

St. John the Baptist Church

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Office Hours:

Monday - **Closed**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Rev. Clement Beerl, Parish Administrator



April 3, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sunday

6:00 am	(+)Simon Penence, Pas Socia, Bernabe Aquino Birthday Blessings; Giovanni Leota Thanksgiving; Alex & Patricia Manansala, Noel & Aaron Jacinto
8:00 am	(+)Simon Penence, Vicenta & Jose Pascual, Gene Albano Thanksgiving: Ieafata Fualau Jr., Naomi Fualau, Cody Timy
10:00 am	(+)Anastacia Siatriz, Marcelino Siatriz, Alexia Person, Dan Kemp, Tim Market, Mike Dillion, Sue Borsic, Dave Weiss Thanksgiving & birthday: Bibian Manansala
12:30 pm	

Monday

No service

Tuesday

7:15 am	(+) Alexia Person, Dan Kemp, Tim Market, Mike Dillion, Sue Borsic, Dave Weiss, Eugenio Duldulao Batangan
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Wednesday

7:15 am	(+) Alexia Person, Dan Kemp, Tim Market, Mike Dillion, Sue Borsic, Dave Weiss
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Thursday

7:15 am	(+) Alexia Person, Dan Kemp, Tim Market, Mike Dillion, Sue Borsic, Dave Weiss
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Friday

7:15 am	(+) Alexia Person, Dan Kemp, Tim Market, Mike Dillion, Sue Borsic, Dave Weiss, Jesusa Bumanglag
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Announcements

1. During Lent we will have the **Station of the Cross** every Friday at 6:30pm.
2. St. John's Church is not requiring Social Distancing and Face Mask is optional but strongly recommended.
3. Today's and next weekend the Second Collection will be for the Debt Reduction.
4. St. John's Church will provide the Palms for Palm Sunday.

Stations of the Cross Schedule

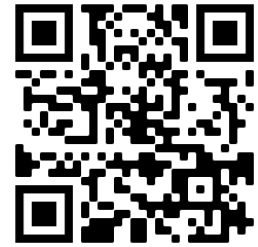
April 8 @ 6:30pm	10am Choir
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Vicariate Parish Penance Service – April 4 Monday at 6:30pm @ St. Stephen Church and April 9, Saturday at 10am @ Basilica Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace. You are all welcome to come.

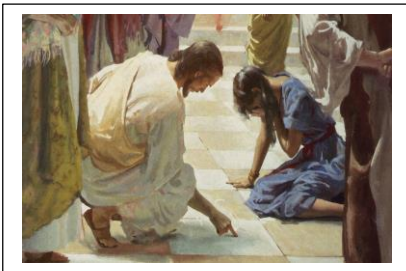


STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

Total Weekly Collection (03/27/2022)	\$ 2,856.14
Other Offerings (Mass offering, Funerals, NCW, Marriages, Donations, School Rent, Other Masses)	\$ 4,359.80
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 225.00
Special 2 nd Collection	\$
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 7,440.94
Weekly offering needed for Operations	\$ 6,653.55
**Unplanned expenses in our budget for this year includes (increase) school debt and monthly expenses.	\$ 117,680.00
Total of School debt inherited by St. John's Parish to be pay in 4 years (This total includes the online donations)	\$ 422,168.43
Minus Total weekly collection (03/27/2022)	\$ 558.82
Balance	\$ 421,609.61
Collections Not Retained by the Parish this week Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,167.00



Life of Stewardship Fifth Sunday of Lent



Once again this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. Consider these key verses from each of our readings on this fifth Sunday of Lent: First from Isaiah, "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Next from St. Paul, "Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." Then the verse before the Gospel: "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful." And finally, from the Gospel, these words from Christ to the woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on

do not sin anymore."

A clear theme emerges from these verses — when we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ. Indeed, it seems our heavenly Father delights in doing this for His children. What gratitude we owe to Him!

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." "Again, He bent down and wrote on the ground." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. This tells us that Our Lord is not at all distant and aloof from His children. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," He bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

If ever you feel unworthy to be called His disciple — to serve in a ministry or tell others about your faith — because of your past or because of a vexing sin you can't seem to overcome, take heart! Seek out God's forgiveness in the healing sacrament of Confession. Then, forget what is behind you, be filled with gratitude that He has made you brand new — and go! He's counting on you to share His good news through your witness and through your service to those around you.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of being called His disciples. But that is simply cause for greater joy in serving Him and seizing the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus.

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