

# 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

February 20, 2022

## Mass intentions

### Sunday

6:00 am	(+)Eligio & Lourdes Machacon, Mamerto Machacon, Jeffrey, Eugenio, Natividad & Enrique Cuaresma, Patricio Patague,
8:00 am	(+)Rufino, Maria, Crispin, Elsie and Magdalena Rivera, Juan & Lucia Salvador, Betty Acosta, Pociano & Esperanza Chang, Julio Feliza, Erlinda & Nicolas Capones (novena until March 1st). <b>Thanksgiving and Blessings for:</b> Almer & Mary Jean family, <b>Thanksgiving and good health:</b> Violeta Martin
10:00 am	(+)Robert Yabut Healing: Iosefo Tuiteleapaga
12:30 pm	
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>No service</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
7:15 am	(+)Robert Yabut
<b>Wednesday</b>	
7:15 am	(+)Robert Yabut
<b>Thursday</b>	
7:15 am	(+)Robert Yabut
<b>Friday</b>	
7:15 am	
<b>Saturday</b>	
5:00 pm	

## Announcements

1. Our **second collection** next week will be for the **Repairs and Maintenance**. Your donation help to keep your church a safe place of worship.
2. St. John's Church **Baptismal Class** will be until March 15, 2022. If you are planning to baptize your child, please stop by the office to register for this class.
3. St. John's **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**: There will be **3 masses** with distribution of Ashes the masses are 7:15am. & 5pm(English and 7pm(Spanish)
4. Join the culmination of **the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines** - Hawaii Celebration. March 19 at Co-Cathedral, registration will start at 9am. More information call at: 808-521-1700.

## SYNODAL NATURE OF THE CHURCH

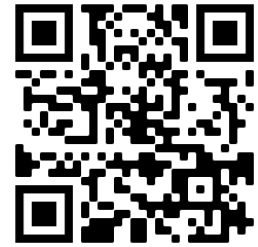
**How can all the members of the Catholic Church be more effective in proclaiming the living Jesus Christ to the world?** Follow the QR code to answer the question directly or bring your answer on a separate sheet of paper next week.

For questions, please call Mr. Marcial M. Tumacder, SJBC Pastoral Council, at 808-386-8420 or e-mail at [marc96701@gmail.com](mailto:marc96701@gmail.com)



## STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

Total Weekly Collection (02/13/2022)	\$ 3,306.01
Other Offerings (Mass offering, Funerals, NCW, Marriages, Donations, School Rent, Other Masses)	\$ 1,713.60
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 270.00
Special Collection( <b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b> )	\$ 56.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ 5,437.85</b>
<b>Weekly offering needed for Operations</b>	<b>\$ 6,653.55</b>
<b>**Unplanned expenses in our budget for this year includes (increase) school debt and monthly expenses.</b>	\$ 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)	\$ 424,780.00
Minus Total weekly collection (02/13/2022)	\$ 649.50
Balance	\$ 424,130.50
Collections Not Retained by the Parish this week: <i>Augustine Educational Foundation</i>	\$ 714.00
<i>OTHER: Latin America</i>	\$ 65.00



## Life of Stewardship Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." As the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus understands human nature well. He knows that we naturally desire only good and nothing bad for ourselves. And there is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

In fact, Jesus tells us that anything short of this is not love at all. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same."

We are made for much higher than that. Jesus says instead, "Love your enemies and do good to them and lend expecting nothing back." That is true greatness in God's view. When we love like that, He promises our "reward in heaven will be great." A stewardship way of life is a life worth living because it is modeled after nothing less than our Most High God.

And if that is still not incentive enough to embrace this way of life, Jesus gives us one more bit of loving motivation. "Give and gifts will be given to you: a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Our wonderful God and Father simply will not be outdone in love. Be generous with your gifts — with your life — and just watch what He will do!

