



Sunday, November 24, 2024

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe

**ST. JOHN PAUL II**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."*

*John 18:37*

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

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# 4TH ANNUAL BEACON OF LIGHT GALA

THANKS FOR A GREAT TIME



SAVE THE DATE  
5TH ANNUAL BEACON OF LIGHT  
GALA FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025  
SAWGRASS MARRIOTT



# Prayer & Worship

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### OUR SICK & INFIRM

Especially Lori Anderson, Riley McCahill, Letecia Pangilinan-Gella, John Parkin, Alexander Sandel, Dennis Siple, Judy Tagliaferri, Kenneth Minutoli

### OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Angela DiBenedetto, Caroline Fairly, Sarah Martin, Karol Robles

### 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](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).

## PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows. I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a good Christian. And, in particular do I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe.

**Amen.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJPII

- NOV 25** Coffee and Conversation Ministry 10am
- NOV 25** Caring Community Ministry 1pm
- DEC 9** Advent by Candlelight 7pm

Altar flowers are in memory of  
Mary Toerney Riera

## 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

**Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

4:00pm John Slater  
6:00pm People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00am + Patrick Meyew  
10:00am + Fred and Rita Heller  
12:00pm + Kyle Keller

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:30am + Mary Mory

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:30am + John Bartnett III

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30am + John Howard Bernard

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30am + Melissa Curtis Wadley

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30am + Walter Shreders

Mass intentions through Feb 2025 have been filled. Intentions can be reserved through April 2025 at this time.

# Ministry Activities

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## 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. Our ministry typically meets 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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## FIRST THURSDAY

Please join fellow parishioners after Mass on the First Thursdays of the Month . Parishioners gather together for coffee and homemade, fresh pastries for fellowship and conversation. No need to sign up! Just come to the kitchen after the Mass on the First Thursday of the month and join in! We would love to have you!

**Next Gathering: Thursday, December 5.**

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## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

**Please join the Advent by Candlelight event on Monday, December 9, 2024.**

An opportunity for the men and women of St. John Paul II to share an evening with fellow parishioners and friends. The tables are set in the church hall. Table hosts coordinate the people at their table to provide appetizers and/or desserts to share while an inspiring Advent message is delivered. Doors open at **6:15** for social time and the event starts promptly at **7pm**. Tickets can be purchased in the office or by scanning the QR code. Table reservations and individual reservations are available. Cost is **\$50/table of 8. \$10/individual.**



Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up. Set up is at 2:30 day of event and takes about 2 hours. Clean up is immediately following the program and takes about 40 minutes. Please volunteer! Contact Pam Murdock at [psmurdock@aol.com](mailto:psmurdock@aol.com). Please put Advent by Candlelight in the subject box. Or call Pam at 248-752-0898.



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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.

## MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

### Coffee & Conversation

Coffee and Conversations for widows and widowers will meet in the church at **10:00 AM on November 25**. Whether you are newly bereaved or have been without a partner for some time, all are welcome. Monthly we'll socialize and gather together to share our journeys with others on similar but different paths. For more information, please contact [consolation@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:consolation@nocateecatholic.com).

### Caring Community Ministry

If you are suffering from Cancer or other debilitating disease, please join us on **Monday, November 25, 2024 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel**. This gathering is 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](mailto:consolation@nocateecatholic.com)

### Ministry Moments: The Empty Seat at the Table/Grieving/Gratitude

Thanksgiving is a day we expect to wake up with a grateful heart. Yet, during this holiday time we can't help but think of the person that's not here...the empty seat at the table. Whether you're grieving the death of a loved one, a breakup/divorce, or an estranged friend...today is one of those days that may FEEL the absence a little more. And it usually doesn't feel good. It's important to let yourself feel and grieve, but also understand that a hard moment doesn't mean it has to be a hard day. Take a moment on this day to express gratitude for the life that is gone. Reflect on a specific blessing and joy they brought to your life while you were together. You may wish to write a short thank you note or simply begin: Thank you for coming into my life and being one of my greatest blessings....

Psalm 118:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Responding to Our Lord's Request to make reparation His Sacred Heart on First Fridays & Our Lady's Request to make reparation to Her Immaculate Heart on First Saturdays:

### Come to Mass:

December 6th 8:30am Mass

December 7th 9am Mass

Confession available 30 minutes before each Mass.

**"Patience, prayer and silence-these are what give strength to the soul."**

**St. Faustina**

### Come, Adore Him, Christ the LORD--24-hour ADORATION:

December 6th, 9am through December 7th--9am

Prayers aloud 9-9:30am in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

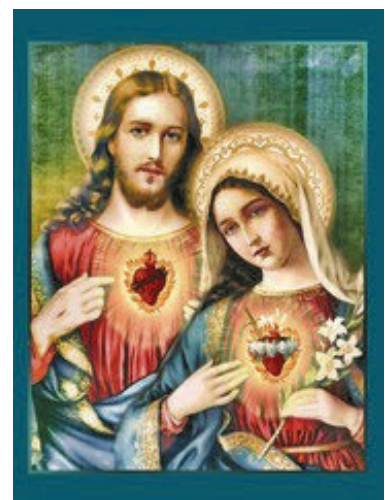
Pro-life Rosary & Holy Hour: 1-2pm Hours with singing

Family Praise: 6-7pm

Meditative Hymns: 7-8pm

Youth Praise: 8-9pm

Scriptural Rosary with meditations: 7:45am-8:45am before Mass on Saturday



To commit to cover a Holy Hour, use the QR code or the link <https://nocateecatholic.flocknote.com/signup/187816>.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Singers Needed for Christmas!

#### Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Children of the parish are invited to participate in a special children's choir which will perform the full Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th at 4pm. Children and teens, 4th grade and up, are encouraged to sign up for this seasonal choir. Children's choir members from the previous year are very welcome to join us again!

Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up! Don't wait! Space is limited to 30 singers.



#### Adult's Christmas Choir for Midnight & 10:00am Mass

Our parishioners are invited to participate in a special Christmas Choir which will perform the full Christmas Day Midnight and 10:00am Mass on December 25th. Choir members and singers from previous years are very welcome to join us, especially MEN and young adults (16+)

**It will be lots of fun!**

We will try to learn Carol of the Bells, among others!

If you are interested in either choir or have any questions, please reach out to our Music Director, Rafal Adamski: [music@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:music@nocateecatholic.com)  
PLEASE NOTE: - Participants must attend at least 3 of the 5 practices, including the final practice.  
Practices will be held in the Church Sanctuary

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## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

### Sunday, December 15th

Join us for our 4th annual celebration dedicated to the Empress of the Americas

**11:30am** - Celebration will begin outside of the church with music and dancing dedicated to our beloved mother.

**12:00pm** - Bilingual Mass.

Following the Mass, we will process with Our Lady of Guadalupe leading us into the festival full of music, food, fellowship and fun! Showcase your culture by wearing your country's traditional attire!



## GRACE AND RECOVERY

The Grace and Recovery Ministry 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. Because of the serious nature of our discussions, we ask that participants be at least 17 years of age.

Sign up through Flocknote or reach out to the team leads directly at: [graceandrecovery@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:graceandrecovery@nocateecatholic.com)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus SPJII Council 16492 will be offering its popular "Keep Christ In Christmas" circular magnets at all Masses on **Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, and Dec. 7-8**. The magnets will be **\$5 each or 5 for \$20** (give to your friends as stocking stuffers). Please help us remind everyone who is behind our vehicle, (or who happens to check out your refrigerator!) that Christmas is about Christ and not just the commercialism of the season.



## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Advent Penance Service, **Thursday December 19th from 5-7pm**. More details to come!

## VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

### Upcoming Opportunities

Come help our parish community with your time and talents! Below are events that need support in the coming weeks - please reach out to [volunteer@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:volunteer@nocateecatholic.com) if you can help with either:



- Like talking to your fellow parishioners after Mass? We need help selling Advent Calendars, Candles, and Wreaths after Masses on November 16 + 17 and November 23 + 24. Signup sheet will be in weekly parish email!
- Organized and comfortable with computers? Faith Formation is looking for someone who can help 2-3 hours per week with administrative activities - can be in office or from home!

**Sign up with the QR code to participate in the Volunteer Ministry and join our Flocknote group Volunteer Ministry, which gets more frequent and specialized requests for support.**



## FINANCIAL EDUCATION MINISTRY

### The Financial Education Ministry seeks to:

- Transform hearts by learning God's perspective on how to manage time, talent and treasure.
- Equip participants with the practical tools needed to manage their resources God's way.
- Strengthen marriage and family life.
- Enable people to be totally free to serve God and others in the community. We provide training to small groups and individual mentoring. Our coaches include active or retired financial professionals including bankers, financial planners and certified public accountants.



### Programs include:

#### Faith & Money Matters Bible Study

This 6-week small group study will help you increase savings, reduce personal debt, grow closer to God, and strengthen personal relationships. This program is aimed towards couples and single individuals.

#### Teen Spiritual Cents

This five-week program is aimed towards high school students and young adults. A bible-based study, this program seeks to give the participants the tools to manage their financial life as they become independent. Topics covered include wants versus needs; developing a spending plan; credit cards and the use of debt; and work, jobs and paychecks among others.

#### Confidential Coaching and Training

Our ministry members can also provide one-on-one coaching and counseling for those in need. Assistance is provided free of charge and is completely confidential. Examples of assistance provided include, but are not limited to: developing a plan to get out of debt or dealing with financial emergencies, assistance to the recent widows and widowers, spending plan during job loss or managing money for newly engaged or married couples. Questions? Please contact us at [financialplanning@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:financialplanning@nocateecatholic.com) with your name, telephone number and a brief description of your need and one of our members will contact you. Ted Brauch, Kevin Krause, Marc Stormes

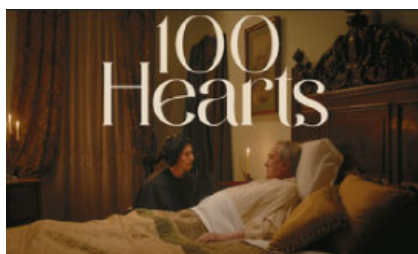
## FORMED

### PICKS OF THE WEEK

November 24, 2024



Is Thanksgiving all about the turkey? We know the story of the historical secular celebration of Thanksgiving but what does it mean in our faith? Watch **"The Spirituality of Thanksgiving"** this week on FORMED.org. Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of thanksgiving and its centrality to the Christian life. Get a new perspective on this universally celebrated holiday in America.



Have you ever been betrayed by a trusted friend? Do you know the remedy for that disappointment? Watch **"100 Hearts"** this week on FORMED.org. This feature film follows two parallel stories of betrayal; one of Blessed Clelia Merloni and one of Professor Guilia de Magistris. Each must decide whether to vindicate themselves or to forgive those who betrayed them. These two narratives reveal timeless truths on betrayal and forgiveness.

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## DONATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY

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



## JOB POSTING

The St. John Paul II office is looking for a full-time financial assistant. A job description is available on the Diocesan website. If interested, please forward your resume to [bookkeeper@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:bookkeeper@nocateecatholic.com)



## SJPII MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

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.

**You do not have to provide all the items on the list however, please only include the items on the Pantry Bag List.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Catholic Charities Pantry Bag List

- 3 cans vegetables
- 3 cans fruit
- 1 can beans
- 1 can spaghetti sauce
- 1 can pasta (e.g. raviolis)
- 1 can tuna
- 2 cans of soup
- 1 box pasta
- 1 bag rice (1-pound bag)
- 1 box cereal
- 1 box Mac & Cheese
- 1 can meat (e.g. chili/stew)
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 1 jelly (plastic container)



## External Ministry Activities

### BISHOP KENNEY HONOR ROLL

#### 2024-2025 first Quarter

Congratulations to our parishioners attending Bishop Kenney High School who have earned Academic Honors.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Grace Campbell	Grade 11
Alexis Sowers	Grade 11
William Braig	Grade 11
John McKenney	Grade 11
Lucas Allegretto	Grade 10
Annalise Ambrosio	Grade 10
Zachary Roane	Grade 10

# ST. JOHN PAUL II

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### PARISH REGISTRATION, LOGIN & PASSWORD

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**Already registered?** Create your account at [sjiichurch.breezechms.com/login/create](http://sjiichurch.breezechms.com/login/create)

### MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Looking for information about our ministries? Scan the QR code or **go to [nocateecatholic.com/ministries](http://nocateecatholic.com/ministries)** for the SJPII Ministry Directory. For general ministry questions, [ministry@nocateecatholic.com](mailto: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@dosafll.com](mailto:kwood@dosafll.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](http://www.virtusonline.org). Email questions to: [safeenvironment@nocateecatholic.com](mailto: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:

**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

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### SUBMIT COMMUNICATIONS REQUESTS

Submit the online form at: <https://nocateecatholic.com/communications-request/>  
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