



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
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St. John the Baptist Parish is a warm and inviting family, living out our Baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments and witnessing God in others.

Welcome

We are so glad you joined us today!



Parish Office Hours

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October 30 and 31, 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 9am & 11am

Tuesday - 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday - 9am

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor
8 months in advance



Homily Corner

Last weekend, we celebrated the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Jeremiah 31:7-9, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 126, the second reading was Hebrews 5:1-6 and the Gospel reading was Mark 10:46-52.

In three weekends we will come to the end of the liturgical year. Today, the Gospel tells us of a miracle, done with intention and purpose. Next weekend we will see the commandment of love and the weekend after we have a cautionary instruction about how we are treasured.

As I have said before, miracles and magic are totally different. Magicians amaze us at the time. Miracles are always filled with the creation of God and the amazement will last forever. God and the Holy Spirit are always present when there is a miracle. In the miracle of the five loaves and two fish, creation was a part of the miracle. And again creation was a part of the miracle when Jesus healed the deaf and mute man, spitting on the dirt. Many times miracles happen to us in our daily lives and we know that miracles stay upon us for our whole lives.

The first reading talks about how God's abundant grace is upon us, especially those who have strayed, been sidetracked or are alienated and this prophesy is taken into the Gospel. Jesus is walking with the disciples. Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting on the roadside. He hears the excited crowd surrounding Jesus and asked what was going on. The people in the crowd told him never mind, it has nothing to do with him. When the blind man realized it was Jesus of Nazareth passing by, he began shouting louder than the crowd, asking Jesus for mercy. Jesus stopped. He told the disciples to call the man and the man sprang up and came to Jesus. How could a blind man jump up and go to Jesus? When Jesus called him, he had begun to see. He threw off his cloak and sprang up. That is the power of God's Word. The blind man asks Jesus to let him see **again**. Again is a very important word in this scripture. The man wasn't born blind. Sometime in his life he became blind.

We are like the blind man. We sometimes lose our sight, our faith. Sometimes we have blind spots on many things, especially when it comes to truth and reality. Haven't we all been alienated or edged out at some point? We, too, have been on the edge of the road. But when the blind man called out, Jesus stopped. When he shouted in prayer, God couldn't move forward until he healed the blind man. We are the same. We can shout out in prayer and stop God until he heals us and his grace is poured over us. Sometimes we are desperate, alienated or sidetracked. This is when we need to shout out to God in confidence and trust.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, call out to God and ask him to remove your blind spots. Profess your trust in Jesus everyday.

God Bless!

—Father Antony

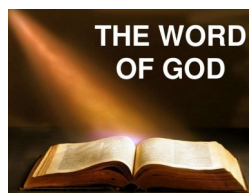
Reading for Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7

First Reading: 1 Kings 17.10-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28

Gospel Reading: Mark 12.38-44



Garrett Schwab
Sophie Kawęcki
Brodie Kawęcki

*Happy
Birthday*

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, October 30	4:30pm Rosary 5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 31	8:30am Rosary 9am Holy Mass 10:30am Rosary 11am Holy Mass
Monday, November 1 <i>All Saints</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Tuesday, November 2 <i>All Souls</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Wednesday, November 3 <i>St. Martin de Porres</i>	9am Holy Mass Intentions for Pat Glasser
Thursday, November 4 <i>St. Charles Borromeo</i>	9am Holy Mass †Bill Schnitzler 1:30pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall 7pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall 7pm Choir Practice in the Church
Friday, November 5	8:30am Podcast Friday 9am Holy Mass †Richard Hagel
Saturday, November 6	5pm Holy Mass (Name Tag Sunday)
Sunday, November 7	9am Holy Mass (Name Tag Sunday) 11am Holy Mass (Name Tag Sunday)

St. John the Baptist Parish will be offering an All Souls' Day Holy Mass on Tuesday, November 2 at 7pm.

We will be remembering all our loved ones who have passed away and especially honoring those who passed away this past year. As we prepare for this celebration, you are invited to call the Parish Office to have your loved one's name written in one of our Memory Books. These books will be placed on the altar during the All Souls' Holy Mass and we will continue to pray for deceased family and friends through the month of November.



And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.

Revelation 21:4

Advent Wreaths

It may seem far away, but the first Sunday of Advent is less than a month from today! Starting on November 28th, we start our four-week journey to prepare ourselves and our homes for the birth of Jesus !

Advent Wreaths are a great tradition to put in one's home during the season to encourage prayer and preparation for the birth of Jesus and are easy to make if you can't find a premade one! The advent wreath is comprised of:

- A circular shaped evergreen branch or wreath, symbolizing both God's eternal love, and the eternal life that Jesus has given to us.
- Three purple candles, which symbolize our repentance and waiting for His birth.
- One pink candle, symbolizing our joy that Christmas is coming soon.



If you don't have an Advent Wreath at home, we encourage everyone in our Parish Family to find or make one! Making and decorating an Advent Wreath is a great activity for a family and will encourage the preparation of our minds and hearts for the Christmas season.

On the weekend of November 28th, we invite all families to bring their Advent Wreaths to any of the weekend Holy Masses to be blessed. Let's join together to celebrate the coming of the Lord!

1 Thessalonians 3:13 *"And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints."*