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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.

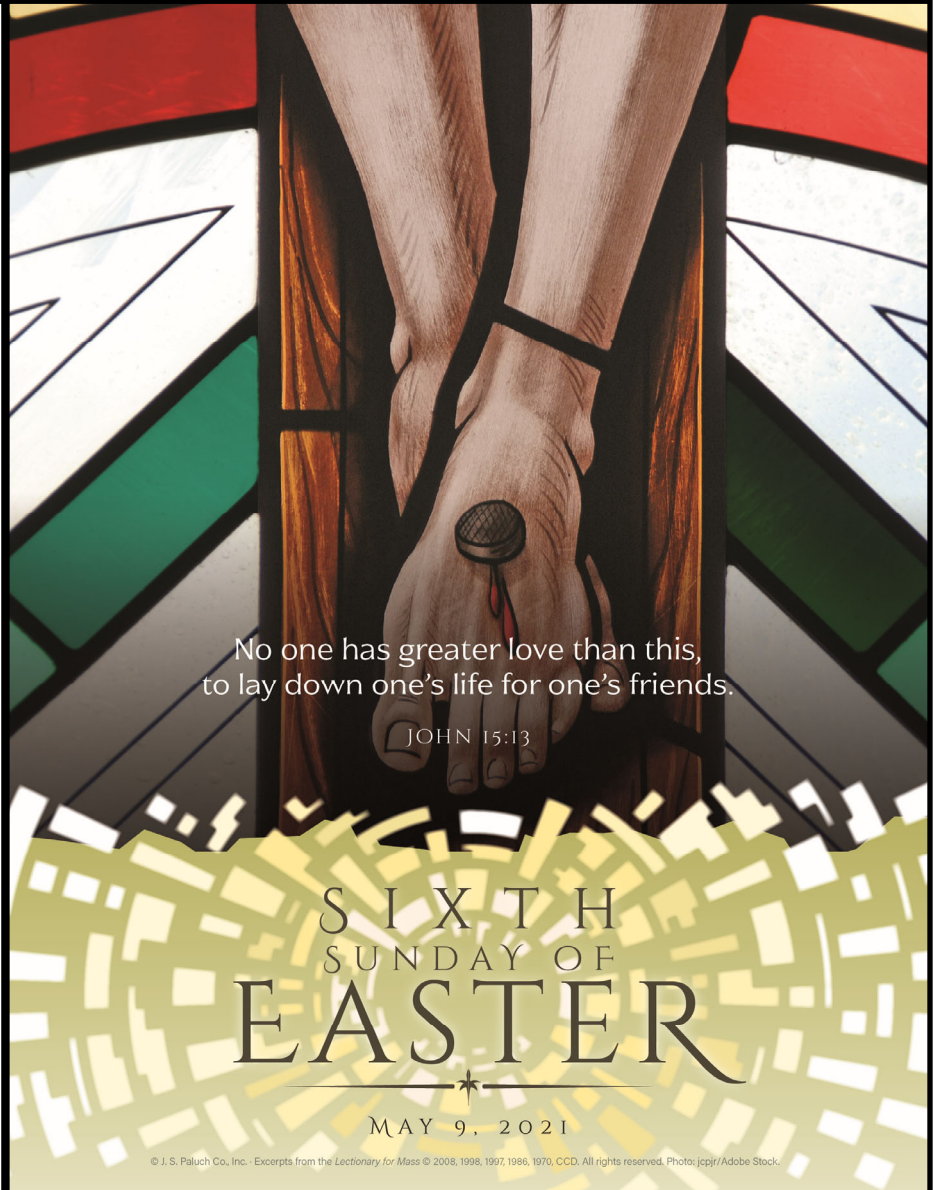


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May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—"the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (*for Ascension*);
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20;
1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or,
for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Today's Readings

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God is love (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

THE JOY-FILLED WAY OF LOVE

Following the Lord calls us to sacrifice for the sake of others, giving our attention, time, and resources in order to share Christ's care and compassion. Jesus shows us that giving of self, pouring ourselves out in love for another, is a joy-filled way of life. Joy is more than a feeling and is deeper than happiness. Joy comes with the assurance that Christ is with us when our lives mirror the life and way of our Master. Joy is a sense of fulfillment in knowing and sharing Christ's love. When we reach out in love, Christ's joy fills our hearts. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, we find the grace to follow Jesus' command to love one another.



THE CALL AND CAUSE OF LOVE

Love calls and causes us to do great things, more than we might believe we are capable of. While some are called to give their lives as martyrs, most of us find ourselves called to lay down our lives in smaller ways in the midst of everyday life. Parents lose sleep in the early moments of their baby's life, and again as their teens mature and gain independence. Adult children change their plans to care for aging parents. We hear the call of love as we become attentive and respond to the needs of the poor, lonely, sick, and vulnerable. Love causes us to turn our lives around, to strive to become more Christ-like in our words and actions. Peter followed this call of love when he entered the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. He was likely as astounded at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as were the believers who accompanied him, yet love caused Peter to see beyond the accepted boundaries of religion and race, seeing instead evidence of the Lord's great love at work.

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DEEP DEBT

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her.

—George Washington



FEAST OF FAITH

The Creed

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a "rule of faith" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God.

The Creed is both communal and personal: it is "we," but it is also "I." In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.



MINISTERS SCHEDULE



May 15th & 16th

EUCCHARISTIC:

5pm

Eileen Erikson*
Larry McKay
Bill Pray

9am

Andrea Spencer*
Amy Crane
Jane Hart

11am

Dottie Drake*
Rose Rickert
Edna Silang

LECTORS

5pm

1 Art Corsano
2 Debbie Corsano

7am

1 Tony Searl
2 Valencia Kidwell

9am

1 Ellen Wiley
2 Lita Crisostomo

11am

1 Aida Masinsin
2 Nenita Romero

HOSPITALITY

5pm

Reggie Dubay
Cindy Dubay
Corinne Hundley
Maryann Speckman

7am

Corinne Hundley
Fred Hidalgo

9am

Mike Schuman
Barbara Schuman
Jim Feazel
Bonnie Feazel

11am

Luz Reyes
Nora Suyat
Ramon Reyes
Suzie Reyes

ALTAR SERVER

5pm

Brynn Von Seggern

7am

Kayla Nellum

9am

Ryan Feazel
Caleb Pastrana

11am

Gabe santos
Abigayl Santos

MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sat May 8 † Kurt Speckman By Speckman Family <i>It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.</i> <i>— John 15:16</i>	Sun May 9 Mothers Day 7am: St John's Parishioners 9am † Catalina Gatton Godshaw & Dianita Lagman Broad By Catherine Lagman 11am † Julie Marie "Tuttle" Peterson By Sandra & John Tuttle	Tues May 11 † Dora Hidalgo By Mark & Debbie Bunting <i>Coffee Tuesdays is right after 8am Mass</i>	Wed May 12 † Bettylou Pielin By Inez Higgenbotham <i>Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras;</i> <i>Eid al Fitr begins at sunset</i>
Thu May 13 † Sarah Collins-Limbaugh By FR Rafael <i>The Ascension of the Lord; otherwise Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Fri May 14 † Francisco Brua & † Melchor Lorin By Lacanilao Family <i>St. Matthias</i>	Sat May 15 † Rufino S. Silverio By Manny & Sony Silverio <i>St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day</i>	Sun May 16 7am: St John's Parishioners 9am † Dora Hidalgo By Marcelo & Yolanda Ebuen 11am † Luis & Nicanora Gotengco By Mr. & Mrs. Ebuen



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Matthew 25:35-40



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Delores Fox
Albert Wagner
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Bob Pote
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Aurea Silang
Bernadette Maron
Denise Jones
Daniel Lerin
Christie Lerin
Sandy Barata
Sarah Faith Collins
Jane Messa
Bell Masinsin
Jim Burton



Florida Eucharistic Congress
 Saturday June 5th's

If you would like to go to the Eucharistic Congress and need a ride, call the parish office to reserve your spot for.
 Please leave your name, number and how many people in our group so we know how many parishioners will need transportation.



Please keep † Bill Johnson, SR and his family in your prayers. Bill went home to the Lord on Sunday, May 2nd 2021.

Please keep the Schuman/Kolb family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one † Nancy Kolb. May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Flowers are in Memory of Dianita Lagman Broad By Catherine Lagman THE WEEKEND OF MAY 8TH

What's Going on at St John's



Religious Education

Thank you to the wonderful Catechists, Parents, Students and all of your Prayers- The (nutty) socially-distances 2020-2021 Religious Education year was filled with interesting adaptations, lessons and activities that truly reflected Jesus' LOVE for all of us! Please keep watch on this space for information about Vacation Bible School (July?)

God Bless you,
Samantha Matthews, DRE

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

Samantha Matthews:
(904)246-6014

SaMatthews.stjohn@outlook.com



Tuesdays
6:30-8:30pm

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.

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.

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
June 1st

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, please call the Parish office for more info.

Men's Club meetings
@ 7PM
May 20th June 17th

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus

#14866

KofC Meetings Tuesdays
@7PM
May 11th & 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.

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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter Who Needs Love?



Part of the first reading from Acts that we don't hear is a vision Peter has, in which God tells him that all foods are OK to eat; no longer are some unclean. He later realizes that the vision was a symbol that all people are "clean," Gentiles as well as Jews. Not all of the early Christians understood. The Jewish Christians were shocked that the Holy Spirit would give gifts, such as speaking in tongues, to Gentiles. Especially Gentiles who had not been baptized.

Now the distinction between Gentile and Jewish Christians doesn't seem very important today. But we still need to follow St. Peter's example of sharing our faith in Jesus. Does that mean we should drag any non-believers we meet to church on Sunday? Should we brag about how much we love God?

Today's gospel gives us a hint at what we can do to bring others to Christ. Jesus makes it sound simple: Love one another as I love you. (Jn 15:12) The second reading from John tells us that love is not people loving God; it's that God loved us first, enough to send his Son to die for us. We may think that we have chosen to love and follow Jesus, but as the gospel tells us, Jesus chose us before we ever chose him. So maybe that part about loving others as Jesus loves us is this: are we willing to love others without requiring that they love us first?

How can we do that? I can introduce myself to someone new to the parish that I see in church. I can offer to help the poor without waiting for the pastor to beg. I can make a priority of seeing what I can do for others, instead of what they can do for me. Perhaps part of our daily prayer can be asking God to show us who needs our love today.

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:

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Hallow

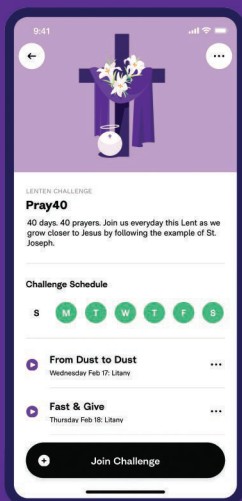
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