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<u>Weekday Mass Schedule</u> <u>Tues-Wed-Fri-Sat</u> 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

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

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

Saturday – 4:45PM

Friday – 3-4PM

<u>Friday - 3:00 to 6:00PM</u> Reconciliation

# "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!

> July 1, 2023 – Saint Junipero Serra July 2, 2023 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 4, 2023 – Independence Day July 9, 2023 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# July 1 – Saint Junipero Serra

Saint Junípero Serra did not set out to become a missionary, but when he heard God's call through the ordinary words of his brothers and sisters, he answered it willingly. His tireless labor for the salvation and the needs of the people entrusted to his care earned him the nickname "Apostle of California."

Born in Majorca, Junípero Serra joined the Franciscans in 1730. A gifted teacher, he left Spain for the Mexican missions in 1749. He was appointed superior of a group of Franciscans assigned to Alta California (now the state of California). Despite a painful leg injury, he preached Christ to the natives up and down the coast, founding the first nine California missions. When the Spanish military presence threatened the economic independence of the missions, he returned to Mexico City to plead for the rights of the natives. His personal motto was, "Always forward, never back." Junípero died at Mission Carmel in 1784 and was canonized on September 23, 2015.

Magnificat, July 2023



July 2, 2023 – The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptized into his death, we are buried with Him and rise with Him to "newness of life."

"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward." This truly happens to the "woman of influence" who furnishes "a little room on the roof"

for the Prophet Elisha to stay in. Elisha promises, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

God offers the gift of life to those who are righteous. But as our earthly life passes away, we look forward to the day where we "might live in newness of life." In the meantime, we face sacrifices and sufferings while being fortified with the desire to endure all for Jesus who promises to us as he did through Elisha: "My kindness is established forever."

How blessed are we to have died, been buried and live – here and now—the risen life of Jesus.

Bring Home the Word & Magnificat, July 2023

#### Sunday Readings 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be cradling a baby son."

#### Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

If then, we have died with Christs, we believe that we shall also live with Him.

#### Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said, "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

# **Reflection** Questions

- Do you believe in resurrection?
- Do you witness the promise of resurrection by how you live?

### A Word from Pope Francis

We remember the great struggles which led to the abolition of slavery, the extension of voting rights, the growth of the labor movement, and the gradual effort



to eliminate...prejudice...When a country is determined to remain true to...those founding principles based on respect for human dignity, it is strengthened and renewed.

Independence Hall, Philadelphia *September 26, 2015* 

# Prayer

Faithful God, as we each struggle with our own cross, make us mindful of the burden's others must carry, and allow us to be a blessing to them.

We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN



# **Stewardship**

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

#### July 9, 2023 – The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus knows who He is. He is the Son—no more, but no less



Jesus declares, "All things have been handed over to me by my Father." The pinnacle of this is the handing over of "the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead." Christ assures us that what the Father has handed over to him is the ability to console those "who labor and are burdened." These things of heaven are "revealed to little ones" because they refuse to rely on themselves, and thus they

remain best disposed to receive all that God is eager to give. They "rejoice heartily" and "shout for joy" at the coming of our meek King, who, by his very presence, "proclaims peace to the nations."

The Gospel portrays Jesus as "meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). He knows who He is. He is the Son of the Father, sent by the Father to do the will of the Father. All things are in His hands because He received everything from the Father. He does not have to broadcast this or argue with others to convince them. He knows who He is. He is the Son—no more, but no less.

#### <u>Sunday Readings</u> Zechariah 9:9-10

Behold: your king is coming to you.... Humble and riding on a donkey.

#### *Romans* 8:9, 11-13

If you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

#### Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

# **Reflection Questions**

Jesus knows who He is. He is the Son—no more, but no less.

- Are you grateful for your uniqueness?
- Do you use that uniqueness to make the world a better place?

### A Word from Pope Francis

When a country is mindful of its roots, it keeps growing, it is renewed, and it continues to embrace newcomers, new individuals and new peoples. All



of us benefit from remembering our past. A people which remembers does not repeat past errors; instead, it looks with confidence to the challenges of the present and the future.

> Independence Hall, Philadelphia September 26, 2015

<u>PRAYER</u> Loving God, help us to welcome each other as we wish to be welcomed, to respect

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everyone as we wish to be respected, to love as we wish to be loved.

We pray always in His name. AMEN

The Redemptorists

# Stewardship A way of living Stewardship

*"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."-Matthew 11:30* 

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

In gratitude for all that God has given us, we joyfully return a portion of His gifts to help build His kingdom of earth. *We Pray to the Lord* 

*Words for the* 4<sup>th</sup> Religion can survive in the absence of freedom. But freedom without religion is dangerous and unstable. Of all the dispositions



and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." George Washington Farewell Address



<u>Mass Intentions Available</u>. 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

Sat	July 1	8:00 AM	🗸 Fr Binu & All Priests	
Sat	July 1	5:00 PM	Mike & Jennifer Purdy 34 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	
Sun	July 2	7:30 AM	🕆 Skylar Mullally	
Tues	July 4	9:00 AM	Ruth Boughton	
Wed	July 5	8:00 AM	🕆 Ruth Boughton	
Fri	July 7	8:00 AM	🕆 Eddie Purdy	
Sat	July 8	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests	
Sat	July 8	5:00 PM	🕆 William P (Bill) Oeffinger	
Sun	July 9	7:30 AM	🕆 Clara Marie Wagner	
Tues	July 11	8:00 AM	🕆 Ruth Hamilton	
Wed	July 12	8:00 AM	Greg & Vicki Tunny 49 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	
Fri	July 14	8:00 AM		
Sat	July 15	8:00 AM	🗸 Fr Binu & All Priests	
Sat	July 15	5:00 PM	✤ Keith Oeffinger	
Sun	July 16	7:30 AM	R J Mullally	

#### NOTE: TUESDAY, JULY 4 HOLY HOUR AT 8 AND MASS AT 9

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Friday

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	July 8	July 9
Coordinator	Achleigh Simon	Ron Miller
Greeter	Jeremy Simon	Bob Voegeli
Lector	John Holzer	Jessica Gorman
Eucharistic M	John Holzer	Jessica Gorman
	July 15	July 16
Coordinator	July 15 Achleigh Simon	July 16 Ron Miller
Coordinator Greeter		
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#### **CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Rosemary & Idona NewhartWeek of July 2Ted Wissel & MJ HunterWeek of July 9Sue Gridley & Margaret JarvisWeek of July 16Mary Ann W & Susan BantaWeek of July 23Thank you all for your time and hard work!

#### FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

July Needs: Soup and Canned Vegetables Thank you.





# <u>PARISHIONERS CAN NOW HAVE</u> NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE PARISH ON

<u>WHAT'S GOING ON</u>. For cell phone users you can Text @stjosgood to number 81010 or Text @stjosgood to number 484-241-4261. Follow the prompts to complete the service sign up.

#### Feast of Saint Thomas - July 3



When the apostles first met the resurrected Lord, Thomas was missing. "Unless I see the mark of

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the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side. I will not believe." When Jesus next appeared, it was with a special invitation to Thomas: Probe the marks of the nails, press your hands into my side. Face to face with this fleshly testimony, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" "[God's] clemency acted in this wonderful way that so through the doubting disciple touching the wounds in his Master's body, our own wounds of incredulity may be healed" (Saint Gregory the Great).

# <u> The Lighter Side</u>

So Simple....

Today's three-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was three, I ate mud!

Weighty Matters....

Diet Day 1: I have removed

all the bad foods from my house. They were delicious!

Amy Castner **Tim Castner** Todd Castner Melissa Chapman **Elliott Elkins** Amy Graham Lilv Handt Todd Holzer Seth Hull Keith Jarvis Larry Kendall David Lewis Linda McCain Mark Meister Teresita Noah Tom Noah Eileen Ogden Gary Patton Pavi Pathak Family Randy Simon Dolores Simon Pam Thomas Sharon Voegeli Ben Zigan

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