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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

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30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment



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Sixth Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Brothers and sisters,
whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the

GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31

February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

Today's Readings

First Reading- The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalms 32- I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading- Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1).

Gospel- The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Paul the People Pleaser?

Last week we heard St. Paul saying that he was all things to all people. This week, we hear that he tried to please everyone. To modern ears, that sounds more like a used car salesman, who has just the right deal for any buyer. But that wasn't what Paul meant. The key to Paul's way of life is the last line of the second reading: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Cor 11:1)

Remember when Paul was still Saul, the Jew who persecuted Christians? When he was struck by lightning he heard, not thunder, but the voice of Jesus, who asked why Saul was persecuting him. Paul later began to understand that all Christians make up the body of Christ. As members of that body, we can show others what Jesus is like, by our example. That seems to be a two part process.

First, to show Christ, we have to know Christ. We can do that by reading the scriptures and praying with them. We can receive the sacraments regularly, especially Reconciliation, where we experience his forgiveness and love, and the Eucharist, where Jesus unites himself with us, so that we can become more like him.

The second part is acting like Jesus. If we want people to see Christ in us, we don't dress like him, or grow a beard. We have to do things as Jesus would: Forgive people who hurt us, care for the sick, the dying, the poor. Don't be afraid to tell people what God has done for you; encourage others to be grateful for what God has done for them. Pray with people who have difficulty talking to God.

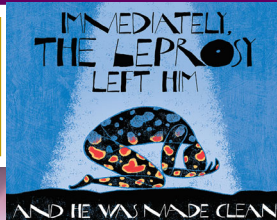
Paul obviously didn't please everyone, or he wouldn't have ended his life in prison. He was more interested in pleasing God by spreading the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. If we can imitate Paul in that way, we can't go wrong.

Do everything for the glory of God



The union of man and wife is from God.

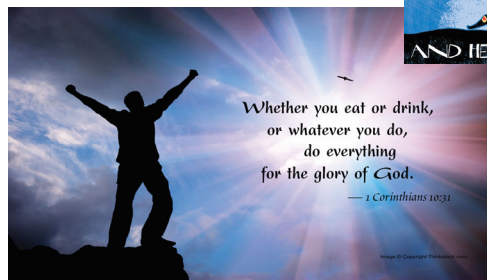
—St. Augustine



FEAST OF FAITH The Gloria (2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.



2021 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal (BASA)

This week, we hope you will make a prayerful decision to pledge a gift to our 2021 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Bishop Estévez invites each of us to join as a faith community in support of the beautiful mission of our Church. As good stewards of God's gifts, giving and sharing of ourselves is how we can express gratitude for all our blessings.

Stewardship is an act of faith and should be at the heart of our lives as faithful and active members of our Church. It means we are ready to recognize all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. Let us now ask what we can do for God.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

February 20 & 21

Eucharistic Minister

5PM
Richard Lizotte*
James Johnson
Denny Foster
9AM
Scott Imray*
Rose Imray
Kathy Pundt
11AM
Aida Masinsin
Nenita Romero
Jane Hart



Lectors

5PM
1 David Costa
2 Bill Corley
7AM
1 Michelle Pastrana
2 Jeanne Dias
9AM
1 Ellen Wiley
2 Barabra Schuman
11AM
1 Claire Rosopa
2 Elle Harder



Ministers of Hospitality

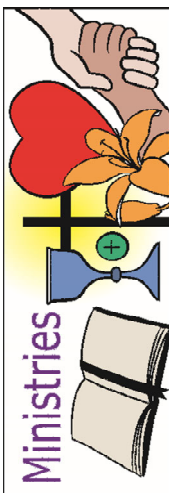
5PM
Fred Hidalgo,
John Riendeau
Reggie & Cindy Dubai
9AM
Corinne Hundley
John Previti
Jim & Bonnie Feazel
11AM
Aletta Santos
Cristina Suyat



Nelia Flores
Ana Rios

Altar Server

5PM
Brynn Von Seggern
7am
Caleb Pastrana
9AM
Aiden Overland
Miranda Sanchez
11AM
Talia Sameoun
Gian Suyat



SURRENDERING CONTROL

The Gospel today concludes the first chapter of Mark, which traces the rapid expansion of Jesus' ministry. Excitement about Jesus grows so much that he can't enter a town without being besieged. His healing of a leper results in a reversal: the leper, who had been isolated from the community, is now free to speak with everyone. Jesus, who before could speak freely, now must isolate himself from the crowds. By serving others, Jesus lost some control over his ministry. This is the first hint of what happens later in Mark. Jesus' displays of power—over illness, over evil spirits, over nature—eventually lead him to the "powerlessness" of the cross.

The experience of Jesus guides us in our own efforts to be of service. Surrendering control is often very difficult. To be a servant is to engage with others, where frequently we lose some control over our freedoms, time, and energies. Often there is a cross or two to bear. As Jesus let go of control in his life, he also placed his trust in his Father. He invites us to do the same.


MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<p>Sat Feb 13</p> <p>† Hugh Patrick Blisard By Denny Foster</p>	<p>Sun Feb 14</p> <p>7am: Parishioners of St John 9am Dommer & Perla Bayot 59th Wedding Anniversary By Gaspwer & Vicky Quedado 11am † Thomas Gaffney By Claire Gaffney</p>	<p>Tues Feb 16</p> <p>In Thanksgiving for Dommer & Perla Bayot By Gasper & Vicky Quedado</p> <p><i>Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday</i></p>	<p>Wed Feb 17</p> <p>† Minda Mamansag By Terry McMurtry</p>  
<p>Thu Feb 18</p> <p>† Brady James By Eileen James</p>	<p>Fri Feb 19</p> <p>Healing Intentions for Francisco Brua & Anita Brua By Laconilao Family</p> <p><i>Day of Abstinence</i></p>	<p>Sat Feb 20</p> <p>Parishioners of St John</p>	<p>Sun Feb 21</p> <p>7am: † Margaret Murphy By Mary Stutts 9am † Jim Burns By 9am Choir 11am † Daniel Cartagena By Alday & Cartagena Families</p>

Monday, February 15th
The Parish office will be Closed.



PRAYER REQUEST



Donna Cappock, Novalee Sanchez, Lily Rodriguez, Delores Fox, Albert Wagner, Loretta Wagner, John Weitort, Nanette Franzuela, Bob Pote, Amor Guzman, Rina Hopkins, Glenn Young, Jim Driscoll, Carol O'Neil, Ron Keese, Mario Amayo, , Don Cozine, Ernesto Budang, Aurea Silang, Bernadette Maron

Ash Wednesday Minister Schedule

Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Hospitality Minister
7am	7am Jeanne Dias Carol Neville	7am Mike & Barbara Schuman
9am Dottie Drake* Richard Lizotte Larry McKay	9am David Costa Aida Masinsin	9am Armand & Jan Riendeau Reggie & Cindy Dubai
7pm James Ezelle* Josie Ezelle Jane Hart	7pm Ellen Wiley Tony Searl	7pm Jim & Corinne Hundley Jim & Bonnie Feazel

What's Going on at St John's



Religious Education

Wednesday Kinder-5th

6:15-7:30pm
Feb classes 24

Sunday 6th-Confirmation

6:15-7:30pm
Feb classes 21, 28

Sunday Sacramental prep

10-11am
Feb 21 & 28
March 14 & 21

Retreat April 10 10am-2pm w/parents

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

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm

Feb. 16

Saying Yes to Jesus

Ellen Wiley

Feb. 23

Scrutinies – Looking Within

Ellen Wiley

Feb 27

Rite of Election

@ St Joseph's 10:30am
(arrive by 10am)

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.

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 Monday to Friday. Any Monetary Donations are greatly appreciated as well.

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 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome! Ladies president is Barb Knauss, please call Parish office for more info.

Ladies meetings Tuesdays

@6:30PM
Mar. 2nd

**Ladies Fat Tuesday
Pancake Fundraiser will be
Feb. 16th 5-7:30pm.
Adult meal is \$10
Kids meal is \$5**

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.

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

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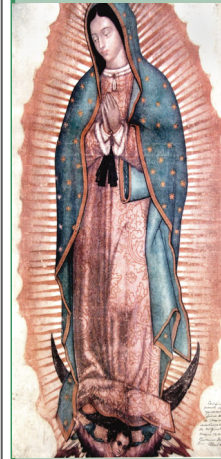
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KofC Meetings Tuesdays

@7PM

Feb 23

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 Kingship of your Divine Son on earth; through your intercession win for us your grace eve 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.

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

Feb 18th

The readings from Leviticus and from the Gospel of Mark today speak of healing and hope. Leviticus outlines procedures to prevent the spread of leprosy, a skin disease understood to be a great danger to the community. Those with the disease were isolated and ritually impure. Absent some cure from God, they were considered beyond hope. Their lives were like a living death, and likely they saw no future hope in their lives. Jesus' healing of a leper was thus a profound sign of the promised reign of God, which Jesus had earlier announced. The healing was like raising the leper up from death, and thus a hint of Jesus' resurrection. Where are there "lepers" today, those isolated or outcast from our communities? Who are those our society considers beyond hope, or deems not worth the trouble to offer hope? How can we imitate Jesus in offering a healing touch to them?

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD
 In today's passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live "for the glory of God" when we organize our lives around God's values and purposes. We find our identity within God's story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God's work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life's messiness connects with our identity and calling.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Kindergarten through High School. If you want to sponsor a child or family donations always welcome. Religious Education Director: **Samantha Matthews** 246-6014

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

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 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:

Are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are always needed and welcomed. Food is distributed on Tuesdays from 3-4PM and every 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8-10AM. Call the Parish office for more information.

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 before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call **Monica** at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com

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:

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

Hallow

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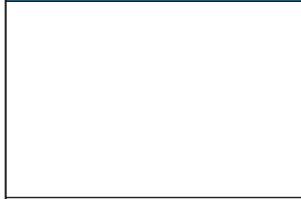
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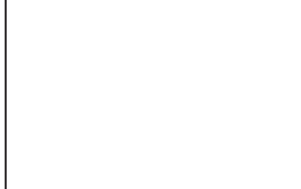
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