

"From his mother's womb, he will be filled with the Holy Spirit..."

LK 1:15



JUNE 24, 2018

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

MASS SCHEDULE June 25th through July 1st

Tuesday - Friday (June 26th - June 29th) 7:00 am Daily
Saturday (June 30th) 5:30 pm Vigil
Sunday (July 1st) 9:00 & 11:00 am, and 4:30 pm

Inquiry Learning

Fr. Mathew invites all to learn more about our faith. **FORMED on Demand** is a revolutionary online platform that provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books and video-based studies from trusted providers like the Augustine Institute, the Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, the St. Paul Center and more. Visit www.formed.org to browse for information and see what is available. Get a 7-day free trial with a monthly subscription. Subscriptions are \$9.99/month or \$100.00/year.



OLG will be selling TNT fireworks for the July 4th holiday, from June 28th thru July 4th (9 am - 9 pm). Our booth will be on the corner of Jefferson and Lake Washington Blvds. Volunteers are needed for all shifts. Call the Parish Office or visit the OLG School website to sign-up. Thank you!

VIA ON-DEMAND RIDESHARE PILOT PROGRAM—WEST SACRAMENTO.

Catch a ride anywhere in West Sacramento for an affordable rate by using a Smartphone App or the telephone. Ridesharing can save money and avoid the hassle of traffic and parking. Book your ride using the free Via app or call **(916) 318-5101**. To start, regular rides will cost \$3.50 per seat. Seniors age 62 and up, and individuals with eligible disabilities receive a 50% discount on fares. Service will be available Monday—Friday, 7 am to 7 pm; and Saturday 9 am to 7 pm. This is a 1-year pilot so based on feedback and use, the City may consider expanding the program. Visit VIA On-Demand Rideshare at City of West Sacramento website for more details/information. **PASS THIS ALONG!!**



SVdP NEEDS BEDS! You can contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Thank you for your consideration.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - 2 KGS 17:5-8, 13-15A, 18; PS 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; HEB 4:12; MT 7:1-5
 TUESDAY - 2 KGS 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36; PS 48:2-3AB, 3CD-4, 10-11; JN 8:12; MT 7:6, 12-14
 WEDNESDAY - 2 KGS 22:8-13; 23:1-3; PS 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40; JN 15:4, 5B; MT 7:15-20
 THURSDAY - 2 KGS 24:8-17; PS 79:1B-2, 3-5, 8, 9; JN 14:23; MT 7:21-29
 FRIDAY - ACTS 12:1-11; PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 TM 4:6-8, 17-18; MT 16:18; MT 16:13-19
 SATURDAY - LAM 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; PS 74:1B-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; MT 8:17; MT 8:5-17
 SUNDAY - WIS 1:13-15; 2:23-24; PS 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12,13; CFF. 2 TM 1:10; MK 5:21-43

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF GRACE

Pastor's Corner

The people in this week's Gospel are frightened and amazed by the mysterious events surrounding the birth of John. Only his mother and father, Elizabeth and Zechariah, know what this child will be.

John the Baptist was fashioned in secret, knit by God in his mother's womb, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm. From the womb he was set apart, formed to be God's servant, as Isaiah declares in this week's First Reading. The whole story of John's birth is thick with Old Testament echoes, especially echoes of the story of Abraham. God appeared to Abraham promising that his wife would bear him a son; He announced the son's name and the role Isaac would play in salvation history (see [Genesis 17:1, 16, 19](#)). The same thing happened to Zechariah and Elizabeth. Through His angel, God announced John's birth to this righteous yet barren couple. He made them call John a special name—and told them the special part John would play in fulfilling His plan for history (see [Luke 1:5-17](#)).

As Paul says in today's Second Reading, John was to herald the fulfillment of all God's promises to the children of Abraham ([Luke 1:55, 73](#)). John was to bring the word of salvation to all the people of Israel. More than that, he was to be a light to the nations—to all those groping in the dark for God.

We often associate John with his fiery preaching (see [Matthew 3:7-12](#)). But there was a deep humility at the heart of his mission. Paul alludes to that when he quotes John's words about not being worthy to unfasten the sandals of Christ's feet. John said, "[Christ] must increase. I must decrease" ([John 3:30](#)). We must have that same attitude as we seek to follow Jesus. The repentance John preached was a turning away from sin and selfishness and a turning of our whole hearts to the Father. We must decrease so that, like John, we can grow strong in the Spirit, until Christ is made manifest in each of us.

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BLESS AND PROTECT OUR MILITARY, O LORD

Please Pray for:
Nash Bulaong **Thomas Burkstrand** **Brian Chrisman**
Shelby DeLamora **Jason Enjambre** **Zachary Evans**
Angelo Garcia **Mikayla George** **Lawrence Hermosa**
Anthony Huggins **Diana Jacinto** **Austin Mora**
Wesley Paige **CeCe Pitts** **Renald Rivera**
Andrew Sawitsky **Terrin Vilhauer** **Christian Watson**

And pray for their families, the Chaplains, first responders, police and firefighters who protect and serve.



RED HAWK BUS TRIP

Sponsored by the Women's Council, on July 20th. Meet at the church at 8 am; leave the casino by 3 pm. We are asking for \$5.00 donation to cover coffee and donuts. You will get \$5.00 casino money back. Hope to see you there.

POWER of PRAYER

Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to add /remove a name.

JOVIN LAWRENCE	LORNA ARUCAN	MILLIE CENTERS	SHIRLEY CHING
ARABELLA ILLARMO	ANA RAMIREZ-PALMER	SONJA CRAIGHTON	NICK DAMMAROTA
CLARE PIERINI	DIANE MONTGOMERY	CARY COPPEL	TAYLOR ERICSON
STEVE PALMER	PAT BELDING	WARD BELDING	SUE BELDING
CLARA GRACE ARCINAS	DOROTHY & WARREN NICHOLS		

MASS INTENTIONS:

SATURDAY, June 23rd at 5:30 p.m. For the 2018 Deacon Class and their Wives
 SUNDAY, June 24th at 9:00 a.m. For James and Rose McGlynn +
 at 11:00 a.m. For All Parishioners
 at 4:30 p.m. For Georgette Walsh (Birthday)
 TUESDAY, June 26th at 7:00 a.m. For Duke and Chris Giantasio +
 WEDNESDAY, June 27th at 7:00 a.m. For Leonila Arucan (Healing and Birthday)
 THURSDAY, June 28th at 7:00 a.m. For Joe Valencia +
 FRIDAY, June 29th at 7:00 a.m. For Sister Anita Lambert, DHS +

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 30th
 5:30 p.m. -- TBD
Sunday, July 1st
 9:00 a.m. -- TBD
 11:00 a.m. -- TBD
 4:30 p.m. -- TBD

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 30th
 5:30 p.m. -- Carolyn Tagupa, Rick Mayoral, Rick Mayoral
Sunday, July 1st
 9:00 a.m. -- Ernie Guerra, Rose Lloyd, Rose Lloyd
 11:00 a.m. -- Mike McFeely, Charles Shunk, William Smith
 4:30 p.m. -- Dino McCord, Dennison Ocampo, Dennison Ocampo

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 30th
 5:30 p.m. -- Emily Sherrod
Sunday, July 1st
 9:00 a.m. -- Louise Hernandez, Andrew Yuzon
 11:00 a.m. -- Kiara Council, Kiana Council, Kailani Griffith
 4:30 p.m. -- Tristan Torio

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 1st
 9:00 a.m. - TBD 11:00 a.m. - TBD 4:30 p.m. - TBD

Weekly Budget Goal = \$4,271.00; Collection from June 17, 2018 = \$4,358.00

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays; Rosary & Novena, 6:00 pm, followed by Mass (Church).

Bereavement Ministry: Call the Parish Office 916-371-4814 as needed.

Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm (Parish Ctr), topic "Letter to the Hebrews".

Catholic Faith Formation: Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 pm (Sept 5, 2017 thru May 22, 2018); for K-5 & Confirmation Prep for 6th - 8th (School).

Graced Youth Ministry - Every other Sunday, 6:00 pm (School Gym).

Moms Ministry: 3rd Sunday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Parish Center).

Mom's Ministry Bible Study: Call the Parish Office 916-371-4814 for session times.

OLG Prayer Meeting: 2nd thru 5th Fridays of the month, 7:00 pm (OLG School Chapel).

RCIA: Thursdays, 5:30 pm (Parish Center); Mondays Inquiry, 7:00 pm. (Parish Center).

Respect Life Ministry: 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Church Rectory).

St. Vincent de Paul: 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Church Rectory).

Women's Council: 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).



David Campbell, a parishioner at Our Lady of Grace, has been called to the Order of Deacons and is scheduled to be Ordained on June 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. This will be a ticket-only Mass, due to space limitations. Please keep David and his family in your prayers.