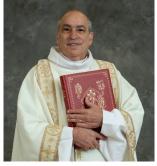


From the Deacon's Desk Dear friends in Christ.

The major focus of all the readings this week is to listen to **God's** call and follow the **Lord**. In all of the readings, people hear the **Lord** calling them to service, and all of them change course to follow their vocation.

Isaiah recounts his glorious vision of the **Lord** and his commissioning. **Paul** reminds the **Corinthians** of



the **Gospel** he preached to them and lists the resurrected **Jesus**' appearances, culminating in his own call and conversion. In the **Gospel**, after preaching from **Simon's** fishing boat, **Jesus** tells him to "put out into the deep water." They catch a "great number of fish" and this leads **Simon Peter**, **James**, and **John** to follow **Jesus**.

Young or old, we all have a responsibility to listen for the **Lord's** direction and answer with enthusiasm, as did **Isaiah**, **Paul**, **Peter**, **James**, and **John**.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.

Have a good week, Deacon Frank

Dear St. John Parishioners, join me periodically on **St. John the Baptist Parish** livestream. If you missed it, the videos are available on **St. John's Facebook page**.

Mass celebrant for February 13, 2022, is Fr. Noble assisted by Deacon Frank

Confessions Heard before Mass Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, February 6, 2022, 9:30 a.m.		
Lector 1 & 2: Kurt Heininger, Nick Sciarretti		
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Ed Pagnanelli, Andrea Myers	
Sunday, February 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m.		
Lector 1 & 2:	Antonio D'Alberto, Nick D'Alberto	
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Al Iosue, Sharon D'Alberto	

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 2/6	9:30 a.m.	Robert W. Contino, Sr. by Pat Rossetti	
Sun. 2/6	9:30 a.m.	Danny LaPenna by Michael & Kerree Susi	
Sun. 2/6	9:30 a.m.	Karen Mikalonis by Kurt Heininger & Family	
Sun. 2/13	9:30 a.m.	Tony Solazzo by Irene Solazzo & Family	
Sun. 2/13	9:30 a.m.	Janet Di Loreta Ward by Sam and Jackie Barry	

Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of:

 Jim Behal, long-time devoted member of St. John the Baptist and Columbus Italian Festival, who died this past week. May he rest in peace with the risen Lord.



PARISH INFORMATION

The Italian Catholic Community at St. John the Baptist Corner of E. Lincoln and Hamlet Streets Church Mailing Address: 168 E. Lincoln Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 (614) 294-5319 • Fax: (614) 294-4303 Livestream our 9:30 Sunday Mass on our St. John the Baptist Facebook page by visiting our website www. sibitaliana.com

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Mr. John Huffman - Organist and Musical consultant

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday Sacrament of Penance – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)

Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation (by appointment)

Sacrament of Matrimony (you must be registered at Saint John at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)

Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)

Saint John Italian Festival (please visit our website for more information)

Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)

Bulletin Deadline: Announcements must be submitted in writing by **Tuesday** at **noon**.

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: Don Coffman

by Chris Soteriades

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village, and Mary Spellacy, who is residing at Friendship Village in Dublin. Also, keep in your prayers Laura Williams, James Graf, Linda McCreary, Guy Williams, John Contino, and Msgr. John Cody.

<u>PAVERS:</u> The front <u>Pavilion</u> of <u>St. John's Church</u> is covered with <u>Pavers</u>. These <u>Pavers</u> are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of <u>St. John</u> at 614-294-5319.

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact Kevin Koesters at 937-902-7446 or via email at k.koesters32@gmail.com. Leaders for February are:

February 6, 2022 Gary Bosco
February 13, 2022 Carl Tisone
February 20, 2022 Gary Bosco
February 27, 2022 Kevin Koesters

EVENTS THIS WEEK

2/6	KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim
Sun.	12:00 Noon; Due to Covid, No Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass until further notice
2/7	Rotary Club Luncheon
Mon.	11:00 a.m1:00 p.m.
2/11	KCC Mass – Fr. Kim
Fri.	6:00-6:30 p.m.
2/12	<u>Italian Language Class – Cultural Room</u>
Sat.	10:00 a.m12:00 Noon
	Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the
	Month - Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN

January 30, 2022

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 40

Reg. Env:	\$ 2,700.00
Loose:	\$ 278.00
January EFT:	\$ 3,663.33
Total:	\$ 6,641.33
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment:	\$ (398.48)
	\$ 6,242.85
Votives:	\$ 30.00
Propagation of the Faith:	\$ 60.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 5.00
Capital Improvements:	\$ 500.00
50/50 Drawing:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 605.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/21-6/30/22)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 6,641.33	\$3,756.33	130%
FYTD:	\$89,435.00	\$82,514.31	(\$6,920.69)	-8%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 7, 2022

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 14, 2022 Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

BAA Statements were mailed out last week from the Columbus Catholic Diocese from donors who donated \$250.00 or more. If you donated less than \$250.00 and would like to request a copy of your tax receipt, please call (614) 224-1221, option 3 or email baa@columbuscatholic.org to receive one.

SACRED HEART ADDRATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church on April 2, 2022, from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Sala Hall on the back table for those who are interested in half-hour or 1-hour slots.

The Altar Guild: Super Bowl pool is now sold out. The square numbers were drawn after Mass in Sala Hall on Sunday, January 30. Photocopies will be reproduced and will be available after Mass on Sunday, February 6 and 13 for everyone who purchased an entry (see Gary Bosco in Sala Hall). If you would prefer an e-mail with your scores prior to February 6 (instead of, or along with a hard copy), give Gary your address and he will send your scores to you. The Super Bowl itself is one week later this year (Sunday evening, February 13th). Thanks to everyone who signed up and good luck with your entry.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Catholic Churches	Saturday	Sunday
St. Patrick's	7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church	4:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
St. Mary, Mother of God GV	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Assisi	No Mass	9:00 a.m.,11:00 a.m.

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AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The entire month of February falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is the symbol of hope and the color of sprouting seeds, reminding the faithful of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2022: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

February is Black History Month: Go beyond trauma and struggle to examine the liberation, civic engagement, creativity, and intersecting identities of **Black** people. Resources can be found at www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/black-history-month-teaching-the-complete-history. Learn about the leaders of **African** descent on the road to sainthood at: www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/road-sainthood-leaders-african-descent.

Women's and Men's Conferences 2022: The Women's Conference will be on Saturday, February 19, and the Men's Conference on the following Saturday, February 26, 2022, both at the Ohio Expo Center. The invitations for confessors will be mailed.

Walking with Moms in Need Update: When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary accepted the invitation to be the mother of Jesus (Jn 14:6). With the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life as our guide, may all our parishes work to support all mothers, especially those who are most in need of spiritual, emotional, material, and/or financial support. Send your parish champion's contact information to Erin Cordle at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

Bottoms Up Diaper Bank: Did you know that 1 in 3 families struggle with diaper need? Diaper need is not having a sufficient supply of diapers for one's baby. You can help alleviate diaper need in Central Ohio by getting involved in The World's Largest Diaper Drive. Go to www.worldslargestdiaperdrive.org to learn more about becoming a volunteer, making a donation, or holding a diaper drive.



February 11: Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes: Today marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Marie Bernade (St. Bernadette) Soubirous. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times, and showed herself to St. Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes. Since then, Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer, and charity.

St. Blaise is known by many titles, among them "physician of souls" and "saint of the wild beasts." He is most known as the patron saint of throat illnesses, however. Many Catholic churches worldwide celebrate his feast day (February 3) with a special blessing of throats, using two blessed candles in a "v" shape across each person's neck. Though little historical fact is known about St. Blaise, we do know that he was considered a miracle worker even in his day and lived much of his life as a hermit in a cave. Many churches have been named after him, especially in the United Kingdom. In Kent, England, there exists St. Blaise's Well, which is claimed to have water with healing properties in it.



"All human suffering is sacred to God. Before God, we are not strangers, or numbers. We are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name."

- Pope Francis @Pontifex



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. Luke 5:11

Powerful Prayer to Saint John the Baptist *O God*,

You raised up **St. John the Baptist** to prepare a perfect person for **Christ**. We call upon **St. John's** intercession to properly prepare us with a true sense of repentance to receive Your grace and salvation. Make us faithful to **Truth** and justice, as You did **Your** servant, **John the Baptist**, herald of Your Son's birth and death. **Lord**, may You increase Your life within us.

Amen.

Praver

Keep Your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by Your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Sunday, Feb 06, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dreams for my family

Today is the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family. It recalls Pope Francis' encouragement of a family feeling among us all: "We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh" (Fratelli Tutti, 8). Pray for unity in families, society, and church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 (75). "I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you . . . and in which you also stand."

Monday, Feb 07, 2022

And you visited me

Most of us probably thought (and hoped and prayed) the pandemic would be over by now, but COVID-19 is sticking around in 2022. As weary as we all are of it, we need each other as much as ever for support. Look no further than the corporal and spiritual works of mercy for guidance on helping others in ways that are safe and particularly useful right now. Visit the sick—if not literally, by grocery shopping or cooking for someone ill, or by reaching out to exhausted healthcare workers you know. Need tips on the other works specific to our times? Visit the Catholic bishops' resource page, "The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 (329). "They scurried about the surrounding country and began to bring in the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was."

Tuesday, Feb 08, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Time to stop traffic

Each year, the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking falls on this day—the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, F.D.C.C. In 1877, while still a young girl, Bakhita was kidnapped from her Sudanese village and sold—many times over—as a slave. She was brutalized for 12 years, her body a bundle of scars from being whipped and tortured. But human trafficking isn't just a problem from long ago, happening only in faraway places. Today, the United States remains one of the world's top three trafficked nations. Pray for—and learn more about—trafficking victims by visiting sistersagainsttrafficking.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13 (330). "Look kindly on the prayer and petition of your servant, O Lord."

Wednesday, Feb 09, 2022

Be a truly "catholic" Christian

In our daily lives as Catholics, it's easy to forget that we are members of a big church. Most of us are members of the Latin Church, which is the largest of the two dozen churches that make up the Catholic Church. The other 23 are Eastern churches. They use different liturgies, and some were established during the earliest times in church history. The Ethiopian Catholic Church, for example, uses the ancient Ge'ez liturgy—one of the oldest in existence—and can be traced back to the missionary work of

Saint Mark the Apostle. Today, remember that the Catholic Church is truly universal!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23 (331). "The queen of Sheba, having heard of Solomon's fame, came to test him with subtle questions."

Thursday, Feb 10, 2022

MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA

The truth behind the tradition continues

Tradition says that Scholastica, today's saint, had significant influence on her twin, Saint Benedict of Nursia, who codified the monastic way of life with his famous *Rule*. The lack of documentation on Scholastica's life is curious, given her centrality in shaping Benedictine life. There are written accounts of her, but they are sparse. While the historical record is lean, clearly Benedictine women, of whom Scholastica is said to be the first, have achieved spiritual greatness, scholarship, and leadership in their own right over the centuries and illuminated the faith for all of us.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30 (332). "For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter."

Friday, Feb 11, 2022

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Release the power of your touch

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have suffered from a sense of isolation and alienation, this despite the myriad forms of modern communication from calls, to Zoom, to social media posts. Nothing is quite the same as the up close and personal—a handshake, a pat on the back, an embrace, or a kiss. Indeed, as many physicians, spiritual healers, and wisdom figures will tell you, humans not only need physical touch but it has healing benefits. Jesus puts a finger in a man's ear and rubs his own saliva into the man's mouth to cure him. Through his touch, Jesus gives part of himself to others. Perhaps that is the secret to all healing. Each of us giving of ourselves to help others. Pray to Our Lady of Lourdes for the opportunity to provide a healing touch to someone in need.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37 (333). "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Saturday, Feb 12, 2022

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Seventh heaven

From ancient times, the number seven was seen as the number of spirituality, perhaps because of the "seven moving luminaries" visible to the naked eye (the Sun and Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn). There are many examples of the use of the number seven in both Testaments, from the seven days of creation in Genesis to the seven churches of Revelation. Catholicism celebrates seven sacraments, identifies seven deadly sins and seven virtues, seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and seven corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Today, the seventh day of the week, is a good day to reflect on the seven sorrows and seven joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10 (334). "Then, taking the seven loaves he gave thanks."



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

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