

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2020



Peter asked Jesus,
"Lord . . . how often must I forgive?"

— Matthew 18:21

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5PM

Sunday

7AM 9AM

11AM

Communion Service

Sunday 12:30PM

Facebook Online Mass

Sunday: 10:00AM
Tuesday-Friday: 6:00PM

Parish Webpage

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Today's Readings

First Reading- Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalm- The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading- Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel- Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.

Sirach 28:2



Religious Education

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FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

St JOHN'S

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.E.) begins!!

All Kinder-5th grade students & their families will meet
Wed. Sep 16th @6PM in the church.

All 6th-Confirmation students & their families will meet
Sun. Sep 20th @6PM in the church.

If you have not submitted a registration form yet,
please contact Samantha Matthews, DRE
@ SAMatthews.StJohn@outlook.com

If you would like to make a contribution to our Religious Education (RE), which offers scholarships to families in need. You can give online, in weekly offertory or in Parish office. Just make a note that contribution is for RE Scholarships.

If you need more Information please contact
Samantha in the Parish office @ (904) 246-6014

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5;

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15;

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;

Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Dear Padre,

We knew a beloved priest whose death was self-inflicted. What is the Church's stance on suicide?

I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and the faith community for this tragic loss. "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2280). Those who take their own life to end personal suffering assume a decision-making that belongs to God alone. However, the Church also acknowledges that "grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide".

At the same time, the Church relies on the compassion of God, who fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide. Therefore, the Church pastorally states: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary responsibility of the one committing suicide.

How, then does the Church specifically pray for those who've committed suicide? Generally they're not deprived of full burial rites in the church, which consoles the living and commends all of the dead "to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins". Nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery— a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the sudden death of a suicide.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

September 19 & 20

Ministers of Hospitality

5PM
Mary Ann Carroll
Maryann Speckman
Armand & Jan
Riendeau

9AM
Mike & Gwen Crowder
Fred Hidalgo
John Previti

11AM
Yolanda Ebuena
Nelia Flores
Luz Reyes
Nora Suyat



Lectors

5PM
1 Debbie Corsano
2 Art Corsano

9AM
1 Patty Pendleton
2 Allyson Lingerfelt

11AM
1 Elle Kraft
2 Aida Masinsin

Eucharistic Minister


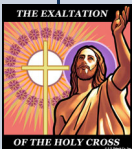

5PM
* James Johnson
David Grimes
9AM
* Kelly Ayler
Julie Bussey
11AM
* Vicky Mondares
Dottie Drake, Edna Silang

Altar Server

5PM
Bridgette & Brynn
Von Seggern
9AM
James Lingerfelt
Aiden Overland
11AM
Joshua Manuel
Talia Samoeun



MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<p>Sat Sep 12</p> <p>5PM † Roland Riendeau By Armand & Janis Riendeau</p>	<p>Sun Sep 13</p> <p>7AM Father Rafael Birthday 9AM † Don Wilburn By Maura Wilburn 11AM Parishioners of St John </p>	<p>Tues Sep 15</p> <p>8AM † Norma Rosete By Minda Mamansag</p> <p> </p>	<p>Wed Sep 16</p> <p>8AM RE Students of St John's</p>
<p>Thu Sep 17</p> <p>8AM † Ronald Nixen By Minda Mamansag</p>	<p>Fri Sep 18</p> <p>8AM † Dennis YLo By Tita Augustin</p>	<p>Sat Sep 19</p> <p>5PM † Cesario Barrera By Aurora & Roy Barrera</p>	<p>Sun Sep 20</p> <p>7AM Parishioners of St John 9AM St John's Catechists 11AM † James Ezelle Sr. By Ezelle Family</p>

Faith is the union of God with the soul.

St. John of the Cross

Attention Liturgical Ministers

Please email ewiley@outlook.com or call the Parish office @ (904)246-6014 to let us know if you are available OR not available to minister between Oct 1 to Jan 3.



Offering & Building Fund: 14, 798.25

EAM: 2,069.70

Total: 16,867.95

Blessing of Animals



The Blessing of Animals will be held Saturday Oct 3rd At 11AM

In Memoriam

Please keep Deacon Ken Cochran and his family in your prayers. Deacon Ken died Thursday afternoon, Sept. 3. His death was related to underlying health conditions complicated by the Covid infection

ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to offer Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please call the office. Cost is \$40.00

† Respect life †

The Respect life Committee is looking for donations of diapers, sizes newborn-size 5 as well as baby wipes.

We will be passing them out to families in need of baby items that come on Tuesdays for the food distributions, sponsored by the EAM.

Please put any donations in the Respect for Life basket located in the Narthex. Thank you for your Support, The Respect for Life Committee



Knights of Columbus

#14866



KofC Meetings Tuesdays @7PM
September 22
October 13 & 27



Mary, Queen of the Knights
Our Lady Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order keep us true to the pledge, to extend the Kingship of your Divine Son on earth; through your intercession win for us your grace eve to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those, specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware, that as your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of your servants the Knights of Columbus

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council #14866 welcomes all Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Brotherhood team. For further information about us, please call Grand Knight **Jimmy Hundley** at (904) 246-6014. Council Officers meet on the second Tuesday of each month. All members meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held at the Parish Hall Library at 7:00 PM.

After the 9AM and 11Am Mass the KofC will have bread in the Parish Hall for all to take home.

THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome!
Ladies president is Barb Knauss, please call Parish office for more info.

Ladies Guild meetings
Oct 13th
Installation in Chapel @ 6PM

THE MEN'S CLUB:

The Men's Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome!
Men's Club president is Jeff Marquardt, please call the Parish office for more info.

Men's Club meetings @ 7PM
Sep17th
Oct 15th

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To report abuse call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 262-3200 extension 129 or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96ABUSE.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

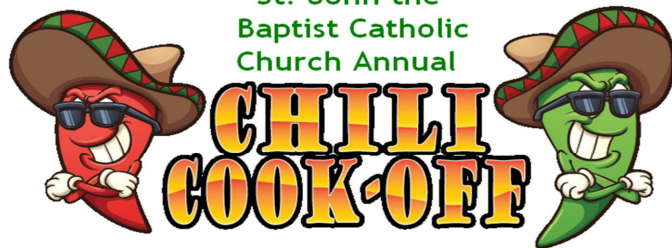
RCIA is starting September 15th

If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church or if you have questions about the Catholic faith contact James Ezelle or the Parish office.

If you are a parishioner interested in attending a RCIA meeting to refresh your faith please call the office for more information.

James Ezelle (904) 412-6548
Parish office (904) 246-6014.

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SATURDAY OCT. 17, 2020

6:00 to 8:00 (after 5:00 mass)

Limitless Forgiveness

What makes seven such an important number?

It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God as the exemplar of forgiving.

Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me."

But to forgive someone who has deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual gesture. And yet, we must.

We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debts we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others.

FOR Reflection ~†~

- † Say the Lord's Prayer slowly, reflecting on "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."
- † Do you carry resentment in your heart? Does clinging to it lessen its burden in any way?



Mary Uraco, Evelyn Weeks,
Jerome Maron, Rina Hopkins,
Faye Carr, Karen Holden,
Kim Carr, Bill Pray

If you want to add someone to the Prayer request for the sick please contact Monica @ mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com or call the Parish office. I update often so requested names will be posted for about 5-6 weeks. If you want prayer request added again you will need to contact me.
Thank you Monica Trinidad

St John's EAM
is always collecting any **UNEXPIRED** non-perishables & canned goods for our food Pantry.
Please bring any monetary or any items to the Parish, during office hours 9-4 Monday to Friday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Kindergarten through High School. If you want to sponsor a child or family donations always welcome.
Religious Education Director: **Samantha Matthews** 246-6014

CHOIRS: There is no practice as of now due to Covid restrictions

HALL RENTAL:

The Parish Hall is available for rent to St. John's parishioners for their own use, such as wedding receptions, anniversaries or birthdays. It may not be rented by a parishioner for someone else. If strangers are found to be holding an event in the hall, they'll be asked to leave as they are not covered by our insurance, voiding the contract. Since the hall is used on Sunday mornings, our custodian must be hired to do the clean-up to the standard we require.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG CHURCH:

Membership is open to high school-aged youth, and new members are always welcome. The St. John's Young Church is dedicated to exploring their Christianity through service in their community. Contact **Paul Trinidad** (904) 923-8250 or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

ROSARY: A weekly rosary is held each Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Marian Chapel. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:

Are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are always needed and welcomed. Food is distributed on Tuesdays from 3-4PM and every 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8-10AM. Call the Parish office for more information.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

New members always welcome, You don't have to be a medical professional to join. Meetings correspond to the monthly Memory Café dates. (See announcement in bulletin.)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be received a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call **Monica** at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY—RESPECT LIFE:

Join us each First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please help us pray for the protection and safety of the unborn.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Contact **Dennis Stone** (dennisjstone@comcast.net), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.