

# Saint John Catholic Church

## Iglesia Católica San Juan

AUGUST 5, 2018 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
5 DE AGOSTO DE 2018 — DECIMO OCTAVO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO



## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” - Jn 6:32-33

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Daily Masses: ..Thursday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
                  ..Wednesday and Friday ..... 12 noon  
CONFESSIONS (Saturday) ..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

### HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo ..... 12:15 p.m. (Español)  
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves ..... 8:30 a.m. (Ingles)  
                  ..Miércoles y Viernes ..... 12:00 del medio día  
CONFESIONES (Sábado) ..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

### HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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## St John Parish Calendar

**SATURDAY AUGUST 4, 2018**  
4:30 PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM Mass parishioners St. John, St. Peter & St. Patrick

**SUNDAY AUGUST 5, 2018**  
9:00 AM Mass for the soul of Chris Wulf  
10:00 AM Rosary  
12:15 PM Misa

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8, 2018**  
12:00 Noon Mass

**THURSDAY AUGUST 9, 2018**  
8:30 AM Mass

**FRIDAY AUGUST 10, 2018**  
12:00 Noon **NO MASS**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2018**  
4:30 PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM Mass soul of William Haller

**SUNDAY AUGUST 12, 2018**  
9:00 AM Mass soul of Thomas Cordle  
10:00 AM Rosary  
12:15 PM Misa

**ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON**



### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Rudy Caló'oy, John Kol  
akoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy  
Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard  
Painter, Maxine DiMarino, Melanie Pat-

terson, Lillan Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Esperanza Godinez,  
Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin  
Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris  
Bartlett, Lynn Miskimon, Suzanne DiMarino, Donald Barock, Mar-  
tha Livingston, James White, John Loughran, Charlotte Brooks,  
Shirley Griffey, Jeff Konschak, Virginia Saunders and Marion  
Mazzitti.



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the bread of life; whoever  
comes to me will never  
hunger, and whoever be-  
lieves in me will never  
thirst." - Jn 6:35

### Readings for the Week of August 5, 2018

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/  
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35  
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/  
Mk 9:2-10  
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22  
-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14  
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/  
Mt 16:13-23  
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26  
Saturday: Hb 1:12--2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30  
--5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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### July 28 & 29, 2018

Weekly		Year to Date	
Actual	\$4,073	Actual	\$18,060
Budget	<u>4,807</u>	Budget	<u>\$24,035</u>
Difference	(\$734)	Difference	(\$5,975)

Debt reduction	Budget	\$1,860
	Actual	<u>\$1,739</u>
	Difference	(\$121)

### MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
90	123	199

The item being collected for **FISH** for **August**  
**Pancake mix & syrup**

En el mes de **agosto** necesitamos  
**Harina para panqueques y miel**

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized, or home bound and would like our Eucharistic ministers or a priest to visit, please call the office. **Unless you call we have no way of knowing.** If you need a priest for someone who is dying or gravely ill, call our emergency number 804-402-1221.

### **Pastor Message**

I find it interesting that the Israelite community was complaining in the first reading, wishing they were still back in Egypt.

Why is it interesting? Because they were slaves in Egypt. Why would they complain about their current situation, where they are totally and completely free, and want to abandon it to go back and become slaves again? Why did they long for their former condition? It says they longed for their former condition, the condition of slavery, because while they were slaves they were provided food.

I ask you. What would you prefer? Would you rather be a slave, where food and shelter is provided for you, or be totally free and self-controlled but have to fend for yourself in regards to finding food and shelter?

What would you rather have?

We certainly like and enjoy our freedom, but we also like to eat. Have you every not eaten for a couple days? It is very difficult. It is hard enough to drive a person to wish they had a slave master who would be willing to give them food and shelter. That is what the people of Israel were struggling with and why they were longing for their former enslaved condition where "we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread!"

So what do you want? How much freedom and independence are you willing to give up in order to attain a certain level of stable food and shelter.

This plays out in many peoples lives in regards to the political parties with whom they align themselves. Some are attracted by the idea of freedom and personal autonomy and independence. Some drawn to the idea of have a 'master' who will provide and care for them. Much of what people argue about, politically, is the amount of freedom and independence they are willing to sacrifice in order to be cared for.

So what does God think? Where does God fall in regards to the idea of freedom/independence vs authority/governance. To get the answer all we have to do is continue reading the first reading and it gives us two principles that define God's stance on the matter.

First, it should be obvious God loves independence and self-governance. He hates slavery. How do we know that? Because He is the one who led them out of the desert. He knew they were going to need food (remember He made us). Nevertheless, He did not want them in that condition of slavery, even if they were being cared for to a certain degree.

Second, He wants that people LOOK TO HIM to be the one to whom they sacrifice their freedom and autonomy in order to be provided a measure of stable care and provision. You should not sacrifice your freedom and autonomy to anyone or anything, no matter how good the deal is. You should only make that sacrifice to God. Because to whom you sacrifice your freedom and autonomy, you make your God. To whom you entrust yourself to be cared for, you make Lord. And there is only one God to whom, when you do sacrifice your freedom and autonomy, He is absolutely perfect in what He will do with that sacrifice and will make sure that it comes back to you 100 fold (as the New Testament says).

Fr Rossi

### **CONDOLENCES**

St. John's family extends deepest sympathy to Father Ernest on the loss of his father Gabriel Bulinda. Please keep Fr Ernest and his family in your prayers.

**Religions Education Registration 2018-2019  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, AUGUST  
19. ALL REGISTRATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER AU-  
GUST 19, WILL INCUR A \$30 LATE FEE.**

Remember we are here to help you in your children's faith formation. **Pease take a moment to register for the new school year. Registration forms are available on the counter in the commons.** Please feel free to call 737-8028 or e-mail [pmathny@stjohnscatholicchurch.org](mailto:pmathny@stjohnscatholicchurch.org) with any questions you may have. With regards Paulita Matheny

### **School supply Wish List**

Please don't forget to purchase some items for our School

## **BBQ BLAST**

**Saturday September 22 2018**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Please sign up to be a volunteer; there are many tasks. Sign-up sheets are available in the commons. If you are unable to volunteer, please come and eat or pick up your food to carry out. Also, please help spread the word; we will get most of our patrons from word of mouth so please tell your family, friends, coworkers, and anyone else you meet. We need you and together we will make this event a success!!! We look forward **WITH YOUR HELP** to celebrating an amazing **BBQ BLAST**.

### **St John Annual Raffle**

Once again, this year we will have our "**St John Annual Raffle**" We ask that each family buy or sell at least two books; 20 tickets, worth \$20.00. You do not have to be present to win! There will be 3 drawings: **\$500.00, \$300.00 and \$200.00**. Please pick up your tickets after mass in the commons area. The drawing will be held at the end of the BBQ Blast.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Council of Women is sponsoring a Silent Auction at the Barbecue Blast scheduled for Sept. 22, 2018. For the auction to be a success your ongoing support for donations of "almost new" or "new" items is needed. To donate your items please contact Pat Hinton at 804/746-5842. All proceeds will benefit St. John's Church. Thank you and hoping to hear from you soon.

**SJP winners** for July are Beatrice Burton, Rebecca Higgins, Donald Young, Betty Pool, David Atkinson Jr., Tom & Diane Yates, JoAnn Crews and Eugenia Kapinos. The next drawing is August 16.

**CARITAS IS SEPTEMBER 29—OCTOBER 6**

More information in the coming weeks.