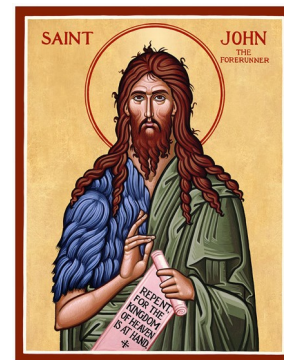




# Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church

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## June 25, 2022 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

### St. John the Baptist

A prophet of the most High, St. John is prefigured by Isaias and Jeremias; moreover, he was consecrated before birth to announce Jesus and to prepare souls for His coming. The Gospel narrates the prodigies which accompanied his birth. Zachary gives his child the name which St. Gabriel has brought him from heaven, which signifies: The Lord has pardoned. He immediately recovers his speech and, filled with the Holy Ghost, he foretells the greatness of his son: "He shall walk before the face of the Lord to give unto the people the knowledge of salvation." The angel Gabriel had announced to Zachary that "many would rejoice in the birth of St. John the Baptist." Indeed not only the neighbors and relations of Elizabeth solemnized the event, but every year, on its anniversary, the whole church invites her children to share in this holy joy. She knows that the nativity of this prophet of the most High at this Summer Christmas is intimately connected with the Advent of the Messiah. After the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the days become shorter, while, on the contrary, after the nativity of the Saviour, of which this feast is the prelude, the days become loner. The Precursor must efface himself before Jesus who is the true light of faith. "He must increase," says St. John, "and I must decrease."

### Feast of the Sacred Heart

In the early Middle Ages, the Doctors and Saints used to see in the wound of Jesus' side the source of all graces. St. Bonaventure invites us "to enter this wound and to dwell in the quiet of this Heart." Two Benedictine virgins, St. Gertrude and St. Mechtilde, in the thirteenth century, had a clear vision of the grandeur of the devotion to the Sacred Heart. St. John the evangelist, appearing to the former, announced to her that "the meaning of the blessed beating of the heart

of Jesus which he had heard while his head rested on His breast, was reserved for the latter times when the world grown old and cold in divine love, would require to have its fervor renewed by means of this mystery of burning love." This heart, says these two Saints, is an altar on which Christ offers Himself to the Father as a perfect and most acceptable victim. It is a golden censer from which rise towards the Father as many clouds of incense as there are are kinds of men for whom Christ suffered. In this Heart the praise and thanks we give to God and all our good works are ennobled and become acceptable to the Father. Coming after the feasts of Christ, this feast completes them, concentrating them in one object which is materially Jesus' Heart of flesh, and formally the unbounded charity symbolized by this Heart. This solemnity therefore does not relate to a particular mystery of the Saviour's life, but embraces them all, indeed the devotion to the Sacred Heart celebrates all the favors we have received from divine charity during the year.

### Wisdom of the Saints

Fear not. God is able with a few weak men to overthrow the Turkish power, to defend the city and put our enemies to shame. - St. John Capistran

Prayer is a pasture, a field wherein all the virtues find their nourishment, growth, and strength. - St. Catherine of Siena

### Announcements

The parish annual meeting will be held after Mass today. Please stay for an update on mission activities and board of directors election.

If interested in joining the choir email chain, please contact Caroline Hilliard at [carlbriggs80@gmail.com](mailto:carlbriggs80@gmail.com)!

Father is current accepting Mass intentions. Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

### Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

- Caroline Hilliard
- Kathleen Weidner
- JB Nolen (recovering from surgery)
- Rob Alpha's 4 year old niece
- Dennis Smith
- Theresa Fishman
- Sharon Rose
- Michael Briggs, RIP
- Father Trough
- Success of the Mission

### Upcoming

- July 1: First Friday, Most Precious Blood of Jesus**
- July 2: First Saturday, Visitation BVM**
- July 10: Mass, 7:30 PM**
- July 23: Mass, 10 AM**
- August 14: Mass, 7:30 PM**

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, [cahilliard7@gmail.com](mailto:cahilliard7@gmail.com).

### Rosary

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.  
<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

### Dress Code

Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:

- Women and girls must cover their heads.
- Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.
- It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.