

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 13, 2022

Mass intentions

Sunday

6:00 am	(+)Eligio & Lourdes Machacon, Mamerto Machacon, Jeffrey, Eugenio, Natividad & Enrique Cuaresma, Patricio Patague, Honorata Valdez, Romana, Rodolfo & Joshua Batangan, Leota Toloa Filimino, Anitelea & Isapela Iese Thanksgiving from: Mekirole & Iliili Leota Family
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8:00 am	(+)Polly Corpuz Thanksgiving and Blessings for: Almer & Mary Jean family, Adela Manansala Family Birthday: Samantha Sebastian
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10:00 am	(+)Loreto & Natividad Balmaceda
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12:30 pm	
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Monday

No service

Tuesday

7:15 am	(+)Polly Corpuz, Honorata Valdez, Bartolome Galdones
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Wednesday

7:15 am	(+)Honorata Valdez, Bartolome Galodnez
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Thursday

7:15 am	
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Friday

7:15 am	
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Saturday

5:00 pm	
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Announcements

1. Our **second collection** next week will be for the **Debt Reduction**. Your donation will help the church to pay the debt inherit by the school.
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. For all those that wants a **Mass or Novena** to be offer for your beloved ones, now you can request it by visiting our website, click on OUR PARISH and then MASS INTENTION REQUEST.
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.

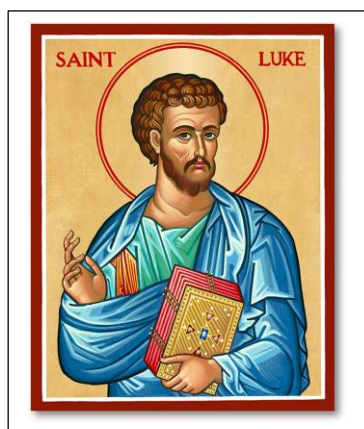
For questions, please call Mr. Marcial M. Tumacder, SJBC Pastoral Council, at 808-386-8420 or e-mail at marc96701@gmail.com



STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

Total Weekly Collection (02/06/2022)	\$ 3,755.85	 
Other Offerings (Mass offering, Funerals, NCW, Marriages, Donations, School Rent, Other Masses)	\$ 1,458.00	
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 200.00	
Special Collection(Repairs & Maintenance)	\$ 24.00	
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 5,437.85	
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)	\$ 424,830.00	
Minus Total weekly collection (02/06/2022)	\$ 1,017.32	
Balance	\$ 423,812.68	
Collections Not Retained by the Parish this week: <i>Latin America and Black and Indian Missions</i>	\$ 35.00	
<i>OTHER:</i>	\$ N/A	

Life of Stewardship Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

The First Reading from Jeremiah paints a vivid picture of the difference between the person who puts his trust in fellow humans versus the person who relies on — or, in other words, hopes in — the Lord. "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh... He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season but stands in a lava waste." Not a pretty picture!

On the other hand, the prophet teaches, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green."

Notice that the one who trusts in the Lord does not escape the heat any more than the one who has put his trust in human strength — his own or another's. The difference between the two is that the one who fails to trust in the Lord becomes barren in the heat, while the one who trusts in God is given the means to persevere and even thrive in the midst of the challenging times. "Its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress but still bears fruit."

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that it is foolish to think of hope in the Lord with only an "earthly" vision since God desires nothing less than our eternal happiness. "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." To aim only for comforts or pleasure or honors in this life is actually an impoverished way of living.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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