



Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 11, 2026

1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401

Christ and His Mother Studying the Scriptures, Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1909.

WHO WE ARE



**Rev. Jacob
Jaks, Pastor**



**Dcn. Timothy
Warner**



**Dcn. Earl
Mirus**



**Sr. Grace Ford,
Er. Dio - Principal**

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm

Sunday | 8:15am & 10:45am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday* | 8:15am

**Except First Fridays*

First Fridays | 5:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday | 5:30pm

Adoration

First Fridays | 9am-5pm

Confession

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4:30-5:00pm

Saturdays | 3:00-4:00pm

First Fridays | 9-9:30am

Flocknote

Text STJ to 84576

Sign up to receive text messages and/or email announcements regarding parish news & events

Parish Council

John Maceluch, Jr. | Parish Council Chair

Kelly Bernhardt

Kathy Kidd

Brett McCarty

Jim Blanchet

Jerry Kelly

Anita Thomas

Register as a Member

To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office.

Parish Office

Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm

850-763-1821 | saintjohnnpc@saintjohnnpc.org

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Family & Children's Catechesis

Chris Dinote | Business Administrator

Dr. Martin Gallegos | Director of Sacred Music

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Nick Labrie | Director of Mission Operations

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Bulletin Requests: Please email bulletin@saintjohnnpc.org.

Submissions are due by noon on Mondays.

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St. John Catholic Academy

850-763-1775 | office@sjeagles.org

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Finance Council

Chris Brooks | Finance Council Chair

Jackie Fowler

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Sean McNeil

Tim Wheeler

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Donna Couchigian

SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

Children | 5-17 Years Old

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis

jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Baptism, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Pathways (our family faith formation program)

Youth | Grades 6-12

Nick Labrie | Youth Formation

nick.labrie@saintjohnnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Catholic Student Ministries

Adults | 18+

Fr. Jacob Jaks | Pastor

catholicism@saintjohnnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion

Visiting the Sick/Homebound - please call the parish office to set up a visit with a priest or lay person to bring communion or check on a homebound person

Anointing of the Sick - call the parish office at any time

Holy Matrimony - contact the parish office six months prior to your anticipated wedding date

*The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee encourages anyone who may have been abused by any clergy person, employee, or volunteer in ministry with the Church, or who knows of such abuse, to contact local law enforcement or the Florida Abuse Hotline at

1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) and Shannon D. Mullen, Ph.D. CSAT at 229-233-8009. Español - Dcn. Santiago Molina, 850-222-6482

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FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

An Act of Love and Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The devotion of the First Fridays is a traditional Catholic devotion centered on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It has its roots in the revelations of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a seventeenth-century Visitation nun in France. Christ entrusted St. Margaret Mary with a special mission to promote devotion to His Sacred Heart, revealing the depth of His love for humanity and His sorrow over the indifference, ingratitude, and sin by which that love is rejected. Among the practices associated with this devotion is the reception of Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, offered in reparation to the Sacred Heart.

But what does it mean to make reparation? To make reparation is to respond to an offense against love by offering love in return. Sin is not merely the breaking of a rule; it is a rejection of God's love. Because Christ loves us perfectly and gives Himself completely for us, our sins wound the relationship He desires to have with us. Reparation does not mean that we can somehow "make up" for our sins apart from Christ. Rather, we unite our prayers, sacrifices, repentance, and acts of love to Christ's own sacrifice. We ask Him to accept our imperfect love and use it to repair, in some small way, what sin has damaged.



This is why the First Friday devotion is especially connected to the Eucharist. In the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter the same Jesus who gave Himself for us upon the Cross. When we attend Mass, receive Holy Communion worthily, and spend time before the Eucharistic Lord, we can consciously offer ourselves in reparation for our own sins and for the sins and indifference of the world.

The traditional practices of First Friday (Confession, Holy Communion, Eucharistic adoration, prayer, and acts of sacrifice) all serve this same purpose. Confession allows us to repent of the ways in which we have personally rejected God's love. Communion unites us to Christ and His sacrifice. Adoration gives us time to remain with Him and offer Him our love. Acts of self-denial and charity allow us to turn away from selfishness and make a concrete gift of ourselves to God and neighbor.

The next time a First Friday comes around, consider making time to enter into this beautiful devotion. Eucharistic Adoration is offered from 9am-5pm, with Confessions from 9-9:30am, followed by Benediction at 5pm and Holy Mass at 5:30pm. In the presence of His Eucharistic Heart, we can learn to love Him more deeply and to make reparation for the love that the world so often refuses to give Him.

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, November 1st, 11:45am

Join us Sunday, November 1st for our annual Parish Picnic!

This free parish-wide celebration will include lunch, bounce houses, face painting, lawn games, and plenty of time for fellowship and getting to know your fellow parishioners.

Bring the whole family and join us as we celebrate the St. John community together!



UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Life Chain 2026

Oct 11 | 1:45pm

Life Chain has been rescheduled to this Sunday, Oct. 11 due to the weather last weekend. Meet around 1:45pm on 23rd St. at the Academy Sports parking lot or the Wal-Mart parking lot near Five Guys.

Boxes of Joy

Available Oct 10-11 | Return by Nov 1

This weekend, CCW will distribute Boxes of Joy after each Mass. Fill a box with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy, or apparel to help provide for a child in need at Christmas. CCW requests \$9.00 to cover the cost of shipping. Insert cash or check in the box, or pay online (please scan the code or visit <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/> and scroll to the donate \$9 for shipping option).

Return filled boxes to the Church entryway or to the parish office no later than Sunday, November 1st. Thank you for your generosity and partnership with CCW.



Diocesan Second Collection

Next Weekend

There will be a diocesan second collection next weekend, October 17-18, supporting World Mission Sunday.



Sacristans



Readers



Altar Servers



Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion



Greeters



Ushers



Music

2026 Liturgical Ministers Retreat



The Office of Liturgy is hosting a day of reflection for all liturgical ministers: sacristans, ushers, greeters, altar servers, readers, music ministry, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We will spend the day reflecting on the Eucharistic liturgy and Sacraments, as well as the dignity of our ministries in service to all encountering Jesus. Updates will be provided for new guidelines for communion ministry.

All minors must be accompanied by an adult.
Light breakfast and lunch included.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

5622 Julie Dr, Panama City, FL 32404
9:00am – 1:00pm (local time)



REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Scan the QR code
or visit <https://ptdiocese.org/liturgy>



For more information, contact Dr. Christopher Gawel
(850) 304-7580 • gawelc@ptdiocese.org

Events this Week

Sunday, October 11

Coffee & donuts in the parish hall after both Masses
High School Youth Ministry (Off-Campus)

Monday, October 12 - Academy Closed; Parish Open

Tuesday, October 13

6:15pm - OCIA meeting in the parish hall

6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in the parish office

Wednesday, October 14

9:30am - Women's Bible Study in the parish office

Friday October 16

6:00pm - ASJ meeting (Off-Campus)

Sunday, October 18

Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall after both Masses
Middle School Youth Ministry (Off-Campus)

KoC Baby Bottle Drive

For Respect Life Month

During the month of October, the Knights of Columbus will have a baby bottle drive available after the weekend Masses. Donations support the Pregnancy Resource Center. Return filled bottles to the Knights after Mass throughout October or to the Parish Office.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Every Tuesday at 6:15pm | Parish Hall

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? OCIA classes meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:30pm in the parish hall. Join us this Tuesday, October 13th. Contact Deacon Tim Warner at (850) 596-2974 to learn more.

ASJ Meeting

All Are Invited

The Association of St. Jude invites all members and friends of St. John's to their next gathering on Friday, Oct 16th at 6pm. We will be meeting at Family Service Agency, 114 E. 9th St., for an informative presentation and tour of this wonderful organization and facility. Please join us. For questions, call (812) 455-1234.

Clothing Giveaway

Oct 24 | PCB

Save The Closet is hosting a free Community Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, October 24, from 10am-1pm at Aaron Bessant Park (500 W Park Dr. PCB). They will have men's, women's, and children's clothing available in all sizes and for all seasons, free to anyone who needs it. All items are pre-inspected, organized and sorted.

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Study

Weekly on Wednesday Mornings

Join us for our fall semester of Bible Study. We are studying *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* by Edward Sri. We meet in the parish office on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. Contact Kathy Kidd: (850) 814-7747, or Martha Cordell: (850) 814-4619 for more information.

Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Next Meeting | October 21

Please join us in the parish office on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30pm. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801 for more information.

Men's Coffee & Bible Study in PCB

Mondays | 7-7:50am

Join men from St. John at The Pour on Front Beach Road for spiritual growth and fellowship. We use Exodus 90, a spiritual program with a phone app that provides a daily Bible reading, reflection, and practical guidelines for living as a Christian man. Contact Curt Simmons (615) 617-9119.

Join us in Prayer

To add anyone to the prayer list, please visit saintjohnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for a month/as requested.

Repose of the Soul

†Terral Matherne, †Yvonne Matherne

Healing

Joy Marie Wiggins, Brac Merritt, Dean Tucker, Don C., Lorraine Daigle, Roger Becker, Mike Pavlus, Tami Seibert, Taina Ferguson, Robert Gutting

Mass Intentions

To request a Mass for a loved one, please call or visit the parish office

Saturday, October 10, 2026

4:30pm....In Thanksgiving for Benefactors on Anniv. of Hurricane Michael

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am....People of the Parish
10:45am...†Jeanne Quirk by Pat Quirk

Monday, October 12, 2026

8:15am....†Arlene Kantner

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

5:30pm....†Bill Cordell by Martha Cordell

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

8:15am....†Terral Matherne by Connie Bane

Thursday, October 15, 2026

5:30pm....†David Harden by Donna Harden

Friday, October 16, 2026

8:15am...†Bill Prather by Susie Prather

Saturday, October 17, 2026

4:30pm....†David Harden by Donna Harden

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15am....Fr. Kennell by Ed & Christine Macejka
Happy Birthday
10:45am...People of the Parish

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

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Scripture Readings, Week of Oct. 11, 2026

Sun Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

Mon Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1;
Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tue Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41

Wed Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thurs Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54

Fri Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

Sat Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12

Sun Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



EAGLE NEWS

October 11, 2026



St. John Catholic Academy prepares and educates students for academic success and forms disciples of Christ for life.

FAMILY MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, AT 1:15 PM

SJCA Families are invited to join us for Mass on Wednesday, October 21, at 1:15 PM at St. John Catholic Church.

We will recognize our 4th-8th grade First Quarter Honor Roll recipients. Guest pre-registration is required. Please complete one registration form per guest by Monday, October 19, at 3:30 PM.

Same-day registration will not be available. Pre-printed visitor badges will be sent home with your youngest student on Tuesday, October 20th.

Following Mass and Honor Roll recognition, students will return to their classrooms and dismiss through their regular carline.

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Classical Study Tip: Recite to Remember

After reading a lesson, close the book and say aloud what you remember. Recitation strengthens memory and reveals what still needs review. The goal of classical reading is not simply to finish the pages, but to understand, remember, and thoughtfully engage with what is read. Students should be able to identify the main idea, recall important details, make connections, and explain the reading in their own words.



2026 ALL SAINTS FESTIVAL

Bounce Houses! Food! Games! Fun!

Join us for an afternoon of faith, fellowship, and family fun at our All Saints Fest! Come celebrate with our SJCA community with activities for the whole family.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

2:50 PM

SJCA P.E. Field



Please scan the QR code to sign up:

Important: There will be no aftercare on October 30. All students must be picked up at the conclusion of the school day in their respective carline. Students attending will be dismissed at All Saints Fest with a parent/guardian.

Justice of the week:

Kindness

DEFINITION OF KINDNESS:

Expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others; anticipating their needs

PRAYER FOR KINDNESS:

Dear Jesus, You are kindness itself. I desire to show charity toward my neighbor through my thoughts, words, and actions. When others meet me, let them meet YOU in me!

KINDNESS LOOKS LIKE:

- Carrying bags for someone
- Talking to someone who seems sad

KINDNESS SOUNDS LIKE:

- Do you need any help?
- You seem upset, is there anything I can do for you?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 12th -

Columbus Day (No School for Students/ Preschool Closed/ Teacher Inservice)

Wednesday, October 21st -

Family Mass and Q1 Honor Roll - 4th to 8th Grades

Wednesday, October 21st -

1st Qtr Report Cards (Delivered Electronically)

Friday, October 30th -

All Saints Fest 2:30 to 5pm on the PE Field (Registration required) No Aftercare

Tuesday, November 10th -

Veterans Day Ceremony - 1:30pm to 2:30pm in the Church

Contact Us: 850.763.1775



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DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Adoration (St. Dominic)

St. Dom Parish Office....850-785-4574
St. Dominic's has a perpetual adoration chapel. Contact their parish office for the door code or to sign-up for a weekly hour

Association of St. Jude

Kim.....812-455-1234

Carmelites

Angie Cirabisi.....317-526-8614

Catholic Cemetery

Chris DiNote.....(850) 786-2965
cemetery@saintjohnpc.org

Catholic in Recovery

Diane.....850-541-3326
Wayne.....850-532-0421
Open for all who are in recovery from any form of unhealthy attachment

Council of Catholic Women

Cheryl Wilson.....706-341-2579

Fishers of Men (St. Dominic)

Stephen Butler.....850-832-6434
Twice monthly breakfast on the **first and third Saturdays of each month from 8:30-10:30am** at St. Dominic's MC3 building.

Knights of Columbus

Mike Tierney.....850-319-1945

Lending Library

Located in the parish office (M-Th 9-3)

Men's Club

Lee Fry.....850-867-3916

Men's Bible Study

Warren Phillips.....850-896-0801

Our fall semester has started, and we hope you will join us.

Ministry to the Sick

Contact the parish office to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to anyone who is sick or homebound

Morning Rosary

Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 7:30-8am (before Mass)

Rachel's Vineyard

904-221-3232.....rachelsvineyard.org
Retreats for women and men looking to renew hearts broken by abortion

The Third Option

A program for couples & individuals to help their relationships flourish. For more details, please visit baythirdoption.com.

Women's Morning Bible Study

Kathy Kidd.....850-814-7747

Martha Cordell.....850-814-4619

Meets in the parish office conference room every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am. **Our fall semester has started, and we hope you will join us.**

Women's Socials

heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
Typically on the first Saturday of the month, from 10am-noon in the parish hall. **Please join us for our next Social in November.**

Young Professional Fellowship

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