

February 12, 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Do not think that  
I have come to  
abolish the law  
or the prophets.  
I have come  
not to abolish  
but to

*fulfill*

Matthew 5:17

The Italian Catholic Community at

*St. John the Baptist Church*



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST****Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Today's **Gospel** is a part of the famous sermon preached by our **Lord Jesus Christ**, "the **Sermon on the Mount**." It's unifying point is that **Jesus** is the fulfillment of the **Law**, the **Law God** had given through **Moses** and the prophets to His chosen people. The **Law** was not a series of dos and don'ts to the **Jews**; it was the umbilical cord to **God**, their most intimate connection to **God**. It was the supreme revelation of **God's** will to them, and their obedience to it was the supreme revelation of their fidelity to Him.

**Jesus Christ** tells us in today's **Gospel** that **He** has not come to abolish the **Old Law**, but to bring it to fulfillment. He restores, perfects and raises the precepts of the **Old Testament** to a higher order.

He is calling us to embrace the **Law** and to follow it on the way to holiness.

Holiness is not a destination, but a journey; it is a progressive shift in the art of goodness; it is a growth in our capacity to love; it is the ability and willingness to forgive, and holiness is the ability to respect the body.

A **Chinese** proverb says: "If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

A long time ago, the **Lord** said to **Moses**, "Speak to the whole community and tell them: 'Be holy, for I the **Lord** your **God** am holy'" (Leviticus 19:1-2).

With that in our minds, let us pray: All-powerful **God**, help me to keep my thoughts clean, my desires pure, my words true, and my deeds kind. **Lord** help me to become holy.

**Be positive, keep smiling, God loves you.**  
**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.sjitaliana.com](http://www.sjitaliana.com) under **Livestream Mass**.

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

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>2/12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Ted Burnett</b> by Mary Ann Thissen & Family
<b>Monday</b> <b>2/13</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Americo Milano</b> by Rosemary Lombardi
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>2/14</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Vienna D'Alberto</b> by Dr. Maria Regina Coccia
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>2/15</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Memorial Mass for</b> <b>Mary Lou Palma</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>2/19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Thomas Rego</b> by Pam & Don Kutsick
<b>Monday</b> <b>2/20</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>2/21</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Roseanne Susi-Fuller</b> by Louise Masdea

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 12, 2023, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Antonio D'Alberto, Nick D'Alberto
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Sharon D'Alberto
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Kurt Heining, Gretchen Heining
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli, Al Iosue

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Livestream our 9:30 Sunday Mass on our**  
**St. John the Baptist Facebook page or YouTube channel,**  
**Saint John the Baptist, Cbus, by visiting our**  
**website at [www.sjitaliana.com](http://www.sjitaliana.com).**

**Office Hours are from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**Office will be closed Monday, February 20, 2023, in**  
**observation of President's Day.**

**Hours will resume Tuesday, February 21, 2023**  
**at 9:00 a.m.**

**Email: [info@sjitaliana.org](mailto:info@sjitaliana.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 a 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.**

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** *Joyce Tisone*  
by Carl Tisone  
**Blessed Sacrament:** *Tony Solazzo*  
by Irene Solazzo & Family

**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](mailto:k.koesters32@gmail.com). Leaders for February are:

- February 12 Gary Bosco
- February 19 Need someone to sign up.
- February 26 Gary Bosco



**Requiescant in pace!** In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of: **Mary Lou Palma**, who passed away. A Memorial Mass will be held for **Mary Lou** on **Wednesday, February 15 at noon at St. John the Baptist Church**. Also, remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Anita Cugini**, who passed away last week. May they both Rest in Peace with the Risen Lord!

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

2/12 Sunday	<b>SJB Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski</b> 9:30 a.m. – SJB Church <b>Altar Guild Meeting – Marrapese Hall</b> 10:45 a.m. <b>KCC Religious Education – Italian Cultural Room</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – SJB Church</b> 12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall
2/13 Monday	<b>SJB – Mass Fr. Andrew Kozminski</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Rotary Club Luncheon – Marrapese Hall</b> 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
2/14 Tuesday	<b>SJB – Mass Fr. Andrew Kozminski</b> 9:00 a.m. – SJB Church
02/15 Wednesday	<b>Memorial Mass – Mary Lou Palma – Fr. Metzger</b> SJB Church – 12:00 p.m.
2/16 Thursday	<b>Sacred Heart Young Professionals Meeting – Fr. Kozminski – 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – Italian Cultural Room</b>
2/17 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>
	<b>Le Donne Group Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall</b>

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S**

February 5, 2023

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 33

Reg. Env:	\$ 1,450.00
Loose:	\$ 1,221.00
January EFT:	\$ 2,893.33
Total	\$ 5,564.33
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ -(333.86)
	\$ 5,230.47
Votives	\$ 57.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 20.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 87.00

**?? ? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? ? ? ?**

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week.:	\$2,885.00	\$5,564.33	\$2,679.33	93%
FYTD:	\$92,320.00	\$89,469.27	-(2,850.73)	-3%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 13, 2023**

Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

**Ash Wednesday – February 22, 2023**

**St. John the Baptist – Mass and Distribution of Ashes at 5:00 p.m.**

Simple Supper after Mass in Marrapese Hall

**Sacred Heart – Mass 10:00 a.m. and Distribution of Ashes at 7:00 p.m.**

**Korean Catholic Community – 7:00 p.m. Services**

**SIMPLE SUPPER**

**St. John the Baptist – following the 6:00 p.m. Mass every Tuesday through Lent in Marrapese Hall**

**ADORATION and STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Sacred Heart – Adoration after 6:00 p.m. Mass every Thursday through Lent for 30 minutes after Mass until 7:00 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross after 6:00 p.m. Mass every Friday through Lent**

**LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS** are returning to St. John's this year! The Altar Guild is organizing the Simple Suppers during Lent. A donation of \$10.00/person includes Soup, Salad, Rolls & Butter. All proceeds will go directly to the Pallotine Missionary Foundation Salvatti helping Ukraine.

Beginning with **Ash Wednesday, Mass** will be at 5:00 p.m. and **Simple Supper** will immediately follow in **Marrapese Hall**. The following **five Tuesdays through Lent, Mass** will be at 6:00 p.m. and **Simple Supper** will immediately follow in **Marrapese Hall**. There will be no **Simple Supper** during **Holy Week**.

The sponsoring groups and dates for the **Simple Suppers:**  
**Wednesday, February 22 – The Columbus Italian Festival Executive Board**

**Tuesday, February 28 – Le Donne**

**Tuesday, March 7 – The Piave Club**

**Tuesday, March 14 – St. John's Altar Guild**

**Tuesday, March 21 – Sacred Heart**

**Tuesday, March 28 – The Abruzzi Club**

**FESTA DI SAN GUISEPPE/ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION BREAKFAST:**

This year's **Festa di San Guseppe Breakfast** will be **Sunday, March 19, 2023**, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The **Altar Guild** is sponsoring this event and will be selling tickets after **Mass** each **Sunday**. Tickets are \$12.00/person (children 6 and under are free). All tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE!** The menu includes: **scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fresh fruit, juice, coffee** and of course **St. Joseph's Table**. Please bring a tray of cookies to share and be blessed as part of this year's **St. Joseph's Table**.

**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!**

**Parli Italiano? Have you ever wanted to learn to speak Italian?** Here's your opportunity! Join us on **Sunday** mornings from **11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in the **Italian Cultural Center – Marrapese Hall** for **Italian language** classes, taught by our very own **Maria Lucchin!** The session consists of **eight** classes starting **February 26** through **May 7** (no classes on **March 19, April 2, and April 9**). These are basic conversational **Italian** language classes for **adults, 18** years and older. Price is determined by the number of students. Limited seating is available. To sign up, contact **Ida Shook** at [shook4@gmail.com](mailto:shook4@gmail.com) or **513-314-5047** or **Tania Wade** at [t.wade73@gmail.com](mailto:t.wade73@gmail.com) or **614-562-7468**. Come learn the **bella lingua Italiana... Ciao!**

**Applications available for the Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship Program – deadline Monday, April 3, 2023**

**St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church** announces the **2023 Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship Program**. If you are a high school senior student of **Italian** descent, attending a central **Ohio** high school and accepted to an accredited **two** or **four-year College** or university in the **U.S.** for the **2023-2024** academic years, you are encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Application information has been posted on **Saint John's website** at [www.info@sjbitaliana.com](http://www.info@sjbitaliana.com) and has also been sent to central **Ohio** high school guidance counseling offices. All application materials (application form, activity listing, personal recommendation letter, school recommendation and transcript, and personal essay) must be received at **St. John's** no later than **2:00 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2023**. For information, call **St. John the Baptist Catholic Italian Church** at **614-294-5319**.

**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 of 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 it 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**



Smile Break 😊

**Q: What did the evil chicken lay?**

**A: Deviled eggs!**

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

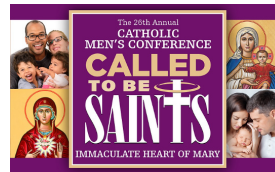
**AROUND US**

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **February** is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. The special devotion which proposes the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** as the model of virtue of all **Christian** households began in the **17th** century. The first **3/12** weeks of **February** fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. The remaining days of **February** are the beginning of **Lent**. The liturgical color changes to violet or purple.

**The Holy Father's Intention for the Month of February 2023:** *For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*

**World Marriage Day:** Today the **Church** celebrates **World Marriage Day**. It is always celebrated on the **2nd Sunday of February**. The purpose of **World Marriage Day** is to emphasize the beauty of marriage and to honor husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices. **World Marriage Day** highlights the promise of a marital union and the beauty of being a lawfully wedded couple under the eyes of **Christ**.

**Come and See Live-In Weekend: March 16-19:** The weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-aged students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Live-in participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty, and staff. Live-in weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the **Vocations Office** at **614-221-5565** or visit [vocations@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:vocations@columbuscatholic.org).



**The 26th Annual Catholic Men's Conference** returns to **Kasich Hall** at the **Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds** on **February 25, 2023**. For more information or to register, please visit: [catholicmensministry.com/2023conference](http://catholicmensministry.com/2023conference).

**Today's Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37:** Today's **Gospel** invites us to **"follow the law of the Lord."** To follow the law of the **Lord**, train yourself to pray, receive the sacraments often, and as you perform the important tasks of your vocation, never forget to practice humility, gentleness, patience, and simplicity, virtues that grow like flowers at the foot of the **Cross**. Great opportunities to serve **God** rarely present themselves, but little ones are frequent. As you carry out your responsibilities so that they give glory to **God**, all your activities, even eating, drinking, sleeping or recreation, will be done in the name of **God**, who leads you to authentic wholeness through **Jesus Christ**. ~ oblates.com

**"How can we safeguard and cultivate the peace of Jesus? He Himself points to three wellsprings of peace, three sources from which we can draw as we continue to nurture peace. They are forgiveness, community and mission." @Pontifex**



**Prayer**

**Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to You. 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 12, 2023****Create a genuine love story**

No one ever said relationships were easy. Commitments, whether in marriage, religious life, or elsewhere, take spiritual insight to discern, patience to maintain, time to mature, and a whole lot of love to keep the engine moving on the tracks. Today's celebration of World Marriage Day is meant to support the development of a culture of life and love within our most fundamental relationships. As Pope Francis declared in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love): "The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the church." Take the journey to joy and love. Work to make each relationship life-giving.

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (76). *"We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age."*

**Monday, Feb 13, 2023****Make a petition, not a deal**

It can be tempting, especially when we're desperate, to try to bargain with God: "If you do this one thing for me, I'll quit a bad habit forever and never miss Mass again." But that's not how our relationship with God works. For starters, Jesus told us not to bargain, but to simply ask for what we need (Matthew 7:7-11). God already knows what we need better than we do but wants us to ask anyway, persistently even—because a willingness to be vulnerable and share intimacy are central to any healthy relationship. For that reason, petitionary prayer isn't always easy. Open up with your longings and offer God your trust, rather than a deal.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). *"Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."*

**Tuesday, Feb 14, 2023****Speak the language of love**

More than 1,000 years before Vatican II—with its directive to translate the Latin liturgy into the vernacular—two missionary siblings, Cyril and Methodius, got the blessing of their pope to do the same for the Slavic people. In doing so, they created the Cyrillic alphabet. And as Pope John Paul II noted, they impacted not only the "history of the church, but also the civil and the political history of a great part of the European continent. . . . Cyril and Methodius [are] not only the apostles of the Slavic peoples but also the fathers of their culture." On this Valentine's Day, how can you translate love into your vernacular?

**MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHIDIUS, BISHOP**

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336). *"Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened?"*

**Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023****A pioneer priest who broke a color barrier**

On this day in 1880, Augustus Tolton departed the United States on a holy mission: to enter a Catholic seminary as an African American. After several years of trying to become a priest stateside and experiencing rejection due to racism, Tolton's friends and allies successfully arranged for his passage to study at the Urban College in Rome, where he was ordained as the world's first openly African-American Catholic priest in 1886. He would return to his home state of Illinois, eventually settling in Chicago

where he founded the city's first black parish. He died of heat stroke in 1897 at the young age of 43 and has since been on the path to sainthood. In these times of continuing anti-black discrimination, may we look to his witness for hope and sustenance. Venerable Father Tolton, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 22-26 (337). *"My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people. Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones."*

**Thursday, Feb 16, 2023****Take the path of Saint Francis**

Christian theology has often encouraged human domination over creation. Saint Francis of Assisi had another view, one that has become more prominent in the church as the climate crisis intensifies. Franciscan Sister Rose Dowling expresses one facet of it: "The Earth with which we are so intimate is our primary teacher about who God is and how God wants to relate with us. . . . I see a God who has set into being a creation that continues to grow, evolve, become more conscious, become more complex. I see that as a human I, like the rest of creation, have the potential to grow and become *more* . . ." How will you become more conscious of all of creation today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33 (338). *"Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Christ.'"*

**Friday, Feb 17, 2023****To Mary, in times of sorrow**

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order were 13th-century Florentine cloth merchants who banded together in prayer, solace, and community during politically tumultuous times. From the beginning, the Servites dedicated themselves to Mary, the Sorrowful Mother. Today their mission is to "gather in fraternal communion to be with those suffering and sorrowful." The Servites developed the three most common devotions to Our Lady of Sorrows, namely the Scapular of the Seven Dolours of Mary, the Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows. In the closing prayer of the Rosary chaplet, we say, "Pray for us, O most sorrowful Virgin. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." That is certainly a prayer to remember as we face each day's trials.

**MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER**

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34—9:1 (339). *"Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it."*

**Saturday, Feb 18, 2023****Good to be here**

Were you ever so enamored of something that you just wanted it to last forever? That's what Peter was experiencing on the Mount of Transfiguration. But Jesus and his inner circle had to move on. They had to come down the mountain. There was more that needed to be done, people who needed to be served. In his 1967 encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* (On the Development of Peoples), Pope Paul VI wrote, "Genuine progress . . . consists in an economic order designed for the welfare of the human person, where the daily bread that each [one] receives reflects the glow of love and the helping hand of God." Pray that we become enamored by justice and help transfigure the world in Jesus' image!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13 (340). *"Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents."*

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



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