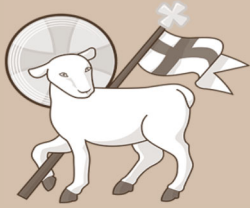


# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



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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

Tuesday-Friday: 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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October 11, 2020

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS,  
“THE FEAST IS READY, BUT THOSE WHO WERE  
INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.  
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS AND  
INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND.”

Matthew 22:8-9



### GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord’s own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God’s saving grace.

Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king’s wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don’t want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — *On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).*

**Second Reading** — *God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).*

**Gospel** — *I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).*

*On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples a feast  
of rich food and choice wines,  
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.*

Isaiah 25:6



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

## Our Invitation from the King

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of *Star Trek* should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, “a feast of rich food and choice wines: (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today’s Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of “calves and fattened cattle”, a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than palate, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch “the game”. Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God’s invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept is graciously, and that we enjoy the experience.

**FOR Reflection** ~†~

† *So often our invitation to the heavenly banquet is shrouded.  
What keeps you from recognizing this invitation.*

## October 15

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you. Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. All things are passing; God never changes. But her mother’s death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary’s order, despite her father’s objections and her own fragile health. Patience gains everything. Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent’s sociability and “busyness,” but mystical prayer and John of the Cross’s collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. Whoever has God, lacks nothing. When her ideals encountered resistance and brought suffering, she maintained her peace—and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she told her mildly scandalized nuns, “When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!” To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: “What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!” God alone is enough! The italicized sentences here are her “Breviary Bookmark,” the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church.

## Respect Life Month



## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

## Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you for all your prayers for the success of our Annual Priest Retreat. The Retreat focused on Vocation Promotion and how we, the Presbyterate, are at the forefront of promoting Religious and Priestly Vocation to the flock. My prayer is that these coming years we can produce vocations here in our Parish.

Our traditional annual "Sermon on the Amount" was a success because of your untiring and generous support to our Parish Community. Because of your selfless generosity, we not only pay our bills on time but moreso help the poor amongst us. We cannot be the Church God wants us to be if we ignore the poor amongst us. Kindly continue extending that selfless generosity for years to come.

I'm personally inviting all the men of our Parish for our Monthly Men's Club Meeting this coming October 15, Thursday, at 7:00 PM at the Parish Hall. Our Guest Speaker is Coach Driscoll from UNF Division 1 Basketball Program.

Father Rafael Lavilla, Pastor

# MINISTERS SCHEDULE October 17 & 18

## Eucharistic Minister

**5PM**  
David Grimes\* Monica Trinidad,  
Valerie Matta

**9AM**  
Kathy Pundt\*, Jeff Marquardt,  
Maura Wilburn

**11AM**  
James Ezelle\*, Josie Ezelle,  
Edna Silang

## Lectors

**5PM**  
1 Stephen Pachuta  
2 Tita Agustin

**7AM**  
1 Jeanne Dias  
2 Carol Neville

**9AM**  
1 Rose Imray  
2 Greg Streeter

**11AM**  
1 Dan Emnas  
2 Lita Crisostomo

## Ministers of Hospitality

**5PM**  
Reggie & Cindy Dubay  
John Riendeau,  
Maryann Speckman

**9AM**  
Fred Hidalgo, John Previti,  
Jim & Bonnie Feazel

**11AM**  
Ramon & Suzie Reyes,  
Ana Rios, Dina Walker

## Altar Server

**5PM**  
Brynn Von Seggern

**9AM**  
Aiden Overland, Caleb Pastrana

**11AM**  
Joshua Manuel, Talia Samoeun

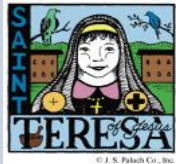
## Catholic Therapist Network

*"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

@family.dosafl.com/therapists/

# MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<p>Sat Oct 10</p> <p><b>5PM</b> <b>Annie Wright &amp; Christian Riendeau</b> By Armond &amp; Janis Riendeau</p>	<p>Sun Oct 11</p> <p><b>7AM</b> <b>Parishioners of St John</b> <b>9AM</b> <b>†James &amp; †Kathryn Cunningham</b> By James Cunningham <b>11AM</b> <b>† Eloisa Granderson</b> By Patricia Hinds</p>	<p>Tues Oct 13</p> <p><b>8AM</b> <b>† Paul Amadio</b> By Jimmy &amp; Corinne Hundley</p>	<p>Wed Oct 14</p> <p><b>8AM</b> <b>† Lawrence Marquez</b> By Hermina Famating</p>
<p>Thu Oct 15</p> <p><b>8AM</b> <b>† Feliciano &amp; Juana Casingel</b> By Gasper &amp; Vicky Quedado</p> 	<p>Fri Oct 16</p> <p><b>8AM</b> <b>† Harold "Red" Neville</b> By Carol Neville</p>	<p>Sat Oct 17</p> <p><b>5PM</b> <b>† Gines Cotas Magdaraog</b> By Manny &amp; Sonny Silverio</p>	<p>Sun Oct 18</p> <p><b>7AM</b> <b>† Ernesto Lira</b> By Daniel &amp; Alicia Lira <b>9AM</b> <b>Parishioners of St John</b> <b>11AM</b> <b>† Drusila Boyes</b> By Sandra Tattle</p>

## World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated within our diocese on Sunday, October 18th, 2020. The offerings that will be collected are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the poor and suffering in more than 1,150 mission dioceses across the world. Please give generously!

A BIG Thank You to  
The Knight of Columbus,  
Council 14866  
For this lovely new

Missal  
Stand.

Thank you  
St John's



<b>Offering &amp; Building Fund</b>	<b>11,013.68</b>
<b>EAM:</b>	<b>1,542.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12,555.68</b>

## Annual Pumpkin Patch

The Knights of Columbus, Council 5535 will be holding it's Annual Pumpkin Patch at a new location:  
Columbian Hall 1401 2nd Ave N.  
Jacksonville Beach 32250  
Oct 10- Halloween Noon-7pm weekdays  
10am-7pm on weekends



## 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

# 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**  
Oct classes 14, 21, 28  
Nov classes 4, 11, 18  
Dec classes 2, 9, 16

**Sunday 6th-Confirmation**  
Oct classes 18, 25  
Nov classes 1, 8, 15, 29  
Dec classes 6 & 13

### 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.

**Oct 13 class**  
**The Bible**

**Oct 20 class**  
**Divine Revelation**

**Oct 27 class**

**Your Prayer Life/Catholics Prayers & Practices**

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.

### St John's Young Church

The next meeting for Young Church will be **Thursday Oct 15th 6-8pm**

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.

### 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**

**Oct 27th**

**Installation in Chapel @ 6PM**

**Oct 13th**

### † 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

### 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**

**Oct 15th**

**Nov 19th**

**Sponsored by the Men's Club.**  
**Tickets going fast!!**



**SATURDAY OCT. 17, 2020**

6:00 to 8:00 (after 5:00 mass)

## Knights of Columbus

#14866

KofC Meetings Tuesdays

@7PM

October 27



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 eve 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

### **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.**

### 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.

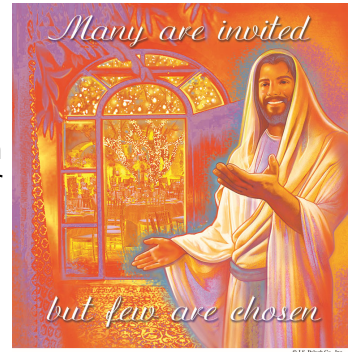


Mary Uraco,  
Evelyn Weeks,  
Jerome Maron,

Rina Hopkins,  
Faye Carr, Karen Holden, Kim Carr, Bill Pray,  
Marizel Manalo, Donna Cappock, Jim Burns

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



**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.

**Camp Gladiator**

Trainer Matt Bean [Mathewbean@campgladiator.cpm](mailto:Mathewbean@campgladiator.cpm)  
Location and Times @St John Catholic Church  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5:15am, 6:30am, 9am and 5:30pm