-221-3232 or email [rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com).

All calls & inquiries are very confidential. Come and be restored!

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Our Diocese asks us to verify that all volunteers and employees comply with the provisions to be able to serve within our Parish to ensure a safe environment for our children and seniors. Please visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to check your status or to complete or update your requirements. Please check your profile for a pink alert, which indicates that you have a pending task. Email questions to: [safeenvironment@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:safeenvironment@nocateecatholic.com).

# ST. JOHN PAUL II

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## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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](http://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](http://sjpiichurch.breezechms.com/login/create)

If you have questions, please email [registration@nocateecatholic.com](mailto: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](http://nocateecatholic.com/ministries)**, or scan the QR code below for the SJPII Ministry Directory.

For general ministry questions, [ministry@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:ministry@nocateecatholic.com).



**MINISTRY  
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 & Families  
at 1-800-96Abuse or 1-800-962-2873.**

## NEVER MISS A BULLETIN

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com). You also can find the bulletin on our website at [www.nocateecatholic.com](http://www.nocateecatholic.com).

## 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 \$150 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

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Questions? Contact Kelly Wood  
904-208-6931 or [kwood@dosaf.com](mailto:kwood@dosaf.com)

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