Saints of the days for the week of January 1 thru January 7, 2022

Saturday, January 1, 2022 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sunday, January 2, 2022 – The Epiphany of the Lord.

Monday, January 3, 2022 – Christmas weekday; *The Most Holy Name of Jesus.* Through the particular efforts of St. Bernardine of Siena (20 May), devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus was promoted through the inscription of the monogram of the Holy Name, HIS and the addition of the name of Jesus to the Hail Mary.

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (USA) wife and mother of five children; foundress (1812) of the first congregation for women religious in USA, the Sisters of Charity, devoted primarily to the education of the poor and to teaching in parochial schools; first native-born citizen canonized (1975)

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – Saint John Neumann, Bishop (USA): A missionary from Bohemia; C.SS.R. bishop of Philadelphia. Known for his holiness and learning; promoter of parochial schools; authored two German catechisms; first American bishop canonized (1977)

Thursday, January 6, 2022 – Saint Andre` Bessette, Religious (USA); orphaned at age twelve; spent four years in U.S. as a mill worker; known as a healer and the "Miracle Man of Montreal" where he founded the Oratory of St. Joseph to whom he was dedicated and fostered devotion; over one million people paid their respects at his death; patron of caregivers.

Friday, January 7, 2022 – Saint Raymond of Penafirt, died 1275 at the age of ninety-nine; O.P.; second master general after St. Dominic, collator of canon law, noted work on penance and patron of canonists and lawyers.

Wishing you a Blessed and Happy New Year

You have probably read the following story somewhere in the past. I don't know who wrote it or how it got started, but a friend of mine sent it to me and I thought that it spoke volumes about life in general. It also most definitely speaks on how I feel about this parish and all the members of this great parish family. All my wishes and hopes and prayers are that each of you will have the best that life can give in all the coming years. Thank you for being members of this "Great Little Parish," and for giving me the opportunity to know you. With Love and Prayers, Deacon Billy Graham

The Train

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believed they would always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e., our siblings, friends, children, strangers and even the love of your life. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success on this train ride consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey for the coming years on your train of life. Reap success, give lots of love and be happy. More importantly, thank God for the journey!

Lastly, I want to thank you for being one of the passengers on my train!

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January 2, 2022: The Epiphany of the Lord

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Nick Calametti: *Musician*

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Bill Schaffer — Jason Poiroux
Jim Jackson — Autumn Bowden
Jack Wright — Jay Graham

Finance Council
Paula Dyess — Paullette Cauley
Carol Voss

MASSES
Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M
Wednesday 8:00 A.M
Thursday 5:30 P.M
Friday 8:00 A.M
Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M
SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Weekdays by Appointment
Saturday 4:30 P.M
Sunday 9:30 A.M

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:
Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 8 am. Healing Mass every 1st Wednesday

Funerals
Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Email: stjohngrandbay@gmail.com

The Epiphany of the Lord
Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We believe that Jesus is the Light of the World. To say this about Jesus is to say something about ourselves. Christ's light is meant to illuminate every corner of the earth and gather all people together. Today's scriptures reveal what that means.

In the Gospel story of the magi from the East we see Jesus, even as an infant, gathering people of different religions and races to his light. The magi bring the child their finest gifts and tell others of the light that they have seen. The reading from Ephesians reminds us that all Christians are "members of the same body, and copartners" in divine life. There ought not to be divisions among us: all should gather together under the light of Christ. Finally, Isaiah paints a picture of what the people of God, the church, should look like. We are to reflect the Light of the World so that all nations can walk by Christ's light and rulers by his shining radiance. When we do, all people will be gathered to Christ, bearing their finest gifts and "proclaiming the praises of the LORD."

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ray Stringfellow, Gwen Roderick, Jimmy Holland, James Graham, Jay Graham, Andrea Graham, Lynette Anderson, Ruth Vosahlo, Lamar Stewart, Bill Schaffer, Betty Moseley, Emma Phillips, Lisa Vallas, Scott Beech, Robert Gunter, Jesus Malone, Leak Maria Church, Tom Thornton, Dee Irwin, Gary Smith, Liz Walker, Willie Thompson, Tracie Moose, Maddie Blake Rivers, Jimmy Summerlin, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Anita Wright, Doug Jones, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Patricia Davis, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Frances Walley, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: David Delmas, Jimmy Marchand, Dr. Reggie Stewart, Ronnie Cauley, John Ramsay, Irene Stone,

Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Birthdays for January 2022:

2nd: James Jackson
3rd: Howard Robison
4th: Terry Roberts
6th: Isabelle McPhillips
7th: Angela Baggett
8th: Cooper Cauley
8th: Bayleigh Murray
8th: Rebecca Oliver
10th: Jude Riley
11th: Joseph Kirchoff
12th: Cheryl Penton
12th: Robert Brown
17th: Ruth Pigorsch
17th: Andrew Sprinkle
18th: Marcie McPhillips
18th: Ambre Cauley
19th: William Swinney
19th: Jonathan Oliver
19th: Toby Logan
21st: Charlie Clark
21st: Tiffany Teofilo
23rd: Lauren Schaffer
23rd: Gabriel Angley
24th: Jacqueline Todd
24th: Tom Thornton
25th: Adele Logan
26th: Ritche Jamero
26th: Easton Baggett
27th: Stephanie Ray
28th: Dana Olsen
29th: Kevin Cauley
30th: James Graham
31st: Betty Gunter
31st: Evelyn Schmierer

Anniversaries for January 2022:

14th: Rachael & Christopher McCormick
19th: Mildred & Joe Smith

Mass Intentions:

Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish
Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

Daily Mass intentions

Week of December 28 thru 31
December 28 thru 31 – No Mass is scheduled as Father is away.

Week of January 4 thru 7
January 4 thru 7 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Riza & Bobot Jamero and deceased relatives/friends of Caroline & Tim Moser

Week of January 11 thru 14
January 11 thru 14 – For the eternal repose of the souls of the Sema family, the Waters family, the Robison family and the Flanigan family by Steve and Kathie Sema, Jr.

Week of January 18 thru 21
January 18 thru 21 – For the eternal repose of the souls of the Pierce family and Murray family by Betty Jean Pierce.

Week of January 25 thru 28
January 25 thru 28 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Anna & Stefan Weber, Anna & Bill Baker, and the deceased members of the Switzer family, the Weber family, and the Hess family by Maria Switzer.

Capital Campaign as of 7-31-2021:

Gifts received overview for St. John the Baptist Parish as of October 31, 2021:
Quarter (8-01-2021 thru 10-31-2021): $14,820.26
Total thru October 31, 2021: $ 159,062.88
% Of Parish Goal Received: 81.6%
St. John's Quarterly share of $2,964.05 was Deposited on November 19, 2021.
Next quarterly distribution will be February 2022

Lectors for the Masses on the Weekend January 9 & 10, 2022

5:00 pm on Saturday Jan. 8th: Kathie Sema
10:00 am on Sunday Jan. 9th: Mark Voss
Note: Please remember that if you cannot lector at the time assigned it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John's, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.com.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop and will be filmed at 10:00 am. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. We will be filming Mass for January 9th, "The baptism of the Lord", January 16th, "2nd Sunday of OT", January 23rd, "3rd Sunday of OT, and January 30th, "4th Sunday of OT".

1st Saturday Rosary:

Every First Saturday we pray the rosary before the 5 p.m. Mass starting at 4:30, Join us as we pray for our nation.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings.** Please call Father Selvan (251-278-4900) to schedule the blessing of your home.

General Contributions

General Fund:
December 25 & 26, 2021: $6,851.00

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH

The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh portend the manner in which Jesus' light is to spread to the whole world. Myrrh, a perfume used for burial, foreshadows his death. Gold is a gift for royalty, and frankincense signifies holiness. Together they indicate that, through his suffering and death, Jesus will become both the afflicted King, in whose service we are to offer our gifts to the afflicted, and the eternal Priest, whose sacrifice we are to make known as the source of light uniting Christians and all humanity.

By our unity, our lives, and our witness, we are to reveal that Jesus Christ is indeed the Light of the World.

Announcements for week of December 3, 2021

1) **Golden Group Bulletin Notice:** Reminder of the Healing Mass Wed Jan. 5th at 8:00 am, Golden Group will have Doughnuts, Juice, and Coffee after the Healing Mass. Please come for healing of the body, mind, and spirit as we begin new year.
2) **We would like to thank the Ladies Sodality** for the flowers and for decorating the church for Christmas. They had two extra helpers this year, Paul Pigorsch and Steve Sema. Also, the "Memorial Flowers" are in the church hall on the table.
3) **The next Confirmation Class** will be January 16th at 6:30 pm in the Education Building
4) **Known Birthdays**, **2nd:** James Jackson, **3rd:** Howard Robison, **4th:** Terry Roberts, **6th:** Isabelle McPhillips, **7th:** Angela Baggett: **No Known Anniversaries this week:**