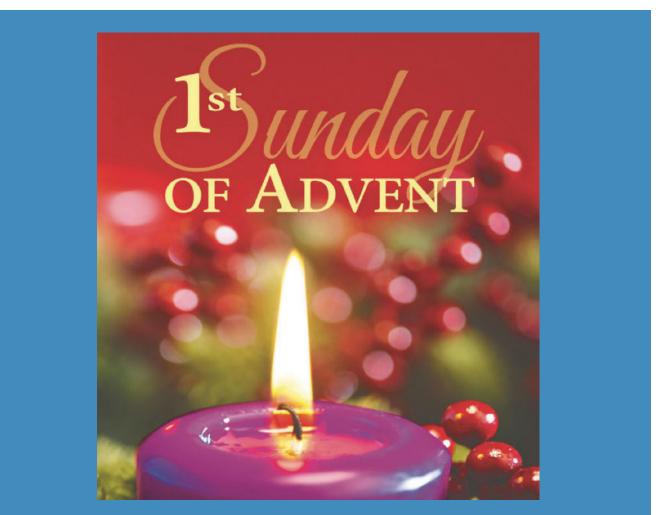
Sunday, December 1, 2024



First Sunday of Advent



Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. Luke 21:27-28

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# **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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# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

**December 9th** 

8:30am 12:00pm **December 24th** *Christmas Eve*  **December 25th** Christmas Day

Christmas

4:00pm (kids' choir) 7:00pm 12:00am (Midnight Mass) 8:00am 10:00am

#### **FOOD DRIVE**

There will be **no December food drive** for Catholic Charities due to our busy Advent and Christmas schedule. Thank you for your support!



#### LOCAL CONFESSION TIMES

**Our Lady of La Leche National Shrine** Available in English & Spanish Monday through Saturday 11:00 AM to 11:55 AM

**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

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM (Main Church - Marian Center)

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

#### SUNDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be open to assist with registration, donations and general assistance to parishioners and visitors on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 9am - 12pm. **The office will be open December 15, 2024.** Questions: office@nocateecatholic.com



# 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, Yahaira Moonan

#### **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.

# **ADVENT PRAYER**

Dear Lord, In this season of bustle, help us to stay watchful and alert to the spaces and places You are calling us to bring Your love and light.

Amen.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJPII

DEC 1	Pick up Food Drive Bag
DEC 6	24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration begins 9am
DEC 9	Advent by Candlelight 7pm

Altar flowers are in memory of Dr. Roger O'Bryan



# **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

# PRAYER & ADORATION WEDNESDAYS

Morning Prayer 8:00am Adoraton 9:00am – 4:00pm Evening Prayer & Benedicton 4:00pm

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

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4:00pm 6:00pm

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#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00am + Joseph Marushin 10:00am + Kenneth Dec 12:00pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:30am + Virginia White

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 8:30am + Dr. Roger O'Bryan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 8:30am + Kevin Collins

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 8:30am Fr Rafael

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 8:30am + Scott Imray

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

# **Ministry Activities**

## 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

## **FIRST THURDAY**

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.

# **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 6. \$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. Please put Advent by Candlelight in the subject box. Or call Pam at 248-752-0898.



# 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.

# **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.



# **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!

# FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Responding to Our Lord's Request to make reparation His Sacred Heart on Frist 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.





#### LIVING NATIVITY PLAY

#### December 16th at 6pm

Children ages 5 and older are welcome to participate. Costumes will be provided.



Follow the QR Code to Register



#### **Rehearsal Schedule:**

12/7: 1PM - 2PM (costume assignment)
12/8: 3PM - 4:3OPM (play rehearsal)
12/16: 5:15PM (play preparation)
12/16: 6PM (nativity play performance)

#### Volunteers:

Adults 18+ are needed. Please call Chris Allegro at 703.862.6206.

## **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**



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

# FORMED

PICKS OF THE WEEK - December 1st, 2024

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about—Jesus. Watch **"Adore"** this week on FORMED.org and reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent.

Do you want to get you children engaged in Advent beyond the commercialization this year? Watch **Marcam Advent and Christmas** with them this week on FORMED.org. 'Tis the season to dance, play, and celebrate Advent and Christmas with Marcam! In this spirited and joyful 9-episode Christmas special, little saints will love journeying through each week of Advent, learning about the true meaning of Christmas





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

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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

# 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 o dealing with financial emergencies, assistance to the recent widows and widowers, spending plan during job loss o managing money for newly engaged or married couples. Questions? Please contact us at 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



# **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died. Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem. Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming." — Father John Muir ©LPi

# **External Ministry Activities**

#### **GRACE AND RECOVERY RETREAT**



Those recovering from addiction and family members impacted by addiction are invited to the Grace and Recovery Retreat. The retreat offers fellowship, meals, witness talks, scriptural reflections, the 12 steps of recovery, Mass, and confession. It takes place at **San Juan del Rio Parish** in St. Johns on **Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Registration is now open at graceandrecovery.org/ols/products. For more information, call (732) 425-7949

#### **BABY STEPS CAMINO**

#### Dec. 13-15, 8th annual Baby Steps Camino

Join us for the 8th annual Baby Steps Camino pilgrimage from **Dec. 13 to 15**, covering 30 miles along Florida's coastline. The journey begins with Mass on Friday, Dec. 13, at St. Paul Parish in Jacksonville Beach and ends on Sunday, Dec. 15, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine. This pilgrimage offers a special time for prayer, sacrifice, worship and fellowship during Advent. For more details and registration, visit BabyStepsCamino.com



## **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. For more information call 904-221-3232 or email **rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com.** 

All calls & inquiries are very confidential.

## COME AND BE RESTORED!



#### FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND HEALING SERVICE



Come and experience a peaceful and spiritual evening of prayer, healing, and reflection every first Friday of the month for the First Friday Mass and Healing Service at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine led by Father Martin Ibeh. **Next healing Mass is Dec 6. The Mass is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.** 

#### ANNUAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION



The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) will hold the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection in all parishes across the Diocese of St. Augustine on **Dec. 7-8**. Last year, parishioners in the diocese generously contributed \$117,905.72 to help retired Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests, many of whom worked for little or no pay. These funds support the care of more than 20,000 elderly religious, whose annual healthcare costs exceed \$1 billion.

# ST. JOHN PAUL II

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# **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 permited.** 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@dosafl.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: 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. You also can fnd the bulletin on our website at www.nocateecatholic.com.

# SUBMIT COMMUNICATIONS REQUESTS

Submit the online form at: https://nocateecatholic.com/communicationsrequest/ Requests must be received **by 5:00pm on** 

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