

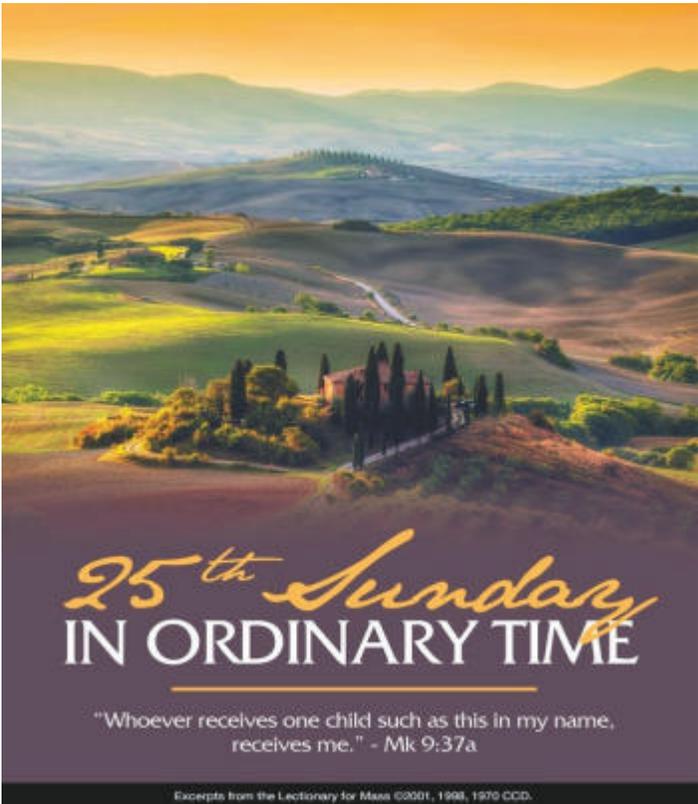


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MISSION STATEMENT
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is under the direction of the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, in communion with the Holy Father, shepherd of the Universal Church. As parishioners, we are called to help everyone live as Members of the Body of Christ and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. We are a family; a worshiping, healing, and listening presence to our community, open to the Spirit of God in our lives, and committing ourselves to proclaiming the message of the Gospel in word and in action. Embracing the Holy Eucharist as the 'Source and Summit' of our lives, we strive to live as faithful Catholic witnesses in service to all people.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon
MASS SCHEDULE
Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Parishioners can also tune-in to 95.3 FM & listen to the Mass in the parking lot.
Weekday Masses
Monday Communion Service 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday: 2:00—3:30 p.m.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL MEDITATION

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

St. John the Baptist is now offering scholarships to attend Santo Niño Regional Catholic School for incoming and current students for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications can be obtained in the Parish Office. Applicants must be registered parishioners. An essay from the student on "Why Catholic Education Is Important To Me," not to exceed one full page, will be required in addition to a completed application. Deadline is October 31st.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 9:00 A.M.	September 20 Communion Service
TUESDAY 9:00 A.M.	September 21 +Randy, Paul and Bobby +Leroy Romero Spec. Int. Ernest Holmes
WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M.	September 22 +Carlos Martinez Sr. +Leroy Romero Living and Dec. Members of Gallegos & Sena Families
THURSDAY 9:00 A.M.	September 23 +Emmett Richner +Teresita Mercure +Roger, Gary, and William Garcia
FRIDAY 9:00 A.M.	September 24 +Randy and Jerome +Mildred Inez Ortega Spec. Int. Romero Family
SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.	September 25 +Alfredo and Elizaria Sena +Vivian R. Archuleta +Louisa Martinez
SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.	September 26 Deceased Members of Praying Mothers +Willie Jr., Elsie, and June Cardenas +Rogelio Martinez
11:00 A.M.	+Irene Ortiz +Michael Manning +Cerillo and Sophie and Tacho Gonzales

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$ 41,300.00

Pledged to Date: \$ 43,412.00

Paid to Date: \$ 42,947.83

If we complete payment of this goal, any monies over the \$41,300.00 will be returned to our parish. Please share your faith through giving to the 2021 ACA campaign. Letters and pledge forms have been sent by mail to those who donated last year. For others, ACA forms will be available in the church. **Donors may also contribute online. The ACA has a secure donation web-site for credit/debit card and checking account payments: www.acaarchdiosf.org** This method saves time and energy, eliminating the need to write checks or mail envelopes and allows payments to continue without interruption.

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe entered into Chapter 11 reorganization during the first week of December 2018. The utmost concern is for the victims of abuse. Our prayers are with them. The **Annual Catholic Appeal Foundation** is NOT part of the Chapter 11 filing. It is separately incorporated and **funding is not available for legal claims**. ACA remains a significant source of funding for the ministries and services of the Archdiocese throughout this process and beyond. Thank you for continuing to support Christ's loving work through this.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

September 11 & 12, 2021

Sacrificial Giving Envelopes.....	\$ 5,649.00
Building Fund.....	249.00
Heart ² Heart.....	80.00
Lunch Kitchen.....	130.00
Seminarian Support.....	642.00
Loose Cash.....	748.00
Online Giving.....	<u>260.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,758.00

Many thanks to the 212 families who used their stewardship envelopes and the Online Giving this week. These contributions make possible the administration and maintenance of our Parish ministries. When making your contributions to our Parish, please use your stewardship envelope. If you forget your envelope, there are supplemental envelopes located in the bulletin racks at the entrances of the church.



SEPTEMBER

Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

**FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE SERVANT OF THE HEART
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"
"Una Palabra Tuya Bastará para Sanarme"

This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** on September 19, 2021, and the theme is: "*Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed.*"

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Those who the parish of St. John the Baptist faith community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. This year's poster image illustrates the Gospel account of Christ healing a blind man by anointing his eyes.

The past year has highlighted the urgent need for healing—physical, spiritual, emotional—in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. When our souls heal, all heals, despite our suffering.

The words we pray at Mass, "*Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed,*" have the power to remind us to open our eyes to the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist, which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask him to say the word, and with that prayer, we have faith that, with the fantastic and improbable prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed.

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving God, Creator of all things,
you call all catechists to be in relationship with you and others.

Thank you for calling them to be a catechist,
for the opportunity to share with others what you have given to them.

May all those with whom they share the gift of faith
discover how you are present in all things.

May they come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide their hearts and
lips, so that they may remain constant in loving and praising you.

May they be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of
your truth.

May all their words and actions reflect your love.
Amen.

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING - ST. PEREGRINE

The Rosary is prayed on the first Saturday of each month, before Mass at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel. The St. Peregrine Chaplet is prayed after Mass on subsequent Saturdays in the chapel. We pray for those who are sick and especially for those with cancer.

Brenda Martinez	Larry F.
Henry DeHerrera	Saturnino Martinez
Joey Lerma	Alejandra Guevara
Andrea Sedillo	Roland Valdez
Bonifacio Griego	Dennis Rodriguez
Camille Montoya	J. Salazar
Mary Alice B. Montoya	Margie Lucero
Lyle Johnson	Amanda Duran
Joey Valdez	Jeremy Vargas
Ellen K.	Ruben Gonzales
Olivia Romero	Gregorio Sanchez
Anna Ortega	Toni Tapia

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND OUR HOMEBOUND

Melinda and Mark R.	Frank & Angie Giamalva
Chris Gonzales	Annette Brumley
Martha Ulibarri	Henry & Catherine Duran
Nancy Ulibarri	Anthony Fazio
Ruby Valdez	Amir Gonzales
Maria Garber	Eric Watkins
Ramona Roibal	Chris Sanchez
Aailyah Montoya	Frank Montoya
Ed & Cheryl Matuz	Gloria Dofflemyer
John N. Vigil	Matthew Trujillo
Angie & Patricio Lucero	Larry Gagnon
Jenny Romero	Neva Montoya
Debbie Durrrough	Gilbert & Marcella Lucero
Mike Matuz	Debbie M. Garcia

JORNADA DE FE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Jornada de Fe provides ministry formation and adult enrichment for persons interested in expanding their relationship with God and with His Church. The sessions provide an opportunity for a mini retreat - a time to step away from life's chaos, to rest with Jesus, and to regain strength to continue to express God's love in your life. This year's program begins on Saturday, October 2, via Zoom. We begin our study of Church History, looking at the First through Sixth Centuries. We will focus on expressions of ministry in the early Church, explore the influence of Jewish and Greek cultures on early Christianity, and watch the development of church structure over these centuries. The session will be lead by Ann Kaul and Brian Stafford, Jornada de Fe coordinators.

Title: Church History 1st to 6th Centuries

Date and Time: Saturday, October 2, 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM via Zoom

Anyone with a computer or smartphone and an internet connection is welcome to join the session. To register for access to the Zoom link, contact Ann and Brian at 505-424-1750 or ann_kaul@yahoo.com (Ann) and secanre@cybermesa.com (Brian).

Sacrament of Baptism

Worshipping with us at Mass and registering at least 90 days prior to Baptism is a time to spiritually prepare both you and your family for this sacrament. A pre-baptismal class is required for parents and godparents. Classes are normally held the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. **Classes will be conducted on a case-by-case basis.** For more information, please call Deacon Martin Gallegos at 505-690-3216.

Godparents must be confirmed and, if married, married in the Catholic Church and if not married, should not be living with someone outside of marriage and attempting to live the fullness of their faith as Catholics.

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ST. PADRE PIO

Feast Day: September 23

Padre Pio (Francesco Forgione) was born in the small farming town of Pietrelcina, Italy on May 25, 1887. His mother described him as a quiet child who loved to go to church and to pray. As a young boy, he was able to see and communicate with not only his guardian angel but also with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. In his simplicity, Francesco assumed everyone had the same experiences. When Francesco was 15, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order of the Friars Minor and was ordained to the priesthood in 1910 at age 23. For many of his parishioners, even a few moments in his presence proved to be a life-changing experience. Padre Pio is understood above all else as a man of prayer. He prayed almost continuously and especially loved the Rosary.

The marks of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appeared on Padre Pio's body in 1918 while he was praying before a crucifix. He became the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Church and bore the painful wounds in his hands, feet, and side for fifty years. In addition, God endowed Padre Pio with many extraordinary spiritual gifts including the gift of healing, bilocation, the ability to read hearts, the gift of conversions, and the grace to see angelic beings in form. Although he received more than his share of spiritual gifts, he never sought them. He always remained humble, constantly at the disposal of Almighty God.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 at the age of 81. He died as he had lived, with his Rosary in his hands. Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio on June 16, 2002. One of his most famous sayings is, "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." *St. Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for us.*

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