

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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San Jose Mission

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

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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



4th Sunday

O F L E N T

March 31, 2019

“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always;
everything I have is yours.’” - Lk 15:31

Church Office Staff

Lynn Barfield
Administrative Asst./Bulletin Editor
VIRTUS Administrator
Michelle Kirkpatrick
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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

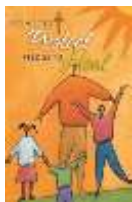
(Newman Center)
1524 N. Oak St.
Mass—Sunday @6:00pm
Wednesday—Blaze Night @ 7:00pm
Bethanie Bass—229-561-4456

PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS 2018-2019

(Meetings on 3rd Wed/6:30pm in Library)
Mike Savoie-President
mpsavoie@valdosta.edu
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heiditom@att.net
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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
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Deacon James Burns
229-794-9422
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Deacon David Lasseter
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RCIA and Prison Ministry
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229-263-5659
Mr. Cesar Reyes
Hispanic Ministry
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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

April 7th bulletin submissions are due Monday, April 1st at 8:00am

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1st

11:00am
+Debra Dorneden

Tuesday, April 2nd

11:00am
Special Intention

Wednesday, April 3rd

9:00am
NO SCHOOL MASS

6:00pm
+Augustine Kim

Thursday, April 4th

11:00am
(SI) Sr. Rebecca Campbell

7:00pm (San José)
+Kyle Augello

Friday, April 5th

11:00am
Special Intention

Saturday, April 6th

5:00pm
+Ferdinand Bumagat

7:00pm (San José)

Sunday, April 7th

7:30am
+Fr. Marv LeFrois

9:30am
(SI) Allison & Kyle Kindley

12:00pm
+José Garcia

2:00pm (Spanish)
People of the Parish

During Sundays of Lent confession will be available from 9:00-9:20am and 11:30-11:50am

There will be no Religious Ed classes March 31st and April 7th due to Spring Break schedule.
Classes will resume April 14th.

Have a blessed and safe Spring Break!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday of Lent, at 7:30pm, we observe Stations of the Cross. As in past years, we will use a different Gospel version of the Stations each week. There will be special music provided by individuals and groups each time. This is a wonderful way for families to observe Lent. See you there!

Save the date for a Judeo-Christian Supper...

Let us share this ancient, special meal together, a meal that goes back to the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. This meal is celebrated each year by our Jewish brothers and sisters on the Jewish Feast of Passover. The Last Supper is a gift from our Lord Jesus Christ, given and passed down to us as a meal that conquers death and brings us to His table to receive the gift of life. Deacon Arnie Goodman will be visiting us and leading us in this meal which teaches us about the Exodus event and the Eucharist.



Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 4th, at 6:00pm.

Those attending are asked to sign-up in advance in order to plan appropriately.

Sign-up after Mass THIS WEEKEND—March 30th/31st, or in the Church Office
by Monday, April 1st. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

No family pays more than \$20.00 (2 adults with 3 or more children)

YOUNG AT HEART ♥

Our “Over-60 Group” meets on the first Monday of each month, in the Teachers Lounge at school. Our next get-together will be Monday, April 1st, at 4:30pm. As part of the meetings over the next few months, we are watching Bishop Barron’s video series “*The Mass*” (each one about 30 minutes and awesome!). We enjoy casual meetings - sharing food, faith, and fellowship. There’s no requirement to “join” or make every meeting. Just come whenever you can!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Items for the bulletin to be published for the April 14th bulletin are due by Wednesday,
April 3rd at 8:00am

Items for the bulletin to be published for the April 21st bulletin are due by, Tuesday, April 8th at 8:00am.
E-MAIL : bulletin@stjohn evang.org

JOINED BY FAITH; CALLED TO SHARE

SACRIFICIAL GIVING Week of March 17th

Offertory	\$	10,236.75
Online	\$	1,640.00
Parish Missions	\$	100.00
Online	\$	0.00

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

Parish Target: \$83,763.00
Total Given: \$36,099.01 (as of 3/21/19)
Percent of target: 47.23%
Parishioner Participation: 13.48%
Number of donors: 105

The second collection on the first weekend of each month is for the support of our Parish Missions— St. John School, St. Francis Center and San José Mission. Checks are to be made payable to St. John Church and will be allocated to the three Missions. Your generosity is appreciated.



We are replacing the "In Lieu of Flowers" envelopes with Easter Flower Offering envelopes. You may donate in memory or honor of someone. These envelopes will be placed on the altar Easter Sunday. After purchasing flowers for Easter, any additional funds will be used for renovation of the church sound system.



St. John Catholic School Students Head to State History Competition

Seven Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School (SJCS) middle school students recently qualified for the regional National History Day Contest in Thomasville, Georgia. Gavin Zimmerman and Charlie Sweat's projects were selected for the state National History Day Contest to be held on April 13 in LaGrange, Georgia.

The National History Day Contest encourages students around the world to research a historical topic and enter their projects at the local and state levels. The top students advance to the National Contest at the University of Maryland.

Photo: Middle-school students Gavin Zimmerman and Charlie Sweat display their regional medals for the National History Day Contest. The two students head to the state competition in April.

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, Christy Rogers, Audrey Womach, Elsie Umberger, 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:

Helmut Vogl, brother-in-law of Brigitte Carter
Jerriann Levy
Peter H. Falkenhausen, Jr. father of Deacon Pete Falkenhausen
Ida Marie Quatrochi, mother of Rose Mary Mathis
Allen Marable, cousin of Deacon Columbus Carter
Ursula Kaspereen, mother of Paul Kaspereen
Blakely "Blake" Ellis, father of Mark Ellis



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.



Save the date and help us celebrate!

Please join us as we celebrate Deacon James 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.



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!
More information coming soon!



Registration for volunteers only is now open!

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

The Catholic Practice of Marriage

One area of Catholic Church law and practice is marriage. Unlike some other religions or civil entities, the Catholic Church requires 4 – 6 months of preparation for marriage. If one were to read the Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 19, Jesus speaks of marriage as a union between a man and a woman which is only broken by death. The Church considers marriage to be a sacrament as well as a covenantal bond. **The commitments and responsibilities of the marriage relationship seem to be taken lightly in today's world.** While many people go to great lengths to plan a picture-perfect wedding, the Church puts her pastoral efforts into planning a conjugal life together for couples. Marriage, as defined by the Catholic Church is both unitive and procreative. Living under the same roof, growing deeper in love, having children and raising **children are a lot of work and a huge responsibility.** A good marriage just doesn't happen by itself. Mutual sacrifice is an earmark of a growing bond of love. These commitments and responsibilities are discussed at length in the marriage preparation discussions. Because the institution of marriage is very serious a wedding takes place *only* in a church. Catholics are not permitted to marry in a field or on a beach. Likewise, a priest or deacon is not allowed to perform weddings in non-ecclesial settings. Dispensations are granted for weddings in non-Catholic churches. The couple preparing for marriage must be free to marry. If one or both parties have a previous marriage and are only civilly divorced, then they must seek an annulment from the diocesan marriage tribunal. A decree of annulment is a determination that at the time of the wedding one or both of the parties was not able to fulfill the duties of marriage for an array of reasons that would require a chapter of a book to define. The couple seeking marriage must:

- Be free to marry
- Prepare for marriage for 4 -6 months in advance
- Be married in a church

While this description is not exhaustive, we hope that it is helpful to couples considering marriage. Call the parish office with any questions concerning marriage preparation.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



RCIA sessions are held each Sunday following the 9:30 Mass in the Parish Center conference room (10:45-11:45 AM) and are open to everyone (even those who are already Catholic). For more information contact Deacon Paul Worth at 229-263-5659 or e-mail deaconpaul@stjohnevang.org

March 31—Conversion

(at the 9:30 Mass we will celebrate the Second Scrutiny with those in the RCIA process)

April 7—God's Reconciling Love

(at the 9:30 Mass we will celebrate the Third Scrutiny)

April 14—The Significance of Suffering



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.



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FERTILITY EDUCATION

Week 4

Natural Family Planning

Openness to children is one of three major things you commit yourself to when you marry in the Church (totally, faithfully, fruitfully). **The church believes marriage is all or nothing.** You cannot be "mostly" faithful to your spouse or "mostly" with them until death. Similarly, you cannot be open to children "sometimes" and still completely give yourself to your spouse. That would be like saying, "I give you everything of myself, except my faithfulness. I give you everything of myself, except my money. I give you everything of myself, except my fertility." To "give everything of yourself" is all or nothing.

Jesus loves us totally and completely. We are called to do the same.

So what should we do? "If a couple had a good reason to not have another baby, and if they were firm in their resolve never to violate their marriage commitment... the only thing they could do would be to... abstain from sex during the fertile time of a woman's cycle." -Christopher West "Good News about Sex and Marriage. The CCC says that the use of abstinence is in harmony with the "total reciprocal self-giving of husband and wife" -CCC 2370

For more information, contact bipellitteri@gmail.com or (229)560-4887

Marital Intimacy and the Catholic Church

Contact Brittany Pellitteri:

bjpellitteri@gmail.com

Saturday, April 13th 6:30 pm

St. John's Catholic Church

Maturi Room



Come closer to the sacrifice of Jesus and renew your dedication to the vocation of marriage by taking a closer look at what the Church teaches about marital intimacy. Bring questions, concerns, and your spouse.