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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

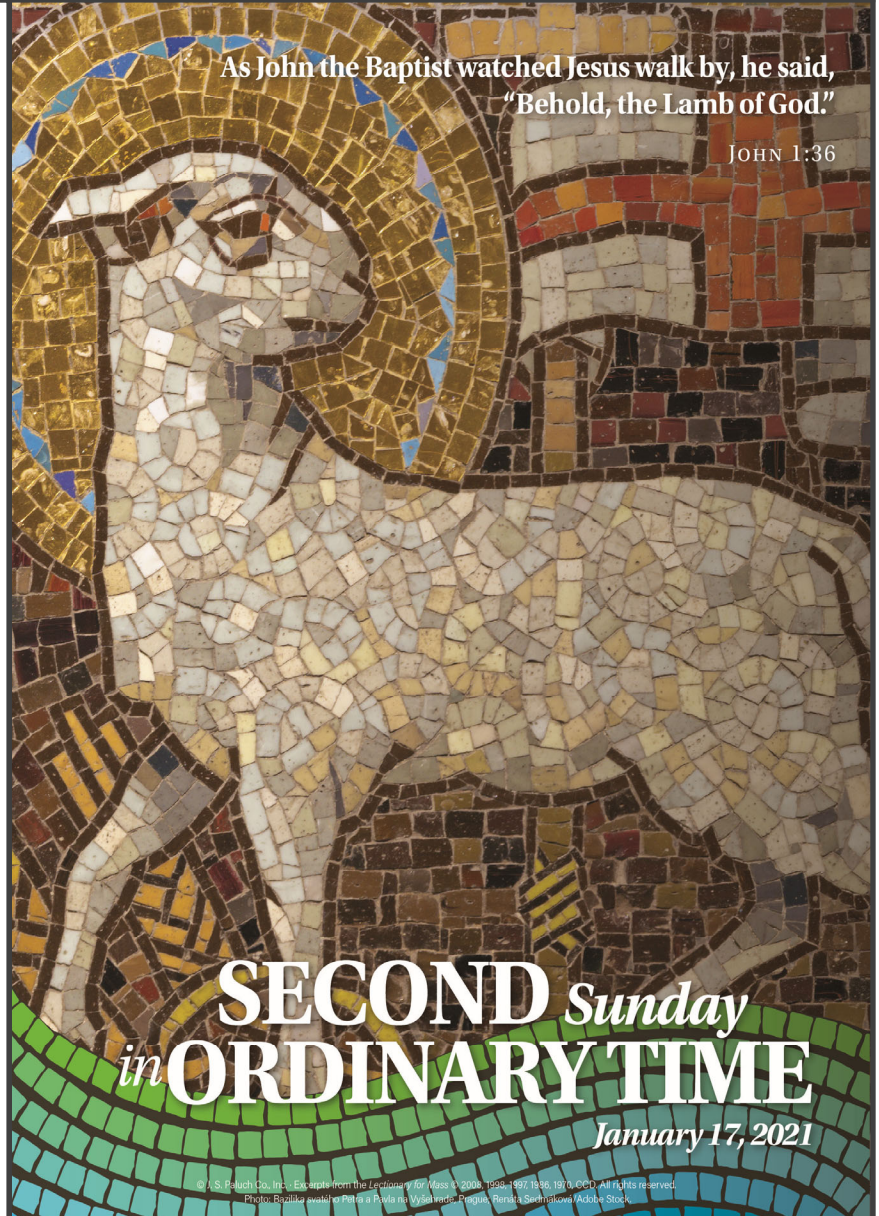


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As John the Baptist watched Jesus walk by, he said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God."

JOHN 1:36

SECOND *Sunday*
in **ORDINARY TIME**

January 17, 2021

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SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen.

"Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

Today's Readings

First Reading — *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).*

Psalm — *Here am I, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will (Psalm 40) Cooney 766.*

Second Reading — *Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).*

Gospel — *The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42)*

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19,

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

—St. Julian

The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—"And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit"—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.



ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Schedules for January through March are available at Ministry Scheduler Pro. If you do not have internet access, please sign the yellow sheet in the sacristy.

YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says "Here I am" to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say "Here I am," but "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God's voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God's intentions rather than his own.

Samuel's story helps us to remember that accepting God's call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story.

Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God's story. Even in our smallest "yes," God celebrates our partnership in God's great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John's Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God's call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God's intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary people to partner in God's work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God's call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus' disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

MINISTERS

SCHEDULE

January 23 & 24

Eucharistic Minister

5PM

Mike McPherson*
James Johnson
Denny Foster

9AM

Scott* & Rose Imray
Maura Wilburn

11AM

Grace Dancel*
Alicia Cartagena
Estela Geronimo



Lectors

5PM

1 Art Corsano
2 Debbie Corsano

7AM

1 Carol Neville
2 Marilyn Ormond

9AM

1 Mike Crowder
2 Gwen Crowder

11AM

1 Jon Masinsin
2 Isabel Masinsin



Ministers of Hospitality

5PM

Corinne Hundley
Mary Ann Carroll
Reggie & Cindy Dubay

9AM

Mike & Barbara Schuman
Jim & Bonnie Feazel

11AM

Celina Austin
Dee Fox
Yolanda Euben
Dina Walker



Altar Server

5PM

Brynn Von Seggern

9AM

Ryan Feazel
Caleb Pastrana

11AM

Christie Cabrera
Gian Suyat



MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sat Jan 16

† Patricia Igoe Hannan
By Diane StLaurent

Sun Jan 17

7am:
Parishioners of St John
9am
† Rob Kues
By Debbie & Pat Cassidy
11am
† Alfredo Fordan
By Minda Mamansag

Tues Jan 19

Gene & Sally Clemens 66th Anniversary

Wed Jan 20

† Clyde Salitreo
By Terry McMurtry

St. Fabian;
St. Sebastian

Thu Jan 21

† Joseph Lawrence Dioso
By Edna Santos



Fri Jan 22

† Patricia Ann Callahan Prince
By Eileen Erikson

Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children

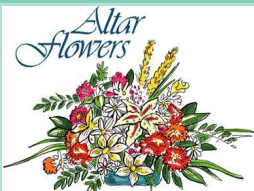
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Parishioners Of St Johns



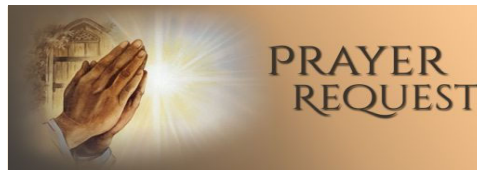
Sun Jan 24

7am:
† Margaret L. Murphy
By Kathleen & Mary
9am
† Rob Kues
By Denny & Rick Foster
11am
† Lawrence Quedado
By Gasper & Vicky Quedado



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

Monday
Jan 18th
Office will be closed for
Martin Luther King Jr.



Donna Cappock, Karl Klein, Novalee Sanchez, Lily Rodriguez, Delores Fox, Albert Wagner, Loretta Wagner, John Weitort, Nanette Franzuela, Bob Pote, Amor Guzman, Rina Hopkins, Glenn Young, Jim Driscoll, Ron Keese, Mario Amayo, Richard Oulette, Don Cozine, Debbie Taylor, Aurea Silang



Offering: 15,268.03
Others: 433.00
BF: 154.00
EAM: + 2,284.00
Total: 18,139.03

Matthew 25:35-40

OUR DEEPEST DESIRES

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' first spoken words in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" This penetrating question reverberates throughout John's Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus' first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can't quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments.

Jesus' words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God's dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

What's Going on at St John's



Religious Education

Wednesday Kinder-5th
Jan classes 20, 27
Feb classes 3, 10, 24
Sunday 6th-Confirmation
Jan classes 17, 24, 31
Feb classes 7, 21, 28

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

**Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm**  
**Jan 19**

**History of the Church**  
Greg Streeter

**Jan 26**

**Christian Moral Living**  
Greg Streeter

**Feb 2**

**The Dignity of Life**  
Ann Crowder

**Feb. 9**

**A Consistent Ethic of life/Social Justice**

Ann Crowder

**Feb. 16**

**Saying Yes to Jesus**  
Ellen Wiley

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 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.

### **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 meetings Tuesdays**  
@6:30PM  
Feb. 2nd  
Mar. 2nd

**Ladies Fat Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser will be Feb. 16th.**  
Details will be posted soon!!

### **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.

## 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

### **Knights of Columbus** #14866

**KofC Meetings Tuesdays**  
**@7PM**  
Jan 26  
Feb 9 & 23

### **Fish Fry Jan 17th 2021 after Masses**



### **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.

### **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**  
Jan 21st  
Feb 18th

**The Men's Spaghetti Dinner has been rescheduled.**  
**Details to come soon!**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Hello, God**

Just before our first reading it says that "the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions." (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel's time. Let's look at the reading to see what Samuel's experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God's way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the LORD was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can help. He or she will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. I bet we have all had times where we didn't know if we are doing God's will because we didn't take time to pray. But don't do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn't stopped talking; we just stopped listening.

**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 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** ([dennisstone@comcast.net](mailto:dennisstone@comcast.net)), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.

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