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Basilica
of 
ST. MICHAEL
the Archangel
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Saint John the Baptist

24 AUGUST

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am

ADORATION / EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Wed - Fri.
10:00 am—2:00 pm

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AUGUST 24, 2025

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



1. His birth was predicted by an angel before Mary's Annunciation
 - The Archangel Gabriel appeared to his father, Zechariah, in the Temple to announce John's birth. This happened six months before Gabriel visited Mary, making John about half a year older than Jesus (Luke 1:26).
2. His parents were elderly and considered barren
 - His mother Elizabeth conceived him in old age, which is why his birth was regarded as miraculous. Zechariah initially doubted the angel's message and was struck mute until John was born.
3. His name broke family tradition
 - When Elizabeth declared the baby's name would be "John" (meaning "God is gracious"), relatives protested because no one in their family had that name. Zechariah confirmed it by writing it on a tablet, and immediately regained his speech.
4. He lived as a Nazarite from birth
 - Like Samson, John was likely bound by the Nazarite vow – no wine, no cutting of hair, and a life dedicated entirely to God
5. He wore camel hair and ate locusts – and that wasn't entirely strange
 - Locusts were a kosher food (Leviticus 11:22), and his outfit echoed the prophet Elijah's (2 Kings 1:8). The Gospel emphasizes this to highlight his role as Elijah's prophetic successor.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

8/24: Michael Matthews,
Autumn Eubanks
8/25: Leann Huegen
8/29: Bernie Jacobs,
Rex McKinney

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for August 17, 2025

In-Church Offering: \$5,976.00
Online Offering: \$4,005.52
Total Offertory: **\$9,981.52**

CSA Participation as of August 17, 2025

Pledged: \$126,963
Given: \$114,035
Families Participating: **136**

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

6. He likely began his ministry in his late twenties
 - In line with Jewish tradition for a priestly calling, John seems to have started preaching around age 30, shortly before Jesus began His public ministry.
7. He baptized in a location with deep symbolic meaning
 - Many scholars believe John's baptisms took place at Bethany across the Jordan, near where Joshua led Israel into the Promised Land – symbolizing a new spiritual exodus.
8. He is the only saint whose birth and death are both celebrated
 - Most saints are remembered only on the date of their death. John's nativity (June 24) and beheading (August 29) are both major feasts in the Christian calendar.
9. Jesus called him the greatest "born of women"
 - In Matthew 11:11, Jesus says no one greater had arisen – yet adds that the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than John, showing the shift from the Old Covenant to the New.
10. His bones and relics have a mysterious history
 - Relics claiming to be his head exist in multiple places – including Rome, France, and even Syria – leading to centuries of debate over authenticity.

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.



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WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Wednesday, August 27: 9:00 - 11:15 AM
In the Parish Hall

OCIA CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 27

Wednesday, August 27 @ 6:00 PM - Parish Hall
Please contact Deacon Steve

VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT



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SEPTEMBER 6 - 7, 2025

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5:00 PM Official Meeting

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THE BASILICA BULLETIN

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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for
the **Week of August 24, 2025**

SUNDAY

(9 AM)

Bernice & Elwood Goley †

(11 AM)

For the People of the Basilica

MONDAY

John Myrick †

TUESDAY

Mary Ann Long †

WEDNESDAY

MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA

Charles Roth-Roffy †

THURSDAY

MEMORIAL OF ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Joe Wanek, Sr. †

FRIDAY

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Danny McDonald

*Coffee & Donuts Available After Sunday's 9 AM Mass

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