



Sunday, March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. JOHN PAUL II**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”*  
*Luke 6:43, 45*

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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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear JP2 Family,

On March 5, we will begin our Lenten Season as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. This is my first Lenten Season with you.

**"The Annual Lenten Season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter. The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery - Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. The catechumens, both with the rite of election and scrutinies and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises" (Ceremonial of Bishops, 249)**

This Lenten Season, I am so grateful to invite you to mark your calendar for two important events here at our Parish: our Penance Service and our Parish Lenten Mission. **March 20, 2025, Thursday, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** will be our **Lenten Penance Service**, and **March 23 to 25, 2025, our Parish Lenten Mission**. I invited Mr. Vince Ambrosetti to be our speaker for our mission. You are all familiar with him because many of the hymns we sing at mass are composed by him.

May this Lenten Season be a time for you to pray more and be closer to Jesus. As a community practice, I invite you to offer all your sacrifices and prayers for the success of the construction of our new church. I look forward to celebrating Easter with you as the culmination of this beautiful season of Lent.

On a side note, I am happy to share that three wonderful retired priests have committed to helping us here at JP2; let us thank Msgr. Frank Pugliese, Father Jeff McGowan, and Father Rom Camarda in their openness to help us with our sacramental celebrations here at St. John Paul II. Always include our saintly priests in your prayers as they commit to helping us in our busy Parish in their retirement to active ministry. What a Blessing!

**Father Rafael Lavilla**  
Pastor

## UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

### Ash Wednesday (March 5th)

#### Mass Schedule

8:30 am  
12:00 pm  
7:00 pm

#### Ash Distribution Service

7:00 am

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**  
**Friday, March 7th, 21st, and April 11th**  
**at 5:30pm-7:30pm**

Tickets are \$10 (ages 6 and up).  
Family tickets are a maximum of \$50

Registration for March 7th closes on Monday, March 3rd.  
Scan the QR code to reserve your spot!



**Lenten Penance Service**  
**Thursday, March 20th, 5-7pm**

**Stations of the Cross**  
**Every Friday at 5pm**  
excluding Good Friday  
(April 11th will be the Living Stations at 7:30pm)

# Prayer & Worship

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### OUR SICK & INFIRM

Riley McCahill, Kenneth Minutoli, Letecia Pangilinan-Gella, John Parkin, Alexander Sandel, Dennis Siple, Jeff Smith, Maria Niki, Frank Scarpinato, April Atchley

### OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Angela DiBenedetto, Caroline Fairly, Sarah Martin, Karol Robles, Yahaira Moonan, Emily Vogt, Alyssa Albano

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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](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).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJPII

- Mar 3** Career Ministry, 5:30pm
- Mar 5** Ash Wednesday, 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm (Distribution Service, 7:30am)
- Mar 6** First Thursday Gathering after morning Mass
- Mar 10** Special Needs Speaker, 6:30pm
- Mar 12** MOMS Blessed is She Study, 7pm
- Mar 16** Joe Paddy Festival

## SUNDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month 9:00am - 12:00pm.

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 March 16.**

Questions: [office@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:office@nocateecatholic.com)

Altar flowers are in celebration of Henry and Lynn Lofton's 50th wedding anniversary.

## 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  
and 30 minutes before every Mass

## PRAYER & ADORATION

### WEDNESDAYS

Morning Prayer 8:00am  
Adoration 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Evening Prayer & Benediction 4:00pm  
  
24 Hour Adoration every first Friday of the month beginning at 9am

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

4:00pm + Sherley Craig  
6:00pm + Jeremy Grata

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:00am + Joseph Malloy  
10:00am + Ann Raczkowski  
12:00pm People of the Parish

#### MONDAY, MARCH 3

8:30am + Anne Dominik

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

8:30am + Jennifer Yeats

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 (ASH WED.)

8:30am + Richard Pisano Sr.  
12:00pm + Helen and George Dewey  
7:00pm + William and Betty Smith

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 6

8:30am + David Shelby

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:30am Morgan Baptiste

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



# Ministry Activities

## SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY

Interested in ways to get more active in the parish? Our ministries offer many things including faith & fellowship as well as volunteer opportunities, and more! This week, we are featuring

### 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.

We will hold our first Special Needs Speaker Series on **March 10 at 6:30 PM in the Church**. We will be welcoming Maureen Shilkunas, the Director of Human Life and Dignity. All are welcome.

The Special Needs Ministry has supported children and receiving sacraments. We have developed a crossover curriculum between the current Faith Formation and the Rose Kennedy Special Needs curriculum to help support families. The ministry has started a Special Olympics track team, initiated joint field days, meeting on some community meetings with Faith Formation and festival days, made sandwich bags for the homeless, worked with the Mom's Ministry to create candy bags for Seniors at Christmas, and sponsored a St. Nickolas celebration for K-6 Faith Formation.

#### Mission Statement

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.

#### Vision Statement

To create an environment where all special needs individuals are loved, respected, and embraced with patience as they fully integrate into our Catholic community.

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

**The Patron Saint of our ministry and disabled individuals,  
Blessed Herman of Reichenau, Pray for Us!**

We welcome you to fill out our Special Needs Ministry Survey to share a little about your child or adult with special needs.



Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth.

(Genesis 1: 26)

## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The February St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive was met with amazing generosity by our parish. The wonderful, wearable items that were donated were gratefully received. These kind donations will make it possible for families with limited incomes to shop for clothes they need.

Dollars raised at the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store are used to help families who are struggling remain securely housed. To learn more about St. Vincent DePaul, its mission, our work, or how you can help, please call 904-330-0153 #5.

Please note: Our next clothing drive will be August 2025. To arrange for pick-up of furniture, call 904-396-7473 or email: svdpjaxthriftstore@gmail.com



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## NEW USHER TRAINING

**MONDAY MARCH 3 RD - 5-7 PM**

Are you looking for a way to become involved in a Parish Ministry, but have limited time to volunteer? Have you been an usher/ greeter in a past Parish and enjoyed the role? We are looking to grow our Usher Ministry at SJPII and would welcome adults, families and teens to join our Ministry.

The main goal of our Ministry is to welcome parishioners and guests to our Parish and to perform certain functions during the Mass, such as helping with the seating of attendees, taking up the collections, orchestrating an orderly process for receiving Communion and distributing bulletins after Mass. This is a special Ministry, which often allows you to be the first encounter a visitor may have with our Church, as you provide a welcoming atmosphere for all who enter our doors.

Ushers can choose the Masses you prefer to work and usually work one or two days a month, Schedules are very flexible. Please consider joining our Ministry.

**To register for this training session or for any questions related to our Ministry please contact Carol Sterba at [usherministry@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:usherministry@nocateecatholic.com)**

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## MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

### Coffee and Conversations

The Ministry of Consolation will offer a gathering, Coffee and Conversations for widows and widowers on the **fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Tent**. Whether you are newly bereaved or have been without a partner for some time, all are welcome. **Next Date 3/24/25**

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

Coffee and tea will be available.

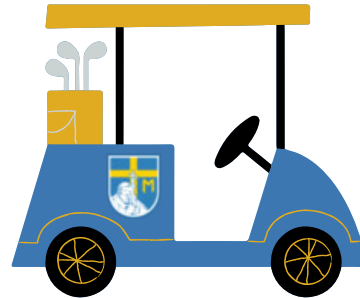
For more information, please contact [consolation@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:consolation@nocateecatholic.com).



## Youth Golf Tournament

The Annual Diocese of St. Augustine Youth and Young Adult Golf Tournament is on **April 21**, at Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra. Proceeds of the tournament primarily fund the Youth and Young Adult Office. Registration is now open to play in this year's tournament! They also have opportunities to become a sponsor and/or donating to their live/silent auction.

Please reach out to Matthew Crews [youthflc@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:youthflc@nocateecatholic.com) or Robin Shipley [rshipley@dosafll.com](mailto:rshipley@dosafll.com) to find out more.



## MOMS MINISTRY

### Our Mission:

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



### BLESSED IS SHE // LENT 2025:

Join us this Lent! The Moms Ministry will host meetings to discuss the Blessed Is She // Lent 2025 Devotional - Under the Olive Tree for 5-weeks on Wednesday evenings - starting **March 12th, 7pm in the Chapel.**

"Each week, we will meditate on the movements of His Agony in the Garden, praying the Psalms that Jesus prayed and diving more deeply into the mystery of His surrendered and sacrificial love. We will also be invited to contemplate His love in Eucharistic Adoration just as Jesus asked the disciples to remain with Him for one hour and pray. Whether you're seeking a deeper prayer life, healing, or simply a way to walk intentionally through the season of Lent, this devotional will be a faithful companion under the shadow of the olive trees. This Lent, walk with Jesus into the garden and allow Him to restore the garden of your own heart with His merciful love."



Contact [momsministry@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:momsministry@nocateecatholic.com) or visit our website at [sjp2mom.com](http://sjp2mom.com) for more information.

Join us on Flocknote for regular ministry updates: [nocateecatholic.flocknote.com/SJP2mom](http://nocateecatholic.flocknote.com/SJP2mom)



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (The Gospel of Life 5)



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## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Choir members needed!

Join the choir to aid with the music during weekend Masses and upcoming Sacred Paschal Triduum/Easter Masses. Whether you have a knack for singing, or would like to learn how to sing, there is a place for you!

Music Ministry offers:

- Stress-free practices in a friendly community
- Free academic music knowledge & tips, touching the great compositions
- Extending your musical skills, teaching voice and singing manners
- Open to all 5th grade and older! (children must be accompanied by an adult)



Don't "hide your talent in the ground!" Try to multiply it! Become part of the ministry dedicated to bringing the whole congregation closer to God through the sacred music!

**During the Lent, choir practice is Thursday at 4:30pm.**

**Reach out to our music director, Rafal, at [music@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:music@nocateecatholic.com) for details, talk with him directly after Mass, or attend any choir practice.**

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## CAREER MINISTRY

Finding your next job is not a fun process. Don't go down the path alone. Our Career Ministry meets the first and third Monday of the month in the church at 5:30 pm. Our parish volunteers offer their own career expertise, coaching, mock interviews, and suggestions for networking. You'll discover new connections, learn important strategies for today's job market and feel the grace of God in this ministry. We welcome both job seekers and those who want to help.

Join us in the church this **Monday, March 3 at 5:30 pm**. We also meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at 5:30pm- this group will support you!

Updated meeting information will also be posted to the Career Ministry website: [tinyurl.com/sjiicareer](http://tinyurl.com/sjiicareer) .

## JOE PADDY DAY FESTIVAL

Please join us for our 5th Annual Joe Paddy Festival on March 16, 2025!

Please join us as we celebrate St. Joseph and St. Patrick in our St. John Paul II Community. We will start the celebration at the Noon Mass, followed by a procession to the festival with Italian and Irish food, drinks and fun for the kids!

Tickets for the event will be limited to 300.

Ticket prices:

Adults Tickets: 13 years and older-\$30.00

Children Tickets: 4-12 \$15.00

Tickets



Tickets are on sale now! Please click on the link to purchase online. Tickets can also be purchased in the church office. Committee members will also be selling tickets after Masses March 1st and 2nd.



The Joe Paddy Committee is looking for volunteers for the event. We will need help with setting up on March 15th and the day of the festival is March 16th.

Adult Volunteers



Youth Volunteers



Have your children join in the cultural event of celebrating the Italian and Irish cultures by joining the procession to honor St. Joseph and St. Patrick at the noon time mass.

We are SEEKING CHILDREN 5+ years to process in and out of the 12 pm mass on March 16. Interested children are required to do the following:

**Attend one of the two rehearsal dates below:**

**Saturday, March 8 at 5:15pm at church**

**Sunday, March 9 at 2:30pm at church.**

**AND**

**On Sunday, March 16, arrive at the church at 11:30 a.m. wearing a white shirt/blouse and black pants/skirt.**

If interested, please email Angela giving her the name and age of your child. She can be reached at: [registration@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:registration@nocateecatholic.com) or call her at 904-330-0153 Extension 107.



## 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, March 6**

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

March 2, 2025



Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent—we just don't know how to do it. Prepare for the start of Lent this week by watching **"How to Lent"** on FORMED.org. How to Lent is a new that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.



You children may have heard the Sermon on the Mount before, but do they understand the key points of this important Bible passage? Watch the **"Sermon on the Mount"** with them this week on FORMED.org. This video series will help them understand what righteousness means in the Bible and how it applies to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and understand what it means to do right by God and others.

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

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## External Ministry Activities

### PALMER ACADEMY ANGEL BALL

Palmer Catholic Academy, our parish school, is having their annual fundraiser Angel Ball on **Saturday, March 29 at the Sawgrass Marriott!** Join us for a fun-filled evening of fellowship, gala games, dinner, dancing, and silent and live auctions as we raise money to support our safety and security needs!

Buy tickets here:



OR text AngelBall2025 to (919) 626-3277. We hope to see you there! Thank you for your support of our parish school!



### PARISH REGISTRATION, LOGIN & PASSWORD

Please register online at [www.nocateecatholic.com](http://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](mailto:registration@nocateecatholic.com).



**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

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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](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/>  
Requests must be received **by 5:00pm on Tuesdays**; twelve days prior to the Sunday bulletin publication date.

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