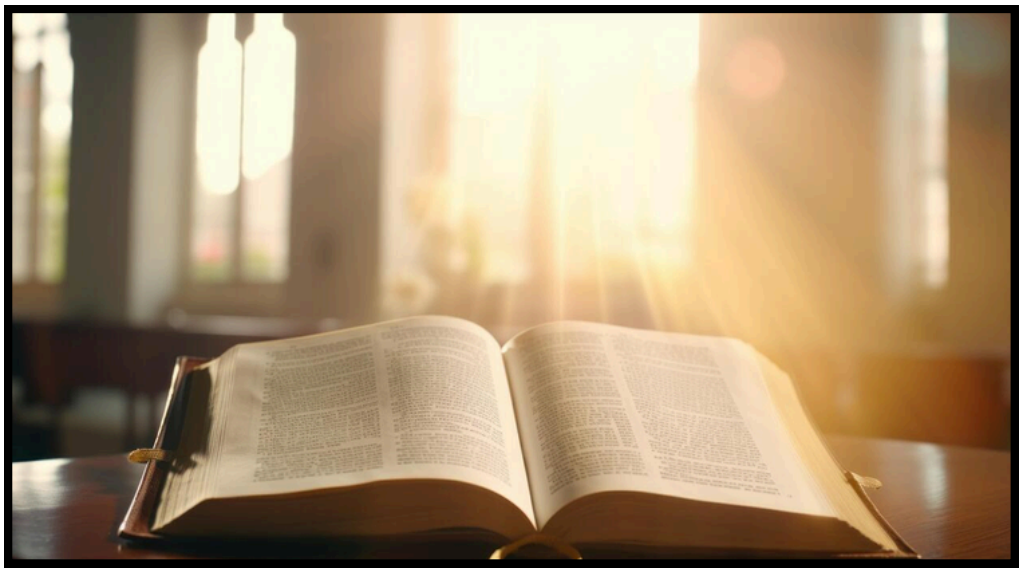
# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## *Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista*

### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### October 25, 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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# 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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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 Severs** - Fr. John De Guzman, fr,john.deguzman@raldioc.org
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**Food Distribution** - Ceil Tuders, parish.council@sjbrr.org
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**Youth Ministry** - Fr. John De Guzman, fr,john.deguzman@raldioc.org

# A Note from Our Administrator

Dear St. John's Parishioners,

**Love Is More Than a Feeling**
We hear Jesus' words in this Sunday's Gospel so often that it can be easy to overlook just how challenging they are: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:34–40).

Sometimes, we think loving God means praying more, coming to Mass, or knowing our faith well. And those things need to happen! But Jesus reminds us that love for God must also show up in the way we treat people when we leave, especially when it is inconvenient.

It shows up in our patience when someone gets on our nerves, in our willingness to forgive when we would rather hold a grudge, and in the small acts of kindness that nobody else notices. **Sometimes, loving our neighbor simply means choosing not to make someone's difficult day even harder.**

Perhaps the question is not whether we know the greatest commandment. I think we do. The question is whether the people around us can recognize our love for God by the way we love them.
**Lastly, a big congratulations to our eight confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past week with Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama!** What a joy to celebrate this important step in their faith journey. May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen them, guide their decisions, and help them put their faith into action every day. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church.

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

# Una Nota de Nuestro Administrador

Queridos feligreses de San Juan:

**El amor es más que un sentimiento**
Escuchamos tan seguido las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de este domingo que a veces podemos pasar por alto lo mucho que nos desafían: «Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente», y «Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo» (Mateo 22, 34-40).

A veces pensamos que amar a Dios significa rezar más, venir a Misa o conocer bien nuestra fe. ¡Y claro que todo eso es importante! Pero Jesús nos recuerda que el amor a Dios también tiene que notarse en la manera en que tratamos a los demás cuando salimos de la iglesia, especialmente cuando no nos resulta tan fácil.

Se nota en la paciencia que tenemos cuando alguien nos saca de quicio, en nuestra disposición a perdonar cuando preferiríamos seguir guardando rencor, y en esos pequeños detalles de bondad que nadie más nota. A veces, **amar al prójimo simplemente significa decidir no hacerle todavía más difícil un día que ya de por sí ha sido complicado.**

Quizás la pregunta no sea si conocemos el mandamiento más importante. Creo que sí lo conocemos. La pregunta es si las personas que nos rodean pueden reconocer nuestro amor a Dios por la manera en que las tratamos.

**Por último, ¡muchas felicidades a nuestros ocho jóvenes que recibieron el Sacramento de la Confirmación esta semana pasada de manos del obispo Luis Rafael Zarama!** ¡Qué alegría celebrar este paso tan importante en su camino de fe! Que el Espíritu Santo los siga fortaleciendo, guiando sus decisiones y ayudándolos a vivir su fe cada día. Les pido que los tengan presentes en sus oraciones mientras siguen creciendo en su relación con Cristo y con su Iglesia.

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

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 24**
**5:00 p.m.** † Mary Boulineau by the Boulineau Family
**6:30 p.m.** † Carlos & Tomas Sanchez

**Sunday, October 25**
**9:00 a.m.** † Diane Gubbins by Lynn & Patty Little
**11:30 a.m.** 🙏 St. John's Parishioners

**Tuesday, October 27**
**9:30 a.m.** **No Mass**

**Wednesday, October 28**
**9:30 a.m.** † Mary Boulineau by the Boulineau Family

**Thursday, October 29**
**9:30 a.m.** 🙏 Gilbert Portela by the Haselman Family

**Friday, October 30**
**9:30 a.m.** 🙏 Gilbert Portela by the Haselman Family

**Saturday, October 31 - All Saints**
**5:00 p.m.** 🙏 Brennan Family by Geri Gainey
**6:30 p.m.** † Carlos & Tomas Sanchez

**Sunday, November 1 - All Saints**
**9:00 a.m.** † Deceased Knights by KC Council 7232
**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

**Betty & Charlie Draughan**

from October 25 to 31.

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
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
Sheila Jenkins & Family

Jerry Schill
Paula Peavey
Stachowski Family
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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. 18
$5,399.84

## Online Offertory - Oct. 12-18
$468.75

## Offering Fiscal Year to Date
$78,691.66

**There are 2 envelopes this weekend:**
**Regular Offertory + Youth Ministry**

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 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Lunch will be provided!

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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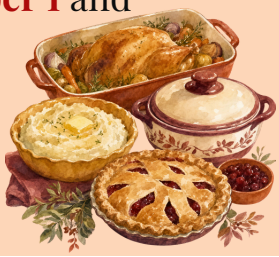
**Faithful Navigator**
Ralph Haselman, 252-537-3731

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.

**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 next 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

## Trunk or Treat

**Trunk or Treat is next Saturday, October 31!**
Please continue to donate candy and individually wrapped treats, and please help us spread the word in the community!




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

**All Souls - Monday, November 2**
**11:00 a.m. Mass in English at columbarium**
**7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish in the church**

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.**

## 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

## Confirmation

The Confirmation Mass was a beautiful initiation for 8 of our young people - **Salena, Louise, Ninio, Yarelly, Yahir, Monserrat, Jesus, & Claudia**. Congratulations to each of them, and let us continue to pray that everyone may come to know the Lord.



## 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**.*

# Around the Diocese & Around the World




## Respect Life Month Mass




Everyone throughout the Diocese is welcome to attend a special Respect Life Month Mass.

**Friday, October 30**
**Bilingual Rosary at 9:30 a.m.**
**Bilingual Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
**Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh**

## 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**.

**Thank you to all current advertisers who support our church!**

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