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Jesus said

*to the chief priests
and elders of the people,
“Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering into the
kingdom of God before you.”*

Matthew 21:31

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule

Saturday
5PM

Sunday
7AM 9AM
11AM

Communion Service
Sunday 12:30PM

Facebook Online Mass
Sunday: 10:00AM
Tuesday-Friday: 6:00PM

Parish Webpage

<https://saintjohnsatlanticbeach.org>

Parish Email

StJohntheBaptistAB@gmail.com

Confession time is 30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment.

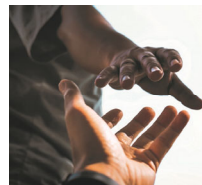
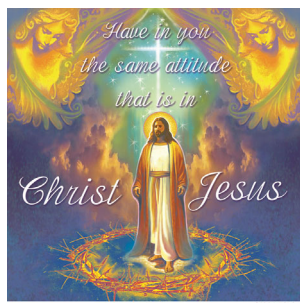
Today's Readings

First Reading- When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ez18:25-28).

Psalm- Remember your mercies, O Lord

Second Reading- Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Ph 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel- Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Mt 21:28-32).



Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

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

The Blessing of Animals will be held
Saturday
Oct 3rd
At 11AM

Blessing of Animals



FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

He Emptied Himself

In the Gospels, Jesus seldom teaches doctrine. Rather, the stories themselves provide examples of how we are to model our lives after him. He was a man for others, a compassionate healer, an understanding friend. As clear as such stories might be, because we can be selfish people, the example they offer us is difficult to follow. If it is hard to follow a man who lived a human life with others, how are we to follow the example sketched by Paul in today's second reading?

Paul declares in Philippians: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus". What attitude is he talking about? Jesus emptied himself of the preeminence that was rightly his as possessing "equality with God". He did not demand that they treat him with the reverence and veneration that was due him. Rather, "he emptied himself...he humbled himself".

Why does Paul insist on this? It seems the Philippians were having internal problems that were threatening their unity. Various forms of arrogance were tearing them apart: *Don't you know who I am? I am a celebrity. I have more money. I know the right people. And who are you? Who do you know? What can you do?* These attitudes of arrogance infect our communities even today. To this Paul proclaims: If Jesus, who "though he was in the form of God" could empty himself of such dignity for the sake of others, you certainly should be able to put aside your trivial vainglory and be "united in heart".

Can we?

FOR Reflection ~†~

† In what circumstances does your arrogance raise its ugly head? What do you do about it?

† What might you do to strengthen the bonds of unity in your family? Your workplace? Your Parish?

Dear St. John's Family,

Since we came back to church for masses, we have been religious in following social distancing guidelines and disinfecting our campus; thus, we are so blessed not to have an outbreak of the virus. I want to thank you for your cooperation and understanding. As of the moment, we can only accommodate 25% of our sitting capacity, which means 100 people per mass. Our least attended mass is 7:00 AM Sunday, as of now, 50% capacity. If you are looking for a mass with ample space for distancing, 7:00 AM Sunday Mass is for you.

We added another layer of protection. Our custodian disinfects our church daily in addition to the wipes that we use. Please continue to cooperate in all the regulations we enforce in the church. God will answer our prayer for the end of this pandemic.

Thank you for all your birthday wishes and gifts. I am so blessed to be your Pastor.

Fr. Rafael Lavilla, Pastor

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.

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.dosafl.com/therapists/

**MASS SCHEDULE
SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

<p>Sat Sep 26</p> <p>5PM For Intentions John Moore By Moore Family</p>	<p>Sun Sep 27</p> <p>7AM † Dolores Betz By Beliles Family 9AM Parishioners of St John 11AM † John DiGiacinto By Rose Yeager</p>	<p>Tues Sep 29</p> <p>8AM Mary & Neftali Diaz By Liz Sturdeon</p> 	<p>Wed Sep 30</p> <p>8AM † Vanessa Chan By Leilani Chan</p> <p><i>St. Jerome; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset</i></p>
<p>Thu Oct 1</p> <p>8AM † Florencia Barba By Barba Family</p> <p><i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i></p>	<p>Fri Oct 2</p> <p>8AM Phil & Grace Dancel 50th Anniversary</p> 	<p>Sat Oct 3</p> <p>5PM Parishioners of St John</p> <p><i>Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday</i></p>	<p>Sun Oct 4</p> <p>7AM † TC Gallagher By Ann Linn 9AM Ben & Laini Dotson By Laini Dotson 11AM † Virginia Suyat By Suyat Family</p>

**Ministers
Schedule will be back in Bulletins
next week.**



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

Offering & Building Fund	10,377.53
EAM:	1,404.65
Total:	11,782.18

Congratulations to Elizabeth Holt on completing Boot Camp. Elizabeth and her Family would like to thank everyone at St John's for all their support & prayers. They were greatly appreciated.

OORAH!!



Flu Season is almost here
More Info to Follow



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 The Boyle family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their love one **† Richard Boyle.** May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please keep **† Herman Ike Pundt** and his family in your prayers. Herman went home to the Lord on Wednesday, September 16th.

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
Sep classes 30
Oct classes 7, 14, 21, 28
Nov classes 4, 11, 18
Dec classes 2, 9, 16

Sunday 6th-Confirmation
Sep classes 27
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.

**Sep 29th class is about
The Holy Trinity
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**

First Friday Adoration & Rosary

Please join FR Rafael and the Respect for Life Committee on Friday, September 4th after the 8AM Mass to pray for the culture of life. We will begin with Benediction followed by the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

For further information, please contact
Debbie Bunting @ (904) 642-2323

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!!



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 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.



Mary Uraco, Evelyn Weeks,
Jerome Maron, Rina Hopkins,

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

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