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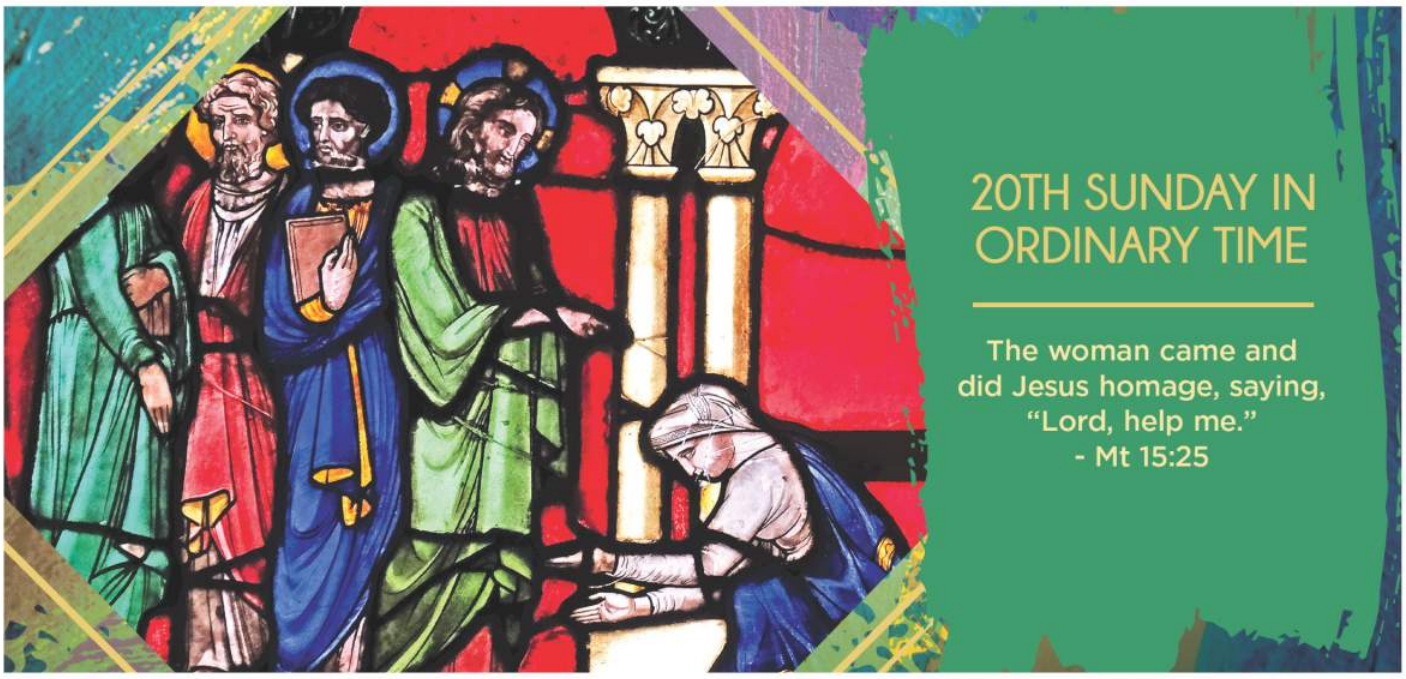
August 16, 2026 | twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. John Berchmans Antony, *Pastor*

Holjanys Santos, *Bookkeeper, Administrative Secretary* | **Christopher J. Haberl,** *Music Minister*

Mass Times

Daily Mass (Chapel)
Mon - Fri|7:30 AM & 12:10 PM
Saturday|9 AM

Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil|5:30 PM
Sunday|10:00 AM 12 Noon

Monthly

PRAYERS FOR LIFE:
First Friday following 12:10 PM Mass

2000 HAIL MARYS:
First Saturday 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM in the Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays after 9 AM Mass OR call the parish office for an appointment at 201-653-8814.

ROSARY

Monday-Friday at 11:30 AM in the Chapel

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

MIRACULOUS MEDAL
Monday after the 12:10 Mass

ST. ANTHONY
Tuesday after the 12:10 Mass

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
Saturday after 9 AM Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Friday in the Chapel: 11 am until 2:00 pm. Please note: At 2:00 pm the Chapel will be closed and sanitized.
Saturday - No Adoration
Sunday: Adoration & Masses will be in the Church from 9 am until 1 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Registration can be completed in the Rectory office.

MARRIAGE
Arrangements should begin by setting a date with the priest ONE YEAR before the wedding. Please call the Rectory office for an appointment 201-653-8814.

BAPTISM
Baptisms take place on Saturdays except during Lent. New parents need to attend a Baptismal prep class. Registration is required. Please call the Rectory Office at 201-653-8814.

HOSPITAL VISITATION
Please notify the parish. Hospitals no longer inform us or allow us to look up who is in the hospital.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY – AUGUST 15, 2026

9:00 AM **JUSTIN STANLEY TCHAO (L) HEALING**
R/Sally Tchao

5:30 PM **LIVING & DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE GENZLINGER FAMILY**
R/Piccorelli Family

SUNDAY – AUGUST 16, 2026

10:00 AM **†MICHAEL GRANELLI**
R/Santanna Family

12:00 PM **†DEC'D FAMILY MEMBERS OF ALFREDO & ANTONIA TALION**
R/Surban Family

MONDAY – AUGUST 17, 2026

7:30 AM **LEISHA SHAH(L)**
R/Dolores Daniel

12:10 PM **†FLORIAN DONALD SCHEPACARTER**
R/Wife & Kids

TUESDAY – AUGUST 18, 2026

7:30 AM **LORENZO OCAMPO (L) BDAY**
R/Josie Ocampo

12:10 PM **†Thilan Revon**

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 19, 2026

7:30 AM **†CATHERINE SURDOVEL**

THURSDAY – AUGUST 20, 2026

7:30 AM **IN THANKSGIVING**
R/Lapasia Family

12:10 PM **†JAMES DUANE**
R/ Edith

FRIDAY – AUGUST 21, 2026

7:30 AM **MARIA MATTESSICH B'DAY**
R/Nicolina, Emidio & Mark

12:10 PM **†EWALD DINGLER**
R/Edith

SATURDAY – AUGUST 22, 2026

9:00 AM **JOHN YUNG CHIN TCHAO (L) HEALING**
R/Sally Tchao

5:30 PM **ANTHONY GOMES**
R/Mary Gomes

SUNDAY – AUGUST 23, 2026

10:00 AM **DOLLY TEREK (L)**
R/Cora Prado

12:00 PM **†JULIE WHYTE**
R/Edith

Eucharistic Bread & Sacramental Wine

The Altar Wine & Hosts for this week is donated in memory of **Rev. Michael C. Santoro** at the request of *The People*.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns this week in memory of **Msgr. Charles Stengel** at the request of *The People*.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in memory of **Rev. Edito Gamallo** at the request of *The People*.

PLEASE NOTE...

For Prayer intention or if you have a prayer request for the **Intercessory Prayer Group**, please **call Dolores At: 201-360-0614 between 6 and 10 PM**

Please Pray For...
In your prayers, kindly remember the Souls in Purgatory, the Suffering, the Lonely, the Depressed, the Homeless, the Homebound, the Sick and the Deceased.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

HOLY WATER is now available in the baptismal font as well as at the entrances of the Church.

THE SIGN OF PEACE should be offered but continue to be made without physical contact.

COMMUNICANTS will continue to receive Communion in the hand.

Parish News

Seeking Volunteers

Would you like to serve as an Altar Server, Usher, Greeter, Lector or Eucharistic Minister?

Altar Server: Carries the cross in procession, rings the bell, assists at the Altar. Must have received First Communion.
Usher: Takes up the collection and presents it at the Altar.
Greeter: Welcomes people with a smile and hands out bulletins.
Lector: Reads the Liturgy of the Word, announcements and Prayer of the Faithful.
Eucharistic Minister: Distributes Holy Communion with reverence.

Sign up at the front of the Church and we will contact you with more information.

Community Mass Friendly Reminder

Mass will be dedicated as the "Community Mass." Anyone who would like to dedicate the Mass to a ***recently deceased loved one*** may do so. Other than Estate Masses, this will be the only Mass where multiple dedications may be seen.

Adoration

Hours are from Monday thru Friday at 11 AM until 2 PM. We encourage people to come and participate and spend some precious time with our Lord Jesus.

Reminder
On Wednesdays, we only have one mass at 7:30 AM. There is no 12:10 PM Mass.

Adoration is as usual, 11 AM - 2 PM.

If you are new to our Church, Welcome!!

Take a moment to register and become part of our Parish family. Call the Rectory at 201 - 653 - 8814 to have the registration form emailed or sent to you through the mail.

Candles Available!

Blessed Sacralite glass 8-day candles are available for sale. They have been blessed and if lit continuously, they last for up to 8 days. Cost is $10 If interested, please call the Rectory office or see one of our volunteers at the back of the Church.

Anyone Interested in Electronic Giving

Please go to https://stjohnbjc.org/ scroll down to Parish Giving found at the bottom of the web page, click on it and follow the directions. To donate using the Venmo app, go to @SJBJC. Thank you!

Parish Giving
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Budgeted collection amount: $6,000.00

Regular Weekly: **$ 2,267.00**

Total of Collections: $ 0.00

MANY THANKS TO THE 2000 HAIL MARY PRAYER GROUP FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF $300 FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

September 50/50 Raffle!

Win Half – Help Our Cause!
$5 each or 5 for $20
Drawing: September 28th.

The more tickets you buy, the better your chances! Get yours after services or by calling the rectory.

Our next Flea Market will take place on Sunday, August 23rd. There will be Chicken, Rice, Salad, sausage and a soda for sale. Cost $15

Anyone interested in renting a table, please sign up at the front of the church. Cost $25

Father John is traveling to India to visit his family in September. He will be back in October. During his absence Fr. Rex will be in charge of all the masses. Please contact the office for all administrative purposes. During his trip Father will visit the children's breakfast program with the local bishop, if anyone would like to make a donation for the program there are envelopes at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity!

Our Lady of Vailankanni Feast and Novena

Starts on August 30th and will culminate on September 8th. The Novena starts at 7:00 PM with the Rosary and Novena in the Chapel. The feast day mass is on Tuesday September 8th at 7:00PM in the church and will end with fellowship in the basement hall.

The 2027 Mass Intentions books is now **OPEN**

You can call, email, or drop off your list of Mass Intentions for 2027.

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Message from Fr. John

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When we think that Jesus chose to die for us, we are also speaking about a love that is incomprehensible to us at so many levels. Yet Jesus invites us to live that same way. We are invited to pardon all those who have offended us and to ask pardon of all those whom we have offended.

It should become clear to us that if we want all people to be saved, then we ourselves must be willing to love all people. This is the type of living that Jesus did here on earth. He lived and taught by his example, his way of living and his way of relating to others. The story in today's Gospel is very strong because of this way of thinking. Jesus does not want to help the Canaanite woman who asks His help. Jesus is convinced that his call from God is to help his own Jewish people. And that is indeed His call: to help His own people. But He needs to grow in His understanding of who His people are.

All of us must go through this process of widening our horizons. We must learn in a very practical way that every other person is my sister, my brother, my mother, my father. We are invited to love every other person and desire their eternal salvation. This way of loving others is always put to the test when we meet someone who is really difficult to love.

Today we can think about several challenges to our way of thinking. Do we love anyone enough to cry out to the Lord Day and night for their well-being? If not, then we need to work at loving more. If we do love someone with much love, are we willing to love our enemies with that same intensity of love? If not, then perhaps we still need to work at loving more. If we are willing to love all people, are we then willing to give our lives for them? This is the ultimate challenge of living the Gospel today: to live as Jesus lived in every aspect of our lives—today and every day.

Let us give thanks for the faith that is given us and ask our loving God to increase our faith. Let us ask that we can have the courage and conviction to love all others and to love our enemies and to give thanks to the Lord for His love for us.

God Bless You
Fr. John

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

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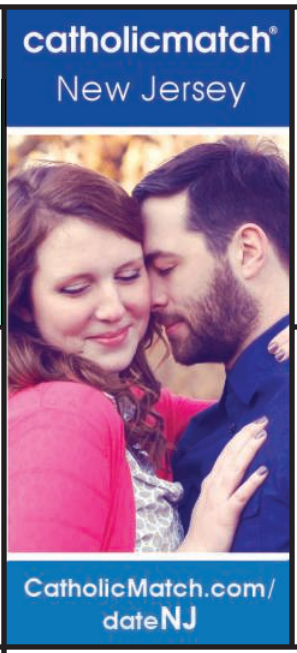

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