

# St. John the Baptist Church

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## Welcome!

*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,  
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*As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,  
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments  
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

### Schedule of Masses

Every day at 8am.

Saturday Vigil, 5pm.

Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1pm (Chinese),  
6pm (Brazilian).

### Sacraments

Reconciliation: 4pm Saturday

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### Priests

Rev. Thuong Nguyen, Pastor  
Rev. Chrsantus Bemeri, In-Residence  
Rev. Joseph Tran, In-Residence

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### St. John's Community Center

6500 Gladys Ave.

### St. John's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

11152 San Pablo Ave.



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mark 1:29-39



## Why Is There Evil?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**t some point in one's faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

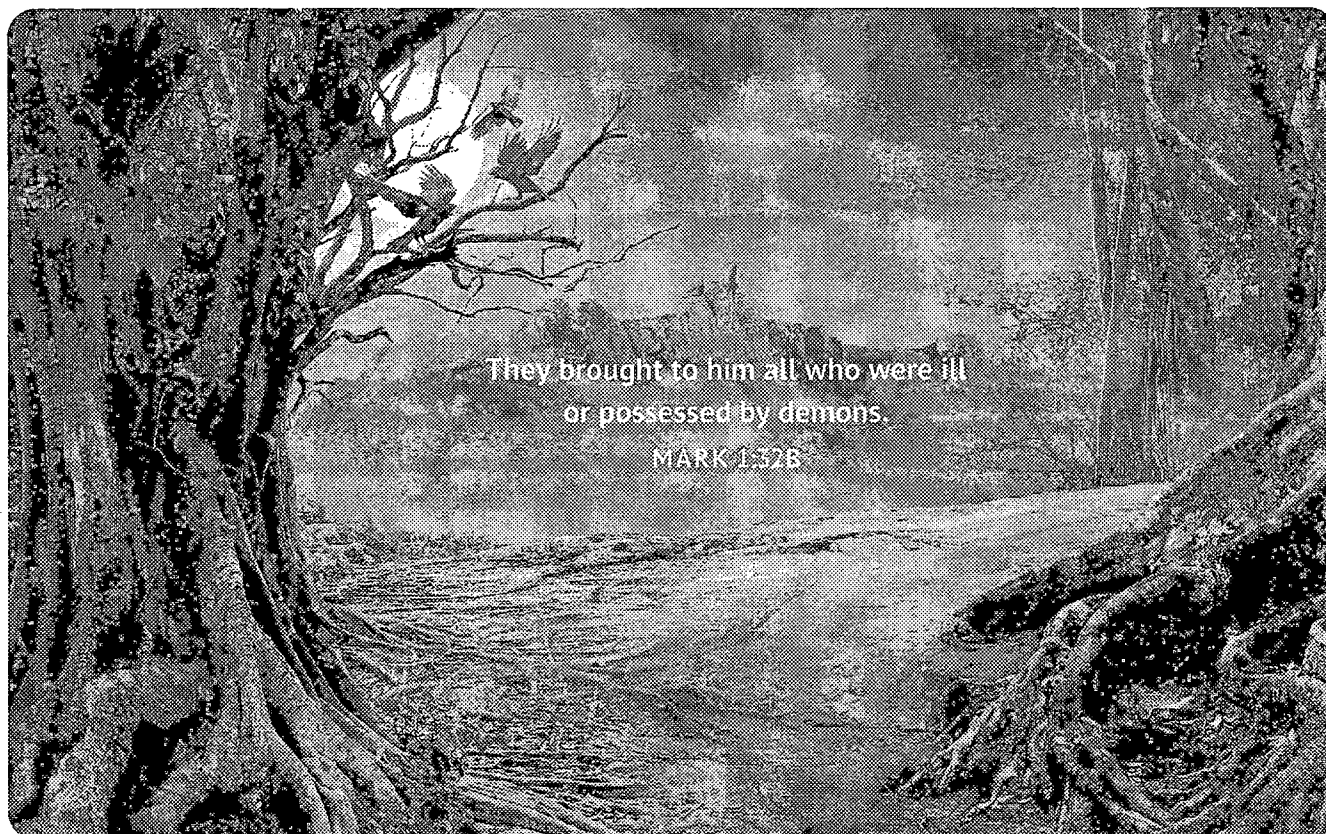
God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today's first Scripture reading—Job's lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job's friends suspect that the cause of all

that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life. God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job's only answer to the question about the "why" of evil. ●

### Reflect

***How do you answer the question of why evil exists?***



## Mass for the Intentions Week

### Requested by

Saturday, February 3	5pm	Dimitri Smith	John and Cathy Houghton
Sunday, February 4	8am	Vincent Nguyen †	Ancelle Nguyen
	9:30am	For World Peace	Elaine LeCrom
	11:30am	Josefa Marcelino †	Lyn Gauna
	1 pm (Chinese)	St John Parishioners	St. John Parish
	6pm	St. John Parishioners	
Monday, February 5	8am	For World Peace	Elaine LeCrom
Tuesday, February 6	8am	Dieu Le †	Vui Le
Wednesday, February 7	8am	Roberto G. Santos †	Martija Family
Thursday, February 8	8am	Rogelio Co †	Hampton Family
Friday, February 9	8am	St. John Parishioners	
Saturday, February 10	8am	For World Peace	Elaine LeCrom

### Stewardship

Plate Collection, January 22, 2024  
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### AN INVITATION TO PRAY THE ROSARY WITH OTHERS

Did you know that each evening at 8pm a group of Prayer Warriors from St John's parish, and other places like California, Arizona & from around the world meet on Zoom to pray the rosary? We'd like very much to have you join us in prayer. The Zoom ID is **575 683 0296**.

The Synod On Synodality

To Learn More Go To: [www.oakdiocese.org/synod](http://www.oakdiocese.org/synod).

### Prayers for Healing

Virginia Alday, Niani Barber, Patrick Batiste  
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 Linda Crittendon  
 Cora Dongon, Mary Dong  
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 Juanita Estrellas  
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 James Gutierrez Ruben Gutierrez, Marvin &  
 Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander Tamaya Hunt  
 Ann Jones Avelina. Juat, Tom Kennedy, Marija  
 Limon, Marian & Michael Luoma, Mary Agnes  
 Nancy McVey Cecilia Mendiola, Judith Padilla  
 Theresa Parella Angelina Patacsil,  
 Pam Paun, Victoria Payless Melvin Perreira  
 Marlen Pineda Family, Wayne Price Rose Anne  
 Lito Rosaroso, Fely Sabares, Jovita Santos,  
 Linda Schneider, Sol Simkin, Dimitri Smith  
 Elsie Sowinski, Salvador Tejero  
 Isaac and Corazon Tiongson, Jr. Virginia Velasquez  
 Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Jan Williamson  
 Jonathan Zumwalt



## This Week's Service Schedule

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like Saint Paul in the Second Reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

-1 Corinthians 9:23

**Daily Mass:** 8am.

**Sunday:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7. 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23. Mark 1:21-28.

**Monday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr. 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13. Mark 6:53-56.

**Tuesday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs. 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30. Mark 7:1-13.

**Wednesday:** 1 Kings 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-23.  
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena.  
8:30am /Church, 6pm / Chapel.

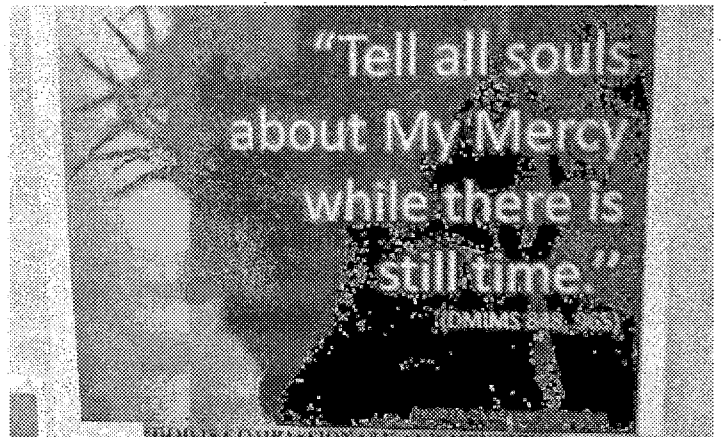
**Thursday:** St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin. 1 Kings 11:4-13. Mark 7:24-30.  
Devotion to the Holy Infant of Prague Novena.  
8:30am/Church.

**Friday:** 1 Kings 11:19-32, 12:19. Mark 7:31-37.

**Saturday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin. 1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34. Mark 8:1-10.

**Monday-Saturday:** Morning Prayer at 7:40am. At Church. Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8:30am. At Church.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Daily. 24 hours a day. At the Chapel.



### 2024 Operation Rice Bowl / CRS

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Every Tuesday, 9am-3pm. Senior Activity and Lunch. See Buddy Akacic, Instructor, WCC Adult Education.

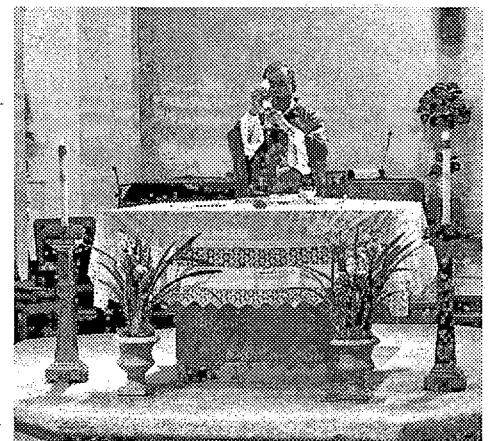
### To: All Volunteers

Log in [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org)

Complete the first training session entitled, Protecting God's Children. The following session entitled, Keeping the Promise Alive, is due in 3 years after completing the first session. Thank you for serving in church ministries.

## Kneel after the Lamb of God

At Mass each diocese has the option for the assembly to either remain standing after the Lamb of God prayer (Agnus Dei) or to kneel. Many years ago, Bp. Cummins decided that his diocese would remain standing at that time. Bp. Barber now has decided that it would be more appropriate for the assembly to kneel after the Lamb of God. During that time the priest raises the newly consecrated bread and wine to show the people and says "Behold the Lamb of God ...". It seems particularly appropriate in this time of Eucharistic revival to kneel then in reverence to the Eucharist.



**Beginning on Ash Wednesday**, all should kneel after the completion of the Lamb of God. All should remain kneeling until it is their time to process forward to receive communion.

Important Information for the laity from Bishop Michael Barber based from the Priests Study Day last October:

1. Confirmation for youth is a 2-year program.
2. Adult confirmation may be shorter and adapted to each candidate at the pastor's discretion.
3. Baptism and Confirmation sponsors should be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church. Sponsors coming from outside of the parish must have their pastor attest thru a signed letter that they are practicing Catholics and in good standing
4. The Bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation.
5. Pastors may confirm candidates who are converting to the Catholic Faith at Easter Vigil.
6. Baptized adults who have taken part in RCIA class should join a Confirmation ceremony administered by the Bishop at their parish or at the Cathedral Adult Confirmation service.
7. There will be no communion service in our diocese
8. It is recommended that daily Mass is available in all our parishes.
9. Notify the laity of Mass schedule at nearby parishes.
10. Priests are encouraged to exchange mass schedules to assist the laity.
11. Preaching by the lay faithful may not take place within the Celebration of the Eucharist.
12. No one may be invited to speak in our churches who are in opposition to the Catholic teaching or promote partisan policies.
13. Qualified lay persons, non-ordained religious or seminarians may be invited to lead the service and give reflections at Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, or other devotions outside of the Mass.
14. A qualified lay person, non-ordained religious, seminarians may be invited to speak following the Prayer After Communion at the end of Mass, or at the beginning of Mass after the Greeting. To offer testimony or give witness in support of the teachings of the Church.
15. Holy Communion may be received while standing, kneeling, on the hand, or on the tongue. It is the communicant's choice not the priest or minister.
16. It is required to kneel after the Sanctus (Holy, Holy) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer. An exception is when a person is prevented to kneel due to ill-health, space, or other reasonable cause. It is also required to kneel after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) to prepare ourselves reverently for reception of Holy Communion
17. Following reception of Holy Communion, you may stand, sit, or kneel until the priest asks everyone to stand for the Prayer After Communion.
18. Priests may not paraphrase the Eucharistic Prayer or replace the Opening Prayer or other prescribed prayer.
19. Priests are required to follow the sacramental formulae when administering Baptism, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and other Sacraments.
20. No priest should ever turn someone away from reception of the sacraments due to the inability of a person to make the suggested offering.
21. Pastors are free to waive requested donations or suggest a smaller offering.
22. No pastor may request a higher offering without permission from the Bishop or Vicar General.



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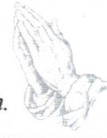
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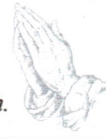

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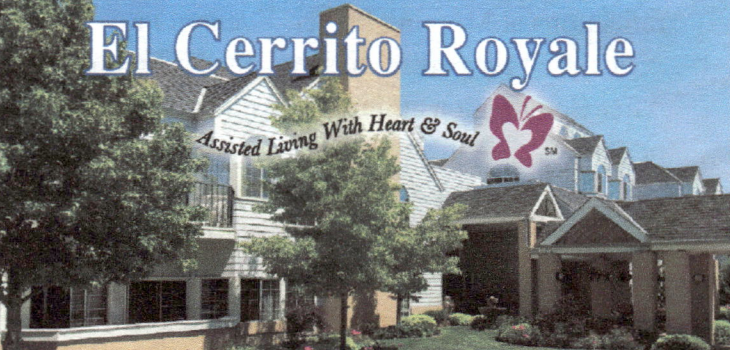
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