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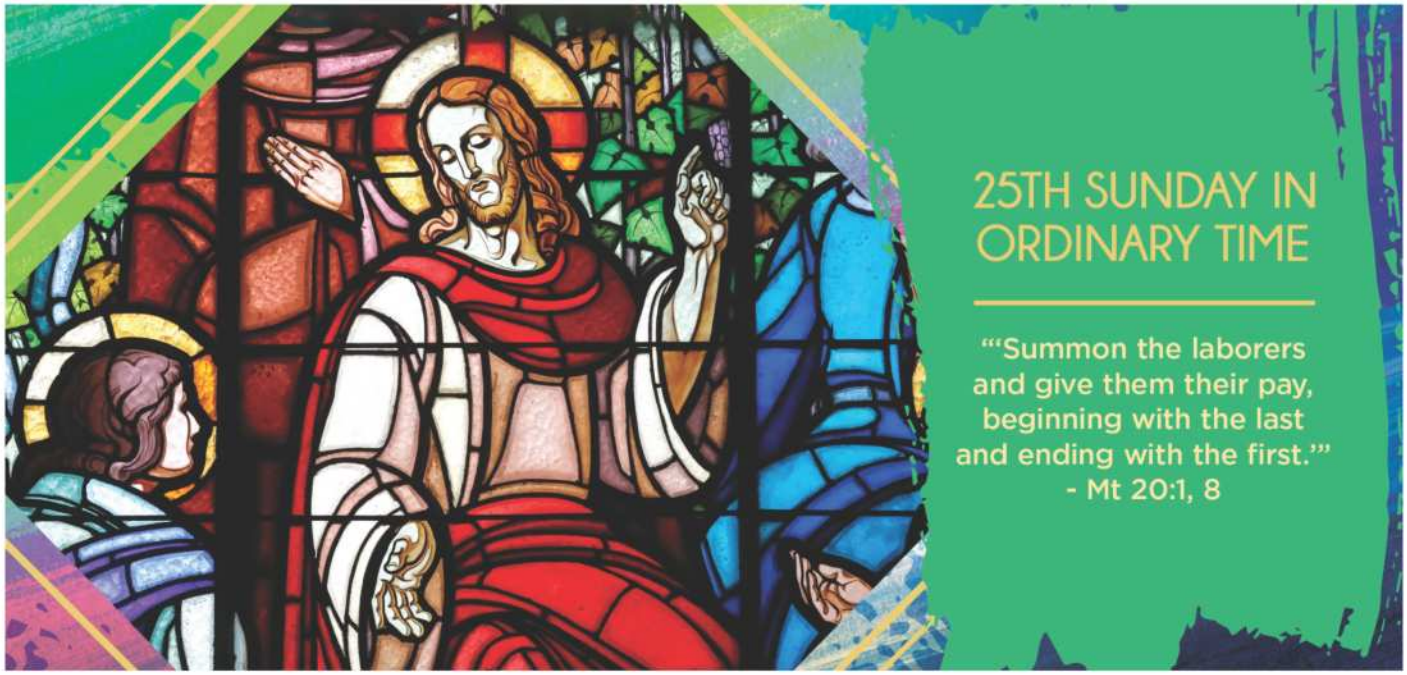
Septemeber 20, 2026 | twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 – SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

9:00 AM **JASON SILAS TCHAO(L) HEALING**
R/Sally Tchao

5:30 PM **MSGR. EDMUNDO SURBAN**
R/Surban Family

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

10:00 AM †**ANTHONY GOMES**
R/Mary Gomes

12:00 PM †**SYLVIA THOMAS**
R/Tommy Thomas

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

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

12:10 PM **JUSTIN STANLEY TCHAO (L) HEALING**
R/Sally Tchao

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

7:30 AM †**DANTE LIBATIQUE 8TH DEATH ANNIV.**
R/Donna Lim

12:10 PM **NICKY TESORO (L) B'DAY**
R/Josie & Mario Ocampo

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

7:30 AM **LINA D'CRUZ (L)**
R/Hilda
KATHLEEN D. "KAD"
R/Family

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

7:30 AM †**ROMEO YUZON**
R/Cora Prado

12:10 PM **JOHN YUNG CHIN TCHAO(L) HEALING**
R/Sally Tchao

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

7:30 AM †**VICTORIA & ERNESTO TAMAYO**
R/Bella Sazon

12:10 PM †**SISTER MARY PHILLIP**
†**SISTER LOLITA CONDES &**
†**NERY SURBAN**
R/Surban Family

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

9:00 AM **GABRIEL VILLAROEL**
R/Arminda Argandona

5:30 PM †**JOHN J. BROWN**
R/Reem Brown

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

10:00 AM †**MARIA CONSTANTINO**
R/Bella Sazon

12:00 PM †**DEVASY & JOHN FAMILY**
R/Lapasia Family
†**PANFILO VILLAFLOR**
R/Vicky Sta. Iglesia
TOM & GERT MCcARTHY
R/Circle of friends
LYNBER FERNANDES BDAY BLESSINGS
R/Bernadette Fernandes

Eucharistic Bread & Sacramental Wine

The Altar Wine & Hosts for this week is donated in memory of **Dante Libatique** at the request of *Donna Lim.*

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns this week in memory of **Dante Libatique** at the request of *Donna Lim.*

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in memory of **Dante Libatique** at the request of *Donna Lim.*

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!

Parish Giving
https://stjohnbjc.org/

Budgeted collection amount: $6,000.00

8/16 collection:	$ 2,257
8/23 collection:	$ 2,356
8/29 collection:	$ 1,928
9/8 collection:	$ 2,175
Total of Collections:	**$ 8,716**

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.

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.

Safe Environment Corner

Keeping Children Safe Away from Home

As children grow, parents may begin dropping them off for activities and returning later to pick them up. Before taking this step, families are encouraged to ask a few important safety questions:

- Are at least two adults present to supervise children at all times?
- Does the organization conduct background checks for adults who work with children?
- Does the organization provide appropriate training for adults who supervise children?
- Are there separate restroom facilities or clear restroom policies for adults and minors?
- Are isolated areas locked, restricted, or monitored?

Together, guided by our faith and our shared responsibility, we can help create safe and welcoming environments where every child is protected and cherished.

Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Ofice of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.

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,

God's thoughts and ways are clearly illustrated in the parable of the Vineyard Owner in today's gospel. It is important to note the significant elements of the story. The first noteworthy element is that it is the owner himself who goes out in search of workers for his vineyard. This was not the normal practice for an employer in Jesus' day. If he needed extra workers he would send his foreman, or one of his employees, to the marketplace to pick them up. This Vineyard Owner however, goes to the marketplace himself. And he goes there several times, at different hours of the day, in search of workers to harvest his grapes. He is not just concerned about his business. He is clearly concerned also about the predicament of those who have been standing around all day in hope of finding someone to hire them.

The second significant element in the story has to do with the wages the workers receive at the end of the day. Starting with those who were employed last, the last to be employed receive their wages first, and they receive a full day's wage, the same as those who have worked all through the day.

This story is about God's magnanimity of heart, his extravagant generosity, especially to the late-comers, those overlooked, left behind, or pushed to the margins of society. God's ways, while not contradicting the demands of social justice, infinitely transcend them. As Pope Benedict teaches in his encyclical letter, Caritas in Veritate (Love in Truth), God acts according to a higher logic than that which normally governs industrial relations – the logic of gift or gratuitous love, rather than the logic of entitlement.

Fortunately, God does not treat us according to our deserts, but according to his boundless generosity, mercy and compassion, as today's responsorial psalm proclaims.

God Bless You
Fr. John

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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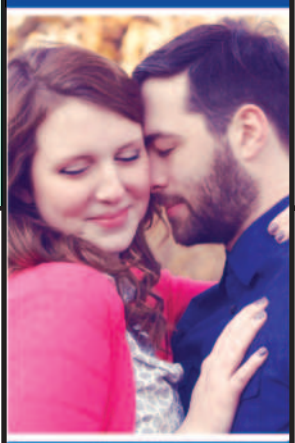

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