



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



Sunday October 4, 2020

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*Not all of us
can do great
things. But
we can do
small things
with great
LOVE !*

Respect Life

Today's Readings

First Reading -The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalms - The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel - The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

Membership Sunday for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Bishop Estévez proclaims the second Sunday in October (Oct. 11) the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Membership Sunday providing all Catholic women of the Diocese of St. Augustine the opportunity to exercise their faith in union with others towards the goals of mutual enrichment.

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

Oct 11th 2020
9:30am- 1pm
18 years+
Free
Parish Hall



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Many members of our communities yearn to receive the Eucharist at one table, as the concrete expression of full unity. We experience the pain of those who share their whole lives, but cannot *share God's redeeming presence at the Eucharistic table...* We long for this wound in the Body of Christ to be healed.

—JOINT STATEMENT, CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION, OCTOBER 31, 2016

Confession

30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

Caring for God's Vineyard

Today's readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others.

Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah were still called God's "cherished plant" (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn't replace another.

We experience similar struggles in today's Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God's vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard?

FOR Reflection ~†~

† We are the Church. How do we handle some of its internal problems?

† We pray for the leaders of the Church at every liturgy. Make those prayers your own.

Dear Padre,

Aren't we discriminating against other Christians when we don't celebrate the Eucharist with them?

You have to keep the Church's intentions in mind: Are we excluding to make people feel left out, or are we excluding to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the Eucharist?

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Eucharist—there's only one part they can't participate in. That might sound like a cop-out, but Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Christ. For it to be true Communion, everyone who receives it must believe the same thing about it.

In its Guidelines for the Reception of Communion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission" as outlined in canon law. "All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another"

MINISTERS SCHEDULE October 10 & 11

Eucharistic Minister

5PM
Richard Lizotte*, Andrea Spencer,
Mike McPherson

9AM
Scott * & Rose Imray, Debbie
Bunting

11AM
Aida Masinsin*, Vicky Mordares,
Alicia Cartagena

Lectors

5PM
1 Mike McPherson
2 Monica Trinidad

7AM
1 Carol Neville
2 Valencia Kidwell

9AM
1 Patty Pendleton
2 Allyson Lingerfelt

11AM
1 Art Corsano
2 Debbie Corsano

Ministers of Hospitality

5PM
Corinne Hundley, Fred Hidalgo,
Mary Ann Carroll, Maryann Speck-
man

9AM
Mike & Barbara Schuman, Mike &
Gwen Crowder

11AM
Celina Austin, Dee Fox, Aletta San-
tos, Cristina Suyat

Altar Server

5PM
Brynn Von Seggern

9AM
James Lingerfelt, Miranda
Sanchez

11AM
Christie Cabrera, Gian Suyat

Attention Liturgical Ministers

The schedule for October 1 through January 3 is now available on Ministry Scheduler Pro. For ministers with no internet access, please pick up your schedules in the sacristy. For ministers who would like a paper copy of the schedule, please sign the yellow sheet in the sacristy.
Thanks, Ellen

MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<p>Sat Oct 3</p> <p>5pm Parishioners of St John</p>  <p><i>Respect Life Sunday</i></p>	<p>Sun Oct 4</p> <p>7am † TC Gallaher By Ann Linn 9am Ben & Laini Dotson By Laini Dotson 11am † Virginia Suyat By Suyat Family</p>	<p>Mon Oct 5</p> <p>No Mass Monday to Friday</p> <p><i>Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos</i></p>
<p>Fri Oct 9</p> <p>FR will be back Saturday Oct 10 to resume Masses</p> <p><i>St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi</i></p>	<p>Sat Oct 10</p> <p>5pm Ann Wright & Christian Riendeau By Armond & Janis Riendeau</p>	<p>Sun Oct 11</p> <p>7am Parishioners of St John 9am † James & Kathryn Cunningham James Cunningham 11am Eloisa Granderson By Patricia Hinds</p>

Catholic Therapist Network

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence." St Augustine Caring and confidential Catholic support is available...

The Catholic Therapist Network is a listing of counselors who are Catholics in good standing and loyal to the theology, traditions, and values of the Catholic faith. Though not affiliates or employees of the Diocese, all participating mental health professionals are independent practitioners, currently licensed and insured. They are committed to extending their expertise and offering full discretion in meeting with clients. Contact information for Network participants is available @

family.dosaf.com/therapists/

CALLING THE CHURCH TO LIFE LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

October 4, 2020 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Atlantic Boulevard and St. John's Bluff
Road Jacksonville

You are invited to be a light in a darkened world. Please come

- Stand with thousands of pro-life individuals throughout North America in honor of the millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion.
- Pray for people in crisis situations and for our nation.
- Bring your whole family rain or shine. and you will be a light in a darkened world!

**(904) 472-7869
for information**



<u>Offering & Building Fund</u>	11,186.85
<u>EAM:</u>	680.00
<u>Total:</u>	11,866.85



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

In Memoriam

Please keep **† Elizabeth Ann Joyner** and her loved ones in your prayers. Elizabeth went home to the Lord on Monday Sep 12th. May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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
Oct classes 7, 14, 21, 28
Nov classes 4, 11, 18
Dec classes 2, 9, 16

Sunday 6th-Confirmation
Oct classes 4, 11, 18, 25
Nov classes 1, 8, 15, 29
Dec classes 6 & 13

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

Oct 6 class

Who is Jesus Christ?

Oct 13 class

The Bible

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.

† **Respect life** †

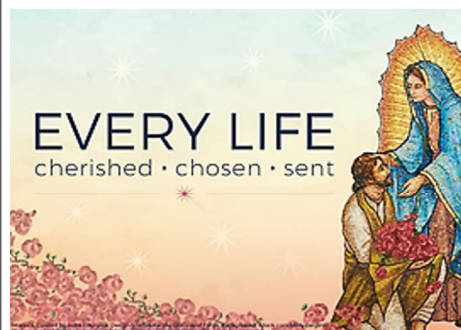
The Respect life Committee is looking for donations of **diapers**, sizes newborn-size 5 as well as **baby wipes**. We will be passing them out to families in need of baby items that come on Tuesdays for the food distributions, sponsored by the EAM. Please put any donations in the Respect for Life basket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

Thank you for your Support, The Respect for Life Committee

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
Oct 27th
Installation in Chapel @ 6PM
Oct 13th



October is Pro-Life Month

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
Oct 15th
Nov 19th

Sponsored by the Men's Club.
Tickets going fast!!



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CHILI COOK-OFF

SATURDAY OCT. 17, 2020

6:00 to 8:00 (after 5:00 mass)

Knights of Columbus #14866

KofC Meetings Tuesdays @7PM
October 13 & 27



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

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.

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,
Jerome Maron, Rina Hopkins,

Faye Carr, Karen Holden,
Kim Carr, Bill Pray, Marizel Manalo, Donna Cappock

If you want to add someone to the Prayer request for the sick please contact
Monica @ 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

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 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.

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

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), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.

Camp Gladiator

Trainer Matt Bean Mathewbean@campgladiator.cpm
Location and Times @St John Catholic Church
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5:15am, 6:30am, 9am and 5:30pm