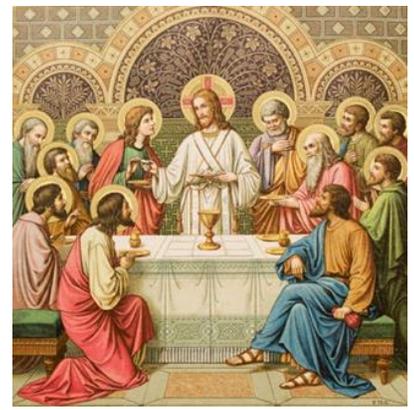


Corpus Christi

June 23, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JUNE 23 to JUNE 30

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Saturday	June 22	
4:30 pm	Alfonso Bastone	Rosemary & Joe Furino
Sunday	June 23	Corpus Christi
9:00 am	Markian Koretski	Mary Griffin
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
8:30 am	Gabriella Mastromonaco	The Family
Tuesday	June 25	
8:30 am	Vito Marcario & Dorotea Marcario	Rina Della Rocca
Wednesday	June 26	
8:30 am	George Thomas	Ron & Joy Pinto
Thursday	June 27	
8:30 am	Kay & Joe Gitto	Annemarie and Gilbert
Friday	June 28	
8:30 am	Rina Reda	Joan Hopkirk
Saturday	June 29	
4:30 pm	Alfonso Bastone	The Family
Sunday	June 30	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Anthony Greco	The Raschella Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

June 23: Deceased members of the Reuben & Quelch families.

June 30: Calogero Modicamore, requested by Caterina Modicamore

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Cathie Gow, cousin of Marie Foggo.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE 15/16

Offerings: \$5, 320.35

Next special collection: June 30 - Building Fund

FAITH FIRST: Registration is now open for NEW and returning families for the 2019-2020 year. Our six-year program begins in Grade One with First Communion celebrated in Grade Two and Confirmation celebrated in Grade Six once all requirements are met. Please visit becket.ca for program information and instructions on how to register online. Questions? Contact us at faithfirst@becket.ca Registration remains open throughout the summer.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIAN LEPINE invites all the faithful to the diocesan celebration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist, on Monday, June 24, at Saint-Jean Baptist Parish on Rachel Street near St. Denis. Celebration begins with Holy Hour at 9 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions followed by Mass at 10 am.

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI



“It is by staying still, in **silence**, and possibly for long periods, before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, that we perceive what he wants from us, put aside our own plans to make way for his, and let God's light gradually **penetrate the heart** and heal it. It's something like what happens to the trees in spring with the chlorophyll process. . . . It is what St. Paul says in other words: "And we all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness, from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18).

What is the precise meaning of Eucharistic contemplation? It is the gift of a **heart-to-heart** contact with Jesus really present in the Host and, through him, of raising oneself to the Father in the Holy Spirit. All of this is done, as far as possible, in a state of outer and inner silence. . . . "a free, penetrating and still gaze" (Hugh of St. Victor), or: "a loving look at God" (St. Bonaventure). . . .

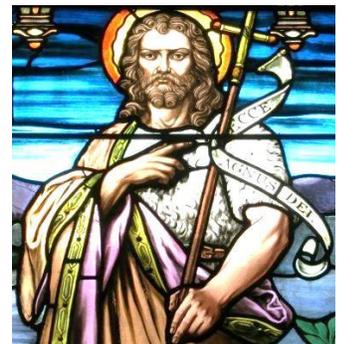
In contemplating Jesus in the Sacrament of the altar, we actualize the prophecy made at the moment of Jesus' death on the Cross: "They shall look on him whom they have pierced" (John 19:37). This **contemplation** is itself a prophecy for it anticipates what we shall do forever in the heavenly Jerusalem. In the end the Lamb will no longer be slain and his flesh will no longer be eaten. Consecration and Communion will cease, that is, but contemplation of the Lamb slain for us will not cease. This is precisely what the saints in heaven are doing (cf. Rev 5:1 ff). In front of the **tabernacle** we form one choir with the Church in heaven; they, as it were, facing the altar and with us behind it; they, face-to-face in the beatific vision, and we in faith.”

~ *Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, papal preacher*

WHY CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST?

The nativity of Saint John the Baptist is a sacred reminder of the fact that the following need to be born in my life every day:

- Someone who leaps with **joy** before the presence of the Lord making me want to live my own relationship with Jesus with greater ardor and fervor;
- Someone to **prepare** the way of the Lord and to give me knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of my sins;
- Someone who turns my **attention** away from my distractions and preconceptions so that I will behold the Lamb of God as the true desire of my heart;
- Someone who **models** for me that there is no greater joy in my life than for Jesus to increase and for me to decrease, especially as regards my self-reliance, my self-assertion, my self-importance;
- Someone who is a burning and shining **lamp** whose radiance gives light to my path and courage to my heart, making me want to live for others;
- Someone so committed to the **truth** that he is willing to lay down his life for the Truth-become-flesh - witnessing to me that all true happiness comes through self-sacrifice;
- Someone whose **sanctity** proclaims that there is no man born of woman greater than he is but that I can share his greatness if I love Jesus as he did.



In the tender compassion of our God, the Dawn from on high has broken upon us through the birth of John the Baptist.

~ *Father Peter John Cameron, OP*

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE



What are the basic elements required for the forgiveness of a Christian's sins to occur in the sacrament of Penance?

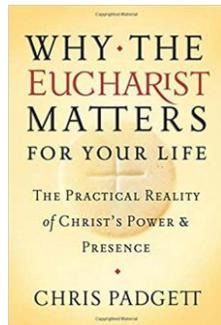
What is required for the forgiveness of sins is the person who undergoes conversion and the priest who in God's name gives him absolution from his sins.

What must I bring to a confession?

Essential elements of every confession are an examination of conscience, contrition, a purpose of amendment, confession, and penance.

The **examination of conscience** should be done thoroughly, but it can never be exhaustive. No one can be absolved from his sin without real **contrition**, merely on the basis of "lip-service". Equally indispensable is the purpose of **amendment**, the resolution not to commit that sin again in the future. The sinner absolutely must declare the sin to the confessor and, thus, confess to it. The final essential element of confession is the atonement or **penance** that the confessor imposes on the sinner to make restitution for the harm done.

WORTHWHILE READING



Why the Eucharist Matters for Your Life: The Practical Reality of Christ's Power and Presence by Chris Padgett

The Eucharist is a practical reality Jesus wants to be present in our everyday encounters and experiences. In down-to-earth and often humorous ways, author Chris Padgett helps us find an immediate connection between receiving Jesus in the Eucharist and living a holy life in difficult times. The forty reflections in this book will enlarge your vision of the power of Christ through the Eucharist to change your life and those you meet.

HERE'S A QUESTION ON ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Was John the Baptist born without original sin?

Our faith teaches that four individuals were born without sin. Jesus, because he is God, could not know sin, even in his human person. The Virgin Mary was preserved from sin by a unique act of God from the moment of her conception so, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, she might "become the mother of the Saviour" (see Nos. 490-492). It also teaches, "Adam and Eve were constituted in an original 'state of holiness and justice'" (No. 375). Our first parents were "not only ... good, but ... in a state that would be surpassed only by the glory of the new creation in Christ" (No. 374).

What shall we say of John the Baptist? Jesus' own testimony ranks John highly: "Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Mt 11:11). However, John laboured under the same burden of Original Sin as any of us, as we might surmise from his words to Jesus at the Jordan, "I need to be baptized by you" (Mt 3:14). This in no way diminishes John's majesty, or the importance of his preaching. His is the last voice of the Old Testament prophets, and he completes their witness to the long-awaited Messiah. ~ *Father Reginald Martin*

CATHOLIC ACTION is looking for volunteer drivers with a 4B license to drive a small 20-seater bus, assisting seniors by driving them to a daily outing from time to time. With summer approaching the demand for day trips has increased and we need to add to our volunteer pool. If you are interested and would like to obtain your 4B license Catholic Action will reimburse your expenses once you join our fabulous volunteer group of drivers. Please contact Judy Wong at jwong@catholicaction.ca for more information.