



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH**  
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

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!*



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Monday to Friday 9am -12pm and 1pm -3pm

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**November 6 & 7, 2021**

**32nd 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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Deuteronomy 6:2-6, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 18, the second reading was Hebrews 7:23-28 and the Gospel reading was Mark 12:28-34.

This is the last weekend of October and we have celebrated Thanksgiving month in a very special way. The attitude of gratitude is not done. We are called to live in thanksgiving every day, in every moment. We are also called to expand our sphere of gratitude.

Many times in the Gospel we see Jesus speaking very strongly. He calls out people who are trying to trap him and are going against his teachings. But at the same time, whenever there was an opportunity for Jesus to appreciate someone, he did. And that is exactly what he does in today's Gospel.

One of the scribes had heard the religious authorities of the day disputing with one another and he had seen Jesus answer them well. He goes to Jesus and asks which is the greatest commandment. Jesus tells him two: 1) You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength and 2) You shall love your neighbor as yourself. To reinforce the inseparability of these two statutes, Jesus declares, "There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe responds positively and then Jesus says to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

Jesus' appreciation goes from him to the scribe when he says, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." When we are a people of gratitude and continue our discipleship, Jesus will also say this to us. When we think of love of neighbor, we don't have to do really big things, small things show our love just as much. When we leave parking in front of the Church or close parking at the mall, for those with mobility issues or for young families, that is love of neighbor. Loving our neighbor builds virtue in our lives. The small things we can do may seem silly, but they can be a huge help to someone. When we do these simple virtues, the reward will be immeasurable from God and God will appreciate us and he will be pleased.

We are moving into the month of November, which the Church teaches is a month to remember our deceased. We start the month with the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Throughout this month, we should be thinking of the saints and our departed loved ones by name. It is not just on the two feast days that we should be doing this, but like our attitude of gratitude, it should be a daily practice. The Holy Church teaches us that if you pray for your lost loved ones and they are in heaven, your prayer will be returned to you and will help you join the communion of saints. If they aren't in heaven yet, our prayers are a powerful help so they can join the communion of saints. They will be forgiven and we will be too.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, pray about how you can expand your sphere of gratitude. And remember your deceased loved ones and pray for them daily.

God Bless!

—Father Antony

## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, November 6	5pm Holy Mass ( Name Tag Sunday)
Sunday, November 7	9am Holy Mass ( Name Tag Sunday) 11am Holy Mass ( Name Tag Sunday) 5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
Tuesday, November 9	6:30pm Holy Mass †Alphonse & †Clara Mehler 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, November 10	9am Holy Mass Special Intentions for Bill Baryluk 6:30pm Confirmation/First Eucharist Class St. Mary's held in the Church
Thursday, November 11	1:30pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall 7pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall 7pm Choir Practice in the Church
Friday, November 12	8:30am Podcast Friday 9am Holy Mass †Richard Greer
Saturday, November 13	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, November 14	9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass 5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass



APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS

OF THE HOLY FATHER

BENEDICT XVI

### Prayer for the dead 32.

The Eucharistic celebration, in which we proclaim that Christ has died and risen, and will come again, is a pledge of the future glory in which our bodies too will be glorified. Celebrating the memorial of our salvation strengthens our hope in the resurrection of the body and in the possibility of meeting once again, face to face, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. In this context, I wish, together with the Synod Fathers, to remind all the faithful of the importance of prayers for the dead, especially the offering of Mass for them, so that, once purified, they can come to the beatific vision of God. (101) A rediscovery of the eschatological dimension inherent in the Eucharist, celebrated and adored, will help sustain us on our journey and comfort us in the hope of glory (cf. Rom 5:2; Tit 2:13)

# 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."*

St. Joseph did not do extraordinary things, but rather by the constant practice of ordinary and common virtues, he attained that sanctity which elevates him above all other saints.

—St. Joseph Marelllo

## YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021



## A Prayer for Remembrance



Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Classes

Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30pm - St. Mary's Class in the Church

Wednesday, November 17 at 6:30pm - SHSC Class in the Church

*At these classes we will be going through Lesson Two in the Family Book. See you then!*



*Happy Anniversary*

Dustin & Jocelyn Hall

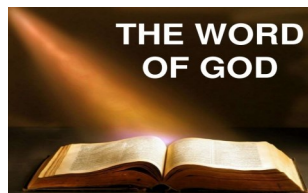
### Reading for Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14

First Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Gospel Reading: Mark 13.24-32



*Happy Birthday*

Hana Son  
Ken Anderson  
Luke Sliva  
Quintin Sliva  
Claine Gedak