



# St. John the Baptist Church

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### Office Hours:

Monday - **Closed**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm


Rev. Diego Restrepo, Parish Administrator

**June 26, 2022**

<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	
6:00 am	(+) Felix Agustin, Petelo Anitelea, <b>Birthday of: Johnny Fiesta</b>
8:00 am	Purificación(Puri)Flores, Averie Kenery
10:00 am	
12:30 pm	<b>Healing of Angelo Aizpurua</b>
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>No service</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
7:15 am	
<b>Wednesday</b>	
7:15 am	(+) Petelo Anitelea
<b>Thursday</b>	
7:15 am	
<b>Friday</b>	
7:15 am	
<b>Saturday</b>	
5:00 pm	(+) Felix Agustin

### Announcements

1. ***OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:*** Starting this Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>, the office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. The office will be closed on Monday and Thursday. If you need a service outside of these business hours, please call the office to make an appointment.
2. Today our second collection is **for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)**, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Thank you for your stewardship.
3. Friday, July 1 is "**First Friday**" there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament right after the morning mass and **Ilocano Mass at 6:00 pm**
4. Our next **Baptismal Class** will be on July 12 at 7pm. Registrations are available on our website or our office. For more information call the parish office.
5. The **Religious Education Registration Link** is available on our website, our office or our QR below

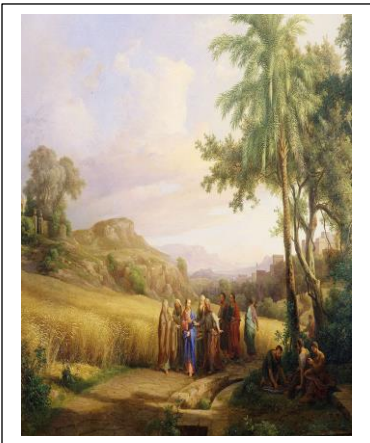


## STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

Total Weekly Collection (06/19/2022)	\$ 3,740.00
Other Offerings and donations	\$ 375.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,115.00</b>
<b>Weekly offering Necessary to Cover Parish Operations</b>	<b>\$ 6,653.55</b>
<b>Other Collections</b>	
Second Collections – Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 827.25
Special Collections - Debt Reduction	\$ 785.10
Collections Not Retained by Parish	\$ 40.00
<b>School Debt Reduction Collection</b>	
Debt Reduction Goal for 2021-2022	\$ 117,680.00
Debt Reduction Collected Year to Date	\$ 38,660.57
Balance Left to Reach 2021-2022 Goal	\$ 79,019.43



### Life of Stewardship Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings take us back to the basics, inviting us to reflect honestly on our deepest priorities in life.

In the second reading, from Galatians, St. Paul reminds us of the essence of the Christian life. "For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Just a few verses later Paul points out why this simple command is so challenging to live out. "The flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want." Isn't that the truth!  
Overcoming our tendency toward selfishness while striving to put Christ and others ahead of ourselves is a daily internal battle.

In today's Gospel, from Luke, Christ refers to this struggle within as he encounters two "would be" disciples on His way to Jerusalem. "Follow me," Jesus says to the first man. "But he replied, 'Lord let me go first and bury my father.'" The other said, "I

will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." These two want to follow Christ but only on their own terms, only after taking care of some other, more pressing matters (at least in their own minds).

To this, Christ says thanks but no thanks! Following Him requires an unqualified "yes" not a "yes but..." We are called to put Christ and His kingdom ahead of our own plans if we truly wish to be his disciples and to find victory in the battle of selfishness.

Living stewardship as a way of life can go a long way in arming us for victory. Stewardship living provides us with a custom-made "training plan" — the commitment to a specific offering of our time, talent, and treasure to the Kingdom of God. It is a plan discerned through prayer and by looking at the realities of our unique circumstances, strengths, and limitations. The daily discipline of committing to the plan strengthens us and helps us gradually move away from the "yes, but" attitude and towards an unqualified "yes!" to Christ and His will.

The beauty of this way of life is that far from constricting freedom, living out stewardship day by day increases freedom. Why? It frees us from unhealthy attachments to our comforts, our professional ambitions, and our possessions so that we can attach — fully and without reservation — to Christ. It creates in us the habit of putting first things first, of keeping our priorities aligned with Christ's priorities.

Do not be afraid to give the best of yourself and your gifts to Christ. He deserves nothing less. And this way of life, while challenging, will be characterized by a joy and peace that only comes from giving Him an unqualified "yes!"

— *Stewardship Reflections* by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)