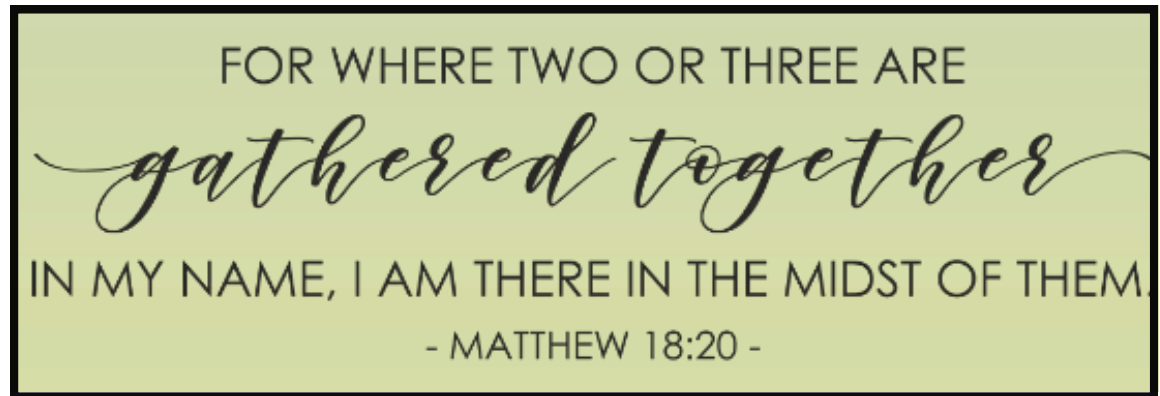




St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 6, 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.

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.*

Parish Contacts

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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

Sanctifying Work this Labor Day Weekend

This Labor Day weekend gives us an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the gift of work. We often think of work simply as the job we go to each day, but our Catholic faith reminds us that work is about much more than earning a paycheck. It is about using the gifts God has given us to provide for those we love, serve our neighbors, and contribute to our community.

This weekend's Gospel reminds us that there is another kind of work that is just as important and, in my opinion, much harder: **the work of building one another up**. Jesus tells us that when relationships become difficult, we are called to speak with one another, listen, seek reconciliation, and restore what has been broken. That work may not come with a paycheck or a job title, but it is some of the most sanctifying work we will ever do. A family requires it. A marriage requires it. A friendship requires it. **And so does a parish.**

We have seen a beautiful example of that work at our parish picnic last Sunday! **A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our parish picnic such a wonderful celebration!** Thank you to everyone who brought food and desserts, helped prepare, serve, set up, clean up, and welcomed others. So many people gave their time and energy, allowing our parish family to come together in such a beautiful way. A special shoutout to **Logan Jenkins**, our hospitality queen, for helping organize the event!

And congratulations to Carol Brydebell on winning the raffle for **two tickets to a Carolina Hurricanes game!**

Faith Formation Begins September 13th – We need YOU!

As we begin a new school year, we are also beginning another important kind of work: **forming the faith of our children**. Faith Formation begins **September 13**, and I encourage every family with children in **Pre-K through 7th grade** to sign them up. Our children need more than information about the Catholic faith; they need people who will help them encounter Jesus, discover the beauty of the Church, and learn what it means to live as His disciple.

And for that, **we need more volunteers!** If you've ever thought, "I would love to help, but I don't know enough to teach," please don't let that stop you. You do not need to be a theologian to teach the faith. We need people who love Jesus, love His Church, and are willing to share that love with our children.

If you are passionate about your Catholic faith, looking for a way to become more involved in our parish, and would love to help a child discover the beauty of Catholicism, **we need you**. Please contact **Deacon Bernie** to get involved.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

Una Nota de Nuestro Administrador

El trabajo que nos santifica este fin de semana del Día del Trabajo

Este fin de semana del Día del Trabajo nos da la oportunidad de hacer una pausa y darle gracias a Dios por el regalo del trabajo. Muchas veces pensamos en el trabajo simplemente como el empleo al que vamos todos los días, pero nuestra fe católica nos recuerda que el trabajo es mucho más que recibir un sueldo. Se trata de usar los dones que Dios nos ha dado para cuidar de quienes amamos, servir a nuestros vecinos y contribuir al bien de nuestra comunidad.

El Evangelio de este fin de semana nos recuerda que hay otro tipo de trabajo que es igual de importante y, en mi opinión, mucho más difícil: **el trabajo de ayudarnos unos a otros a crecer**. Jesús nos enseña que cuando tenemos problemas con alguien, estamos llamados a hablar, escucharnos, buscar la reconciliación y hacer lo necesario para reparar lo que se ha roto. Ese trabajo quizá no venga con un sueldo ni con un título, pero es uno de los trabajos que más nos puede santificar. Una familia necesita ese trabajo. Un matrimonio lo necesita. Una amistad lo necesita. **Y nuestra parroquia también.**

El domingo pasado tuvimos un hermoso ejemplo de ese trabajo en nuestro picnic parroquial! **Muchísimas gracias a todos los que ayudaron a hacer de nuestro picnic una celebración tan bonita!** Gracias a todos los que trajeron comida y postres, ayudaron a preparar, servir, organizar, limpiar y recibir a los demás. Muchísimas personas dieron de su tiempo y esfuerzo, y gracias a eso pudimos reunirnos como una verdadera familia parroquial. ¡Un agradecimiento especial a **Logan Jenkins**, nuestra reina de la hospitalidad, por ayudarnos a organizar todo!

Y felicidades a Carol Brydebell por ganar la rifa de **dos boletos para un partido de los Carolina Hurricanes**.

La Formación en la Fe comienza el 13 de septiembre — ¡Te necesitamos!

Al comenzar un nuevo año escolar, también comenzamos otro trabajo muy importante: **formar la fe de nuestros niños**. La Formación en la Fe comienza el **13 de septiembre**, y quiero animar a todas las familias con niños de **Pre-K hasta 7.º grado** a inscribirlos. Nuestros niños necesitan mucho más que simplemente aprender información sobre la fe católica. Necesitan personas que los ayuden a encontrarse con Jesús, descubrir la belleza de la Iglesia y aprender lo que significa vivir como sus discípulos.

Y para eso, **necesitamos más voluntarios!** Si alguna vez has pensado: "Me encantaría ayudar, pero no sé lo suficiente para enseñar", por favor, no dejes que eso te detenga. **No necesitas ser teólogo para enseñar la fe**. No tienes que tener todas las respuestas. Lo que necesitamos son personas que amen a Jesús, amen a su Iglesia y estén dispuestas a compartir ese amor con nuestros niños.

Si amas tu fe católica, estás buscando una manera de involucrarte más en nuestra parroquia y te gustaría ayudar a un niño a descubrir la belleza de nuestra fe, **te necesitamos!** Comunícate con el **Diácono Bernie** para participar.

Que tengan una excelente semana!

P. John

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5

5:00 p.m. + Daniel Butler by Geri Gainey

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, September 6

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

11:30 a.m. + Pablo Dagnalan by Adnrea Dagnalan

Tuesday, September 8

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, September 9

9:30 a.m. + Estela Sunga by the Ciupan-Iyoda Family

Thursday, September 10

9:30 a.m. + Claudia Butler by Fr, Michael Butler

Friday, September 11

9:30 a.m. + Mary Boulineau by the Boulineau Family

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

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

**Verna
Wagner**

from September 6 to 12.

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
Joyce Moore
Suzanne Bosse
Heather Hayes
Kileigh Cusimano
Wilson Youngblood
Antoinette Labriola
Tim & Leann Seelman

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
Wayne Wright

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 - August 30

\$4,421.00

Online Offertory - August 24-30

\$58.48

Offering Fiscal Year to Date

\$41,957.44

There are 2 envelopes this weekend:
Regular Offertory +
Building Maintenance Fund

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!



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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 next Knights of Columbus **dinner
social** is coming up on **Thursday,
September 17 at 6:30 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 next weekend on **Sunday, September 13 at 10:15 a.m.**! If you don't already have your registration form and calendar, please contact Katie at the office at 252-537-4667 or administrative.assistant@sjbrr.org.

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.



Centennial Glasses



The centennial glasses that were introduced at the 95th anniversary reception are available for purchase for **\$25 per glass**. Please contact the office at 252-537-4667 or administrative.assistant@sjbrr.org to purchase yours.

Aviso - Ujieres y Lectores

Habr  una reuni n para **ujieres y lectores** nuevos y los que regresan, para las Misas en espa ol, el **s bado 26 de septiembre a las 2:00 p.m.** en la iglesia.



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



Our **parish yard sale** is coming up on **Saturday, October 3!** 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.

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.**

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DAILY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

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