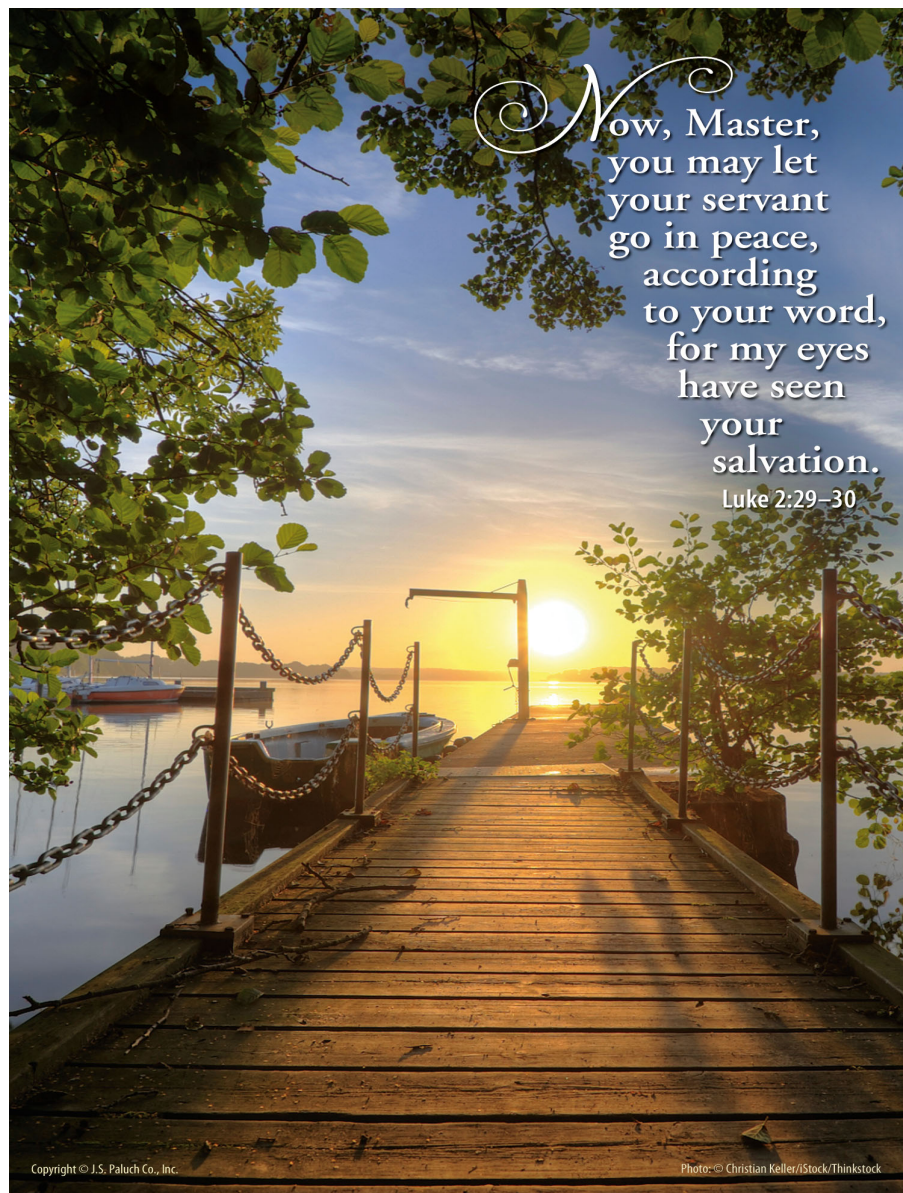


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The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020

*He had to become like his brothers
and sisters in every way.
—Hebrews 2:17a*

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MASS TIMES
Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 8:00 AM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM
Thursday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:00 AM

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Saturday 10:00 AM
And by appointment

**Baptism, Eucharist,
Confirmation and Marriage**
Please call the office regarding preparation
for these Sacraments.

**Communion and
Anointing of the Sick**
After Sunday Mass, the Eucharist is taken to
the sick. Please call the office to have a
parishioner included.

February 2, 2020

Sick Relatives & Friends

Justin McPherson
 Joshua Rickert
 Jimmy Hobson
 Charlotte Carr
 Lee Olson
 Robert Carr
 Bill Johnson Sr.
 Elizabeth Bides
 Richard Patey
 Frank Crowder
 Nestor Gil
 Jennifer Kues
 Karen Pendleton
 Lynda Pendleton
 Marty Klein
 Eric Ebuon
 Ron Heckman

Marguerite Schaffhauser
 Bernice Schaffhauser
 Edward Schaffhauser
 Irena Osinski
 Al Wagner
 Ben Franzuela
 Tony Barroso
 Bob Dietrich
 May Coons
 Robin Hanson
 Walter Hanson
 Faye Carr
 Elizabeth Boothe
 Elisa Alonzo
 Trish Caudill
 Mike Ambrosio
 Elfrida Powell
 Rina Hopkins
 Bill Cox
 Cynthia Waggoner
 Glenn Sisler
 Suzanne Denmark

Barbara Ann Johnson
 John Zesis
 Benito Lopez
 Noel de la Rosa
 Joan Kelley
 Loretta Wagner
 Linda Sandmon
 Joan Bell
 Rosemarie Rickert
 Rizalina Paterno
 Cheryl Mark
 Jim Lammie
 Christine Lucas
 Dan Benkert
 Harvey Little
 Jerry Carroll
 Wayne Tolbert
 Jim Burns
 Mary Uraco
 Kaycee Smelser
 Karen Holden
 Ann Font

Joan Richards
 Bobby Richards
 Patricia Seelhofer
 Wilda Von Seggern
 Keith Rickerts
 Dolores Hazel
 Davd Benedict
 Richard Boyle
 JoEllen Reoyo
 Patricia Clarke
 Andrew Buttner
 Adam Herbert
 Denise Jones
 Phil Dancel
 J.C. Kea
 Ginny Ragland
 Greg Isles
 Rudy Chandia
 Pat Mayhew
 Josephine Gaudio
 David Ritchie
 Kayran Carroll

Armand Riendeau
 Michael Walker
 Tedd Metras
 Marcia Conrad
 Amor Guzman
 Daniel Manning
 Kathy Matkovic
 Arlene Ritchie
 Patricia Hinds
 Mary Starr
 Joanne Hoffmeister
 Ron Kurth
 Charles Garrett
 Paul Weihs
 Frank Lujan
 Herman Ike Pundt
 Archie Paez
 Cindy Brown
 Patricia Wright



MEET FATHER RAFAEL

Join Fr. Rafael every Sunday in the parish hall at 7:00 AM for some coffee and conversation.

MARDI GRAS IS COMING!

St. John's Ladies' Guild will be sponsoring the annual Mardi Gras celebration on TUESDAY, February 25, at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. All women of St. John's Church are invited to be our guests for a traditional New Orleans dinner, jazz music, and fun. This event is a wonderful opportunity for women of our parish to meet new friends and to learn a little about the Ladies' Guild. Please, save the date and join us.



PREPARING FOR LENT FISH FRY

To prepare for the season of Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry on Sunday, February 23, after the 11:00 Mass. Tickets go on sale February 9 and will also be available at the door. All tickets are \$10.00. The menu will include fish, French fries, coleslaw, and hush puppies. Beverages will also be available. We look forward to seeing you to help bring in the season of Lent.



TIME FOR ASHES

Please bring your used palms and place them in the basket in the narthex. They will be burned to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday.

UP-COMING NON-PAROCHIAL COLLECTIONS

April 10 Holy Shrines
 May 3 Catholic Home Missions
 June 28 Peter's Pence
 July 5 Florida and Latin American Missions



Collections

January 26, 2020

Offertory.....	\$8,762.45
Online Giving.....	\$1,804.26
Building Fund.....	\$1,905.00
Respect Life.....	\$162.00
Total.....	\$12,633.71
Emergency Assistance Ministry.....	\$413.81

PROPERTY CLEAN-UP

Parish bonding opportunity: It's that time again—time for a refresher clean-up of the parish property. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, February 1, at 9:00 to make our property look beautiful again! After the clean-up, there will be hot dogs and hamburgers for all of the volunteers.



VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER AND DANCE PARTY
 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

WHEN: Saturday, February 8
 TIME: 6:00 PM to 10:30 PM
 WHERE: St. John's Parish Hall
 COST: In Advance: \$25.00 per person
 At Door: \$30.00 per person



Dinner buffet, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, tea and water, DJ, dancing, prizes, dessert and more! Tickets on sale now, after all Masses.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday	Wednesday
FEBRUARY	
February 2 (NO CLASS)	February 5
February 9	February 12
February 16	February 19
February 23	February 26 (NO CLASS)
MARCH	
March 1	March 4
March 8 (NO CLASS)	March 11 (NO CLASS)
March 15	March 18
(All classes meet from 6:15-7:30.)	

NEW ONLINE GIVING SYSTEM

Thank you to all who have signed up on the new diocesan-wide system known as ParishSOFT! (Remember: If you have a recurring gift on the old system, you must call 1-800-348-2886 to deactivate it.) There are three ways to sign up with ParishSoft: use the Giving link on our parish app (Text APP to 88202), use the Online Giving link on our website (<https://saintjohnsatlanticbeach.org>), or go directly to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/mayport> and sign up. You will be able to GIVE NOW (to give once or as a recurring gift). Choose from a list of funds you wish to give to, or you can set up an account, again, either to give once or to set up a Recurring Gift to the fund(s) of your choice. It sounds more complicated than it really is, but if you need help, please call Kathryn in the church office (246-6014).



Dear Padre,

A guided meditation on the rosary's fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions "our Blessed Mother's purification." What does that mean?

According to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1-8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn't afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary's offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).

Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. "The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb...whether of human being or beast, belongs to me'" (Exodus 13:1-2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn't afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation."

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY	February 1
5:00 P.M.	†Paul O'Brien
.....	by Rick and Denny Foster
SUNDAY	February 2
9:00 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. John's
11:00 A.M.	†Brandon and Brian Bialek
.....	by Rose Yeager
MONDAY	February 3
8:00 A.M.	NO MASS
TUESDAY	February 4
8:00 A.M.	†Ricky Martin
.....	by Minda Mamansag
WEDNESDAY	February 5
8:00 A.M.	†Howard Miley
.....	by Jimmy and Corinne Hundley
THURSDAY	February 6
8:00 A.M.	†Donald Gray
.....	by Bill and Jeanne Dias
FRIDAY	February 7
8:00 A.M.	Healing of Eduardo Bato
.....	by Terri McMurtrey
SATURDAY	February 8
5:00 PM	†Joe Garbarino
.....	by Brian and Dorothy Schechterle
SUNDAY	February 9
9:00 A.M.	†Bob Knauss
.....	by Barbara Knauss
11:00 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. John's

Ministers' Schedule

February 8 and 9

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

5:00 P.M. (F) John Riendeau, Jan Riendeau
..... (I) Mary Ann Carroll, Maryann Speckman
9:00 A.M. (F) Jim Feazel, Bonnie Feazel
..... (I) Terry O'Brien, Sandra O'Brien
11:00 A.M. (F) Luz Reyes, Nora Suyat
..... (I) Nenita Romero, Dina Walker

READERS

5:00 P.M. Bill Corley, Denny Foster
9:00 A.M. Muriel Lites, Michelle Pastrana
11:00 A.M. Lee Olson, Eileen Theis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 P.M. Larry McKay, David Grimes, Bill Pray,
..... David Costa, Marilyn Ormond,
..... Andrea Spencer, Rene Pachuta
9:00 A.M. Jeff Marquardt, Kathy Pundt, Ann Crowder,
..... Tom Crowder, Linda Trinidad,
..... Amy Crane, Maura Wilburn
11:00 A.M. Aida Masinsin, Jane Hart, Manny Silverio,
..... Dee Fox, Grace Dancel,
..... Dottie Drake, Rose Rickert

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 P.M. Elijah Trinidad, Bridgette Von Seggern,
..... Brynn Von Seggern
9:00 A.M. Ivy Kidwell, James Lingerfelt,
..... Aiden Overland
11:00 A.M. Christie Cabrera, Abigayl Santos,
..... Gabe Santos

CATHOLIC THERAPIST NETWORK

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence." —St Augustine

Caring and confidential Catholic support is available...

The Catholic Therapist Network is a listing of counselors who are Catholics in good standing and loyal to the theology, traditions, and values of the Catholic faith. Though not affiliates or employees of the Diocese, all participating mental health professionals are independent practitioners, currently licensed and insured. They are committed to extending their expertise and offering full discretion in meeting with clients. Contact information for Network participants is available at <https://family.dosafl.com/therapists/>.

"MIRACLE HUNTER" COMING TO ST. JOHN'S

The stories of miracles have fascinated Michael O'Neill so much that he began researching and documenting the Church's findings on a web site called *MiracleHunter.com*. He also developed a radio program on Relevant Radio called "The Miracle Hunter." He then developed a television series for EWTN called "They Might Be Saints." He has become a recognized expert in both Catholic Miracles and Marian Apparitions. Michael O'Neill will be speaking at St. John's on **Thursday, February 13, at 7:00 PM**. His investigations have convinced him that the hand of God is still very active in our world, and the Catholic Church is doing a great job of documenting it. After his talk, he will entertain questions and will be available to meet with you. The event is free. All are invited.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Join the Knights of Columbus in the Marian Chapel every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM for the weekly rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

AA MEETINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 AM in the library.

Are you registered at St. John's? If not, please pick up a registration form between the two bulletin boards or online!

Download our Parish App: Text **APP** to **88202**

AMUSING ANECDOTE

I was sprawled on the living-room couch watching my favorite show on the Food Network when my husband walked in.

"Why do you watch those food shows?" he asked. "You don't even cook."

Glaring back at him, I asked, "Then why do you watch football?"

Do you know a great, clean church joke? Send your submissions to ewiley@outlook.com



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday; Groundhog Day
Monday:	Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
Wednesday:	St. Agatha
Thursday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary



ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Your Journey of Faith Begins Here!

Are you seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith or where to begin your journey?

Our team will help you explore and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and help you uncover the great treasury of spiritual wisdom that is contained in the Catholic Church.

If you or your loved ones have questions about the Catholic faith, its beliefs, its practices, or if you or someone you know is thinking about becoming Catholic, come and explore the Catholic faith with us!

Our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team has many resources to help you. Please contact us at the parish office (246-6014).

AROUND THE DIOCESE...

February 3: Ministry Formation Information Night



Catholics who want to serve in leadership roles of the church including diaconal ministry are encouraged to attend one of four informational nights around the diocese. 6:30-8:00 PM in the Bishop Snyder Conference Room of the Catholic Center. For more info, email emcgeever@dosafl.com. To register, go to layministry@dosafl.com

February 4 First Tuesday Mass with Prayers for the Sick

Hosted by the Marian Servants of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30 p.m., rosary, Mass celebrated by Father John Tetlow at Our Lady of La Leche National Shrine at Mission Nombre de Dios, St. Augustine. For details, email dhemsoth@msbs.org

February 15-16 Living in Love Retreat and Workshop

Blessed Trinity Parish is sponsoring a Living in Love Retreat and Workshop for couples of all ages. The event is open to all. For more information, call Ron (484)366-6012 or Kathy (610)-506-7958 or visit www.livinginlove.org.



RISE UP EVENT FOR YOUTH

A free event will take place on February 29 at Parker Auditorium on the campus of Bolles Middle School. Enjoy Christian Recording Artist Sarah Kroger and an inspiring message by self-proclaimed Bible Geek Mark Hart. The evening begins with food and outdoor games at 4:30 p.m. Doors open for the main event at 6:00 p.m. Make sure you stay around for the after party. All are welcome and invited. Tickets and details are available at RiseUpYC.org or Eventbrite. For groups of 10 or more, email onie@riseupyc.org.

ANNUAL SHOOT FOR THE STARS TOURNAMENT

On **February 24**, you are invited to participate in the 12th Annual *Shoot for the Stars* Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Morning Star School from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the San Jose Country Club, Jacksonville. The entry fee of \$150 covers greens fees, lunch, complimentary cocktails, games, prizes, and an award ceremony dinner. To learn more, visit www.morningstar-jax.org/golf-tournament/ to register or for more information.

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To report abuse call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 262-3200 extension 129 or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96ABUSE.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$40.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Kindergarten through High School

Religious Education Director: Samantha Matthews 246-6014

CHOIRS:**5:00 p.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Practice is after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

11:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Youth Choir Practice

Seasonally, on Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

INFANTS and CHILDREN:

Parents, please help us to worship with attention and prayer by responsibly caring for your young one during Mass. A crying infant could be beseeching God for a walk outside. Please take your child to the gathering area if your child becomes disruptive during Mass and needs calming.

HALL RENTAL:

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG CHURCH:

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome. The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community. Contact Paul Trinidad (246-0592) or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are needed and welcome. Food is also distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight Jimmy Hundley at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY: A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

Members meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You do not need a medical background to participate.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received prior to Friday, a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call Ellen at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to ewiley@outlook.com or fax to 246-1219. Prayer list changes and/or sympathy announcements have reserved space and are accepted up to transmission time.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:

Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Contact Dennis Stone (dennisjstone@comcast.net), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.

