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August 23, 2026 | twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Faith is the light that guides our path every day."

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 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

MONDAY – AUGUST 24, 2026

7:30 AM **GABRIELA VILLA (L)**
R/Kit Villa

12:10 PM **JASON SILAS TCHAO (L)**
R/Sally Tchao

TUESDAY – AUGUST 25, 2026

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

12:10 PM **✝PATRICIA LOREDO**
R/Josette Loredo

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 26, 2026

7:30 AM **SAMENTHA FERNANDES (L)**
B'DAY
R/ Hilda

THURSDAY – AUGUST 27, 2026

7:30 AM **MANUEL ROSARIO B'DAY**
R/Josie Ocampo

12:10 PM **✝CECILIA GIARDANO**
R/ Edith

FRIDAY – AUGUST 28, 2026

7:30 AM **JUSTIN AROCHO(L) B'DAY**
R/Arocho Family

12:10 PM **CHRISTIAN MANRRIQUE**
R/Arminda Argandona

SATURDAY – AUGUST 29, 2026

9:00 AM **ELLA SAKHAI(L)**
R/Kit Villa

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

SUNDAY – AUGUST 30, 2026

10:00 AM **✝DANTE LIBATIQUE**
72ND B'DAY
R/Donna Lim

12:00 PM **✝MARIA SIPAROSA DSOUZA**
✝ALFREDO STA. IGLESIA
R/Vicky Sta. Iglesia
✝REV. EDITO GAMALLO
R/Vicky Sta. Iglesia
✝MSGR. JOSE LAGDAMEO
R/Vicky Sta. Iglesia
✝CARMEN ELISA JAMES
R/Lily Gonzalez & Family

Eucharistic Bread & Sacramental Wine

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

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 become an Altar Server, Usher, Greeter, Lector or Eucharistic Minister? The roles & responsibilities are as follows:

Altar Server
carries cross in the procession, rings the bell & assists in the Altar. Also, must have received First Communion to qualify.

Usher
Takes care of the collection & presents it to the Altar

Greeter
Welcomes people with a smile & hands out bulletins and other materials for the day

Lector
Reads one of the Liturgies during Mass, Announcements & Prayer of the Faithful

Eucharistic Minister
Distribution of Holy Communion & Blood of Christ 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.

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!

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Due to advanced bulletin deadlines the collection info will be noted at a later date. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 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.

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!

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.

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,

At the foot of Mount Hermon, on the border between Israel and Syria, where the river Jordan rises, King Herod the Great built a magnificent temple in honour of the Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus. Herod's son and successor, Philip, went on to establish a town there, naming it Caesarea and adding his own name to it, thus becoming Caesarea Philippi. Along with a group of pilgrims, I had the opportunity to visit this beautiful spot, known today as Banias. It was in this place that the scene described in today's gospel took place.

The scene begins with Jesus conducting an opinion poll among his disciples about his identity. He asks them: 'Who do the people say the Son of Man is? The response of the disciples shows that the people see him as a great prophet, a spokesperson for God, like Elijah, Jeremiah or John the Baptist, but no more than that.

who do you say I am'? Simon, assuming a leadership role among the apostles, responds: 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God' We have here a testimony to the firmness of a foundation whose strength basically comes from the authority of Jesus and his promise to Peter: 'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven' .

The Pope the successor of Peter, sharing the same charism or gift of leadership that Jesus conferred on Peter. This leadership is not one of coercion and political power, but of example and service. Traditionally the Pope has been called the 'servant of the servants of God'. The Pope is not a dictator. He does not decide what the members of the Church should believe. Rather, he communicates to the Church at large what it already believes. He is the focal point of unity of the Church's one faith and communion in the Spirit. He is the servant of the community of believers, united in one faith.

God Bless You
Fr. John

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

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