

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2020

*What eye has not seen,...what God has prepared for those who love  
Him, God has revealed to us through the Spirit.  
—I Corinthians 2:9-10*

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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

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 Bennedict  
 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



Flowers this week are donated  
 in loving memory of  
**Christina Rodgers**  
 by  
 Jim Griffiths



**MEET FATHER RAFAEL**

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



**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.

**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.



**ASH WEDNESDAY—February 26**

*Distribution of Ashes*

- 6:00 AM— Distribution of Ashes
- 7:00 AM— Distribution of Ashes
- 9:00 AM— Mass and Distribution of Ashes
- 12:00 PM— Distribution of Ashes
- 5:00 PM— Distribution of Ashes
- 7:00 PM— Mass and Distribution of Ashes



**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.



**MEMORY CAFÉ  
 March 16**

The Health and Wellness Ministry is sponsoring the next Memory Café on Monday, **March 16**, from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM in the parish hall. A Memory Café is a place where people with dementia AND their caregivers 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).

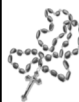


**OFFICE CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, **February 17**, in celebration of the Presidents' Day holiday.

**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



**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.

**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).



**Collections**

**February 9, 2020**

Offertory.....	\$9,893.10
Online Giving.....	\$1,832.89
Building Fund.....	\$185.00
Church in Eastern Europe.....	\$4.00
Missions.....	\$38.00
Respect Life.....	\$25.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$11,977.99</b>
Emergency Assistance Ministry.....	\$506.00

## Dear Padre,

***Are the readings at the beginning of Mass more, less, or equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?***

The **Novus Ordo**, or the ordinary form of the Roman rite, is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament.

In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, St. John Paul II described the complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, St. John Paul likens the two parts of the revised liturgy to their journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then they recognize Christ as they break bread. The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow.

Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Saint John Paul admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;  
Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19;  
Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26  
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33  
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;  
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

## Mass Schedule

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 15</b>
5:00 P.M. ....	†Christina Rodgers ..... by Jim Griffiths
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>February 16</b>
9:00 A.M. ....	The Parishioners of St. John's
11:00 A.M. ....	†Prudencio Antonio ..... by The Ezelle Family
<b>MONDAY</b> .....	<b>February 17</b>
8:00 A.M. ....	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	<b>February 18</b>
8:00 A.M. ....	†Brady James ..... by Dottie Klein
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	<b>February 19</b>
8:00 A.M. ....	†Jerri Parenti ..... by Tom and Ann Crowder
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	<b>February 20</b>
8:00 A.M. ....	†Joanna Heijmans ..... by Bill and Jeanne Dias
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	<b>February 21</b>
8:00 A.M. ....	The Wedding Anniversary of ..... Dommer and Pearla Bayot ..... by Gasper and Vicky Quedado
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	<b>February 22</b>
5:00 PM .....	Cindy Dubay ..... by Rose Yeager
<b>SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>February 23</b>
9:00 A.M. ....	The Parishioners of St. John's
11:00 A.M. ....	†Thomas Weber ..... by Mary Jo and John Ferr

## Ministers' Schedule

February 22 and 23

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

5:00 P.M. .... (F) Mary Ann Carroll, Maryann Speckman  
..... (I) John Riendeau, Jan Riendeau  
9:00 A.M. .... (F) Fred Hidalgo, Debbie Bunting  
..... (I) Mike Crowder, Gwen Crowder  
11:00 A.M. .... (F) Aletta Santos, Cristina Suyat  
..... (I) Celina Austin, Dee Fox

### READERS

5:00 P.M. .... Kathy Oehler, Tita Agustin  
9:00 A.M. .... Valencia Kidwell, Maura Wilburn  
11:00 A.M. .... Isabel Masinsin, Jon Masinsin

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 P.M. .... Art Corsano, Debbie Corsano, Denny Foster,  
..... James Johnson, Sharyn Roettger,  
..... Rene Pachuta, Mike McPherson  
9:00 A.M. .... Linda Trinidad, Amy Crane, Julie Bussey,  
..... Kelly Ayler, Rose Inray,  
..... Scott Inray, Jeff Marquardt  
11:00 A.M. .... Dennis Stone, Nenita Romero, Jane Hart,  
..... Aida Masinsin, Grace Dancel,  
..... Manny Silverio, Rose Rickert

### ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 P.M. .... Martin Ocampo, Elijah Trinidad,  
..... Brynn Von Seggern  
9:00 A.M. .... Amanda Bussey, Ryan Feazel,  
..... Kayla Nellum  
11:00 A.M. .... Joshua Manuel, Gabe Santos,  
..... Abigayl Santos

### 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. If you are a registered member of our parish or another parish in our diocese, you should have received a mailing from Bishop Estévez, asking for your support and participation in this year's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Appeal using the response card mailed to you or by completing a commitment envelope at Mass next weekend. 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 the Church. We are called to be good stewards of all that we have been gifted with. We have the opportunity to proclaim His love and faithfulness through sharing the blessings we have gratefully received from Him. We ask that you commit this invitation to prayer and if your circumstances allow, please come prepared to respond next week. Your gift should be in addition to what you are already giving to your parish. Please know that every gift is important.



### TRAINED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Health & Wellness Ministry is seeking professionally trained volunteers to do blood pressure checks after the Masses on Saturdays and Sundays. If you are available after one of the Masses on the first weekend of the month, please email [floridadmb@gmail.com](mailto:floridadmb@gmail.com) for more information.



### AA MEETINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

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

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

### AMUSING ANECDOTE

After examining the paltry tips left by a church group, our waitress was not pleased. Looking toward my table, she grumbled, "These people come in with the Ten Commandments and a ten-dollar bill, and they don't break any of them!"



*Do you know a great, clean church joke? Send your submissions to [ewiley@outlook.com](mailto:ewiley@outlook.com)*

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day  
Friday: St. Peter Damian  
Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday



### 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](http://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](http://RiseUpYC.org) or Eventbrite. For groups of 10 or more, email [onie@riseupyc.org](mailto: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/](http://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](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.

