

# St. John the Evangelist

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## Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses:  
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Spanish Mass: 2:00 PM

Weekday Masses:  
Monday - Friday 7:00 AM

Weekday Adoration:  
Every Friday following Mass  
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

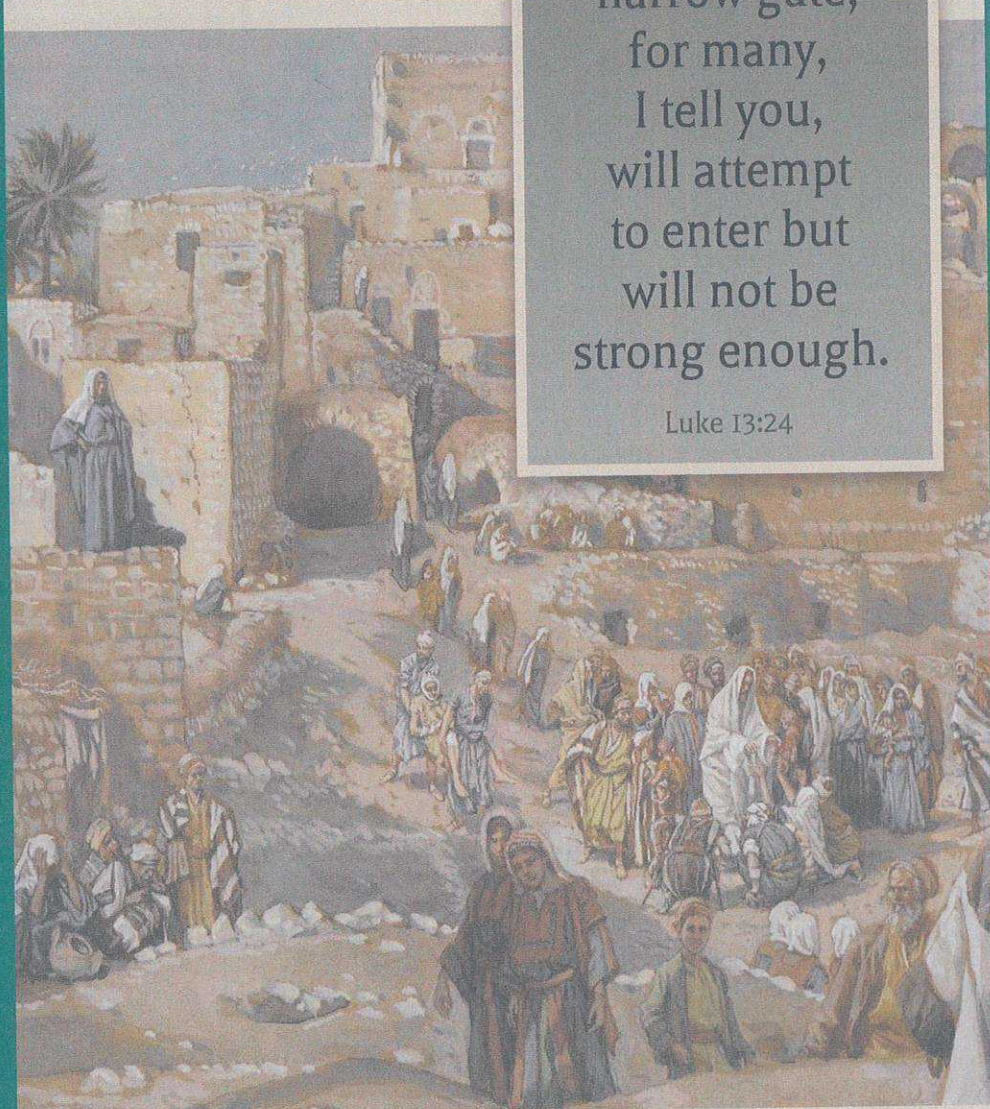
Holy Days:  
Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM  
Holy Day: 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Confession:  
30 minutes before Vigil Mass  
and anytime by request  
all the other Masses

First Friday Adoration:  
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Mass, Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:  
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
Confession, Mass, Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,  
Meditation and Benediction

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Strive to enter  
through the  
narrow gate,  
for many,  
I tell you,  
will attempt  
to enter but  
will not be  
strong enough.

Luke 13:24

AUGUST 21, 2022

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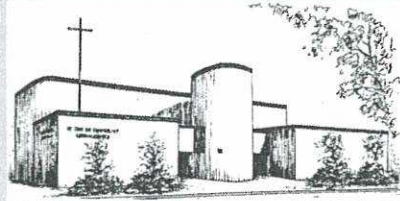
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If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

### Parish Office Hours

Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. In the event of an emergency or if you need to reach Fr. Satish, you may call or text him at 228-297-7774.

### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

**Knights of Columbus:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 7:30 PM  
**Grief & Loss Support Group** 1st Tuesday (Sep 6) 4 PM  
**K C Ladies Auxiliary:** 3rd Tuesday (16th) - 6:30 PM  
**Young at Heart** 3rd Thursday (18th) in Presentation Hall  
**Legion of Mary:** Every Thursday - 10:30 AM  
**RCIA CREDO** Every Thursday - 6:00 PM  
*For information, call the Parish Office.*



If you or anyone in your family is ill at home or in the hospital and would like a visit from our clergy - please call 228-864-2272.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima  
Wednesday: St. Bartholomew  
Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz  
Saturday: St. Monica

## Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Joyce Dedeaux, Emile Koury, Aug 20  
Lexi Mires, Aug 20  
Stan Tiner, Aug 22,  
Carolyn Downing, Lynn Lofton, Aug 23  
Eddie San Nicholas, Aug 23  
Nancy Alfonso, Aug 24  
Sydney Myer, Joe Currier, Aug 25  
JoeAnn Herold, Aug 25  
John Erhard, Stephenie McNeill, Fiona Rigby, Aug 26

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!



The flowers on the altar this weekend have been placed by the Younghens Family.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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.

### ✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or other life challenges.

Nga Nguyen	Frank Fink	Buddy Cospelich
Kory Hudson	Karen Fink	Bennie Roy
Mac Rouse	Becky Thompson	Easterling
Carolyn Fayard	Kendall Dedeaux	Ray Perego
Ed Martin	Amy Elizabeth Wheeler	Dina Forbes
Telina Birch	Ronnie Wade	Don Schiffner
Jordan Hoang	Beverly Crawford	Kathy Dufrene
Kim Hoang	Peggy Ryland	Jolene Wilson
Joy Holley	Craig Bounds	Pauline Mensi
Gayle Frings	Michael Eckles	Brett Cooper
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Tony King	Werner Huber	St. John the
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Loyce Hire	Suzanne King	
Rhonda Mires		

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	4:00 PM	✠Anthony Verin Davis
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠Vincent & Helen Dauro
		✠Barbara Walker
		✠Mary Borzik
		✠Glenn Carter
		✠Anthony Verin Davis
		✠Kris Allen
		✠Charlie Underwood
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
	5:00 PM	✠Younghens Family
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠Mackie Fayard
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠Cecil & Margaret Dubuisson
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠Kaleel Salloum
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠Benjamin North
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠Mathias Zalenka

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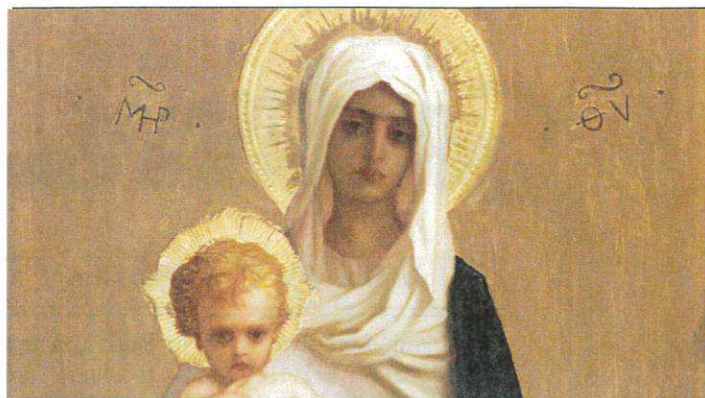
*The New Testament: the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of St. Paul to the Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, the Letter to the Hebrews, the Letters of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1,2, and 3 John, and Jude, and Revelation (the Apocalypse).#120*

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#### The Story of the Queenship of Mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power. [Franciscan Media.org](http://FranciscanMedia.org)

#### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022

Strengthen your drooping hands  
and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet,  
that what is lame may not be dis-  
jointed  
but healed.  
— *Hebrews 12:12-13*



## Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21  
(Mark 16:15) Ps 117:1,2  
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13  
Luke 13:22-30

**Monday August 22**  
**Queenship of Virgin Mary**  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12  
Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,4-5  
Matthew 23:13-22

**Tuesday August 23**  
2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17  
Ps 96:10-13  
Matthew 23:23-26

**Wednesday August 24**  
**St. Bartholomew**  
Revelation 21:9b-14  
Ps 145:10-13,17-18  
John 1:45-51

**Thursday August 25**  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
Ps 145:2-7  
Matthew 24:42-51

**Friday August 26**  
1 Corinthians 1:17-25  
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,10-11  
Matthew 25:1-13

**Saturday August 27**  
**St. Monica**  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Ps 33:12-13,18-21  
Matthew 25:14-30

This Sunday's scripture readings are signposts on the road to the narrow gate into heaven. Isaiah says that God knows our works and our thoughts. To help us sanctify our works and purify our thoughts, so that we can see the fullness of the glory of God when we die, he sets a sign among us. It is Jesus. His life – how he lived and how he died – are a sign of how to enter heaven.

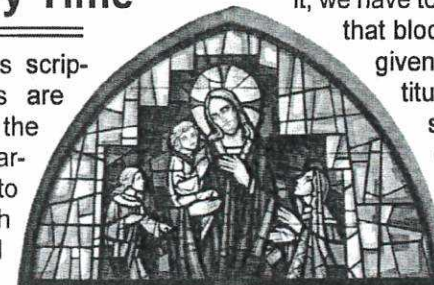
He says in the Gospel reading that many will attempt to enter salvation who are not strong enough. Strong enough for what?

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus gives us the answer to that: We must be perfect in love. That does not mean that mistakes and other imperfections will lock us out of heaven. The key that opens the gate to heaven is love, and if we throw love away, we throw that key away.

It's very unlikely, however, that we will ever completely throw love away, even though we sin. But how can we be perfect in love? Perfect love means we love fully. Always. Unconditionally. Sacrificially. Radically.

To be perfect in love, we need to have the Lord's own love. We need Jesus to dwell in us and reach others through us. On our own, we cannot love fully, but when we rely on God to give us his love for others, we have perfect love. To rely on God's love and feel confident in

it, we have to get rid of anything that blocks his love: unforgiveness, vengeful attitudes, lingering resentments and cynicism, and the apathetic ignoring of the needs of others.



The reading from Hebrews tells us not to disdain the discipline of the Lord. No matter what causes our hardships and trials or who's to blame, God uses them to perfect us in love. If we recognize these as opportunities to grow in love – if we seek God in them and let him stretch our ability to love – we become more like Jesus. We make the path toward heaven straight, and what is lame and disjointed in our spirituality is healed.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who in your life is difficult to love? (Don't forget to consider the unloving behaviors you have toward yourself.)
2. How might God be using these hard-to-love people to strengthen your ability to love more perfectly?
3. People who are difficult to love are saint-makers, because they give us opportunities to identify and overcome (with God's help of course) the imperfections in our ability to love. What happens if we give God permission to change us when we wish someone else would change? How is this a key to heaven?

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