

January 22, 2023 | Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Come after me

and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19



The Italian Catholic Community at
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?"

These words of the **Responsorial Psalm** are a confession of faith and a manifestation of our certainty – faith in our **Lord**, who is the **Light** of our lives, and certainty because it is in **Christ** that we find the strength we need to stick to our path each day.

Mankind walked in darkness until **Jesus** was born in **Bethlehem** and a light shown on earth. Over these past weeks, we have considered how **Christ's** brightness shown on **Mary, Joseph**, on the shepherds and the **Magi**. Then **He** hides Himself for years in the little town of **Nazareth** and lives the normal life of His fellow countrymen. After **He** has left **Nazareth** and has been baptized in the **Jordan**, **He** goes to **Capharnaum** to begin His public life.

And people, who lived in darkness have come to the source of light. And they were rewarded: they have seen a great light. My **Friends**, this light shines on us now as we come together in the **Name of Jesus**, to pray, to adore and to worship. The light of **Christ** comes to us as a friend. **His** light brings healing not hurt, freedom not oppression, life not death. Those who follow **Jesus** will always have the light of life. By living in it, we become sources of light to others, a lamp for their paths. There is an immense joy in being in the light. And there is even greater joy in being a source of light to others.

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 under **Livestream Mass**.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	January 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Gretchen Heiningger, Kurt Heiningger
Euch. Min 1 & 2.:	Antonio D'Alberto, Sharon D'Alberto
Sunday	January 29, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Nick Sciarretti, Valerie Milano
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Andrea Myers, Al Iosue

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 1/22	9:30 a.m. Joyce Tisone by Carl Tisone
Monday 1/23	9:00 a.m. Nicola Cua by Michael Cua
Tuesday 1/24	9:00 a.m. Rina Tiberi by Cathy Donatelli & Family
Sunday 1/29	9:30 a.m. Leo Santilli by Dr. Linda Records
Monday 1/30	9:00 a.m. Danny LaPenna by Linda McCreary & Family
Tuesday 1/31	9:00 a.m. Joe Pishitelli by Patty Weimer

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: **Joyce Tisone**
by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: **Tony Caradonna**
by Chris Soteriades

PARISH INFORMATION

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Livestream our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our St. John the Baptist Facebook page or YouTube channel, Saint John the Baptist, Cbus, by visiting our website www.sjbitaliana.com

Office Hours: are from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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Father Antonio Kim – Chaplain, Korean Catholic Community

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Ms. Victoria Scruggs – Secretary and Bulletin Editor

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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**.

**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 937-902-7446** or via email k.koesters32@gmail.com. Leaders for January and February are:

January 22	Albert Iosue
January 29	Gary Bosco
February 5	Albert Iosue
February 12	Gary Bosco

EVENTS THIS WEEK

1/22 Sunday	<u>SJB Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski</u> 9:30 a.m. – SJB Church <u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – SJB Church</u> 12:00 Noon-2:30 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall KCC Use of Kitchen in Marrapese Hall 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
1/23 Monday	<u>SJB – Mass Fr. Andrew Kozminski</u> 9:00 a.m. <u>Rotary Club Luncheon – Marrapese Hall</u> 11:30-1:00 p.m.
1/24 Tuesday	<u>SJB – Mass Fr. Andrew Kozminski</u> 9:00 a.m. – SJB Church
1/26 Thursday	<u>SH Young Professionals Meeting – Fr. Kozminski – Italian Cultural Room</u> 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
1/27 Friday	<u>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim</u> 6:00 p.m. – SJB Church
	<u>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</u>
	<u>Le Donne Group Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall</u>

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S
January 15, 2023

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 33

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,540.00
Loose:	\$ 1,728.00
Holy Day:	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 3,418.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (205.08)
	\$ 3,212.92
Votives	\$ 65.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 40.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 110.00

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk.:	\$2,885.00	\$3,418.00	\$533.00	18%
FYTD:	\$83,665.00	\$79,086.94	-\$4,578.06	-5%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 23, 2023

Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 30, 2023

Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

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

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank-you to all who helped make our special Mass and reception last week with Bishop Fernandes so warm, welcoming, and inviting! To all who helped clean the church, along with our Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Choir Members, Musicians, those that provided coffee and donuts, the Altar Guild members that organized the reception and, of course, all the talented bakers...the cookie table was amazing!! Sharing your time and talent with the parish is a beautiful gift and your generosity touched the lives of all those who came to support our church!

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild Super Bowl pool is sold out. Numbers for all the squares will be drawn after Mass in Sala Hall on Sunday, January 29. Copies of everyone's entry will be available for distribution after Mass each Sunday thereafter until the game is played the evening of Sunday, February 12. Good Luck and thanks to all who entered.

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 614-329-3900. Thank you!

Greetings from The Church – Budget Envelope and Mailing Company: Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However, the "catchup" would jeopardize long term delivery. To get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April. Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family. In the meantime, please put your envelope number on a regular envelope and put in the collection. If you don't know your envelope number, contact the parish office at 614-294-5319. We appreciate your understanding. The Church – Budget Envelope and Mailing Company Management Team



Q: Why didn't the skeleton want to send any Valentine's Day cards?

A: His heart wasn't in it.

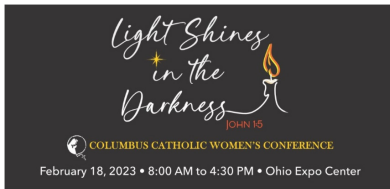
Proverbs 15:15: "For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast."

AROUND US

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 six 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.



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Catholic Men's Luncheon Honoring 2023 Catholic Man of the Year, Dr. Eric Yang – Friday, February 3, 2023. Please join us **Friday, February 3 at St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for a luncheon with **Bishop Fernandes** to award and honor the **2023 Catholic Man of the Year, Dr. Eric Yang of St. Peter Parish - Columbus.** The Catholic Man of the Year luncheon is sponsored by **AM 820 St. Gabriel Radio (<https://stgabrielradio.com/>).** Holy Mass (optional) begins at **11:45 a.m.** followed by lunch at **12:10 p.m.** and **Bishop Fernandes** presentation of **Dr. Yang as the 2023 Catholic Man of the Year.** No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00** covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon is March 3, 2023, and will feature a talk by Douglas H. Stein, Vice President for Advancement from the Pontifical College of the Josephinum.**

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.**

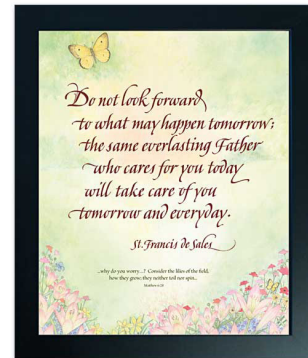
The Mission of the 72: There will be a **Hands-On Workshop Friday, February 3rd, 2023, at 8:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.** Presented by **Deacon Carl Calcara and Disciples of St. John Neumann.** Open to all in the **Diocese of Columbus.** Can you imagine being in heaven without family and friends? We have a mission to bring them back to **Mass.** This half-day event will provide tools to invite your loved ones and inactive parishioners to return to the church.

FREE: Begins with **Continental Breakfast at 8:15 a.m.** **St. John Neuman Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury, Ohio.** Visit our website for more & to **RSVP, Saintjohnsunbury.org.** Questions? 740-965-1358

And He said to them, Come after Me,
and I will make you fishers of men.

Matt. 4:19

Feast of St. Francis de Sales: January 24: The principal patron of the **Diocese of Columbus** and a feast day, **St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622)** is known as the **Bishop and Doctor of the Church.** **St. Francis'** ardent love of **God** and souls, his great kindness, rare wisdom, and sure teaching made him exceptionally influential in bringing about conversions and in guiding souls in the spiritual life. He was **St. Jane de Chantal's** spiritual director, and with her founded the **Order of the Visitation.** He is the author of **Treatise on the Love of God and Introduction to the Devout Life.**

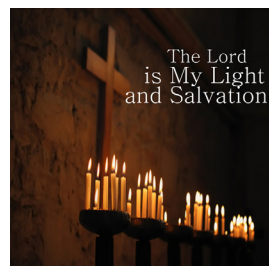


Sunday of the Word of God: Pope Francis on September 30, 2019, directed that the **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** should be observed as the **Sunday of the Word of God.** The **Holy Father** said that the annual date should be "**devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God.**"

Today's Gospel: The **Gospel** is from **St. Matthew 4:12-23.** The prophet **Isaiah** announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of **Galilee,** through the image of light, that will dispel the darkness. The **Gospel,** quoting **Isaiah,** presents **Jesus** as the **Light** that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from obscurity. In **God's** light, everything assumes a new significance, its authentic and definitive meaning. It is a light which illuminates and gives strength. This dynamic is expressed through **Jesus'** call of the first **Apostles.** **He** chooses them with an unequivocal call, "**Follow Me.**" Faced with **God's** sudden interruption in their lives, **He** invited them to abandon the nets and trust themselves totally to the **Lord.** This **Sunday's Gospel** invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on **God's** original and free choice. **His** invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives. Let us ask the **Lord,** for us and the whole **Church,** for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts enabling us to receive **Christ** as the only **Light** to follow. **Christ** is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us. ~From the **Dicastery for the Clergy**

"Peter and Paul did not believe in words, but in deeds. Peter did not speak about mission, he was a fisher of men; Paul did not write learned books, but letters of what he experienced as he traveled and bore witness."

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Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to Your good pleasure, that in the name of Your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 22, 2023**Coming live to a parish near you!**

Some of us were taught that Mass attendance "counted" if we arrived for the gospel and stayed through Communion. Most churchgoers, thankfully, are weaned from this spartan idea to the liturgical celebration. In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as "Word of God Sunday." While every Mass includes a healthy serving of Bible readings, annually we're invited to reflect that this is "an experience which occurs 'live' and not through hearsay," as the pope says. "We gather precisely to listen to what God has done *and still intends to do for us.*" Let's not miss a word of it!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (67). *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone."*

Monday, Jan 23, 2023**Don't let fear keep you from serving**

The disease of leprosy has been curable since the mid-20th century and is actually not highly contagious, as was believed in the past, but the physical effects were devastating enough to cause tremendous fear. Mother Marianne Cope was not afraid, which she stated in 1883 in her letter of acceptance to King Kalākaua of Hawaii, who had already asked for help from—and been turned down by—more than 50 other religious congregations to care for his people who had leprosy. The German-born American sister and six others came to his aid all the way from New York. When you go beyond your fears to answer a call, you may be bridging the greatest distance of all.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN; MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, RELIGIOUS
TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."*

Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023**There is strength in gentleness**

Francis de Sales is famous for his gentleness. He used it on his stubborn father, convincing him he was meant to become a priest instead of a lawyer. It was a virtue Francis tapped to win hardened Calvinists back to the Catholic faith following the Protestant Reformation, a time of much bitterness. Explaining that a "spoonful of honey gathers more flies than a barrel full of vinegar," Saint Francis practiced what he preached by greeting everyone with simple kindness, speaking good-naturedly about the goodness, truth, and beauty of the Catholic faith. "Be who you are and be that well," he reminds us in *Introduction to the Devout Life*.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 (318). *"Behold, I come to do your will, O God."*

Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023**I can see clearly now**

We've all had the rather unpleasant experience of "being shown the error of our ways," though none perhaps as dramatically as Saul of Tarsus, zealous persecutor of early followers of Christ. On assignment to round up these dissidents, Saul was knocked from his horse by a blinding light and a voice from heaven. Three days

of blindness ensued before the scales literally "fell from his eyes" and the newly awakened apostle and great evangelist we know as Saint Paul emerged. Don't wait to be knocked to the ground before considering how your own life may have gone astray. Pray that anything that blinds you may fall away from your vision.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"Saul, my brother, regain your sight."*

Thursday, Jan 26, 2023**Our moment is now**

In the '90s, it seemed everyone wanted in on the "dot.com" internet startup craze. Many were excited to be in on the ground floor of something brand new. It's tempting to think that Timothy and Titus (both of whom have letters in the New Testament addressed to them) were like the dot.com entrepreneurs when it came to the new, exciting religion of Christianity. In contrast, today's Christianity can seem weighed down by centuries of precedent and proscriptions. Titus and Timothy dealt with plenty of church trouble in their time, however, from division to drunkenness to false teaching. Their witness reminds us to pray for the strength to rise to the challenges of the moment we've been given, just as they did.

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 (520); Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."*

Friday, Jan 27, 2023**Stay the course**

Sometimes when the going gets tough, if they are honest, the tough want to curl up under the blankets and never come out! Life is not always an easy road, even when we feel called by God. But we're not alone on the journey. We can look to the saints to see how they've weathered the storms. Today, on the feast of Angela Merici, educator and founder of the Ursuline Sisters, let us take heart in her wisdom. "Strive with all your might to keep yourselves as you have been called by God, and seek out and desire all those means and ways that are necessary to persevere and prosper till the end."

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life."*

Saturday, Jan 28, 2023**Be resolute**

Sometimes your commitment to your faith or choice of a vocation or calling can lead to uncomfortable conflicts with loved ones who have a different idea of who you should be or how you should live your life. Even a saint as illustrious as Saint Thomas had to struggle against opposition. His family was so opposed to his decision to enter the Dominican order that they had him abducted and held captive for a year! Thomas stood firm and they finally relented, and as a result the church gained perhaps its greatest theologian. Stand firm when you need to—who knows what God has in store for you!

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'"*

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



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