

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020

*They opened their treasures and offered him gifts  
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh  
—Matthew 2:11b*

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**MASS TIMES**  
Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday: No Mass  
Tuesday: 8:00 AM  
Wednesday: 8:00 AM  
Thursday: 8:00 AM  
Friday: 8:00 AM

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 10:00 AM  
And by appointment

**Baptism, Eucharist,  
Confirmation and Marriage**  
Please call the office regarding preparation  
for these Sacraments.

**Communion and  
Anointing of the Sick**  
After Sunday Mass, the Eucharist is taken to  
the sick. Please call the office to have a  
parishioner included.

January 5, 2020

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

Justin McPherson  
 Joshua Rickert  
 Jimmy Hobson  
 Charlotte Carr  
 Lee Olson  
 Robert Carr  
 Bill Johnson Sr.  
 Elizabeth Bides  
 Richard Patey  
 Frank Crowder  
 Nestor Gil  
 Jennifer Kues  
 Karen Pendleton  
 Lynda Pendleton  
 Marty Klein  
 Eric Ebuon  
 Ron Heckman

Marguerite Schaffhauser  
 Bernice Schaffhauser  
 Edward Schaffhauser  
 Irena Osinski  
 Al Wagner  
 Ben Franzuela  
 Tony Barroso  
 Bob Dietrich  
 May Coons  
 Robin Hanson  
 Walter Hanson  
 Faye Carr  
 Elizabeth Boothe  
 Elisa Alonzo  
 Trish Caudill  
 Mike Ambrosio  
 Elfrida Powell  
 Rina Hopkins  
 Bill Cox  
 Cynthia Waggoner  
 Glenn Sisler  
 Suzanne Denemark

Barbara Ann Johnson  
 John Zesis  
 Benito Lopez  
 Noel de la Rosa  
 Joan Kelley  
 Loretta Wagner  
 Linda Sandmon  
 Joan Bell  
 Rosemarie Rickert  
 Rizalina Paterno  
 Cheryl Mark  
 Jim Lammie  
 Christine Lucas  
 Dan Benkert  
 Harvey Little  
 Jerry Carroll  
 Wayne Tolbert  
 Jim Burns  
 Mary Uraco  
 Dixie McCormack  
 Kaycee Smelser  
 Karen Holden

Ann Font  
 Joan Richards  
 Bobby Richards  
 Patricia Seelhofer  
 Wilda Von Seggern  
 Keith Rickerts  
 Dolores Hazel  
 Davd Benedict  
 Richard Boyle  
 JoEllen Reoyo  
 Patricia Clarke  
 Andrew Buttner  
 Adam Herbert  
 Denise Jones  
 Phil Dancel  
 J.C. Kea  
 Ginny Ragland  
 Greg Isles  
 Rudy Chandia  
 Pat Mayhew  
 Josephine Gaudio  
 David Ritchie

Kayran Carroll  
 Armand Riendeau  
 Michael Walker  
 Tedd Metras  
 Marcia Conrad  
 Amor Guzman  
 Daniel Manning  
 Kathy Matkovic  
 Arlene Ritchie  
 Patricia Hinds  
 Mary Starr  
 Joanne Hoffmeister  
 Ron Kurth  
 Charles Garrett  
 Paul Weihs  
 Frank Lujan  
 Herman Ike Pundt  
 Archie Paez  
 Cindy Brown  
 Patricia Wright  
 Sally Alderman



**MEET FATHER RAFAEL**

Join Fr. Rafael every Sunday in the parish hall at 7:00 AM for some coffee and conversation.

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Join the Knights of Columbus in the Marian Chapel every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM for the weekly rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. All are welcome.



**LADIES' GUILD MEETING**

The Ladies' Guild will meet on Tuesday, **January 7**, at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Respect Life and Knights of Columbus present "Dinner and a Movie" on Saturday, **January 25**, following the 5:00 Mass. The movie is entitled *Unplanned*, and will be followed by hamburgers and hot dogs, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.



**UP-COMING NON-PAROCHIAL COLLECTIONS**

January 18/19 Respect Life  
 January 25/26 The Church in Latin America  
 February 26 The Church in Central and Eastern Europe  
 March 21/22 Catholic Relief Services



**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

The St. John's Men's Club will be meeting on Thursday, **January 16**, at 7:00 PM. All men, 18 and older, are invited. Manly munchies will be served. If you haven't joined yet, why not?



**Collections**

**December 22, 2019**

Offertory.....\$8,638.77  
 Simbang Gabi.....\$896.05  
 Online Giving.....\$1,679.88  
 Building Fund.....\$1,737.00  
 Retired Religious.....\$25.00  
**Total.....\$12,976.70**

Emergency Assistance Ministry.....\$316.96

**December 25, 2019**

Building Fund.....\$13,403.21  
 Retired Religious.....\$50.00  
 Campaign for Human Development.....\$25.00  
**Total.....\$13,478.21**

**December 29, 2020**

Because of early deadlines, the collection numbers for December 29 were not available when this bulletin was sent to the publisher. The totals will be published in next week's bulletin.



**MEMORY CAFÉ**

**January 20**

The Health and Wellness Ministry is sponsoring the next Memory Café on Monday, **January 20**, from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM in the parish hall. A Memory Café is a place where people with dementia AND their care-givers can come for coffee, tea, refreshments, games, and conversation in a social environment accepting of dementia. There is no structured program. For more information, call the parish office (246-6014).

**WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS STILLED**

*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 flocks,  
 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 the people,  
 To make music in the heart.*



—Howard Thurman

## Dear Padre,

### What do we know about the Three Kings?

Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew's Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers.

The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names.

Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it's doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God's presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn't strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by "Christianizing" aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the "Sun of Justice," thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ's Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on Sunday.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

## Mass Schedule

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 4</b>
5:00 P.M. ....	The Parishioners of St. John's
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>January 5</b>
9:00 A.M. ....	The May Family
.....	by Tamara Floyd and Peter Simpon
11:00 A.M. ....	†Louann Malate
.....	by Minda Mamansag
<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>January 6</b>
8:00 A.M. ....	NO MASS
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>January 7</b>
8:00 A.M. ....	†Gasper Moran
.....	by Minda Mamansag
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>January 8</b>
8:00 A.M. ....	†Don McMurtry
.....	by Terri McMurtry
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>January 9</b>
8:00 A.M. ....	†Lil Sosnowski
.....	by Art and Madeline Osiecki
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>January 10</b>
8:00 A.M. ....	†Simon William Kerns
.....	by Bill and Ellie Leonard
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>January 11</b>
5:00 PM .....	†Mike Foster
.....	by The Miska Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>January 12</b>
9:00 A.M. ....	†Jan Lebby
.....	by The 9:00 Choir
11:00 A.M. ....	The Parishioners of St. John's

## Ministers' Schedule

January 11 and 12

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

5:00 P.M. ....	(F) Reggie Dubay, Cindy Dubay
.....	(I) Jim Hundley, Corinne Hundley
9:00 A.M. ....	(F) Terry O'Brien, Sandra O'Brien
.....	(I) Jim Feazel, Bonnie Feazel
11:00 A.M. ....	(F) Aletta Santos, Cristina Suyat
.....	(I) Celina Austin, Dee Fox

### READERS

5:00 P.M. ....	Joan Cornelison, Jim Lammie
9:00 A.M. ....	Muriel Lites, Eileen Theis
11:00 A.M. ....	Art Corsano, Debbie Corsano

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 P.M. ....	Joanne Brown, David Costa, RenePachuta,
.....	Larry McKay, James Johnson,
.....	Miles Nogelo, Gerry Nogelo
9:00 A.M. ....	Gabriel Pastrana, Maura Wilburn,
.....	Rose Imray, Scott Imray, Linda Trinidad,
.....	Valerie Matta, Kathy Pundt
11:00 A.M. ....	Nenita Romero, Dennis Stone, Jane Hart,
.....	Edna Silang, Grace Dancel
.....	Manny Silverio, Dottie Drake

### ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 P.M. ....	Elijah Trinidad, Bridgette Von Seggern,
.....	Brynn Von Seggern
9:00 A.M. ....	Ryan Feazel, Ivy Kidwell,
.....	Caleb Pastrana
11:00 A.M. ....	Christie Cabrera, Casey Solano,
.....	Gian Suyat

**14TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE ST. AUGUSTINE**

The 14th Annual March for Life St. Augustine is January 18 at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche (101 San Marco Ave.). The message this year is "Endangered, Worthy of Protection," which focuses on the worthiness of all human life to be protected, especially those with special needs.

March activities begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Estévez at 9:00 AM outside, weather permitting, followed by music and information booths. Speakers will take the stage following Mass at 10:20 AM for several powerful testimonies. At 11:15, we march through town to the plaza for the keynote speaker, Doug Tooke, a national speaker for youth and young adults representing ODB films and the new series entitled *Restored*.

Congressman John Rutherford will be speaking at the March on Saturday following the Mass between 10:00 and 11:00 AM.

The KOC Council 611 will host a spaghetti dinner at the Cathedral Parish Hall in support of the March.

January 17, MFLSA Friday Night Kick-Off For The March begins at 5:30 with a rosary, followed by Mass at 6:00 PM. The movie *Restored* will be shown. Food trucks and praise and worship concert begin at 7:30 PM at the mission grounds. Check out our website at [www.marchforlifestaugustine.com](http://www.marchforlifestaugustine.com).



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**Sunday**

January 5  
January 12  
January 19

**Wednesday**

**JANUARY**

January 1 (No Class)  
January 8  
January 15  
January 22

**(All classes meet from 6:15-7:30.)**

**AMUSING ANECDOTE**

At the Christmas Eve service at my church, the pastor, quizzing some children about the nativity, asked, "What gifts did the three wise men give the Christ child?"

"Gold!" one child yelled.

"Frankincense!" shouted another.

After a pause, a third asked, "Gift Cards?"

*Do you know a great, clean church joke? Send your submissions to ewiley@outlook.com?*



**AA MEETINGS AT ST. JOHN'S**

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 AM in the library.

**VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER AND DANCE PARTY**

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 8  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM to 10:30 PM  
**WHERE:** St. John's Parish Hall  
**COST:** In Advance: \$25.00 per person  
At Door: \$30.00 per person



Dinner buffet, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, tea and water, dancing, DJ, prizes, dessert and more!

**HEALING HEARTS GRIEF RETREAT**

Healing Hearts Grief Retreat is a 24-hour, overnight retreat on **January 18-19**, designed to give the participant time to share with other bereaved, to honor their loved one, to remember, to reflect and to learn powerful coping skills to help heal from their loss.

The conductors of the retreat are Linda Turner, a licensed mental health counselor, and Melody Ott, a licensed clinical social worker.

Marywood Retreat & Conference Center, Saint Johns. Cost: \$250/ includes private room, all meals and activities. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.wellbeingstaugustine.com>.

**DONATIONS FROM KC BREAD AND PASTRIES**

Each Sunday, when possible, the Knights of Columbus set up an area in the hall for people to donate money for such things as bread and pastries. The donations received for the items help the Council at St. John's in various events throughout the year. The donations go towards the Special Olympics, and those donations are matched dollar for dollar. The money also helps purchase coats for less fortunate children to receive good warm clothing through the winter. Last year, the Council provided coats for all of the children on the Giving Tree and to the battered women's shelter. They also helped support a diocesan seminarian, and they bought items for the parish such as the new food warmer, purchased with help from the St. John's Ladies' Guild. None of this would have been possible without the generous donations the Knights of Columbus receive for the bread and pastries on Sundays. The Council 14866 is here to provide help for the needs of our parish and our community. We look forward to the new challenges that lie ahead of us this next year. Thank you for your generous donations.



**MINISTERS' SCHEDULES READY**

Attention, all liturgical ministers. The new ministry schedules for January-March are available online at Ministry Scheduler Pro. If you need a paper copy of the schedule, please sign the yellow sheet in the sacristy.

*To err is human. To blame the error on someone else is even more human. —John Nadeau*

**NEW ONLINE GIVING SYSTEM**

Thank you to all who have signed up on the new diocesan-wide system known as ParishSOFT! (Remember: If you have a recurring gift on the old system, you must call 1-800-348-2886 to deactivate it.) There are three ways to sign up with ParishSoft: use the *Giving* link on our parish app (Text APP to 88202), use the *Online Giving* link on our website (<https://saintjohnsatlanticbeach.org>), or go directly to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/mayport> and sign up. You will be able to GIVE NOW (to give once or as a recurring gift). Choose from a list of funds you wish to give to, or you can set up an account, again, either to give once or to set up a Recurring Gift to the fund(s) of your choice. It sounds more complicated than it really is, but if you need help, please call Kathryn in the church office (246-6014).



**OFFICE CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday afternoons from 11:00 until 1:00 for staff meetings.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;  
National Migration Week  
Monday: St. André Bessette  
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;  
Julian Calendar Christmas

**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.

**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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:**

Kindergarten through High School

Religious Education Director: Samantha Matthews 246-6014

**CHOIRS:****5:00 p.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Practice is after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

**9:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**11:00 a.m. Mass Choir Practice**

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Youth Choir Practice**

Seasonally, on Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**INFANTS and CHILDREN:**

Parents, please help us to worship with attention and prayer by responsibly caring for your young one during Mass. A crying infant could be beseeching God for a walk outside. Please take your child to the gathering area if your child becomes disruptive during Mass and needs calming.

**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 (246-0592) or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

**ST. JOHN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY:**

Members meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are needed and welcome. Food is also distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00.

**THE LADIES' GUILD:**

Members meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

**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.

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

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:**

Members meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You do not need a medical background to participate.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Bulletin announcements must be received prior to Friday, a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call Ellen at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to [ewiley@outlook.com](mailto:ewiley@outlook.com) or fax to 246-1219. Prayer list changes and/or sympathy announcements have reserved space and are accepted up to transmission time.

**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](mailto:dennisjstone@comcast.net)), certified by Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction in Clearwater, Florida.

RECIPROCITY

If God loved us as much as we love God, where would we all be?

—Anonymous