

# St. John the Baptist Church

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**Office Hours:**  
**Monday – Closed**  
**Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Rev. Diego Restrepo, Parish Administrator



August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday

6:00 am	(+) Eligio, Lourdes & Mamerto Machacon, Jeffrey, Eugenio, Natividad & Enrique Cuaresma, Patricio Patague, Jesus P. and Esperanza Nartalez, Vicente Domingo and Espiritu Quetulio
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8:00 am	(+) Florentino Felipe <b>Thanksgiving:</b> Juan & Adelina Sebastian
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10:00 am	
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12:30 pm	
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### Monday

**No Service**

### Tuesday

7:15 am	(+) Jesus P. & Esperanza Nartalez, Gene A. Albano.
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### Wednesday

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### Thursday

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### Friday

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### Saturday

5:00 pm	(+) Jesus P. & Esperanza Nartalez, Gene A. Albano.
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## Announcements

### 1. NEW OFFICE HOURS

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday</i>	<b>9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>

- Today our second collection is for **Catholic Charities Hawaii**. Thank you for your stewardship. Serving Hawaii since 1947, Catholic Charities Hawaii serves all people, especially those with the greatest need, regardless of their faith or culture.
- Join us on August 27<sup>th</sup> right after the 5:00 p.m. Mass for a potluck as a farewell celebration honoring Father Diego Restrepo as he starts a new journey.**
- The next **Baptismal class** will be in September. Registrations are available on our website or our office. For more information call the parish office.
- 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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

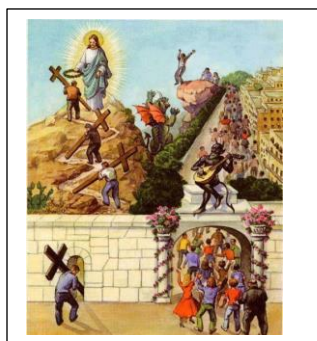


## STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

Total Weekly Collection (08/14/2022)	\$ 3,740.00
Other Offerings and donations	\$ 820.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,560.00</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	\$ 1135.00
Collections Not Retained by Parish	\$ 22.00
<b>School Debt Reduction Collection</b>	
Debt Reduction Goal for 2021-2022	\$ 117,680.00
Debt Reduction Collected Year to Date	\$ 46,222.14
Balance Left to Reach 2021-2022 Goal	\$ 71,457.86



### Life of Stewardship Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

In fact, the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, mentions "discipline" five times in the six verses of today's passage. Some examples: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord." "Endure your trials as discipline." "Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines." In this passage we also learn why we should embrace God's discipline: "Later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it."

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Then He goes on to tell the parable of the master of the house who locked his door to those outside. Jesus says, "You will stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord open the door for us.'" But the master will say in reply that he does not know them. Jesus continues, "And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' But the master will insist, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.'" Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus leaves us with great hope that it is indeed possible to make it through the narrow gate. He tells us, "People will come from the east and the west, and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Holiness of life, true discipleship, is meant for everyone — young and old, rich and poor, powerful and lowly.

In the week ahead let's strive to embrace the spiritual disciplines that can transform us into real disciples of Christ and lead us into the Kingdom of God.

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