



Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Third Sunday of Lent | March 8, 2026
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
Jesus and the Woman of Samaria, Gustave Dore, 1880

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

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Jackie Fowler

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Donna Couchigian

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 witness on prayer and an extended time of Eucharistic Adoration. Age appropriate formation for will be offered simultaneously and childcare will be provided for infants thru 4 year olds from 6:15-7:30.

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

5:30 Mass, March 19th

Solemnities are the highest celebrations in the liturgical year and a reason to gather in worship. Join us for a special 5:30 Mass on Thursday, March 19th to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

5:30 Mass & Potluck, March 25th

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 a potluck dinner, drinks, and dessert to celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25th. Please bring a dish to share.

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES Four Opportunities

OLR | Mar. 10th, 5:30pm

St. Bernadette | Mar. 18th, 6pm

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

An Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's Message for Lent 2026

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life...

This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through listening. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone.

In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God himself teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry" (Ex 3:7). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery.

Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does. We must recognize that "the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church."



UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

Association of St. Jude

ASJ Envelopes Available This Weekend

The ASJ feeds the homeless and provides support to those in need in Bay County. We ask your prayer and financial support the weekend of March 7-8. Green envelopes will be available in the pews for your gifts to assist this ministry. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. For more details, contact Kim at (812) 455-1234.

Healing Night

March 10 | 6:30pm

Join us in the Church on Tuesday, March 10th from 6:30-7:30pm for an evening of worship and prayer for physical and personal healing.

Piece Makers Crafting Group

March 14 | 10am

Open to all crafters age 18+. We meet in the parish hall to craft items for a later sale to fundraise for the parish. All types of crafting are welcome. For more information, contact: Susie Prather at (281) 844-0844.

Catholic in Recovery

Tuesdays in Parish Office | 6:15pm

Catholic in Recovery is a ministry at St. John providing support, guidance, and a confidential environment for individuals seeking recovery within a faith-based framework. For more information, contact Wayne at (850) 532-0421.

Book Signing Event

St. Dominic Books & Gifts

Michael, Protector of Souls, a book for Middle Grade readers, will be featured at St. Dominic Books & Gifts on Sunday, March 22 from 8am-12pm. The author, Leelon Edwards, will be on site signing the new release. Bishop Wack wrote "I do like the book, and will recommend it to others."

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 is 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, March 8

Second Chance Sunday - Confessions after the Masses

9:30am - OCIA in the parish office

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

9:30am - Bagels & Coffee in parish hall after both Masses

Tuesday, March 10

5:30pm - Our Lady of the Rosary Penance Service

6:30pm - Healing Night in the Church

6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in parish office

Wednesday, March 11

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

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

Friday, March 13

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, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

9:30am - OCIA in the parish office

9:30am - Bagels & Coffee in parish hall after both Masses

Second Collection Next Weekend

March 14 & 15

The Diocesan second collection next weekend is the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

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! 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, March 11th. 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, March 7, 2026

9:00am....Special Intention of George Penton
4:30pm...†Helen Sabo by the Turner Family

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

8:15am....Fr. Kennell & Diocesan Clergy by CCW
10:45am...People of the Parish

Monday, March 9, 2026

8:15am....†John Camden by Chris McCormick

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

5:30pm....†Mark Bernhardt

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

8:15am....†Michael Stokes by the Sloan Family

Thursday, March 12, 2026

5:30pm....†Muguette Roy Hardee by Angie Cirabisi

Friday, March 13, 2026

8:15am....†Virginia Carroll

Saturday, March 14, 2026

4:30pm...People of the Parish

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:15am....†Derrell Sage by Frances Sage
10:45am...†Dorinda Van Loo by the Carmelites

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



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Repose of the Soul

†Maryjane McClain, †Darlene Samuelian, †Joan Tatum

Healing

Richard LeFils, Elsa Soto

Scripture Readings, Week of Mar 8, 2026

Sun Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Mon 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tue Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thurs Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Fri Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

Sat Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sun Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



March 9, 2026

EAGLE NEWS



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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH SJCA FAMILY MASS WITH BISHOP BILL

School Mass
3rd Quarter Honor Roll Awards
National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony
Middle School Walk with the Saints Presentations
All School Art Gallery

We look forward to welcoming our families back to school mass to celebrate with Bishop Bill.

Prior registration for this event will be required.
More information to come.

SUPPORT OUR CAMPUS SECURITY INITIATIVE

The safety of our students is our highest priority. As we continue strengthening campus security, we invite you to partner with us in one of two meaningful ways:

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Simply scan one of the QR codes below to choose the option that speaks to you. Thank you for standing with us in protecting our students.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT: CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY CLOTHE THE NAKED



Deny yourself a little comfort by sharing your coat, sweater, or scarf with a peer who has forgotten his or her things.

8th Grade Graduating Class Upcoming Events



Wednesday, May 6th - May Crowning
Friday, May 8th - Grade Class Trip
Tuesday, May 12th - Graduation Dinner
Thursday, May 14th - Graduation Mass

The virtue of

Foresight



DEFINITION OF FORESIGHT:

Consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead

PRAYER FOR FORESIGHT: Dear Jesus, when I come upon situations that require serious thought, please send your Holy Spirit to guide me, that I may always do Your holy will. Guide me with Your counsel, and give me the courage to act rightly when it is difficult.

FORESIGHT LOOKS LIKE:

- Thinking ahead
- Looking outside at the weather and dressing appropriately

FORESIGHT SOUNDS LIKE:

- "I can't do that because..."
- If I do that, then this will happen..

VIDEO CALLS

Choose a good background, have the camera at the right level, and test the volume first. Make sure your camera is appropriately on or off. Mute yourself when you are not talking.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, March 13 th -	End of Third Nine Weeks
Monday, March 16 th -	Spring Break
Sunday, March 22 nd	
Friday, March 27 th -	3rd Quarter Report Cards - Available on PowerSchool
Tuesday, March 31 st -	Spring Picture Day - PK4 & 8 th Grade Cap and Gown photos will be taken as well as individual photos
Wednesday, April 15 th -	Mass with Bishop Bill
Saturday, April 25 th -	Annual Fundraiser Gala

Save the Date
SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH @ 6PM

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Contact Us:

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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
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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

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