



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 30, 2026 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 05:00 PM,
Tagalog | 07:00 PM
Sunday | 08:00 AM, 10:00 AM
(livestream), 12:00 PM, 04:00 PM
(Vietnamese) & 07:00 PM

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday | 07:00 AM

First Friday Mass

07:00 PM (livestream)

Reconciliation

Saturday | 03:00 PM or by
appointment

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual

Wednesday | 06:00 PM, Rosary at
06:30 PM

Daily Devotion

06:30 AM Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hours with your personal access
code.

Our Mission

We seek to be a community of active disciples who: Are diverse, inclusive, and collaborative, continuously grow and share their faith with all generations of spiritual seekers, are involved in a creative, vibrant liturgy, are involved in areas of service that impact its broader community and the world, have a strong sense of stewardship, evident in the parish's healthy finances, committed organization, and self sustained ministries

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parish community.
Scan to register as a
new parishioner.

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FOR THE WEEK OF 08/22/2026 - 08/23/2026

Target Weekly Income	\$ 12,000.00
Sunday Church Collection	\$ 8,124.00
Novena	\$ 338.00
Total	\$ 8,462.00
Variance	\$ -3,538.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish mission.

MASS INTENTION



SCAN QR CODE

St. John the Baptist Parish welcomes multiple Mass intentions. While no stipend is required, parishioners may make a freewill offering. All requests will be combined with others.

DISCLAIMER: If your intention is unintentionally omitted, please notify the Parish Office. God always hears every prayer, spoken or unspoken. We will gladly correct the omission. - Thank you.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 2026



GET BEHIND ME, SATAN!

My dear St. John the Baptist Parish Community,

The gospel this weekend (Mt. 16:21-27) continues where last Sunday's gospel ends (Mt. 16:13-20). We are still in Caesarea Philippi.

Caesarea Philippi is a shrine city that lies about 25 miles north of the Sea of Galilee situated at the foot of Mount Hermon. It has caves and temples dedicated to Greek deity which the local residents called the "gates of hell (Hades)". Later on, it was renamed to curry favor towards the Roman emperor and somehow became a center for political loyalty and emperor-worship.

Jesus used this setting to ask his disciples the question: *"Who do you say that I am?"*, to which Simon Peter answered: *"You are the Christ, the son of the living God."* Jesus praises Simon and gives him a new name and a new mission. Standing in front of a massive stone shrine and false idols, Jesus emphasized the rock of Peter's faith and the indestructibility of the community he was establishing - the Church. Jesus acknowledges that it was the Father who revealed this insight to Simon: *"Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."* The Father revealed a secret to Simon and Jesus "baptizes" him as Peter.

The scene today tells us it is Jesus' turn to reveal a secret - the messianic secret. *"Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."*

But the now-Peter, the erstwhile-Simon, would hear none of it. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, *"God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."*

Didn't he just confess that Jesus is the "Messiah, the Son of the living God." And yet he did not want the Messiah, the Christ, in front of him to go and fulfill his mission to save the world. Peter considered the fulfillment of the messianic mission a win for the "gates of hell - the abode of Satan". He still has not grasped the weight of his confession even though the Father revealed it to him. **Peter wanted his will over God's will.**

He was becoming a stumbling block (scandal) to the fulfillment of the mission of Jesus, to the ultimate revelation of the messianic secret. And it is for this reason that Jesus *"turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'"*

Those words of Jesus can easily apply to us. We can be, at times, the stumbling blocks to the realization of God's beautiful plan for us. The fulfillment of that plan means this: ***"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"***

The way of Jesus, the way of the cross, is the way of the disciple of Jesus. It is our way. We have to get behind him.

May the Holy Spirit give us the courage to proclaim the Christian victory.

Monsignor Willie



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lord, bless our celebrations, hear our intentions, receive our thanksgiving, grant healing, and give eternal rest to our departed. Amen.

Saturday, August 29 - 7:00 am

(I) Melda & Jesse Mangosing (Tks.),
Johanna Grace Ramos (Bday), Avery Nino (Bday)
(H) Julie Ann Jasmin, Elaine Mc Clain,
Nick Arimboanga, Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa,
Sandi Domingo, Ed Sacramento, Anna Nguyen,
Jimmy Odena
(D f) Randy Anthony Herrera, Bernard Haena,
Cyril Aragon, Arlene Sanchez

Saturday, August 29 - 5:00 pm

(I) The Alejandro Family (Tks.),
Dr. Andy William Mendoza (Sp. Int.)
(H) Nick Arimboanga, Frank Carroza, Ellie Cerezo,
Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa, Sandi Domingo,
Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena, Thelma Fazon,
Brigida Cuyugan, John Sendejas,
Pinky Valenciano
(D f) Angelita Aquino, Cyril Aragon,
Bernard Haena

Saturday, August 29 - 7:00 pm

(I) Isaiah Sibal (Sp. Int.),
Grace Mendoza-Ong (Sp. Int.)
(H) Kim Verzosa, Sandi Domingo, Trish Reyes,
Cesar Benitez, Nick Arimboanga, Jimmy Odena,
Ed Sacramento
(D f) Deacon Joseph Huynh, David Schick,
Julita Lafortez Roy, Cyril Aragon, Angelita Aquino,
Bernard Haena

Sunday, August 30 - 8:00 am

(I) Dr. Andy William Mendoza (Sp. Int.),
Dayna Reed (Bday), Irma Reed (Bday)
(H) Nick Arimboanga, Kim Verzosa,
Pinky Valenciano, Cesar Benitez, Sandi Domingo,
Robel Acosta, Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena,
Marvin Soriano
(D f) Bruce Hearn, Joseph Trung Nguyen,
Gioan Baotixita Nguyen Van Huy,
Cristyle Beltran, Christina Cahigan,
Vicente & Vicenta Ulep, Cyril Aragon

Sunday, August 30 - 10:00 am

(I) Dr. Andy William Mendoza (Sp. Int.),
Daisy Iloreta (Tks.), Norma Santos (Sp. Int.),
Bee Dittmer (Sp. Int.), Amy Marquez (Tks.),
Felician Sunga (Tks.)

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Sunday, August 30 - 10:00 am - cont'd

(H) Sandi Domingo, Trish Reyes,
Kim Verzosa, Cesar Benitez, Jimmy Odena,
Nick Arimboanga, Pinky Valenciano,
Ed Sacramento, Marvin Soriano,
(D f) Bruce Hearn, Ron Gaudinez,
Bernard Haena, Mauro Sr. & Nita Amandra,
Cyril Aragon, Bartolome & Leotica Felipe

Sunday, August 30 - 12:00 noon

(I) Dr. Andy William Mendoza (Sp. Int.)
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(H) Jimmy Odena, Benjamin Cacao,
Ed Sacramento, Gabriel Villasol, Nick Arimboanga,
Kim Verzosa, Trish Reyes, Sandi Domingo,
Cesar Benitez
(D f) Angelita Aquino, Aida Halili, Bartola Ortiz,
Jennifer Barnes, Ma. Editha Reyes,
Dolores Quizzagan, Armando Gonzaga,
Randy Anthony Herrera, Cyril Aragon,
Alfonso Belen, Sr., Roy Munar

Sunday, August 30 - 7:00 pm

(I) Dr. William Mendoza (Sp. Int.)
(H) Kim Verzosa, Sandi Domingo, Cesar Benitez,
Nick Arimboanga, Ed Sacramento
(D f) Cyril Aragon, Arlene Sanchez

Monday, August 31 - 7:00 am

(I) Bella Meneses (Tks.), Bee Dittmer (Sp. Int.)
(H) Marvin Soriano, Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa,
Sandi Domingo, Nick Arimboanga,
Sioe Fie Thoeng, Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena,
Pinky Valenciano
(D f) Cyril Aragon, Arlene Sanchez

Tuesday, September 1 - 7:00 am

(I) Jr. Patdu (Bday), Ferdy Blanco (Bday)
(H) Pinky Valenciano, Marvin Soriano,
Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa, Sandi Domingo,
Nick Arimboanga, Ed Sacramento,
Jimmy Odena, Elaine Mc Clain, Julie Ann Jasmin
(D f) Cyril Aragon, All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 2 - 7:00 am

(I) Myrna Salom (Bday)
(H) Nick Arimboanga, Frank Carroza,
Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa, Marvin Soriano,
Sandi Domingo, Ed Sacramento,
Pinky Valenciano, Jimmy Odena
(D f) Cyril Aragon, Arlene Sanchez,
Ramon Vergara

Wednesday, September 2 - 6:30 pm

(I) Myrna Salom (Bday)
(H) Trish Reyes, Nick Arimboanga, Frank Carroza,
Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa, Marvin Soriano,
Sandi Domingo, Gina Ramirez, Pinky Valenciano,
Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena
(D f) Angelita Aquino, Leandro/Trinidad Bauzon,
Cyril Aragon, Bartolome & Leotica Felipe

Thursday, September 3 - 7:00 am

(I) Rosalinda Co (Bday), Geraldine Velasco (Bday)
(H) Pinky Valenciano, Frank Carroza,
Nick Arimboanga, Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa,
Marvin Soriano, Sandi Domingo, Jimmy Odena,
Ed Sacramento, Justin Sunga
(D f) Reymond Co, Carlos Dajano, Cesar Dajano,
Cyril Aragon

First Friday, September 4 - 7:00 am

(I) Shiedo Pidlaoan (Bday), Eddie Edjan (Bday),
Karen & Ferdy Blanco (Anniv.)
(H) Pinky Valenciano, Frank Carroza,
Nick Arimboanga, Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa,
Sandi Domingo, Marvin Soriano, Anna Nguyen,
Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena, Abby Pacoma
(D f) Dolores Raymundo, Amante Encina,
Benjamin Hebron, Filomena Nallana,
Rose Marie Jao

First Friday, September 4 - 7:00 pm

(I) Jose Rafael Malonzo (Tks.),
Raquel Malonzo (Tks.),
Randy & Ditas Alabado (Tks.),
Gina Ramos & family (Sp. Int.)
(H) Arlyn Salazar, Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa,
Sandi Domingo, Trish Reyes, Nick Arimboanga,
Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena
(D f) Domingo & Juliana Gloria Dorado,
Geofredo Joey Dorado, Cyril Aragon,
Arlene Sanchez

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
- Mt 16:24b-25

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Living the stewardship way of life is not easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others requires sacrifice. It is the work of a lifetime. Yet it is also the only work that truly matters and the only life that ultimately satisfies.

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." At first, those words may sound difficult to accept. Why would anyone willingly embrace such a path?

Jesus immediately gives us the answer: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Everything comes down to love. Jesus loved us completely, giving Himself for us on the Cross. He continues to give Himself to us through His Word and, most especially, in the Eucharist.

Each day we are faced with a choice: to live for ourselves or to live for God and for others. The second path is more demanding, but it leads to lasting joy and the promise of eternal life. Christ assures us that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

May we choose each day to lose our lives for Christ's sake, offering them back to Him in grateful response to His immeasurable love.

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/ Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/ Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/ Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/ Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday:

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday:

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE O.C.I.A. CORNER

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The OCIA sessions have begun! You may still register, but please act soon because registration will close on September 1, 2026.

On Sunday, August 30, 2026, our topic will be "The Church as Community." Our parish is more than a building where we celebrate Mass! Come and help us discuss what happens within the St. John the Baptist community. We no longer offer Monday evening sessions, and we will not meet during Labor Day weekend.

OCIA is open to anyone in the Parish that would like to attend to learn more about their faith. OCIA is a basic refresher course of your Catholic Faith. Join us, you may learn something!

For more information contact Dave Meszaros (408-892-0510) email: mailman6019@yahoo.com, or the Parish Office at 408-262-2546.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION



One-year Confirmation Program

Online registration now open

CONFIRMATION

Information Night for parents:
August 28 | Friday
Check sjbparish.org for more info
or speak with Fr. Victor

For teens
7th-11th
grades

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Faith Formation registration will remain open through September 3, 2026.

FAITH FORMATION ORIENTATION

Thursday, September 10, 2026

6:45 PM in the Church

All parents and Faith Formation students are required to attend the orientation.



FIRST FRIDAY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday, September 4

Spend time in Jesus' presence and deepen your relationship with Him through prayer, silence, and adoration.

Masses at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM

"Come, let us adore Him."

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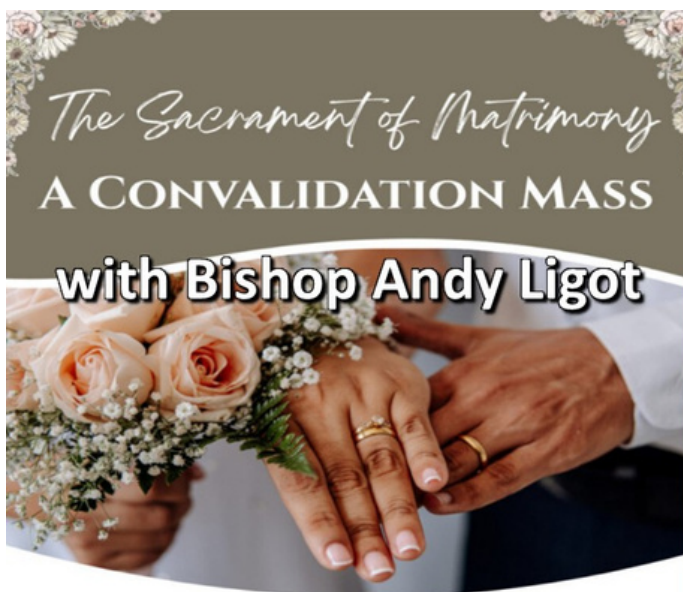
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This benefit concert was created to uplift the community through music and generosity. Join us for an evening of soulful performances, good company, and meaningful impact.

For tickets, call the Parish Office at 408-262-2546.



The Sacrament of Matrimony
A CONVALIDATION MASS
with Bishop Andy Ligot

Saturday, September 26, 2026



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