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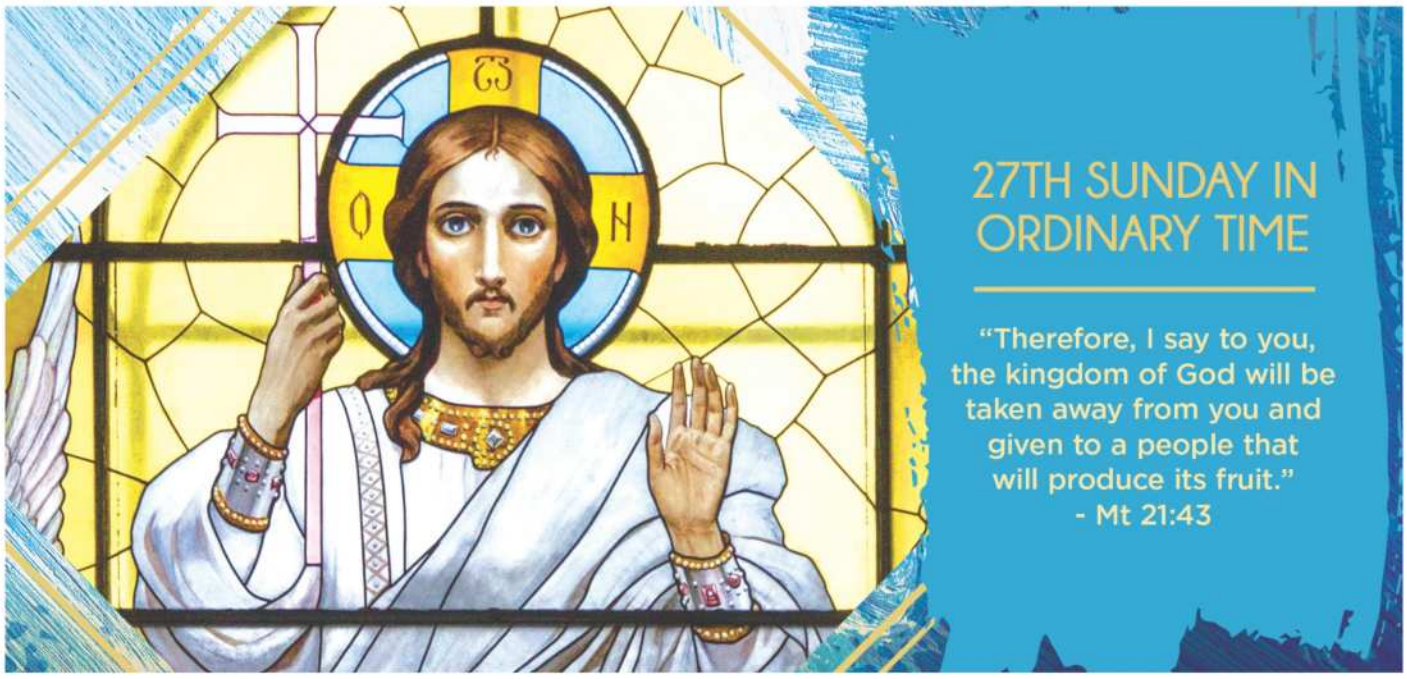
October 4, 2026 | twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 – OCTOBER 3, 2026

9:00 AM **2000 HAIL MARY'S PRAYER GRP @ ST. JOHN'S 16 TH YR ANNIV.**
R/Catalina De Leon

5:30 PM **✝ IVAN CORDOVA ZOLLO ROMERO**
R/ Eugenia Romero

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 4, 2026

10:00 AM **ISABELLA RINKER(L)**
R/Cora Prado

12:00 PM **LIVING & DEC'D MEMBERS OF 2000 HAIL MARYS GRP.**
R/Catalina De Leon

MONDAY – OCTOBER 5, 2026

7:30 AM **CORA PRADO(L) B'DAY**
R/Janice Gellhaus

12:10 PM **CORA PRADO(L) B'DAY**

TUESDAY – OCTOBER 6, 2026

7:30 AM **✝FREDERICK WADE**
R/Kit Villa

12:10 PM **LISA SAKHAI (L) THANKSGIVING**
R/ Kit Villa

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 7, 2026

7:30 AM **RAFAEL LLAGUNO JR (L) B'DAY**
R/Marissa Llaguno
NABONG FAMILY IN THANKGIVING
R/Liz Nabong

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 8, 2026

7:30 AM **✝JOHN J. BROWN**
R/Reem Brown

12:10 PM **✝*ELEANOR SHEER***
R/ Susan Sheer

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 9, 2026

7:30 AM **✝NINETTA BUZZERIO**
R/Emidio Morin

12:10 PM ✝*MARIA SIPAROSA DSOUZA*

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 10, 2026

9:00 AM **✝SILVER STAR ALONZO "BUNDY" YOUNG**
R/Melita Young

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

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 11, 2026

10:00 AM **✝MANUEL SAZON**
R/Bella Sazon

12:00 PM **✝SYLVESTER THOMAS**
R/Tommy Thomas

Eucharistic Bread & Sacramental Wine

The Altar Wine & Hosts for this week is donated in memory of **John J. Brown** at the request of *Reem Brown*.

Sanctuary Lamp

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

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in memory of **Severa H. Hipol**.

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
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Budgeted collection amount: $6,000.00

Sunday Collection:	$1,454
Assessments:	$496
Total of Collections:	**$1,950**

Our family based religious education (FBRE)

begins on **Sunday October 11**, after the **10 AM mass**. Our FBRE director Mr. Dennis will conduct the classes. Families who would like to have their children receive Holy Communion, Confirmation or Adult Baptism can attend this class and register.

All Souls envelopes are now available at the Entrances of the church. Please help yourselves to them for your All soul's day Intentions. The envelopes will be kept at the Altar the whole month of November for prayer. Please be generous!

New Liturgical Year will begin soon and the new Missals are available. Anyone wishing to dedicate a new Missal to a loved one (living or deceased) may contact the rectory office or see one of our volunteers at the front of the Church. **Cost: $10**

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

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

Christmas Dinner

Save the date!

Christmas Dinner with Pastor Fr. John on

December 5th at 7:00 PM

St. Ann's Basement

Sign up at the front of the church,
cost $40 per person.
Come Spread Christmas Joy with good food,
good music and friends!

Please consider donating a dish, drinks
or anything you can for the party.

Message from Fr. John

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The images of vines and vineyards loom large in the Scriptures. Vineyards were as important for the people of Israel as dairy farms were, and indeed still are, for people in Ireland. The cultivation of vineyards and the production of wine was no less demanding than the production of milk. A lot of care and hard work went into the production of quality vines and vintage wine. Because vineyards and vines were so central to the everyday life of the Israelites, they are often used symbolically in Scripture to represent God's relationship to Israel and its people. A fruitful vine was a symbol of an Israel fidelity to God, while sour grapes were an indication of Israel's infidelity prophet Isaiah, illustrates God's attentive and loving care for the people of Israel, using the image of a vine-growers who did everything possible to produce grapes of the highest quality.

Jesus is here referring to the rejection of the prophets whom God sent to remind the Israelites of their calling to be a holy and faithful people, a model of truthfulness and upright behavior for other nations. Finally, as Jesus develops the parable, the landowner sends his son, thinking that they will respect him at least. Instead, the kill him, in order to take possession of the vineyard themselves. This represents precisely what happened to Jesus himself, the beloved Son sent by the Father to the people of Israel, but rejected by the chief priest and elders of the people. Jesus was *'the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone'* We are God's new people, called to be faithful and active members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

Have we lived up to the Lord's expectations of a community of his beloved disciples? St Paul offers practical guidance on how to produce good fruit in our lives and live up to the Lord's expectations St Paul said *'Finally, brothers and sisters, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honor, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.*

God Bless You
Fr. John

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."
- Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too, are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

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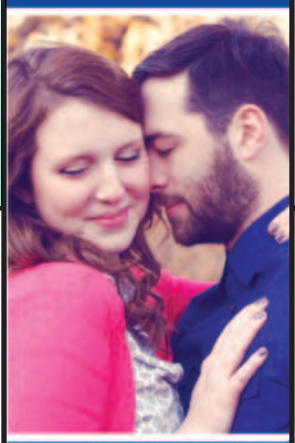

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