



Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church

Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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June 24, 2018

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist



JUNE 24, 2018 | THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

~ Isaiah 49:6

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Mass Schedule/Intentions

Saturday, June 23 5:00 PM -

Sunday, June 24

8:00AM - *For the people of the parish*

11:00AM - *Birthday Blessings for Michael and Christina Gittens as requested by the Gittens and Duliepre families*

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM - 4:30PM

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704-817-7285

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704-375-4339

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PARISH NEWS

Parish Picnic

The parish Picnic will be TODAY, June 24, 2018, 1PM - 7PM at Frank Liske Park, 4001 Stough Rd, Concord NC 28027

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Lion King Tickets

Interested in seeing Lion King? Tickets are available for the Saturday, September 8th, 2:00PM matinee. Balcony seats are \$79 and \$96. There is a Youth workshop prior to performance \$10. Limited space. Please see Wendy Cutting or email olcfamilylife@gmail.com

Office hours the week of July 4th

The office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th, for the National Holiday. Office hours will be limited through the rest of the week.

Please note: this is a transitional time and we ask your patience as our new pastor settles into the parish. Fr. Carl's last Sunday in the Parish will be July 8th. Our new pastor, Rev. Basile Sede, will be arriving from St. Benedict the Moore in Winston Salem.

Reflection

John the Baptist

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the "precursor" of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John's basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John's legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: "You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory" (Isaiah 49:3). John's humility - "I am not he" - was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

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Treasures from Our Tradition

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our

Ministry Schedule - June 30 & July 1, 2018

Readers

Sat. June 30, 5PM Stacie Cheatom
Sunday July 1 8AM Duane Duncan
11AM Catherine Gomez, Montae Monroe

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. June 30 5PM J Edouard, C Edouard
Sun. July 1 8AM S Cooper, G Gillison, R Carter, L Johnson, O Carter
11AM D Sanchez, S Carr, D Wadsworth, S Fowler, K Mukoko,

Our Lady of Consolation Engages

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November 2017- November 2018

liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!

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Around the Diocese

Interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon? Have you thought God might be calling you to serve the Church as a deacon? Would you like to know more about the process involved in becoming a permanent deacon? The office of the permanent diaconate continuously collects names of men who are inquiring into the diaconate. If interested in finding out more, please call Deacon Scott D. Gilfillan at 828-327-7441 or email him at sdgilfillan@catholicconference.org. The diocese starts a new formation class every four years. An important cut-off is approaching. Before being selected for diaconate formation, a man has to complete the two-year Lay Ecclesial Ministry program offered by the diocese. Lay Ministry Program classes will begin this Fall-2018 with applications currently being accepted. These details and more on this program can be found at: <https://charlottediocese.org/ev/adult-education/>

WWME

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are: Jul 20-22, 2018 in Fort Mill, SC and Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

Daily Readings & Calendar June 24 - 30, 2018

Sun. June 24 Jer 1:4-10; 1Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17	8:00AM Mass, Church 11:00AM Mass, Church 1PM - 7PM, Parish Picnic 4PM SLI, gym
Mon. June 25 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5	5PM SLI Basketball, PLC
Tue. June 26 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14	10:30AM Food Pantry 6:30PM Health Ministry, Conference Rm
Wed. June 27 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20	6PM, Basketball, PLC
Thur. June 28 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29	9:30AM - 12PM Healthy Living class, Scout Room 6PM Basketball, PLC 6:30PM YAM Boy Scout Rm
Fri. June 29 Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19	11:30AM Food Pantry 6PM Basketball
Sat. June 30 Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17	4:00PM Confessions 5:00PM Mass

Parish Weekly Tithe Report

Week of June 10, 2018 Budgeted Amount

Offertory	\$ 6,398.45	\$ 9,615.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 345.00	
Building Repair	\$ 140.00	
Total	\$ 6,883.45	\$9,615.00

DSA - "We Are Called" Your gifts to the DSA help Catholic Charities serve the most vulnerable among us. If you have not yet made a gift, please give prayerful consideration making a contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal.

www.charlottediocese.org/dsa

To date, 108 of our 458 parish families have contributed 22,338.04 of the 48,768.00 needed to reach our goal.

St Martin de Porres Outreach Ministry

Donations of food are always gratefully accepted in the vestibule. The St. Martin de Porres food pantry operates to give out these donations twice a week (Tuesday & Friday) distributing food boxes to those in need. If you or someone you know has a need for food please call 704-375-4339 to get an appointment to pick up a box.

Prayer Intentions, Please Pray For:

Thomasina Carr, Lamonte Bailey, Errin Rochelle, Carmen Pantoja-Perez, Fr. Jim Goode, Joseph Castro, Pamela Gellineau, Michele Gellineau-Green, Bennie P. Evans, June Rousseau, Maria Rousseau, Ural Covington, Harry Baptiste, Carolyn Oates, Sr. Bessie McCarthy, Jake Suggs, Robert Collins, Jr., Lucielle Tate, Kate and Christopher Truesdale, Jensen McDonald, Eric Polite, Wilhelmina White, Victor Gellineau, Idalia Brown, Alberta Foree (sister of Clair Harvey), La-Rita Alvarado, Jennifer Makeeff, Alan Jones, Marianne B. Holman, Barbara Block, Deborah Hurst, Elmira House, Adele Moore, Barbara Young, Terry Vaughan, Jr., Thomas & Iona Franklin, Leroy Fair, Nancy Helms, Cheryl Gellineau Smalls, Ame Cherie Cannon, Ycein Henderson, Vive Brown, George Lewis, Mildred Ledbetter, John McDowell, Douglas Duncan, Rita Gittens, Judith Bazile, Cheryl Hunt, Teresa Park Thurman, Robin Worthy Leach, John Chrisp (father of Marcie Chrisp), Nicholas Pope, Robin Plummer, Henry Wallace, and all the special intentions of our parishioners.

Prayer Shawl

If you or a member of your family is ill or recuperating, you may request a prayer shawl from our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Call Carol Gomiak at 704-614-5908.

Right Now!

John the Baptist was marked by God for a unique role in our salvation. According to the Gospel, his conception and birth were unusual, and his name was God-given. As we know, John was Jesus cousin, who leapt in recognition of him even while both were in their mothers' wombs. John is a bridge between Jewish history and Jesus. John prepared for his mission alone in the desert, where people heard about him and went after him. John began to preach, saying *now* is the time to repent and be washed clean. The Lord is here, John proclaimed, to pour out the Holy Spirit on you. People asked him what they must do. John told them to behave with justice and compassion (see Luke 3:10-4). The urgency of his message is meant for us! We have been baptized, we can repent of our sins, and we have to change how we live, right now, today.

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Living Stewardship Now

To keep your parish church a place fit for the worship of God, volunteer to help keep it clean, to care for the altar linens, or to decorate for feasts and festivals. © World Library Publications. All rights reserved. If you are interested in decorating and caring for the Altar flowers please contact Mary Joseph at 704-568-8415. If you would like to care for altar linens or assist with Mass preparations contact Mary Carter.

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