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Saturday 5pm
Sunday 7am, 9am & 11am

Communion Service

Sunday 12:30PM

Facebook Online Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00AM
Tue-Fri: 6:00PM

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30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment.



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Pentecost

SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3-4

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May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

In today's responsorial psalm the Church sings out: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." All three readings describe how God has answered that prayer already.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel passage from John, we read of astonishing events that called cowering disciples to step out of hiding and proclaim news that would condemn them and change the world forever! In the second reading Paul's words reach out into the future to us: "we were all given to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

It is our task to truly pray today's psalm response. Let us together beg the Holy Spirit to renew the earth by renewing the Church, sending many more men and women to serve in its various ministries.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22;
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11— They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues.
Psalm 104— Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13— There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.
or Gal 5:16-25.
Gospel Jn 20:19-23— As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.
or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

As followers of Jesus, we are called to direct our minds and hearts to Christ's love, turning away from all that is not of God in order to be more Christ-like in our daily lives. The more we invite the Holy Spirit to draw us close to God's heart, the more readily we will avoid sin and choose life, faith, and love. In the letter to the Galatians, we hear a list of things that those who live in the Spirit are to avoid. Things like immorality, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness. At first glance, we might think to ourselves, "of course I want to avoid those things," and yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we likely recognize some of those patterns in our lives. Upon further reflection, however, we also see that these negative behaviors pose temporary pleasure while the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—lead to a life of deep and lasting fulfillment.



COVID-19 Safety Note.

Given Bishop Estévez's recent decision to lift the mask requirement for fully vaccinated persons attending Mass begs the question concerning persons who are unvaccinated. Persons who have hesitated in obtaining the vaccination are strongly encouraged to do so. Until such time, unvaccinated persons older than age two should wear a mask.

DO NOT put masks on children younger than 2 years old. Additional CDC guidance may be obtained at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

NOTHING WILL STAND IN THE WAY

The Jewish people who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost came from every corner of the world. They spoke many languages and yet were drawn to hear the message of Christ from the disciples who had just experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They were astonished by what they heard—not only the message, but the way in which it was conveyed, in their own language, and by the messengers, people whom they would have considered ordinary and unremarkable, rather than the acknowledged religious leaders of their time. We, too, are called to share the love and mercy of Christ through word and action, even when we feel small and insignificant. We need only to look at the witness and experience of those first disciples and all the saints who have preceded us to know that we are capable of much when we place our lives in God's hands. Nothing can stand in the way of the incredible love of God when we are filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit!

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FEAST OF FAITH

Liturgy: Work of the Spirit

The Spirit of God who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation—the Holy Spirit who descended upon the disciples at Pentecost in ever-changing forms in the sound of a mighty wind or tongues of flame—hovers also over our celebration of the liturgy, giving it life, making it real. It is the Spirit of God who draws us, gathering us together, Sunday after Sunday. It is the Spirit of God who called loudly to the inspired writers of the scriptures and who continues to whisper to us, revealing ever-new facets of God's word, granting insight just when we need it. It is by the Spirit's power that, when Christ's words are uttered by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. And it is surely the Spirit who inspires us—that is, breathes in us—when, sent forth from the assembly, we seek ways to serve our brothers and sisters, to allow the gospel to come to life in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

May 29th & 30th

EUCCHARISTIC:

5pm

Larry McKay*
David Costa
Dorothy Schechterle

9am

Kathy Pundt*
Linda Trinidad
Eileen Erikson

11am

Josie Ezelle*
James Ezelle
Edna Silang

LECTORS

5pm

1 Bill Corley
2 Tita Agustin

7am

1 Carol Neville
2 Marilyn Ormond

9am

1 Mike Crowder
2 Gwen Crowder

11am

1 Jane Hart
2 Estela Geronimo

HOSPITALITY

5pm

Corinne Hundley
Maryann Speckman
Reggie Dubay
Cindy Dubay

7am

Corinne Hundley
Fred Hidalgo

9am

Jim Feazel
Bonnie Feazel
Mike Schuman
Barbara Schuman

11am

Ramon Reyes
Suzie Reyes
Yolanda Ebuon
Dina Walker

ALTAR SERVER

5pm

Robert Whitfield
Sara Whitfield
Webb Whitfield

7am

Kayla Nellum

9am

Ryan Feazel
Aiden Overland


11am

Christie Cabrera
Talia Samoeun

MASS SCHEDULE, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| <p>Sat May 22</p> <p>† Philip & Rafael Javier & Guadape & Elpedio Octavio By Jonamei Javier</p> <p><i>St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost</i></p> | <p>Sun May 23</p> <p>7am Parishioners of St John</p> <p>9am † Dora Hidalgo By Hidalgo Family</p> <p>11am † Evelyn Weeks By Patricia Hinds</p> | <p>Tues May 25</p> <p>† Carol Alcorn By Harry & Dottie Drake</p> <p><i>Coffee Tuesdays is right after 8am Mass in Hall; St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdelene dePazzi</i></p> | <p>Wed May 26</p> <p>† Barry Carnes By Dottie Klein</p> <p><i>St. Philip Neri</i></p> |
| <p>Thu May 27</p> <p>† Michael McMahon By Harry & Dottie Drake</p> <p><i>St. Augustine of Canterbury</i></p> | <p>Fri May 28</p> <p>† Denise Jones By Maryann Speckman</p> | <p>Sat May 29</p> <p>Maryann Carroll By Jerry & Terry Carroll</p> <p><i>St. Paul VI; Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p> | <p>Sun May 30</p> <p>7am: † Lisa Gonya By Anna & Martin Kuhlman</p> <p>9am † Bob Knauss & Maurice Dietrich By Barbara Knauss</p> <p>11am Parishioners of St John</p> |

Altar Flowers are in Memory of Bob Knauss & Maurice Dietrich By Barbara Knauss



Weekly OFFERING

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| Offering: | 11,369.45 |
| BF: | 458.00 |
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| Total: | 12,628.45 |

Matthew 25:35-40



PRAYER REQUEST

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
Jane Messa
Bell Masinsin
Jim Burton
Linda Lizotte

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



This is My Body

(Lk 22:19)

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Florida Eucharistic Congress

Saturday June 5th's

If you would like to go to the Eucharistic Congress and would like a ride, call the parish office to reserve your spot. We also have sign up sheets in the Narthex

Please leave your name, number and number people in your group. This way we can get a count of how many parishioners will need transportation.

The Knights of Columbus presented the Baby Bottle donations of \$1,085 to Nancy Basham, Ex. Director of the Women's Center in Jacksonville FL.



Pictured: Grand Knight, Jimmy Hundley; Ex Director Nancy Basham & Mark Bunting, Deputy Grand Knight.

What's Going on at St John's



Religious Education

Registration for 2021-2022 Religious Education is now open! Forms are available in the office or St John's website.

Vacation Bible School info coming soon! Keep and eye out for updates.

Samantha Matthews:
(904)246-6014
SaMatthews.stjohn@outlook.com



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

**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.

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 June 1st

**Save the date:
June 27th Ice Cream Social**

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 in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome! Men's Club president is Jeff Marquardt.

Men's Club meetings
@ 7PM
June 17th

Knights of Columbus #14866

**KofC Meetings Tuesdays
@7PM
May 25th**



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.

WEEKLY ROSARY:

The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program encourages to promote devotion to Mary the patroness of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in our parishes, community and families.

We would like to invite you by Joining us in solidarity at St. John's Marian Chapel every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy.

If we need to spread out more, we will move to the main Sanctuary.

Let us show our love for Christ through love of Mary and grow closer to Our Lady, Our Spiritual Mother.

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.

For more info Contact
Paul Trinidad
@ (904) 923-8250
or call the 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.

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.

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

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.

Pentecost Sunday

Caution: Spirit at Work

If Pentecost celebrates the gifts of the Spirit, it can tempt us to separate the Spirit from the Father and Jesus. Sometimes we think of the Father as the God of the Old Testament, Jesus as center of New Testament, and the Spirit as God of the present age, almost as if the Father and Jesus were enjoying their retirement. Actually, all three persons share one God-life. Instead of three gods debating the fate of the universe, we have one God who is over all and in all.

The Spirit has been active in all ages. The prophets were empowered by the Spirit to proclaim God's word to Israel. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led Jesus into the desert at the beginning of his ministry. (Search the word "spirit" in the four gospels and it appears 75 times.) Jesus was filled with the Spirit as he preached and worked miracles. Then at Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Spirit.

So what about Pentecost? It is really about using our gifts and sharing the good news. The Spirit gives us the power, courage, and energy to do this. The Spirit's gifts are meant to be shared. The prophets could not help proclaim God's message. Jesus shared all he knew with his disciples. The disciples went out to the world to spread the news of Jesus' death and resurrection. So we, too, are given gifts to be shared.

The greatest gift we have been given is the news of our salvation. This feast reminds us to share that with others. We may do that by example, as when we worship together, forgive others, give to the poor or help someone in need. We can also share that news by teaching our children about God and his love for them, teaching them to pray, or sharing our faith with other adults. As we come to realize how much God has done for us and how close he is to us, we will want to share that with others. Obviously, we can't make everyone believe in Jesus. But how sad would it be if someone we know was looking for the truth and we neglected to offer it?

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.

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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Interested in exploring ways to get closer to the Lord through prayer, scripture and contemplation? Contact Dennis Stone (dennisistone@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 in person or virtually.

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

Hallow

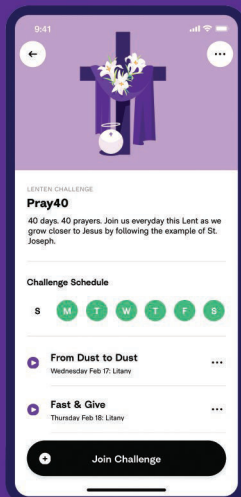
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