



Sunday, September 22, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC CHURCH



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me” Mark 9:35-37

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 4 WEEKS UNTIL THE GALA

You Do Not Want to Miss This Incredible Event!

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

TICKETS

ATTEND THE GALA OR DONATE A TICKET

Single Ticket: \$300 Single

Premium Table: \$3,500



GALA TICKETS



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**ALL PROCEEDS AFTER EXPENSES FOR THE GALA WILL GO TOWARDS THE
LIGHT TO THE NATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO BUILD THE NEW CHURCH.**

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, John Parkin, Alexander Sandel, Dennis Siple, Judy Tagliaferri

OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Carlye Gates Arcas, Angela DiBenedetto, Caroline Fairly, Sarah Martin, Karol Robles, 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, Polish Army; 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. In addition to prayers, if you would like a blessed Prayer Shawl, please contact us at prayershawl@nocateecatholic.com.

LOCAL CONFESSION TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:30pm
Friday: 9:00 - 9:45am

St. Joseph Catholic Church

SUNDAY:
8:40 AM to 9:00 AM
(Iglesia histórica) – En español
10:10 AM to 10:30 AM (Iglesia histórica) – En español

MON - SAT
7:30 AM to 7:55 AM (Historic Church) – Offered before Daily Masses

THURSDAY:
5:30 PM to 6:00 PM (Iglesia histórica) – En español

Our Lady of La Leche National Shrine

Available in English & Spanish
Monday through Saturday
11:00 AM to 11:55 AM

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJPII

- SEP 23 Caring Community Ministry meeting 1:00pm
- SEP 26 CCW Meeting 7:30pm
- SEP 29 Noon Mass & Festival of San Lorenzo
- SEP 30 EHMC Training 6pm

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-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4:00pm Madison Santore
6:00pm + Mary Kay Roehr

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am + Wanda Klimek
12:00pm + SLR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:30am + Charles Reidmiller

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30am + Mgr. Cowles

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30am + Margaret Schnebel

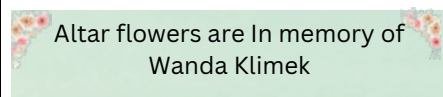
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30am + Vincent Tenaglia, Jr.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30am + Mary Thomas White

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



Faith Formation

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

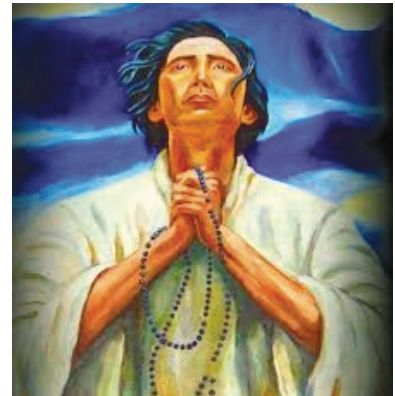
FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ NOON MASS & FESTIVAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2004

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.



JOIN THE EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 FROM 6:00-8:00PM AT SJPII CHURCH

If you are discerning a way to serve our parish during the Mass, please attend our next **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) training.** This training is for **new EMHCs and any EMHCs who were serving in a previous church and have recently joined St. John Paul II.** Any parishioner who has been confirmed is invited to attend our EMHC training. The training will cover the theological aspect of our ministry as well as the procedures we use at each Mass to help our priests and deacons distribute Holy Communion to our parishioners and visitors.

Contact: Mike O'Brien (mike.obrien2431@gmail.com) or Susan Sass (susan@destinationjax.com)

We look forward to having you join our beautiful ministry.

PICKLEBALL VOLUNTEERS & PLAYERS NEEDED NOVEMBER 1, 2 & 3, TREATY PARK IN ST. AUGUSTINE

We need your help and participation at the SJPII Knights of Columbus Florida/Georgia Pickleball Tournament.

With more than 100 volunteer spots open, we are asking parishioners to assist us with some of the many tasks necessary to run this very successful venture. The Knights use the profits from the tournament to provide donations to the many organizations and events we support such as Camp I Am Special, Bit of Faith Ranch, SJPII Seminarian George Gilbert, Coats for Kids, Men's Retreat and many more. More than 400 players are expected and that takes a lot of work. We hope you can help. **Scan the QR codes to volunteer or to register to play.**



VOLUNTEER



REGISTER

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

iCARE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, September 30 from 10:00 – 11:30am in the SJPII Chapel for 6 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, contact griefsupport@nocateecatholic.com.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

September 23, October 28, November 25 & December 23 at 10:00am

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.

OCTOBER: NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE MONTH

Please join us on **Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the Chapel** as we remember, honor, and pray for babies' lives lost due to miscarriage, Sudden Infant Mortality Syndrome, stillbirth, infant death, and other causes. There will be an opportunity in a safe place to share your experience, commemorate each child, gather resources, and pray with other parents who share your journey. For more information, please contact: Consolation@nocateecatholic.com.

SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, September 23 at 1:00pm in the SJPII Chapel

If you are suffering from cancer or other debilitating disease, please join us. This gathering will be an opportunity to offer a safe place where individuals can meet others who are facing similar journeys. There will be a time for reflection and prayer, and peer support. Participants will discuss how best to help each other, gather resources and plan future meetings. For more information, please contact consolation@nocateecatholic.com

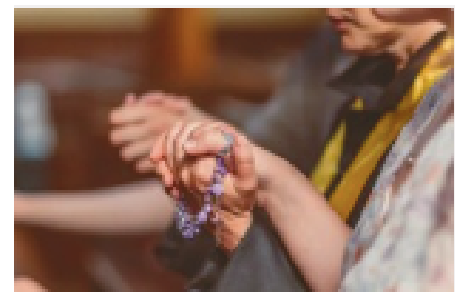
MOMS MINISTRY

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**

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



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN AT SJPII

SJPII is officially a CCW parish! As a chapter, our parish's CCW will work to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. **We invite all ladies to join us for our monthly meetings and participate in our upcoming social and service opportunities.**

We had a great turnout for our August meeting, where we focused on a service project for the Youth Crisis Center. Together, we made 56 hygiene bags to donate to the center! The bags will be distributed to youth transitioning out of foster care who need assistance.

We will have some wonderful opportunities to get involved in the coming weeks/ months. Our monthly meetings are listed below, but be sure to join our chapter to receive important updates and information about other upcoming events.

September 26th at 7:30 pm- CCW meeting with guest speaker, Fr. Rafael!

October 24th at 7:30 pm- Monthly Meeting

November 14th at 1 pm- Monthly Meeting



CAREER MINISTRY

Monday, October 2nd 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 & third Wednesday of each month in the church at 5:30 PM.**

FINANCIAL EDUCATION MINISTRY

October 13 at 1:30 PM in the Church

In Proverbs 21:20 we are advised **"The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down."** In other words, being a good steward means we should **plan for the future and save** rather than consuming every resource we have today. **God is telling us to "live within our means."**

This is best accomplished by preparing and following a budget. Doing so will allow us to avoid debt and financial stress which can alienate us from God and the abundant life He wants for us. **Prayerfully mediate on the following: Do you follow a budget or spend freely? Has spending brought you peace and contentment? Are you seeking to improve your current financial situation?**

Please consider joining us at the next meeting of the Financial Education Ministry on October 13 at 1:30 PM in the Church. We will discuss budgeting, debt management and other topics that will help you live in accordance with God's plan for us all. **For more information, contact us at Financialplanning@nocateecatholic.com.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect. Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence. But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend. Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— Father John Muir

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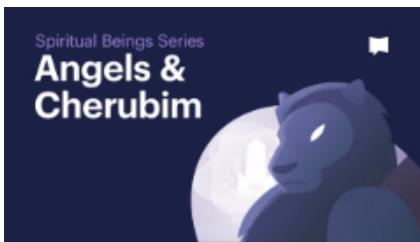
FORMED

PICKS OF THE WEEK

September 22, 2024



Who are the archangels and what role do they play in our lives? Every week in Mass we say the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. What about Gabriel and Raphael? Watch "**Who Are the Archangels**" this week on FORMED.org. Dr. Ben Akers explains who they are, why they matter and how we relate to them.



Do your children understand angels and cherubim? These spiritual beings are often misrepresented in today's media, which distorts our children's understanding of them. Watch "**Angels and Cherubim**" with them this week on FORMED.org. This short, animated video will help them learn the facts about spiritual beings and their role in our faith.

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

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Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

SJPII OUTREACH

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.

You do not need to donate all the items on the list, just what you would like to give.

Thank you for your generosity!

External Ministry Activities

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH BISHOP ERIK POHLMEIER

Join Bishop Pohlmeier for an 11-day pilgrimage to Italy. The pilgrimage, Jan. 12-22, 2025, will center on Rome, Padre Pio's home and the Eucharistic miracle in Lanciano. May God guide us all on our pilgrim journey. A deposit for the pilgrimage is due by Oct. 7, with the final payment due by Nov. 13, 2024. For more information, download the Pilgrimage Package by visiting <https://dosafll.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Bishop-Pohlmeier-Italy-2025.pdf>

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



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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 or contact the parish office at 904-330-0153 to schedule a visit.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
Couples who pray together, stay together. Put God in your marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **November 8-10, 2024 in Titusville, FL., Feb 14-16, 2025 in Tallahassee, or July 25-27, 2025 in St Johns.** For more information 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.

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.

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.

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

ST. JOHN PAUL II

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Sharon Bohres, Parish Coordinator. coordinator@nocateecatholic.com

PARISH REGISTRATION, LOGIN & PASSWORD

Please register online at www.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. If you have questions, please email registration@nocateecatholic.com.



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

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Looking for information about our ministries?
Scan the QR code or **go to nocateecatholic.com/ministries**
for the SJPII Ministry Directory. For general ministry questions, ministry@nocateecatholic.com.



HOW DO I MAKE A DONATION?

TEXT TO GIVE:

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

ONLINE DONATIONS:

Set up online donations at <https://nocateecatholic.com/giving/>

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Altar Flowers may be sponsored on a weekly basis in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions may be made for a living or deceased loved one. **Only one Mass Intention per Mass is permitted.** To accommodate more parishioners, we limit the number of Mass Intentions per person. Requests may be made up to 6 months in advance.

Please call 904-330-0153 or visit the Parish Office for availability.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION GIFTS

Many IRA owners are unaware that gifts (offertory, campaign pledges, etc.) made to their parish directly from their IRAs are not subject to taxes, do not raise their taxable income and can satisfy all or part of their required minimum distributions. Questions? **Contact Kelly Wood 904-208-6931 or kwood@dosaf.com**

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. To check your status, or to complete or update your requirements, please visit www.virtusonline.org. Email questions to: safeenvironment@nocateecatholic.com.

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:
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Department of Children & Families at
1-800-96Abuse or 1-800-962-2873.

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