

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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## San Jose Mission

421 W Marion Ave, Lake Park, GA 31636

(All mail and phone calls should be directed to St. John Church)

[www.stjohnevang.org](http://www.stjohnevang.org) / [stjohns@stjohnevang.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohnevang.org)

[bulletin@stjohnevang.org](mailto:bulletin@stjohnevang.org) / [www.myparishapp.com](http://www.myparishapp.com)

### Mass Schedule

Saturday—5:00pm

Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am,

12:00pm

2:00pm (Spanish)

### San José,

### Lake Park

Mass

Saturday—7:00pm

Thursday—7:00pm

### Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

11:00am

Wednesday

9:00am

School Mass during  
academic year only.

6:00pm

### Adoration

St. Joseph Chapel

Sunday 3:00 - 4:00pm

Mon—Fri

6:30 - 9:00am

Church

Wednesday

3:30 pm—5:40pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday:

4:00—4:45pm

Wednesday:

5:00—5:30pm or by  
appointment



## EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

The other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived  
at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

### Church Office Staff

Lynn Barfield  
Administrative Asst./Bulletin Editor  
VIRTUS Administrator  
Michelle Kirkpatrick  
Finance Director Church & School  
Susan Kramer  
Director of Religious Education  
Lynne Salek  
Office Assistant

### School Staff

229-244-2556  
Vito Pellitteri, Principal  
Marian Mitchell  
Administrative Asst.  
VIRTUS Administrator

### Church Office Hours

Monday 1:00--4:30pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:00am-4:30pm  
(Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 pm)  
Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

### YOUTH MINISTRY

High School  
(Sunday—4:00--6:00pm))  
Penny and Daniel Storey  
229-263-1566

### Catholics on Campus

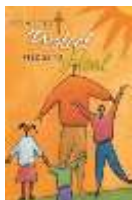
(Newman Center)  
1524 N. Oak St.  
Mass—Sunday @6:00pm  
Wednesday—Blaze Night @ 7:00pm  
Bethanie Bass—229-561-4456

### PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS 2018-2019

(Meetings on 3rd Wed/6:30pm in Library)  
Mike Savoie-President  
mpsavoie@valdosta.edu  
Heidi Gonzalez-Vice President  
heiditom@att.net  
Ryan Hogan-Secretary  
rmhogan@valdosta.edu

### St. Francis Center

Sr. Nuala Mulleady, Director  
Laura Dunning, Asst. Manager  
229-242-8656 / sfc520@att.net  
520 E. Mary St.  
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 10:00-2:00  
2nd Saturday of each month  
8:00am - Noon



### VIRTUS

Our parish uses the VIRTUS  
Safe Environment Program.  
For more information go to:  
<https://diosav.org/>  
childyouthprotection

### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Brian LaBurt  
Pastor  
Fr. Dawid Kwiatkowski  
Parochial Vicar

Pastoral Emergency  
229-469-6464

Deacon James Burns  
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Deacon Columbus Carter  
229-245-8276

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Deacon Pete Falkenhausen  
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pfalkon5@mchsi.com  
Marriage Preparation  
Deacon David Lasseter  
229-251-7874

DeaconDavidLasseter@outlook.com

Baptism Preparation  
Deacon Paul Worth  
RCIA and Prison Ministry  
Spiritual Direction  
229-263-5659

Mr. Cesar Reyes  
Hispanic Ministry  
706-662-6267  
cesarareyes@icloud.com

### Parish registration

Newcomers to the parish are asked to register with the office as soon as possible. We would like to meet you and give you a welcome packet!

### BAPTISM

Classes are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in the St. Joseph Chapel.

***Baptism packet/registration must be picked up in advance.—please stop by the Church Office.***

### MARRIAGE

Contact the church office at least six months in advance.

### BULLETIN INFORMATION

Items for the bulletin are due on Monday morning at 8:00am the week of publication.

E-mail information to:  
[bulletin@stjohnevang.org](mailto:bulletin@stjohnevang.org)

**April 28th bulletin submissions are due Monday, April 22nd at 8:00am**

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, April 22nd

11:00am  
+Matthew D'Abadie

#### Tuesday, April 23rd

11:00am  
Special Intention

#### Wednesday, April 24th

9:00am  
+John Bollman

6:00pm

+Jack Cooper

#### Thursday, April 25th

11:00am  
+Bill Register

7:00pm (San José)  
(SI)Sabine Carter

#### Friday, April 26th

11:00am  
(SI) Richard Lee Hartnett

#### Saturday, April 27th

5:00pm  
+Bill Register

#### Sunday, April 28th

7:30am  
+Erich and Herbert Sackissow

9:30am

+Don Kindley

12:00pm

+Steve Fontaine

2:00pm (Spanish)  
People of the Parish

Father Brian, Father Dawid and the Office Staff wish you a blessed and happy  
Easter Season!

### LIFE IS VICTORIOUS

“Jesus Christ our King is Risen! Sound the trumpet of salvations!” (Easter Exsultet). Today is the Feasts of Feast, the foundation of all that we celebrate in our faith. By rising from the dead, Jesus did not only conquer his death; he conquered ours. He overturned the entire kingdom of death! He has opened the way to the true destiny of the human person, to be on the throne of God forever, in life that knows no end!

Because of this, we are the People of Life. We seek to apply the victory of Jesus over death to the problems of our day. We are a pro-life people, and reject the false solutions of abortion and euthanasia. Rather, we say yes to every life, no matter how vulnerable or burdensome. It is an Easter yes, it is a yes filled with hope. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

*priestsforlife.org*



### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Next Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at Coffee and Donuts we will welcome our new Catholics and those who completed the Sacraments of Initiation. Please welcome those who were baptized: Caitlynfay Buckley, Yobana Flores, Yesenia Guerrero, Alyssa Gosche, Matt McMurray, Nhan Nguyen, Alecia Pina, and BJ Wortman. Also welcome those who were confirmed and/or received their First Holy Communion: Rachel Gardiner, Nelson Erazo, Jenny Kramer, Dylan Kramer, and Naomi Kramer.

April 21st—Easter Sunday—No RCIA session

April 28th—Last RCIA Session until August 2019—Please join us at Coffee and Donuts after the 9:30am Mass for a welcome reception for our new Catholics!

For more information contact Deacon Paul Worth at 229-263-5659 or e-mail [deaconpaul@stjohnevang.org](mailto:deaconpaul@stjohnevang.org)



*Saturday, May 18th—10:00am*

*Parish Center Conference Room*

*Light snacks and refreshments provided.*

You are invited to a grief share social hosted by the Bereavement Grief Ministry. The mission of the event is to offer the support of the parish through talking, listening, socializing and prayer. Hearts are heavy when dealing with grief due to the loss of a loved one or other types of losses such as employment, divorce, etc. We are here to help a heart heal.

*A renewed heart is a healthy heart worth sharing.*

*In order to attend, please RSVP to Peggi Shipman 229.460.6350 or Beverly Kindley 229.242.2342.*

*by May 15, 2019.*

# JOINED BY FAITH; CALLED TO SHARE

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING Week of March 31st

Offertory	\$	8,649.00
Online	\$	2,540.00
Parish Missions	\$	0.00
Online	\$	0.00

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2019 "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"

Parish Target: \$83,763.00  
 Total Given: \$47,211.83 (as of 4/5/19)  
 Percent of target: 56.36%  
 Parishioner Participation: 19.13%  
 Number of donors: 149



*Nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are now open. The nomination process is structured differently this year. We invite members of the parish to nominate themselves, or someone else (with that person's permission), to be elected to the PPC. Five individuals will be selected to run for election and elections will be held sometime in early May. All information on nominations, expectations and responsibilities for those elected to the PPC can be found on the church website on the main menu ([stjohnevang.org](http://stjohnevang.org)). Please prayerfully consider being part of this important ministry of our parish. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Hogan, Parish Council Secretary, [rmhogan@valdosta.edu](mailto:rmhogan@valdosta.edu)*



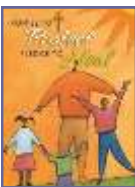
Please join us as we celebrate Deacon James Burns' 25th anniversary as a Permanent Deacon.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 5:00pm followed by a reception in the Parish Center. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. So we may plan accordingly, parishioners are asked to sign-up by Monday, April 22nd—call the Church Office at 229-244-2430.

## Sweet Treats for Seminarian Will Cook



The Council of Catholic Women will have an outdoor bake sale on April 27th and 28th after all the Masses. Proceeds from this bake sale will benefit our adopted Seminarian Will Cook.



Abuse Hotline Number: To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).



## Prayer intentions



### For our sick

*Together let us pray for our loved ones...*

#### Parishioners

Louise Okuma, Deacon James and Marian Burns, Irene Gallagher, Anne Ellison, Mauring Lathron, James Dorneden, Beatriz Agudelo, Jay Delaney, Mike Meacham, Mark Retterbush, Peter Portz, Ann Wagner, Mary Eddings, Mickey Kelly, Monica Cunningham, Chris Remik, Deacon John Conniff, Bob Consolini, Jerry Kozuch

#### Family and Friends of Parishioners

Cathy Chamberlain, Johnny Daughtrey, Leonor Solorzano de Acuña, Lucille Laurente, Kim Holcombe, Jim Netherton, Sandy Darden, Charlotte Batle, Roy Dave, Jr., John Gutermuth, Jeff Lind, Tommy Belflower, Todd Key, Bill Raczkowski, Stephanie Respass, Sophia Acuña, Gloria Hicks, Betty Bissett, Cathy Conley

### For Those Who Have Died

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:*



Mary Lee Schibel, cousin of Lynne Salek and Mary Hopper  
Helmut Vogl, brother-in-law of Brigitte Carter  
Jerriann Levy  
Peter H. Falkenhausen, Jr., father of Deacon Pete  
Ida Marie Quatrochi, mother of Rose Mary Mathis  
Allen Marable, cousin of Deacon Columbus

### Sick or in the Hospital

If you have a family member in the hospital that would like a priest to visit, you **MUST** call the Church office to let us know. The hospital no longer provides a list due to privacy policies.

A priest will visit when specifically requested.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



Sunday, June 23rd—Thursday, June 27th  
Parish Center / 5:15 to 8:30pm

**Please note this year's VBS is an evening program!**

Registration is now open for volunteers  
AND participants!

Register and pay on, or before, May 20th to be entered into a drawing for a pair of Wild Adventures tickets!

Go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnskids> or scan the QR code to the upper right.



The Knights of Columbus are a faithful and proud group of men serving our parish and community. If you have a desire for camaraderie and the need to serve others, please call John Storrings, Council 4913 Membership Director at 229-412-1148 or Don Martin, Grand Knight at 229-244-8749 for more information on how to join this great organization.

Los Caballeros de Colon son un grupo de hombres fieles y orgulloso que sirven a nuestra parroquia y comunidad. Si usted tiene un deseo de compañerismo y la necesidad de servir a los demás, por favor llame a John Storrings, Consejo 4913, Director de membresía en 229-412-1148 o Don Martin, Gran caballero en 229-244-8749 para obtener más información acerca de unirse a esta gran organización.

## ST. JOHN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



### 6th Grade St. Augustine Field Trip

St. John School's 6th Grade students recently visited St. Augustine, Florida. The day included a trip to the Lighthouse and Marine Museum where the students did interactive work with underwater archaeology; visits to various historical Catholic sites to learn and pray; and lunch and shopping in old town St. Augustine.



### Women Featured in St. John School Event

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School (SJCS) eighth grade students recently celebrated the accomplishments of women in the fields of science, technology, religion, engineering, art and math. The X-STREAM Women's Gala featured both local women working in STEAM fields as well as internationally recognized women through displays, interactive activities and performances. The event concluded with the eighth-grade students reciting poems about what it means to them to be a woman.





PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND  
 APRIL 28TH AT 3:30PM

On Divine Mercy Sunday we will have adoration, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and have veneration of a first class relic of St. Faustina. Confession will also be available.



What is Divine Mercy?  
 The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

Extraordinary Graces: *What graces are available and how do we receive them?* In her Diary, St. Faustina records a special promise given to her by Jesus. He told her to communicate to the whole world: “My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy (699). In three places in her Diary, St. Faustina records our Lord’s promises of specific, extraordinary graces:

- I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy (1109)
- Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300)
- The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699)

To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. By these conditions, our Lord is emphasizing the value of confession and Holy Communion as miracles of mercy. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself, the Living God, longing to put Himself as Mercy into our hearts. In addition, our Lord says through St. Faustina that we are to perform acts of mercy:

- “Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy” (742).
- The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive” (1578).

The worthy reception of the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday is sufficient to obtain the extraordinary graces promised by Jesus. A plenary indulgence, obtained by fulfilling the usual conditions, also is available.

[www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/graces.php](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/graces.php)