



# *I saw the Spirit*

COME DOWN LIKE  
A DOVE FROM THE SKY  
AND REMAIN UPON HIM.

JOHN 1:32

January 15, 2023 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT

*St. John the Baptist Church*



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

With the last **Monday** celebration of the **Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**, we ended the liturgical season called **Christmas Time**, and entered a new liturgical season called **Ordinary Time**.

The **34** weeks of **Ordinary Time** contain the rest of **Jesus'** earthly ministry and some of the major events of the **Gospel** we have come to know and love.

The miracles, the parables, the calling of the Twelve, the Sermon on the Mount, the Bread of Life Discourse. . . we get all that and more during this season. Truly, there is much to celebrate.

The term "**ordinary**" in our common use typically refers to something being plain, unimpressive, or unexciting. A sense of "**it is what it is**" mentality. For that reason, many people hear "**Ordinary Time**," and they immediately think of the season as such. But that understanding doesn't reflect the true meaning of the season.

Ordinary, in this context, comes from the **Latin** term *ordinarius*, meaning "numbered" or "ruled." This title simply refers to the ongoing and rhythmical nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and the weeks. Sure, we have holidays and special occasions that we look forward to that change the pace, just like we have holy days and feasts in the **Church** year. But those special occasions aren't the whole picture, just like there is more to the life of **Christ** than what we celebrate in other liturgical seasons.

The liturgical color for **Ordinary Time is green**. This is to represent the time of growth and expansion of the **Church** following the life, death, and Resurrection of **Jesus**. **Green** is a very natural color and is often a symbol for growth and new life.

Like all Liturgical Seasons, **Ordinary Time** is meant to be lived! We aren't passive receptors of the liturgy – or at least we shouldn't be. We are called to be active participants! Participating in **Ordinary Time** means participating in the everyday life of **Jesus**.

According to the **USCCB**, "The **Sundays** and weeks of **Ordinary Time** take us through the life of **Christ**. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of **Christ**. **Ordinary Time** is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of **Christ** is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in **Christ**."

**Think about that last phrase for a moment.**

**Keep smiling, be positive, God loves us.**

**Fr. Andrew**

The Mass is available on **St. John's Facebook** page or **YouTube** channel, **Saint John the Baptist, Cbus**. Go to our website: [www.sjbitaliana.com](http://www.sjbitaliana.com) under **Livestream Mass**.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 15, 2023, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Nick Sciarretti
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2.:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Gretchen Heininger, Kurt Heininger
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti

## MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

<b>Sunday</b> 1/15	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>James Graf</b> by Kenneth & Maria Lucchin
<b>Monday</b> 1/16		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 1/17	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Janet Ward</b> by Jackie & Tony Poletta
<b>Sunday</b> 1/22	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Joyce Tisone</b> by Carl Tisone
<b>Monday</b> 1/23	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Nicola Cua</b> by Michael Cua
<b>Tuesday</b> 1/24	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Rina Tiberi</b> by Cathy Donatelli & Family

## PARISH INFORMATION

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*Office Hours: are from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday*

*Office will be closed Monday, January 16, 2023, in  
Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and  
will resume Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

*Email: [info@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:info@sjbitaliana.org)*

**Father Andrew Kozminski, SAC** – Administrator/Rector  
**Father Antonio Kim** – Chaplain, Korean Catholic  
Community

**Ms. Aggie Howard** – Executive Assistant

**Ms. Victoria Scruggs** – Secretary and Bulletin Editor

**Ms. Gina Bishop** – Director of Liturgy

**Mr. John Huffman** – Organist and Musical consultant

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday  
9:00 a.m. Mondays & Tuesdays

**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:** *Vincent Catalogna*  
*by Friends of St. John the Baptist*

**SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, January 17, 2023**  
 Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 23, 2023**  
 Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

**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. Also, keep in your prayers, Laura Williams, Guy Williams, John Contino and Tony Caradonna.**

**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 January are:

January 15 Gary Bosco  
 January 22 Please sign up  
 January 29 Gary Bosco

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

1/15 Sunday	<b>SJB Mass – Bishop Fernandes, Fr. Andrew Kozminski, Fr. Kim, assisted by Dcn. Frank</b> 9:30 a.m. – SJB Church <b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – SJB Church</b> 12:00 Noon-2:30 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall
1/16 Monday	<b>Office Closed</b>
1/17 Tuesday	<b>SJB – Mass Fr. Andrew Kozminski</b> 9:00 a.m. – SJB Church
1/19 Thursday	<b>SH Young Professionals Meeting – Fr. Kozminski – Italian Cultural Room</b> 7:00-8:30 p.m.
1/20 Friday	<b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</b> 6:00 p.m. – SJB Church
	<b>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</b>

**Altar Guild: January 8,** the Altar Guild began selling squares in its final football pool fundraiser for the season. All proceeds raised help support the altar needs of our beloved **St. John the Baptist**, such as altar cloths, banners, priest/deacon vestments, tabernacle, etc. This is a fun way to watch the final game of the season, hopefully rooting for an Ohio team, and knowing the fundraiser helps support our church. Squares cost **\$50.00** each and winning scores at the end of quarters 1, 2, 3, and end of game pay out **\$1,000.00** This pool usually sells out in **3-4 weeks** so if interested see **Gary Bosco** in **Sala Hall** after any **Sunday Mass**. As soon as all squares are sold, pool numbers will be drawn after Mass in **Sala Hall**, and copies of those will be made for all participants.

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

**Abruzzi Club Carnevale: Dinner Dance, Friday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Villa Milano. Entertainment: Ray Massa and the EuroRhythms. Cost: \$55.00 per person. Table of eight may be reserved. For tickets, please contact Pat Rossetti at 614-324-3900. Thank you!**

**Where Are My Offertory Envelopes?** The company that manufactures envelopes for our parish informed us of a manufacturing issue that is forcing production to run at a significantly slower pace. This delay is affecting the delivery of envelopes across the country. If you have not received your shipment of envelopes in the mail, please submit your weekly offering in an envelope that has your name and address displayed on the front of the envelope. Thank you for your cooperation.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**  
 January 8, 2023  
 Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 35

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,436.00
Loose:	\$ 505.00
Total	\$ 1,941.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (116.46)
	\$ 1,824.54

Votives	\$ 23.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 43.00

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**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/22-6/30/23)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk.:	\$2,885.00	\$1,941.00	-\$944.00	-33%
FYTD:	\$80,780.00	\$75,668.94	-\$5,111.06	-6%

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



**Q: Why did the man sprinkle sugar on his pillow on New Year's Eve?**

**A: He wanted to start the year with sweet dreams. Proverbs 15:15: "For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast."**

**AROUND US**

**Liturgical Calendar:** The first nine days of **January** fall during the liturgical season of **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of **January** are the beginning of the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful 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 January 2023:**  
*We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*



**MUSEUM OF CATHOLIC ART & HISTORY:** Last days for the **Nativity Displays** at the **Diocesan Museum**: Did you know **The Museum of Catholic Art and History** has nearly **500 Nativities** from around the world? The collection also contains the largest **Fontanini Nativity in the United States** with nearly **4000** individual pieces. Plan your visit today. The Museum is open **Tuesday-Saturday** from **10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** and during the **Nativity** display on **Sundays** from **1:00-4:00**. Come join us for this fantastic **Diocesan** tradition. Adults **\$10.00**; students and seniors **\$5.00**. **Catholic Museum in Columbus, OH | The Museum of Catholic Art and History.**

**Museum Membership Opportunities:** Consider becoming a member of the Museum and encouraging your parishioners to do so. Membership includes:

- Admission to the **Museum** for one year.
  - **Discounts** for offsite events.
  - **VIP** preference for events.
  - Three special members-only evening events.
- A family membership is **\$200.00** a year and includes two adults and their children who are **18** and younger. An individual membership is **\$120.00** a year and includes one other unnamed adult.



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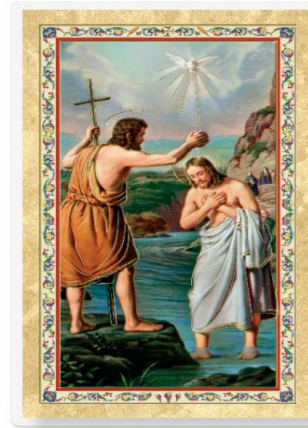
PLEASE CONSIDER...

- 1) BECOMING A MEMBER
- 2) BEING A MONTHLY SUPPORTER
- 3) MAKING A ONE-TIME DONATION

**St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner and Catholic Schools Week Activities:** **St. Charles** will host its annual **Spaghetti Dinner** on **Sunday, February 5**, from **1:00-6:30 p.m.**, in the school's **Walter Student Commons**. Dinner will be prepared by the **Susi Family** and its staff from **Berwick Manor** and entertainment will be provided by the **SC Concert & Jazz Band**, which will perform at **2:15 and 4:00 p.m.** Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream, and a beverage. **\$13.00** for **Adults**; **\$10.00** for **Senior Citizens**; **\$7.00** for **Children 4-12** (3 and under are free). There is also a **\$55.00 Family** rate (dine-in, up to **6** immediate family members). Carryout orders will be available. The dinner will conclude the school's celebration of **Catholic Schools Week 2023**. All are welcome to join us for our daily events which will celebrate our **Students, Nation (Honoring "Those Who Have Served")**, **Faith, Community ("Breakfast with the Brotherhood")**, and **Faculty/Staff**. If you would like more information on these activities and how you can participate, please visit the "**Week's**" News post at [www.stcharlesprep.org](http://www.stcharlesprep.org).

**St. Charles Preparatory School Scholarship Test:** Each year, **St. Charles** offers an academic scholarship test to prospective and incoming freshmen. This year, the test will be administered on **January 28, 2023 (at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)** and **February 5, 2023 (1:00 p.m.)**. The school awards numerous **four-year and one-year scholarships** based on the results of this national assessment which covers general knowledge of middle school subjects. Students **MUST** complete a **St. Charles** application to be eligible to take the scholarship test. More information by visiting [stcharlesprep.org](http://stcharlesprep.org).

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PRAYER



### Prayer to St. 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.**

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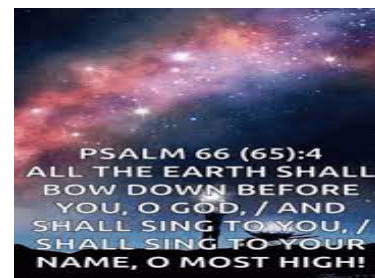
### Bethesda Healing Ministry



*The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. -Lao Tzu*  
If you (or someone you know) is struggling from a past abortion experience, please call 614-309-0157 or email [bethesdahealing.org](mailto:bethesdahealing.org).

**Today's Gospel:** The Gospel is from **St. John 1:29-34**. **John the Baptist** identified **Jesus** as "**The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world**" (**Jn 1:29**). Anticipating **Jesus'** messianic and salvific role, each of the four evangelists start their **Gospels** with the **Baptist's** words. The **Lamb** refers to the idea of salvation. The **Lamb** is the gift of liberation that, following the flight from **Egypt**, the **Israelites** sacrificed to the **Lord**. **St. John the Baptist** witnesses, his testimony is centralized on **Christ**. **John** indicates the presence of the **Lord** and then steps into the margins. "**I am not the Christ**" and he goes on to affirm "**I am the one who has been sent to go in front of him.**" "**It is the bridegroom who has the bride; and yet the bridegroom's friend, who stands there and listens to him, is filled with joy at the bridegroom's voice. This is the joy I feel, and it is complete. He must grow greater, I must grow less.**" (**Jn 3:28-30**) Today's **Gospel** offers us an eloquent example to imitate, so that we can also become **Christ's** authoritative witnesses. A believer can only give an authoritative witness if it coexists in perfect harmony with the **Baptist's** evangelical qualities.

*"Let us do as Jesus did: let us share, let us carry each other's burdens, let us look at each other with compassion, let us help each other. Let us ask ourselves: Am I a person who divides or shares?"*  
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**Prayer:** *Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of Your people and bestow Your peace on our times. 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, Jan 15, 2023****Tend your inner lamp**

Why do we take so many pictures of sunsets and sunrises? Why fill our homes with chandeliers, lamps, and candles? To the eye, light is incredibly attractive. It illuminates all that surrounds it, offering us not simply its own glow, but redeeming the whole environment swallowed by darkness and delivering it back to us. People who carry an inner light are similar. We're attracted to their aura, but even more so to how clear and bright reality appears when we're in their company. Saints attract others with their light long before the church bestows on them the customary halo. Let your light shine!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64). *"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*

**Monday, Jan 16, 2023****Help the dream awaken in all hearts and minds**

Many people have today off from school and work in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Why not make it a "day on" instead? Spend at least a little time working for peace and justice today, as King did every day. This is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service. The Catholic Church has embraced King's call for racial equality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Racism and every form of discrimination ... must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." Lift a hand to help in your community, and pray that love banish hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). *"The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them."*

**Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023****Make space for silence**

The *Apophthegmata Patrum* is a 1,600-year-old collection of writings known as the *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*. These texts record the teachings of the earliest Christian monks, who congregated in the desert of Egypt. The wisest among these monks was Anthony the Abbot. He wrote: "Just as fish die if they stay too long out of water, so the monks who loiter outside their cells or pass their time with men of the world lose the intensity of inner peace." When Christianity became politically accepted—and martyrdoms ceased—Anthony sought the desert to experience a different kind of sacrifice. There he found silence and solitude, too. Seek God in silence today.

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). *"Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?"*

**Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023****There's room in this big tent**

Every camper knows that it's a stretch of the imagination to think that a four-person tent can really fit four people! You're lucky if two people and a backpack fit! In Catholic circles, however, tents have a different meaning. Instead of being short on space, this tent is expandable, able to include everyone, not just one or two. This image is core to the church's "Synod on Synodality" in which all

Catholics, including the marginalized, give voice to their experience and together discern God's call. If you want more specs on this big tent, have a look at the USCCB website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). *"[Jesus] said to the man with the withered hand, 'Come up here before us.'"*

**Thursday, Jan 19, 2023****Come in from the cold**

Christmas is over and Epiphany has faded. In much of the Northern Hemisphere, the days are cold and dark. This is when the warmth of the Christian tradition is more important than ever. Pope Francis has often encouraged Christians to practice their faith in warmth and kindness: "Let us light fires of fraternity around which people can warm themselves," he said at a 2022 meeting with migrants in Malta. That's advice we can all take to heart—and to hearth. Can you find a word or gesture today to add positive warmth to a wintery world?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). *"He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."*

**Friday, Jan 20, 2023****Twelve is enough**

Twelve months of the year. Twelve inches in a foot. Twelve numbers on the face of a watch. We certainly like our twelves. So does the church. The most famous of course is the 12 apostles, often simply called the Twelve. There's also the 12 days of Christmas and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit. It's not just that 12 is a handy number for grouping things, it also carries symbolic value. It signifies completion or fullness. Twelve eggs, for example, means you have a full carton. And 12 apostles means the church has everything it needs to preach the Good News. Count your spiritual blessings—by the dozen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). *"He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles."*

**Saturday, Jan 21, 2023****No has always meant no**

As a young girl of 13 or 14, Agnes refused all suitors because she had betrothed herself to Christ. As punishment, she was taken to a brothel. One man attempted to violate her, only to be mysteriously struck blind—until Agnes restored his sight. Historical or not, this story reminds us that the scandal of child sex trafficking has always been, and still is, very much with us. Millions of girls and boys are kidnapped, bought and sold, exploited and violated for profit every year. You can help end childhood sex trafficking at the Save the Children and United Nations websites. Act in honor of courageous Agnes.

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21 (316).

*"Cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."*

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



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