

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 25, 2024**

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH  
SUNDAYS  
1:15 PM ENG  
2:15 POLISH

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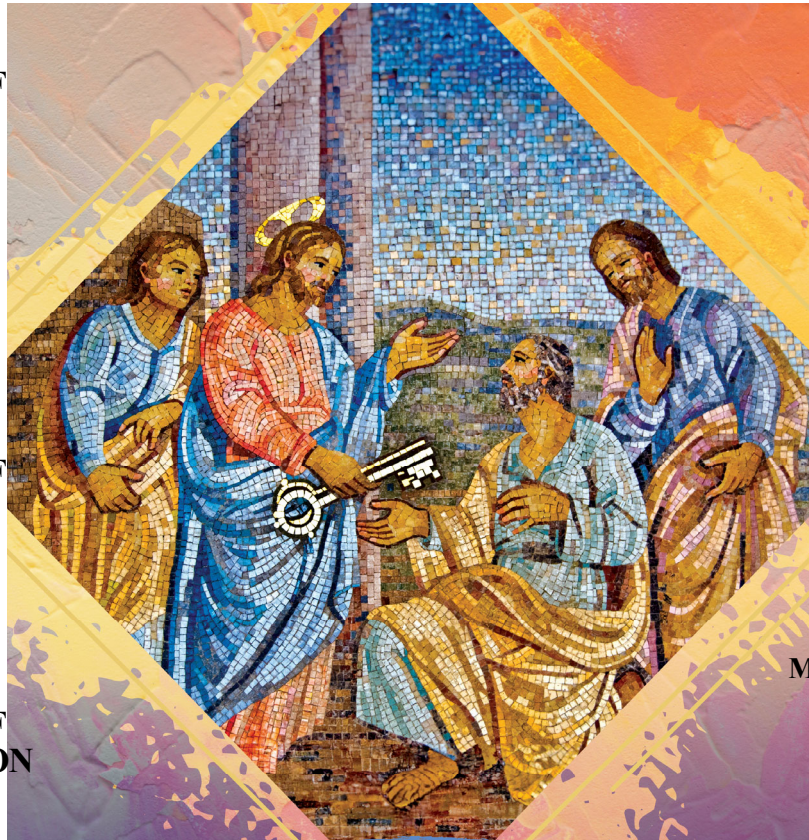
## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the  
for an appointm  
least **six months** prior  
to the desired date.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS  
4:00 to 4:45 PM  
and  
THURSDAYS BEFORE  
FIRST FRIDAY  
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by  
appointment.



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"You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:68-69

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM  
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM  
SATURDAY EVENINGS  
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM  
SUNDAYS  
8:00 & 9:15 AM  
10:30 AM (Polish)  
12:00 Noon

## RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon  
& 1 PM to 4 PM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS  
TUES. 1 to 2 PM

## PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION

2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITE  
CHAPTER -1ST SAT.  
AFTER 8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
1ST WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM  
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,  
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

### Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.  
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

5:00 pm People of the Parish Living & Deceased  
+ Joseph Szot, Sr. / + Scott Bugdin  
+ Mary Jane Kelly / + Neal Fenton  
+ Peter Kruszon / + Marianne Patricio

### 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUG. 25, 2024

8:00 am + Anne Kruel  
9:15 am + Julie (A) & Philip Zotos  
10:30 am + Andrzej Wroblewski  
(PL) + Jadwiga & Vincent Suchta  
+ Jadwiga & Jan Zawadzki  
W intencji Mirki i Jacka Makurat  
W intencji rodziny Malczewskich  
+ Jadwiga i Kazimierz Lesniowscy  
12 Noon + Edythe & John Kujawski

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

7:00 am + Jadwiga Kawa  
+ Theodore Lipp (A)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

7:00 am + Joseh Keenan

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

7:00 am + Marie Dunleavy

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024

7:00 am + Gail E. Ludwig

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

7:00 am + Scott Bugdin

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

8:00 am In Thanksgiving & Special Intention  
Intentions Known to God  
5:00 pm + Joseph & Tessie Karpinski  
+ Jeanine Tedeschi  
+ George Knez  
Special Intention  
+ Zuzana Romas Anele Antanas Jonas

### 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPT. 1, 2024

8:00 am + Chester Friszolowski & Jean Tuthill  
9:15 am + Frank L., Bertha M., & Frank L., Jr. Ostroski  
10:30 am People of the Parish Living & Deceased  
(PL) + Teodora & Stanislaw Szejter  
+ Teresa Lul  
+ sp. rodzine Krupinskiach  
+ Jerzy, Irene, Margaret & Zbigniew  
Aleksandrowicz & Family  
Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja  
O Boze błogosławienstwo Ana i Adam rodziny  
12 Noon + John Kujawski, Jr.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17,  
18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/  
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/  
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/  
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/  
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk  
6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt  
25:1-13

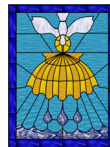
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/  
Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/  
Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,  
21-23

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Adoration 12:00 PM—1:00 PM  
Millions of Monicas 1:00 PM—2:00 PM



## BAPTISMS

We welcome:  
Grace Everlee Granger



## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Ron Danowski \* Estefania Gutierrez Bonilla \* Peter Kraljic \* Ed Kitt \* Doug Mader \* Mary Mader \* Carson Whible \* Dave Zazeski \* Faye Anderson \* Hana Cutler \* James Gibson \* Jim Kenna \* Daryl Alec \* Paula George \* Christina Donovan \* John Giordano \* Harry Koehler \* Kathy D'Eletto \* Richard Francis Harrison II \* Ursula Mocniak \* Joan Zaleski \* Catherine and Charles J. Sehy \* Grazyna Pawlak \* Gillen Family \* Blythe Fickenwirth \* Irene Monahan \* Jody Breitfeller \* Benjamin Gonzalez \* Dominique Tirado \* Diana Perniciaro \* Sammy \* Brodie \* Dolline Welch \* Cathleen Mickaliger \* Joseph Stepnoski \* James Kenna \* Douglas Clark \* Eleanor Nystrom \* Margaret McCarthy \* Jan Suchta \* Justin \* Dakota Harmon \* Courtney Altman \* Cole Faller \* Claire Latour \* Halikias Family \* Liana Forstein \* Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini \* Thomas Ryall \* Anne Marie Donlon \* Dorothy Sousa \* Anthony Naglieri \* Thomas McEnany \* Mary Khulman \* Denise Babinski \* Michael Alperti \* Roseanne Murphy \* Barbara Kozlowski \* James West \* Elizabeth Farruggia \* Kelly Wine \* Mary Van Duesen \* Thomas DeGirolamo \* William Berenger \* Daria Quarlena \* Eileen Borchart \* Sheila Nolan \* Tom Wisniewski III \* Jeffrey Clark \* James, George and Barbara Jaeger \* Ernest and Alex Aponte \* Helen Long \* Michael Miglionico \* Ralph Conforti \* The Barauskus Family \* Hope & Brittany Williams \* John Marion \* Emilia Andrychowski \* Augie & Georgianna Lucente \* Johanna Benthal \* Michelle Giaccone \* Gloria Keller \* Howard Seifert \* Ed Kennedy \* Kit Z. \* Dolores Contino \* Agnes Brown \* Krzysztof Olszowski \* Anders Ryden \* Kevin C. Cook \* Anita Costi \* Doriane Bay \* David Vallone \* Brittany Schacor \* Karen and Kim Finocchiaro \* Eleanor Koller \* Grace Mary Schulteis \* Victor Sechyshyn \* George Angle \* Marta Andreotta \* Melissa Alexandra \* Christian Vidal \* Suzanne Thompson \* Anna Grefe \* Anthony Mannino \* Marcella Frisen \* The Huntley Family \* Theresa Puglia \* Brian Darmody \* Leigh Anne Brown \* Dan Modjeska \* Judy Zakorski \* Marie Miley \* Marcjanna Stolarzewicz \* John Shuot \* Patrick Murphy \* Brian Crowley \* Louise Pampinello \* Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

## OUR COLLECTIONS

**Today, August 25:** Sunday and Debt Reduction

**Next Week, September 1:** Sunday and Monthly School

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction



*"Open your heart to the heavenly physician of souls and abandon yourself confidently into His most holy arms. He is dealing with you as someone chosen to follow Jesus up the steep slope of Calvary, and I rejoice to see that grace working in you. Rest assured that everything taking place in your soul is ordained by the Lord, so do not be afraid of encountering any harm, as that fear would be offensive to God.*

*Be at peace that you are not offending the Lord in any way, on the contrary, He is being glorified through all this.*

*(To Raffaolina Cerase, May 19, 1914)*

*"Prayer is the KEY to God's heart."*

~ St. Padre Pio



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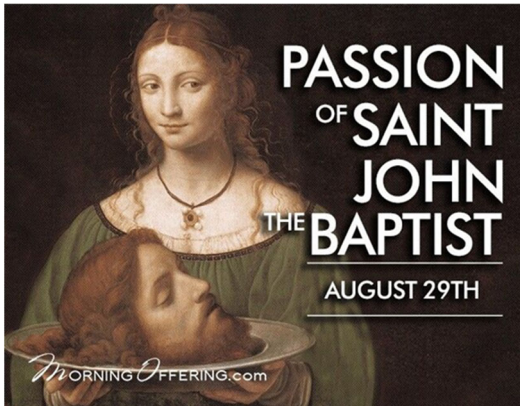
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## PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



*“Now Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, for John had said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” Although he wanted to kill him, he feared the people, for they regarded him as a prophet. But at a birthday celebration for Herod, the daughter of Herodias performed a dance before the guests and delighted Herod so much that he swore to give her whatever she might ask for. Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.” The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests who were present, he ordered that it be given, and he had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who took it to her mother. His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus.” ~Matthew 14:3–12*

**Reflection:** John, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was born approximately six months before the Savior of the World. He was likely born in the small, rural Jewish town of Ein Karem, located in the hill country about five miles west of Jerusalem. The surrounding land would have been utilized for agriculture and herding, centered around a town hub and water well. Uniquely, John was blessed with the presence of both the Son of God and the Mother of God at his birth. Many Catholic theologians, including the Angelic Doctor of the Church, Saint Thomas Aquinas, believe that while John was conceived in Original Sin, he was sanctified in the womb immediately after the Blessed Virgin Mary greeted his mother Elizabeth, several months prior to John’s birth. “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb...” (Luke 1:41). This leap in the womb has been interpreted as John’s sanctification by grace before he was born. Jesus would later say of John, “Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist” (Matthew 11:11).

Not much is known about John’s childhood other than what is stated in the Bible, “The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel” (Luke 1:80). Though he would have been raised devoutly in the Jewish faith by his parents in their hometown, John eventually entered the desert, about twenty miles east of his hometown, to live as a hermit, praying, practicing penance, and preparing for his mission.

John’s first mission was to serve as the precursor of the Lord. As the last of the Old Testament prophets and the first of the New Testament prophets, he bridges the gap to Christ. John’s mission was to precede Jesus “in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord” (Luke 1:17). Sometime between the years 27–29, John received inspiration from God in the Judean desert and started to gather disciples whom he taught, called to repentance, and baptized with water. John’s preaching was fierce, branding some a “brood of vipers” and demanding evidence of their conversion. He called tax collectors, soldiers, religious leaders, the average townspeople, and even Herod to repent. Many responded.

John’s life reached its earthly climax when he saw Jesus, the Son of God, approaching him in the desert while he was baptizing. John immediately exclaimed, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel...Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God” (John 1:29–31; 34). John reluctantly baptized Jesus, after which the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in a visible form and the Voice of the Father thundered, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17). With that, John’s life began to recede into the background, “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30).

## ***PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (cont'd)***

Today, the Church commemorates one of the oldest feasts within the Church, the Memorial of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Just as John preceded Jesus in birth, preaching, and baptizing, so too did he precede Jesus in death, dying as a prefiguration of the one who would give His life sacrificially on the Cross.

John's death resulted from his bold proclamation of the truth. His call to repentance extended to everyone, including Herod Antipas, the tetrarch, ruler of Galilee and Perea. Although it appears that the area where John was preaching (the Jordan Valley) was not directly governed by Herod, Herod nonetheless was well aware of John's preaching and his condemnation of him. As a result, Herod was able to have John arrested and imprisoned.

John was most likely imprisoned in a fortress constructed by Herod Antipas' father, Herod the Great, named Machaerus, northwest of the Dead Sea, in modern-day Jordan. Alternatively, he might have been imprisoned in the Herodium, another palace under Herod's control just south of Jerusalem.

Two of the Gospels narrate the story of John's death: Matthew 14:1–12 and Mark 6:14–29. John's criticism of Herod was specific. He condemned Herod's unlawful marriage to his brother's wife, Herodias. Though Herod seemed to fear John and his disciples because of John's popularity and the power of his words, he decided to appease Herodias' hatred of John for condemning her and Herod. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter, traditionally named Salome, performed a dance for Herod and his guests that so pleased him that he promised her anything she asked of him, up to half of his kingdom. Her mother saw her opportunity for revenge and convinced her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. In his weakness, Herod complied.

After John's death, the Bible tells us that "His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus" (Matthew 14:12). The news caused Jesus to withdraw alone in a boat to a deserted place to pray. Jesus not only grieved with human sorrow over the death of his cousin, but he also came face-to-face with the reality of His own fate. Thus, His time of prayer was a period in which He perfectly renewed His fidelity to the Mission on which He was sent, to give His life for the salvation of souls. Traditionally, it is believed that John's body was buried in the town of Sebaste, about fifty miles north of Jerusalem. Various traditions have evolved over the centuries about what happened to his head. Some say Herodias buried it in a dung heap to hide it from his followers and it was later discovered, buried in the Mount of Olives, and today is preserved in the Church of San Silvestro in Capite, Rome, Italy. This tradition, among many others, is impossible to confirm.

As we honor this man so highly honored by our Lord, we also honor our Lord Himself. John's life was given to the mission to which he was called. He never wavered and willingly accepted even death, rather than shy away from God's will. He introduced the Lamb of God to the world and led the way for Jesus by his preaching, baptism of repentance, and death, which prefigured Jesus' own death. As you ponder Saint John's life, reflect especially upon the wholehearted commitment he made to selflessly give himself to the mission he received. Where you see hesitancy in your own life, take inspiration from Saint John the Baptist, praying that you will exemplify his courage and resolve to fulfill the will of God.

**St. John the Baptist is the Patron Saint of baptism, bird dealers, converts, monastic life, motorways, printers, tailors, lambs, and prisoners**

**St. John is invoked against epilepsy, convulsions, hailstorms, and spasms**

*Prayer: Saint John the Baptist, you were given a holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for me, that I will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill my duties, no matter the cost. Saint John the Baptist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*



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