

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. June 24 - Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 See Lk 1:76 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Mon. June 25 - 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 Heb 4:12 Mt 7:1-5

Tues. June 26 - 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 Jn 8:12 Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wed. June 27 - 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 Jn 15:4a, 5b Mt 7:15-20

Thurs. June 28 - 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Jn 14:23 Mt 7:21-29

Fri. June 29 - Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:18 Mt 16:13-19

Sat. June 30 - Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 Mt 8:17 Mt 8:5-17

**Remaining June Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::**

Devin Hebert 24
Hollis Fain 28
Emmanuel Taylor 29

Happy Anniversary

Reginald & Tina Kindle 5th

Fr. Donatus' 21st Ordination Anniversary is on Thursday, 28th of June. Anniversary and thanksgiving Mass by 8am. Everyone is invited to come and thank God with him at the morning Mass.



COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Activities - Brushelle Scott
Bishop Faith Appeal - Shirley Ray
Bereavement Committee - Rose Bottley

Donut Sunday's - Freda Guillory*
Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Shirley Ray

Finance - Andre' Robertson *
finance meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Fund Raiser - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis

Lectors - Gary Mims

Life Center - Adam Jacobs

Plumbing - Joe Fontenot

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis

Music Director - George Alexander
* choir rehearsal are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Socials - Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary * Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow



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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



The Nativity of ST. John the Baptist
June 24, 2018

“There was a man sent from God whose name was John...”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
NO Saturday 8:00 a.m. on Funeral day's

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday: 6 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Marriage:

Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Sunday, June 24, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon. June 25, NO MASS

Tues. June 26, 8:00 am

Wed. June 27, 8:00 am

Thurs. June 28, 8:00 am

Fri. June 29, 8:00 am
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 30, 2018 8:00 am
NO morning Mass on any Saturday we are have a Funeral. Mass will be by 10am 3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation 4:00 p.m. Mass

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your love ones, or any deceased person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Sat: Johnny Riggs, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott

Sun: Fred Green, Kenneth Mason, Elizabeth Mitchell, Dorothy Jacobs

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Leo Jackson
L: Freda Guillory & Eva Platt

Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard
L: Eva Platt & Tina Kindle

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: "Volunteer"
Sunday: "Volunteer"

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Richard Scott & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Lucy Jones & Freda Guillory

Attendance
Saturday: 33 Sunday: 59

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 80.00
Loose	\$ 74.00
Fundraiser	\$ 201.15
Saturday	\$ 1,325.00
Sunday	\$ 934.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,614.15

Expenses: Spectrum < \$191.84 >
Center point energy < \$147.20 >
Phone < \$113.02 >
Equipment repair < \$45.65 >

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

A Moment in the Sun

The Church celebrates the solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist when the year is half spent and sunlit, when the days in the Northern Hemisphere are hot and long and the nights are warm and brief. The rugged, fiery prophet John blazes into view with a white-hot intensity reminiscent of God's prophets of old. From cool mountaintops, scorched deserts, green prairies, and hot sand beaches we peer into John's fierce eyes and consider this God-haunted man.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-6 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15
SECOND READING: Acts 13:22-26 GOSPEL: Luke 1:57-66, 80

Comment

John speaks for himself during the Sundays of Advent, but on his feast day, others speak for him. We might think of his feast day as a sort of toast given by great prophets and leaders in their own right and in their own times—Isaiah, Paul, and Luke.

The Hebrew and Christian Scriptures seem to favor stories of children born late, after all hope is gone and childbearing years have passed. An elderly Sarah gives birth to Isaac, and God's promise to Abraham is fulfilled at long last. Today's Gospel tells of the birth of John, who was promised in a vision to his father, Zechariah, well advanced in years. The child, Zechariah learns, is to be called John, which means "God is good." This name is a strange one, but neither Zechariah nor Elizabeth can dispute its meaning, for surely God has been good to them by blessing them thus in their old age. How good God is remains to be seen, and it will be ours to see. In Jewish tradition, a name is vital. It carries meaning and tradition; it strengthens memory and reestablishes family ties. This heaven-assigned name, John, carries a mission, but it is not a name found anywhere on the family tree, and this causes no small amount of discussion among the relatives. Zechariah, who has been speechless from the time of the visionary announcement of the birth until the naming of the child born out of time, insists that the child's name will be John, family precedent or no. Zechariah finds his voice again, and the people are astounded and know that surely God has something in store for this child.

Reflection

In the second reading, Paul moves us toward John's selfless adult mission: to turn over to the promised Messiah all the attention he has gained, all the converts he has made, all the followers he has gathered. Thus the Baptist's generosity knows no equal under the sun.

The first reading speaks of an unknown servant who announces good news to the ends of the earth. The Church has long recognized this resounding voice as that of John, the herald of salvation. As the Gospels rush us headlong through John's work and on to his abandonment and tragic death, we cling to the gentle words of Isaiah, who helps us understand the greatness of John the Baptist: "My reward is with the Lord, my recompense is with my God ... And I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength!" (Is 49:4, 5) John's joy overflowed when he was able to turn everyone over to the Messiah and Lord who moved along Jordan's bank. This was the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, and John knew it. His spirit was ready and he was as sharp as a "polished arrow," says Isaiah. John was a fierce light to the nations, and he announced the Messiah whose salvation reached to the ends of the earth, right down to us today, summering and simmering in the sun.

Church tradition has found it most fitting to set aside a special time to celebrate John and his seemingly thankless mission. We are so intent on preparing the way for Jesus during Advent that we pass John by with barely a nod. We need a day just for John, and this is the day.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Brown
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Florence Craig
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Ella Mae Garrett
Anna Garrick
Mary Gray
Beatrice Guillory
Mark Mitchell Jr.
James Mims
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
Mormon Richard
Alma C Thibodeaux



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
George Davis
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Peggy Green
Myrtle Guillory
Rena Mae Jenkins
Celestine Johnson
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
John King
Ruby Milton
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pilette
Doris Robertson
Robert Simmons
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

Parish Luncheon

The Parish Luncheon will be Sunday, July 8, 2018. Please make your schedules accordingly, we don't want to leave anyone out. This is a Parish Social Event and *All* is ask to attend.

*** ALL Pastoral Council Members***

There will be a pastoral council meeting Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Education building, every member is expected to be in attendance. Please make your schedules accordingly.

Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$17,310 Pledges: \$15,515.
Paid: \$ 7,920.

It is time to begin our yearly commitment to our BFA goal for 2018. Everyone is asked to make their pledges and payments. If you have any questions or concerns about your contributions to BFA please contact Shirley Ray at (409) 779-9922. or Fr. Donatus (409) 454-3958. Romans 8:28 says We know that all things work together for good, for those who love God, who are the called according to his purpose. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Parish Office hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Thursday. When contacting the parish office the lines may be busy, if so, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned. Anything after 4:00 pm will be addressed the next business day. *If there is an emergency please contact Fr. Donatus, cell # (409) 454-3958. Thanks in advance*

To all our sick and homebound THANK YOU so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to our parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit *ALL* parishioners at the appointed time. However, Fr. Donatus has reserved the second and forth Friday of the month for the homebound.

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESE—THE LITTLE FLOWER

St. Therese, beloved friend, you promised to spend your time in heaven doing good upon the earth. WE come before you in our need. We believe that you listen to us and approach God for and with us. You are love in the heart of the God. Please accept these petitions, hopes, needs and dreams that I list below (pause).

Please present them to our loving Father so that God may do what is best for us, for our loved ones, and for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Continue your shower of roses in our lives. We ask you, dear friend with the bold confidence and loving care. We make this prayerful petition in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. **AMEN.**

St. Therese Vacation Bible School

Parents and Guardians, there is still time Vacation Bible School has been rescheduled due to the rains early this past week. You are invited to sign your student up for a week of vacation bible school. VBS will begin July 16th through July 20th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Students, elementary to high school is invited to a week of learning God's plan for us. Each day we will also have, music, and activities. Hope to see you there. God bless!

If anyone is free to assist in Vacation Bible School please contact Sonja Popillion at (409) 670-0808 or Cecilia Davis at (409)

ATTENTION EVERYONE Game Nights

St. Therese is starting GAME NIGHT for everyone to enjoy. Please join us every Tuesday evening at 7 and every first (1st) and third (3rd) Saturday of each month at 5 pm. Every adult and child are welcomed. There are assorted games available. If anyone would like to bring their own game to share with everyone, you are welcome to do so. Hope to see you there!

For any questions or information contact Brushelle Scott (409) 779-7365