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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 5pm

**Sunday** 7am, 9am & 11am

## Communion Service

Sunday 12:30PM

## Facebook Online Mass

Sunday: 10:00AM

Tue-Fri: 6:00PM

## Parish Webpage

<https://saintjohnsatlanticbeach.org>

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StJohntheBaptistAB@gmail.com

## Confession

30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment.



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

Jesus said to Thomas,  
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

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April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

## DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

## Readings for the Week

**First Reading** — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

## Today's Readings

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

What a difference faith makes! The faith of the early community of believers led them to rise beyond the selfishness that so many of us struggle with as they grew in communion with Christ and one another. Their selflessness was a living sign of the impact of their faith in Jesus Christ. They did not find the commandments burdensome, but rather centered their lives on the love of God and neighbor that Jesus taught through his life, death, and resurrection. It is good for us to remember that faith is a gift. The journey of faith is not always straightforward and is often marked by doubt and moments of weakness. The apostles' faith grew as they experienced the risen Jesus. Jesus surely knew they needed the peace he offered and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as do we who have not seen the Lord and yet have come to believe in him.

### **FROM DOUBT TO BELIEF**

The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and "Doubting Thomas" shows us how to move from doubt to belief, knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesus' time with them. Thomas' doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered him physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.



### **LIVING FAITH**

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas' lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.

It is this is  
the One  
who  
came  
through  
Water  
& Blood



# MINISTERS SCHEDULE April 17 & 18

## EUCCHARISTIC:

### **5pm**

Mike McPherson\*  
David Costa  
Karen Rossetti

### **9am**

Rose Imray\*  
Scott Imray  
Kathy Pundt

### **11am**

Grace Dancel\*  
Josie Ezelle  
James Ezelle

## LECTORS

### **5pm**

1 Debbie Corsano  
2 Art Corsano

### **7am**

1 Michelle Pastrana  
2 Marilyn Ormond

### **9am**

1 Dan Mechenbier  
2 Marilyn Ormond

### **11am**

1 Jon Masinsin  
2 Isabel Masinsin

## HOSPITALITY

### **5pm**

Reggie & Cindy Dubay  
Corinne Hundley  
Maryann Speckman

### **7am**

Fred Hidalgo  
Corinne Hundley

### **9am**

Mike & Barbara Schuman  
Jim & Bonnie Feazel

### **11am**

Ramon Reyes  
Suzie Reyes  
Celina Austin

## ALTAR SERVER

### **5pm**

Brynn Von Seggern  
Bridgette Von Seggern

### **9am**

Ryan Feazel  
Aiden Overland

### **11Aam**

Gian Suyat  
Christie Cabrera



## MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<b>Sat April 10</b> <b>† Helen C. Ward</b> By Martin J. Trask, JR.	<b>Sun April 11</b> <b>7am:</b> <b>† Dora Hidalgo</b> By Hidalgo Family <b>9am</b> <b>1st Communion</b> <b>Candidates</b> <b>11am</b> St John's Parishioners	<b>Tues April 13</b> <b>† Dora Hidalgo</b> By Manny & Sony Silverio  <i>St. Martin I</i>	<b>Wed April 14</b> <b>† Ray Hawksworth</b> By Gerdes Family
<b>Thu April 15</b> <b>† Thomas Gaffney</b> By Claire Gaffney  <i>Income Tax Day</i>	<b>Fri April 16</b> <b>† Richard Oullette</b> By Arthur & Madeline Osiecki	<b>Sat April 17</b> <b>† Sis. Madge Oliva, of the Good Shepherd</b> By Terry McMurtry	<b>Sun April 18</b> <b>7am:</b> St John's Parishioners <b>9am</b> <b>† Jim Burns</b> By Jimmy & Corinne Hundley <b>11am</b> <b>† Mario Amello</b> By Gordon Family



### **March 30, 2021**

**Offering:** 13,216.03  
**BF:** 1,948.00  
**EAM:** + 1,082.00  
**Total: 16,246.03**

### **April 4, 2021**

**Offering:** 14,044.41  
**BF:** 862.50  
**Easter Flwrs:** 190.00  
**Easter Offer:** 7,098.00  
**EAM:** + 2,717.76  
**Total: 24,912.67**

*Matthew 25:35-40*

### 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.  
 Donation is \$40.00*



### **Attention: Liturgical Ministers**

Ministry Schedules for April-June are available on Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP). If you do not have internet access, please sign the yellow sheet on the counter in the Sacristy. Thank You!



### PRAYER REQUEST

Donna Cappock  
 Novalee Sanchez  
 Lily Rodriguez  
 Delores Fox  
 Albert Wagner  
 Loretta Wagner  
 John Weitort  
 Nanette Franzuela  
 Bob Pote  
 Eleanor Guzman

Rina Hopkins  
 Glenn Young  
 Jim Driscoll  
 Ron Keese  
 Mario Amayo  
 Don Cozine  
 Ernesto Budang  
 Aurea Silang  
 Bernadette Maron  
 Denise Jones  
 Daniel Lerin  
 Christie Lerin  
 Sandy Barata  
 Sarah Faith Collins

### **SAVE THE DATE**

It's time to mark your calendar for the **Florida Eucharistic Congress** on June 4-5. This year the Eucharistic Congress will kick-off at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Gainesville on Friday, June 4, beginning at 5 p.m. On Saturday, June 5, participants will move to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jacksonville, where the day begins at 8 a.m. with a Eucharistic Procession. For details, visit [FloridaEucharist.org](http://FloridaEucharist.org).

# What's Going on at St John's



## Religious Education

**Wednesday Kinder-5th**  
6:15-7:30pm

April 14, 21 **Mass** 28th

**Sunday 6th-Confirmation**  
6:15-7:30pm

April 11 & 18 **Mass** 25th

**Sunday Sacramental prep**  
**Retreat April 10** 10am-2pm  
w/parents

Religious Education Director:  
**Samantha Matthews** 246-6014

### 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**

(904) 923-8250 or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

### RCIA

**(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

**Tuesdays**  
6:30-8:30pm

**April 13**

**The Role of the Laity M2**

**April 20**

**Your Spiritual Gifts M3**

**April 27**

**Discernment M4**

**May 4**

**Our Call to Holiness M5**

**May 11**

**Living the Virtues M6**

**May 25**

**Evangelization M8**

If you are a parishioner interested in attending a RCIA meeting to refresh your faith please call the office for more information.

James Ezelle (904) 412-6548

Parish office (904) 246-6014.

### 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.

### THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome! Ladies president is Barb Knauss, please call Parish office for more info.

**Ladies meetings**  
@6:30PM May 4th

*The mission of the St. John's Ladies Guild is to render spiritual and social services within our parish and community and to lovingly nurture a spiritual and social life among our members.*

### THE MEN'S CLUB:

The Men's Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome!

Men's Club president is Jeff Marquardt, please call the Parish office for more info.

**Men's Club meetings**  
@ 7PM  
April 15th

### WEEKLY ROSARY:

A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 6:00pm in the Marian Chapel (If we need to spread out more we move to the main Sanctuary).

This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**CHOIRS:**  
**There is no practice as of now due to Covid restrictions**

## RESPECT LIFE

respect · love · protect

The Respect life Committee is looking for donations of **diapers**, sizes newborn-size 5 as well as **baby wipes**. We will be passing them out to families in need of baby items that come on Tuesdays for the food distributions, sponsored by the EAM. Please put any donations in the Respect for Life basket located in the Narthex.

Thank you for your Support,  
The Respect for Life Committee

### 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.

## Knights of Columbus

#14866

**KofC Meetings Tuesdays**  
@7PM  
April 13th & 27th



### Mary, Queen of the Knights

Our Lady Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order keep us true to the pledge, to extend the Kingdom of your Divine Son on earth; through your intercession win for us your grace even to exemplify in our public and private

lives, the virtues which should characterize those, specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware, that as your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of your servants the Knights of Columbus.

### 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.

### St John's EAM

is collecting **UNEXPIRED** canned vegetables & fruit for our food Pantry. Please bring any items to the Parish, during office hours 9am-4pm Mon-Fri.

Any Monetary Donations are greatly appreciated as well.

### St John's EAM:

Are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach & surrounding area. New members are always needed and welcomed, call office for more info.

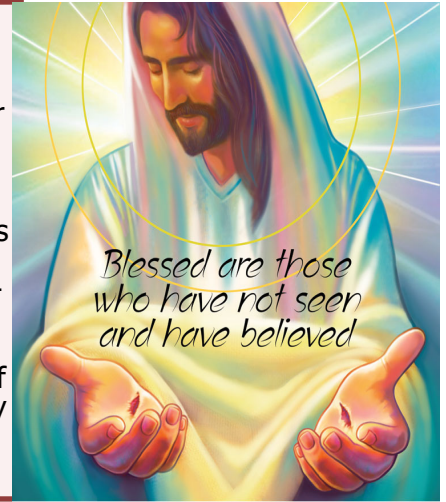
### Food distributions:

**Every Tue.** 3-4pm (setup starts about 2pm in Parish Hall)  
**1st Sat. of the month** 8-10am  
**3rd Sat. of the month** 6-about 9am  
This is our big outside drive-thru distribution. Please call the parish office to sign up to volunteer.



**FEAST OF FAITH The Psalms in the Liturgy**

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God. This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.



**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.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:**

New members always welcome, You don’t have to be a medical professional to join. Meetings correspond to the monthly Memory Café dates. (See announcement in bulletin.)

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Bulletin announcements must be received a week prior to the bulletin date. You may call **Monica** at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to [mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com](mailto:mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com)

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:**

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Interested in exploring ways to get closer to the Lord through prayer, scripture and contemplation? Contact Dennis Stone ([dennisstone@comcast.net](mailto:dennisstone@comcast.net)) or Kathleen Patneau ([kpatneau@comcast.net](mailto:kpatneau@comcast.net)) both are certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida. During the pandemic, sessions are conducted in person or virtually.

**Hallow**

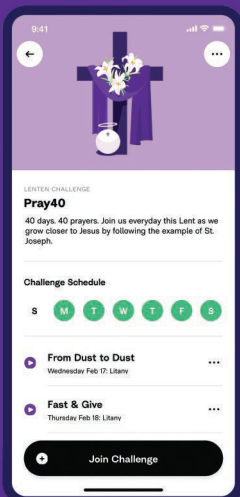
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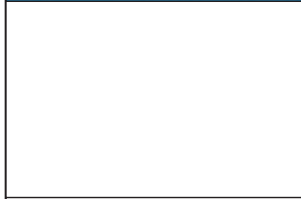
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