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Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

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“Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.”

-- Acts 13:25



Daily Mass

Week of June 25th – 30th

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Tuesday: 8:00 Hether Ludwick+
 Wednesday: 8:00 David Edgerly+
 Thursday: 8:00 Ross Cadenasso+
 Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Saturday: 8:00 Intentions: Fr. Dan



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Fr. Dan, Ed Heinemann, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos, Juanita Estrelles, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection	June 17, 2018
Plate	\$10,157.00



Summer Hours: The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during Summer through August 31st. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Have a fun and safe summer vacation!

Traveler's Song!

Take this blessing prayer along with you as you travel on vacation this summer, and may the Spirit of Jesus be with you wherever you are in this wide and wonderful world!

*In paths of peace may the Lord guide us,
 and may he send his holy angel Raphael
 to accompany us on our way;
 that safe and sound, in peace and in joy,
 we may return to those who love us.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen!

From
Father Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,



This week, we celebrate the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. It is rare that a feast of a saint supersedes the ordinary liturgical cycle of readings. Saint John the Baptist is so honored because of the privileged role that he has in the story of salvation history.

The Gospel of Luke highlights the importance of John's relationship to his cousin, Jesus. When pregnant Mary visited her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, Luke wrote: "...the infant in Elizabeth's womb leapt for joy."

John is considered the last of the great prophets. Many scripture scholars believe that Jesus was one of his disciples. Think about this: it was St. John who baptized his cousin, Jesus. Yet like all the prophets before him, John didn't fully comprehend the significance of his prophecy. Some scripture scholars believe that John did not realize that his cousin was the Messiah and that he thought he was preparing the way for the imminent arrival of Yahweh.

In a later chapter in the Gospel of Luke, John expresses his doubts about his cousin when he sends his disciples to ask Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Although John had a special relationship with Jesus and was gifted with prophetic awareness, like you and me, he had his doubts and anxieties. Ultimately, he had to live his life practicing two of the great virtues: Faith and Hope.

You and I have an advantage over St. John the Baptist in that we know the rest of the story. His cousin is the Messiah and we live our lives with Faith and Hope because we have experienced the greatest of all the virtues: the Love of Jesus Christ.

Love, Fr. Leo

Holy Father/Peter's Pence Collection!



Next weekend, June 30th and July 1st, our Parish will participate in the Peter's Pence 2018 collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Each year, the Holy Father asks us to help him provide for our neediest brothers and sisters throughout the world -- those who suffer due to war, oppression and natural disasters. Join the Holy Father in this act of justice and kindness. Please pray for the Holy Father. Your generously to this special appeal is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

What Do You Want To Learn About?

Beginning in the fall, Corpus Christi will be offering monthly morning and evening sessions for adults who want to learn more about the Catholic faith tradition. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, new to our Parish or someone simply interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches, we want to hear from you. What are your questions? What topics are you most interested in learning more about? Please fill out a survey, located on the credenzas at the entrances to the Church and drop it in the box provided.

Invitation to the RCIA Program

Are you searching for a faith tradition that you can call home without having to check your intellect at the door? Have you ever had the slightest inkling to explore becoming Catholic? Are you already Catholic but you have never received your First Communion or Confirmation? If so, the RCIA program might be right for you. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of exploring the Catholic faith while developing a deeper spiritual and faith life. There are plenty of opportunities to learn and experiment with different forms of prayer and share spiritual questions, doubts, hopes and experiences. It is also a chance to learn about the broad themes and teaching of the Catholic Church, with plenty of time for questions and discussion. If you are interested in learning more about this process, please contact Ann Naffziger at 521-8011 or: ann@gospelliving.org.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8th) and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25th), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, kindling "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!



Infant Clothing for Visitation Center!

Clothing Drive



The Outreach Committee will be collecting clean, gently-used infant clothing, sizes one year to three years old, and also diapers in all sizes. The collection will be from June 1st to July 15th. All items will benefit moms and babies served by the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks!



Helping a Senior!

Just a couple of hours of your time can make a big difference in the life of a homebound senior! Call SOS Meals on Wheels at 582-1263 or go to: www.sosmow.org to inquire about volunteering today.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).

Psalms -- I praise you for I am wonderfully made (Psalm 139).

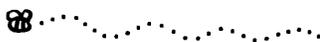
Second Reading -- John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).

Gospel -- John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

Forerunner of the Lord!

The story of the conception and birth of John the Baptist is a very human story. His aged parents, childless, conceived a son in their old age just as Abraham and Sarah had conceived Isaac. God's promise of salvation seems to include the delayed birth of very extraordinary children!

John was, as the prophet Isaiah says, known to God from his earliest days, fashioned in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth, in secret, before anyone but she knew. He was strong in spirit from before his birth, and he grew to become the most powerful preacher and prophet. He was the chosen forerunner of the Lord; Elijah the prophet came back to announce the coming of the Messiah and to prepare the people by a baptism of repentance.



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