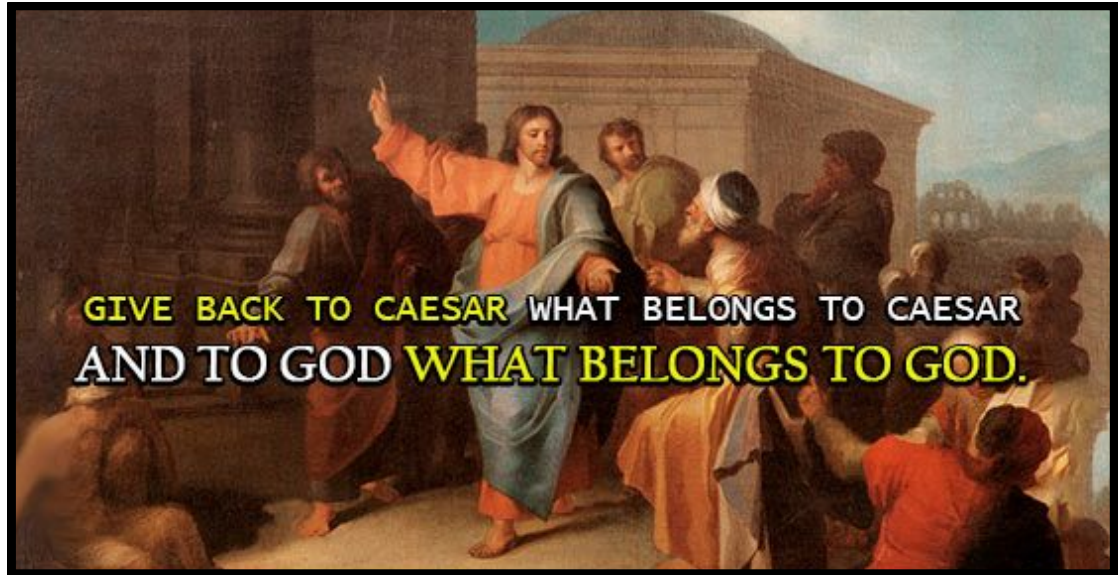




St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 18, 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

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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.

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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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

Dear St. John's Parishioners,

Every day, we give our time and attention to things that demand something from us: work, bills, family, countless other responsibilities. And rightly so. But in the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that while we have responsibilities to this world, we must never forget the responsibilities have to God.

“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

Jesus points to the image stamped on the coin, but what bears the image of God? We do. We were created in His image and likeness. If the coin belongs to Caesar because it bears his image, then our lives belong to God because we bear His.

The challenge is to fulfill our responsibilities in this world without losing sight of the One to whom our lives ultimately belong. We are called not to abandon the world, but to live in it in a way that reflects God's image through us. After all, **the greatest thing we can give back to God is the life He has given us.**

We have many upcoming events and fellowship opportunities coming up at St. John's as we approach Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the Advent Seasons! Please be sure to read through the bulletin carefully and be a part of the life of our parish. It's always more fun when everyone comes together as one parish family.

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

Una Nota de Nuestro Administrador

Queridos feligreses de San Juan:

Todos los días dedicamos nuestro tiempo y atención a muchas cosas que nos exigen algo: el trabajo, las cuentas por pagar, la familia y tantas otras responsabilidades. Y está bien que así sea. Pero en el Evangelio, Jesús nos recuerda que, aunque tenemos responsabilidades en este mundo, nunca debemos olvidar las que tenemos con Dios.

«Den, pues, al César lo que es del César, y a Dios lo que es de Dios».

Jesús señala la imagen grabada en la moneda, pero ¿qué lleva la imagen de Dios? Nosotros. Fuimos creados a su imagen y semejanza. Si la moneda le pertenece al César porque lleva su imagen, entonces nuestra vida le pertenece a Dios porque llevamos su imagen.

El reto es cumplir con nuestras responsabilidades en este mundo sin perder de vista a Aquel a quien, en última instancia, le pertenece nuestra vida. No estamos llamados a alejarnos del mundo, sino a vivir en él de tal manera que los demás puedan ver la imagen de Dios reflejada en nosotros. Al fin y al cabo, **lo más grande que podemos devolverle a Dios es la vida que Él mismo nos ha regalado.**

Se acercan muchas actividades y oportunidades para convivir en St. John's, especialmente ahora que nos preparamos para Halloween, el Día de Acción de Gracias y el tiempo de Adviento. ¡Los invito a leer con atención el boletín para conocer todo lo que viene y buscar la manera de participar en la vida de nuestra parroquia! Todo se disfruta mucho más cuando nos reunimos y compartimos como una sola familia parroquial.

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

Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, October 20

9:30 a.m. † Fr. Michael Butler by Ralph & Joan Haselman

Wednesday, October 21

9:30 a.m. † Rev. Dennis Joyner by Ralph & Joan Haselman

Thursday, October 22

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Friday, October 23

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, October 24

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

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, October 25

9:00 a.m. † Diane Gubbins by Lynn & Patty Little

11:30 a.m. 🙏 St. John's Parishioners

Altar Flowers

The beautiful altar flowers
have been given in memory of

**James & Mary
Butler**



by Geri Gainey.

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary lamp
will shine in memory of

**Mary
Butler**

from October 18 to 24.

Requested by
Geri Gainey



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
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Jacob Brantley
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Kathleen Colbert
Mary Beth Baricko
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Patricia Cassidy
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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. 11

\$3,721.00

Online Offertory - Oct. 5-11

\$269.46

Offering Fiscal Year to Date

\$72,823.07

There are 2 envelopes this weekend:
Regular Offertory +
World Mission Sunday

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

There are several great events coming up for our youth, including a **Thanksgiving party on Sunday, November 22!**

Start planning now for what you'll bring – pie, turkey, ham, potatoes, yams, greens – or anything else you can think of!



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

The next whole-group youth meeting is **this Sunday, October 18, 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!



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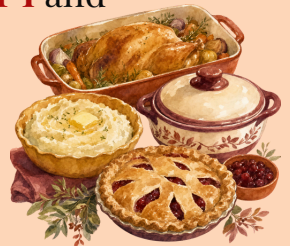
The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal and service organization dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The general meeting is held the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Dues are \$30 per year.

Knights of Columbus

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Knights with the Fall Fish Fry! It was a great success!



The next Knights of Columbus events are the upcoming **donut social on Sunday, November 1** and the parish **dinner social on Thursday, November 19!** *More details coming soon!*



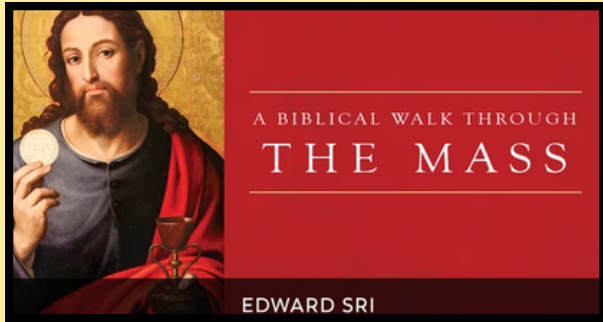
The Knights of Columbus Council 7232 is always seeking **new members!** If you are interested in joining the Knights, please contact one of the officers at the numbers listed. The Knights do service projects, host parish socials, fundraise for local causes, and more.

Parish Happenings

Autumn Bible Study

If you are still interested in the Wednesday evening Bible study, there's time to join in! 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

Trunk or Treat is just two weeks away! Please continue to donate candy and individually wrapped treats, and please help us spread the word in the 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!**

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.

50/50 Raffle Tickets to Benefit Youth Ministry

Our awesome youth group members are selling 50/50 raffle tickets from now until December 20. Please purchase your tickets from one of our teens soon!

\$5 per ticket, or \$20 for 5 tickets.



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

Confirmation Mass

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

**This 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**. Please pray for them as they prepare to continue their journey of faith.

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.



Pray the Rosary in October



October is the month of the rosary, and everyone is invited to **come to 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.



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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JACOBAN JUBILEE YEAR

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

Life Chain to Pray for an End to Abortion

The annual Life Chain event will be:

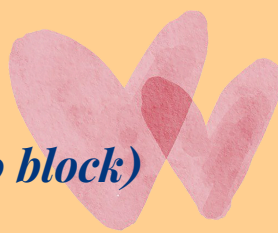
This Sunday, October 18

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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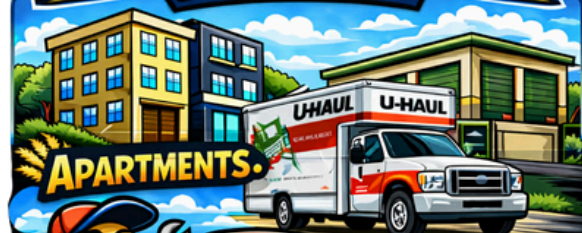
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