

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020

*A voice came from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased."
—Matthew 13:17*

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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 12, 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



MEET FATHER RAFAEL

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



The altar flowers this week were donated in loving memory of **Lorraine Barrett** by Her Daughter

GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

Parish bonding opportunity: It's that time again—time for a refresher clean-up of the parish property. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, **February 1**, at 9:00 to make our property look beautiful again! After the clean-up, there will be hot dogs and hamburgers for all of the volunteers.



NEWS FROM FATHER RAFAEL:

I have some exciting news!
 I have invited the Michael James Mette Family Band to come and give a concert for everyone here at St. John's. They are a wonderful, special musical family who travel all over the world sharing the beauty of our faith through their musical ministry. The free concert will be Sunday, **January 19**, at 6:30 PM in the hall. Everyone is invited to join us for this evening of music.

The family will also be playing music at all of the Masses that weekend, so our choirs and Josh can have a weekend off!

And more good news!

On **February 29**, the Bishop will be here at St. John's to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our Candidates at the 5:00 PM Mass. Following the Confirmation, the Bishop will be officially installing me as the Pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church! Following the Mass, we will be having a dinner for our Confirmandi and their families. I invite everyone to celebrate my appointment after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses on Sunday, **March 1**, in the hall where we will have a special, delicious reception.



**MEMORY CAFÉ
 January 27**

The Health and Wellness Ministry is sponsoring the next Memory Café on Monday, **January 27**, 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).

Collections

December 29, 2019

Offertory.....	\$15,071.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,446.01
Building Fund.....	\$695.00
First Offering.....	\$15.00
Total.....	\$17,212.01

Emergency Assistance Ministry.....	\$1,496.46
Young Church.....	\$75.00

January 5, 2020

Offertory.....	\$10,417.36
Online Giving.....	\$2,227.88
Building Fund.....	\$339.00
Retired Religious.....	\$300.00
Respect Life.....	\$34.00
Total.....	\$13,318.24

Emergency Assistance Ministry.....	\$1,905.00
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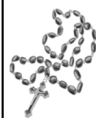
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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.



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.



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



Dear Padre,

What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

Blessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect.

Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What's more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ.

The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God's presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

From Dear Padre: *Questions Catholics Ask*,
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading—Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased. (Matthew 3:13-17).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY	January 11
5:00 P.M.	†Mike Foster by The Miska Family
SUNDAY	January 12
9:00 A.M.	†Jan Lebby by The 9:00 Choir
11:00 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. John's
MONDAY	January 13
8:00 A.M.	NO MASS
TUESDAY	January 14
8:00 A.M.	†Doris Shea Kenyon by Sharyn Roettger and Syd Jenkins
WEDNESDAY	January 15
8:00 A.M.	The 64th Wedding Anniversary of Gene and Sally Clemens
THURSDAY	January 16
8:00 A.M.	Dixie MacCormack by Tamara Floyd
FRIDAY	January 17
8:00 A.M.	†Maurice Dietrich by Barbara Knauss
SATURDAY	January 18
5:00 PM	†Sam Mustillo and Family by Rose Yeager
SUNDAY	January 19
9:00 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. John's
11:00 A.M.	†Ronaldo Antonio by The Ezelle Family

Ministers' Schedule

January 18 and 19

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

5:00 P.M.	(F) John Riendeau, Jan Riendeau
.....	(I) Mary Ann Carroll, Maryann Speckman
9:00 A.M.	(F) Dan Mechenbier, Marilyn Heberling
.....	(I) Mike Crowder, Gwen Crowder
11:00 A.M.	(F) Ramon Reyes, Susie Reyes
.....	(I) Nenita Romero, Dina Walker

READERS

5:00 P.M.	Tita Agustin, Carol Neville
9:00 A.M.	Muriel Lites, Eileen Theis
11:00 A.M.	Art Corsano, Debbie Corsano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 P.M.	Mike McPherson, Sharyn Roettger, Bill Pray, David Grimes, Andrea Spencer, Joan Cornelison, Joanne Brown
9:00 A.M.	Rose Imray, Scott Imray, Valerie Matta, Kathy Pundt, Ann Crowder, Tom Crowder, Linda Trinidad
11:00 A.M.	Jane Hart, Grace Dancel, Manny Silverio, Dottie Drake, Vicky Mondares, Rose Rickert, Alicia Cartagena

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 P.M.	Ivy Kidwell, Bridgette Von Seggern, Brynn Von Seggern
9:00 A.M.	James Lingerfelt, Kayla Nellum, Aiden Overland
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 web-



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, DJ, dancing, prizes, dessert and more!
 Tickets on sale now, after all Masses.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday **Wednesday**
JANUARY

January 12	January 15
January 19	January 22
January 26	January 29

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

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>.



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.

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?



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.



AMUSING ANECDOTE

Ten-year-old: Mom, what's a metaphor?
 Me: My life is a train wreck.
 Ten-year-old: I know, Mom, but what is a metaphor?

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



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 Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
Friday: St. Anthony
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

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 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), 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