

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JUNE 26, 2022

13th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

*Brothers and sisters: For freedom Christ set us free;
so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. — Galatians 5:1*

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

- Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- After 8:00 AM Mass—Weekdays
- Any time by appointment

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint John the Baptist Parish Family,
Dear Friends of our Parish,

Welcome to our celebrations of the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. On Thursday of this past week - June 23, 2022 - the entire Catholic Church celebrated the annual Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist, a symbolic “birthday” of our great patron. In our liturgical calendar we are now fully in *Ordinary Time*, a name which describes all of those parts of the Catholic Church’s liturgical year that aren’t included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church - the period in which we live our lives neither in glorious celebrations (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in the period of preparation and penance (as in Advent and Lent). We can therefore say that during *Ordinary Time* we live, gather, and celebrate our liturgies in watchfulness and expectation of Christ’s coming. On that “ordinary but extraordinary” life journey, John the Baptist is not only our parish’s patron, but also our inspiring companion and guide. It was John who humbly but resolutely declared that he came into the world in order to prepare the way for the Messiah. During every ordinary day, as well as during the most extraordinary moments of our lives, Saint John the Baptist inspires and guides us so that we remain always faithful to God. He is our own “enduring model of fidelity to God.”

Exactly twenty-one years ago, at the end of June 2001, and only about two years before his death and return to the Almighty, Pope John Paul II visited Ukraine, the land now so much tried by atrocities of war and by immeasurable sorrow and sufferings. The Pontiff’s Mass in Kyiv during that historic pastoral visit took place at Chayka Airport, with about one hundred thousand faithful gathered in prayer. Millions followed this special Mass throughout the world. During his homily on that day in Kyiv, Pope John Paul II called John the Baptist an “enduring model of fidelity to God”. (See more on the following page of our bulletin.) It is that “enduring fidelity to God” and our desire to follow him, which brings us back today, and every time when we gather as a family of faith. This “enduring fidelity to God” of our brothers and sisters of generations past, of our St. John the Baptist Community, continues to inspire us. May we live, prosper, and grow as a family of the Lord’s disciples, always faithful to God, through the loving protection and intercessions of Saint John the Baptist.

— Fr. Peter

SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:

John Angermeyer, Dimas Acevedo, Patricia Bacigalupo, Daisy Ramirez, Kenneth Jackson, Robert Culhane, Teena & Ronald Grant, Brian Ruso, Fr. John Murray, Jim Lyons, Kim Jones-Gervais, Joseph Choo, Marie Cartwright, Pamela Growney, Tyler Thompson

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:

Jane Conway, Marc Vincent Payne, Joe Ugliarolo, Deacon Bill Myers, Daniel Balestra, Roy Marciani

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

5:00 PM Richie Haufe

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:00 AM Leanne Flanagan

10:00 AM Angel Arenas Figueroa

12:00 PM Christopher Huvane

MONDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 AM Patricia Lambert

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

8:00 AM Gina Pateman

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

8:00 AM Ellen & Daniel Caulfield

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 AM Gina Tenaglia

FRIDAY, JULY 1

8:00 AM John Clohessy

SATURDAY, JULY 2

8:00 AM Mary Jo Amato

5:00 PM Joann Feraldi

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8:00 AM Anastazy Jank

10:00 AM Rosamma Varkey
Kuttiyara

12:00 PM Elvia Admade

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS
IN MEMORY OF

KATHLEEN MUELLER

AT THE REQUEST OF
THE ROSARY SOCIETY

THE BREAD & WINE IS
DONATED IN MEMORY OF

ADRIAN VILLARIN, M.D.

AT THE REQUEST OF
RAMON & TERESITA KASILAG

John the Baptist

AN ENDURING MODEL OF FIDELITY TO GOD



“The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name” (Is 49,1). These words of the Prophet Isaiah are well-suited to describe this great biblical figure who stands between the Old and the New Testaments. In the long line of Israel’s prophets and just men and women, John “the Baptist” was placed by God’s providence immediately before the Messiah, in order to prepare the way before him by his preaching and by the witness of his life. John the Baptist was the messenger, the forerunner: he was sent to prepare the way for Christ. How does the figure of St John the Baptist speak to us here, in Kyiv, at the beginning of this pilgrimage in your country?

This is the place of the Baptism of Rus’. From Kyiv there began that flowering of Christian life which the Gospel first brought forth in the land of the ancient Rus’, then in the lands of Eastern Europe and, later, beyond the Urals, in the lands of Asia. In a certain sense, then, Kyiv itself played the role of a “precursor of the Lord” among the many peoples who would receive the proclamation of the Gospel from here.

St Volodymyr and the inhabitants of Rus’ were baptized by missionaries sent from Constantinople, the greatest centre of Christianity in the East. Thus the new-born Church entered the sphere of the exceedingly rich patrimony of faith and culture of the Byzantine Church. This was at the end of the first millennium. While living according to two different traditions, the Church of Constantinople and the Church of Rome were still in full communion. If, as we celebrate the Eucharist today according to the Roman tradition, we recall that moment so profoundly linked to the Byzantine tradition, we do so with gratitude. And we do so with the desire that the memory of the one baptism which we share will help to restore that situation of communion in which diversity of traditions posed no obstacle to unity in faith and ecclesial life.

The Baptism which took place here, in Kyiv, inaugurated the 1,000-year history of Christianity in the lands of today’s Ukraine and in the whole region. Today, having the grace of coming to this historic place, my thoughts go back through the more than 10 centuries in which the gift of that first Baptism has continued to be poured out upon successive generations of the sons and daughters of this Nation. What a flowering of spiritual, liturgical and ecclesial life developed from the meeting of different cultures and religious traditions! This splendid inheritance is now entrusted to you, dear brothers and sisters. People of God, you who believe, hope and love in the land of Ukraine, joyfully savour once more the gift of the Gospel which you received over 1,000 years ago! Look today to John the Baptist, an enduring model of fidelity to God and his Law. John prepared the way for Christ by the testimony of his word and his life. Imitate him with docile and trusting generosity.

An excerpt from the Homily of Pope John Pope II, preached on June 24, 2001, in Kyiv, Ukraine



OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

		2021	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$8,132	\$4,599	\$10,627
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	\$5,145	\$4,715	\$3,370
TOTAL	\$13,277	\$9,314	\$13,997

Your financial support enables our parish home to continue the mission of the Church in these difficult times. Thank you and God bless you!



COZY CORNER KNIT & CROCHET

Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am
Year-Round / Parish Center

We are a casual, fun group who works on projects for ourselves as well as baby afghans for St. John's annual baby collection in May which supports New Hope Inc. in Westwood. We also knit and crochet prayer shawls for the witnesses of Women's Cornerstone, for the Rachel's Vineyard ministry and for individuals in need.

New members are always welcome! If you are experienced or a beginner, we are happy to have you join us. ***We are always in need of knitters and crocheters who work on projects at home for our charities.*** Donations of clean, new yarn accepted.

For more info:

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JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS

8:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 3:00 - 6:00pm

Benediction & Community Prayer just before 6pm

CHURCH OPEN DAILY

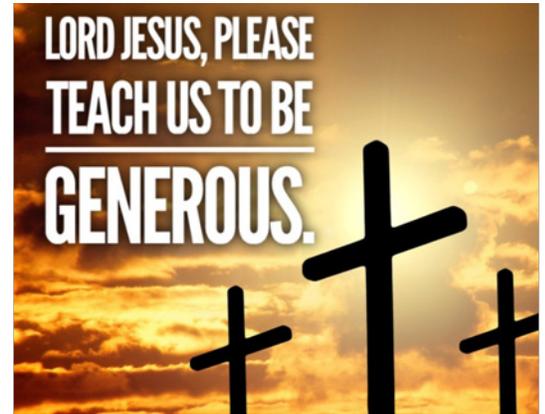
7:00 am - 7:00 pm

All Are Welcome

SUMMER CCD UPDATE

St. John's Religious Education begins the new catechetical school year with the Summer CCD Program during the week of June 27 through July 1. All classes will be in the Parish Center. For safety reasons the Parish Center doors will be securely closed. Anyone wishing to speak with a staff member or if you have an appointment, please ring the bell on the outside door for assistance.

The Parish Center doors will continue to be open during the Summer months to all those who need to get in touch with us. Please ring the doorbell for assistance. Thank you!



HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY

Some families in our area are experiencing economic difficulties, and there is a need to replenish the shelves at the food pantry. **Can you help?** The following items are always needed:

Cake & brownie mixes, boxed potatoes, egg noodles, canned fruit & vegetables, apple sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, white and brown rice, pancake mix, maple syrup, flour, sugar, oil, coffee, Parmalat milk, canned meat & fish, meat sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, crackers, shampoo, paper towels, conditioner, toothpaste, tissues, toilet paper, all types of cleaning products, detergent for laundry. In addition, supermarket gift cards are always accepted and appreciated.

Donations may be brought directly to the Pantry which is located at the corner of Magnolia and Hillsdale Avenues - at the South entrance of Hillsdale United Methodist Church.

www.helpinghandfoodpantry.com

"It is not so essential to think much as to love much."

— Saint Teresa of Avila
(1515 - 1582 A.D.)