

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Join in prayer with those who have requested Masses be offered for their loved ones, living or deceased.

SUTTON

Mon. June 27	8:30am	+Elise Usherwood req. M.M. Grellette
Tues. June 28	8:30am	In Thanksgiving for St. Joseph req. the Penn's
Wed. June 29	8:30am	Special Intentions req. Lou Conte
Sat. July 2	5:30pm	Blessings upon the Fanelli Family req. the Fanelli's
Sun. July 3	8:30am	Parishioners (Pro Populo)

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Thurs. June 30	8:30am	Special Intentions req. Lou Conte
Fri. July 1	8:30am	Blessings upon the Fanelli Family req. the Fanelli's
Sat. July 2	4:00pm	+ Sheila Quigg req. Holmes Family
Sun. July 3	10:30am	+ Chester and Betty Chasse req. Attanasio Family

The Feast day of St. John the Baptist is June 24

St John the Baptist was born in the late first century BC. His birth was nothing less than miraculous because his mother, Elizabeth, was too old to bear children.

The Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and her husband, Zechariah, and told them they would have a son and that they are to name him John. Zachariah did not believe this and for this lack of faith he was rendered mute. He only spoke again when his son was born and named John, all in fulfilment of God's will.

When Mary visited Elizabeth while she was still pregnant with John the Baptist, John leaped in her womb. Elizabeth then realized that Mary was pregnant with Jesus, the Son of God.

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, a loud said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Luke 1:39-45

The Ministry of St. John the Baptist

The message that John the Baptist preached was that God's judgement upon the world was imminent and to prepare for this coming judgment, people must repent their sins, be baptized and live virtuously.

The Baptism of Jesus Christ

Jesus went to John the Baptist in the River Jordan in order to be baptized. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:13-17

The Death of St John the Baptist

St John the Baptist became even more popular after he baptized Jesus Christ. This alarmed King Herod, the ruler of Galilee and central Transjordan, who ordered the prophet to be arrested and imprisoned. John the Baptist was beheaded sometime between 33 and 36 AD. This after Herod asked his daughter, Salome, to make any request. As revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's marriage, Salome asked for John's head.

Confessions: Before the Mass, whenever possible.

The **parish office will be closed from July 15 to August 15 for summer vacation.** Messages and emails will be reviewed during this time, however only urgent messages will be returned. All messages are recorded and any disrespectful language will not be tolerated. Authorities will be contacted when necessary.

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