



# 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

**July 31, 2022**

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday

6:00 am	(+) Rosa Cintron, Eligio, Lourdes & Mamerto Machacon, Jeffrey, Eugenio, Natividad & Enrique Cuaresma, Patricio Patague, Jose Cabanting, Sr.  <b>Healing &amp; Thanksgiving:</b> Aaron Pascual Jacinto
8:00 am	(+) Rosa Cintron
10:00 am	(+) Rosa Cintron  <b>Divine Protection:</b> Noel P Jacinto
12:30 pm	(+) Rosa Cintron  <b>Healing:</b> Joel Aburto Arias, Luis Rojas Alvaro
<b>Monday</b>	
7:15 am	(+) Rosa Cintron
<b>Tuesday</b>	
7:15 am	(+) Rosa Cintron, Florentino Felipe, Jose Cabanting, Sr.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
7:15 am	(+) Rosa Cintron, Jose Cabanting, Sr.
<b>Thursday</b>	
7:15 am	(+) Rosa Cintron, Jose Cabanting, Sr.
<b>Friday</b>	
7:15 am	(+) Rosa Cintron, Jose Cabanting, Sr., Eugenio Duldulao Batangan
<b>Saturday</b>	
5:00 pm	(+) Rosa Cintron, Jose Cabanting Sr.

## 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 **Repair and Maintenance of our Parish.** Thank you for your stewardship.
3. Remember, that now in our website you can offer mass intentions, donations, pre-baptismal classes, marriages, etc.
4. The **Religious Education Registration Link** is available on our website, our office or our QR below



## STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

Total Weekly Collection (07/24/2022)	\$ 3,919.04
Other Offerings and donations	\$ 243.51
<b>Total Weekly Offering Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,162.55</b>
<b>Weekly offering Necessary to Cover Parish Operations</b>	<b>\$ 6,653.55</b>
<b>Other Collections</b>	
Second Collections –	\$ <b>NONE</b>
Special Collections - Debt Reduction	\$ 1,051.15
Collections Not Retained by Parish	\$ 156.00
<b>School Debt Reduction Collection</b>	
Debt Reduction Goal for 2021-2022	\$ 117,680.00
Debt Reduction Collected Year to Date	\$ 43,807.67
Balance Left to Reach 2021-2022 Goal	\$ 73,872.33



### Life of Stewardship Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings come as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. They remind us why we live the way we do, make the choices we make, and leave other things aside. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices downright foolish. Today we will see what God thinks. Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!

Our First Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes contains the famous line, "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" The narrator, Qoheleth, points out that we toil and labor all day, worry all night about our work and all we still have to do, and for what? Essentially, he asks what is the point of constantly "stressing out" about things that won't last anyway? That's no way to live! Christian stewards already know this. We live for a higher purpose — we live for our God and for the things that matter to Him. Our time, talents, and treasure have an everlasting focus because we recognize that these things are all gifts from God and we use them in gratitude to give Him glory.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, reminds us how to go about making decisions so that we can make the best use of the gifts we have been given. In making decisions about our use of time, talent and treasure, he gives us this advice: "Think of what is above, not is on earth." He adds, "Take off the old self with its practices and put on the new self which is being renewed for knowledge in the image of its creator." This is precisely what is taking place within us as we embrace the spirituality of stewardship. We find ourselves living in a continuous process of sloughing off our selfishness (the "old self") and living more and more for God and others.

To many people in our materialistic world, setting priorities that are not focused on earthly goals like wealth, status and power, is foolish and naive. But look at what Jesus has to say about priorities in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He makes it clear that life is not about "stuff." "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then Jesus goes on to tell the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of "stuff" that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish! What vanity of vanities!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.

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