

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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## San José 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)

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00pm

7:00pm (San José)

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

12:00pm

2:00pm (Spanish)

### Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

9:00am

Wednesday

9:00am\*

\*when school in session

6:00pm

Thursday

7:00pm (San José)

### Adoration

Sunday

3:00—4:00pm

(St. Joseph Chapel)

Wednesday

4:00—5:40pm

(Church)

### Reconciliation

Saturday:

4:00—4:45pm

Wednesday:

5:00—5:30pm

or by appointment



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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  
Christine Johnson, Admin Asst.

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 / danielrstorey@gmail.com

Catholics on Campus

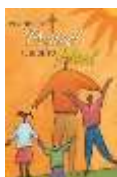
Newman Center—1524 N. Oak St.  
Mass—Sunday @ 6:00pm  
Wednesday—Blaze Night @ 7:00pm  
Aly Lindner  
850-427-1517 / ValdostaCCM@diosav.org

PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

2019-2020  
Meetings on 3rd Wed @ 6:30pm  
Heidi Gonzalez-President  
hcgonzalez@valdosta.edu  
Mark Ellis-Vice President  
mark.ellis@fedex.com  
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 R. LaBurt  
Pastor

Fr. Jason P. Adams  
Parochial Vicar

Pastoral Emergency  
229-469-6464

Deacon Columbus Carter  
Outreach to the Sick  
229-245-8276

Deacon Pete Falkenhausen  
Marriage Preparation  
229-563-3980  
pfalkon5@mchsi.com

Deacon David Lasseter  
Baptism Preparation  
229-251-7874  
DeaconDavidLasseter@outlook.com

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 Sunday of each month at 3:00pm in Room B.  
**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

**March 22nd—items due by Monday, March 16th**

 Mass Intentions

Monday, March 16th  
9:00am  
Communion Service

Tuesday, March 17th  
9:00am  
+Mauring Lathron

Wednesday, March 18th  
9:00am  
+Patrick Francis Fitzgibbons

6:00pm  
+Kenneth Carter

Thursday, March 19th  
9:00am  
+José Castillo Campa

6:00pm  
+Raymond King

7:00pm (San José)  
NO MASS

Friday, March 20th  
9:00am  
Special Intention

Saturday, March 21st  
5:00pm  
+Betty Murphy

Sunday, March 22nd  
7:30am  
(SI) Sabine Carter

9:30am  
+Bill Register

12:00pm  
+Stephanie Nelson



Use parish zip code—31602



**Catholic Leadership**  
INSTITUTE

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH WIDE SURVEY!**

There is still time to participate in the parish survey! Please help us by taking this survey online, and it will only take about 10 minutes of your time. The survey can be accessed at [www.disciplemakerindex.com](http://www.disciplemakerindex.com) until Monday, March 23rd. This survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow.

All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole when the results are received this summer.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible, as this information will be invaluable to the diocese, our parish staff, and our various ministries as we plan for the future of St. John's.

If you don't use a computer, you can obtain a paper copy of the survey by contacting the Church Office at 229-244-2430. Thank you for helping with this important project!



CELEBRATING THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH



We will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Thursday, March 19th with Mass at 6:00pm followed by a "Meatball Cook-Off" and Spaghetti Dinner at 6:45pm.

All families are welcome to attend and there is no charge, but we ask that you bring a dessert to share! Please sign-up in advance so that we can prepare enough food. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Francis Center.

The sign-up table is in the vestibule of the church this weekend. You may also call the church office by Tuesday, March 17th, at 229-244-2430.



**Our contestants are Vince Consolini  
and our own Pastor, Fr. Brian LaBurt!  
You won't want to miss this event!**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm in the main church. This is a wonderful way for families to observe Lent together.

## JOINED BY FAITH; CALLED TO SHARE

### OFFERTORY Week of March 1st

Offertory	\$	14,394.17
Online	\$	2,382.00
Parish Missions	\$	2,709.69
Online	\$	100.00



Parish Target: \$76,802.00  
**Total Given: \$24,733.50**  
 (as of 03/06/20)  
 Percent of target: **32.2%**  
 Parishioner Participation:  
 9.72%  
 Number of donors: 69

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

RCIA sessions continue after the 9:30 AM Mass. We are now in the phase of Purification and Enlightenment which is a period of more intense spiritual preparation. Themes for this period that coincides with Lent are: a reminder of baptism, repentance, and preparation to celebrate the paschal mystery. For both those in RCIA and the local parish, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery. Please continue to pray for our candidates: Matthew Roehrich, Cliff Stoner, and Caroline Wamsley. For more information contact Deacon Paul at 229-263-5659 or e-mail [deaconpaul@stjohnevang.org](mailto:deaconpaul@stjohnevang.org)

March 15th—Christ, the Living Water (First Scrutiny celebrated at the 9:30 Mass)  
 March 22nd—Christ, the Light of the Word (Second Scrutiny celebrated at the 9:30 Mass)  
 March 29th—Christ, Our life (Third Scrutiny celebrated at 9:30 Mass)

## Should I Attend Mass If I'm Sick? (No!)

During cold and flu season, each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of illnesses. Here are some things to keep in mind when it comes to the cold/flu and Mass:

- **Should I Come to Mass?**  
Extraordinary circumstances such as sickness or severe weather excuse the faithful from their Sunday obligation. If you suspect you have the flu, are running a fever, or are suffering from a cold, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection.
- **Receiving Holy Communion**  
Roman Catholics believe that both the Body and the Blood of Christ are contained in the Holy Eucharist under the form of the consecrated Host. Until further notice, the Precious Blood will not be offered at Mass. If you are in need of a low-gluten Host, please contact the Church Office.
- **Pregnant Women and Persons with Compromised Immune Systems**  
If you've been told by your physician/medical advisor that you are particularly susceptible to infection or to complications due to the flu in particular, please use extra caution while at Mass.
- **Love Your Neighbor**  
One way that we can love our neighbor is by not sharing our germs with them. Receiving the Eucharist each week is important, but making a spiritual communion while sick at home can be even more fruitful, as you are putting other people before yourself. Remember the Golden Rule, "So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them" (Matthew 7:12).

## Prayer intentions



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

We recently cleaned up our sick list. Several names were on the list more than 30 days. Please call if you need a name added back to the list.

### Parishioners

Marian Burns, Irene Gallagher, Anne Ellison, Frank Lathron, Margaret Dorneden, Beatriz Agudelo, Peter Portz, Ann Wagner, Mickey Kelly, Ladonna English, Julie Nickeson, Jeannine Becton, Sue and Ray Hamel, Charles McFarland, Mary Jane Doner, Linda Wilson, Bob Murphy, Robert Hargett, Christine Stewart, Mary Padgett, Doug Henderson, Jerry Kozuch

### Family and Friends of Parishioners

Cathy Chamberlain, Linda Haymen, Linda Barrett, Bruce Hayden, Joseph C. Wink, Jr., Dan Chase, Rosemary Minton, Joyce-Ann Reilly, Sandy Darden, Mike Eddington, Gladys Rivera, Jerry Stophel, Andrew Meissner, Mary Siefert, Lois Reilly



For Those Who  
Have Died

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

Raymond King, parishioner

Jane Woodward, parishioner and mother of Hal Woodward

**William "Bill" Reeves, parishioner**

**Elizabeth "Betty" Murphy, parishioner and mother of Mike Murphy**

**Mauralita "Mauring" Lisondra Lathron, wife of Frank Lathron**

### Sick or in the Hospital

If you have a family member in the hospital that would like a priest to visit, or bring communion, you **MUST** call the Church Office to let us know. The hospital no longer provides a list due to privacy laws. Unless we are informed, we will not be able to provide assistance.



**MARCH 22, 2020**

The Diocese of Savannah is setting aside this weekend as

## **SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY**

in order to give focused time to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture; and to give resources to create a Safe Haven in the home.

After Mass, each household will be given Covenant Eyes' book  
*Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture.*



**THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH**  
2170 E. Victory Drive, Savannah, GA 31404  
Jayne Stefanic | 912-201-4068 | [jstefanic@diosav.org](mailto:jstefanic@diosav.org)



Little Flowers is coming soon! Little Flowers is a Catholic Club for girls that teaches virtues focusing on the scriptures, biographies of saints, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will be meeting weekly on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The registration fee will be \$30 per girl, and this cost includes personal materials and craft supplies. Please prayerfully discern enrolling your daughter into this beautiful ministry!

Contact: Melayna Alicea: 706-934-9262 or  
[melaynakathleen@gmail.com](mailto:melaynakathleen@gmail.com)  
Any volunteers would also be appreciated!

22ND ANNUAL  
**REVERSE DRAW**

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# CIVILIZE IT



## DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

### What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: "Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one's] heart more specifically: do this, shun that" (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn't just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

#### How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) **Begin by being open to the truth and what is right.**
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church.**
- 3) **Examine the facts and background information about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.**
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).**

Additionally, it is important to consider how

our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) **Seek the prudent advice and good example of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.**
- 2) **Learn about the authoritative teaching of the Church.**
- 3) **Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us develop our conscience.**
- 4) **Regularly partake in an examination of conscience to hear God's voice in your life.<sup>1</sup>**

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. "Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil."<sup>2</sup>

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to "do good and avoid evil"?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a "lifelong task." What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

<sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no. 1777

<sup>2</sup> USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17

