



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 13, 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.

Stay Connected

Phone: 252-537-4667
Web: sjbrr.com
Instagram: [@sjbcatholic_rrnc](https://www.instagram.com/sjbcatholic_rrnc)

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.

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.

Confirmation

Confirmación

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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Sacramental Emergencies

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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 use the QR code or contact the office** at administrative.assistant@sjbrr.org or 252-537-4667 to register or update your information.

St. John's Registration Link

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

Administrator's Note

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive because seven times seems generous. Jesus' answer of "not seven times, but seventy-seven times", however, reminds us that forgiveness is not meant to be counted.

I think that's the point: we forgive because we have first been forgiven. Our ability to forgive is a share in the God's forgiveness of us. The servant in the Gospel had been shown an extraordinary mercy, yet he refused to show even a small portion of that same mercy to someone else. Similarly, how easily we can ask God for patience, mercy, and another chance, while struggling to offer those same things to others.

Maybe this week before we hold onto someone else's offense, we take a moment to remind ourselves just how much God has forgiven us first. And then, having received His mercy, we do our best to pass it on. After all, we cannot truly ask God to forgive us while refusing to forgive one another.

Fr. John - Out of Town

This week, I ask you to please keep all of the priests of the Diocese of Raleigh in your prayers as we gather for our annual priest retreat in Wrightsville Beach. Pray that these days may renew us in our friendship with the Lord and strengthen us in our ministry to you, His people.

Following the retreat, I will also be taking a much-needed vacation and will be away until the weekend of September 26/27. Please keep me in your prayers during this time, and I hope you will warmly welcome and enjoy the visiting clergy who will be with you while I am away.

Know that you will remain in my prayers, and I look forward to being back with you soon!
God bless, **Fr. John**

Una Nota de Nuestro Administrador

Nota del Administrador

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Pedro le pregunta a Jesús cuántas veces tiene que perdonar, porque siete veces ya le parece bastante generoso. Sin embargo, Jesús le responde: «No te digo hasta siete veces, sino hasta setenta veces siete». Y con eso nos recuerda que el perdón no es algo que se debe andar contando.

Creo que ahí está precisamente el punto: perdonamos porque primero hemos sido perdonados. Nuestra capacidad de perdonar es, de alguna manera, una participación en el perdón que Dios nos ha dado. Al siervo del Evangelio se le mostró una misericordia extraordinaria, pero él se negó a mostrarle siquiera una pequeña parte de esa misma misericordia a otra persona. De la misma manera, qué fácil es pedirle a Dios paciencia, misericordia y otra oportunidad, mientras nosotros mismos batallamos para ofrecer esas mismas cosas a los demás.

Tal vez esta semana, antes de aferrarnos a la ofensa que alguien nos hizo, podríamos detenernos un momento y recordar cuánto nos ha perdonado Dios primero a nosotros. Y después, habiendo recibido su misericordia, hagamos nuestro mejor esfuerzo por compartirla con los demás. Al fin y al cabo, no podemos pedirle sinceramente a Dios que nos perdone mientras nosotros nos negamos a perdonarnos unos a otros.

Fr. John – Fuera de la Ciudad

Esta semana les pido que, por favor, tengan presentes en sus oraciones a todos los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Raleigh, mientras nos reunimos para nuestro retiro anual de sacerdotes en Wrightsville Beach. Oren para que estos días renueven nuestra amistad con el Señor y nos fortalezcan en nuestro ministerio al servicio de ustedes, su pueblo.

Después del retiro, también estaré tomando unas vacaciones que, la verdad, ya necesito, y estaré fuera hasta el fin de semana del 26 y 27 de septiembre. Por favor, también recen por mí durante este tiempo. Y espero que reciban con mucho cariño y disfruten la presencia de los sacerdotes visitantes que estarán con ustedes mientras yo esté fuera.

Sepan que ustedes seguirán estando en mis oraciones, ¡y espero regresar pronto para estar de nuevo con ustedes! Que Dios los bendiga! **Fr. John**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12

5:00 p.m. † Mary Boulineau by the Boulineau Family

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, September 13

9:00 a.m. † Nora O'Brien by Geri Gainey

11:30 a.m. 🙏 St. John's Parishioners

Tuesday, September 15

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, September 16

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Thursday, September 17

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Friday, September 18

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, September 19

5:00 p.m. † Pat Naumann by Geri Gainey

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, September 20

9:00 a.m. † Nora O'Brien by Pat Atwood

11:30 a.m. † Reginald Thomas by Ceil Tuders

Father John will be away this week for the **Priest Retreat**. Please keep him in your prayers, and please contact the emergency line at **252-308-8771** with urgent sacramental needs.

Altar Flowers

The beautiful altar flowers have been given in honor of

Jeff & Tess Rollins



Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary lamp will shine in prayer for

**Ron
Labriola**

from September 13 to 19.

Requested by
Sylvia Labriola



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
Suzanne Bosse
Heather Hayes
Kileigh Cusimano
Wilson Youngblood
Antoinette Labriola
Tim & Leann Seelman
Wayne Wright

Deborah Scott
Jesse Whitby
Mary Noble
Linda Perry
Mattea Fraenza
Jacob Brantley
Marie Baricko
Kathleen Colbert
Mary Beth Baricko
Stan & Geraldine Ferguson
Pamela Huntington
Barry Van Scoyoc
Wanda Jenkins
Ron Labriola
Scott Forsyth
John Ledgerwood
Diane Gubbins

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
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Deborah Elkins
Ella Garri
Jennifer Brainerd
Patricia Cassidy
Ellen Kyser
Sylvia Labriola
Robert Portwood
Billy Mueller
Rod Howell
Bob & Debbie Baker
Verna Wagner
Brett, Lauren, & Nora Green

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 - Sept. 6

\$3,576.00

Online Offertory - Aug. 31-Sept. 6

\$1,466.56

Offering Fiscal Year to Date

\$47,000.00

There are 2 envelopes this weekend:
Regular Offertory +
Catholic University of America

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



**Join us for
the SJBYM
Kickoff!**

**Sunday, September 27
1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Youth in grades 8-12 and their friends
are welcome. All youth preparing for the
Sacrament of Confirmation should attend.

Meet at the bowling alley!
Fairwood Lanes
201 Old Farm Road
Roanoke Rapids

Bowling and group
food items are covered!
Bring money for
any additional
food or arcade games.

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

Youth group includes teens
preparing for **Confirmation**.

Join the **WhatsApp group** using
the QR code above for schedule
updates, service opportunities,
and other information!

Youth group members - please
plan to **help with the parish
yard sale for setup October 2
and the sale October 3!** Details
coming soon.



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The Knights of Columbus is a
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organization dedicated to charity,
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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 **dinner social**
is coming up this **Thursday, September
17 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall!**



**Pork loin with mashed potatoes,
green beans, roll, & drink**

**\$5 child under 13
\$10 adult
\$25 family**

**Eat in or
take out!**

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.

Parish Happenings

Faith Formation - Pre-K - 7th Grade

Faith Formation sessions for grades pre-K through 7th begin this weekend on **Sunday, September 13 at 10:15 a.m.**! If you don't already have your registration form and calendar, please come to the first session with your child, or contact the office as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing everyone and **learning more about the Catholic faith** together!

There are groups for:

Pre-K through 1st grade

2nd grade and up - First Holy Communion

3rd - 5th Grade

6th - 7th Grade

8th - 12th Grade youth, including those seeking Confirmation, should plan to attend **Youth Group** activities and meetings. Get more information using the WhatsApp QR code on the previous page.

Próximamente!

Aviso - Ujieres y Lectores

Habrà una reunión para **ujieres y lectores** nuevos y los que regresan, para las Misas en español, el **sábado 26 de septiembre a las 2:00 p.m.** en la iglesia.



Parishioner Registration Update

We have a new **parishioner registration link!** Please follow the QR code and fill in your information. Please use this to **register as a new parishioner or to update information!**



St. John's Registration Link

Parish Happenings

OCIA Sessions

Through OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) you can:

- Become Catholic
- Receive your Sacraments
- Learn more about the Catholic faith

For additional information, please contact Ceil Tuders at 252-308-8544.

Parish Columbarium

Our **parish columbarium** and memorial garden are a final resting place for those who are deceased and have been cremated. Available niches in the columbarium can be purchased for **\$2,200**, and each niche may house either one or two urns. Please contact the parish office for more information.



Opportunities for Flower Dedications

There are 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.

*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**.*

Parish Yard Sale

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



PARISH YARD SALE

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

901 Washington Street in Roanoke Rapids

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Please support our youth group!



Please continue 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. We're looking for:

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

Around the Diocese & Around the World

JOIN FR. JOHN DE GUZMAN ON THE

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

April 19-28, 2027



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Fr. John De Guzman,
Chaplain

JACOBEAN JUBILEE YEAR

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JAMES

Journey the final stretch of the Camino to Santiago de Compostela, following a sacred path traveled by Christians for over a thousand years.

SAVOR THE SPANISH COUNTRYSIDE

Enjoy regional cuisine along the way, including traditional dishes and local specialties unique to the Camino route.

DAILY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Deepen your faith with regular Mass, time for personal prayer, and reflection along this historic pilgrimage route.

JACOBEAN JUBILEE YEAR

Pass through the Holy Doors of the Cathedral of St. James and receive a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year.

MISA DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

SÁBADO, 10 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026
MISA 11:00 A.M.

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CELEBRANTE:

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Project Rachel Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus at a **Project Rachel weekend retreat January 8-10, 2027** in the Raleigh area. More information about this confidential retreat can be found at rachelnc.org.

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