



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 20, 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
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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

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.

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 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 Administrative Assistant

Hi everyone – it's Katie for this week! Please continue to pray for Father John, that he may come back to us safely next weekend after being away for the priest retreat and some time for rest and rejuvenation!

I'd like to offer a lay person's reflection on this weekend's Gospel reading:

We've all likely been "that person" before: the true fan, the original supporter, the first one in line. And what do we do when someone else joins in – liking what *we* like, cheering for *our* favorite, wanting what *we* want? Do we invite them in, or do we shut them down? Do we welcome them, or do we stop them in their tracks, saying "you don't know enough about this," or "I was here first?"

Thankfully, **God's grace is not limited to those who acknowledge it first.** In this Gospel reading, it is abundantly clear that all of the vineyard workers are invited to work, and they all receive the daily wage, no matter their start time. If you are a cradle Catholic, **you're invited to receive God's grace.** If you've only recently learned about the faith, **you're invited to receive God's grace.**

God's grace is an open door, waiting for all of us. The sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ opened the gates of heaven to us, whether we've entered the vineyard of faith at sunrise or sunset. It is never too late to accept the invitation.

Have a great week! – **Katie**

Una Nota de Nuestro Asistente Administrativa

¡Hola a todos! ¡Están recibiendo una nota de Katie esta semana! Por favor, sigan orando por el Padre John, para que pueda regresar con nosotros a salvo el próximo fin de semana después de estar fuera en el retiro de sacerdotes y tomarse un tiempo para descansar y rejuvenecerse.

Me gustaría ofrecer una reflexión desde la perspectiva de un laico sobre la lectura del Evangelio de este fin de semana:

Probablemente todos hemos sido "esa persona" alguna vez: el verdadero fan, el primer seguidor, el primero en la fila. ¿Y qué hacemos cuando alguien más se une, le gusta lo que *nos* gusta, apoya a *nuestro* favorito, quiere lo que *queremos*? ¿Los invitamos, o los bloqueamos? ¿Los recibimos, o los detenemos en seco diciendo "no sabes suficiente sobre esto" o "yo llegué primero"?

Afortunadamente, **la gracia de Dios no está limitada a aquellos que la reconocen primero.** En esta lectura del Evangelio, queda claramente evidente que todos los trabajadores de la viña están invitados a trabajar, y todos reciben el salario diario, sin importar la hora en que empiezan. Si siempre has sido católico, **estás invitado a recibir la gracia de Dios.** Si recién has aprendido sobre la fe, también **estás invitado a recibir la gracia de Dios.**

La gracia de Dios es una puerta abierta, esperando por todos nosotros. El sacrificio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo abrió las puertas del cielo para nosotros, ya sea que hayamos entrado en la viña de la fe al amanecer o al atardecer. Nunca es demasiado tarde para aceptar la invitación.

¡Que tengas una excelente semana! – **Katie**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19

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

6:30 p.m. + Domingo Mosqueda Gutierrez y Paula Limon Franco
por Jorge Mosqueda

Sunday, September 20

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

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

Tuesday, September 22

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, September 23

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Thursday, September 24

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Friday, September 25

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, September 26

5:00 p.m. + Bill Lenz by Nancy Lenz

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, September 27

9:00 a.m. + Fr. Michael Butler

11:30 a.m. 🙏 St. John's Parishioners

Father John will be away this week. 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 memory of

Fr. Michael Butler



by Ceil Tuders.

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary lamp will shine in memory of

Fr. Michael Butler

from September 20 to 26.

Requested by

Ron & 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
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Mary Noble
Linda Perry
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Mary Beth Baricko
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John Ledgerwood
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Kathy Ricket
Jacqueline Jares
Reesie Moore
Barbara Hemm
Kathy Radford
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Phuong Nguyen
Angel Frankine
JoAnn Frankine
Joseph Frankine
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Hiram Rivera

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Patricia Cassidy
Ellen Kyser
Sylvia Labriola
Robert Portwood
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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. 13

\$5,301.37

Online Offertory - Sept. 7-13

\$58.48

Offering Fiscal Year to Date

\$52,359.85

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

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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First Thursday of each month at
7:00 p.m. Dues are \$30 per year.

Knights of Columbus

The next parish
donut social will be
right **after the 9:00
Mass on Sunday,
October 4.** Please come
for donuts, coffee, and
great fellowship!



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.

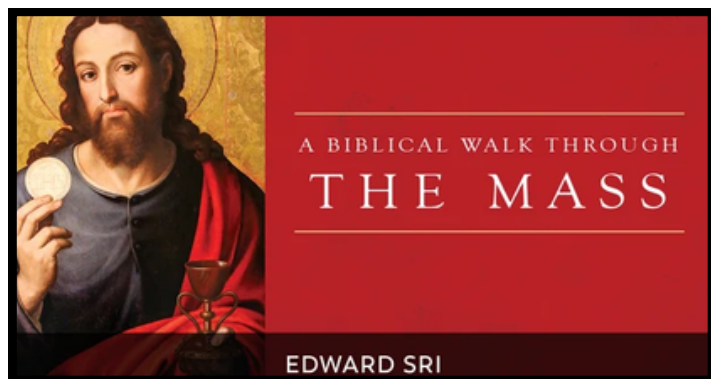
Parish Happenings

Autumn Bible Study

Everyone is invited to a five-week autumn **Bible Study** to discover more about the beauty, riches, and profound meaning of the Mass. The book and theme are titled **A Biblical Walk through the Mass**. Please purchase the accompanying book from Ascension Press. With questions or to register, please contact **Lisa Wiggin at 919-413-0948** or at **lisarwiggin@gmail.com**.

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.
in the parish hall

October 14, 21, 28 & November 4 & 11



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

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!**



Faith Formation Pre-K - 7th Grade

Registration for **Faith Formation** sessions for grades pre-K through 7th is still open! Please come with your child on **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** to the parish hall, and a volunteer can help you register. 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.



Parish Happenings

Pray the Rosary in October

October is the month of the rosary, and everyone is invited to **come pray the rosary** together in the church **every Thursday in October at 12:00 noon**. Please bring your rosary with you.

Rosary in the Church
October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
12:00 noon



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.



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!



The parish yard sale coming up in just a couple of weeks! Help us spread the word!

Please also 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.

Youth group and parents: please plan to assist with sorting and pricing on Friday, October 2 after school! Dinner will be provided.



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**.*

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April 19-28, 2027



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Fr. John De Guzman,
Chaplain

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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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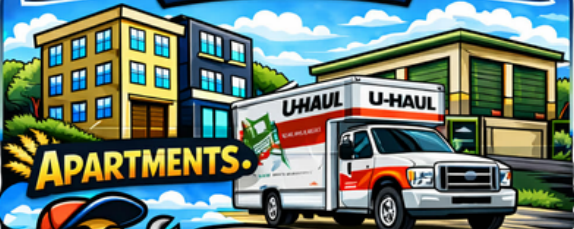
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