

June 18, 2023 | Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

As you go, make this proclamation:

'THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.'

Matthew 10:7



The Italian Catholic Community at
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



On behalf of Fr. Andrew Kozminski, Aggie Howard, Vicky Scruggs, Gina Bishop, and John Huffman, Fr. Antonio Kim, and the Korean Catholic Community – we wish all Dads a very Blessed and Happy Father's Day!

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There is a clear theme running through all **three** readings today: **God** takes the initiative in our regard. **God** took initiative in forming a covenant with Israelite (First Reading). **God** took the initiative in loving us because **Christ** died for us while we were still sinners (**Second Reading**). And **Jesus** took initiative in reaching out to the people (**Gospel**). **Jesus** looks on the crowds, in today's **Gospel**, as sheep without a shepherd: confused, alone, and troubled. Sheep, without help, without a shepherd, will always wander away, get lost, and die and be easy prey for wolves or other wild animals. We are these sheep today, surrounded by modern worldly ideologies, philosophies, and trends. We need the **Holy**, wise, and brave shepherds.

So, let us pray with St. Vincent Pallotti:

Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations and for an apostolic spirit among all the baptized. Through the most holy mysteries of our redemption:

Send forth, O Lord, laborers into Your vineyard and spare Your people.

Through the merits and intercession of our **Holy Mother** and of all the angels and saints:

Send forth, O Lord, laborers into Your vineyard and spare Your people.

Queen of Apostles and all the angels and saints, pray the **Lord** of the harvest:

That He sends laborers into His vineyard and spares His people; that all may rejoice with Him and the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Let your mercy fall upon us abundantly, **O Lord, our God**, and through the merits and intercessions of the **Immaculate Virgin Mary**, of **St. Joseph**, and of our **Holy Father Vincent Pallotti**, strengthen our **Church** and help her growth. Grant that our **Church** may grow in spirit and in number and thus may be able to glorify your name on earth as it already is in heaven. **Amen.**

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

Yours in Christ

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**.

Confessions heard before Mass – Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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**.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	Sunday, June 18, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Kurt Heininger, Krissy Ciacchi
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti, Anne Marie
Euch. Min 3, 4, 5:	Pastore, Al Iosue, Ed Pagnanelli
Sunday	Sunday, June 25, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Tania Wade, Nick D'Alberto
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Al Iosue, Sharon D'Alberto, Kurt Heininger,
Euch. Min 3, 4, 5:	Gretchen Heininger, Margaret Panico-Harn



Sacrament of Baptism: Congratulations to **Derek** and **Amy Elbaor** whose son **Nicholas Paul Elbaor** received the **Holy Sacrament of Baptism** on **June 17, 2023**. May the **Holy Spirit** be with your family!

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, and John Contino**.

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 6/18	9:30 a.m.	+ Manuela Gutierrez by Julianne DiNunzio
Sunday 6/18	11:00 a.m. at SH	+ Cesidio Capoccia & Gerardo Cugini by Capoccia & Cugini Families
Monday 6/19	9:00 a.m.	+ Bonnie & Charlie Agriesti by Maria, Teresa, & Family
Tuesday 6/20	9:00 a.m.	+ Christopher Cua by Michael Cua
Sunday 6/25	9:30 a.m.	+ Joe Pishitelli by Phillip and Judy Pishitelli
Monday 6/26	9:00 a.m.	+ Rina Tiberi by Pat & Denise Tiberi & Family
Tuesday 6/27	9:00 a.m.	+ Manuela Gutierrez by Julianne DiNunzio
Tuesday 6/27	11:00 a.m.	Tony Caradonna by Luisa Stefanelli

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:
 Marian Lights: *Mildred M "Millie" (Villano) Gianantonio*
 by Loving Husband Joe
 Blessed Sacrament: *Danny LaPenna*
 by Betty Jo LaPenna

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 June and July are:

- June 18 Gary Bosco
- June 25 Maureen Iosue
- July 2 Gary Bosco
- July 9 Kevin Koesters

EVENTS THIS WEEK

6/18 Sunday	SJB Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – Meeting in Sala Hall 12:00-3:00 p.m.
6/19 Monday	SJB – Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski 9:00 a.m. Rotary Club Meeting – Marrapese Hall 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Italian Festival Executive Board Meeting – Italian Cultural Room 6:00-8:00 p.m.
6/20 Tuesday	SJB – Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski 9:00 a.m.
6/22 Thursday	Sacred Heart Young Professionals Meeting – Fr. Kozminski 7:00-8:30 p.m. Italian Cultural Room
6/23 Friday	KCC Mass – Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m.
6/24 Saturday	Order of Malta Mass – Bishop Earl Fernandes 5:30 p.m. – SJB Church Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m. Le Donne Group Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall. There are no meetings in June or July.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

June 11, 2023

Number of Envelopes used Sunday 47

Env:	\$ 2,152.00
Loose:	\$ 743.00
Total	\$ 2,895.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ -(173.70)
	\$ 2,721.30
Votives	\$ 61.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 10.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 50.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 141.00

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

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk.:	\$2,885.00	\$ 2,895.00	\$10.00	0%
FYTD:	\$144,250.00	\$140,249.92	-\$4,000.08	-3%

50/50 Drawing: Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Don Kutsick** winner of the 50/50 Drawing for May 2023. Thank you for your support.

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, June 19, 2023

Ed Pagnanelli and Victoria Scruggs

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, June 26, 2023

Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

The 2023 Appeal: Dear Parishioner: I would like to thank all our parish friends and families for your generous support to **The Appeal**. Our parish has been actively engaged in raising funds to meet our goal of \$ **16,682.29**. We have seen a good response, and we still need your support. The success of **The Appeal** depends on our collective participation. As your administrator, I am asking that you prayerfully consider a gift to this year's **Appeal**. If, with your support, we exceed our parish goal, the overage will be returned to our parish to be used for our needs. Together, we can be effective in our parish and in our **Catholic** community. We are abundantly blessed by our generous and loving **God**, so let us joyfully give back by sharing what we have and bringing hope to others. I thank you and pray for all the families in our parish. **Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Andrew**

St. Anthony of Padua Celebration with Gratitude!

A big thank-you to all who took part in our annual **St. Anthony of Padua** celebration. Thanks to **Fr. Andrew** and **Fr. Metzger**, ushers, readers, **Communion** ministers, cantor, organist, **Larry Pishitelli** and the **Knights of Columbus** team, the statue carriers, the small children in **Monk's** costumes, all the wonderful ladies who baked sweets and all who volunteered to help. Thanks to **Rick Brunetto** and his band and **Reno's Floral** and **Fine Gifts**. May the great **St. Anthony** intercede on everyone's behalf! **Mille grazie!**



Special Thank You! Thank you to the **Le Donne Group** for the beautiful flowers in front of **St. Joseph** statue donated by **Reno's Floral** for **Father's Day**.

Future Italian Festival Meetings for 2023

Date	Executive Board	General
June 19	6:00 p.m.	
July 24	6:00 p.m.	
August 14		6:00 pm
August 28	6:00 p.m.	
September 18	6:00 p.m.	
September 25	5:30 p.m.	6:30 pm



THE MARRAPESE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to the winners of the **Father Casto Marrapese Scholarships** and the **Quaranto Family Scholarship**. The winners will receive their certificates at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, June 25 celebrated by **Bishop Earl Fernandes**. The winners of the **Marrapese Scholarships** are **Thomas James Emhuff, Giovanna Noelle Frisone, Ava Marie Fultz, Nathaniel James Kistner, Luca Michael Mampieri, Siena Rebecca Marchio, Domenic Robert Melaragno, Michael Anthony Piccininni, and Giovanni Christopher Puckett**. The winner of the **Quaranto Family Scholarship** is **Gino Mariano Solazzo**. There will be a reception after Mass in the Marrapese Hall.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **June** falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope 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. **June** is also dedicated to the **Sacred Heart**. The **Church** celebrates the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** on the **Friday** following the second **Sunday** after **Pentecost**. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. Of all devotions, devotion to the **Sacred Heart** was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the **Church**.

You are invited to pray for the Pope's June Intension: For the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Peter's Pence Collection: July 2 we will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection** to support the **Universal Church** and the work of the **Holy See**, including helping **Pope Francis** to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.valen.html.

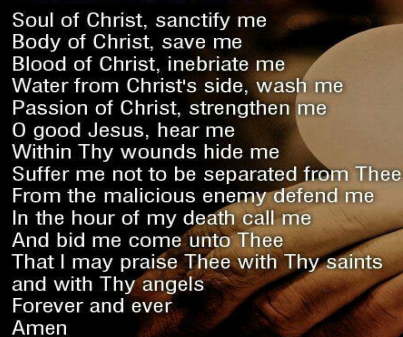
Diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration is **Tuesday, June 27, 2023**, at **St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus**. **Bishop Earl K. Fernandes** will celebrate **Mass** at **10:30 a.m.** **Mass** will be followed by a luncheon. This annual event is a fantastic opportunity of prayer, food, and fellowship with senior citizens from the **23-county Catholic Diocese of Columbus**. Registration for the celebration is **\$20.00**. To register, please send a check payable to the **Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215**. For online registrations, visit <https://dioceseofcolumbus.org/social-concerns-online-payments>. For more information, call **614-241-2540** or email us at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

Local Counseling and Grief Support: "Whoever suffers from mental illness 'always' bears **God's** image and likeness in themselves, as does every human being. In addition, they 'always' have the inalienable right not only to be considered as an image of **God** and therefore as a person, but also to be treated as such." **Pope John Paul II, International Conference for Health Care Workers, on Illnesses of the Human Mind, November 30, 1996**

If you or someone you know is in need of mental health services, contact **Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services** toll-free hotline at **1-877-275-6364**. This hotline provides information and referrals for local resources throughout **Ohio**.

The Eucharist: More than a Symbol: **Catholics** have it on divine authority that **Jesus** is really, truly, and substantially present in the **Eucharist**, "**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life**" (**John 6:54**). When the priest, acting in the person of **Christ**, consecrates the bread and wine, we believe that **Jesus** becomes truly present. Scientific investigations of the hundreds of **Eucharistic** miracles support this amazing mystery. In the **Eucharist**, **Christ** fulfills **His** promise to remain with us "**to the end of time**" (**Matthew 28:20**).

The Anima Christi



Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from Christ's side, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and with Thy angels
Forever and ever
Amen

Today's Gospel: The Gospel is from **St. Matthew 9:36, 10:8**. "**Jesus had compassion for them.**" Who were the "**crowds**" on whom He had compassion? Among them were tax-collectors who cheated, robbers who robbed, murderers who murdered, harlots who lived lives of unchastity, adulterers who violated their marriage vows, nominal believers in **God** who never went to the temple or honored **God** in private. These may have been a minority, but there was no town or district in Palestine of that time in which some, or all such sinners, could not be found. Yet **Jesus**, had pity on them for He saw that most, if not all of these sinners, acted through ignorance. They were lost sheep because they had no shepherd to lead them. **Christ** still has compassion for today's sinners and wants them to be saved, not lost. There are thousands of men and women in heaven today who owe their salvation, under **God**, to the good example of a sincere **Christian** neighbor. A suggestion, a hint, an encouragement, kindly and charitably offered, may often turn a neighbor from evil ways. This good advice must always be humbly and charitably given. Nobody, a sinner least of all, wants to be lectured or "preached at." **St. Francis de Sales** said that one will catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel of vinegar. There are pious **Christians** who abhor sin so much that they abhor and repel the sinner, as well. In this, they are more pharisaical than **Christlike**.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



Prayer: *O God, strength of those who hope in You, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without You, mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of Your grace, that in following Your commands we may please You by our resolve and our deeds. 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, Jun 18, 2023**Your name here**

At county fairs there always seems to be a stand where someone offers to write your name on a grain of rice. As novel a proposition as that is, perhaps there are better places to have our names inscribed. Scripture mentions a "Book of Life" eight times. It's described as the registry of the just—a desirable place to be listed. Martyrdom is one sure way to make the registry and promoting the gospel is another. Simply put, bring Jesus to others. Witness with your values, decisions, and resources. Add your name to the book.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36—10:8 (91). *"The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew."*

Monday, Jun 19, 2023**Take your place in paradise**

A thousand years ago, Italian monk Saint Romuald founded a religious order, the Camaldolese, that blended the Christian hermit tradition into monastic life. His monks lived in individual cells but participated in some communal activities. Romuald's rule of life put solitude and contemplation and meditation on the Psalms at the center of his order's spirituality. He wrote, "Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it. Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish. The path you must follow is in the Psalms—never leave it." Tap into this tradition and try finding a place of solitude and, with the Psalms handy, carve out some quiet time for contemplation in your busy day.

MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). *"But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil."*

Tuesday, Jun 20, 2023**We are one vast body in this one vast Lord**

On this day in 1926, the 28th International Eucharistic Congress opened in Chicago, the first one held in the United States. Mass at Soldier Field attracted an estimated 400,000 people gathered in and around the stadium and featured a "Nuns and Women's Choir of 10,000 Voices." At its conclusion, 750,000 pilgrims joined a 40-mile eucharistic procession—on foot or by car, bus, and rail—to St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. A logistical marvel of mass transit, this gathering was as important for Chicago as it was for the U.S. church. Let these words, from 2021's international congress, be your meditation today: "He is our Lord and our Master, our friend and our food, our healer and our peace."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366).

"They gave themselves first to the Lord and to us through the will of God."

Wednesday, Jun 21, 2023**Your mission**

The brief life of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (he died at 23) is instructive for all who hope to raise or nurture young faith. Though he was raised in royal privilege, a book about the experiences of Jesuit missionaries in India inspired Aloysius to leave his comfortable world behind and dedicate his life to God. As it turned

out, his mission field would be closer to home, as he gave his life serving the sick during a terrible plague in Rome in 1591. Young people are inspired by heroic examples of service. Be that inspiration.

MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). *"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them your Father who sees in secret will repay you."*

Thursday, Jun 22, 2023**Discipleship still can be costly**

Sir (and Saint) Thomas More, the British humanist and statesman, stared down King Henry VIII and paid the price. He was beheaded in 1535 for refusing to support the king's desire to control the Catholic Church. The 1960 play (and later film) *A Man for All Seasons* kept alive More's considerable reputation as martyr and man of letters. More's final words affirmed that he was the "king's good servant and God's first." Most of us won't have to die for our faith, but many will pay a price for doing the right and faithful thing in a difficult situation. What has your faith cost you?

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS MORE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). *"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."*

Friday, Jun 23, 2023**'Tis a gift**

The classic rock song "Simple Man" was written by two musicians who had recently lost loved ones: a grandmother and a mother. As the two were sharing stories and advice from these women, the verses of a song began to emerge. The women's advice was simple: Remember God, slow down in life, follow your heart, and find everything you need in your soul. Living simply was key for these women, and it is key for our life as Christians. As you encounter the gospels in your prayer and during Mass, what values of simple living do you hear woven into its verses?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth."*

Saturday, Jun 24, 2023**Find your voice**

Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, stands in for all of us who fall silent when our doubt overcomes our faith. Along the path of life where we sometimes lose our way, it's difficult to trust that God is with us always. When Zechariah comes to his senses and realizes God is indeed active in his life through the wondrous birth of John, he is able to speak again. So it is with us. We find our authentic voice when we trust in God.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587). *"He asked for a tablet and wrote, 'John is his name,' and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God."*

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



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