

# St. John The Baptist Catholic Church

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MARCH 29, 2020

## Fifth Sunday OF LENT

Jesus said,  
"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if they die,  
will live, and everyone who lives  
and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

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### Mass Schedule

**Mass Live on FB Daily**

Saturday: 9:00 AM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM

Monday: 6:00 PM  
Tuesday: 6:00 PM  
Wednesday: 6:00 PM  
Thursday: 6:00 PM  
Friday: 6:00 PM

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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  
 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  
 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 Urao  
 Kaycee Smelser  
 Karen Holden  
 Ann Font  
 Joan Richards  
 Bobby Richards

Patricia Seelhofer  
 Wilda Von Seggern  
 Keith Rickerts  
 Dolores Hazel  
 David 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  
 Nancy Kolb  
 Linda Lizotte  
 Brittany Gillman

Hello EAM,

I wanted to report on our "Virus Protection" version of the Saturday distribution.

First I want to sincerely thank those of you who wanted to come but agreed to stay home. It was a hard thing for me to ask that of you. The experts we discussed it with were very adamant not to take it lightly and follow the guidance and we did. I have always wanted this ministry to be inclusive not exclusive so this was difficult. Thank you for understanding that.

We had an extremely limited volunteer crew and everyone was spread out so well I thought the risk was well managed. None of the clients got out of their cars and Bill asked they had the trunk lids up before coming to the food delivery area. The parking lot looked like the ferry boat at times with cars staged 5 to a row and pulling forward in a very orderly fashion.

BEAM brought 225 bags of meat, 225 bags of bread and pastries and 225 bags of produce and fruit. Feeding NE Florida brought green beans I think they got from Disney. With Disney closing, they sent them a lot of fresh food, but the green beans were not in packages. They were in boxes, big boxes of green beans. We had to pack that food into our own bags, 13 gallon kitchen bags. They brought other things as well like eggs and broccoli. Everyone that came through for food received a lot of food. A lot of good food.

When Bill and I arrived at 5:00 AM we normally see 130 people lined up on the Mayport sidewalk. This morning, no one! Completely empty! I worried that we would have a lot of food left. Slowly they came and we let them drive through and loop around for seconds. People were so happy for what we were doing. One woman told us she was a substitute teacher and they told her no more work this year. She said she didn't know how she would make ends meet, but now she could! She was giggling with joy. So many from the heart sincere smiles. When the last car went through at 9:00 the last bag of food went with them. We gave away exactly the amount of food we had with nothing left over. Very few people spoke English. The officer with me, Lt Felipe Alicea, translated for me and we had brought written instructions in English and Spanish. People understood and we had very little problems. Jeff took care of the homeless and people walking or on bikes in a separate corner of the lot. We had to rework the entire model of how to distribute and I was worried all week about safety and execution but it all worked really well. We can improve but a great start.

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In short, everyone was well protected from the virus, even the clients were grateful. As a church, whether you were there or not, you stood with these people in times of need and many of the people who came wanted to express their thanks. Once again, Saint John's demonstrated what being Christian looks like.

Thank you. Terry O'Brien

### The Granting of Special Indulgences to the Faithful in the Current COVID-19 Pandemic

As Vicar of Christ and the Holy Father, Pope Francis on 20 March 2020 promulgated through the Apostolic Penitentiary a decree which provides for the faithful to gain a **plenary indulgence** as the world faces the Coronavirus pandemic.

In summation, the plenary indulgence is granted as follows:

▪ To the faithful who are suffering from the Coronavirus or Who are being quarantined by order of health authorities in hospitals or in the own homes

(1) When with a spirit detached from any sin can be spiritually united through any media with the celebration of the Mass or by praying the Holy Rosary, the Way of the Cross or any devotion;

(2) (2) Recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and any invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary;

(3) Offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity to others and fulfill the usual conditions to obtain a plenary indulgence (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according the Holy Father's intentions as soon as possible

▪ To health care workers, family members of those who are ill, indeed all who expose themselves to the risk of contracting the disease as they care for the sick are granted a plenary indulgence under the same conditions as cited above.

▪ To all the faithful (1) Who read Holy Scripture for at least 30 minutes, or reciting the Holy Rosary, or by making the Way of the Cross, or praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and (2) imploring God to end the pandemic, provide relief to those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself are granted a **plenary indulgence** under the same conditions cited above.

▪ To those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum, the Church entrusts each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and grants a **plenary indulgence** at the point of death provided making a recommendation for use of a cross or crucifix the person is duly disposed and having recited a few prayers during their lifetime (In this case only, the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required.)

Dear Padre,

March 29, 2020

*I'm very disturbed at some clothing—or lack thereof—worn at Mass these days. I find myself being judgmental and I don't want to be. Does our Catechism mandate a dress code?*

Being judgmental can exist on both sides of this issue: Those who dress casually or inappropriately at Mass may be seen as unmotivated and disrespectful; those who dress up may be accused of doing so not for God but to impress everyone else at Mass.

The casual-dress advocates are influenced by the current relaxed cultural norms on attire—in church and elsewhere. They rightfully point out that one's presence at Mass is more important to God than one's clothing. The dress-up advocates may believe this, too. However, the thought of actually being in God's presence at Mass determines their clothing choice.

Thus, an understanding of how the Mass is viewed today affects both casual-dress and dress-up proponents. While Catholics believe that Christ is present in all of creation and history, Christ's presence under the appearances of bread and wine is fundamental to our tradition. Moreover, a full appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist impacts far more than our outward appearances!

While the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has no official dress guidelines, it's best to assume that most attend Mass for the same reasons as you. Essentially, most people who dress sensibly and make an effort to attend Mass are expressing their reverence and love for God. —Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

*Mass Schedule*

**Saturday.....March 28**

**5:00 P.M. ....† Edward Florence & William McKay**

.....by Larry McKay

**SUNDAY .....March 29**

**9:00 A.M.....† Sally Alderman**

.....by Carole

**11:00A.M.....The Parishioners of St John's**

**MONDAY.....March 30**

**8:00 A.M. .... NO MASS**

**TUESDAY .....March 31**

**8:00 A.M. ....† Odonohue Family**

.....by Liz Sturdgeon

**WEDNESDAY .....April 1**

**8:00 AM.....† Giuseng o & Teresa Pham Thauh**

.....by Joe & Hoa

**THURSDAY .....April 2**

**8:00 AM.....† Patrick Connolly**

.....by Harry & Dottie Drake

**FRIDAY .....April 3**

**8:00 AM.....† William Pelland**

.....by Louise Pearce

**SATURDAY ..... April 4**

**5:00 PM .....† Leo Nestor**

.....by Rick and Denny Foster

**SUNDAY.....April 5**

**9:00 A.M.....† Thomas Nicholas Webe**

.....by Ana & hector Rios

**11:00 A.M.....The Parishioners of St John's**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45])

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (procession);

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

### GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

### 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.

The more you devote yourself in prayer the more you will do well in your work.

—St. John Baptist de la Salle

### NEW ONLINE GIVING SYSTEM

Thank you to all who have signed up on the new diocesan-wide system known as ParishSOFT!

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).



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Text APP to 88202

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent  
**Wednesday:** April Fool's Day  
**Thursday:** St. Francis of Paola  
**Friday:** First Friday; Abstinence  
**Saturday:** St. Isidore; First Saturday

### AMUSING ANECDOTE

*Instead of Ellen's popular joke of the week,*

*We would like to Thank Ellen Wiley for all of her hard work, dedication and support as she retires from her position as our Bulletin Editor.*

*She has gifted our St. John's parish with years of informative & fun bulletins and mentorship and we wish her all of the best as she begins the next chapter of her life. You will still see her here in Choir which she has been doing for 50+ years.*

*50+ Years of Choir music !!  
Please wish her well—especially when we can once again get together to celebrate Mass.*



*Thank You Ellen For all you do here at St John's*

### 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).

### 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.