



SACRED HEART CHURCH & SAINT JOHN MISSION

PASTOR: MSGR LES JANIK

———— SUNDAY JUNE 20, 2021 ————

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 19th-Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM In Memory of **Vincent Devino, Jr.** (birthday remembrance) requested by his wife, Paulette Devino

Sunday June 20th-Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am In Memory of **Joanne K. Baribeault** requested by her family

9:00 am In Memory of **William & Maudie Herrick** requested by Dr. Jeremiah & Virginia Lowney

10:30 am In Memory of **Gerard LeBlanc, Sr.** requested by Bob & Ann Ricca

Monday, June 21st-St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:00 am In Memory of **Roy Avery (birthday remembrance)** requested by his grandparents, Gerard & Loretta LeBlanc

Tuesday, June 22nd-St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs

8:00 am In Memory of **Joan Winiarski** requested by Dr. Jeremiah & Virginia Lowney

Wednesday, June 23rd-Weekday

8:00 am In Memory of **Gerard LeBlanc, Sr.** requested by Dr. Jeremiah & Virginia Lowney

In Memory of **Rev. Charles A. McGrail**

Thursday, June 24th-The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

No Mass

Friday, June 25th-Weekday

8:00 am In Memory of **Gerard LeBlanc, Sr.** requested by his wife Loretta LeBlanc

Next Weekend

4:00 pm In Memory of **Maxime Quilty**

7:30 am In Memory of **Frances vonTish**

9:00 am In Memory of **Rev. Eugene Pilatowski**

10:30 am In Memory of **George Bucko**



REMEMBER
in your prayers

The following are in need of guidance and strength during difficult times: Eric Allard, Lydia Baborsky, Audrey & Dan Case,

Phyllis Chamberlin, Deacon Al Cote, Alfred Cutrone Jr., Betty Ettl, Joe Ettl, Dorothy Fisher, Rick Gunther, Richard Kalinowski, Loretta LeBlanc, James Riley, Mary Sanborn, Maryann St. Peter, Stanley Weingart, Richard Wengar, Justin West and Charles Whitty.

Lord God, we ask you to bless the members of our armed services. Give them courage, hope and strength.



Please call or email the rectory to confirm the names on the Prayer List.



Flowers for the Blessed Mother

In Memory of **Paul Fleming** requested by his family.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Saint John Mission:

Sunday: 9:00 am at Sacred Heart Church

DAILY MASSES

Sacred Heart Church:

8:00 am (Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri.)

"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"
- Mk 4:38c-39, 41

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**Please Remain Prayerfully Silent
Before Mass**



God may be calling you! ... but probably not on your cell phone during Mass.

Please silence your cellphones and devices!

The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist



St. John the Baptist played a huge role in salvation history. He was a contemporary of Christ who was known for recognizing Christ in the womb, evangelizing, and baptizing Jesus.

There are **four virtues** we can recognize and aspire to when we celebrate John's life. First, his **self-denial**; he lived far from the world in the solitude of the desert wearing camels' hair and his food was of the poorest description. Second, his **obedience**; it had to be difficult to preach penance to the sensual and worldly-minded Jews of that time. We all know how hard it is today to talk about repenting and penance, it wasn't any easier back then. Nonetheless, John promptly undertook the task, not because he wanted to or because he thought it would be easy, but because God commanded it. Third, his **courage**, John did not hesitate to speak out the truth boldly to the Pharisees and Sadducees, although he knew they would hate him for it. Regardless of being hated by many, he still taught in charity and was able to baptize tax-collectors. It's not easy to do the right thing when you know you will be hated for it... John did it anyway. Fourth, his **humility**, it's clear he spoke to hundreds if not thousands of people. Many thought John could be the Messiah. But John rebuked this claim saying, "I am not the Christ. I am not worthy to loose the latchet of his sandals." He knew his vocation and he would not have it confused or blurred. He knew he was here to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. "**He must increase, but I must decrease.**"

—Excerpts from *The Catholic Man Show*



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Sacred Heart Church:

\$3,468

Saint John Mission:

\$378



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"Then, as now, the Eucharist remains a "sign of contradiction" and can only be so because a God who makes himself flesh and sacrifices himself for the life of the world throws human wisdom into crisis." —Pope Benedict XVI, *Homily at St. John Lateran*, June 7, 2007



Lord, we pray for fathers and fatherhood across our land. Your Word clearly instructs fathers to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the

Lord. God, we thank You for the men who are leading according to Your statutes and the ones that are laying their lives down for Your purposes. We pray that You will continue to use these men to lead their families and other men. We pray You will strengthen the fathers of our nation and that You will continue to empower churches, organizations, and individuals to invest in fathers and fatherhood for the sake of our children. Amen.

—Prayer adapted from Crosswalk.com

Reflection on today's Gospel from Mark 4: 35-41

Can you imagine setting out in a boat on a seemingly calm sea and without warning getting caught up in a storm that blows the boat side to side, takes on water, and rips the sails to shreds? Having the full force of nature's fury upon you undoubtedly would create fear. In this week's Gospel from Mark, as the violent squall kicked up the waters, the disciples probably thought they might die. Jesus had to have known what was happening and yet, his priority at this time was rest. He made them wait a bit, and then the disciples woke him up in a panic. After calming the storm, they were shocked, lacking full faith in Him. These men had seen the miracles Jesus performed, heard his wisdom, and witnessed his healing and forgiveness. Now the wind and sea obey his command!



How does it feel for us to wait on Jesus? Even for the most faithful among us it's not easy to wait when we feel afraid, or stuck, or when situations feel out of our control. No one likes not knowing.

Sometimes it's those "in-between" moments of our circumstances that become valuable to our spiritual growth, when patience and trust become a spiritual practice. When self-talk calms us down long enough to remind us of who is in charge. The disciples were waiting on **Divine Timing**. So too must we.

Courage is not the absence of fear. It means trusting in the compassion and love of a God who is in charge of our lives and willing to guide us through stormy waters.



Many other miracles were attributed to St. Rita, both during her life and after her death.

Holy Patroness of those in need, Saint Rita, so humble, pure and patient, whose pleadings with thy Divine Spouse are irresistible, obtain for me from thy Crucified Christ my request (mention it here). Be kind to me, for the greater glory of God, and I promise to honor thee and to sing thy praises forever.

Oh glorious St. Rita, who didst miraculously participate in the sorrowful Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, obtain for me the grace to suffer with resignation the troubles of this life, and protect me in all my needs. Amen.

The prayer to St. Rita, like her miracles, helps remind us indeed that "all things are possible with God," as Jesus said in Mark's gospel (10:27). Roses are her symbol. Her feast day is May 22nd.

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