



Saint John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Fifth Sunday of Lent | March 22, 2026
1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
The Raising of Lazarus, Eugène Delacroix, 1845

WHO WE ARE



Rev. Thomas Kennell, Pastor



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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

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Text STJ to 84576

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Parish Council

Steve Shea, Chair Brett McCarty Kathy Kidd

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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

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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

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LENT AND EASTER

Events and Liturgies

Solemnity of the Annunciation

March 25th | Mass & Potluck 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 on March 25th followed by a potluck dinner celebrating the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

Note that there will be no 8:15am Mass this day.

Stations of the Cross & Soup Dinner

March 27th | 5-5:30 in the Church

Grow closer to Christ this Lent by meditating on His ultimate sacrifice for us. Stations begin at 5pm. Stay after for a simple soup dinner at 5:30, followed by our Lenten Penance Service at 6:15pm.

Lenten Penance Service

March 27th | 6:15-7:45pm in the Church

Prepare for Easter by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests from across the city will be available to hear your confession this evening. Eucharistic Adoration will accompany the service.

Women's Holy Week Evening Retreat

March 29th | 6pm

Women of all ages are invited to prepare their hearts for Holy Week with this special evening retreat at St. John. No registration. For more details, contact Dot at youth@saintjohnnpc.org.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 5th | 9:30pm in the Field

All families are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt following the 8:15am Mass on Easter Sunday. We'll have hunting areas for both younger and older children. Bring your own baskets. Donations of filled Easter Eggs are appreciated and can be placed in the box in the gathering space by March 29th.

Divine Mercy Sunday | Holy Hour and Sundaes

April 12th | 2:45pm-5pm

Join us for a communal holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Sunday April 12th. The holy hour will begin at 3pm in the church and is family friendly. Join us at 2:45 for a brief teaching on Divine Mercy and stay afterwards for red and blue ice cream sundaes!

Worship & Healing Night

April 14th | 6:30-7:30pm in the Church

Join us following the 5:30pm Mass for an evening of worship and healing as we praise our resurrected Lord and ask for His grace. Prayer teams will be available to pray with you for physical healing. All are welcome!

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

Normal Mass & Confession Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper | 6pm

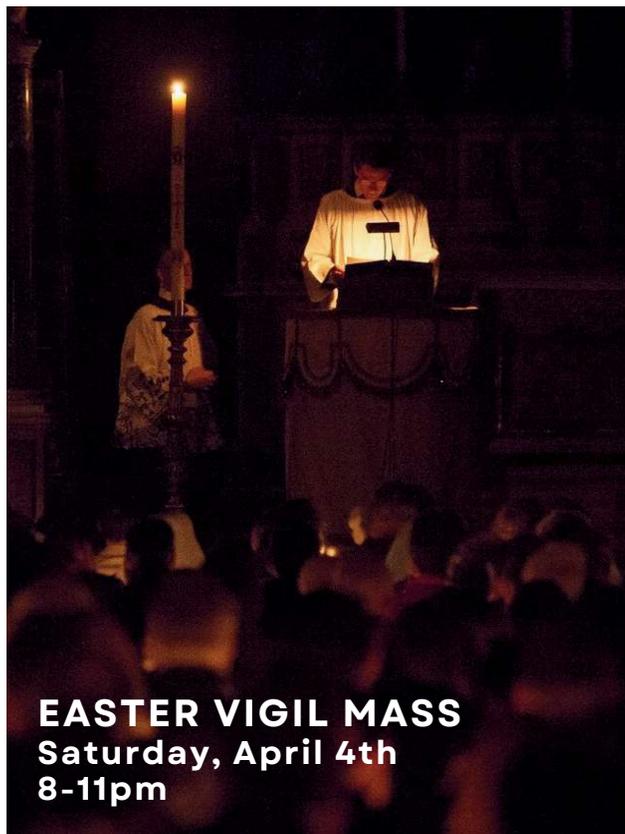
Adoration at the Altar of Repose | 7:30-10

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross | 12pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion | 3pm

Extended Veneration of the Cross | 4-8pm



EASTER VIGIL MASS

Saturday, April 4th

8-11pm

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15am | Mass

**9:30am | Easter Egg Hunt
& Fellowship**

10:45 | Mass

ON THE COVER

The Raising of Lazarus, Eugène Delacroix, 1845

Eugène Delacroix's *The Raising of Lazarus* offers a powerful visual reflection on one of the most striking miracles recorded in the Gospel of John (John 11:1–44). Painted in 1845, the work portrays the moment when Christ calls Lazarus from the tomb after four days in death. For Catholics, this miracle is a profound sign of Christ's authority over death and a foreshadowing of His own Resurrection. It also points toward the hope of eternal life promised to all who believe in Him.

Eugène Delacroix (1798–1863) was one of the leading painters of the French Romantic movement, a style known for its emphasis on emotion, movement, and vivid color. Although he is often remembered for historical and literary subjects, he also created works inspired by Sacred Scripture. In the nineteenth century, artists like Delacroix were increasingly drawn to dramatic spiritual themes that allowed them to explore the depth of human response to divine action. The story of Lazarus, so full of sorrow, hope, and astonishment, provided a perfect subject.

In the painting, Christ stands at the center, calm yet commanding, with His arm raised as He calls Lazarus forth. The surrounding figures react in different ways: some look on with amazement, others with hesitation or fear. Lazarus himself, still wrapped in burial cloths, emerges from the tomb as the miracle unfolds before the crowd. Delacroix carefully arranges these figures to draw the viewer's attention to the authority of Christ's word. The scene captures the very moment when death gives way to life through the power of the Son of God.

Delacroix's dramatic use of light and color reinforces the spiritual meaning of the event. Dark shadows surround the tomb, symbolizing the reality of death and mourning, while light falls upon Lazarus as he returns to life. The flowing garments, expressive gestures, and bold contrasts typical of the Romantic style heighten the emotional intensity of the moment.

For Catholics, the raising of Lazarus also speaks deeply to our sacramental life and our hope in the Resurrection. The Church reads this Gospel during Lent as a preparation for the celebration of Easter, reminding the faithful that Christ is "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). Just as Lazarus was called from the tomb, Christ calls each of us from sin to new life through grace, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in the promise of eternal life. Delacroix's painting invites us to contemplate this mystery and to trust more deeply in the life that Christ offers to the world.



UPCOMING & NOTEWORTHY

CCW Spring Bunco

Tickets Available March 28 & 29

The Council of Catholic Women is hosting Cinco de Mayo Bunco on Friday, April 10 in the parish hall. Refreshments at 6pm & Bunco at 7pm. Tickets (\$10) are available after all Masses next weekend, March 28-29. Ages 15+. Portion of proceeds to benefit Catholic Charities.

Book Signing Event

St. Dominic Books & Gifts

Michael, Protector of Souls, for Middle Grade readers, is featured at St. Dominic Books & Gifts this Sunday, March 22, from 8am-12pm. The author will be signing the new release.

Piece Makers Crafting Group

March 28 | 10am-12pm

We meet in the parish hall to craft items for a later parish fundraiser. Open to ages 18+. Please contact Susie Prather at (281) 844-0844. This will be our last meeting before a break during April.

Catholic Student Ministries

Upcoming Retreat Opportunities

Life Teen missionaries are presenting a Middle School Retreat April 24-26, with XLT for High Schoolers on April 25. More details and registration for all events are available by scanning this code:



Events this Week

Sunday, March 22

9:30am - OCIA in the parish office

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

Tuesday, March 24

6:15pm - Encounter in the Church

6:15pm - Catholic in Recovery in parish office

Wednesday, March 25

****No 8:15am Daily Mass because of our special 5:30pm Mass this day****

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

5:30pm - Special Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord

6:30pm - Potluck celebration in the parish hall following the 5:30 Mass

Friday, March 27

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

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

6:15pm - St. John Lenten Penance Service in the Church

Saturday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29

9:30am - OCIA in the parish office

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

6:00pm - Women's Holy Week Evening Retreat

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.

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.

Confirmation Preparation

For Grades 6-8

Confirmation classes have begun! Contact: Dot at youth@saintjohnpc.org.

First Communion Preparation

For Grades 2-5

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

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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. We will meet again in April - join us on our next evening, March 25, celebrating the Annunciation with our parish community.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30am | Parish Office

Join us weekly on Wednesday mornings for our new study around *Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. 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 21, 2026

4:30pm... †Roberto Medina by Jacque Wyatt

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:15am.... People of the Parish

10:45am... †Crystal Martinez by the Sloan Family

Monday, March 23, 2026

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

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

5:30pm.... Molly Kantner by Allison Blomquist

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

5:30pm... †Doris Fisher by Cindy & Steve Vitter

Thursday, March 26, 2026

5:30pm... †Joyce Conrad

Friday, March 27, 2026

8:15am... †Bernie Campolli by the Tierney Family

Saturday, March 28, 2026

4:30pm... †Lyman Rigby by Connie Bane

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:15am... †Stephanie McLean by the Sloan Family

10:45am... People of the Parish

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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Scripture Readings, Week of Mar 22, 2026

Sun Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Mon Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tue Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wed Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Th Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Fri Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Sat Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sun Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54



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

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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.....rachelvineyard.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 "Armor of God" by Patricia Shirer.

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 in May (no April social due to Easter weekend).

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