

# PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH

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June 21, 2020  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## **Welcoming New Parishioners:**

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

## **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

## **Weekday Liturgies:**

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Wednesday 6:00 PM

Thursday 6:00 PM

Friday 8:30 AM

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

By appointment

## **Baptism:**

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

## **Marriage/Wedding:**

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

## **Sacrament of the Sick:**

Please contact the Parish Office After Hours for

**Emergencies Only**

780-645-9749.

## Feast of St. John the Baptist (*June 24*)

Dear brothers and sisters!

Today the Liturgy invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. His birth is the event that illuminates the lives of his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, and involves, in its joy and amazement, relatives and neighbors. These elderly parents had dreamed and even prepared that day, but now they no longer expected it: they felt excluded, humiliated, disappointed: they had no children. Faced with the announcement of the birth of a child (*Lk* 1:13), Zechariah could not believe it, because the laws of nature did not allow it: they were old, they were elderly; as a result, the Lord made him speechless and unable to talk for the whole term of the pregnancy (see v. 20). It is a sign. But God does not depend on our logic and our limited human capacities. We must learn to trust and to be silent in the face of the mystery of God and to contemplate in humility and silence his work, which is revealed in history and which so often exceeds our imagination.

And now that the event takes place, now that Elizabeth and Zechariah experience that “nothing is impossible to God” (*Lk* 1:37), their joy is great. Today’s Gospel page (*Lk* 1:57-66.80) announces the birth and then focuses on the imposition of the name on the child. Elizabeth chooses a name foreign to the family tradition and says: “He will be called John” (v. 60), a gratuitous and by now unexpected gift, because John (‘Giovanni’) means “God has been gracious.” And this child will be a herald, witness of God’s grace for the poor who wait with humble faith for His salvation. Zechariah unexpectedly confirms the choice of that name, writing it on a tablet – because he couldn’t speak – and “at once his mouth opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God.” (v. 64)

The whole event of the birth of John the Baptist is surrounded by a *joyful sense of amazement, surprise and gratitude*. Amazement, surprise, gratitude. People are gripped by a holy fear of God “and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea” (v. 65). Brothers and sisters, the faithful people realized that even if in a humble and hidden way, something great happened, and ask: “What, then, will this child be?” (V. 66). The faithful people of God are able to live the faith with joy, with a sense of amazement, surprise and gratitude. We look at those people who discussed this wonderful event, about this miracle of the birth of John, and they did so with joy, happily, with a sense of amazement, surprise and gratitude.

May the Blessed Virgin help us to understand that in every human person there is the imprint of God, the source of life. She, Mother of God and our Mother, makes us more and more aware that in the generating of a child the parents act as collaborators of God. This is a truly sublime mission that makes each family a sanctuary of life and awakens – every birth of a child – joy, amazement, gratitude. (Pope Francis)

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We would like to extend our **Congratulations** to all our parishioners who are moving to the next level and step of their education. May you continue to aim for your dreams and bring Jesus Christ wherever you go. We also express our gratitude to all the teachers and staff of Notre Dame, Ecole George Primeau and MCHS for all their sacrifices and efforts for our children. May God continue you to bless you.

## PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE ATTENDING THE MASS

Contact Parish Office at: 780-939-4412 or 780-645-9749 Fr. Trini mobile number

Email: [office@sjbp.ca](mailto:office@sjbp.ca) or  
[pastor@sjbp.ca](mailto:pastor@sjbp.ca)

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### Appeal from your Pastor

Greetings in the Risen Lord!

As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season I am hoping and praying that your family is doing well in these trying times that we are living.

I want to express my gratitude to you and your family for your continuous support to our parish. Though we can't still have mass with your presence, you continue to help the Church. From the bottom of my heart thank you for all your support.

In this trying times that we are living we have some brethren that lost their jobs and in need, for this reason I am appealing to your generous hearts for anything that we can extend to some members of our community that are in need.

By the end of this month all the gathered goods will be given to Morinville Food Bank. May the Good Lord continue to bless you in your generosity.

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**Congratulations to Benjamin Bourke and Vanessa Vansevant**

*who will celebrate the Sacrament of Wedding this coming June 20, 2020.*

*We pray that this wedding be faithful and fruitful. We join their respective families in this joyous occasion.*

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### Pope Francis intention for the month of June

#### The Way of the Heart

*we pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.*

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### St. John the Baptist Pilgrimage 2020

*Our sincerest gratitude to those who joined the Pilgrimage 2020 last Friday June 19. We started the pilgrimage with the celebration of the Mass here in our parish and then we end the pilgrimage in the grotto of St Albert Parish. We thank PIERRE ROUSSEAU for spearheading the said pilgrimage.*

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*We welcome **Bennet Christensen** as he received the Sacrament of Baptism  
We express our gratitude to his parents as they introduce their child to our faith and Church.*



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

| Day              | Time    | Mass Intention  | Feast  |
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| June 20 Saturday | 5:00 pm | RIP Roland Boissonault - Shirley                                      | 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>of Ordinary<br>Time |
| June 21 Sunday   | 9:00 am | RIP Msgr Romeo Infante<br>Sacerdotal Anniv of Fr. Andrew and Fr Mario |  |
| June 23 Tuesday  | 8:30 am | RIP Msgr. Romualdo Sosing   |  |
| June 24 Wed      | 6:00 pm | Parishioners (Feast of St John the Baptist)                           |  |
| June 25 Thursday | 6:00 pm | For all the sick specially for Angela                                 |  |
| June 26 Friday   | 8:30 am | RIP Kevin   |  |

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| <p>June 14, 2020 \$8730<br/>Restoration \$ 45<br/>Holy Land \$10<br/>Popes Pastoral work \$10<br/>Family Ministries \$65<br/>Development and Peace \$10</p> | <p>THANK YOU! MERCI!</p> |
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## Prayer for St. Michael

"Saint **Michael** the **Archangel**, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

As we open our revered Parish St. Jean Baptiste and start our celebration of masses we knock at your hearts to volunteer in the ministries that our diocese is asking us: **greeters, ushers, cleaners and sanitizers** and as **coordinator**. These ministries are crucial for us to continue our public celebrations and so as to ensure that we are doing the protocols set by the Diocese of St. Paul and AHS for the safety of our priest and parishioners.

Our sincerest gratitude for your continued support to our parish and May the Good Lord Bless and Keep you. Rest assured that we are keeping all of you in our prayers.