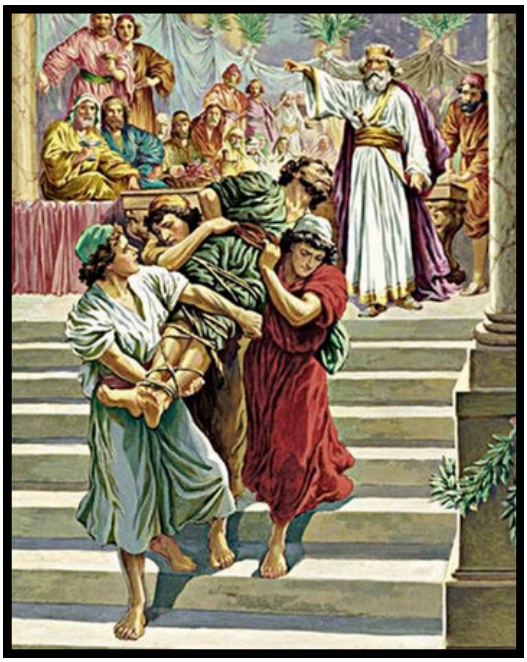
# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## *Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista*

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### October 11, 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.

## Reconcilation

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

## Stay Connected

**Phone:** 252-537-4667
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**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.*

### 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 ° 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 cirugia, 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.***

## Parish Contacts

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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 tudersccecelia@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 Severs** - 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
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**Ushers** - John & Elice Schaech, 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 weekend's Gospel, Jesus gives us two very different responses to God's invitation. Some reject the invitation altogether. But then there is the man without the wedding garment. **He accepted the invitation. He came to the feast. But he did not come prepared for what he had been invited into.**

I think this more accurately describe us at times. In many ways, we have accepted the God's invitation. We come to Mass. We identify ourselves as Christians. We say we're Catholic. But in reality, accepting the faith is not the same as living it. True acceptance of faith leads to conversion and doing everything necessary to be prepared for the heavenly banquet. If we say yes, then it must show in my presence and in my life.

The Gospel also reminds us that there is a cost to this lack of preparation: **The price of not changing is ultimately the same reality faced by the man without the garment: ultimately being separated from the feast we were invited to.**

God has given us the invitation. He has given us the grace to respond. Now He asks us to live today like we have accepted what's to come.

As a reminder, **On October 17**, we will have an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training at 10 a.m.** in the Church for those who are interested in beginning this ministry, as well as those who would like to continue serving—particularly in bringing Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners. If the Lord is inviting you to serve in this way, I encourage you to consider saying yes.

Have a great week! **Fr. John**

# Una Nota de Nuestro Administrador

Queridos feligreses de San Juan:

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús nos presenta dos respuestas muy distintas a la invitación de Dios. Algunos rechazan la invitación por completo. Pero también está el hombre que no llevaba el traje adecuado para la boda. **Él aceptó la invitación. Fue al banquete. Pero no se preparó para lo que se le había invitado.**

Creo que esto nos describe mejor a nosotros en algunas ocasiones. De muchas maneras, hemos aceptado la invitación de Dios. Venimos a Misa. Nos identificamos como cristianos. Decimos que somos católicos. Pero, en realidad, aceptar la fe no es lo mismo que vivirla. Aceptar verdaderamente la fe nos lleva a convertirnos y a hacer lo necesario para estar preparados para el banquete del cielo. Si decimos que sí, ese sí debe notarse en nuestra presencia y en nuestra manera de vivir.

El Evangelio también nos recuerda que **hay un precio por no prepararnos: si no cambiamos, corremos el riesgo de terminar separados de ese banquete al que Dios nos ha invitado.**

Dios ya nos ha hecho la invitación y nos ha dado la gracia para responder. Ahora nos toca vivir desde hoy como personas que realmente han aceptado lo que Dios nos tiene preparado.

Les recuerdo que el **17 de octubre a las 10:00 a. m.** tendremos un **entrenamiento para los Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión** en la iglesia. Esta capacitación es para quienes estén interesados en comenzar este ministerio y también para quienes deseen seguir sirviendo, especialmente llevando la Sagrada Comunión a nuestros feligreses que no pueden salir de casa. Si sienten que el Señor los está invitando a servir de esta manera, los animo a considerar decirle que sí.

Que tenga una buena semana! **P. John**

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 10**
**5:00 p.m.** ┼ Fr. Michael Buter by KC Council 7232
**6:30 p.m.** Spanish Mass
**Sunday, October 11**
**9:00 a.m.** ┼ Mary Boulineau by the Boulineau Family
**11:30 a.m.** ┼ David Spruill by Ceil Tuders
**Tuesday, October 13**
**9:30 a.m.** ┼ Janice Morgan by Wencil & Trudy Stanek
**Wednesday, October 14**
**9:30 a.m.** ┼ Chris O'Connor by Wencil & Trudy Stanek
**Thursday, October 15**
**9:30 a.m.** ┼ Chuck Horne by Wencil & Trudy Stanek
**Friday, October 16**
**9:30 a.m.** ┼ Charlie Tuders by Katie Ammann
**Saturday, October 17**
**5:00 p.m.** ┼ James & Mary Butler by Geri Gainey
**6:30 p.m.** Spanish Mass
**Sunday, October 18**
**9:00 a.m.** ┼ Millie Gilpin by Geri Gainey
**11:30 a.m.** 🙏 St. John's Parishioners

## Altar Flowers

The beautiful altar flowers have been given in honor of

**OCIA Participants**

by Ceil Tuders.

## Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary lamp will shine in memory of

**Fr. Michael Butler**

from October 11 to 17.

Requested by KC Council 7232

# 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
Richard Mills
Joseph Manjuck

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
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Wilbur Katt
Kathy Mitchell
Deborah Elkins
Ella Garris
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 - Oct. 4

$4,071.00

## Online Offertory - Sept. 28-Oct. 4

$1,405.49

## Offering Fiscal Year to Date

$68,832.61

**There are 2 envelopes this weekend:**
**Regular Offertory +**
**Priest Welfare & Retirement**

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

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

**Thank you** to all of the youth and families who helped with the parish yard sale! We raised over **$1,100!**

The next whole-group youth meeting is **this Sunday, October 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** in the parish hall.

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

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

# Knights of Columbus

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**Roanoke Valley Assembly 2538**

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Ralph Haselman, 252-537-3731

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 fall Fish Fry is back!

**Friday, October 16** in the parish hall
**$10 ticket for lunch**
**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
**eat in or take out**

***fish, baked beans, roll, & coleslaw***

**Call 252-578-7114 or see a Knight to purchase your ticket.**

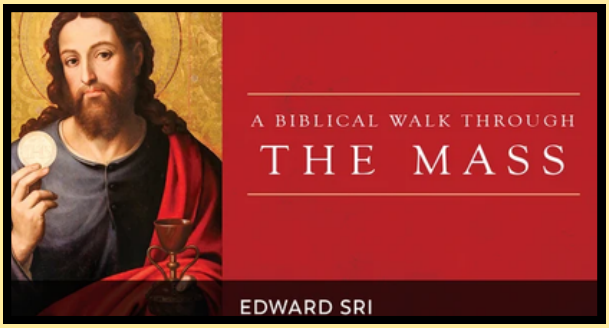
The Knights of Columbus Council 7232 is always seeking **new members**! If you are interested in joining the Knights, please contact one of the officers at the numbers listed. The Knights do service projects, host parish socials, fundraise for local causes, and more.

# 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**




## Required Training: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

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

## All Saints & All Souls

These special days within the Church recognize all the saints who have gone before us as well as all the faithful departed whose souls we pray for.

### All Saints

**Regular Weekend Mass Schedule**
**Saturday, October 31 & Sunday November 1**

### All Souls

**11:00 a.m. Mass at Columbarium**
**Monday, November 2**

Throughout November, we will continue to pray for all the faithful departed. We will include a box with our All Souls envelopes, with the names of our deceased loved ones, on the altar. **Please use an All Souls envelope from your envelope pack, or pick one up from one of the church doors, place your donation inside, and place it in the collection.**

***November weekend Masses will be for All Souls. Weekday Masses may still have intentions requested.***

## 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, either after Masses, or to the office.

**There will be games, prizes, and fun for everyone! Please help us spread the word to the whole community!**

## 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**!

## 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.

# 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.

## Confirmation Mass

The Confirmation Mass for several of our young people is coming up this month, and Bishop Luis will be here to celebrate the Mass!

**Tuesday, October 20**
**6:30 p.m.**

Everyone in the parish is welcome to be a part of this wonderful evening as these young people receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation.**

## Thank You

Thank you to all who donated items to be sold in the **parish yard sale** and helped for the event! We raised over **$1,100** for youth group supplies and experiences!

## 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

## Life Chain to Pray for an End to Abortion

The annual Life Chain event will be:

**Sunday, October 18**
**on Roanoke Avenue *(500 block to 800 block)***
**1:45-3:15 p.m.**

Participants will stand silently holding signs and praying for the protection of the lives of the unborn.

Please contact Ralph or Joan Haselman at 252-537-3731 (call) or 252-676-1191 (text) with any questions.

## 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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**If you would like to advertise a business or organization in the bulletin, please contact the office at 252-537-4667 or by emailing administrative.assistant@sjbrr.org.**

## Ad Rates per fiscal year (July to June)

**Large color ad: $210**
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**Large black & white ad: $175**
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