



# **Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church**

**4200 Delor St.**

**St. Louis, MO 63116**

Sunday, May 2, 2021

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**OF EASTER**

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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." - Jn 15:1A

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***We come together to worship God, serve our neighbors, and make disciples.***



From Fr. Mitch

## PRAYER IS LIFE

Jesus teaches us today, "I am the vine, you are the branches (Jn. 15:5)." This is a beautiful consolation.

We are as connected to each other and as intimately bound to Christ as a grape is to a branch and a branch to a vine.

We truly, literally, are one body in Christ. Just as branches are nourished by the nutrients which flow from the root of

the vine; just as every cell of the body is nourished by the blood which flows from the heart; so too are we nourished by the fruit of the Tree of Life which flows from the side of Christ on the Cross, by the Eucharist which is a true participation in the Body and Blood of Christ.

Perhaps you have said to a friend, "Don't hold your breath..." while waiting for something wonderful to happen, for example the Blues winning the Stanley Cup again this year. The meaning is understood; holding our breath for even a few minutes leads to difficulty in every system of our body. Thank God breathing comes naturally to us; just as the flow of blood throughout our body occurs without us even saying yes or no to it. Even though it might not seem so, prayer is also natural to us, and necessary for our life. Just as nutrients make their way from root to stem to bud to blossom; just as oxygen enters our blood stream and flows to every cell in the body; so too God's Spirit flows through us and around us and among us, bound together by God's love.

I never begin a day without breathing. I never go long without eating or drinking water. I am completely convinced that oxygen is required for my life, that food and water are necessary if am to continue living. Yet, I do, from time to time, begin my day without prayer. I somehow weigh all my options and decide that my first cup of coffee is more important than the psalms; or I tell myself I will take "extra" time later to make up for it; as if I could stop breathing and make up for it later. I do know this: when I make the time to pray, first thing, I am more awake the whole day through. When I spend a moment of rest in eternity I have way more time to accomplish whatever needs to be done with more energy and more joy.

It is important to let God remain our life's breath always, saying the name of Jesus frequently, thanking God for the grace of every moment, resting in God's Word and seeking God's will each day. Our prayer gives life to our soul. Let us live that life to the full.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

### Pastor

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Rev. John Mayer

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Dana Engelhardt

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### Bulletin Notices

Must be presented in writing or email before 3:00 pm on Friday.

### Mass Schedule

**Weekend** 4:00 pm Saturday

7:00 & 10:00 am Sunday

**Weekday** 6:30 am

(Monday ~ Friday)

**Saturday** 8:00 am

**Holy Day** As announced in bulletin

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday** 3:00 to 3:45 pm

At other times upon request

### Sacrament of Baptism

Pre-registration necessary.

Call the rectory for info packet.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the rectory at least 6 months in advance.

Call the rectory for info packet.

### New Parishioners

Please register as soon as possible after any of the Masses or contact the rectory.

### Devotions in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Friday after the 6:30 am Mass

First Friday Rosary and

Benediction 6:00 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Perpetual Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament

### Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday after the 6:30 am Mass

### Rosary

After 8:00 am Mass Saturday

9:40 am Sunday



**Saturday, May 1**

8 am Tony & Ralph Michaels †

4 pm The Deceased Members of the Corona Family †

**Sunday, May 2**

7 am Clem Donnelly †

10 am Parishioners of SJB

**Monday, May 3**

6:30 am Intentions of the Holy Father

**Tuesday, May 4**

6:30 am Joseph J. Mount †

**Wednesday, May 5**

6:30 am Intentions of the Holy Father

**Thursday, May 6**

6:30 am Thelma Kossman †

**Friday, May 7**

6:30 am Joseph Rauscher †

**Saturday, May 8**

8 am Mary Heggar †

4 pm John Goddheart †

**Sunday, May 9**

7 am Elmer, Alita and Bob Mick †

10 am Parishioners of SJB

**Observances for the week of May 2, 2021**

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day



**Readings for the week of May 2, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/  
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21  
[cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/  
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/  
Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/  
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3,  
3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



**Lectors** Saturday, May 8

4 pm M.J. Matejka

Sunday, May 9

7 am M. Boehne

10 am R. Pancella



**This Week at SJB**

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:** Men's Club Exec. Mtg., Cafeteria, 7pm

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:** Quilters, Cafeteria, 8am

**Friday:** Eucharistic Procession, 6pm

**Saturday:** Confessions 3-3:45 pm

Mass 4 pm

**Sunday:** Mass 7am and 10am

Mother's Day Breakfast



Mass Intentions



Would you like to have a loved one remembered at Mass for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary? The *recommended* contribution for Masses is \$10. You may put your intention (with your contact information) in an envelope marked 'Parish Office' and place it in the collection basket or drop it in the mail slot at the front door of the Rectory.



“Annual Catholic Appeal” is underway and continues through the first weekend of May. Please consider making a pledge or payment to the appeal. **Checks may be made payable to ACA.** Return either to ACA Office or use our collection basket. Find more info & pay online-visit [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org). God Bless You. St. John’s Thanks You for your support & continued prayers.

Thank you to those families who have already returned the pledge forms.



In your charity, please pray for the soul of

**Cecilia Powell**  
Parishioner

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, O Lord.....



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St. John’s Men’s Club Annual Mother’s Day Breakfast



will be held on May 9, 2021. Limited seating available for 3 timed seatings at either 8am, 9:30am or 11am. Masks must be worn while not eating. **Reservations must be made by TODAY May 2, 2021.**

For reservations, contact Bart Bieser at 314-496-6356 or Rick Smith at 314-532-0384.

## Mother's Day Quilt Raffle

The quilters are having a quilt raffle!



Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. This quilt also comes with a bonus matching pillow.

Besides the quilt, there are 3 other items included in the raffle, so you have 4 chances to win! The quilt will be on display in the back of church May 1-2.

You can purchase tickets then, contact any quilter or

call Cathy Stephens (314)313-4817.

The winning ticket will be pulled Thursday, May 6th.



Congratulations to the following South City Deanery PSR students who will make their First Communion at St. John the Baptist on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 1 pm:

Alexander Allen  
Paxton Anderson  
Avery DeAvila  
Ivy DeAvila  
Colin Dueker  
Louis Loajza  
Alyson Macias

May Jesus, the Bread of Life, always be spiritual nourishment in your journey of life.

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