

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Luke 3:16

Excerpts from the Lectonary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm (Closed for lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm)

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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.

FOOD DRIVE

There will be **no December food drive** for Catholic Charities.
Thank you for your support!



PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEW CHURCH

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 wellbeing 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.

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

Prayer & Worship

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SICK & INFIRM

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

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Angela DiBenedetto, Caroline Fairly, Sarah Martin, Karol Robles, Yahaira Moonan

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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJPII

Dec 19 Advent Penance Service 5-7pm

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm, 7pm and 12am

Dec 25 Christmas Day Masses at 8am and 10am

Jan 4-5 Pick up Food Drive Bags

Altar flowers are in memory of Yure Vrban





Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

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

Second Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:00pm + Oscar Velez 6:00pm + Joel Burgos II

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00am Lisa Brenninkmeyer 10:00am People of the Parish 12:00pm + Jure "Yure" Vrban

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30am + Diane Massaglia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30am + Ellen Schnebel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30am TBD

THURSDAY. DECEMBER 19

8:30am + Manuel Estrada

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30am + J.P. Thornton

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

Ministry Activities

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Sunday, December 15th

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

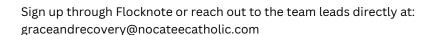
11:30am - Celebration will begin outside of the church with music and dancing dedicated to our beloved mother.

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

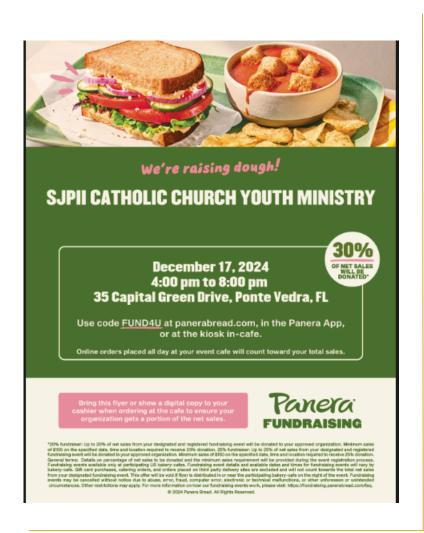
The Grace and Recovery Ministry meets the **1st and 3rd Mondays** each month at **7pm in the Church**. All are welcome. The purpose of these Grace and Recovery meetings is to bring freedom, in complete anonymity, to those who love someone with an addiction and those personally struggling with addiction. 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.





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





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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 904330-0153 to schedule a visit.

FORMED

PICKS OF THE WEEK December 15, 2024



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," but what does that look like at your house? Most of us anticipate the great sales, string lights on our house, and decorate the inside of our homes. But how exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given? Watch "Advent" on FORMED.org this week and explore the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, and experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas.



Want a perfect family night celebration of the birth of Jesus? Watch "O Holy Night" this week on FORMED.org. Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior. O Holy Night is a great way to remind everyone of Who we celebrate at Christmas!

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2025 JUBILEE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

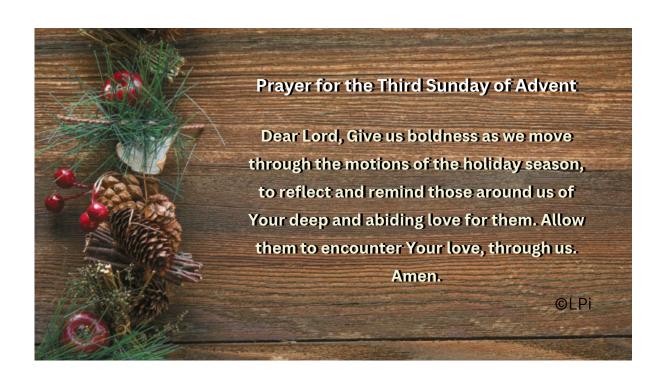
July 26 - August 5, 2025

2025 Jubilee of Youth and Young Adults Pilgrimage to Rome from **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 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





LIVING NATIVITY PLAY

Save the Date!

Come on December 16th at 6pm to see the youth of our parish enact the Nativity!

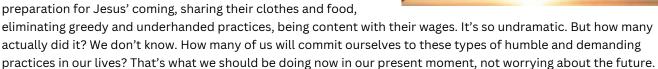




GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans."

Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment. This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food,



Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

- Father John Muir ©LPi

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

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.



External Ministry Activities

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.



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GAUDETE SUNDAY

"Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you." Isaiah 60:1



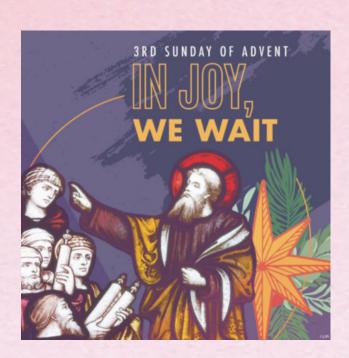


"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:4-7

"Shout for joy, daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
daughter Jerusalem!"
Zephaniah 3:14

"Sing praise to the LORD for he has done glorious things; let this be known throughout all the earth." Isaiah 12:5





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Already registered? Create your account at sipiichurch.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?

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

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

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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.

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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.

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The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with the allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.

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