

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2020

*Light shines through the darkness for the upright.
—Psalm 112:4*

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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 4:15-4:45, Sunday 8:15-8:45,
10:15-10:45, 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.

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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 Denmark

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
 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.

MARDI GRAS IS COMING!

St. John's Ladies' Guild will be sponsoring the annual Mardi Gras celebration on **TUESDAY, February 25**, at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. All women of St. John's Church are invited to be our guests for a traditional New Orleans dinner, jazz music, and fun. This event is a wonderful opportunity for women of our parish to meet new friends and to learn a little about the Ladies' Guild. Please, save the date and join us.



PREPARING FOR LENT: FISH FRY

To prepare for the season of Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry on Sunday, **February 23**, after the 11:00 Mass. Tickets go on sale February 9 and will also be available at the door. All tickets are \$10.00. The menu will include fish, French fries, coleslaw, and hush puppies. Beverages will also be available. We look forward to seeing you to help bring in the season of Lent.



TIME FOR ASHES

Please bring your used palms and place them in the basket in the narthex. They will be burned to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday.

UP-COMING NON-PAROCHIAL COLLECTIONS

April 10 Holy Shrines
 May 3 Catholic Home Missions
 June 28 Peter's Pence
 July 5 Florida and Latin American Missions



Collections

February 2, 2020

Offertory.....	\$13,074.25
Online Giving.....	\$1,594.72
Building Fund.....	\$543.50
Church in Eastern Europe.....	\$5.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$5.00
Total.....	\$15,222.47
Emergency Assistance Ministry.....	\$986.23
Young Church.....	\$75.00

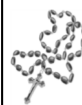
"MIRACLE HUNTER" COMING TO ST. JOHN'S

The stories of miracles have fascinated Michael O'Neill so much that he began researching and documenting the Church's findings on a web site called *MiracleHunter.com*. He also developed a radio program on Relevant Radio called "The Miracle Hunter." He then developed a television series for EWTN called "They Might Be Saints." He has become a recognized expert in both Catholic Miracles and Marian Apparitions. Michael O'Neill will be speaking at St. John's on **Thursday, February 13, at 7:00 PM**. His investigations have convinced him that the hand of God is still very active in our world, and the Catholic Church is doing a great job of documenting it. After his talk, he will entertain questions and will be available to meet with you. The event is free. All are invited.



**MEMORY CAFÉ
February 10**

The Health and Wellness Ministry is sponsoring the next Memory Café on Monday, **February 10**, 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).



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.

Download our Parish App: Text **APP** to **88202**

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).



Dear Padre,

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve "as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community" ("Built of Living Stones," 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments—both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, "Lord, it is good that we are here" (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. "Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 288).

Nevertheless, "floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table" (*GIRM* 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It's forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY	February 8
5:00 P.M.	† Joe Garbarino
.....	by Brian and Dorothy Schechterle
SUNDAY	February 9
9:00 A.M.	† Bob Knauss
.....	by Barbara Knauss
11:00 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. John's
MONDAY	February 10
8:00 A.M.	NO MASS
TUESDAY	February 11
8:00 A.M.	† Ricky Martin
.....	by Dottie Klein
WEDNESDAY	February 12
8:00 A.M.	† Sophia Vasey
.....	by Tom and Ann Crowder
THURSDAY	February 13
8:00 A.M.	† Karen McDonald
.....	by Ed McDonald
FRIDAY	February 14
8:00 A.M.	† Lawrence Quedado
.....	by Gasper and Vicky Quedado
SATURDAY	February 15
5:00 PM	† Christina Rodgers
.....	by Jim Griffiths
SUNDAY	February 16
9:00 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. John's
11:00 A.M.	† Prudencio Antonio
.....	by The Ezelle Family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Ministers' Schedule

February 15 and 16

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

5:00 P.M.	(F) Reggie Dubay, Cindy Dubay
.....	(I) Lee Miller, Pat Miller
9:00 A.M.	(F) Mike Schuman, Barbara Schuman
.....	(I) Marilyn Heberling, Hoa Ramirez
11:00 A.M.	(F) Yolanda Ebuena, Nelia Flores
.....	(I) Ramon Reyes, Suzie Reyes

READERS

5:00 P.M.	Joanne Brown, Joan Cornelison
9:00 A.M.	Mike Crowder, Eileen Theis
11:00 A.M.	Aida Masinsin, Elle Kraft

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 P.M.	Dorothy Schechterle, Miles Nogelo,
.....	Gary Nogelo, Karen Rossetti, Martha Marchetti,
.....	Michael Marchetti, Richard Lizotte
9:00 A.M.	Kelly Ayler, Julie Bussey, Tessie Schell,
.....	Randal Trinidad-Ambar, Valerie Matta,
.....	Gabriel Pastrana, Jeff Marquardt
11:00 A.M.	Alicia Cartagena, Rose Rickert, Nenita Romero,
.....	Dottie Drake, Manny Silverio,
.....	Grace Dancel, Jane Hart

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 P.M.	Martin Ocampo, Bridgette Von Seggern,
.....	Brynn Von Seggern
9:00 A.M.	Liliana Cuaresma, Jillian Mendoza,
.....	Josephine Morgan
11:00 A.M.	Joshua Manuel, Casey Solano,
.....	Gian Suyat

CATHOLIC THERAPIST NETWORK

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence." —St Augustine

Caring and confidential Catholic support is available...

The Catholic Therapist Network is a listing of counselors who are Catholics in good standing and loyal to the theology, traditions, and values of the Catholic faith. Though not affiliates or employees of the Diocese, all participating mental health professionals are independent practitioners, currently licensed and insured. They are committed to extending their expertise and offering full discretion in meeting with clients. Contact information for Network participants is available at <https://family.dosafl.com/therapists/>.

BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Our Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal (BASA) is now underway. You will soon receive a mailing from Bishop Estévez, asking for your support and participation. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Appeal using the response card mailed to you or by completing a commitment envelope at Mass the weekend of **February 22-23**. Our annual theme, "One Faith, One Family" reminds us that we are members of something much greater than ourselves. This 150th anniversary year, BASA invites each of us to join as a faith community in support of the beautiful mission of our Church. We are called to be good stewards of all that we have been gifted with. Please prayerfully respond to this year's Annual Appeal with a gift of any amount.



AA MEETINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

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

LIVING IN LOVE RETREAT AND WORKSHOP

Blessed Trinity Parish is sponsoring a "Living in Love" Retreat and Workshop for couples of all ages the weekend of **February 15-16**. The event is open to all. For more information, call Ron (484)-366-6012 or Kathy (610)-506-7958 or visit www.livinginlove.org.

Are you registered at St. John's? If not, please pick up a registration form between the two bulletin boards or online!

After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow.

—Abraham Lincoln

AMUSING ANECDOTE

Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?"

She replied, "So you can help me save the planet."

I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?"

"Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
Monday: St. Scholastica
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick
Wednesday: Lincoln's Birthday
Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Your Journey of Faith Begins Here!

Are you seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith or where to begin your journey? Our team will help you explore and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and help you uncover the great treasury of spiritual wisdom that is contained in the Catholic Church.

If you or your loved ones have questions about the Catholic faith, its beliefs, its practices, or if you or someone you know is thinking about becoming Catholic, come and explore the Catholic faith with us!

Our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team has many resources to help you. Please contact us at the parish office (246-6014).

2020 BLACK AND WHITE BALL

On behalf of Catholic Charities Jacksonville, we would like to invite you to join us for the Black & White Ball on **Saturday, March 21, 2020**, at US Assure Club East, TIAA Bank Field. Guests will enjoy a beer, wine and liquor reception overlooking the terrace, live music by KTG, seated dinner and dancing. Over the past 27 years, this signature event has raised more than \$3.4 million for Catholic Charities' Emergency Financial Assistance Program. Tickets cost \$250 and sponsorships are available. Support the event by purchasing tickets at <https://www.ccbjax.org/event> Call the Director of Development Nicola Barnack at (904) 899-5505.



A DAY OF REFLECTION, HOPE AND HEALING

St. Paul's (Beaches) invites you to a Day of Reflection, Hope and Healing. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 on Saturday, **February 22**, followed by the program at 9:30. Cost for the program is \$10. Register and pay online at www.stpaulsccw.com. Lunch and a light breakfast will be served.

RISE UP RISE UP EVENT FOR YOUTH

A free event will take place on February 29 at Parker Auditorium on the campus of Bolles Middle School. Enjoy Christian Recording Artist Sarah Kroger and an inspiring message by self-proclaimed Bible Geek Mark Hart. The evening begins with food and outdoor games at 4:30 p.m. Doors open for the main event at 6:00 p.m. Make sure you stay around for the after party. All are welcome and invited. Tickets and details are available at RiseUpYC.org or Eventbrite. For groups of 10 or more, email onie@riseupyc.org.

ANNUAL SHOOT FOR THE STARS TOURNAMENT

On **February 24**, you are invited to participate in the 12th Annual Shoot for the Stars Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Morning Star School from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the San Jose Country Club, Jacksonville. The entry fee of \$150 covers greens fees, lunch, complimentary cocktails, games, prizes, and an award ceremony dinner. To learn more, visit www.morningstar-jax.org/golf-tournament/ to register or for more information.

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:

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 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.

