



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan Bautista

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 4, 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
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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.*

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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

This Sunday's Gospel makes me think about how easy it is to lose something that has been graciously given to us—not because God takes it away, but because of the choices we make.

The tenants in the Gospel were given something beautiful to care for. They had been entrusted with the vineyard, but over time, they lost sight of the one who had given it to them. I think that can happen to us, too. God has given each of us so much: our faith, our relationships, our vocation, our opportunities, and ultimately the gift of our very lives. But if we stop keeping our relationship with God at the forefront of our minds, we can slowly begin to live as though these things belong entirely to us.

The Gospel is a good reminder that the direction of our lives matters. The choices we make each day, even the small ones, shape where we are ultimately headed. May we never lose sight of the One who has graciously given us everything, and may our lives always lead us closer to Him.

I also want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make this past week such a great one here at St. John the Baptist. Thank you especially to our youth and to everyone who helped with Saturday's garage sale, and to all those who came out for our community animal blessing on Friday evening. It was wonderful to see so many people participating and enjoying time together as a parish family.

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

Una Nota de Nuestro Administrador

El Evangelio de este domingo me hace pensar en lo fácil que es perder algo que Dios nos ha dado con tanta generosidad. No porque Dios nos lo quite, sino por las decisiones que nosotros mismos tomamos.

A los trabajadores de la parábola se les confió algo muy bonito para cuidar. Se les entregó la viña, pero con el tiempo se olvidaron de quién se las había confiado. Creo que a nosotros también nos puede pasar. Dios nos ha dado tanto: nuestra fe, nuestras relaciones, nuestra vocación, las oportunidades que tenemos y, en última instancia, el regalo de nuestra propia vida. Pero cuando dejamos de poner nuestra relación con Dios en el centro de nuestra vida, poco a poco podemos empezar a vivir como si todo lo que tenemos nos perteneciera únicamente a nosotros.

El Evangelio nos recuerda que la dirección que le damos a nuestra vida importa. Las decisiones que tomamos cada día, incluso las más pequeñas, van formando el camino que estamos siguiendo. Que nunca perdamos de vista a Aquel que nos lo ha dado todo con tanta generosidad, y que nuestra vida siempre nos lleve cada vez más cerca de Él.

También quiero darles un muchísimas gracias a todos los que ayudaron a hacer de esta semana una semana tan bonita aquí en San Juan Bautista. De manera especial, gracias a nuestros jóvenes y a todos los que ayudaron con la venta de garaje del sábado, y a todos los que nos acompañaron el viernes por la tarde para la bendición de los animales. Fue muy bonito ver a tantos participar y disfrutar de este tiempo juntos como familia parroquial.

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

Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, October 6

9:30 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, October 7

9:30 a.m. 🙏 Geri Gainey by Pat Atwood

Thursday, October 8

9:30 a.m. 🙏 Ron Labriola by Pat Atwood

Friday, October 9

9:30 a.m. 🙏 Phyllis Bellinger by Pat Atwood

Saturday, October 10

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

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, October 11

9:00 a.m. † Fr. Michael Butler by KC Council 7232

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 4 to 10.

Requested by
Pat Atwood



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
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Scott Forsyth
John Ledgerwood
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Shelly Hatcher
Jeanette Butler
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Kathy Ricket
Jacqueline Jares
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Barbara Hemm
Kathy Radford
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Phuong Nguyen
Angel Frankine
JoAnn Frankine
Joseph Frankine
Martinez Family
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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. 27

\$4,437.00

Online Offertory - Sept. 21-27

\$158.39

Offering Fiscal Year to Date

\$63,356.12

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

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH

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'll announce the total amount raised soon!



The next whole-group youth meeting is **next 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!



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Knights of Columbus

The next monthly parish **donut social** will be right **after the 9:00 Mass this Sunday, October 4.** These socials are sponsored by the Knights, and all are welcome to stop by!



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.

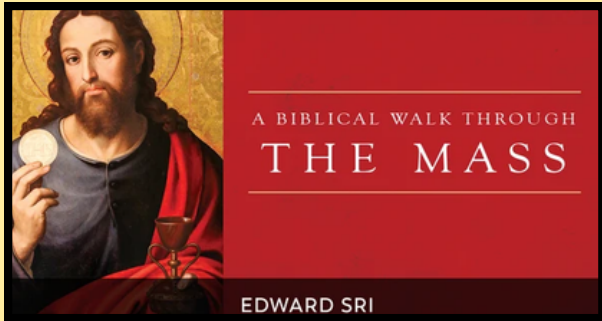
Parish Happenings

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



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.

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!**



Required 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



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.



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



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.



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 will announce the total amount raised soon.



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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Fr. John De Guzman,
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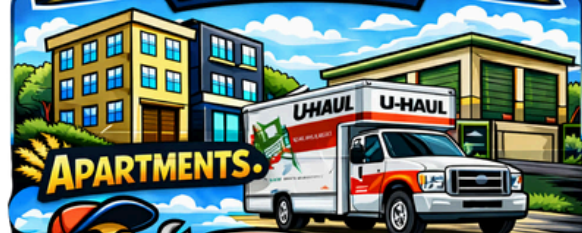
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