



JULY 4, 2021

# Saint John *the* Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am



**W**hen the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" Mk 6:2

Decorative Bible Verse for July 4, 2021, 12:00-1:00 PM



# MASST INTENTIONS



**Monday, July 5th**

**8:00 am For the People of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes and Their Benefactors**

*Tuesday, July 6th*

*8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Wednesday, July 7th**

**8:00 am + Joel Hendricks**

*Thursday, July 8th*

*8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Saturday, July 10th, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 pm + Jean Fehrenbach**

**Sunday, July 11th, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 am + Denny Madix**

*10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*



**Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes**  
Millie Frese, Sue Thompson

**Prayers for the Sick**

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Evan Calvert, Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Cornelia Harpenau, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarriff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Melissa Nagy, Fran Runyen, Bill Sargent, Stephen J. Smith, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle.

## Monthly Second Collection



Prior to COVID 19, there were a considerable number of people who would approach the Parish for assistance with power bills, rent assistance or perhaps temporary housing. We would do our best to help those who came to our door. Because of the pandemic and increased government aid the number of requests has greatly decreased. It is not the purpose to build up a fund and not have the monies collected go to the intended purpose. In one sense this is good news. So what about the monthly second collection?

Our parish has needs that a second collection would help with without creating a large project. For example, we need to explore replacing the cooling system for the classrooms in the lower hall. These units are as old as the Hall and are beginning to show wear. I would propose that the monthly second collection would be designated as your support for general Parish Maintenance. As with the collection for the Parish Outreach, I ask that you be as generous as possible as we try to maintain our Parish facilities.

### Diocesan 25th & 50th

#### Wedding Anniversary Celebration

If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2021, please notify the Parish Office. Each couple will receive a personal invitation this summer from the Bishop to attend a Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria on September 26th at 3:30pm in your honor. This celebration is always very special and it is a wonderful opportunity to visit our Diocesan Cathedral of St. Mary. We encourage you to attend.

Collection Counters this week are  
**Mary Lou Barnett and Paul Nothnagel.**  
Thank you for serving in this way.

### Church Humor - "No Pushing"

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran, she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late ... But please don't shove me either!"



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**While on Summer  
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## Catholics and the 4th of July

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, James Madison; nearly every schoolchild recognizes them as the Founding Fathers. But there were a great many more Founding Fathers, even if their names are not so familiar as the above. Several of those lesser-known men who played key roles in the creation of the United States of America were Catholics.



Several of those lesser-known men who played key roles in the creation of the United States of America were Catholics. Chief among them were three members of the Carroll family of Maryland: **Charles Carroll, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence**; his cousin Daniel Carroll; and Daniel Carroll's brother John Carroll, who became America's first Catholic bishop.

According to British Law at the time it was against the law for a Catholic to hold public office or to vote. Although Maryland was founded by and for Catholics in 1634, in 1649 and, later, in 1689 these same Laws placed severe restrictions on Catholics in England and America.

Catholics could no longer hold office, educate their children in their faith, or worship in public. With the Declaration of Independence, all this bias and restriction ended. Charles Carroll first became known in colonial politics through his defense of freedom of conscience and his belief that the power to govern derived from the consent of the governed. He was a staunch supporter of Washington, and when the war was going badly at Valley Forge, he was instrumental in persuading the Revolution's Board of War not to replace Washington. Carroll supported the war with his own private funds; he was widely regarded as the wealthiest of all the colonists, with the most to lose were the fight for independence to fail. Carroll was greatly acclaimed in later life, and he outlived all the other signers of the Declaration.

John Carroll (1735-1815), was educated in Europe, joined the Jesuit order, and was ordained a priest. He founded a private school for boys and named it after the town where it was located, Georgetown, a port on the Potomac River that later became part of Washington, D.C. He went on to be elected by all the Catholic priests in America to become America's first Catholic bishop. He later became archbishop of Baltimore. In any procession of American bishops, the archbishop of Baltimore always goes last in recognition of its role as America's oldest diocese. In 1789, John Carroll founded the college in Georgetown that later became known as Georgetown University.

John Carroll wrote a prayer at the time of Washington's inauguration asking God's blessing on the president, Congress, and government of the United States a prayer still very much in use today. Out of gratitude for John Carroll's support during the war, Washington gave a modified version of the seal of the United States to the institution that is now Georgetown University, and that seal is still in use.

## How Do You Handle Rejection?

Today's Gospel reading begins as Jesus and His disciples return home, to his native place. On the Sabbath, Jesus went to the synagogue and He began to teach. All who listened to Jesus were astonished. They were taken aback at the power of His teaching as well as the power of His presence. This was Jesus, a man they knew very well. He was a man who had grown up in their midst.

How did Jesus become so knowledgeable and such a powerful speaker? He was the son of a carpenter, not the son of a rabbi. Many of the people in his hometown discounted Jesus and His message. They refused to listen to Him. After all, who did Jesus think He was to preach to the people who had known Him from birth? This is the only passage in the Bible to directly state Jesus' trade. (In [Matthew 13:55](#), Jesus is called "the carpenter's son," and Luke and John do not mention his profession.)



Was Jesus really a carpenter? The underlying Greek language work refers to a builder or craftsman in any kind of material, which in Palestine would generally be stone or brick. The English rendering of "carpenter" may reflect the fact that in London (English language source) wood was the more common building material at the time the first English translations of scripture was made.

**Jesus did not get angry.** Rather, Jesus replied to their comments by saying that typically a prophet is not honored by the people who have known him from birth. Jesus realized that He was too familiar to the people who had known him as a child. They only saw in Him what they wanted to see. Thus Jesus was unable to perform any great deeds there as they did not have faith in Him.

It seems clear that Jesus simply did not expect to be rejected by his hometown. These were the people he probably knew better than anyone else on the earth. These were the people for whom he probably carried the heaviest burden. And, yet, they wanted no part of him. Even his family will declare him crazy.

The people of Nazareth, rather than experiencing the joy of a new way to live -- the way of freedom and hope -- continue in their same old, tired thoughts of prejudice and hate. Likewise, the people of Nazareth, rather than possessing the powerful moments of healing and deliverance that Messiah Jesus could have brought to them, left that day with their minds justified at rejecting him, but their sick were still sick and their possessed were still without deliverance.

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