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Thank you for your continuing gifts that support our Parish

Week ending December 2, 2018

Offertory	\$2090.90
Maintenance Fund	277.00
Total:	\$2367.90

Vigil Mass - December 15, 2018

Altar Server - TBD

Readers – Connie

EMHC – Mary M - Milton

Third Sunday of Advent - December 16, 2018

Altar Server - Corey

Readers - CJ

EMHC – Meva - John - Pegi

Counters - Carrie - MarieJo - Gail

Upcoming Events

[Dec 9 - Knights of Columbus breakfast following the 9:30 mass.](#)

[Dec 13 - Thursday - Decorating the Church Hall for the Christmas Party/Dance. All help is greatly appreciated. We'll start at 9:00 AM](#)

[Dec 13 - Thursday - Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM. Four priests.](#)

[Dec 14 - Friday - Christmas Party \(Sign-up with Meva. \(Covered dish & food donation\)](#)

[Dec 16 - Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.](#)

[Combined mass at 11:00 AM. The procession starts at 10:30 AM](#)

[Dec 21 - Friday - Volunteers needed to help decorate the Church at 9:00 AM](#)

[Dec 23 - Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent Regular Mass times](#)

[Dec 24 - Monday - Late Advent Weekday - Christmas Eve - Combined Mass at 7:00 PM](#)

[Dec 25 - Tuesday - The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day - Combined Mass at 10:00 AM](#)

[Dec 27 - Thursday - St John the Evangelist Feast Day Mass at 8:00 AM](#)

[Dec 30 - Sunday - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Regular Mass times](#)

Christmas Decoration Donations

In just a few more weeks we will be celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus. We will want our church to brightly decorated to reflect our joy. Like in past years, we depend on your generosity for the Christmas decorations. This Sunday we will have envelopes in the vestibule for your donations. Please complete and return them as soon as possible. As always, thank you so much for your generosity.



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Diocese of St Augustine, Interlachen, Florida

"We are a welcoming and embracing community centered on Jesus in the Eucharist"

Dec 9, 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: [T]he word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. . . . *Prepare the way of the Lord.*

To the point: Earlier in the Gospel of Luke we hear of John the Baptist's childhood in which "[t]he child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel" (1:80; NABRE). This desert time is important for John's formation as the preacher we hear in the gospel today. In the desert one must listen. John proclaims the words of the prophet Isaiah to the people, "Prepare the way of the Lord"! These words were addressed originally to the Israelites in exile in Babylon. The way being prepared was the way the Lord would lead them out of exile and restore them to their homeland. Now John invites his listeners to undertake an interior way of repentance. *Living Liturgy Page 9*

Palabras y frases clave: la palabra de Dios vino a Juan el hijo de Zacarías en el desierto. . . . Preparad el camino del Señor.

Anteriormente en el Evangelio de Lucas, escuchamos sobre la infancia de Juan el Bautista, en la cual "[el] niño creció y se fortaleció en espíritu, y estuvo en el desierto hasta el día de su manifestación a Israel". Este tiempo en el desierto es importante para la formación de Juan como el predicador que escuchamos en el evangelio de hoy. En el desierto hay que escuchar. Juan proclama las palabras del profeta Isaías a la gente: "Preparad el camino del Señor Estas palabras fueron dirigidas originalmente a los israelitas en el exilio en Babilonia. La forma en que se preparó fue la manera en que el Señor los sacaría del exilio y los devolvería a su tierra natal. Ahora Juan invita a sus oyentes a emprender una forma interior de arrepentimiento.

Next Sunday Mass is at 11:00 Our community will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 16 at 11:00 AM. The Mass will be combined English and Spanish. We will start with a procession at 10:30 AM with the image of the Virgin from inside the church and we will go back inside, making three stops to pray for special intentions. We will be accompanied by a group of Mariachis who will sing to the Virgin and Our Lord Jesus Christ. After Mass we will share a lunch together. We need your help for this celebration. Please contact Meva, Gladys Torres, or Yosy. *Thank you, Fr. Pablo*

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Masses and Intentions

Saturday, Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Patronal Feastday of the USA) [Holyday of Obligation]

9:00 AM - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

4:30 PM - Repose of Fr. Dennis O'Regan

Sunday, Dec 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Parishioners of St John and our Interlachen Community

12:00 PM - Repose of Fr. Dennis O'Regan

Monday, Dec 10 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

Tuesday, Dec 11 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM - For the health and well being of all our sick

Wednesday, Dec 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:00 PM - Repose of Dolores Hannon

Requested by Sandy Comstock

Thursday, Dec 13 - St Lucy (Virgin & Martyr)

8:00 AM - Repose of Fr Dennis O'Regan

7:00 PM - Advent Reconciliation Service

Friday, Dec 14 - St John of the Cross (Priest & Doctor of the Church)

8:00 AM - Repose of Fr. Dennis O'Regan

Saturday, Dec 15 - Advent Weekday

4:30 PM - Repose of Fr. Dennis O'Regan



Welcome

We'd like to extend a very warm welcome to the newest members of our St John the Evangelist community, Luis Antonio and Rosalia Negron. Thank you for worshipping with us.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for George H W Bush



Let us pray for him and for all families, who are mourning the death of a loved one. May all our departed find rest and peace in the Mercy of God.

Especially during the Christmas Season, please remember in your prayers, the members of our parish who are not in perfect health*: **Ed Ralosky, Patricia Goss, Joe Emanuele, John Boosamra, Phyllis Nelson, and Jerome & Carol Teschendorf.**

*Hospitalized, undergoing surgery, or in hospice/home care

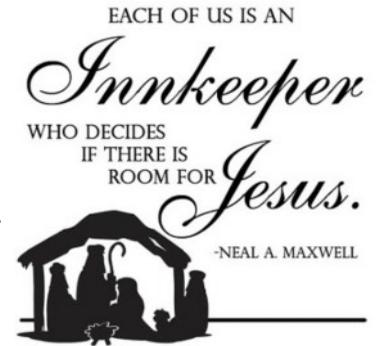
Christian Formation

The **Immaculate Conception** which we celebrate on December 8 is the conception of the Virgin Mary free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus. The Catholic Church teaches that God acted upon Mary in the first moment of her conception keeping her "immaculate".^[1]

The Immaculate Conception is commonly confused with the Virgin Birth of Jesus, the latter being, rather, the Doctrine of Incarnation. While all Christians believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus, principally Roman Catholics along with various other Christian denominations believe in the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Although the belief that Mary was sinless, or conceived without original sin, has been widely held since Late Antiquity, the doctrine was not dogmatically defined in the Catholic Church until 1854 when Pope Pius IX, declared ex cathedra, i.e., using papal infallibility, in his papal bull Ineffabilis Deus.

If you or anyone in your family are in need of Sacramental preparation please contact John J. Mathe Jr. our Coordinator of Christian Formation at 386-916- 8092, EMAIL: sjccinterlachen@gmail.com



THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON

"Christmas Is Forever"

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back
With their flock

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,
To make music in the heart.

-author unknown



Christmas Party/Dance on the 14th

The Annual Party/Dance will be held on Dec. 14, from 6PM to 10PM in the church hall. Due to limited space, Parishioners may invite 1 person or 1 couple per family. Those planning to attend must sign up and receive a ticket in advance. Sign up at the Masses during November and on Dec. 1 & 2. Please bring a covered dish to share and \$ 5.00 worth of non-perishable food. Questions, call Meva 684-4333 Set up for the Party is Thurs. 13th at 9 AM- Please help if able