



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 27, 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

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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Sacramental Emergencies

252-308-8771

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 again! We are thankful that Father John is back safely!

Our parish has a lot going on this week! We'll have the **Blessing of Animals this Friday** on the Grounds of Wrenn Funeral Home at 6:00 p.m., the **parish yard sale on Saturday** starting at 8:00 a.m., and lots of other events and ways to get involved coming up! Check out the rest of the bulletin to find out more.

In this week's Gospel, we are told that our actions of faith are what matter. We can proclaim our faith aloud, but there must be action to support what we say. This is a perfect message for this weekend, since one of the many ways we can show our faith is through the **Corporal Works of Mercy** – helping others in need. Our second collection this week is for our parish **Social Concerns ministry**, which helps our local brothers and sisters who are struggling to keep electricity on, water connected, and a roof over their heads. Please consider donating to this ministry if you are able; recipients of our assistance are always extremely grateful. **When we are helping our brothers and sisters in need, we are seeing Christ in them and ministering to Him.**

May your week be full of opportunities to live our shared faith. If you need anything, please reach out to the parish office – we're here to help you stay connected to the Lord, to each other, and to the many great ministries our parish provides.

Have a great week! – **Katie**

Una Nota de Nuestro Asistente Administrativa

¡Hola a todos! Soy Katie otra vez. ¡Estamos agradecidos de que el Padre John haya regresado sano y salvo!

¡Nuestra parroquia tiene mucho pasando esta semana! Tendremos la **Bendición de Animales este viernes** en los terrenos de Wrenn Funeral Home a las 6:00 p.m., la **venta de garaje parroquial el sábado** a partir de las 8:00 a.m., y muchos otros eventos y formas de involucrarse próximamente. ¡Revisen el resto del boletín para enterarse de más!

En el Evangelio de esta semana, se nos dice que lo que importa son nuestras acciones de fe. Podemos proclamar nuestra fe en voz alta, pero debe haber acción que respalde lo que decimos. Este es un mensaje perfecto para este fin de semana, ya que una de las muchas formas en que podemos mostrar nuestra fe es a través de las **Obras de Misericordia Corporales**: ayudando a otros que lo necesitan. Nuestra segunda colecta esta semana es para el ministerio de **Social Concerns** de nuestra parroquia, que ayuda a nuestros hermanos y hermanas locales que luchan por mantener la electricidad encendida, el agua conectada y fondos para el alquiler para seguir teniendo un hogar. Por favor, considera donar a este ministerio si puedes; los beneficiarios de nuestra ayuda siempre están muy agradecidos. **Cuando estamos ayudando a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados, estamos viendo a Cristo en ellos y ministrando a Él.**

Que tu semana esté llena de oportunidades para vivir nuestra fe compartida. Si necesitas algo, por favor comunícate con la oficina parroquial; estamos aquí para ayudarte a mantenerte conectado con el Señor, con los demás y con los muchos grandes ministerios que nuestra parroquia ofrece.

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

Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, September 29

9:30 a.m. † Fr. Michael Butler by Tom & Sandy Eisenmenger

Wednesday, September 30

9:30 a.m. † Fr. Michael Butler by Ceil Tuders

Thursday, October 1

9:30 a.m. † Donald & Barbara Maire by Ceil Tuders

Friday, October 2

9:30 a.m. † Charlie Tuders by Ceil Tuders

Saturday, October 3

5:00 p.m. † Juanita B. & Eugene St. Clair, Jr. by Gene St. Clair

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, October 4

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

11:30 a.m. 🙏 St. John's Parishioners

The parish office will be closed on **Thursday, October 1**. 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 27 to October 3.

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
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
Richard Mills

Shelly Hatcher
Jeanette Butler
Madison Warner
Kathy Ricket
Jacqueline Jares
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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
Wilbur Katt
Kathy Mitchell
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. 20

\$5,926.55

Online Offertory - Sept. 14-20

\$474.33

Offering Fiscal Year to Date

\$58,760.73

There are 2 envelopes this weekend:
Regular Offertory + Social Concerns

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

This Sunday!!

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
are in the WhatsApp group chat.



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Knights of Columbus

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



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.

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.

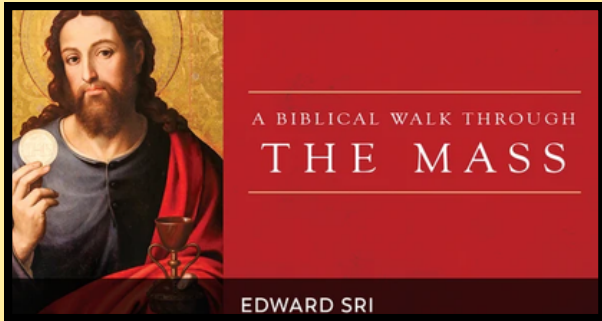
Parish Happenings

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



Trunk or Treat

Save the date for our parish **Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31, 2:00-4:00!** Sign up to decorate your vehicle by calling or emailing the office, and please start bringing candy or individually wrapped treats to donate, after Masses, or to the office.



Parishioner Registration

We now have a **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!**



Blessing of Animals



- **Friday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **on the grounds of Wrenn Funeral Home 1015 West 5th Street Roanoke Rapids**
- **Pets must be on a leash or contained.**

Training - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

For: **all** who distribute communion, **including those who minister to the homebound**

Date: **Saturday, October 17**
10:00 a.m. in the church



Vocations Poster Contest

Students in our Diocese are encouraged to create a poster highlighting the importance and beauty of **religious vocations!**

Submissions are due to the parish office by November 15. For an entry form, please see Katie or contact the parish office.

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.

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

It's next weekend! Help us spread the word, and come shop the sale! Great deals for a great cause!

**The last day to drop off items is
Wednesday, September 30.**

Youth group members: please meet
at the parish hall Friday at 4:00 p.m.
and Saturday at 7:15 a.m.

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!**



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**.

Around the Diocese & Around the World

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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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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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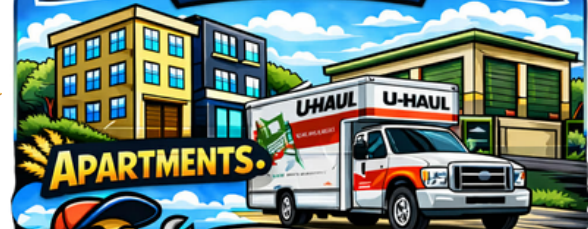
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