



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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### Parish Office

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 5pm  
**Sunday** 7am, 9am & 11am

#### **Communion Service**

Sunday 12:30PM

#### **Facebook Online Mass**

Sunday: 10:00AM  
Tue-Fri: 6:00PM

### Parish Webpage

<https://saintjohnsatlanticbeach.org>

### Parish Email

StJohntheBaptistAB@gmail.com

### Confession

30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment



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I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,  
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.  
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb.

REVELATION 7:9

# SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

## OUR HOPE AND GOD'S PROMISE

The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles' Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

**Psalms** — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

**Gospel** — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).



The Knights of Columbus will have bread after Sunday 9AM & 11AM Masses. Don't forget to stop by and pick some up!



## *Solemnity of All Saints*

Today we celebrate a glorious family reunion, the solemn feast that gives us a glimpse of all our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone home to God before us. When we quiet ourselves to hear the Word of God today, we recall the mystery of our salvation. We praise the Lord who saves our loved ones who have died and who promises to have mercy on us as well. The reading from Revelation amazes us with its sweeping images of countless souls basking in God's glory. The Responsorial Psalm echoes our own longing to join those saints and look on the face of God. Saint John's letter affirms our deep desire to be with God, providing robust advice about how we may realize our hope: by living purely. The familiar words of Matthew's Beatitudes show the way to purity—and to genuine happiness, now and forever.

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

## **WHO WANTS TO BE A SAINT?**

**This question can be understood in two very different ways.**

One the one hand it asks: Who might step forward to accomplish this feat? On the other hand, it wonders: Who wants to bother putting forth the effort? Perhaps we have read too many of the wrong "lives of the saints" to want to be one of them. So often those stories describe extraordinary feats of physical punishment. Anyone who thinks that such abuse is what makes a saint should listen to St Ireneus of Lyons. He insists, "The glory of God is man (Christ) fully alive." Saint-hood is allowing the sanctifying grace of God to dwell habitually in us and make us like he who is fully alive-Jesus Christ. However, what does "fully alive" really mean?

To be fully alive means to be people of faith; to have deep principles and to live by them, regardless of the cost. It means to realize that we are part of the wondrous creation of nature, and we must respect our place in it and our responsibilities for it. It means to care for others as well as for ourselves. All of this is grounded in faith in God, who loves us enough to make us and who made us fully alive. However, it is not always easy to live this out. Here is where the struggle comes in. We don't have to create struggle; life will do that for us. Still, to be fully alive is well worth the price we might be asked to pay. Isn't it?

### FOR Reflection ~†~

† What changes do your life circumstances present to you?

† What prevents you from standing up for principle in those circumstances?

## *Dear St. John's Family,*

I have excellent news to share with you. We are on our second phase for our woods project. I talked to Mr. Rey, our contractor for the project; he is in the process of eliminating dead and unwanted trees. As soon as he is done with the clearing, he will advise us on the best step to take to make our wooded area indeed beautiful. After that, we will start planning for the construction of Stations of the Cross and Rosary Garden.

Don't forget to write the names of your departed love ones in our Book of Remembrance; we will pray for them in the whole month of November.

We are almost done with paying our Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal Pledge. For 2020 we contributed \$82,743.00. We answered the Bishop's challenge on raising our participation percentage from 35.70% in 2019 we raised it to 47.94% this year. The average parish participation in the Diocese is 22.16%. Out of 534 registered family members, 256 participated. This year's result is a testament to your generosity and unwavering support to our Bishop and the many works that the appeal funds, e.g., Vocation, Catholic Charities, etc.

Father Rafael Lavilla, Pastor

## MINISTERS

### SCHEDULE

November 7th-8th

#### Eucharistic Minister

**5PM**

Bill Pray\*  
David Grimes  
Karen Rossetti

**9AM**

Kathy Pundt\*,  
Tessie Schell,  
Dwayne Schell

**11AM**

Vicky Mondares\*  
Edna Silang  
Aida Mainsin

#### Lectors

**5PM**

**1** Denny Foster  
**2** David Costa

**7AM**

**1** Carol Neville  
**2** Valencia Kidwell

**9AM**

**1** Maura Wilburn  
**2** Barbara Schuman  
**11AM**  
**1** Jon Masinsin  
**2** Isabel Masinsin

#### Ministers of

#### Hospitality

**5PM**

Reggie & Cindy Dubay  
Corinne Hundley  
Maryann Speckman

**9AM**

Jim & Bonnie Feazel  
Mike & Gwen Crowder  
**11AM**  
Celina Austin  
Dee Fox  
Luz Reyes  
Nora Suyat

#### Altar Server

**5PM**

Brynn & Bridgette  
Von Seggern

**9AM**

Ryan Feazel  
Miranda Sanchez  
**11AM**  
Christie Cabrera  
Gian Suyat

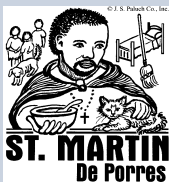
#### ALTAR FLOWERS:

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

## MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

### For the month of November † All Souls

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in peace.  
Amen*



**Sun Nov 1:** All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends;  
National Vocation Awareness Week

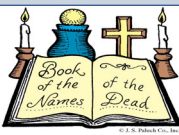
**Mon Nov 2:** Commemoration of All the Faithful  
Departed (All Souls' Day)

**Tue Nov 3:** Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time;  
St. Martin de Porres; Election Day

**Wed Nov 4:** St. Charles Borromeo



*All Saints*



*All  
Souls*



### The 2021 Mass Intentions Book is now open

We would like all parishioners to have the opportunity to honor their loved ones.

- Each Family may request up to 2 Masses within a given month, meaning one weekend and one weekday or 2 weekday Masses.
- In order to guarantee Mass date, payment (\$10) must be received within one week of reservation.

### THE MISSION

Successful organizations live by strong mission statements. All Saints' Day reminds the Church of her mission: to know the love of God on earth in order to experience the fullness of God's happiness forever in heaven. The Church herself and each one of us, her members—can use this celebration to give thanks and to renew our commitment to evangelization. If the heart of Jesus desires to unite all souls in heaven, then we must spend time every day actively praying for and serving God's people. In our words and actions, we can pour Christ's love into the world. We can be the light of the world, reminding everyone that this life is a foretaste of what is to come.

### THE REWARD

God's enemy, Satan, does not want us to think of heaven, prepare for heaven, or long for heaven's peace. Satan wants us to forget about our connection to the Lord and live only for the glory we can find here and now. We feel that hellish pull whenever we grow tired of doing good, especially when no one appreciates or thanks us. We know the temptation to despair when we hear skeptics ridicule believers, especially if we can't point to convincing evidence that God provides for us that there is a life after this one. These shaky, uncomfortable experiences may come to us once in a while, or they may take root in our hearts and burden us for years. This is precisely why we must celebrate All Saints' Day with hearty gladness, because every single blessed soul in heaven is praying for us. The Communion of Saints is real, and the strength that Jesus sends to us through their prayers makes an actual difference in our lives. Just as we pray for one another here on earth, our big brothers and sisters in Christ continue to pray for us, inviting us to know and share the love of God.

*The only difference between  
the saint and the sinner is that  
every saint has a past, and every  
sinner has a future.*

-Oscar Wilde



### Offering & Building Fund:

11,406.96

### All Souls Collection

1,049.00

### EAM:

431.60

### Total:

12,887.56

# What's Going on at St John's



## Religious Education

If you have not submitted a registration form yet, please contact **Samantha Matthews, DRE @ SAMatthews.StJohn@outlook.com**

**Wednesday Kinder-5th**  
Nov classes 4, 11, 18  
Dec classes 2, 9, 16

**Sunday 6th-Confirmation**  
Nov classes 1, 8, 15, 29  
Dec classes 6 & 13

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### Sacramental Prep meetings:

Sundays from 10-11 am  
11-1

11-8      11-15

11-22

### First Reconciliation:

Sunday November 29th @ 1pm  
In the Church

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church or if you have questions about the Catholic faith contact James Ezelle or the Parish office.

### Nov 3 class

#### **The Mass**

FR Rafael

### Nov 10 class

#### **The Church Year**

Ellen Wiley

### Nov 17 Class

#### **Who Shepherds the Church**

Greg Streater

If you are a parishioner interested in attending a RCIA meeting to refresh your faith please call the office for more information.

James Ezelle (904) 412-6548  
Parish office (904) 246-6014.

## THE LADIES' GUILD:

Members meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome!

Ladies president is Barb Knauss, please call Parish office for more info.

### **Ladies Guild meetings**

@6:30PM

Dec 1st

## THE MEN'S CLUB:

The Men's Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome!

Men's Club president is Jeff Marquardt, please call the Parish office for more info.

### **Men's Club meetings**

@ 7PM

Nov 19th

## 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**

(904) 923-8250 or call the parish office at (904) 246-6014.

## **St John's EAM**

is collecting  
**UNEXPIRED**

canned vegetables & fruit  
for our food Pantry.

Please bring any items to  
the Parish, during office  
hours

9am-4pm Monday to Friday.

Any Monetary Donations  
are greatly appreciated as  
well.

## **Knights of Columbus**

**#14866**

KofC Meetings Tuesdays

@7PM

Nov 17th

**The Knights of Columbus Council is asking for your help in donating new blankets to be provided to the homeless this winter. A container will be sitting in the narthex for your donations. We are asking for all new blankets to be given out during the third Saturday food Distribution**



### **Mary, Queen of the Knights**


Our Lady Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order keep us true to the pledge, to extend the Kingship of your Divine Son on earth; through your intercession win for us your grace even to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those, specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware, that as your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of your servants the Knights of Columbus

### 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.

### 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.



**PRAYER REQUEST**

Mary Uraco, Evelyn Weeks,  
 Rina Hopkins, Faye Carr, Karen Holden,  
 Kim Carr, Bill Pray,  
 Marizel Manalo, Donna Cappock,  
 Jim Burns, Karl Klein,  
 Novalee Sanchez, Lily Rodriguez  
 Delores Fox

If you want to add someone to the Prayer request for the sick please contact Monica @ [mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com](mailto:mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com) or call the Parish office. I update often so requested names will be posted for about 5-6 weeks. If you want prayer request added again you will need to contact me. Thank you Monica Trinidad

**† Respect life †**

The Respect life Committee is looking for donations of **diapers**, sizes newborn-size 5 as well as **baby wipes**. We will be passing them out to families in need of baby items that come on Tuesdays for the food distributions, sponsored by the EAM. Please put any donations in the Respect for Life basket located in the Narthex. Thank you for your Support, The Respect for Life Committee

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:**

Kindergarten through High School. If you want to sponsor a child or family donations always welcome. Religious Education Director: **Samantha Matthews** 246-6014

**CHOIRS: There is no practice as of now due to Covid restrictions**

**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.

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

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

Are dedicated to helping the poor of Atlantic Beach. New members are always needed and welcomed. Food is distributed on Tuesdays

from 3-4PM and every 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8-10AM . Call the Parish office for more information.

**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 a week before the bulletin date, at 4:00 p.m. You may call **Monica** at 246-6014 with your announcement, or email to [mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com](mailto:mtrinidad.stjohn@outlook.com)

**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.