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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time-- June 21, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

One of the most remarkable births in all of human history is celebrated this Thursday with the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist on June 24. Apart from the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Baptist is the only saint whose birth is celebrated in the Church's calendar. This highlights the reality that John's life was uniquely intertwined with God's saving plan. Even before his birth, God had chosen John to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ.

John's parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, had waited many years for a child (his mother was of Advanced Maternal Age). They knew the pain of disappointment and the burden of unanswered prayers. Yet they remained faithful to God. When all seemed impossible, the Lord fulfilled His promise in a way that surpassed every expectation. The birth of John filled his parents and their relatives and neighbors with joy, as they saw the mercy of God at work.

Many among us carry hopes that have not yet been fulfilled. Some pray for healing, reconciliation within a family, guidance for a child or grandchild, freedom from loneliness, or strength in the face of illness. Some have prayed for years and wonder whether God has heard their cries. The story of John's birth is evidence that God is always at work, even when His plans unfold in ways we do not immediately understand. His timing is not our timing, but His faithfulness never fails.

Our lives are not governed by chance or the universe. The feast of Saint John the Baptist encourages us to trust in God's providence. Even in periods of waiting, He is preparing blessings that may not yet be visible. Just as God was quietly preparing John for his mission long before anyone could see it, He is also at work in our lives and in the life of our parish community.

Yet the feast does not simply point us toward hope; it also gives us a mission. John the Baptist is remembered most acutely as the one who prepared the way for the Lord. His calling was not to draw attention to himself but to help others encounter Christ. He preached repentance, invited people to conversion, and pointed beyond himself to the Savior who was coming.

That mission remains our mission today. Our world is filled with many voices competing for our attention, causing anxiety, division, loneliness, and uncertainty. Many hunger for meaning and hope, even if they do not know where to find it. In such a world, every Christian is called, in some way, to continue the work of John the Baptist by preparing the way for Christ.

We do this first in our own hearts. Before we can lead others to Jesus, we must allow Him to deepen His presence within us. The feast of Saint John invites us to ask ourselves some important questions: Is there anything in my life that prevents me from hearing God's voice more clearly? Is there a relationship that needs healing? Is there a habit, resentment, or fear that I need to surrender to the Lord? Where is Christ calling me to greater faith, hope, and love?

Then we prepare the way for Christ through our daily witness. A kind word, a patient response, a willingness to forgive, an act of generosity, or a simple invitation to prayer can become a trail through which someone encounters the love of God. We do not need to be famous; greatness comes from faithfully fulfilling the mission God has given us.

As a parish community, we too are called to prepare the way for the Lord by caring for those in need, welcoming newcomers, teaching the faith to our children, and proclaiming the Gospel with joy. Every ministry, every act of service, every prayer offered for another person becomes part of the Church's mission to bring Christ into the world.

This Thursday, I invite each of us to give thanks for the ways God has shown His faithfulness in our lives, even amid seasons of waiting, while we renew our commitment to preparing the way for Christ in our homes, our parish, and our community.

Fr. Bayan

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 20 - JUNE 28

SATURDAY 5 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
JUNE 20

SUNDAY 10:00 AM EUGENIO P. ARBOLEDA
JUNE 21 FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY
12:30 PM. CHARLES CZYSZ, HENRY
HEISER, & FAMILY DADS
FROM LAURA CZYSZ, KEN HEISER,
CATHY & ALLIE SAVAGE

TUESDAY 12:30 PM MARIA CRUZ
JUNE 23 FROM ANA CRUZ

WEDNESDAY 12:30 PM JANICE ECKERT
JUNE 24

THURSDAY 12:30 PM. SR. ALICE MARIE D'ONOFRIO
JUNE 25 FROM PATRICIA MERCURI

FRIDAY 12:30 PM. JOSEPH PANAKAL
JUNE 26 FROM SR. RINI PANAKAL

SATURDAY 5 PM SOPHIE & CHESTER BROZOWSKI
JUNE 27 FROM BARBARA PRZYBLINSKI

SUNDAY 10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
JUNE 28 12:30 PM MARIA EUGENIA
GONZALEZ & EMMA LUQUE
FROM ISABEL FALCON

Sunday Scripture

June 21

Jer 20:10-13

Rom 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33

June 28

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

DONATIONS



OVER THE WEEKEND OF
JUNE 13 & 14, 491 PEOPLE
ATTENDED MASS WITH
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$34.06.

ONE TIME
GIFTS AND
VISITORS



THANK
YOU FOR
ALL OF
YOUR
SUPPORT

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SUPPORT AND
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Goals and Coals

Under 40 BBQ

June 25

7PM

Gathering for Adults Under 40
World Cup Games will be on

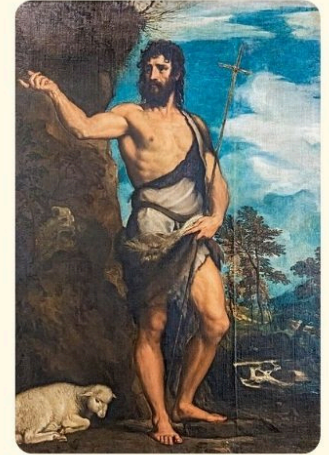
OLC Kids' Bulletin

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saint John's Eve, starting at sunset on June 23, is the night before the feast day of Saint John the Baptist - Jesus' cousin, and the person who baptized Him. The Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:26-37, 56-57) states that John was born six months before Jesus, so his feast day is June 24, six months before Christmas.

St. John's Eve is celebrated with bonfires on the beach in parts of Spain and with fireworks in parts of Italy. In many other countries, bonfires are lit in the evening and people dance and sing. And, to celebrate the water used in baptism, another tradition is to go swimming!

Most Catholics are baptized soon after we're born. Our parents choose our godparents to help guide us in our faith. Who are your godparents? Wish them a happy feast day!



Saint John the Baptist
painted by Titian
Located in Venice

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Feast on June 27th



Saint Cyril of Alexandria was alive at the beginning of Christianity, when people were debating about Jesus being both man and God, and in what way. He taught that Jesus is one person who possesses both a fully divine and a fully human nature. This means that Jesus is simultaneously perfect God and perfect man, with the two natures perfectly united, neither being mixed or changed.

What did Saint John say?



The Sermon of Saint John the Baptist
Peter Breughel the Elder
Located in Budapest

He went throughout [the] whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one crying out in the desert:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, and
make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’

– Luke 3:2



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Make new friends!
No calories on Sundays!
Sometimes you get a free hat!



Introducing...

MOM

Ministry of Motherhood

A community for moms of all ages and stages (including expecting!) to connect, pray, support one another, and build friendships through simple gatherings and fellowship.



Scan to join our What's App community and learn about our first gathering on July 18!

ADORATION

Prayer

at OLC

Every Friday

at 7pm

