



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 26, 2026

Mass Times

Saturdays 5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. (*Español*)
Sundays 9:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
Weekdays *See schedule on page 5.*

Office Hours

Tuesday–Thursday
10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Sundays 10:15–11:00 a.m.

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The Sacraments

Los Sacramentos

Baptism

Bautismo

Please contact the office to arrange a pre-baptismal class.

Por favor comuníquese con la oficina para programar una clase pre-bautismo.

Anointing of the Sick

Unción de los Enfermos

Please contact the pastor before surgery, when seriously ill, in the hospital, or homebound.

Por favor comuníquese con el párroco antes de cirugía, en caso de enfermedad grave, o si está hospitalizado o en la casa.

First Reconciliation &

First Eucharist

Primera Reconciliación y

Primera Eucaristía

All children must be in 2nd grade or older and attend Faith Formation classes.

Todos los niños deben estar en segundo grado o un grado superior y asistir a clases de formación en la fe.

Matrimony

Matrimonio

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended marriage to begin sacramental preparations.

Por favor comuníquese con el pastor por lo menos seis meses antes de la boda para comenzar la preparación sacramental.

Confirmation

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Confirmation preparation occurs as part of youth ministry and begins in 8th grade.

La preparación para la Confirmación ocurre como parte del ministerio juvenil y comienza en el 8^o grado.

Holy Orders

Orden Sacerdotal

Single Catholic men, ages 16-49, please contact the pastor.

Hombres solteros Católicos, 16-49, por favor comuníquese con el párroco.

Reconciliation

Reconciliación

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sundays 10:15-11:00 a.m., and by appointment.

Los sábados de 3:30 a 4:30, los domingos de 10:15 a 11:00, y por cita.

Contact Information

Información de Contacto

Parish Office: 252-537-4667
administrative.assistant@sjbrr.org

Emergencies: 252-308-8771

Fr. John: fr.john.deguzman@raldioc.org

Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church! *¡Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista!*

*We are a vibrant Catholic parish encountering Jesus Christ
through Liturgy, Sacraments, Fellowship, and Service.*

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Please contact the office or emergency line when you or a loved one has been admitted to the hospital or a nursing facility.
Por favor, comuníquese con la oficina cuando usted o un miembro de su familia sea ingresado en un hospital o en un centro de cuidado.

Parishioner Registration

If you are new to St. John's, or if you have a new phone number, email address, home address, or other information, please contact the office at 252-537-4667 or administrative.assistant@sjbrr.org to register or update your information.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Please reach out to Ceil Tuders (OCIA) at 252-308-8544 or tuderscecelia@gmail.com.



Become Involved

There are many ways to get involved at St. John's! To find out more, please reach out the coordinators of each ministry:

Altar Servers - Fr. John De Guzman, fr.john.deguzman@raldioc.org

Cantors/Choir - Katie Ammann, administrative.assistant@sjbrr.org

Food Distribution - Ceil Tuders, parish.council@sjbrr.org

Spanish Mass Choir - Luz Rodriguez, luzrodri74@gmail.com

Lectors - Daphne Browne, dbbrowne68@gmail.com

Ushers - John & Elice Schaeck, toolguyjas@hotmail.com

Youth Ministry - Fr. John De Guzman, fr.john.deguzman@raldioc.org

A Note from Our Administrator

Dear St. John's Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a treasure hidden in a field and to a pearl of great price. In both stories, the people who discover the treasure don't hesitate; they joyfully give up everything else because they know they have found something far greater.

What strikes me is that Jesus isn't asking us to sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice. He is inviting us to discover something so life-giving that everything else naturally falls into its proper place. The Christian life is not about losing; it is about finally finding and holding onto what matters most: Eternal Life with Christ. When we truly encounter Christ, following Him no longer feels like giving something up; rather, it feels like gaining everything.

This past Friday, we had the joy of celebrating the 95th Anniversary of St. John the Baptist Parish with Bishop Luis Zarama. It was a beautiful evening of prayer, fellowship, gratitude, and celebration as we gave thanks for nearly a century of God's faithfulness to our parish family. I am deeply grateful to our anniversary committee, Ceil Tuders, Mary Ann May, Patty Little, Katie Ammann, Luz Rodriguez, and Roxy Wright, for the many months of planning that made the evening such a success. Thank you as well to the many volunteers who helped set up, serve, and clean up afterward. You created a celebration that was both elegant and welcoming,

Finally, I will be away from Monday through Thursday this week assisting the Diocese of Raleigh's Office of Vocations at the annual Quo Vadis Retreat. Please keep all of the young men attending in your prayers, especially those discerning a call to the priesthood. I also ask that you pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

Una Nota de Nuestro Administrador

Queridos feligreses de San Juan,

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús compara el Reino de los Cielos con un tesoro escondido en un campo y con una perla de gran valor. En ambas historias, las personas que encuentran ese tesoro no lo piensan dos veces; con alegría dejan todo lo demás porque saben que han encontrado algo mucho más grande.

Lo que más me llama la atención es que Jesús no nos pide hacer sacrificios por el simple hecho de sacrificarnos. Más bien, nos invita a descubrir algo que da verdadera vida, algo tan grande que todo lo demás encuentra su lugar. La vida cristiana no se trata de perder, sino de encontrar por fin y aferrarnos a lo que realmente importa: la vida eterna con Cristo. Cuando de verdad nos encontramos con Jesús, seguirlo ya no se siente como renunciar a algo; al contrario, se siente como haberlo ganado todo.

El pasado viernes tuvimos la alegría de celebrar el 95.º aniversario de la Parroquia San Juan Bautista junto con nuestro obispo, Mons. Luis Zarama. Fue una hermosa tarde de oración, convivencia, gratitud y celebración, en la que dimos gracias a Dios por casi un siglo de fidelidad hacia nuestra familia parroquial. Estoy profundamente agradecido con el comité organizador del aniversario: Ceil Tuders, Mary Ann May, Patty Little, Katie Ammann, Luz Rodriguez y Roxy Wright, por los muchos meses de planeación que hicieron posible una celebración tan especial. También quiero agradecer a todos los voluntarios que ayudaron a preparar el evento, atender a nuestros invitados y dejar todo en orden al finalizar. Gracias por hacer de esta celebración una velada tan elegante, cálida y acogedora.

Por último, de lunes a jueves de esta semana estaré colaborando con la Oficina de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Raleigh en el retiro anual Quo Vadis. Les pido que mantengan en sus oraciones a todos los jóvenes que participarán, especialmente a aquellos que están discerniendo un posible llamado al sacerdocio. También les pido que recen por un aumento de vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa.

Que tengan una excelente semana!

P. John

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25

5:00 p.m. 🙏 Bob & Debbie Baker

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, July 26

9:00 a.m. ✝ Angel Montoya by Lucy Slep

11:30 a.m. 🙏 Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday, July 28

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, July 29

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Thursday, July 30

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Friday, July 31

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, August 1

5:00 p.m. ✝ Joyce Moore by Nancy Lenz

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m. ✝ Deceased Knights by KC Council 7232

11:30 a.m. 🙏 Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

This week, Father John will be helping to lead the Quo Vadis? retreat for young men in high school who are discerning how God is calling them. Please pray for him, and for more vocations to the priesthood.

Altar Flowers

The beautiful altar flowers have been given in honor of

**The 95th Anniversary
of St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church**

by Ceil Tuders.



Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary lamp will shine in memory of

**Mary
Boulineau**

from July 26 to August 1.

Requested by
the Boulineau Family



In Need of Prayer...

Caitlin Edge
Jennifer Brantley
Kathy Butler
Phyllis Doban
Tom Mason
Ellen Boyd
Tommy Wrenn
Stephanie Murch
Elsie Boone
Leah Everette
Lynn Wray
Joyce Moore
Suzanne Bosse
Heather Hayes
Kileigh Cusimano
Wilson Youngblood
Antoinette Labriola

Deborah Scott
Jesse Whitby
Mary Noble
Linda Perry
Mattea Fraenza
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Marie Baricko
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Barry Van Scoyoc
Wanda Jenkins
Sarah Carpenter
Ron Labriola
Scott Forsyth
John Ledgerwood

Shelly Hatcher
Jeanette Butler
Madison Warner
Kathy Ricket
Jacqueline Jares
Reesie Moore
Barbara Hemm
Kathy Radford
Jerris Peavey
Phuong Nguyen
Angel Frankine
JoAnn Frankine
Joseph Frankine
Martinez Family
Tommy Daughtry
Alfred Leonetti, III
Hiram Rivera

Jerry Schill
Paula Peavey
Stachowski Family
Bonnie Zilhaver
Wilbur Katt
Kathy Mitchell
Deborah Elkins
Ella Garriss
Jennifer Brainerd
Patricia Cassidy
Ellen Kyser
Sylvia Labriola
Robert Portwood
Billy Mueller
Rod Howell
Bob & Debbie Baker
Verna Wagner

To add someone to the prayer list, or to update us on the condition of a loved one, please contact the parish office.

Parish Financial Stewardship

Operational Budget Needs for 2026-2027

\$246,064.00

Weekly Budgeted Need

\$4,732.00

Weekly In-Pew Offering - July 19

\$4,549.80

Online Offertory - July 13-19

\$105.58

Offering Fiscal Year to Date

\$13,471.41

There is 1 envelope this weekend:
Regular Offertory

ONLINE giving



Donate online to St. John the Baptist

Our parish online giving link allows one-time and recurring gifts, and donors can choose from a drop-down menu in order to give toward the following funds and ministries:

Offertory

Regular church operations, including supplies, liturgical needs, utilities, and salaries.

Building Maintenance Fund

Maintenance and upkeep of church properties and grounds, including HVAC, roofing, and improvements.

Youth Ministry

Supplies and experiences for the parish youth group, consisting of young people in grades 8-12.

General Donations

Unrestricted funds for clergy to determine where it is needed most.

Social Concerns

Local ministry to those in immediate need, often covering a utility bill for families in crisis situations.

Fiscal Year Goal Exceeded

We are in a **new fiscal year** as of July 1. Once final reports are completed, parish data for the 2025-2026 fiscal year will be made available. Thanks to your generosity, we **exceeded our offertory goal** for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The budgeted need for the 2026-2027 fiscal year has gone up slightly due to rising costs of supplies, utilities, maintenance, and other parish needs. We are thankful for the generosity of this parish. This generosity allow us to be able to serve the Lord and His people in this wonderful community.

Moving Forward

We encourage everyone who is able to do so to **increase their parish giving by 10%**. This would allow the parish to reach our fiscal goals with ease and feel secure in our mission moving forward.

SJBYM – Youth Ministry



The youth group is open to all youth in grades 8–12. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Father John at fr.john.deguzman@raldioc.org.

SJB Youth Ministry Public
WhatsApp group



The youth group trip to **Kings Dominion** is this **Friday, July 31!** All youth grades 8–12 will have their tickets covered.

Please see the youth group WhatsApp for timing and details, and remember to bring your **completed permission slip!**

Our high scorer for the bowling trip (other than Father John) was **Yahir A. – congrats!** We had a great time building bonds and having some friendly competition!

If you're in **grades 8–12**, you and your friends are welcome in the youth group! Hope to see you soon!



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The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal and service organization dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The general meeting is held the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Dues are \$30 per year.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council 7232 is always seeking **new members!** If you are interested in joining the Knights, please contact one of the officers at the numbers listed. The Knights do service projects, host parish socials, fundraise for local causes, and more.

Knights of Columbus **dinner socials** and **donut & coffee socials** will resume in the fall!



Parish Happenings

Thank You

Thank you to the committee who helped to make the special **95th anniversary celebration** possible!

As we prepare for our **centennial celebration** over the next 5 years, we encourage everyone to get involved!

Car Magnets

We have re-ordered our St. John's **car magnets!** Please take one from the basket near the main doors of the church.

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed this Friday, July 31. With urgent needs, please call or text 252-308-8771.

Parish Picnic



Our **parish picnic** will be on **Sunday, August 30**, beginning right after the 11:30 Mass.

There will be delicious food, fun games, and great fellowship!

Please reach out to Logan Jenkins at **logan.marie.jenkins@gmail.com** if you'd like to volunteer to help with setup, cleanup, games, serving, or other needs. More information will be coming soon.

New Parish Contact Information

We recently underwent several IT upgrades, and we now have an updated set of contact information, also shown elsewhere in the bulletin and on our website!

Father John: 252-221-6249
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Ceil Tuders (Pastoral Council)
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Mike Lutz (Finance Council)
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The sacramental emergency line remains 252-308-8771.

Parish Happenings



Parish Yard Sale

Our next **parish yard sale** will be **Saturday, October 3!** Please start gathering items you'd like to donate for the sale, and bring them to the parish during office hours, or arrange a time with Katie by calling or emailing the office.

Please consider donating these types of items:

- kitchen items/small appliances
- bikes/sports gear
- clean clothes in good shape
- working electronics
- kids' toys and games
- baby gear - strollers, cribs, etc.



Our youth group will be assisting with the **John 3:16 Center bag sale** on **Saturday, August 8!** Please come and support our youth while also helping this wonderful community resource.

New Opportunities for Flower Dedications

There are now opportunities to dedicate flowers in honor or memory of loved ones at the statues of the **Blessed Mother & Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Please contact the office at **252-537-4667** to schedule.

*Ahora hay oportunidades para dedicar flores en honor o en memoria de seres queridos en las estatuas de la **Madre Bendita o a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**. Por favor contacta la oficina para programar a **252-537-4667**.*



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APRIL 19-28, 2027



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INFO MEETING**

Location:
Online Webinar

Date:
August 5th

Time:
6:30 PM

FR. JOHN DE GUZMAN
Chaplain



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The annual African Heritage Mass will be Sunday, August 23 at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. Many nations of the African continent will be represented in this faith-filled liturgy, and a celebration will follow.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

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