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Roman Catholic Church

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THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE,
“ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE
WILL CONSUME ME.”

Third Sunday of Lent • March 3, 2024

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday — 5:30pm

Sunday — 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon.— Friday — 7:00am & 8:30am

Saturday — 8:30am

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Spotlight on the Gospel

Jn 2 :13-25

In those days, God delivered all these commandments... The ten commandments described in today's reading from the Book of Exodus are far from being a set of rules designed to impede our freedom. Rather they are laws of love, written in the language of God – love! The commandments are an opportunity for us to demonstrate our love for God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We can see them as opportunities to grow closer to God, to live in a right relationship with God and our neighbor. They apply to all times and circumstances. During Lent we reflect on how we have fallen short of our covenant with God – a covenant forged at our Baptism.

In today's gospel, Jesus links the temple with His body. Jesus answered and said to them: Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. What will Jesus find in the temple of our hearts and minds? What have we filled our temple with? Let's not wait for Jesus to come into our temple to drive out the things which caused us to break our covenant with Him. Let's seek Jesus Christ in His mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this Lent and throughout our lives. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all... The people in today's gospel preferred the riches of God, rather than a relationship with God. Today's gospel speaks to us about the essence of Lent – a call to genuine conversion.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE




*For we are not fighting against flesh and blood,
but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness,
against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Eph 6:12*

JESUS BATTLES SATAN IN THE DESERT



JOIN US FOR A THREE NIGHTS WITH FR. MAURO
THURSDAYS @7PM MARCH 7TH, 14TH, 21ST

LENT SPOTLIGHT



Lent, the period of 40 days that precedes the celebration of Easter, has its origin in the early days of the Church. Converts seeking to become Christian, who at that time were mostly adults, spent several years in study and preparation. Under the threat of Roman persecution, becoming a Christian was serious business, so their process of preparation was intensive! Then they went through a final period of "purification and enlightenment" for the 40 days before their baptism at Easter. The rest of the Church began to observe the season of Lent in solidarity with these newest Christians. It became an opportunity for all Christians to recall and renew the commitment of their baptism.

Today we know Lent as a season of conversion: We acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives, and We focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God. Hence the three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These observances help us turn away from whatever has distracted or derailed us and to turn back to God. Giving up something for Lent is ultimately a form of fasting. We can deprive ourselves of some small pleasure or indulgence and offer that sacrifice up to God. Or we can even take on something that we can use to bring us closer to the Lord.

Come To the Chapel

What is a Holy Hour?

In the Catholic world, "holy hour" usually refers to an hour devoted to Adoration of the Eucharist. Adoration is a form of prayer that began many centuries ago. Adoration means "to pay honor or homage to someone or something." In this case, we are honoring and worshipping Jesus, who we believe is truly and fully present in the Eucharist.

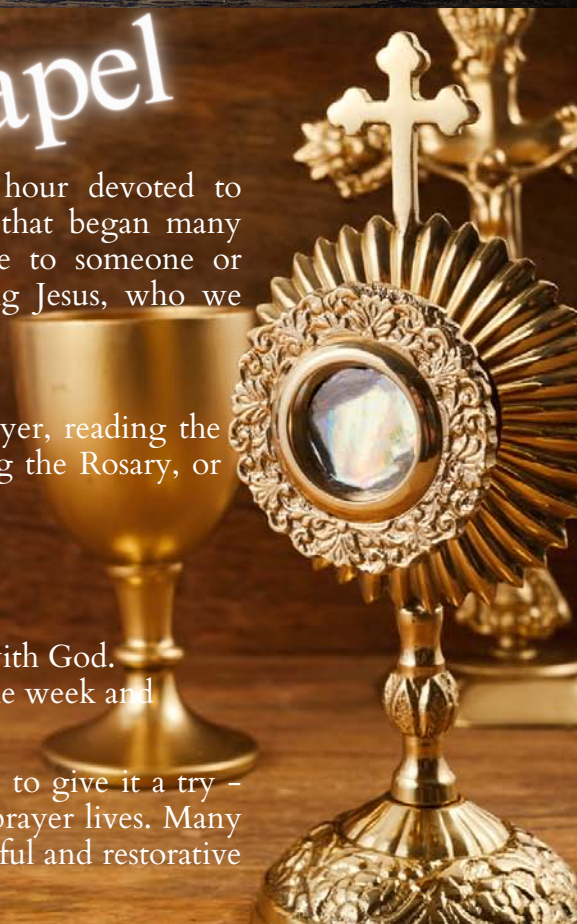
What happens during a Holy Hour?

At our holy hours, you can choose to spend the time in prayer, reading the Bible or a spiritual book if you have one, journaling, praying the Rosary, or engage in that time of prayer however you feel drawn to.

During Adoration...

- We have the opportunity to come face-to-face with God!
- We are spending time with a friend.
- We get to deepen and strengthen our personal relationship with God.
- We can spend time setting aside the worries and stresses of the week and simply be in the peaceful presence of God.

If you've never been to Adoration before, we encourage you to give it a try - Lent is a great season to discover new ways to grow in our prayer lives. Many people who have tried this form of prayer say that it is a peaceful and restorative experience like nothing else!



Supporting Our Parish

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Tithing	\$ 11,878.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 837.50
Total	\$12, 715.50

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Your generosity helps us to continue the mission here at St. John's and to provide opportunities to pray, learn, serve and grow as a community of faith. Our online platform allows you to give online with just the touch of a button on your smartphone or on your computer.



LENTEN MORNING PRAYER

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FRIDAYS AT

7PM

Join us as we reflect together on the journey of the Cross that Jesus walked for us.

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL



The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

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PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ." — Pope John Paul II

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PRAYER INTENTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

5:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

8:00 am Michael & Marie Klogue

10:00 am Rita Sauer

12:00 pm Dorothy & John O'Connor

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

7:00 am Steve Sadhoo

8:30 am Jerry Derillo

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

7:00 am Ruben & Esther Gordillo

8:30 am William & Carolyn Wolfe

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

7:00 am Luis Santiago

8:30 am Rev. Bill Halbing

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

7:00 am John Paffrath (2nd Anniv)

8:30 am Maria A. Garcia

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

7:00 am Traci Roman

8:30 am Richard Canavan (21st Anniv)

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

8:30 am Carmen Drago

Ann Sweeney

Stella Kurdyla

Intentions of Nancy Paffrath

Joseph & Mary Malandro

John Langan

5:30 pm Mary & Joseph Yacabonis

SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Smyth & Murphy Families

12:00 pm Stella Kurdyla

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

ALTAR CANDLES

John Paffrath (2nd Anniversary)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Roni Heaning

BREAD & WINE

John Paffrath (2nd Anniversary)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Angelo, Willys J. Arbelo, Ricardo Bravo, Timothy Carroll, James Desiderio, Josephine DiMaria, June Fellmann, Hailey Galvez, Louise Helder, William Heyder, Laura Hudak, Cynthia Ingman, Karen Kaspern, Francis Kuczynski, Charles Le Poidevin, Emma Makowski, John McGuire, Karen Miller, Helen Mullady, Joe Patton, Judith Pond, Joyce Rawlinson, Rudy Rohlik, Anne Svonavic, Daniele Wludyka

Please Note:

For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by **members of the immediate family** after they have received permission of the one who is sick.

In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and shut-ins are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of every month, to register please call the rectory go to our website, or scan the QR code.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, 1:00-2:00pm

Feel free to approach a priest after any mass or make an appointment by calling the rectory (908) 486-6363

MARRIAGE

Please reach out to the rectory as soon as the engagement is announced and we will help to begin the preparation. We look forward to accompanying you in this exciting time.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass in person and would like to have a Eucharistic minister bring Communion at home, please reach out to Deacon Michael York at myork@sjanj.net. We will make arrangements for Communion visits.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

There will be a support group for those grieving the death of a loved one to be held at St. John the Apostle. The group will provide a Christ-centered experience to those grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will offer a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere for the sharing of experiences. If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like more information about the group contact: Deacon Mike at (732) 388-1253 or myork@sjanj.net. All calls are confidential. Pre-registration is required.

BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) introduces adults to the Catholic faith and tradition, as well as prepares adults for receiving the Sacraments. The RCIA process is one of study, exploration, faith sharing and faith formation. The RCIA Process is for adults who seek full initiation in the Catholic Church, including those who have never been baptized, and those who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Learn more on our website:

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