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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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Confession

30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.*

Psalm 63:2



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EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should believe any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it.

Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

Today's Readings

First Reading — *Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).*

Psalms — *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).*

Second Reading — *Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).*

Gospel — *Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).*

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

In the old spiritual, "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" we hear the imperative to wait and be ready, and while there are many variations, it usually ends "The world is nearly done." "The time is drawing near." or "The day is dawning nigh." The liturgical year is near its end, and we begin to feel that tension of "already but not yet" as the readings become more eschatological (about the end-times) in nature. We are called to wait patiently. Yet, like the wise and foolish virgins, we run the risk of falling asleep, and or running out of oil. Waiting for God, preparing for God, requires much hope, much preparation and discipline, and at times it is counter-intuitive. We must put aside impatience or the desire for immediate gratification and keep the end in sight. In running terms, it is not a sprint, but a marathon.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Christmas Flowers, Nov 22nd & Christmas Offertory, Dec 25th go to the St John's Building fund, as stated on the envelopes. If you do not have St John envelopes you can send names of loved ones along with donation that you would like to offer

Christmas Flowers for.

Donations on these two will reflect as Christmas offering in years end tax statements.

Thanksgiving Mass will be held November 26th @ 9am, Mass will be recorded and posted to our Facebook page @6pm. Don't forget you can bring a dish or maybe even a bottle of wine from your Thanksgiving Meal to be blessed at Mass. Please place dishes or bottles around the altar for blessing & don't forget to take items home after Mass.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors

Because of COVID, our dinner this year will have a different look.

We are planning to prepare take-out dinners for the seniors.

Requests will be accepted at the parish office up until Friday, Nov. 20, at 4:00.

As in the past, a poster in the narthex will be provided for you to indicate which food you can provide. Remember, food must be cooked and brought to the parish by 2:00 on Thanksgiving Day.

A limited number of volunteers will be needed to fill the take-out boxes.

If you have a van or truck and can help with delivery, please indicate that on the poster along with your phone number.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Actions have consequences. As children, we were often told that if we would do something, then we would receive a present or a reward. If we didn't, it might result in a punishment. Geometry also uses the "If-Then Statement." That is what our scriptures are like this Sunday. In each reading, there is a suggested action on our part, which will result in a desired outcome. There is a feminine personification of God as Wisdom, Psalm 63 and the intimate thirsting for God, the letter to the Thessalonians on believing in Christ, and Matthew's parable of the wise and foolish virgins. In the world of instant everything, we are not good about being patient, and our follow-through can be terrible. But each reading in its own way promises us that if we diligently seek God, we will be blessed and rewarded, and that it is worth the work and the wait!

Dear St. John's Family,

A powerful typhoon just hit the Philippines last week; our Parish is in solidarity in praying with the many Filipino-American faithful in our community.

Don't forget to write the names of your departed loved ones in our Book of Remembrance. We will pray for them in all our Masses, daily and weekend, for the whole month of November.

Veteran's Day is this coming Wednesday. Next weekend, I'm inviting all Veterans in our Parish to come to church in their Military Uniform. We will have an extraordinary blessing for all of you.

Father Rafael Lavilla
Pastor

MINISTERS SCHEDULE November

Eucharistic Minister

5PM
Monica Trinidad*,
Richard Lizotte, Valerie Matta

9AM
Amy Crane*, Jeff Marquardt,
Kelly Ayler

11AM
Manny Silverio*, Jane Hart,
Dennis Stone

Lectors

5PM
1 Stephen Pachuta
2 Bill Corley

7AM
1 Jeanne Dias
2 Valencia Kidwell

9AM
1 Mike Crowder
2 Gwen Crowder

11AM
1 Lita Crisostomo
2 Dan Emnas

Ministers of Hospitality

5PM
Mary Ann Carroll
Maryann Speckman
Reggie & Cindy Dubay

9AM
Debbie Bunting,
Fred Hidalgo,
Mike & Barbara Schuman

11AM
Yolanda Ebuén
Nelia Flores
Aletta Santos
Cristina Suyat

Altar Server

5PM
Elijah Trinidad

9AM
Ryan Feazel
Aiden Overland

11AM
Abigayl Santos
Gabe Santos

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. Cost is \$40.00

MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

For the month of November † All Souls

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in peace.
Amen*

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday: St. Leo the Great

Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

Thursday: St. Josaphat

Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



St. Leo the Great



ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



St. Martin of Tours

The 2021 Mass Intentions Book is now open

We would like all parishioners to have the opportunity to honor their loved ones.

- Each Family may request up to 2 Masses within a given month, meaning one weekend and one weekday or 2 weekday Masses.
- In order to guarantee Mass date, donation (\$10) must be received within one week of reservation.



Veterans Day

Veterans Day Observance

Anyone who is active duty or has been in our Armed forces as well as our

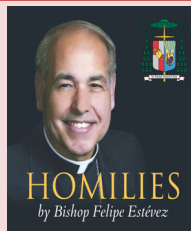


1st Responders, Please wear your uniform to Masses on November 14th & 15th.

Bishop Estévez

Launches New Podcast

Bishop Estévez has launched a brand new podcast, a collection of select homilies for the faithful of the Diocese of St. Augustine. The podcast is now available on the following platforms and will be available on others in the near future:



- Spotify (download app on Google Play or Apple App Store)
- Anchor (<https://anchor.fm/bishop-estevez-homilies>)
- Pocket Casts (download app)
- Diocesan website (<https://www.dosafl.com/bishop-felipe-j-estevez/podcast/>)

Efforts are underway to make the podcast available also on some of the more popular apps, including Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Breaker, Castbox, Overcast and RadioPublic. Please note, since some podcast apps aggregate directly from Apple (like the iHeartRadio app) we ask that you please check your preferred podcast app periodically to see if it becomes available.

From the Human Life & Dignity Office

Mass for the Precious Ones

A Mass for the Precious Ones takes place annually in November, the month to remember holy souls, to honor the humanity of children lost through miscarriage, early infant death and abortion. This year the Mass will be held on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 3:00 p.m., at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine. The Mass is open to all parents, families and friends who grieve for the loss of their child. For more information, contact May Oliver at (904) 262-3200, ext. 159 or email moliver@dosafl.com.



Offering & Building Fund:

	17,274.03
EAM:	+ 1,425.00
Total:	18,699.03

What's Going on at St John's



Religious Education

If you have not submitted a registration form yet, please contact **Samantha Matthews, DRE @ SAMatthews.StJohn@outlook.com**

Wednesday Kinder-5th
Nov classes 11, 18
Dec classes 2, 9, 16

Sunday 6th-Confirmation
Nov classes 15, 29
Dec classes 6 & 13

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**Sacramental Prep meetings:  
Sundays from 10-11 am**

11-8      11-15      11-22

**First Reconciliation:**

Sunday November 29th @ 1pm  
In the Church

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

If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church or if you have questions about the Catholic faith contact James Ezelle or the Parish office.

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

**Nov 10 class**

**The Church Year**

Ellen Wiley

**Nov 17 Class**

**Who Shepherds the Church**  
Greg Streeter

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.

### **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 Guild meetings**  
@6:30PM  
Dec 1st

### **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  
Nov 19th

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Because of the coronavirus, many of our Ministers of Hospitality have not been able to attend Mass in person, so we are asking for anyone comfortable to help us out.

Please call the Parish at (904) 246-6014 ASAP and we will show you how important Ministry helps support our Masses.

This is super important especially right now as the Holiday season is approaching and we have many added Masses coming up!

**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.**

**The Knights of Columbus will have bread after Sunday 9AM & 11AM Masses. Don't forget to stop by and pick some up!**

## Knights of Columbus #14866

KofC Meetings Tuesdays  
@7PM  
Nov 17th

**The Knights of Columbus Council is asking for your help in donating new blankets to be provided to the homeless this winter. A container will be sitting in the narthex for your donations. We are asking for all new blankets to be given out during the third Saturday food Distribution**



### **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 even 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.

### **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.



Mary Uraco, Evelyn Weeks, Rina Hopkins, Faye Carr, Karen Holden, Kim Carr, Bill Pray, Marizel Manalo, Donna Cappock, Karl Klein, Novalee Sanchez, Lily Rodriguez, Delores Fox, Albert Wagner, Loretta Wagner, John Weitort

If you want to add someone to the Prayer request for the sick please contact Monica @ [mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com](mailto:mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com) or call the Parish office. I update often so requested names will be posted for about 5-6 weeks. If you want prayer request added again you will need to contact me.  
Thank you Monica Trinidad

† Respect life †  
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

**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.

**ROSARY:** A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**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.