



Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

**ST. JOHN PAUL II**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.'"*  
Luke 4:6a, 7-8

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## 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 Parishioners,

Today, we begin the season of Lent; we enter into this season as pilgrims ready to journey for 40 days with a heart prepared for repentance, and we look forward to experiencing the joy of Jesus' resurrection come Easter Sunday.

Last Tuesday, I concelebrated the funeral mass for Father William Mooney, the long-time pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in St. Augustine, FL. He was the pastor of that parish for 40 years. Before the final commendation, the Knights of Columbus did their traditional final roll call for the deceased. As the name of Faithful Friar Father William Mooney was called for the first and second time, there was silence, and on the third time, one of the knights announced to the congregation that he was absent and in the presence of the Lord. The moment touched everyone inside the church, and tears filled every mourner's eyes. What a profound experience for me. A faithful and loving priest like Father Mooney has a special place in the heart of Jesus.

Wednesday morning, 6/26, was a somber day for the faithful of the beaches as they woke up to the sad news of the passing of the beloved Father Bill Kelly, also known as "the priest of the beaches." He was indeed a priest molded after the heart of Jesus; for years, he lived a life of service and compassion to the fold God entrusted to him; days leading to his passing, he visited sick people, celebrated baptisms, and had funerals in his retirement days. Eternal Rest grant unto Fr. Kelly, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him; may he rest in peace. Amen.

Please 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.

Father Rafael Lavilla  
Pastor

### Parish Lenten Mission

*March 23rd-25th, 6:30pm*

Special guest, **Vince Ambrosetti**, world renowned Catholic musical artist.

### UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**  
*Friday, March 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 21st closes on Monday, March 17th.  
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, Maria Niki, Frank Scarpinato, April Atchley, Alessandro Garcia

### OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

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

### OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

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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 10** Special Needs Speaker, 6:30pm
- Mar 12** MOMS Blessed is She Study, 7pm
- Mar 15-16** Return SJPII Food Bags
- Mar 16** Joe Paddy Festival

## SJPII MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Reminder to pick up a food collection bag and list if you did not get one last week.

**Please only donate items from the Pantry List.**  
Please return your bags March 15-16

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**



## LENTEN PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you.

**Amen.**

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## 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

### First Sunday in Lent

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

4:00pm + Kathryn Earley  
6:00pm + Sally and Jim Mazzalla

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

8:00am + John Skolka  
10:00am People of the Parish  
12:00pm + Hugh Francis Bevier

#### MONDAY, MARCH 10

8:30am + Mike McGrath

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

8:30am + Manuel Estrada

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

8:30am + William and Jane Coyle

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

8:30am + Eugene Fiamma

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 14

8:30am Vincent and Stephanie Love

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)

## ALTAR SERVERS

On February 15th, the Altar Servers of our Church were able to spend a half day with Bishop Pohlmeier at St Joseph's Parish for an Altar Server retreat with our wonderful Bishop. The retreat and time spent with the Bishop centered around prayer & reverence while serving, what qualities and skills a server should cultivate and how to properly prepare for Mass. All twelve servers that were in attendance were able to deepen their faith and knowledge as servers. It was a wonderful event. Thank you all who attended. It was a wonderful turnout from St John Paul II and the entire diocese as over 100 servers were in attendance.



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## MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

### iCare Grief Support Group

The Ministry of Consolation will host another session of the six-week iCare Grief Support Workshop. 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.

Sessions will begin on **Monday, March 10, 2025 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM** Saint John Paul II Chapel for six weeks. Retired grief professionals lead iCare Grief Support groups.

For more information and to register, please contact [griefsupport@nocateecatholic.com](mailto:griefsupport@nocateecatholic.com).

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## WEEKLY ADORATION

Jesus invites everyone to spend time in Adoration with Him present in the Eucharist. When you go before Him, He sees you; when you speak, He hears you; when you confide something to Him, He welcomes into his Heart your every word, when you ask something of Him, He always hears your prayer.



**Weekly Adoration is on Wednesdays 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
**Adoration ends with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 4:00 PM.**

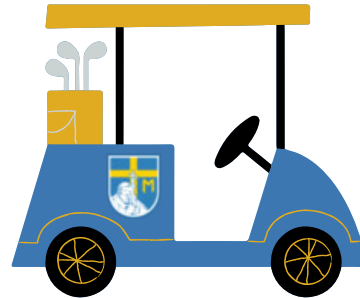
Please consider spending 1 hour with Jesus each week.  
If you are unable to commit to 1 hour on a weekly basis, consider stopping in to visit.



## 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

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life” (The Gospel of Life 28).



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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 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.**

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

March 9, 2025



In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. But what does metanoia mean? Watch **“Metanoia – A Journey with Christ into Conversion”** on FORMED.org this week. This series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land and explores topics like what must we do to inherit eternal life and areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. These stories will inspire you to seek to encounter Jesus and the new life he is constantly inviting us to.



Your children know Lent from the way we as adults observe it but what does it look like from their lens? Are there ways to improve? Watch **“Learn About Lent”**, a Brother Francis video, with them this week on FORMED.org. Join Brother Francis in this compact presentation of what Lent is all about and how we observe it as Catholics. Great for the whole family!

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

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## 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 follow the QR code to purchase online. Tickets can also be purchased in the church office.



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:  
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.

## GRACE AND RECOVERY RETREAT

**Saturday, March 15th, 2025, 9am-4:30pm.  
Breakfast served at 8:30am**



Are you seeking a path to recovery and a deeper connection with you faith? Join us for a transformative one-day event for anyone impacted by addiction-whether personally or a loved one. Come and find healing, support, and a renewed sense of hope. Register at [www.graceandrecovery.org](http://www.graceandrecovery.org)

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[www.faithonfiremissions.org](http://www.faithonfiremissions.org)

[www.facebook.com/VinceAmbrosetti](https://www.facebook.com/VinceAmbrosetti)

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**Sunday**

March 23, 2025

6:30 pm

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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).



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### 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.

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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

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### To Report Abuse Call:

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