Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 9, 2026
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
Jesus Saves Peter from Drowning in the Sea, Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, 1888.

WHO WE ARE

Rev. Jacob Jaks, Pastor

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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
Tuesday, Thursday | 5:30pm
First Saturdays | 9:00 Latin *Novus Ordo*

Adoration

First Fridays | 9am-5pm

Confession

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4:30-5:00pm
Saturdays | 3:00-4:00pm
Second Sundays | After Sunday Masses
To confidentially schedule a confession, email Fr. Jacob at confession@saintjohnpc.org

Flocknote

Text STJ to 84576
Receive text message or email announcements

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Register as a Member

Contact the Parish Office
To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office.

Parish Office

Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm
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SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

Children | Through 5th Grade

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis
jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org
Contact for questions regarding Baptism, First Communion, First Reconciliation, & Living Liturgically (formation program for grades K-5)

Youth | Grades 6-12

Dot Wagner | Youth Formation
youth@saintjohnpc.org
Contact for Confirmation and questions regarding Catholic Student Ministries (CSM)

Adults | 18+

Fr. Jacob Jaks | Pastor
catholicism@saintjohnpc.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

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REFLECTING ON OUR READINGS

With Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this Sunday's Gospel we find Jesus who, after withdrawing to the mountain, prays throughout the night. The Lord, having distanced himself from the people and the disciples, manifests his communion with the Father and the need to pray in solitude, far from the commotion of the world.

This distancing, however, must not be seen as a lack of interest in individuals or trust in the Apostles. On the contrary, Matthew recounts, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat, "and go before him to the other side" (Mt 14:22), where he would see them again. In the meantime the boat "was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them" (v. 24). And so in the fourth watch of the night [Jesus] came to them, walking on the sea" (v. 25); the disciples were terrified, mistaking him for a ghost and "cried out for fear" (v. 26). They did not recognize him, they did not realize that it was the Lord.

Nonetheless Jesus reassured them: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear" (v. 27). This is an episode from which the Fathers of the Church drew a great wealth of meaning. The sea symbolizes this life and the instability of the visible world; the storm points to every kind of trial or difficulty that oppresses human beings. The boat, instead, represents the Church, built by Christ and steered by the Apostles.

Jesus wanted to teach the disciples to bear life's adversities courageously, trusting in God, in the One who revealed himself to the Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb "in a still small voice" [the whispering of a gentle breeze] (1 Kings 19:12).

The passage then continues with the action of the Apostle Peter, who, moved by an impulse of love for the Teacher, asks him to bid him to come to him, walking on the water. "But when he saw the wind [was strong], [Peter] was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'" (Mt 14:30).

St. Augustine, imagining that he was addressing the Apostle, commented: the Lord "leaned down and took you by the hand. With your strength alone you cannot rise. Hold tight to the hand of the One who reaches down to you", and he did not say this to Peter alone but also to us.

Peter walks on the water, not by his own effort but rather through divine grace in which he believes. And when he was smitten by doubt, when he no longer fixed his gaze on Jesus but was frightened by the gale, when he failed to put full trust in the Teacher's words, it means that he was interiorly distancing himself from the Teacher and so risked sinking in the sea of life.

So it is also for us: if we look only at ourselves we become dependent on the winds and can no longer pass through storms on the waters of life. The great thinker Romano Guardini wrote that the Lord "is always close, being at the root of our being. Yet we must experience our relationship with God between the poles of distance and closeness. By closeness we are strengthened, by distance we are put to the test."

Dear friends, the experience of the Prophet Elijah who heard God passing and the troubled faith of the Apostle Peter enable us to understand that even before we seek the Lord or invoke him, it is he himself who comes to meet us, who lowers Heaven to stretch out his hand to us and raise us to his heights; all he expects of us is that we trust totally in him, that we really take hold of his hand.

Let us call on the Virgin Mary, model of total entrustment to God, so that amidst the plethora of anxieties, problems and difficulties which churn up the sea of our life, may our hearts resonate with the reassuring words of Jesus who also says to us "Take heart, it is I; have no fear!"; and may our faith in him grow.

Pope Benedict XVI | Angelus Reflection | Sunday, 7 August 2011

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FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Learn More About Our 2026-2027 Offerings

Calling all parents! We have a lot of exciting new offerings starting soon for families, children, and teens. Want to learn more? Scan the code(s) below to receive news for the ministries you're interested in!

Baptismal Prep

For infants through age seventeen.

Family Faith Formation

Wednesday Night formation for the whole family!

First Communion Prep

Classes begin August 26th for children ages five to seventeen.

Catholic Student Ministry

Middle School and High School gatherings begin in September.

Confirmation Prep

Classes begin August 26th for children ages five to seventeen.

CSM Middle School

CSM High School

SERVE AT THE PARISH

Interested in Getting Involved?

The celebration of the Mass is the heart of our parish life, and it takes many people serving faithfully behind the scenes to make our liturgies prayerful, beautiful, and welcoming.

Whether you enjoy serving visibly or quietly in the background, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining one of our liturgical ministry teams. Training is provided, and we welcome both experienced volunteers and those who are serving for the first time. We work with each volunteer's availability to create ministry schedules that fit your life and commitments. If you are interested in serving or learning more, please email Nick Labrie at nick.labrie@saintjohnpc.org.

Liturgical Ministry Opportunities

- A/V Ministry
- Altar Servers *(male only)*
- Choir
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)
- Lectors
- Sacristans
- Ushers

UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Note on August 15
Holy Day Update for the year 2026
Please note that Mass attendance on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not obligatory in 2026 due to its occurrence on Saturday. To learn more about Holy Days of Obligation in our Diocese in 2026, please visit ptdiocese.org/holydays.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
Inquire Now
Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? OCIA classes begin Contact Deacon Tim Warner at (850) 596-2974 to learn more.

St. Dominic Books & Gifts
Summer Sale
Visit St. Dominic Books & Gifts between August 16-22 to draw a token for savings of 10%-25% off your total purchase price.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry Drop-Off
Located in the Narthex
Thank you to all who continue to give to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. The green wagon in the Narthex is the collection point. Donations are taken weekly to Catholic Charities to give food to those in need in our community.

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, August 9
Second Chance Sunday - Confession available after the Sunday Morning Masses
9:30am - Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall
Tuesday, August 11
6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in the parish office
6:30pm - Healing Night in the Church
Saturday, August 15
8:30am - Fishers of Men breakfast at St. Dominic
Sunday, August 16
9:30am - Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of August

For Evangelization in the City
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Confirmation 2026
Grades 5-12
The new date for Confirmation at St. John the Evangelist is Sunday, October 4 at 10:45am.
For more information and to register your child for Confirmation preparation, please contact Dot as soon as possible at youth@saintjohnpc.org.

Catholic in Recovery
Tuesdays in Parish Office | 6:15pm
Catholic in Recovery is a ministry at St. John providing support and a confidential environment for individuals seeking recovery within a faith-based framework. For more information, contact Wayne at (850) 532-0421.

Adorers Needed
St. Dominic Perpetual Adoration Chapel
The St. Dominic Perpetual Adoration Chapel is in need of adorers throughout the week, especially during evenings. For more details or to sign up, scan the QR code, call the St. Dominic office at (850) 785-4574, or visit saintdominicpc.com/ministries/perpetual-adoration.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Upcoming Dates Announced
Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Oct 30-Nov 1 in Winter Park, or Feb 12-14, 2027, in Tallahassee. For details and other scheduled weekends, please visit our website at wwme.org (or scan the code), or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski at waltviv.wwme@gmail.com, or applications@FLCN-wwme.org.

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Study

Starting September 2nd

Join us for our fall semester of Bible Study, starting on September 2. We will be 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

Now on Summer Break

Thank you to all who participated this semester. We look forward to continuing Bible Study following our summer break. 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 Starbucks on US-98 & R. Jackson 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.

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Repose of the Soul

†Steve McNeil, †Sylvia McNeil, †Nelson Chavarro, †Dorothy Ott, †Jim Johnson, †Michi Brown, †Teena Lang, †Jerry Radtke, †Terral Matherne

Healing

Richard LeFils, Elsa Soto, Sally Harlowe, Marie Good, Dan Mixdorf, Dean Tucker, Don C.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, August 8, 2026
4:30pm...†Helen Sabo by the Turner Family
Sunday, August 9, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am....People of the Parish
10:45am..†Maureen Nygard by John Nygard
Monday, August 10, 2026
8:15am....†Art Stewart
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
5:30pm....Pope Leo XIV
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
8:15am....Seminarians by CCW
Thursday, August 13, 2026
5:30pm....†John Alexander Cartier
by Jan & Olga Cartier
Friday, August 14, 2026
8:15am...†Terral Matherne
Saturday, August 15, 2026
4:30pm...†Mike Warrell by Anita Warrell Thomas
Sunday, August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15am....†Al Kidd by the St. John Men's Club
10:45am..People of the Parish

Scripture Readings, Week of August 9, 2026

Sun **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

M **Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**
2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Tue **Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin**
Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

W Ez 9:1-7; 10-18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Cor 5:19; Mt 18:15-20

Th Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1

Fri **Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Sat **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sun **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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

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. **We look forward to starting Bible Study again on September 2nd.***

Women's Socials
heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
*Typically on the **first Saturday of the month, from 10am-noon** in the parish hall. **Socials are on a summer break and will resume in the fall.***

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