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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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## Confession

30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment



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JANUARY 24, 2021

THIRD

*Sunday*

IN ORDINARY TIME



THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS  
AND FOLLOWED

*Jesus.*

MARK 1:18

## **January 24, 2021 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **A NEW DAY DAWNS**

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing "by their actions" how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, "The world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live "as though" they aren't doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn't a new day dawn today for us as well?

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** Jonah 3:1-5, 10- *The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah's message*

**Psalms 25**-*Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31- *The world in its present form is passing away*

**Gospel** Mark 1:14-20- *Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

*The soul cannot live without love.*

—St. Francis de Sales



### THE INAUGURATION

Mark describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry with his proclamation that the "kingdom of God is at hand." The rest of Mark's Gospel—all of Jesus' preaching and healing, his death and resurrection—describes the inauguration of this kingdom of God. For Mark, the life of Jesus is the center point of history, where everything leads up to Jesus, and everything follows from Jesus. Mark then tells us that the first disciples follow Jesus immediately and wholeheartedly. They leave their work and family, all for Jesus. Because compared to Jesus and the life he offers, everything else is secondary.

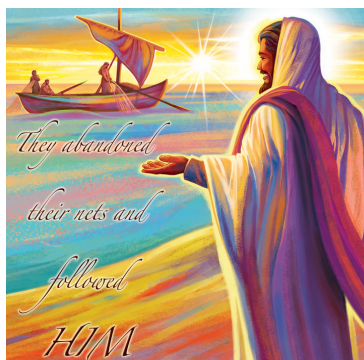
Perhaps our invitations from God do not entail such dramatic life changes. But all who follow Jesus are called to align our life and values with his ways of love. As we continue to mature in love and in faith, we might ask: What needs to be renewed, re-oriented, or discarded in light of our life in Christ?

THANK YOU so very much.

On behalf of Baby Nova and our family we want to thank you for your support during her fund raiser.. St Johns is the most loving, caring parish and we are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful community. Your prayers, encouragement and support are a blessing. Nova's brain surgery is scheduled for January 26 so we ask for your continued prayers. Thank you the Bunting and Sanchez family.

### FEAST OF FAITH- *The Penitential Rite*

*Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God's mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus' feet with the words, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord's presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness. The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional Confiteor or "I confess" to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.*



Our readings today speak of "Kairos" times, of God proclaiming new moments of opportunity of encounter with the Divine. From Jonah, we hear of God's summons to the people of Nineveh to turn from evil. We hear Paul tell the church in Corinth that those who live in Christ must avoid clinging to anything transient, as all is secondary to God. And we hear of the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Mark, as Jesus proclaims a moment of both opportunity and crisis. In these passages, there are no delaying tactics, no getting caught up in life's distractions. Just a simple moment of choice. Perhaps we have had "Kairos" moments like these, or we may be facing one now. Sometimes, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our lives, clear choices emerge, and God asks us to choose. And our always patient and merciful God will accompany us in our choices.

# MINISTERS SCHEDULE January 30 & 31

## Eucharistic Minister

**5PM**  
Richard Lizotte\*  
Bil Pray  
Mike McPherson

**9AM**  
Gabriel Pastrana\*  
Kathy Pundt  
Amy Crane

**11AM**  
James Ezelle\*  
Josie Ezelle  
Vicky Mondares



## Lectors

**5PM**  
1 Bill Corley  
2 David Costa

**7AM**  
1 Tony Searl  
2 Denny Foster

**9AM**  
1 Patty Pendleton  
2 Ally Lingerfelt

**11AM**  
1 Aida Masinsin  
2 Estella Geronimo



## Ministers of Hospitality

**5PM**  
Armand & Jan  
Riendeau  
Nary Ann Carroll  
Jon Riendeau



**9AM**  
Francois & Josiane Beuse  
Mike & Gwen Crowder

**11AM**  
Aletta Santos  
Cristina Suyat  
Ramon & Suzie Reyes

## Altar Server

**5PM**  
Brynn Von Seggern

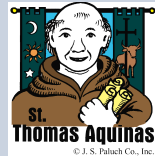
**9AM**  
James Lingerfelt  
Aiden Overland

**11AM**  
Timothy Samoeun  
Gian Suyat



# MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<p><b>Sat Jan 23</b></p> <p><b>Parishioners Of St Johns</b></p>	<p><b>Sun Jan 24</b></p> <p><b>7am:</b> † Margaret L. Murphy By Kathleen &amp; Mary</p> <p><b>9am</b> † Rob Kues By Denny &amp; Rick Foster</p> <p><b>11am</b> † Lawrence Quedado By Gasper &amp; Vicky Quedado</p>	<p><b>Tues Jan 26</b></p> <p>† Ruth &amp; † Almond Payne By Gene &amp; Sally Clemens</p> <p><i>Timothy and Titus</i></p>	<p><b>Wed Jan 27</b></p> <p>† Isidro Mamansag By Minda Mamansag</p> <p><i>St. Angela Meric</i></p>
<p><b>Thu Jan 28</b></p> <p>† Kate Meloy By Bill &amp; Jeanne Dias</p>	<p><b>Fri Jan 29</b></p> <p>† Carmelita Quedado By Gasper &amp; Vicky Quedado</p>	<p><b>Sat Jan 30</b></p> <p>† Anna Faranna By Rose Yeager</p>	<p><b>Sun Jan 31</b></p> <p><b>7am:</b> <b>Parishioners Of St John</b></p> <p><b>9am</b> † Jim Burns By Madelyn &amp; Art Osieski</p> <p><b>11am</b> † Janet Matthew By Rios Family</p>



Please keep  
† **Heliodora "Dora" Hidalgo**  
and her family in your  
prayers. Dora went home  
to the Lord on Tuesday,  
Jan 19th



Please keep  
The Mamansag family in  
your prayers as they mourn  
the loss of their love one  
† *Minda Mamansag*.  
May her soul, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.



## PRAYER REQUEST



Donna Cap-  
pock,  
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, Richard Oulette, Don  
Cozine, Debbie Taylor, Aurea Silang,  
Manny & Sony Silverio



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*Matthew 25:35-40*

When the people of Nineveh repented, they showed it by wearing sackcloth and fasting from food. Sometimes we might think that way: That repenting means punishing ourselves or feeling sorry. Jesus sees things differently. He preached repentance that was a change of heart, a new way of looking at things, a new way of acting. In the gospel today, we see an example. The first people he calls to be disciples were fisherman. They would have considered their family, their partners, and their boat as the most important things in their lives. You need all of them to be a successful fisherman. Yet the disciples don't even hesitate when called by Jesus. They leave behind their boats, their nets, even their father, to follow Jesus. They don't worry about what they will do, or look back at what they are leaving behind. Now they are fishers of men. Their "repentance" was more than just giving up sins. They were beginning a new life and a new way of looking at the world. Saint Paul refers to this as a new world. When he talks about not using the world fully, he means not fully engaged in the world, but looking to a better one, where God is more important than any passing pleasure or pain. Is your marriage an example of God's love for your friends and relatives? When you are rejoicing, do you give thanks to God? When you are shopping, do you buy what you really need, or what you think will make you happy? Jesus calls us all to this new way of living. With Jesus, we can make a new world.

# What's Going on at St John's



## Religious Education

### Wednesday Kinder-5th

Jan classes 27  
Feb classes 3, 10, 24

### Sunday 6th-Confirmation

Jan classes 24, 31  
Feb classes 7, 21, 28

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

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

**Jan 26**

**Christian Moral Living**  
Greg Streeter

**Feb 2**

**The Dignity of Life**  
Ann Crowder

**Feb. 9**

**A Consistent Ethic of life/Social Justice**

Ann Crowder

**Feb. 16**

**Saying Yes to Jesus**  
Ellen Wiley

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**  
Feb. 2nd  
Mar. 2nd

**Ladies Fat Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser will be Feb. 16th.**  
Details will be posted soon!!

### **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

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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

#14866

KofC Meetings Tuesdays @7PM  
Jan 26  
Feb 9 & 23

### **Fish Fry Jan 17th 2021 after Masses**



### **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 Men's Spaghetti Dinner has been rescheduled.**  
**Details to come soon!**

**JONAH AND NINEVEH**

Jonah makes a rare appearance this week. The book of Jonah is a fascinating tale of God, stubborn Jonah, surprising Nineveh, and the famous fish (or whale). Please consider reading the whole book, just 48 verses, together with a good commentary. The book is read at Jewish services at Yom Kippur, as a profound reflection about God and about all of us.

Today's passage takes place shortly after Jonah's time in the fish's belly. Jonah finally performs the task that God asks of him, to call the people of Nineveh to repentance. (Nineveh was notorious for its brutality.) Their sudden repentance is bitterly accepted by Jonah, as he resents God's mercy for Nineveh. God reminds Jonah that the people of Nineveh are God's beloved too. Like the parable of the Prodigal Son, the story hints at the vastness of God's mercy, especially forgiveness of those who seem least deserving. We are reminded that all of us are sinners, and we are all in need of God's mercy.



**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](mailto: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:**

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

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