

Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

February 13, 2022 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 de febrero 2022 – Sexto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario



Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus (Here we are, Holy Spirit)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name. With

You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the
wrong path nor partiality influence our
actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to
eternal life and not stray from the way of
truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the
Son, forever and ever. Amen.

What is a Synod?

The word **SYNOD** comes from the Greek, meaning common road. A synod is a gathering of bishops for specific kinds of issues. Synods are meant to be consultative, to be able to hear from those who are participating in the life of the Church. Pope Francis has asked that the Synod of Bishops in 2023 would be about synodality, or how we as disciples are journeying together to reflect on and respond to the Holy Spirit's call to us. **The synod's theme is "communion, participation and mission."**

A synod is Pope Francis's way of listening to all people, especially those on the margins.

In the next couple weeks St. John Parish will ask you for your participation in the synod. We will share more details soon.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

HORARIO LITURGICO

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

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES – JUEVES: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	February 12, 2022 Reconciliation Mass for the soul of John Kolakoski
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 12:30 PM	FEBRUARY 13, 2022 Mass JoAnn Darlington Misa Eulalio Carrillo
WEDNESDAY 12 NOON	FEBRUARY 16, 2022 Mass soul of Kay Morris
THURSDAY 8:30 AM	FEBRUARY 17, 2022 Mass health of John Hugging
SATURDAY 4:30 AM 5:30 PM	FEBRUARY 19, 2022 Reconciliation Mass soul of Frances Leary
SUNDAY 9:00 AM 12:30 PM	FEBRUARY 20, 2022 Mass parishioners St. John, St. Peter St Patrick Misa for the souls of Velasco Family

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Helen Rice, John & Jolene White, Junie Kirby, Maxine Di-Marino, Wayne Ewing, Jeff Konschack, Mary Higgins, Elena Chavez, John & Peggy Smith, Stanhope Flournoy, Betty Yingst, Paul Greene, Virginia Johnson, Frank Haselton, Leonora Gray, Leslie Gray, Ann Gillikin, Melissa Harrington, Chris Jones, Carl Saunders, Hallett Harrison, Joseph Di Marino, Mike Elrod, Theresa Mosely, James Geishermer, and Joan Purcell.

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized or home bound and would like our Eucharistic minister 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 of gravely ill, call our emergency number 804-402-1221.

Readings for the week of February 13, 2022

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/ Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

DONATION REQUEST FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Canned Carrots

**DONACIONES PARA FISH ESTE MES
Febrero**

Zanahorias Enlatadas

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 5 & 6, 2022

	Weekly	Year to date
Actual	\$6,146.65	\$150,720.41
Budget	<u>\$4,135.00</u>	<u>\$132,320.00</u>
	\$2,011.65	\$ 18,400.41

All Totals include weekly collection and e-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:30
82	77	256

MASK NOTICE

**We encourage you to wear your
mask at Mass for the safety of all**

From the Desk of the Administrator

Coming Monday 14th February, is the celebration of Valentine day worldwide, and it is linked with the story of St. Valentine, a priest and a physician in Rome. Valentine's priestly life kept him close to his people. He is known to have lived a courageous and faithful life which led to his martyrdom.

In an attempt to suppress Christianity without violence, Emperor Valerian issued an edict in 257 AD forbidding the clergy to celebrate the sacraments, and went ahead to strike at all Christians who gathered to celebrate, by attacking the priests. St. Valentine went about celebrating the sacraments irrespective of the Valerian edict which was still in force during the time of Emperor Claudius II who succeeded Valerian. He further decreed and forbade the men in the army from celebrating their marriages, because according to him, this made them inactive in war. St. Valentine opposed this decree by aiding the men and secretly celebrating marriages for them as he went about his priestly duty with zeal and courage. He was found out eventually and imprisoned by the Emperor.

While in prison, he became friends with his jailer who was called Asterius and his daughter, Julia, whom he healed from blindness. He performed many other miraculous cures and gave much wise counsel, especially to fellow prisoners. On February 14 in the year 269 AD, under the rule of Emperor Claudius, he was beaten with clubs and beheaded. Before his death, he is said to have written a letter to Julia and signed it, "From your Valentine."

In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine with a memorial. However, the custom for sending "Valentines" or love notes had its origin probably in the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalia, a feast celebrated in honor of Juno, Queen of Roman gods and goddesses as well as women and marriage. Around this time, there was a popular belief that half-way through the second month (February 14-15), birds began to mate. For this reason, the day was regarded especially consecrated to lovers.

From this backdrop, on Valentine day nowadays, Christian couples could celebrate the day in a manner that befits their status as married people. This can be in the form of renewal of vows, emphasizing and reassuring the love they have for each other. Parents can express their love for their children and children their parents. Friends, relatives and loved ones should do same while society must show love and compassion to the poor, the lonely, the dejected and the unloved by way of visits and giving of gifts. It should be a day when all people are made to feel that they are loved and cherished by God and neighbors. It is important to state that St. Valentine died for love of Christ and humanity.

Fr. Maxwell

LENTEN DINNERS—CURBSIDE ONLY

Can you believe that Lent will start in less than three weeks?? That means the Lenten Dinners will also be starting. As always, in order to make this year another successful year we **NEED YOU**. If you are interested in pitching in (and perhaps making a Lenten sacrifice or commitment) now is the time to step up. We can always use help performing food prep work, set-up, food donations (especially desserts) cooking, serving and cleaning up. If you are interested in any of these please call the office. Can't do any of these!! Pray for the success and tell your friends.

Sponsorship Opportunity

Lenten dinners will be here before you know it. In order to keep our prices the same as last year we need sponsors. Please take a look at these sponsorship opportunities and let us know if you can help us and help our community:

Fish -	\$1,800
Vegetable Oil & Margarine-	\$200
Breading & Hushpuppy & Mac&Cheese	\$300
Big Potatoes & French Fries -	\$400
Dressings -	\$300
Produce -	\$400
Paper Product -	\$600

Please consider sponsoring any of the above items or give a donation of a portion of the total amount. All amounts of donations help. Thank you in advance. The Lenten Fish Team.

BIBLE STUDY SERIES—GENESIS TO JESUS

The cluster of St. Patrick, St. Peter and St John's parishes will be offering an adult education bible study series entitled "Genesis to Jesus", started on **Monday February 7 in the St. John's social hall** at 1:45 in the afternoon. This series is from the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and is hosted by Matthew Leonard, who also hosted the "Bible and the Virgin Mary" series as well as produced and directed Bishop Barron's "Catholicism" series. If you would like the course book you may order it at <https://stpaulcenter.com> For more information call or text Dan Mages at 804-614-5623.

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Together, we bestow His first fruits

Many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2022 Annual Appeal. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our Digital In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the first and second weekend of March. *Jesus reminds us that we are at our richest when we give generously, breaking free from self-reliance and opening ourselves up more completely to God. With this truth in mind, please consider how the Lord might be calling you to contribute to our Annual Diocesan Appeal.*