



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH



“GO OUT
AND WORK IN
THE VINEYARD.”

— MATTHEW 21:28 —

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil | 5:00 PM

Tagalog | 7:00 PM

Sunday | 8:00 AM,

10:00 AM (livestream),

12:00 PM,

4:00 PM (Vietnamese)

and 7:00 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday | 3:00 PM or

by appointment

WEEKDAY

Monday–Friday | 7:00 AM

WEDNESDAY - Devotion to Our

Mother of Perpetual Help

6:00 PM Rosary 6:30 PM Novena

First Friday Mass

7:00 PM (livestream)

Daily Devotion

6:30 AM Rosary and Divine Mercy

Chaplet

Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hours with personal
access code

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

We're glad you're here!

Whether you are visiting, new to our parish, or a longtime parishioner, you are always welcome in our faith community.

OUR MISSION

We seek to be a community of active disciples committed to

Welcoming, Word, Worship, Witness, and Strengthening.

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TARGET WEEKLY INCOME	\$ 12,000.00
SUNDAY CHURCH COLLECTION	\$ 8,135.00
NOVENA	\$ 427.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,562.00
VARIANCE	\$ -3,438.00

Thank you for your generosity!

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



METANOIA

My dear St. John the Baptist Parish Community,

Both Jesus and John the Baptist called people to conversion. Repent! Turn away from sin. Be converted. Harden not your hearts. These were the unmistakable messages of the Lord and of our patron.

The readings this weekend highlight this call to conversion. The Greek word that aptly describes this change of heart is "*metanoia*" which literally means a "change of one's mind."

But for the Christian, the more profound meaning of *metanoia* is a fundamental shift or change of the heart, a change of character, actions and attitudes towards a new belief or way of living. It means adjusting one's core perspective or direction in life.

In the gospel, Jesus tells of the parable of two brothers who changed their minds. Likewise, we can be like the two brothers - changing our minds, sometimes for better, sometimes for worse.

Baptism in Christ gives a believer an indelible mark in one's character that is visible only through one's good works which are expressions of love of God and love of neighbor. In his letter to the Romans, Paul said: "*Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.*" (Rom 13:8).

In this weekend's second reading from the letter to the Philippians, Paul writes to his most beloved community: "*If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. . . Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.*" (cf. Phil 2:1-5)

This is the heart of true, authentic and genuine conversion - having the same attitude, actions, the heart and the mind of Christ.

As the old songs goes: "*They will know we are Christians by our love.*" Not by our degrees or diplomas, our houses and cars - but by our **love**.

It is our fervent hope that the Sowing Seeds of Faith Campaign will bring about a profound rebirth, a spiritual renewal that seeks to adjust our heart to the heart of Christ, our will to the will of the Father.

The way of the cross which is the only way of the disciple of Jesus is never a lonely way. We walk it accompanied by fellow believers. We walk it with Jesus who assures us ultimate victory.

Monsignor Willie

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 02, 2026

SPECIAL INTENTIONS
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Nick Arimboanga
Pinky Valenciano
Raquel Malonzo
Robert Holland
Sandi Domingo
Sioe Fie Thoeng
Trishia Reyes

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Aida Halili
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Alfredo Lazo
All Souls in Purgatory
Angelita Aquino
Bartolome & Leotica Felipe
Clara Montemayor
Cristyl Beltran
Dante Biscocho
Dante Montemayor
Deacon Joseph Huynh
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Notice: St. John the Baptist Parish accepts multiple intentions for the Masses offered at the Parish. There is no required stipend to request an intention added on the list that is offered during the celebration of Mass. Parishioners are welcome to make a freewill offering with the understanding that their requests and/or intentions will be combined with other requests. If anyone wishes to offer a singular private intention for a Mass, they will be encouraged to make the offering at another parish since St. John the Baptist Parish will not be able to honor their request. Thank you.

MASS
INTENTION





SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EZ 18:25-28; PS 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; PHIL 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; MT 21:28-32

As Christian stewards, we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps."

Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today's Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. While the second son agrees to his father's request, he does not follow through — he fails to obey the father's will. The first son tells his father, "no." At least he is honest! And in the end, he reconsiders and obeys his father.

The first son's honest, less-than-perfect response is consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven't we all felt this way at times when God's will for us seems to be just too hard?

We can be honest with God at these times. He knows our thoughts already, after all. But when we stay engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it's just to say, "I don't think I can, Lord," He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do.

We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby-stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

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PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Sunday, September 27, 2026

On Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks to God for the gift of the priesthood and for the faithful priests who dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His Church.

At St. John the Baptist, we especially thank

Rev. Msgr. Wilfredo S. Manrique and

Rev. Victor Trinidad for their spiritual guidance, faithful ministry, and loving service to our parish community.

A Prayer for Our Priests

Heavenly Father, bless our priests and strengthen them in their vocation. Fill them with Your wisdom, grace, and love as they shepherd Your people. May they always find joy and strength in serving You and Your Church.

Thank you, Monsignor Wilfredo and Fr. Victor, for answering God's call and for your devoted service to our parish.

May God bless you abundantly today and always.

FAITH FORMATION

CELEBRATING CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2026

The Blessing of Our Catechists & Schoolteachers on Catechetical Sunday 2026

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor" (Luke 4:18)



O.C.I.A

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

On **Sunday 27 Sep 2026** during Mass, we will be accepting those seeking admittance to the Catholic Faith and those who are already Baptized but still need some of their Sacraments of Initiation. This Rite of Acceptance will start the Mass at the rear of the Church. Our Topic for this Sunday will be "The OCIA Process and Rites." This topic explains what happens at key points in the OCIA Process.

On **Sunday 4 Oct 2026** our Topic will be "**The Sacraments: An Introduction**," this is an overview of the Seven Sacraments and also explains how we can be a Sacrament to others! Come join the discussion.

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.

PARISH NEWS

HALLOWEEN NIGHT



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 24, 2026

6:00 - 11:00 PM

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Readings for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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Observances for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

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