



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

August 14th, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sunday

6:00 am	(+) Eligio, Lourdes & Mamerto Machacon, Jeffrey, Eugenio, Natividad & Enrique Cuaresma, Patricio Patague. Birthday Susan Batangan
8:00 am	(+) Florentino Felipe, Calixta Duldulas
10:00 am	Stu Schmuler Family
12:30 pm	(+) Rosa Cintron

Monday

No Service

Tuesday

7:15 am	(+) Florentino Felipe Birthday & Thanksgiving Florendo Ramos Palting
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Wednesday

7:15 am	(+) Florentino Felipe
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Thursday

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Friday

7:15 am	(+) Florentino Felipe
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Saturday

5:00 pm	(+) Florentino Felipe, Guadalupe Agustin
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Announcements

- NEW OFFICE HOURS: Starting this Tuesday August 16th**

<i>Monday</i>	Closed
<i>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday</i>	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
<i>Sunday</i>	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Today our second collection is for the **Debt Reduction**. Thank you for your stewardship.
- Next Sunday August 21st, 2022; the second collection will be for **Catholic Charities Hawaii**. Serving Hawaii since 1947, Catholic Charities Hawaii serves all people, especially those with the greatest need, regardless of their faith or culture.
- The next Baptismal class will be in September.
- 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. **The last day to register will be August 31st.**



STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

Total Weekly Collection (08/07/2022)	\$ 4,794.34
Other Offerings and donations	\$ 819.96
Total Weekly Offering Collection	\$ 5,614.30
Weekly offering Necessary to Cover Parish Operations	\$ 6,653.55
Other Collections	
Second Collections –	\$ NONE
Special Collections - Debt Reduction	\$ 1,308.32
Collections Not Retained by Parish	\$ 15.00
School Debt Reduction Collection	
Debt Reduction Goal for 2021-2022	\$ 117,680.00
Debt Reduction Collected Year to Date	\$ 45,087.14
Balance Left to Reach 2021-2022 Goal	\$ 72,592.86



Life of Stewardship Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

The bar is set immediately, beginning in the first verse of our Old Testament reading from Jeremiah: The king is told, "Jeremiah ought to be put to death" for "demoralizing" the people. What had Jeremiah been doing to merit such a punishment? He was speaking out against corruption and unjust treatment of the poor. For speaking God's truth to those around him, Jeremiah gets thrown into a cistern where he is left to die. Later in the passage we learn that the king relents and sends someone to rescue Jeremiah from the cistern. Even so, some thanks he gets for preaching God's word!

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) Is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

Another verse in our second reading encourages us to embrace this challenging way of life. "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [our big brothers and sisters, the saints] let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."

The stewardship way of life helps us to stay in good racing shape. By putting God first in all areas of our lives, we rid ourselves of the burden and sinfulness of over-attachment to ourselves and our things. We get lean and fit and strong for the long race to Heaven. We begin to look and act more like Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.