



Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
First Sunday of Lent | February 22, 2026
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
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WHO WE ARE



Rev. Thomas Kennell, Pastor



Dcn. Timothy Warner



Dcn. Earl Mirus



Sr. Grace Ford, Er. Dio - Principal

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm

Sunday | 8:15am & 10:45am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:15am

Tuesday, Thursday | 5:30pm

First Saturdays | 9:00 Latin *Novus Ordo*

Adoration

First Fridays | 9am-5pm

Confession

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4:30-5:20pm

Saturdays | 3:00-4:15pm

Second Sundays | After Each Mass

To schedule a confession, email

confession@saintjohnpc.org. Emails are confidential and go directly to Fr. Kennell

Flocknote

Text STJ to 84576

Receive text message or email announcements

Parish Council

Steve Shea, Chair Brett McCarty Kathy Kidd

John Maceluch, Jr. Kelly Bernhardt Jerry Kelly

Anita Thomas Jim Blanchet

Register as a Member

Visit the parish office

To register as a parishioner, contact the parish office for a registration card

Parish Staff

Parish Office - 850-763-1821

saintjohnpc@saintjohnpc.org

Open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm

Grace Griffith | Secretary

Lynn Sokoloski | Facilities Manager

Heather Hanna | Event Coordinator

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Family & Children's Catechesis

Dot Wagner | Coordinator of Youth Formation

Nick Labrie | Director of Mission Operations

Me-Gan Vu | Director of Sacred Music

Bulletin Requests: Please email bulletin@saintjohnpc.org.

Submissions are due by noon on Mondays.

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Finance Council

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SACRAMENTAL QUESTIONS?

Children | Through 5th Grade

Jera Blanchard-Towns | Children's Catechesis

jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Baptism, First

Communion, First Reconciliation, & Living

Liturgically (formation program for grades K-5)

Youth | Grades 6-12

Dot Wagner | Youth Formation

youth@saintjohnpc.org

Contact for Confirmation and questions regarding

Catholic Student Ministries (CSM)

Adults | 18+

Fr. Thomas Kennell | Pastor

catholicism@saintjohnpc.org

Contact for questions regarding Adult Baptism,

Confirmation, and First Holy Communion

Visiting the Sick/Homebound - please call the parish

office to set up a visit with a priest or lay person to

bring communion or check on a homebound person

Anointing of the Sick - call the parish office at any time

Holy Matrimony - contact the parish office six months

prior to your anticipated wedding date

*The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee encourages anyone who may have been abused by any clergy person, employee, or volunteer in ministry with the Church, or who knows of such abuse, to contact local law enforcement or the Florida Abuse Hotline at

1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) and Shannon D. Mullen, Ph.D. CSAT at 229-233-8009. Español - Dcn. Santiago Molina, 850-222-6482

LENT

Return to me with your whole heart.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays | 5-5:30pm in the Church

Grow closer to Christ this Lent by meditating on His ultimate sacrifice for us. Join us for our weekly Stations of the Cross and stay after for our Lenten Formation Series.

Lenten Formation Series

Fridays | 5:30-7:30pm in the Parish Hall

Join us Fridays of Lent for a simple soup dinner from 5:30-6:15 followed by a teaching on prayer and time of Eucharistic Adoration. Age appropriate formation for ages 6-18 will be offered simultaneously and childcare will be provided from 6:15-7:30.

Solemnities During Lent

March 19th & March 25th | Mass & Dinner

Solemnities are the highest celebrations in the liturgical year, even usurping the solemn fasting of Lent. Join us for a special 5:30 Mass followed by dinner, drinks, and dessert to celebrate the Solemnities of St. Joseph (March 19th) and the Annunciation (March 25th).

Lenten Penance Services

Four Opportunities Around the City

St. Dominic | Mar. 2nd, 6-8pm

Our Lady of the Rosary | Mar. 10th, 5:30pm

St. Bernadette | Mar. 18th, 6pm

St. John the Evangelist | Mar. 27th, 6:15-8pm

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning;

Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God.

For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.

Joel 2:12-13

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years and older. Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for all who are 14 years and older. These are also days of fasting (one full meal and two small meals, with nothing eaten in between) for adults 18 to 59 years of age.

Rediscovering Latin in Our Lenten Worship

You may recall that in Advent we sang the ordinary parts of the Mass in Latin. As we enter Lent once again, we are returning to that practice. The “ordinary” parts of the Mass - the *Kyrie*, *Gloria* (omitted in Lent), *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei* - are the prayers that remain the same each week. Because they are stable and familiar, they are especially suited to a common language that Catholics everywhere can learn and sing together. Praying them in Latin unites our parish with the wider Church in a shared voice of worship.

Latin holds a sacred place in our tradition, shaping the Church’s prayer for centuries. While we commonly celebrate the Mass in English, the Church has never intended for Latin to disappear from our liturgical life. The Second Vatican Council, in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, taught that “the use of the Latin language is to be preserved” and encouraged the faithful to be able to sing the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin (SC 36, 54). In this way, Catholics can participate more fully in the Church’s universal prayer wherever they worship.

Lent is a fitting time to embrace this tradition. It is a season of simplicity and deeper reflection. The reverent and timeless character of Latin helps mark these forty days as set apart and draws us more deeply into the mysteries we celebrate. May this practice enrich our prayer and strengthen our unity as we journey toward Easter.

Nick Labrie
Director of Mission Operations



UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

St. John's Is Hiring

Director of Facilities

The Director of Facilities is responsible for the oversight of all facilities for St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and St. John Catholic Academy. This role manages the facilities team, oversees maintenance and landscaping operations, and leads all capital improvement, renovation, and expansion projects. Skills and experience include project management, planning, budgeting, and coordination with contractors and stakeholders to support long-term growth. To inquire or to apply, please email jobs@saintjohnpc.org.

Peru Mission Trip

Planning Now for May 1-9

Adults, and high schoolers with an adult, are invited to serve the poor in Pamplona, Peru. Good physical health and the ability to complete manual labor is required. Contact: Seminarian Jose Cortez at jose@saintdominicpc.com

Catholic in Recovery

Tuesdays in Parish Office | 6:15pm

Catholic in Recovery is a ministry at St. John providing support and guidance for individuals seeking recovery within a faith-based framework. This ministry is designed to help individuals address a variety of recovery needs through the integration of Catholic spirituality and principles of recovery. For more information, contact Wayne at (850) 532-0421.

A Thank You from CSM

With Gratitude for Your Support

Catholic Student Ministries would like to say thank you to all parishioners who welcomed and hosted the seminarians during their visit to our parish. Thank you also to the volunteers who gave their time to set-up, serve, and clean-up to make the Mardi Gras parade a great success.

Finishing Life Faithfully

A Catholic Workshop

The Diocese is holding a new workshop opportunity on Catholic end-of-life preparation. Topics include cremation, Last Rites, advance directive, and funeral planning. The workshop is for lay faithful, caregivers, legal guardians, family members, and pastoral ministers. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch. The next workshop will be held April 18 in Gulf Breeze.

For more details and to register, please scan the code, or visit <https://ptdiocese.org/evangelization-and-mission>.



Events this Week

Sunday, February 22

9:30am - OCIA in the parish office

9:30am - Coffee & Donuts - In parish hall after both Masses

Tuesday, February 24

6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in parish office

6:15pm - Encounter School of Ministry in Church

Wednesday, February 25

9:30am - Women's Bible Study in parish office

6:00pm - Youth Sacrament Preparation Class in the parish office

6:30pm - Men's Bible Study in parish office

Friday, February 27

5:00pm - Stations of the Cross in the Church

5:30pm - Lenten Soup Dinner in the parish hall

6:15pm - Lenten Formation Series in the Church

Saturday, February 28

10:00am - Piece Makers Craft Group in parish hall

Sunday, March 1

9:30am - OCIA in the parish office

9:30am - First Communion Class in the parish office

9:30am - Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club in parish hall

Military Council of Catholic Women

June 25-28 | Washington, D.C.

MCCW presents "Live Fully in the Armor of God: Spiritual Readiness and Evangelization Training" for all U.S. Military-affiliated women at the Catholic University of America. Registration is open. Please scan the code for more details.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sundays 9:30-10:30am | Parish Office

Considering becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? Contact Deacon Tim Warner at (850) 596-2974 to learn more.

First Communion Preparation

For Grades 2-5

Classes have begun! Contact Jera at jera.blanchard-towns@saintjohnpc.org for more details and to register.

Confirmation Preparation

For Grades 6-8

Confirmation classes have begun! Next meeting is Feb 11. Contact: Dot at youth@saintjohnpc.org.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry

Your generosity helps local families

Food items may be placed in the wagon in the church entryway. Please scan the code for more details.



BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:30pm | Parish Office

Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Contact Warren Phillips at (850) 896-0801 for more information. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Feb 25th. Come join us.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30am | Parish Office

Join us weekly on Wednesday mornings for our new study based around *Esther: Daring Faith for Such a Time as This*. Join us to read, discuss, and grow closer to the Lord. Contact Kathy Kidd: (850) 814-7747, or Martha Cordell: (850) 814-4619 for more information.

Men's Coffee & Bible Study in PCB

Mondays | 7-7:50am

Join men from St. John at Starbucks on US-98 & R. Jackson for spiritual growth and fellowship. We use Exodus 90, a spiritual program with a phone app that provides a daily Bible reading and reflection and offers practical guidelines for living as a Christian man. Contact Curt Simmons (615) 617-9119.

Join us in Prayer

To add anyone to the prayer list, please visit saintjohnnpc.org/prayer-request. Prayer requests will be in the bulletin for a month/as requested.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, February 21, 2026

4:30pm....†The Morrissey Family
by Andrea Marsh

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

8:15am.....Pope Leo XIV
10:45am...People of the Parish

Monday, February 23, 2026

8:15am....†Ann Walker

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

5:30pm....†Martha & Clifford Rauscher

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

8:15am....†Horace Mathis by George Penton

Thursday, February 26, 2026

5:30pm....†Margaret & Jay McVann

Friday, February 27, 2026

8:15am....†Andrew DiNicola
by his sister, Teresa Loanzon

Saturday, February 28, 2026

4:30pm....Fr. Kennell & Diocesan Clergy by CCW

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

8:15am.....People of the Parish
10:45am...†Walt & Ellen Bellm & Family



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Scripture Readings, Week of Feb 22, 2026

Sun First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;
Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Mon Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tue Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;
Mt 6:7-15

Wed Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thurs Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25;
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Fri Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;
Mt 5:20-26

Sat Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sun Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



February 23, 2026



EAGLE NEWS

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, February 17th - Friday, March 6th Terra Nova testing window
- Monday, March 16th - Sunday, March 22nd Spring Break
- Tuesday, March 31st - Spring Picture Day - PK4 & 8th Grade Cap and Gown photos will be taken as well as individual photos
- Saturday, April 25th - Annual Fundraiser Gala

FIRST WEEK OF LENT: CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

GIVE FOOD TO THE HUNGRY

- Pack a lunch for someone in your family.
- Say "thank you" to those who serve you food today.



Annual Fundraiser Gala

INVESTING IN THE MISSION OF ST. JOHN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
6PM TO 8PM

St. Dominic Catholic Church
Monsignor Crowe Community Center
3308 E 15TH ST, PANAMA CITY, FL 32405

The virtue of

Self Control

DEFINITION OF SELF-CONTROL:

Joyful mastery over one's passions and desires

PRAYER FOR SELF-CONTROL:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for all the desires You have given me, because they remind me of the desire in my heart that only You can fill!

SELF-CONTROL LOOKS LIKE:

- Raising your hand before talking in class
- Walking in a straight line
- Keeping your hands to yourself

SELF-CONTROL SOUNDS LIKE:

- I will raise my hand before I speak.
- Silence
- I will keep my hands to myself.



Now Enrolling for This Year and 2026-2027

Enrollment is now open for our littlest learners. Schedule a tour and reserve your child's seat!

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See you soon!



Answering the Phone

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DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Adoration (St. Dominic)

St. Dom Parish Office....850-785-4574
St. Dominic's has a perpetual adoration chapel. Contact their parish office for the door code or to sign-up for a weekly hour

Association of St. Jude

Kim Epperson.....812-455-1234

Carmelites

Angie Cirabisi.....317-526-8614

Catholic in Recovery

Diane.....850-541-3326
 Wayne.....850-532-0421
Open for all who are in recovery from any form of unhealthy attachment

Council of Catholic Women

Susie Prather.....281-844-0844

Fishers of Men (St. Dominic)

Stephen Butler.....850-832-6434
Twice monthly breakfast on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 8:30-10:30am at St. Dominic's MC3 building.

Knights of Columbus

Mike Tierney.....850-319-1945

Lending Library

Located in the parish office (M-Th 9-3)

Men's Club

Lee Fry.....850-867-3916

Men's Bible Study

Warren Phillips.....850-896-0801

Ministry to the Sick

Contact the parish office to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to anyone who is sick or homebound

Morning Rosary

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

Rachel's Vineyard

904-221-3232.....rachelsvineyard.org
Retreats for women and men looking to renew hearts broken by abortion

Music Ministry

Me-Gan Vu.....music@saintjohnpc.org

Scan the code to fill out the interest form for joining the choir/music team. Email Me-Gan directly for minors interested in joining.



The Third Option

A program for couples & individuals to help their relationships flourish. For more details, please visit baythirdoption.com.

Women's Morning Bible Study

Kathy Kidd.....850-814-7747
 Martha Cordell.....850-814-4619
Meets in the parish office conference room every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am, now studying "Esther: Daring Faith for Such a Time as This".

Women's Socials

heather.hanna@saintjohnpc.org
Typically on the first Saturday of the month, from 10am-noon in the parish hall. The next social is March 7th.

Young Professional Fellowship

Scan the QR code to join the GroupMe to stay up-to-date on bible studies & gatherings



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