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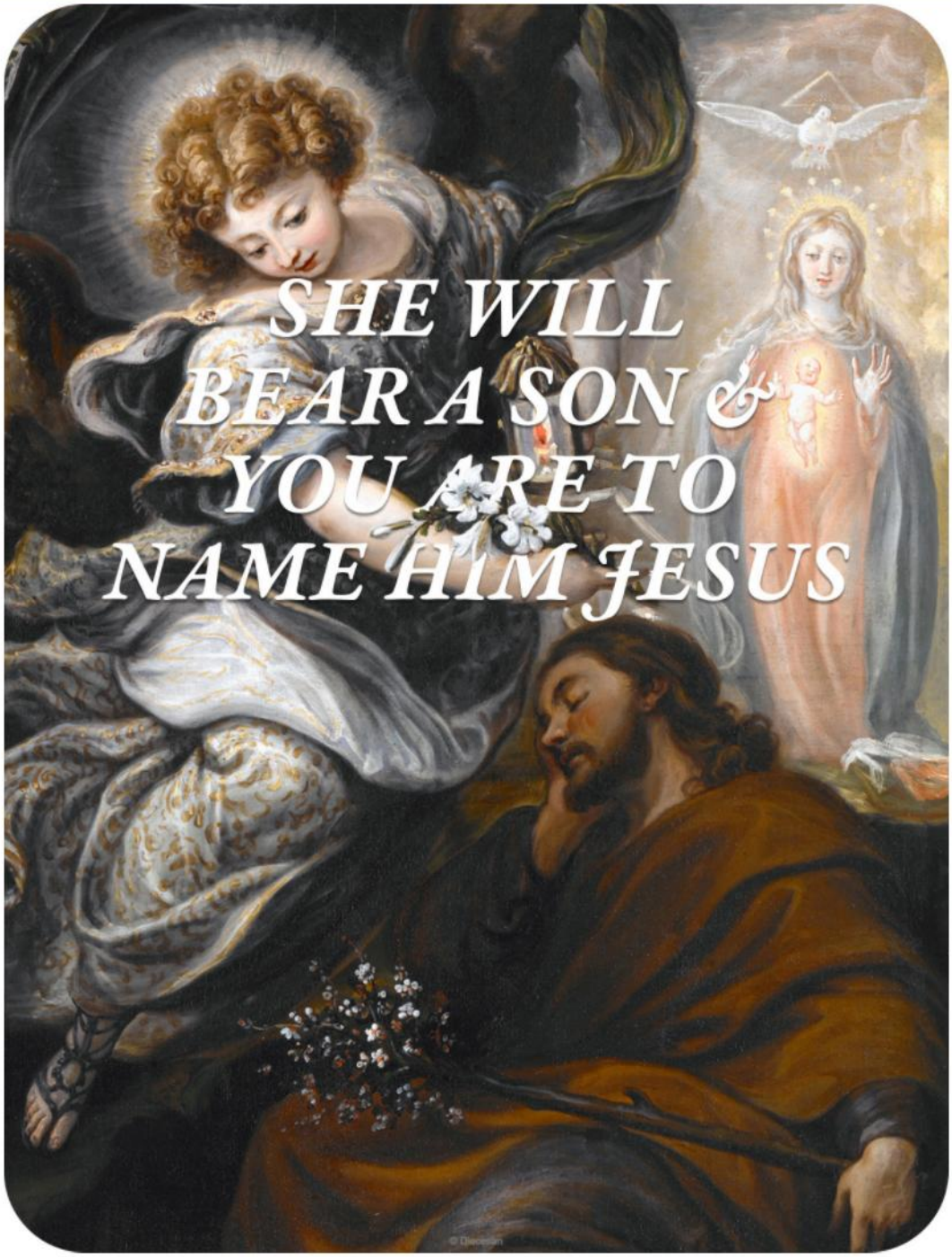
December 22, 2024 — **Fourth Sunday of Advent**



Clergy
Rev. Thomas Kennell, Pastor
Dcn. Earl Mirus
Dcn. Timothy Warner

Consecrated Life
Sr. Grace Ford, Er Dio

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:15am & 10:45am
*Livestream: 10:45am Mass on our YouTube channel

Daily Mass
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:15am
Tuesday, Thursday: 5:30pm

First Saturdays: 9:00am
Latin *Novus Ordo*

Holy Days of Obligation
Vigil: 7:00pm
Day: 8:15am, Noon, 5:30pm

Adoration
First Fridays: 9am - 5pm

Confession
Tuesdays and Thursdays
4:30 - 5:20pm
Saturdays:
3:00 - 4:15pm
and Second Sundays
after Masses

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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist

Parish Information

PARISH OFFICE HOURS | 9:00AM - 3:00PM | Mon - Thurs

MEMBERSHIP: We are delighted you have chosen to become a member of our parish family! Contact the parish office to register.

For up-to-date information: Sign up for **Flocknote**!
Receive text messages or emails about schedule changes & upcoming events.
Text STJ to 84576 to sign up.

Care to the Sick

Communion: We have a Care Ministry team that is available to bring communion to those that are homebound or hospitalized.

Anointing of the Sick: Are you or a loved one sick or hospitalized? This beautiful sacrament of healing is offered to bring strength to those suffering from a serious illness or condition.

Contact the parish office to arrange a visit.

Bulletin Submissions

Please submit bulletin requests to bulletin@saintjohnpc.org by noon each Monday for the upcoming weekend's bulletin.

Request a Flower Arrangement

Make any occasion extra special by placing a flower arrangement on the altar. Your flower request will be placed in the bulletin on your special day. A full arrangement is $85 with checks made out to the CCW. Contact the parish office for inquiries.

Sacramental Preparation

Children | Through 5th grade

Baptism & First Communion & Reconciliation preparations are all offered through our religious education program

Living Liturgically (Grades Kinder-5) This ministry offers liturgical formation to children to help them to grow in their faith and understanding of God's love

Contact our Religious Education Director, Charlotte Dickey, to get involved: charlotte.dickey@saintjohnpc.org

Youth | Grades 6-12

Catholic Student Ministries (CSM) offers year-round activities for middle & high school students

Confirmation prep is done through our youth program starting in 8th grade

Spring youth group is Wednesdays at 6pm at St. Dominic starting Jan. 15th

Contact our Youth Ministers, Nic & Dot Wagner, for the latest calendar or for info on confirmation: youth@saintjohnpc.org

Adults | 18+

Interested in the Catholic faith? Join our OCIA classes for an introduction to Catholicism & for sacramental prep

Holy Matrimony Contact the parish office at least 6 months before your wedding to start marriage prep

Email catholicism@saintjohnpc.org for all questions related to adult sacraments & the Catholic Faith

A Letter From Fr. Thomas Kennell

Dear Parish Family,

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear in the opening prayer of the Mass (the Collect), a famous prayer that is also prayed up to three times a day at the end of what is called the Angelus. Traditionally prayed at 6:00 AM, Noon, and 6:00 PM, the Angelus is a way of reminding ourselves of the reality of God's Incarnation in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son. I encourage you to look it up if you're not already familiar with it.

Of course, we are very close now to Christmas Day and the liturgical season following it, in which we celebrate the amazing fact that God became a human being. We see in the prophecy of Micah in the First Reading a great promise that one is to be born who will shepherd the flock that is Israel. We know this is fulfilled in Jesus. Small and humble, God comes to us. And he arrives in a small and humble village. Somebody once said that great things come in small packages.

The same is true for us. So often we think of ourselves as insignificant, but we are not. You are not! In fact, God has us in this very place at this very time for a reason. Following him each day will reveal to us the great mystery that is our life's journey to some particular goal. For now, I am here at St. John the Evangelist, called by the Lord through the bishop to be a shepherd here. While I am here with you, I pledge to do my best to shepherd well. These last couple of months have afforded me the opportunity to be reinvigorated and to reflect on what is essential. I do believe there will be new growth coming for all of us.

Pray for me as I pray for you, and together let's trust in the consecration we have all received through Jesus Christ, to bear good fruit and to do his will.

Peace.

-Fr. Kennell

Daily Readings for Week of Dec 22-29

Sunday	**Fourth Sunday of Advent** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Monday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday	**The Nativity of the Lord** ***Vigil Mass**:* Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 ***Mass during the Night:*** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 ***Mass at Dawn:*** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 ***Mass during the Day:*** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday	**Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday	**Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Saturday	**Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs** 1 Jn 1:5 -2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday	**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,** **Mary and Joseph** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21, 2024
4:30pm.....†Claire Skoriak & the deceased members of the Skoriak Family by Diane Skoriak

Sunday, December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:15am.....†Helen Tesoriero by Teresa Loanzon & Family
10:45am.....People of the Parish

Monday, December 23, 2024
8:15am.....†Doug Stringer by Dottie Stringer

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
4:00pm.....The Nadelhoffer Family by The Hanna Family
6:00pm.....†Gladys Dykes by Cindy Vitter

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
12:00am.....†John Soares by The Soares Family
10:00am.....†Art Stewart

Thursday, December 26, 2024
5:30pm.....Seminarians by the CCW

Friday, December 27, 2024
8:15am.....People of the Parish

Saturday, December 28, 2024
4:30pm.....Ken & Anita Thomas - Happy Anniversary!

Sunday, December 29, 2024
Holy Family
8:15am.....People of the Parish
10:45am.....†Edith Bentley by John & Jacque Wyatt

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

We are now taking Mass intentions requests for 2025

Events this Week

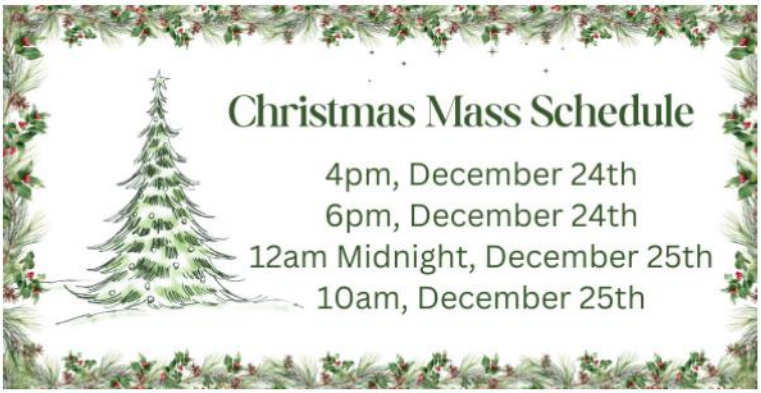
The Parish Office will be closed December 24th-26th for the Christmas Holiday

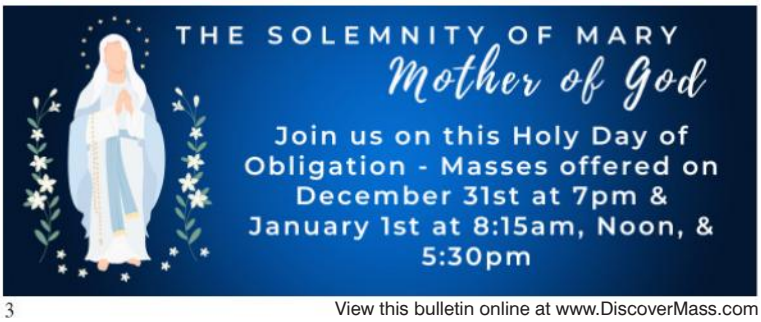
The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December: For Prilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Offertory Donations for November 2024

Monthly Offertory Budget	$65,000
Offertory Received	$65,006





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We currently have the following openings in our preschool:

- **2 year old room: 4 spots**
- **3 year old room: 7 spots**

Visit www.stjohncatholicacademy.org under the admissions tab, select inquiry and fill out the form. We will call you to schedule a tour of our preschool!

Questions? Contact us!

Email: Office@sjseagles.org
Phone Number: 850-763-1775

Scan here to submit an application for enrollment:

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St. Dominic's Needs Eucharistic Adorers!

AN ADDITIONAL ADORER NEEDED AT THESE TIMES

Sun	Midnight, 3am	Thurs	1am, 2am, 3am, 4am
Mon	Midnight, 1am, 2am	Fri	Midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am, 5am
Tues	1am, 2am, 3am, 4am		
Wed	Midnight, 1am, 2am	Sat	1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am

Scan the qr code to signup or contact the St. Dominic parish office at 850-785-4574

Fellowship Breakfast

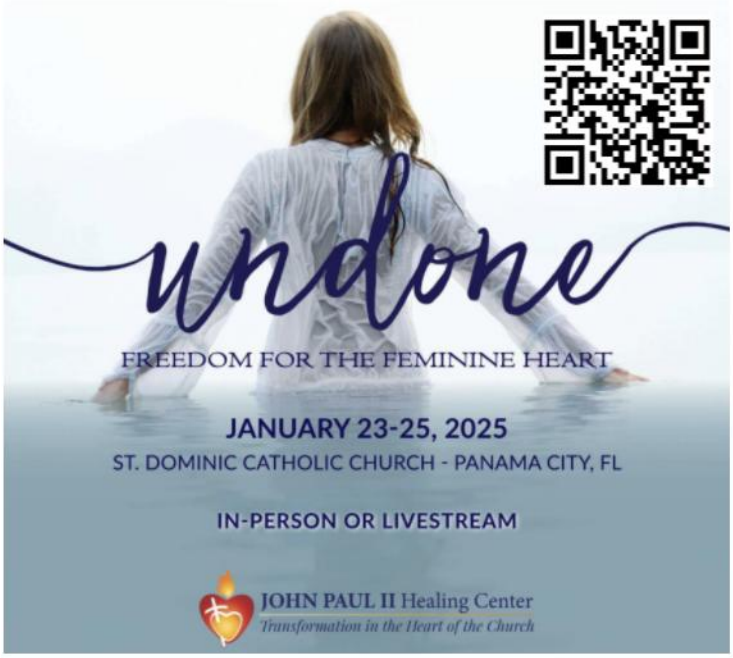
Provided by the Men's Club

When: Sunday, January 5th following the 8:15 Mass

Where: St. John Parish Hall

There is plenty of time to enjoy the fellowship of our Parish family for those who attend the 10:45 Mass and still be in compliance with the one hour rule. A minimum donation of $5 a person is requested but not required. All donations over the breakfast expenses go to Church missions. We will have the full menu of scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, and sweet rolls. We will have coffee, orange and apple juice. Come and enjoy not only a great breakfast, but also the fellowship of our Parish Family and a great start to our New Year together.

Undone Women's Retreat



Do you desire to dive deeper into the freedom that you were created for? During this three-day retreat, you will be immersed in truth and transformation as the knots of Eve, in us, are undone by Mary's example of radical receptivity. Through a series of talks, teachings, and prayer experiences, you will be invited to become Undone in God's presence while deeply receiving the truth of your authentic feminine identity.

Kids Corner

Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her? Use the code to find out!

A	B	D	E	G	L	M	N	O	R	S	U	W	Y

Answer to front page puzzle: Blessed are you among women!

Ongoing Events & Ministries

Fishers of Men

All men are invited to join the Fishers of Men's fellowship for a twice monthly breakfast on the **first and third Saturdays** of each month from **8:30-10:30am**. The next breakfast will be **Jan. 4th** at St. Dominic's MC3 building.

Rachels Vineyard Ministries
(904) 221-3232
rachelsvineyard.org
Email:rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com

Rachel's vineyard offers retreats for women looking to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The next English retreat is Jan. 31 - Feb. 2.

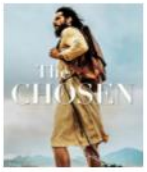
Perpetual Adoration

St. Dominic's has a perpetual adoration chapel that is open to everyone 24/7! To maintain this chapel, they need people to devote an hour each week to adoring our Lord. Call St. Dominic's parish office at (850) 785-4574 for more info.

Men's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm
St. John's Parish Office

Contact Warren Phillips at 850-896-0801 or Al Kidd at 850-257-4149 for more info.



Women's Morning Bible Study

Weekly Wednesdays at 9:30-10:30am
St. John's Parish Office

Join us as we watch & discuss *The Chosen* Season 4. For more info, contact K. Kidd at 850-814-7747 or M. Cordell at 850-814-4619.

Young Professional Fellowship

Scan the QR code to be added to the YPF GroupMe to stay up-to-date on young adult bible studies & gatherings.

MISSION 850 DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Mission 850 provides disaster relief services and hosts service projects every 2nd Saturday of the month. To serve or request help for yourself or a neighbor contact: 850mission@gmail.com

Catholic in Recovery

is open to all those who identify as being in recovery from any form of unhealthy attachment. **CIR** meets in the **St. John Parish Office, each Tuesday evening, at 6:15pm.** For more information, please call or message Diane at 850-541-3326 or Wayne at 850-532-0421. **CIR will not meet Christas Eve.**

Women's Socials

St. John Women's Socials are held typically on the 1st Saturday of the month in the parish hall. Women of all ages are welcome! The next social will be on January 4th from 10am-Noon.

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HELPING MARRIAGES FLOURISH

The Third Option is a program for couples & individuals to help their relationships flourish! Attend all 14-sessions or enter the program at any time. This fall & spring, meetings will be on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm at St. Dominic.

Come, Pray the Rosary

Morning Rosary

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

Sunday, December 22, 2024

EAGLE NEWS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 23rd -	First Day of Christmas Break for Academy and Preschool Students
Wednesday, December 25th -	Christmas Day
Monday, January 6th -	Preschool students return from Christmas break
Tuesday, January 7th -	Academy students return from Christmas break
Friday, January 17th -	2nd Quarter Report Cards
Monday, January 20th -	Martin Luther King Day - Academy and Preschool Closed
Sunday, January 26th -	Catholic Schools Week Begins

DISCIPLE of CHRIST
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THIS WEEK'S VIRTUE IS: Meekness

DEFINITION OF MEEKNESS:
Serenity of spirit while focusing on the needs of others

PRAYER FOR MEEKNESS:
Dear Jesus, please be King of my heart, especially when I am frustrated or angry. In those moments give me the grace to use all my emotions for the good.

MEEKNESS LOOKS LIKE:
Remaining calm and counting to ten when you are upset

MEEKNESS SOUNDS LIKE:
Give me a minute, please.

Advent: Our Season of Preparation and Renewal

Advent marks the beginning of our new liturgical year, a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ. At St. John Catholic Academy, our campus culture is deeply rooted in the virtues and example of Jesus, our Teacher. Together, it is our way of life to nurture an environment of faith, hope, and love that fosters the growth of each student into the person they have been created to be.

It is our honor and joy to accompany your children on their journey of faith and academic growth. We are truly blessed to have this dedicated team of educators and staff who are committed to the well-being and flourishing of every student. As your trusted partners in education, we thank you for your support and collaboration. Together, we celebrate the remarkable progress your children have made during this first semester.

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of St. John Catholic Academy, thank you for entrusting us with the education and formation of your children. From our youngest learners to eldest students, we witness their growth in virtue and academic excellence each day.

As we approach the Christmas season, we pray your family time is filled with peace and cherished memories. We look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.
May the hope and joy of the Nativity bless you and your loved ones.

~ Sister Grace, Principal

Journeying toward
the Nativity
of *Hope*

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