

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Parroquia De San Juan Evangelista

Welcome to our Parish ~ Bienvenidos a nuestra Parroquia

July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Mt. 13:3-9



St. John the Evangelist is a community of culturally diverse people called to serve God. We fulfill this mission through: celebration of the sacraments, prayer, education, stewardship and evangelization.

San Juan Evangelista es una comunidad de personas culturalmente diversas llamadas a servir a Dios. Cumplimos esta misión a través de la celebración de los sacramentos, la oración, la educación, la mayor-domía y la evangelización.

Mass Schedule / Horario De Misas

SATURDAY

CONFESSIONS @ 3PM
MASS @4pm (English)

SUNDAY

9:00am (English)
12:00pm (Spanish)
4:00pm (Spanish)

WEEKDAY

Monday - Friday 8:30am (English)
Wednesdays 7:00pm (Spanish)

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PARISH AND MASS INFORMATION

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MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES MASIVAS

Saturday July 15

4:00pm Ifeoma Egbejimba (D) - Pastor

Sunday July 16

9:00am Louise & Wayne Shaw (D) – Douglas Family
and Carmen Duran (D) – Maria Gilder

12:00pm For All Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist

4:00pm Special Intention – Pawlik Family

Monday July 17

8:30am Ifeoma Egbejimba (D) - Pastor

Tuesday July 18

8:30am Bob Grenner & Family (L) - Pastor

Wednesday July 19

8:30am All Souls – Ninh Family

7:00pm For the Victims of Poverty and Negligence

Thursday July 20

8:30am Louis Kuntz & Family (L) - Pastor

Friday July 21

8:30am Tim Hohmann & Family (L) - Pastor

Saturday July 23

4:00pm Jolene Ashworth (D) and Kayden Blackmon &
Family (L) - Cepull Family

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Reading 1 Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:

Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm. (Lk 8:8)

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reading 2 Rom 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Mt 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

PARISH AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

SJE Baptism preparation classes are held at 10:00 am on the 2nd Saturday in September, and November at the parish office.

Las clases de preparación para el bautismo de SJE se llevan a cabo a las 10:00 am el 2do sábado de septiembre y noviembre en la oficina parroquial.

Please contact the parish office for instructions /Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial para obtener instrucciones @ 404-768-5647.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism will take place at SJE on the 3rd **Saturday of** :

September and November~ 9AM for Spanish and 10AM for English.

La celebración del Sacramento del Bautismo tendrá lugar en SJE el 3er sábado de: Septiembre y Noviembre ~ 9AM para español y 10AM para inglés.

Parishioners in good standing with the SJE (Must be registered with the church for at least six (6) months): In order to baptize a child as a Catholic, at least one of the parents must be Catholic.

Feligreses al día con el SJE (debe estar registrado con la iglesia durante al menos seis (6) meses): Para bautizar a un niño como católico, al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES If you have a sacramental emergency and need to speak with a priest after office hours Please call: 470-985-9496.

This number is **NOT** to be used for any other purpose.

Donate Online or feel free to send in your offertory by mail. If you don't already do so, please consider it. Click on the 'Tithe Online' button on our Parish website www.stjohnnevanangelist.net

and set up a profile, or call Parish Office for envelopes. Please Donate!! Thank You!!

Last weekend Offertory 7/02/2023 and 7/9/2023

Offering from all Masses \$8,651.00 and \$5,454.00
Online Giving from VANCO \$1,285.00 and \$1,479.00

Did you Know?

*The Knights of Peter Claver, Unit #340 is hosting a **Fun Day - Share to Care event** for the church and school community -- on **Saturday, August 5, 2023, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm** here at St. John's. If you want to be a part of a fun day, pick up a few basic school supplies for the children, and just fellowship with one another, this will be the event for you. There will be games, food, and fun. Also, if anyone is interested in helping, please contact Oliver Mahone at omahone@earthlink.net. Thank you!*

*Los Caballeros de Peter Claver, Unidad #340 están organizando un **evento Fun Day - Share to Care** para la iglesia y la comunidad escolar - el **sábado 5 de agosto de 2023, de 11:00 am a 3:00 pm** aquí en St. John's. Si quieres ser parte de un día divertido, recoger algunos útiles escolares básicos para los niños y simplemente tener comunión entre ellos, este será el evento para ti. Habrá juegos, comida y diversión. Además, si alguien está interesado en ayudar, comuníquese con Oliver Mahone en omahone@earthlink.net. ¡Gracias!*

The Knights of Peter Claver Junior Knights and Daughters of Unit #340 will host a loose change drive for the month of July -- "**Change for Change - Giving to Give Back**". Volunteers will collect change and donations after each Mass to help purchase back-to-school supplies to give away in the month of August. The school supplies will be issued on Saturday, August 5 at the "**Fun Day - Share to Care**" event sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver Unit #340. Stay tuned for more information about this family fun-filled event.

Los Caballeros de Peter Claver Caballeros Junior e Hijas de la Unidad #340 organizarán una campaña de cambio suelto para el mes de julio: "**Cambio por cambio - Dar para devolver**". Los voluntarios recolectarán cambio y donaciones después de cada misa para ayudar a comprar útiles de regreso a la escuela para regalar en el mes de agosto. Los útiles escolares se entregarán el sábado 5 de agosto en el **evento "Fun Day - Share to Care"** patrocinado por la Unidad #340 de Caballeros de Peter Claver. Estén atentos para obtener más información sobre este evento familiar lleno de diversión.

Join us for Legacy, An Evening for Life benefiting the Pregnancy Aid Clinic at the Delta Flight Museum Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 5:15 pm – 9:00 pm. Our 2023 gala event is PAC's largest fundraiser of the year, and we are blessed to have you join us in the mission to protect the sanctity of preborn life! The program features keynote speaker author and pro-life advocate, Toni McFadden, an inspiring story of a PAC client who is effecting generational change in her family, a cocktail hour and catered dinner under the airplanes in the Delta Flight Museum, emcee and auctioneer Billy Boughey, silent and live auctions, and more! Visit www.pregnancyaidclinic.com/legacy.html to register or contact Carolina Gomez t cgomez@pregnancyaidclinic.org or call 678-557-4637.

Life In Christ

1776 "Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. . . . For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. . . . His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths."



1777 Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.

1778 Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law:

Conscience is a law of the mind; yet [Christians] would not grant that it is nothing more; I mean that it was not a dictate, nor conveyed the notion of responsibility, of duty, of a threat and a promise. . . . [Conscience] is a messenger of him, who, both in nature and in grace, speaks to us behind a veil, and teaches and rules us by his representatives. Conscience is the aboriginal Vicar of Christ.

1779 It is important for every person to be sufficiently present to himself in order to hear and follow the voice of his conscience. This requirement of *interiority* is all the more necessary as life often distracts us from any reflection, self-examination or introspection:

Return to your conscience, question it. . . . Turn inward, brethren, and in everything you do, see God as your witness.

1780 The dignity of the human person implies and requires *uprightness of moral conscience*. Conscience includes the perception of the principles of morality (synderesis); their application in the given circumstances by practical discernment of reasons and goods; and finally judgment about concrete acts yet to be performed or already performed. The truth about the moral good, stated in the law of reason, is recognized practically and concretely by the *prudent judgment* of conscience. We call that man prudent who chooses in conformity with this judgment.

1781 Conscience enables one to assume *responsibility* for the acts performed. If man commits evil, the just judgment of conscience can remain within him as the witness to the universal truth of the good, at the same time as the evil of his particular choice. The verdict of the judgment of conscience remains a pledge of hope and mercy. In attesting to the fault committed, it calls to mind the forgiveness that must be asked, the good that must still be practiced, and the virtue that must be constantly cultivated with the grace of God:

We shall . . . reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

1782 Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. "He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters."