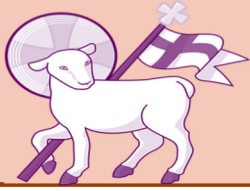


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



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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>

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StJohntheBaptistAB@gmail.com

Confession

30 Minutes prior to each Mass or by appointment



Facebook
@ stJohn.atlanticbeach

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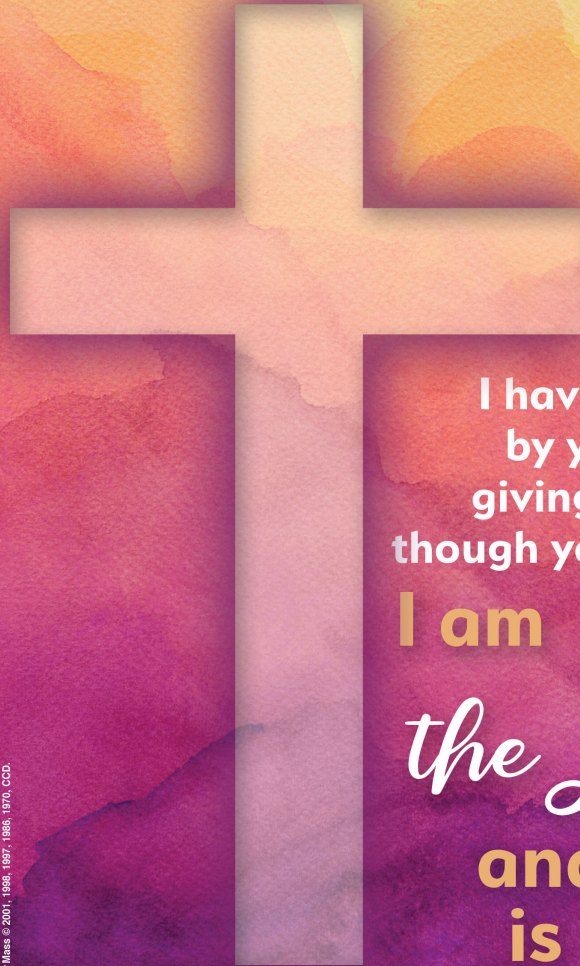
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2020



I have called you
by your name,
giving you a title,
though you knew me not.

I am
the Lord
and there
is no other,

there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:4-5

"He Alone Is LORD"

In the scriptures, being anointed usually meant you were a prophet or king of Israel. So why is Cyrus given that title? Cyrus was king of Persia when the Babylonians held the people of Israel captive. God used him to defeat the Babylonians and eventually bring the Israelites back to their homes.

One thing this tells us is that God can work through anyone, not just saints and religious. Any time someone does a good deed, God is behind it. Just as God used Cyrus to free the Israelites from their Babylonian captivity, God can use governments to protect the poor, to help rebuild after disasters, or to defend freedom.

In that sense, we can understand what Jesus says about payment to Caesar and to God. Since everything belongs to God, that should be our first allegiance. But when God works through governments, we can give some support to them, by such activities as voting or paying taxes. Let us ask God to work through us also, helping us to proclaim that God alone is LORD.

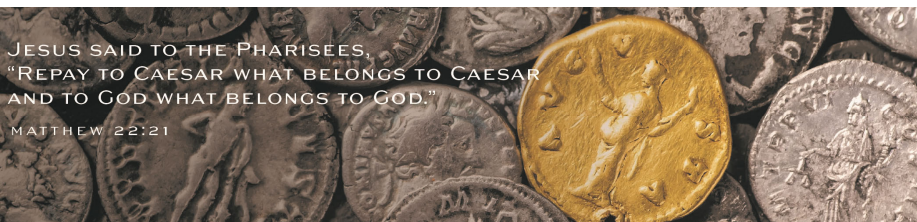
Today's Readings

First Reading- The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm- Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading- Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel- Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).



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

IN GOD ALONE

Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that "I am the LORD," and that "there is none besides me" (Isaiah 45:6).

Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-4

Our Civic Duty

By coincidence, these readings appear during election time.

They might not tell us how to vote, but they do throw some light on the notion of civic duty. Cyrus in the first reading was the Persian king whose foreign policy allowed conquered and displaced people to return to their homelands, even though they would still be under Persian control. In the Isaian passage, this foreign king is called the Lord's anointed and is blessed by God despite the fact that he is unaware of it. This suggests that even those who do not know or worship the God of Israel can be competent civic leaders as long as they work for the benefit of their citizenry.

The Gospel story is a bit more complex. Jewish law banned making a graven image of a person, as was found on Roman coins. This means that those trying to trap Jesus exposed their own violation of the law by possessing such a coin. Jesus did not condemn the Romans for casting such coins. Rather, he says that political leaders deserve our civic allegiance. How the Jews were to accomplish this without using forbidden Roman coins isn't explained. But then, how civic-minded people are to uphold complicated political and social values today is hard to explain as well. This is one of the challenges of belonging to a pluralist society. No political ticket perfectly mirrors all of the gospel values. Our civic duty is to decide which values we should advance.

FOR Reflection ~†~

† How seriously do you take your civic duty?

† How informed are you about the values of the candidates you support?

Dear St. John's Family,

Again, thank you for your 100% cooperation and support in making it sure that we are safe, especially our elderly, in this time of a pandemic. Kindly review and follow our guidelines for safe active participation in our Eucharistic Celebrations.

All souls' day is around the corner; make it sure that you'll let the office know the names of your loved ones for our annual remembrance.

Our big monthly food distribution is another success; thank you to all our volunteers and your prayers.

Lastly, you'll be receiving mail from me regarding our coming Christmas Celebrations. We are trying our best to manage our mass participation come Christmas. Kindly participate in the survey.

Fr. Rafael Lavilla
Pastor

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

October 24 & 25

Eucharistic Minister

5PM

Mike McPherson*, Richard Lizotte, Marilyn Ormond

9AM

Gabriel Pastarana*, Maura Wilburn, Jeff Marquardt

11AM

Dee Fox*, Manny Silverio, Dottie Drake

Lectors

5PM

1 David Costa
2 Bill Corley

7AM

1 Valencia Kldwell
2 Carol Neville

9AM

1 Scott Imray
2 Rose Imray

11AM

1 Aida Masinsin
2 Elle Kraft

Ministers of Hospitality

5PM

Mary Ann Carroll, Jon Riendeau, Reggie & Cindy Dubay

9AM

Fred Hidalgo, John Previti, Mike & Gwen Crowder

11AM

Luz Reyes, Nora Suyat, Yolanda Ebuén, Nelía Flores

Altar Server

5PM

Brynn Von Seggern


9AM

Liliana, Cuaresma, Jillian Mendoza

11AM

Christie Cabrera, Gian Suyat

MASS SCHEDULE SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<p>Sat Oct 17</p> <p>5PM † Gines Cotas Magdaraog By Manny & Sony Silverio</p>	<p>Sun Oct 18</p> <p>7AM † Ernesto Lira By Daniel & Alicia Lira</p> <p>9AM Parishioners of St John 11AM † Drusila Boyes By Sandra Tattle</p>	<p>Tues Oct 20</p> <p>8AM † Donna Ezelle By Ezelle Family</p> <p><i>St. Paul of the Cross</i></p>	<p>Wed Oct 21</p> <p>8AM † Mary & Neftali Diaz By Liz Studgeon</p>
<p>Thu Oct 22</p> <p>8AM Moose Morris By Ike & Kathy Pundt</p> 	<p>Fri Oct 23</p> <p>8AM † Thomas Gaffney By Claire Gaffney</p> <p><i>St. John of Capistrano</i></p>	<p>Sat Oct 24</p> <p>5PM † Hugh & Thomas Rodgers By Jim Griffiths</p> <p><i>St. Anthony Mary Claret; Blessed Virgin Mary; United Nations Day</i></p>	<p>Sun Oct 25</p> <p>7AM Parishioners of St John 9AM † Dorothy Claire Herily By Pfothauer Fam. 11AM James & Josie Ezelle Anniversary By Ezelle Family</p>

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/

World Mission Sunday



Weekly OFFERING

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Offering & Building Fund

11,091.01

EAM:

655.00

Total:

11,746.01

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

Parish # 0240

Parish Name St. John the Baptist - BASA Weekly Summary Report By Parish

Parish Participation Goal 38.9%



DIOCESE OF ST AUGUSTINE
Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal

2020 Bishop's Appeal through 10/11/2020

	2020	2019	2018	Incl/Dec 2020 vs. 2019
Participation Goal (No. Donors)	208			
Active Family Count	534	619	621	-85
No. Donors	256	221	244	35
Family Participation	47.94 %	35.70 %	39.29 %	12.24 %
Amount Pledged	\$82,743	\$86,851	\$93,596	(\$4,108)
Amount Paid	\$82,143	\$85,791	\$91,476	(\$3,648)
Balance Due	\$600	\$1,060	\$2,120	(\$460)

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 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 20 class
Divine Revelation
Dennis Stone

Oct 27 class
Your Prayer Life/Catholics Prayers & Practices
Emory Coppedge

Nov 3 class
The Mass
FR Rafael

Nov 10 class
The Church Year
Ellen Wiley

Nov 17 Class
Who Shepherds the Church
Greg Streeter

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
Oct 27th

† 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
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
October 27

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 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

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.

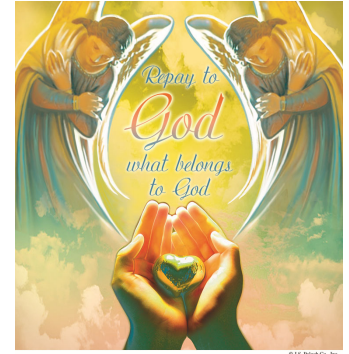


Mary Uraco,
Evelyn Weeks,
Jerome Maron,

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

If you want to add someone to the Prayer request for the sick please contact Monica @ 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

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.

Camp Gladiator

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