

# St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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**Daily Mass**

**NO 8:00 AM Weekday**  
**Masses January 16 to**  
**February 16**

**Sunday Obligation**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday 7:30 AM**

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Fridays 12PM to 3 PM**

**Confession**

**Friday 12 Noon to 1:00**  
**Saturday 5:15 to 5:45**

**See Bulletin for Mass Schedule this Week**  
**Fr Binu will be unavailable January 16 to February 16**

**"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God" states St Paul Romans 15:7.**

Our God is a welcoming God and His Son, Jesus, also welcomes everyone into His presence. As parishioners of St John the Baptist parish we too wish to display this same welcoming attitude. And so we say, "Welcome to each of you who visit our Church.

Welcome into our lives of faith, of family and of community.

May God Bless You with Peace and All Good Gifts!

***January 15, 2023 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***January 22, 2023 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***



**January 15, 2023**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world”**

Because God formed John the Baptist “as his servant from the womb,” John’s whole being is ordered to God. Thus, when John “saw Jesus coming toward him,” he instantly cried out, Behold, the Lamb of God.” John immediately recognizes that Christ is the one the world has been waiting for. This leads John to “testify that he is the Son of God.” The same grace has been given to us. By baptism, we “have been called to be holy with all those who call upon the name of the Lord.” By professing the one “who takes away the sin of the world,” we become a light to the nations, through whom God’s salvation reaches to the ends of the earth. As we glorify the Lamb of God, God shows his glory through us.

*Magnificat Reflections*

**Sunday Readings**

**Isaiah 49:3,5-6**

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ, Jesus by the will of God....

**John 1:29-34**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**A Word from Pope Francis**

John saw something shocking the beloved Son of God in solidarity with sinners, and the Holy Spirit made him understand the unprecedented novelty.... While in all religions it is many who offers and sacrifices something to God...(it) is God who offers his own Son for the salvation of humanity.



*Angelus, Rome  
January 19, 2020*

**Reflection Questions**

What a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God’s love and make Jesus known.

- How do you personally benefit by serving others?
- Are you careful to take care of our own needs even as you serve others?

**PRAYER** Creator God, help us to find holy balance as we seek to attend to others and take care of ourselves, we pray in Jesus’s name. AMEN

*The Redeemtorists*



**Bulletin Reflection:**

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist declares that Jesus is the Son of God.

**Living Stewardship – Pillar of Formation**

Ordinary Time is not the time to forget all the good works you have done throughout Advent and Christmas season. Continue to practice good works to others and to grow in your faith. Perhaps take up reading some Catholic apologetics to learn more about the Faith.

**General Intercession:**

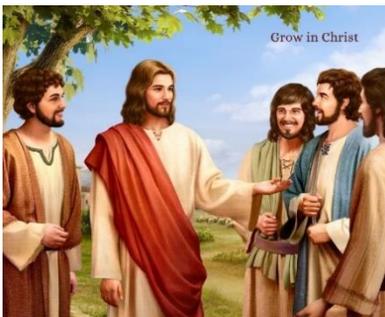
For all those who are cold and lonely during these winter days.

**We pray to the Lord...**

**Proud Servants of God**

“My Servant” is an identification a lot of people will shy away from. Yet, all of today’s readings describe individuals who are proud to be servants – servants of God. Isaiah became “a light to the nations”; Paul became “an apostle of Christ Jesus”; John the Baptist prepared the way so that Jesus “might be made known to Israel.”

We might not want to be a servant of another, but what a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God’s love and make Jesus known. By our baptism, we have all been called. We enlighten others by the way we live with integrity. The unselfishness of our lives proclaims the good news of Christ Jesus. Authentic Christian living makes Him known to the world. That is what it means to be a servant of God.



*January 22, 2023*  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*“Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to “be united in the same mind and in the same purpose” without any divisions among them, and Jesus himself chose companions as soon as he moved to Capernaum. In the unity that Simon, Andrew, James, and John experience through their friendship with Christ, they become certain that “the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Such a unity in charity remains a compelling witness to the truth of the Gospel. Thanks to our communion in Christ, “anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom there but now there was distress.” To us enshrouded in the “land of gloom,” Jesus Christ beckons, “Come after me.”

*Magnificat Reflections*

**Sunday Readings**

**Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

Upon those who lived in a land of gloom, a light has shown.

**1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

I urge you...that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you.

**Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17**

Jesus said, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**Reflection Questions**

We are all part of the body of Christ. We are all God’s beloved.

- How do you act toward someone who understands faith differently?
- Which religious voices do you listen to? Why?

**A Word from Pope Francis**

What is important is the journey toward unity. It is very good that theologians study and discuss, that is what specialists are for. But it is also good that we...walk together on the journey. Together, let us build unity through prayer, works of charity and mutual cooperation.



*Address to an ecumenical delegation.  
Rome, January 17, 2022*

**PRAYER** God of all people, open our eyes to see what we hold in common with each other so that we may build your kingdom together.

We pray in Jesus’s name. **AMEN**  
*The Redemptorists*



**Bulletin Reflection:**

After John the Baptist had been arrested, Jesus continued on His mission and called his Apostles to join Him.

***Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service***

As baptized Catholics, we are called on a mission to spread the Good News to all we come across and to be at the service of God.

***General Intercession:***

For all the youth, that they may slow down and listen to God calling them.

**We Pray to the Lord...**

**IS CHRIST DIVIDED?**

In any healthy group there will be diverse opinions. We all have our own tastes, preferences, cultural habits and so on. This is true in church music, preaching style and religious devotion. The relative uniformity of the Church prior to the Second Vatican Council has given way to great diversity. What is different is not necessarily bad. Nor is our preference necessarily superior. Such diversity need not pit us against each other, but sometimes it does. Is Christ divided over points of preference?

We are all part of the body of Christ. We are all God’s beloved. The diversity among us challenges us to work toward the common good, to “be united in the same mind and in the same purpose” (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us not divide Christ.

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**NO 8AM WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**JANUARY 16 TO FEBRUARY 17**



January 1, 2023	\$1,796.00
January 8, 2023	2,593.00
Christmas	75.00
Votive Candles	167.00
Solemnity of Mary	505.00

**The first of the 2023 National Collections, for the CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA** is scheduled for January 21-22, 2023. Your generous support will strengthen the efforts of evangelization of funding many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. As a national collection our combined resources for the Church in Latin America can more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics, a community of faith in the world, saving souls and improving lives.

## MASS Intentions

Sat	Jan 14	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Jan 14	5:00 PM	✠ John & Lou Miller
Sun	Jan 15	7:30 AM	✠ Bill Purdy
Sat	Jan 21	5:00 PM	✠ Paul Meister and Nic Meister
Sun	Jan 22	7:30AM	✠ Paul H Wissel
Sat	Jan 28	5:00 PM	✠ Emily Mathes
Sun	Jan 29	7:30AM	✠ Bill Purdy

**Praying for ✠ In Memory ✠**

**Mass Intentions Available.** Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>Jan 21 (5PM)</u>	<u>Jan 22 (7:30AM)</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Achleigh Simon	Ron Miller
<b>Greeter</b>	Jeremy Simon	Jill Jansing
<b>Lector</b>	Achleigh Simon	Andy Miller
<b>Eucharistic M</b>	Bob Green	Andy Miller
	<u>Jan 28- 5PM</u>	<u>Jan 29 - 7:30AM</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Ted Wissel	Jeff Greiwe
<b>Greeter</b>	Steve Mathes	Ron Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Jennifer Tunny	Jill Jansing
<b>Eucharistic M</b>	Stephanie Green	Jill Jansing

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Preschool to Grade 5 - Wednesday, 6:45 PM**

Jan 18, 25 Class

**Junior High & High School - Sunday 8:30 AM**

Jan 22, 29 - Class

**ST MAURICE CHURCH IS HOSTING A COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** at their Parish Hall in Napoleon on Tuesday, February 7, from 11 AM until 5PM. Appointments are strongly encouraged and may be scheduled online at [www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon](http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon) or by calling Arlene Gehl (812-852-4394 or 812-614-3388) All donors will receive a Hoxworth wearable blanket and the heartfelt gratitude of patients in need of life-saving blood.

### FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**Suggested**

**Items for January:**



**Applesauce, Baking Items, Noodles, Jelly, Cereal (Hot & Cold), Personal Items. (No glass, please)**

### MASS REQUESTS FOR 2023

If you are interested in requesting Masses for 2023, please be sure to drop your requests in the collection basket. There are Mass request envelopes available in the vestibule of the church.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

This is just a reminder to mark your new 2023 calendar for May 7 as we will be celebrating Father Binu's Jubilee, 25 years as a priest.

### The Lord's Laughter

"A sense of humor is good for you. Have you ever heard of a laughing hyena with heartburn?"

**Bob Hope**

"Youth is when you are allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle Age is when you are forced to."

**Our Iowa Magazine**

"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no water"

**Nikita Khrushchev  
Russian Premier**



Rita Bedel  
Amy Castner  
Tim Castner  
Todd Castner  
Melissa Chapman  
Elliott Elkins  
Paul Fullenkamp  
Dottie Fullenkamp  
Amy Graham  
Lily Handt  
Seth Hull  
Keith Jarvis  
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Mark Meister  
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Dolores Simon  
Pam Thomas  
Ben Zigan 

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