



St. John the Baptist Church

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Office Hours:
 Monday - **Closed**
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Mass Intentions	
Sunday	
6:00 am	(+) Eligio, Lourdes & Mamerto Machacon, Jeffrey, Eugenio, Natividad & Enrique Cuaresma, Patricio Patague Healing: Rosa Cintron
8:00 am	(+) Victoria Domondon, Eddie Sherbant, Iefata Fualua (Birthday Anniversary) Healing: Rosa Cintron
10:00 am	Healing: Rosa Cintron
12:30 pm	Healing: Rosa Cintron
Monday	
7:15 am	Healing: Rosa Cintron
Tuesday	
7:15 am	(+) Victoria Domondon Healing: Rosa Cintron
Wednesday	
7:15 am	Healing: Rosa Cintron
Thursday	
7:15 am	Healing: Rosa Cintron
Friday	
7:15 am	Healing: Rosa Cintron
Saturday	
5:00 pm	Healing: Rosa Cintron

Announcements

- OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:** Starting this Monday May 30th, 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.
- Today our second collection is for **Seminarian Education Fund**. The education costs (tuition, room, and board) per seminarian total approximately **\$320,000** over the course of his journey towards Ordination to the priesthood. Thank you for stewardship.
- Remember, that now in our website you can offer mass intentions, donations, pre-baptismal classes, marriages, etc.
- The **Religious Education Registration Link** is available on our website, our office or our QR below

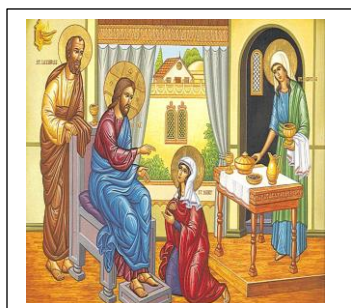


STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

Total Weekly Collection (07/10/2022)	\$ 4,171.21
Other Offerings and donations	\$ 374.59
Total Weekly Offering Collection	\$ 4,545.80
Weekly offering Necessary to Cover Parish Operations	\$ 6,653.55
Other Collections	
Second Collections –	\$ NONE
Special Collections - Debt Reduction	\$ 1,625.05
Collections Not Retained by Parish	\$ 48.00
School Debt Reduction Collection	
Debt Reduction Goal for 2021-2022	\$ 117,680.00
Debt Reduction Collected Year to Date	\$ 41,957.12
Balance Left to Reach 2021-2022 Goal	\$ 75,722.88



Life of Stewardship Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings are chock full of inspiration for living a stewardship way of life, starting with our first reading, from Genesis. Here we see the stewardship concept of hospitality at work as Abraham offers a generous welcome to three mysterious men who appear at the entrance to his tent. Some Church fathers hold that the three men are an early symbol of our Triune God; others that the three are angels. In any case, Abraham welcomes them warmly in true stewardship hospitality, offering them a good meal and some cool water with which to refresh themselves. In return for his generosity, one of the three men promises that Abraham's elderly wife would miraculously give birth to a son, a promise which indeed comes true.

In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul uses the term "stewardship" to describe the particular mission that has been entrusted to Him by God. That is why, he explains, that all the sufferings he endures as part of his ministry are a joy for Him — because they come as a part of the privilege of serving the Lord. This is equally true for each one of us today. We are all called to be the Lord's faithful stewards, spreading the Good News of the Gospel in our sphere of influence. And while serving the Lord (through formal ministry or just in the daily duties of everyday life) involves some suffering, like Paul, we should count this as part of the privilege of being called His stewards.

Finally, in today's Gospel reading, from St. Luke, we receive a reminder about the proper use of the gift of time, a fundamental aspect of a stewardship way of life. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever thrown, recalling the day that Martha and Mary hosted our Lord in their home. We are told that Martha, as a good steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes "burdened with much serving" while her sister and fellow hostess choose to simply sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha becomes indignant at Mary's behavior and complains to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a fresh way to look at the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are.

When we truly commit to putting Christ first in our daily lives through a regular time of prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments, we will find that all our other concerns become less pressing and less overwhelming. Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity. He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make to spend time with Him.

In the week ahead let's examine how well we show "hospitality" to our Lord by putting Him first through our stewardship of time. If you do not have a daily habit of prayer, commit to five minutes for the next seven days. If you are already in the habit of daily prayer, make sure you are listening at least as much as speaking. Either way, you will be blessed. What a privilege to be His stewards!