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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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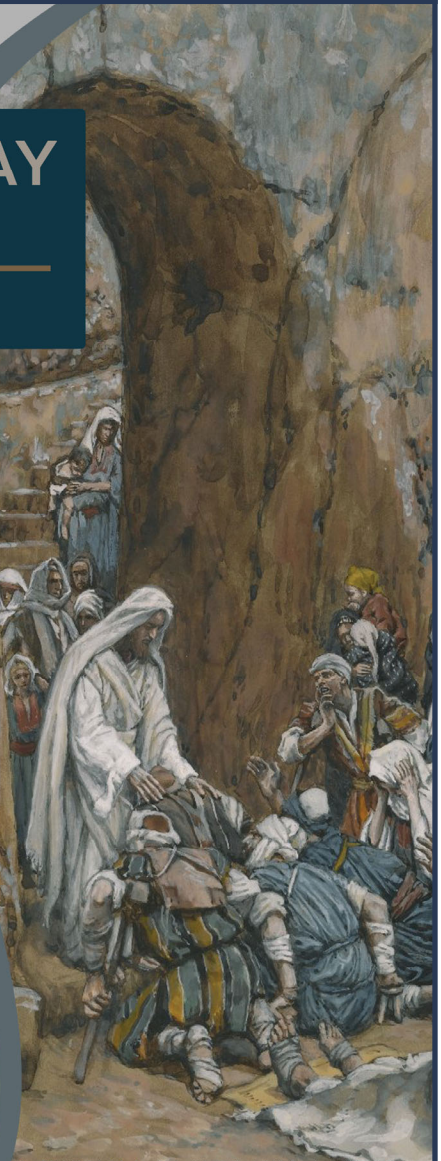


FIFTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

JESUS CURED
MANY WHO WERE
SICK WITH
VARIOUS DISEASES,
AND HE DROVE OUT
MANY DEMONS.

MARK 1:34



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What do You Want?

Jesus was starting to become very popular, at least with the ordinary people. They had seen how he had cured the sick and cast out demons. The gospel has one unusual sentence about those demons: Jesus did not let them speak "because they knew who he was." (Mk 1:34) Apparently, the demons would have identified him as the Son of God. Jesus knew the people would not understand this and try to proclaim him as their king. Jesus had no intention of living as a worldly king, in comfort and riches. In fact, he came to free people from needing wealth and power.

Popularity and wealth do not interest St. Paul, either. When he preaches the gospel, the good news of Christ's resurrection (and ours), he needs no other recompense. (1 Cor 9:18) All he wants is to share eternal life. He specifically refuses to be paid for his preaching, to show that he will be rewarded by Christ.

So what do you hope for; what is your goal in life? Do you only feel secure when you have saved enough money and invested it wisely? Do you need other people to make you happy? Or at least a few hundred Facebook friends? Or are you like Job in the first reading: having no hope of escaping a life of drudgery? He eventually found that only by trusting God can anyone be happy, even when things go wrong.

We can follow Paul's example of love for all people no matter who they are. Paul's love was not to make others like him. He genuinely wanted to bring the good news to them: by his love for them, Paul showed that God loves them even more. He knew the gospel requires a change of heart, so his love for others helped them to be more open to change. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with his love, so that we can help each other to hear the good news.

Today's Readings

First Reading- Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness.

Psalms— Ps147. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted

Second Reading- 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some.

Gospel— Mk 1:29-39- Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

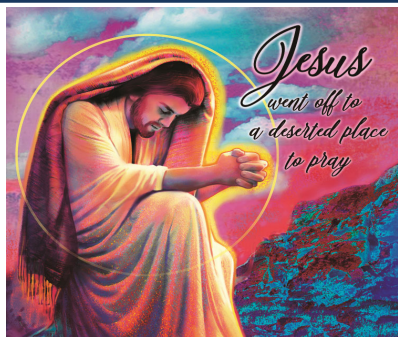
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



A Same But Different Ash Wednesday in 2021

The past year has been filled with different ways of living as well as worshipping. There are fewer people in the Church. No Holy water in the font. Communion only in the hand. No coffee and doughnuts. Yet we still worship and pray.

Instead of giving ashes as a cross on the forehead—which has been deemed unsafe in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic — we can still receive them by sprinkling on the top of the head (permitted by our ritual rules of the Church). We will look a little cleaner, yet we will still be called to repentance and conversation of heart. We still bear ashes home to begin the disciplines of Lent, just not in the manner we have been used to over time.

THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22). This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

Congratulations to Catherine Dudley! Catherine received Second Honors at Bishop Kenny for the 2nd quarter this year.

FEAST OF FAITH- The Gloria (1)

The Gloria, or Glory to God, follows the penitential rite. Both are acts of praise. In the penitential rite, we sing of the mercy of Christ. In the Gloria we praise God's saving action in the universe.

The Gloria is a relatively late addition to the Mass. It first appeared in the Roman liturgy in the sixth century, and then it was sung only by the pope—and only on Christmas! With time, the hymn came to be sung by bishops on major feasts, and then by priests; finally, it became the song of the entire assembly. With the advent of more elaborate musical settings, the people gradually stopped singing the Gloria, until this song of the people became the exclusive domain of the priest and the choir. But the liturgical reforms have restored it to its place as primarily the song of the assembly. The language of the Gloria echoes the New Testament canticles. It may be begun by the priest, the cantor, and the entire assembly in varied combinations. The Gloria is sometimes called the "greater doxology," and in some ways it is like an extended, ecstatic version of the familiar doxology ("Glory be to the Father") prayed in the Divine Office and the rosary.



Diocese of St Augustine

Our Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal (BASA) is now underway. If you are a registered member of our parish or another parish in our diocese, you may have received a mailing from Bishop Estévez, asking for your support and participation in this year's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Appeal using gift options on the response card mailed to you or by completing a commitment envelope at Mass next weekend.

Our annual theme, "One Faith, One Family" reminds us that our faith community is made up of a network of parishes. Bishop Estévez invites each of us to join together in support of the beautiful mission of the Church, as we are called to be good stewards of what we have been gifted with. We have the opportunity to proclaim His love and faithfulness through sharing the blessings we have gratefully received from Him. We ask that you commit this invitation to prayer and if your circumstances allow, please come prepared to respond next week. Your gift should be in addition to what you are already giving to your parish. Please know that every gift is important, especially as the Church continues to serve during these times of great need.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

February 13 & 14

Eucharistic Minister

5PM

Denny Foster*
Bill Pray
Valerie Matta

9AM

Ann Crowder*
Tom Crowder
Kathy Pundt

11AM

Manny Silverio*
Dottie Drake
Estela Geronimo



Lectors

5PM

1 Mike McPherson
2 Stephen Pachuta

7AM

1 Carol Neville
2 Marilyn Ormond

9AM

1 Greg Streeter
2 Maura Wilburn

11AM

1 Dan Emnas
2 Edna Silang



Ministers of Hospitality

5PM

Armand & Jan Riendeau
Mary Ann Carroll
John Riendeau

9AM

Mike & Barbara
Schuman

Mike & Gwen Crowder

11AM

Celina Austin Dee Fox
Yolanda Ebuena Dina Walker



Altar Server

5PM

Brynn Von Seggern

7am

Kayla Nellum

9AM

James Lingerfelt
Jillian Mendoza

11AM

Gabe Santos
Abigayl Santos



MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sat Feb 6

† Edward, Florence
& William McKay
By Larry McKay

Sun Feb 7

7am:
Parishioners of St
John

9am

† Robert Kues, Jr
By Ladies Guild

11am

† Ronaldo N. Antonio
By Ezelle Family

Tues Feb 9

† George Gibbs

By Sharyn Roettger &
Syd Jenkins

Wed Feb 10

† Joseph Dioso
By Edena Santos

St. Scholastica

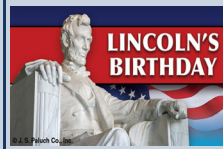
Thu Feb 11

† Chuck Capitena
By Bill & Jeanne Dias



Fri Feb 12

† Mark Wallington
By Ann & Bob Linn



Sat Feb 13

† Hugh Patrick
Blisard
By Denny Foster

Sun Feb 14

7am:
Parishioners of St
John
9am
Dommer & Perla Bayot
59th Wedding
Anniversary
By Gaspwer & Vicky
Quedado
11am
† Thomas Gaffney
By Claire Gaffney

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



Please keep
The Ouellette family in your
prayers as they mourn the loss
of their loved one.
† Richard "Dick" Ouellette
went home to the Lord on
Monday, Feb 1st. May his soul,
through the mercy of God, rest
in peace.



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Matthew 25:35-40

A TIME TO LAMENT

The poignant description of human suffering in our reading from the book of Job echoes the cries we have heard throughout the world with the coming of the coronavirus. We grieve many losses: of life and health, of jobs and security, of freedom to be with those we love. We are reminded that many of the psalms are prayers lamenting that the world is often not what it ought to be. In these coronavirus times, we the Church are first called to prayerfully lament: to weep with those who are weeping and to ache for a better world. Our prayer can remind us that, as Paul described in Romans 8, all creation is groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning in wordless, shared suffering.

We also live in God's promise to transform our tears into joy. God is eager to bring healing to the world, and we are God's instruments in doing so. We bring God's gifts of creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance to the task. Our prayerful lamentation reminds us of the urgency of God's work through us.

PRAYER REQUEST

Donna Cappock,
Karl Klein,
Novalee Sanchez,
Lily Rodriguez,
Delores Fox,
Albert Wagner,

Loretta Wagner, John Weitort, Nanette Franzuela, Bob Pote,
Amor Guzman, Rina Hopkins, Glenn Young, Jim Driscoll,
Ron Keese, Mario Amayo, , Don Cozine, Debbie Taylor,
Aurea Silang, Manny & Sony Silverio

What's Going on at St John's



Religious Education

Wednesday Kinder-5th

6:15-7:30pm
Feb classes 10, 24

Sunday 6th-Confirmation

6:15-7:30pm
Feb classes 7, 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. 9

A Consistent Ethic of life/Social Justice

Ann Crowder
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.

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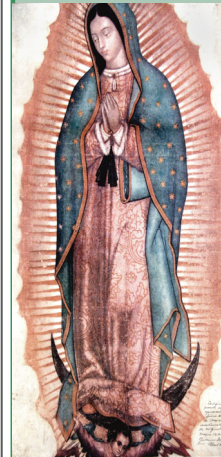
The Respect life Committee is looking for donations of **diapers**, sizes newborn-size 5 as well as **baby wipes**. We will be passing them out to families in need of baby items that come on Tuesdays for the food distributions, sponsored by the EAM. Please put any donations in the Respect for Life basket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

Knights of Columbus

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KofC Meetings Tuesdays
@7PM
Feb 9 & 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.

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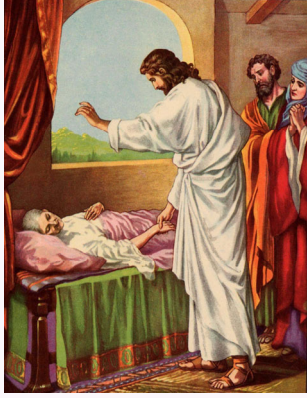
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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



FREED TO SERVE

The first chapter of Mark's Gospel is very fast-paced, as Jesus begins his ministry on the move. The first scene in today's passage happens so quickly that it's easy to miss: Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, and she promptly begins to serve Jesus and the disciples. This woman is never named, and only noted by her relationship with Simon. But she is the first person in Mark, once healed by Jesus, to clearly respond as a disciple. Her healing frees her to serve Jesus and others, and sparks the healing of many others. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' healings restore health, dignity, and a place in the community. They are also a summons to service. Mark's brief story highlights that God is always raising up persons and communities, healed of illness or sin or sadness, to join in God's healing work for others.

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 (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 virtually.

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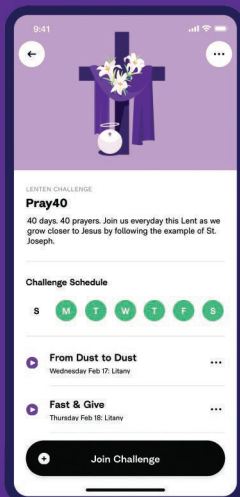
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