



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 Help

Wednesday | 06:00 PM Rosary and
06:30 PM Novena Mass

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; who continually grow in and share their faith with all generations of spiritual seekers; who participate in creative and vibrant liturgies; who serve the broader community and the world; and who demonstrate strong stewardship through healthy finances, committed organization, and self-sustaining ministries.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

FOR THE WEEK OF 08/29/2026 - 08/30/2026

Target Weekly Income	\$ 12,000.00
Sunday Church Collection	\$ 9,086.00
Novena	\$ 439.00
Total	\$ 9,525.00
Variance	\$ -2,475.00

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

MASS INTENTION



SUBMIT A MASS INTENTION

St. John the Baptist Parish welcomes multiple Mass intentions. While no stipend is required, parishioners may make a free-will 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



SOWING SEEDS OF FAITH

My dear St. John the Baptist Parish Community,

Since January of this year, we have been praying, as a community, the *Sowing Seeds of Faith* prayer before every Sunday Mass. It has been my hope that, with God's grace, we will attain spiritual renewal by growing in holiness.

When the whole world was brought to its knees by the Covid virus, we had no one to turn to but God. We sought God's help and we asked him to rescue the world from the deadly virus and from itself - from human indifference, materialism, from moral apathy and destructive behaviors and attitudes. For a moment, we saw some changes and thought we entered through the doors of conversion and compassion towards one another.

The late Pope Francis challenged the Church and the spiritual community to a new way of "doing Church". He directed the leaders of the Church to start listening to the hopes and pains, aspirations and needs of God's holy people so that the Church may walk with them, accompanied by the Risen Lord, through a fervent reflection of Scriptures "to make our hearts burn with fire" to lead us to "the breaking of the bread."

In response to this papal challenge, Bishop Oscar Cantú asked the whole Diocese of San Jose to conduct listening sessions to formulate a pastoral plan for the whole Diocese. Formulated in December 2023, the Diocesan Pastoral Plan proposed six priorities for spiritual renewal in the Church in Santa Clara Valley. The six priorities are **Worship, Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adults, Family, Outreach** and *Structural Renewal*. To fund the implementation of these six priorities, the Diocese launched a Capital Campaign for Spiritual Renewal called "Sowing Seeds of Faith" with a goal of \$62 million.

In January 2025, the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish took the six priorities and adapted them to the needs of the Parish and came up with the three *Key Parish Initiatives (KPI)* which are **Worship, Faith Formation** and **Youth and Young Adults**. To assist the parishes in implementing the KPI, each parish was assigned a goal to raise during the Campaign. **Our parish goal is \$840,000**. Fifty percent of the amount raised will be given back to the Parish so that we will be able to begin the parish spiritual renewal formation as we journey towards the 150th (Sesquicentennial) anniversary of the founding of St. John the Baptist Parish in 2027.

Over the past few months, our Parish Campaign Committee has been meeting with individual parishioners as part of the silent phase to start up the campaign in the Parish. These parishioners have been very generous in their response.

Next Sunday, we will launch the public phase of the Campaign. We will invite the rest of the Parish Community to participate in this Campaign so that all parish stakeholders, those who have been here for a while and those who have recently joined us in worship will be able to support our pastoral undertaking for the years to come.

It is time for everyone who considers St. John the Baptist Parish as their place of worship to come to the aid of the Parish in achieving its goal to implement our KPIs. I pray that everyone responds generously to this invitation. May the Lord open our hearts to the great possibilities that await our Parish towards the goal of spiritual renewal. God bless everyone.

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, September 5 - 7:00 AM

(I) Dennis, Joy & Arienne David (Sp. Int.),
Jhun, Reyna & Ysaa Manarang (Sp. Int.),
Pray for Pampanga

(H) Julie Ann Jasmin, Elaine McClain
Nick Arimboanga, Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa,
Sandi Domingo, Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena
(D f) Randy Anthony Herrera, Desideria Felix,
Cyril Aragon, Dante Villanueva Bischocho
All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 5 - 5:00 PM

(I) Dr. Andy William Mendoza (Sp. Int.),
Rey Cerezo (Tks),
Dennis, Joy & Arienne David (Sp. Int.)
Jhun, Reyna & Ysaa Manarang (Sp. Int.),
Pray for Pampanga
(H) Frank Carroza, Ellie Cerezo, Cesar Benitez,
Kim Verzosa, Sandi Domingo, Ed Sacramento,
Jimmy Odena, Pinky Valenciano, Nick Arimboanga
(D f) Deacon Joseph Huynh, David Schick,
Angelita Aquino, William Illustre,
Roberto Illustre, Julita Laforteza,
Romeo Salcedo, Cyril Aragon,
Dante Villanueva Bischocho

Saturday, September 5 - 7:00 PM

(I) CJ Raneses (Sp. Int.),
Dennis, Joy & Arienne David (Sp. Int.),
Jhun, Reyna & Ysaa Manarang (Sp. Int.),
Pray for Pampanga
(H) Kim Verzosa, Sandi Domingo, Trish Reyes
Cesar Benitez, Nick Arimboanga, Ed Sacramento,
Jimmy Odena
(D f) Angelita Aquino, Cyril Aragon,
Dante Villanueva Bischocho

Sunday, September 6 - 8:00 AM

(I) Jerry & Mildred Cayabyab (Anniv.),
Mildred Cayabyab (Bday), Aaron Banares (Tks),
Rey Cerezo (Tks), Andy William Mendoza (Sp. Int.)
Dayna Reed (Bday), Irma Reed (Bday)
(H) Nick Arimboanga, Kim Verzosa,
Pinky Valenciano, Cesar Benitez, Sandi Domingo,
Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena, Elaine McClain
(D f) Bruce Hearn, Joseph Trung Nguyen,
Gioan Baotixita Nguyen Van Huy,
Armando Cuison, Juanito & Victorina Cerezo,
Cyril Aragon, Dante Villanueva Bischocho

Sunday, September 6 - 10:00 AM

(I) Aaron Banares (Tks), Daisy Iloreta (Tks),
Amy Marquez (Tks), Bee Dittmer (Sp. Int.),
Myrna Sol (Bday)
(H) Sandi Domingo, Trish Reyes,
Kim Verzosa, Cesar Benitez, Jimmy Odena,
Nick Arimboanga, Pinky Valenciano,
Ed Sacramento, May Galvan

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Sunday, September 6 - 10:00 AM - cont'd

(D f) Bruce Hearn, Ron Gaudinez, Cesar Meneses,
Zenaída Santos, Bartolome & Leotica Felipe,
Cesar Sol, Cyril Aragon, Dante Villanueva Bischocho

Sunday, September 6 - 12:00 Noon

(I) Aaron Banares (Tks), Alona Villasol (Tks)
(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,
Oscar Taleon, Rene Abaya, Randy Anthony
Herrera,
Cyril Aragon, Dante Villanueva Bischocho

Sunday, September 6 - 7:00 PM

(I) Aaron Banares (Tks),
Dennis, Joy & Arienne David (Sp. Int.),
Jhun, Reyna & Ysaa Manarang (Sp. Int.),
Pray for Pampanga
(H) Jimmy Odena, Kim Verzosa, Sandi Domingo,
Cesar Benitez, Nick Arimboanga, Ed Sacramento,
Julie Ann Jasmin
(D f) Leandro & Trinidad Bauzon, Cyril Aragon,
Dante Villanueva Bischocho

Monday, September 7 - 7:00 AM

(I) An Vu (Bday), Dennis, Joy & Arienne (Sp. Int.),
Jhun, Reyna & Ysaa Manarang (Sp. Int.),
Pray for Pampanga
(H) Kim Verzosa, Sandi Domingo,
Nick Arimboanga, Sioe Fie Thoeng,
Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena,
Pinky Valenciano, Stephanie Klingele,
Marcia O'Leary,
Marvin Soriano, Cesar Benitez, Elaine McClain
(D f) Thanh Ha Thi Le, Arlene Sanchez,
Jose Sunga, Cyril Aragon,
Dante Villanueva Bischocho,
All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 8 - 7:00 AM

(I) Danny Damian, Jr. (Bday), Mercy Sol (Bday),
An Vu (Bday), Idalyn Labotoy (Bday),
Dennis, Joy & Arienne David (Sp. Int.),
Jhun, Reyna & Ysaa Manarang (Sp. Int.)
Pray for Pampanga
(H) Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena,
Elaine McClain,
Julie Ann Jasmin, Pinky Valenciano,
Marvin Soriano,
Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa, Sandi Domingo,
Nick Arimboanga
(D f) Cyril Aragon, Thanh Ha Thi Le,
Dante Villanueva Bischocho

Wednesday, September 9 - 7:00 AM

(I) Willie Arcegon (Bday)
Dennis, Joy & Arienne (Sp. Int.)
Jhun, Reyna & Ysaa Manarang (Sp. Int.)
Pray for Pampanga
(H) Nick Arimboanga, Frank Carroza,
Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa, Marvin Soriano,
Sandi Domingo, Ed Sacramento, Pinky Valenciano,
Jimmy Odena
(D f) Sergio Quiba, Lyle Fifield, Cyril Aragon,
Dante Villanueva Bischocho

Wednesday, September 9 - 6:30 PM

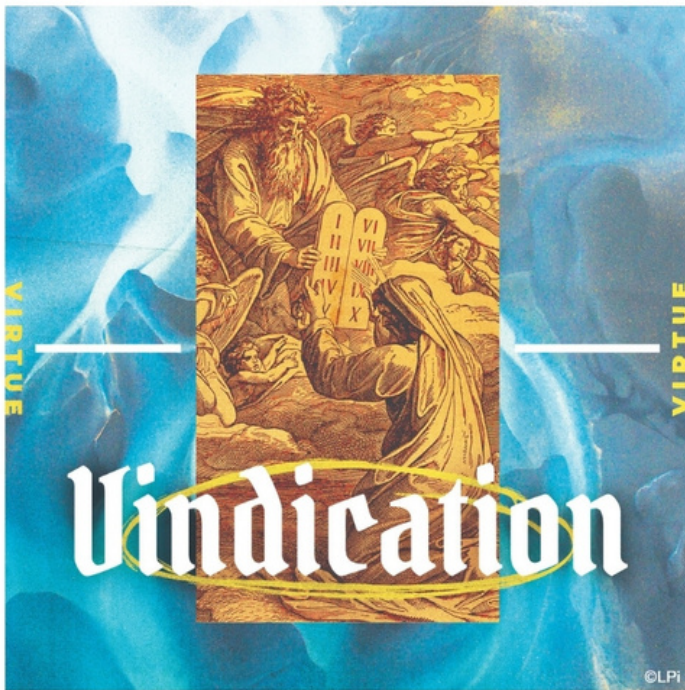
(I) Dennis, Joy & Arienne (Sp. Int.),
Jhun, Reyna & Ysaa Manarang (Sp. Int.),
Pray for Pampanga
(H) John Sendejas, Trish Reyes, Nick Arimboanga,
Frank Carroza, Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa,
Marvin Soriano, Sandi Domingo, Gina Ramirez,
Pinky Valenciano, Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena
(D f) Angelita Aquino, Leandro/Trinidad Bauzon,
Cyril Aragon, Bartolome & Leotica Felipe,
Dante Villanueva Bischocho

Thursday, September 10 - 7:00 AM

(I) John Oh (Sp. Int.), Davin Sol (Bday),
Minerva Salcedo (Bday), Trystan Jacob Velasco (Bday),
Dennis, Joy & Arienne (Sp. Int.),
Jhun, Reyna & Ysaa Manarang (Sp. Int.),
Pray for Pampanga
(H) Pinky Valenciano, Frank Carroza,
Nick Arimboanga, Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa,
Marvin Soriano, Sandi Domingo, Jimmy Odena,
Ed Sacramento
(D f) Zenaída Santos, Emilio Buligon, Sr.,
Porfiria Bautista, Cyril Aragon, Dante Villanueva Bischocho

Friday, September 11 - 7:00 AM

(I) Eden Salgado (Bday), Evander Ruiz (Bday),
George Tabaranza (Bday), Widel Arcegon (Bday),
Althea Berber (Bday), Dennis, Joy & Arienne (Sp. Int.),
Jhun, Reyna & Ysaa Manarang (Sp. Int.),
Pray for Pampanga
(H) Pinky Valenciano, Frank Carroza,
Nick Arimboanga, Cesar Benitez, Kim Verzosa,
Sandi Domingo, Marvin Soriano, Anna Nguyen,
Ed Sacramento, Jimmy Odena
(D f) Esmeraldo Buligon, Joseph Ramos,
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Virtues, Explained!

Most commonly, we understand the term “vindication” in a very legal, argumentative context. We say someone is “vindicated” when they are proven innocent, or when their good name is defended from an accusation.

This isn’t so far from what vindication means in the sense of virtue, either. Vindication is related to the virtue of justice, which demands we honor our duty to God and to one another. Justice seeks to ensure the fairness of human interaction. It seeks to safeguard truth against those who would co-opt it for their own purposes.

If we truly put our trust in God and seek to do His will, we may not always have popularity, but we will have truth: “Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act, and make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like noonday.” (Psalm 37:5-6)

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading

But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
(Ps 95)

Second Reading

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8)

Gospel

Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Mt 18:18)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Our faith compels us to be in community with one another. No one should be a Christian alone. How can you draw closer to others who love Christ?

Back-to-School Blessing

Dear God,
We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday

Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35



Observances for the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday

Labor Day

Tuesday

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Friday

Patriot Day

Saturday

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Next Sunday

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparent's Day

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All bulletin announcements must be submitted by **Tuesday at 12:00 PM (noon)**, five days before the Sunday publication date.

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Faith Formation Orientation

Thursday, September 10, 2026 • 6:45 PM in the Church

All parents and Faith Formation students are required to attend.

MARRIAGE BANNS

In accord with cc. 1067 & 1069, the following information is published to solicit information from concerned parties.

GROOM:

ANTHONY PADILLA PADUA, unmarried son of *Allan Aspiras Padua* and *Edith Nadura Padilla Padua*, born on July 31, 1997 in Santa Clara, California and currently residing on 1709 Castletree Court, San Jose, California, is a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish in Milpitas. He was baptized also at St. John the Baptist Parish.

BRIDE:

ATHENA BETH LUCERO VILLAS, currently residing in Shine Residences, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, born on February 3, 1993, unmarried daughter of *Edgar Oyco Villas* residing in Mansilingan, Bacolod City, and *Marieta Pelito Lucero Villas*, resident of Gamay, Northern Samar.

Anthony and Athena are planning to enter the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on November 4, 2026 at the Caleruega Chapel of the Transfiguration within the San Antonio de Padua Parish, Nasugbu, Batangas in the Archdiocese of Lipa, Philippines.

As called forth by canon law, if anyone is aware of any impediment or reason why the above couple should not be married in the Catholic Church, they are to make known or reveal to their parish priests the reasons of their objection.

This notice shall be published for three weekends starting September 6, 2026.

Jay R: The Filipino R&B King

Saturday, September 19, 2026 • 7:30 PM

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