

St. John the Baptist Church

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Monday – Closed
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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September 25th, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sunday

6:00 am	(+) Eligio, Lourdes & Mamerto Machacon, Jeffrey, Eugenio, Natividad & Enrique Cuaresma, Patricio Patague, Anitelea & Isapela Iese, Alvin Dadis Thanksgiving Mekiole & Ilili Leota Birthday Eric Enrico
8:00 am	(+) Alvin Dadis Thanksgiving Onefre & Ely Bautista, KOC Counsel #17042 Thanksgiving & Birthday Aurelio Sagayaga
10:00 am	(+) Alvin Dadis Health Judy Sneed Thanksgiving & Healing Aaron Pascual Jacinto
12:30 pm	Parish Family of St John the Baptist

Monday

No Service

Tuesday

7:15 am	Health Judy Sneed
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Wednesday

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Thursday

7:15 am	Birthday Gaudelia Funtanilla Health Judy Sneed
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Friday

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Saturday

5:00 pm	(+) Alvin Dadis Health Judy Sneed
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Announcements

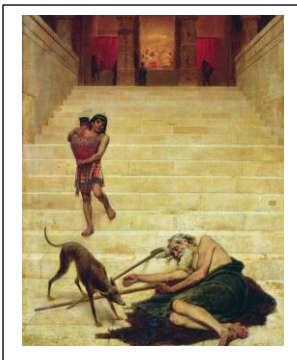
1. Today our second collection is for the **Repair and Maintenance of our Parish**. Thank you for your stewardship.
2. Today we celebrate Priesthood Sunday to honor the priesthood. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life and mission of the Church. We will continue to pray for all our Priests **especially Fr. Jarek**. *“The priest is to be a source of Blessing for his people” – Pope Francis.*
3. The Filipino community will celebrate the Feast of **‘Saint Lawrence Ruiz’** on Wednesday September 28th at 7:15 a.m. All are welcome to attend.
4. The Religious Education teachers will start contacting their students on October 2nd to provide more information about their classes.
5. Next Week October 1st and October 2nd, 2022; the second collection will be for **Ohana in Christ**. Please support **Ohana in Christ** to raise awareness of our wider Church mission and services, as well as to help raise the funds to sustain them through an annual Diocesan appeal. Your Stewardship of Treasure will help recruitment, assignment, professional development, health, and wellness need for Parish priest and Deacons; developing faith formation groups, programs, events, and support Catholic schools; resourcing for parish food and shelter programs, and for Catholic social ministry agencies serving our kupuna, keiki and migrant communities.
6. We need you! Sign up to use your gifts to serve our Lord as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Usher. For additional information please attend following meeting on **Thursday September 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.**
7. Please note that you can request mass intentions, make donations, learn about pre-baptismal classes and more using our website.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Total Weekly Collection (09/18/2022)	\$ 4,180.00
Other Offerings and donations	\$ 2,560.00
Total Weekly Offering Collection	\$ 6,740.00
Weekly offering Necessary to Cover Parish Operations	\$ 6,653.55
Other Collections	
Second Collections –	\$ NONE
Special Collections - Debt Reduction	\$ 1,227.00
Collections Not Retained by Parish	\$ 107.00
School Debt Reduction Collection as of 09/18/2022	
Total Debt	\$ 421,586.75
Debt Reduction Collected	\$ 49,633.24
Interest Paid	\$ 25,598.00



Life of Stewardship Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“With great power comes great responsibility.” So goes the iconic line from the 2002 Spider-Man film in a poignant scene with Peter Parker and his wise Uncle Ben. We have all been given “great power” by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today’s readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And, that failure to do so has eternal consequences.

Our First Reading is again from the book of Amos. It warns of the danger of complacency. “Thus says the Lord the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches....” The Lord says that because of the complacency of the people, “They shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.”

The tendency towards complacency is perhaps an even greater danger for us in the modern age with so many conveniences (fast food, remote controls, Amazon prime to name a few) and so many possibilities for diversion and entertainment (cable tv, laptops, iPads, cell phones, and the myriad other devices we all use). The Lord’s message could not be any clearer — we must get off the couch and put our powers (the many gifts He has given us) to work!

The Second Reading, from St. Paul’s letter to Timothy shows us how to free ourselves of this dangerous complacency we are warned of in the First Reading. Paul instructs us to:

- “Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.
- “Compete well for the faith.”
- “Lay hold of eternal life, to which [we] were called.” And
- “Keep [God’s] commandment without stain or reproach.”

Notice how active St. Paul’s word choices are: “pursue,” “compete,” “lay hold,” and “keep” are the terms he uses to instruct us.

Our Lord Himself gives us a very clear illustration of the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today’s Gospel Passage from Luke. He tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man’s death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his complacency towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

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