

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

## Parroquia San Juan Bautista

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### Office Hours

#### Horario de la Oficina

Monday – Thursday / Lunes a Jueves

9:00am - 2:00pm **401-722-9054**

### Weekend Masses

#### Misas de fin de semana

Saturday: 4:30pm English / Inglés

Sábado 6:00pm Español / Spanish

Sunday: 9:30am English / Inglés

Domingo 11:30am Español / Spanish

### Daily Masses

#### Misas durante la semana

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am English / Inglés

Martes y Viernes 7:00pm Español / Spanish

Bilingual Mass Saturday / Sábado at 8:00am

### Confessions / Confessions

Saturday / Sábado 3:30pm & 5:30pm

### Baptism / Bautismo

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of every Month after the 11:30am Mass. Please call the rectory at least two months in advance.

Los Bautismos se celebran el segundo Domingo de cada mes después de la Misa de las 11:30am.

Llame a la rectoría con 2 meses de anticipación.

### Matrimony / Matrimonio

Call one year in advance to begin preparation

Llamar con un año de anticipación

### Anointing of the Sick

#### Unción de los enfermos

Please call the parish

Por favor llamar a la parroquia

### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Adoración Eucarística

Every Friday / Todos los Viernes

9:00am to 6:45pm in the Church / en la Iglesia

### Youth Group / Grupo Juvenil

Sunday / Domingo next meeting TBD

(Grades 7th to 12)

### Legión de María

Lunes a las 6:00pm en la Sacristía

### Comunidad Evangelizadora (CERS)

Sábado a las 7:00pm en la Capilla

### Food Bank / Banco de Comida

May / Mayo

Monday / Lunes 22 & 29

9:30am to 11:00am - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday / Miércoles 24 & 31

9:30am to 11:00am

### Hospitality House / Casa de Hospitalidad

Open every Tuesday / Martes at 10:30am

Hot lunch / Almuerzo caliente at 11:30am

### New Parishioners / Nuevos Miembros

Please call the Rectory to register

Llamar a la Rectoría para registrarse

# *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

## *May 21, 2023*

Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago in the bulletin, I wrote about **the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist** - Jesus in Holy Communion - Jesus truly present in His Body and Blood. I shared the beginning of a reading from **Saint Justin, Martyr**, who lived from 100 - 165 (1900 years ago!). It was from "the first apology in defense of the Christians", entitled "**The Celebration of the Eucharist**". Here is the rest of that same reading: *"On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray. On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, 'Amen.' The Eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent. The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need. We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration."*

**Notice how we have continued this same Holy Sacrifice of the Mass almost 2000 years later**, with the readings, homily by the priest (or deacon), the collection during Mass, and Holy Communion also being brought to the sick by either myself, the deacon, or one of our extraordinary ministers.

My brothers and sisters, we have such a beautiful Catholic Faith that Jesus gave us. As we prepare to celebrate the Birthday of our Church next Sunday on Pentecost, let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with gratitude, as well as the strength to be faithful members of the Body of Christ. God Bless!

Fr. Sistare

<u><b>MASS INTENTIONS</b></u>	
<b>Saturday May 20</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
+David Studer, by Judy Studer	
<b>Sunday May 21</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
+Roland & Noella Bricault, by Elaine Bricault	
<b>Monday May 22</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
+Nancy Whitcomb, by Hoyt Family	
<b>Wednesday May 24</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
*In thanksgiving for Ignacia Bodon y Magdalena Rivera, by Margarita Zuleta	
<b>Saturday May 27 Bilingual Mass</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
+David Studer, by Judy Studer	
<b>Sunday May 28</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
+Jose Piedra & Elvia Mendoza, by family	

<b>Collection 5/14</b>	<b>\$3367.00</b>
Fuel/Maintenance	<b>\$1707.00</b>

<b><u>Sanctuary Lamp for May</u></b>
For Donald Theroux
By Gail Theroux

<b><u>WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS</u></b>
For the following parishioners:
<b><u>Jeanne Jugan Residence:</u></b> Florence Corneau, Jeannine Rondeau & Annette Tetreault
<b><u>At Home:</u></b> Jovina De Barros & Joyce Lagasse
<b><u>St. Antoine:</u></b> Georgette Smith
<b><u>Elmhurst Nursing Home:</u></b> Cesar Zuleta Sr.
<b><u>Smithfield Woods:</u></b> Thelma La Rose

## LOOK UP AND GO OUT

**“No sooner had He said this than He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight.” —Acts 1:9**

The apostles asked Jesus: “Lord, are You going to restore the rule to Israel now?” (Acts 1:6) They were interested in knowing the time Jesus would restore the kingdom. Jesus responded: “The exact time it is not yours to know” (Acts 1:7). Then Jesus proceeded to bring up what He was interested in — not so much the time but the persons responsible for restoring the kingdom. The apostles had assumed Jesus would do the restoring. Jesus shocked them by asserting that they were to do the job. Before the apostles could try to shift the responsibility back onto Jesus, He ascended, leaving the apostles “holding the bag,” that is, having the responsibility of making disciples of all the nations (see Mt 28:19). However, Jesus did not leave His Church powerless. He promised us the Spirit’s power (Acts 1:8) and His presence “always, until the end of the world!” (Mt 28:20)

Jesus’ Ascension means that we, the members of the Church, take up where Jesus has left off. The responsibility for evangelizing the world is ours; the power of the Holy Spirit is ours; and the privilege of living and dying for His kingdom is ours. Because He has gone up, we must go out. Go now.

**Prayer:** “God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,” grant us “a spirit of wisdom and insight to know” You clearly (Eph 1:17).

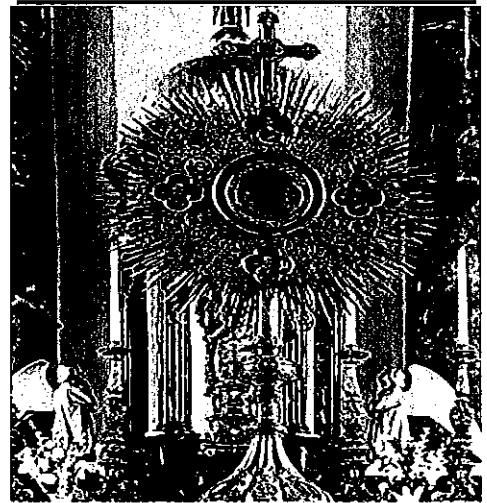
**Promise:** “He has put all things under Christ’s feet and has made Him, thus exalted, Head of the Church, which is His body: the fullness of Him Who fills the universe in all its parts.” —Eph 1:22-23

**Praise:** “Then, after speaking to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took His seat at God’s right hand” (Mk 16:19).  
Praise Jesus Who ascended!

Presentation Ministries

**The Saint Challenge** began on All Saint's Day, November 1st. It is a year-long series of challenges based on the saint of the day. In 90 seconds you'll learn a little fact about the saint of the day, and be given a challenge inspired by that saint. It could be a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, or something to improve your interior life and your relationship with God and neighbor. The Saint Challenge is free, and you can find more information and find ways to sign up at [www.thesaintchallenge.com](http://www.thesaintchallenge.com). Let's be saints!

### Eucharistic Adoration



**Every Friday Time: 9am to 7pm**

We invite you to be before the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist to meditate, reflect, and adore Him with your presence. Everyone is welcome. The hours from **1 to 2pm, and from 2 to 3pm** are in need of an additional person. Please call the rectory if you are able to make this weekly commitment.

## An Invitation to Prayer from Bishop Richard G. Henning



Dear Brothers and Sisters, as you may already be aware, bills are moving forward in our state on the issue of taxpayer-funded abortion. I invite the Catholics of Rhode Island and all people of good will to remember

the foundational importance of the God-given right to life and our sacred duty to protect and nurture the young, the most vulnerable among us.

Let us pray that our elected representatives will seek to defend all human life, and to protect the conscience rights of Rhode Islanders who believe in the sanctity of each and every human person. Let us also pray for God's mercy upon us; may the Lord Jesus Christ give our hearts an ever-wider sense of compassion.

St. John Paul II, defender of the sanctity and beauty of life, pray for us. Amen.

## Una invitación a la oración del obispo Richard G. Henning



Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, como ya sabrán, hay leyes propuesto que están avanzando en nuestro estado sobre el tema del aborto financiado con impuestos. Invito a los católicos de Rhode Island y a todas las personas de buena voluntad a recordar la importancia

fundamental del derecho a la vida otorgado por Dios y nuestro llamado sagrado de proteger y cuidar a los niños, lo más vulnerables entre nosotros.

Oremos para que nuestros representantes electos busquen defender toda vida humana y proteger los derechos de conciencia de los habitantes de Rhode Island que creen en la santidad de cada persona. Oremos también por la misericordia de Dios sobre nosotros y que el Señor Jesucristo dé a nuestros corazones un sentido cada vez más amplio de compasión.

San Juan Pablo II, defensor de la santidad y belleza de la vida, ruega por nosotros. Amén.

### **Yard Sale to benefit our Church of St. John the Baptist.**

**Date: Saturday, June 17**

**Time: 9am to 2pm**

**Donations are being accepted for the yard sale. Anything new or gently used and clean would be greatly appreciated. Last date to bring donations is June 12. Thank you for your generosity**

### **YARD SALE**

Vamos a tener una venta de artículos usados y algunos nuevos, Para beneficiar a nuestra Iglesia de San Juan Bautista.

**SABADO 19 DE JUNIO**

**Hora: 9AM-2PM**

Estamos aceptando donaciones para la venta. Pedimos por favor que las cosas que van a donar estén en buenas condiciones y limpias. El último día para traer las donaciones es el 12 de junio. Gracias por su generosidad

### **Saint John the Baptist Parish Raffle**

Prizes

**1<sup>st</sup>: \$500 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$250**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: \$150 4<sup>th</sup>: \$100**

Drawing will take place during Saint John the Baptist Feast \$5.00 Each Ticket

### **Parroquia San Juan Bautista Rifa**

Premios

**1º: \$500 2º: \$250**

**3º: \$150 4º: \$100**

La rifa se llevará a cabo durante la Fiesta de San Juan Bautista

**\$5.00 Cada Boleta**

# **Séptimo Domingo de Pascua**

## **21 de Mayo, 2023**

Queridos feligreses,  
 Hace unas semanas en el boletín escribí sobre el **Sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía** - Jesús en la Sagrada Comunión - Jesús verdaderamente presente en Su Cuerpo y Sangre. Compartí el comienzo de una lectura de **San Justino, mártir**, que vivió del 100 al 165 (¡hace 1900 años!). Era de "la primera apología en defensa de los cristianos", titulada "**La Celebración de la Eucaristía**". Aquí está el resto de esa misma lectura: *"El domingo tenemos una asamblea común de todos nuestros miembros, ya sea que vivan en la ciudad o en los distritos periféricos. Se leen las memorias de los apóstoles o los escritos de los profetas, siempre que haya tiempo. Cuando el lector ha terminado, nos habla el presidente de la asamblea; insta a todos a imitar los ejemplos de virtud que hemos escuchado en las lecturas. Entonces todos nos ponemos de pie juntos y oramos. Al concluir nuestra oración, se presentan pan, vino y agua. El presidente ofrece oraciones y da gracias lo mejor que puede, y el pueblo asiente diciendo: 'Amén'. Se distribuye la Eucaristía, todos los presentes comunican y los diáconos la llevan a los ausentes. Los ricos, si lo desean, pueden hacer una contribución, y ellos mismos deciden la cantidad. La colecta se pone bajo la custodia del presidente, quien la utiliza para ayudar a los huérfanos y viudas ya todos los que por cualquier motivo se encuentran en apuros, ya sea por enfermedad, en prisión o fuera de casa. En una palabra, él cuida de todos los que están en necesidad. Celebramos nuestra asamblea común el domingo porque es el primer día de la semana, el día en que Dios ahuyentó las tinieblas y el caos y creó el mundo, y porque ese mismo día nuestro salvador Jesucristo resucitó de entre los muertos. Porque fue crucificado el viernes y el domingo se apareció a sus apóstoles y discípulos y les enseñó las cosas que hemos pasado para vuestra consideración."* **Observe cómo hemos continuado este mismo Santo Sacrificio de la Misa casi 2000 años después**, con las lecturas, la homilía del sacerdote (o diácono), la colecta durante la Misa y la Sagrada Comunión también siendo llevada a los enfermos por mí mismo, el diácono, o uno de nuestros ministros extraordinarios. Mis hermanos y

hermanas, tenemos una Fe Católica tan hermosa que Jesús nos dio. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el Cumpleaños de nuestra Iglesia el próximo domingo de Pentecostés, pidamos al Espíritu Santo que nos llene de gratitud, así como de la fortaleza para ser miembros fieles del Cuerpo de Cristo. ¡Dios los bendiga!  
 Padre Sistare

<b><u>INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS</u></b>	
<b>Sábado 20 de mayo</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
+Descanso eterno de Maria y Julia Echeverry, intención de su familia	
+En acción de gracias a la Virgen de Guadalupe, intención de Gladys Giraldo	
<b>Domingo 21 de mayo</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Ofelia Hernández	
+Descanso eterno de Jesús Iván Ríos y Rosa María Sosa, intención de Esteban Fernández	
+Descanso eterno de Jose Pedro Dalomba Freitas, intención de Julia Freitas	
+Descanso eterno de Hugh Bryce, intención de Ruby Pérez	
<b>Martes 23 de mayo</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Ofelia Hernández	
<b>Viernes 26 de mayo</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Ofelia Hernández	
<b>Sábado 27 de mayo (Misa Bilingüe)</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Ofelia Hernández	
<b>Vigilia</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
+Descanso eterno de Antonio Gomes Da Graca, intención de Antonio Coelho Da Graca y familia	
<b>Domingo 28 de mayo</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de Ofelia Hernández	

<b>Colecta</b> 5/14	\$3367.00
Gas y mantenimiento	\$1707.00

## MIRA HACIA ARRIBA, Y HECHA A ANDAR

**“Dicho esto, los Apóstoles lo vieron elevarse, y una nube lo ocultó de la vista de ellos” (Hechos 1:9).**

Los apóstoles le preguntaron a Jesús: “Señor, ¿es ahora cuando vas a restaurar el reino de Israel?” (Hch 1:6) Estaban interesados en saber la hora en que Jesús restauraría el reino. Jesús respondió: “No les corresponde a ustedes conocer el tiempo” (Hch 1:7). Luego, Jesús procedió a mencionar lo que le interesaba: no tanto el tiempo, sino las personas responsables de restaurar el reino. Los apóstoles habían asumido que Jesús haría la restauración. Jesús los sorprendió al afirmar que ellos eran los que harían el trabajo. Antes de que los apóstoles pudieran tratar de devolver la responsabilidad a Jesús, Él ascendió, dejando a los apóstoles “sosteniendo la bolsa”, es decir, teniendo la responsabilidad de hacer discípulos de todas las naciones (ver Mt 28:19). Sin embargo, Jesús no dejó a Su Iglesia impotente. Él nos prometió el poder del Espíritu (Hch 1:8) y Su presencia “siempre con ustedes hasta el fin del mundo” (Mt 28:20).

La Ascensión de Jesús significa que nosotros, los miembros de la Iglesia, retomamos donde Jesús la había dejado. La responsabilidad de evangelizar el mundo es nuestra; el poder del Espíritu Santo es nuestro; y el privilegio de vivir y morir por Su reino es nuestro. Porque Él ha ascendido, nosotros debemos salir. Vamos ahora.

**Oración:** “Que el Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de la gloria, les conceda un espíritu de sabiduría y de

revelación que les permita conocerlo verdaderamente (Ef 1:17).

**Promesa:** “Él puso todas las cosas bajo sus pies y lo constituyó, por encima de todo, Cabeza de la Iglesia, que es Su Cuerpo y la Plenitud de Aquel que llena completamente todas las cosas” (Ef 1:22-23).

**Alabanza:** “Después de decirles esto, el Señor Jesús fue llevado al cielo y está sentado a la derecha de Dios” (Mc 16:19). ¡Alabado sea Jesús que ascendió!

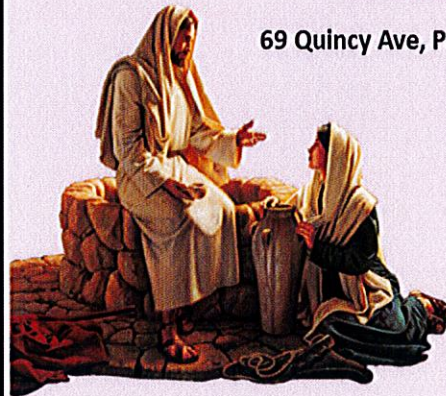
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27 Y 28 de  
Mayo, 2023

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# Jesus Ascended into Heaven



The Ascension is one of the great feasts of the Church. Jesus went up, Body and Soul, into Heaven to be with His Father where He is waiting for all of us. Can you imagine what it was like for the apostles to see their leader and best friend going up to Heaven? It would be pretty amazing, don't you think?



At the same time, doesn't it seem a bit sad that Jesus left? Well, He knew it was time for His disciples to start working on their own. It was kind of like having someone there to help you learn to ride a bike and then they let you go so you can learn to bike on your own.

But Jesus didn't go away and leave us without any help. Nine days after He went into Heaven

Wow! Did you see that?

He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.



YES... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?

Answers to True or False:  
1 True 2 False 3 False 4 True  
5 True 6 False 7 True  
Answers to True or False:  
mounts His throne to shout of joy!

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension  
May 18th or May 21st, 2023

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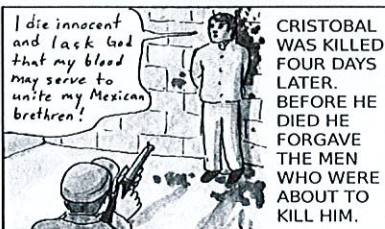
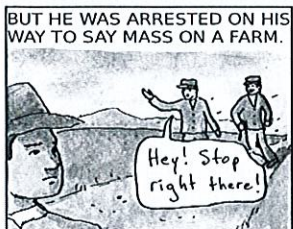
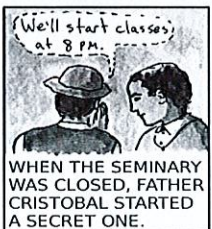


What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension? Use every other letter from the box of letters above to fill in the blanks below.

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## Saint Cristobal May 21



SAINT CRISTOBAL WORKED TO HELP HIS FELLOW MEXICANS TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO STOP THE CHURCH, HE KEPT WORKING ANYWAY. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT HELPING PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THEIR FAITH, IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING A NICE SAFE LIFE.

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## True or False about... The Ascension

How well do you know the story of the Ascension? See if you know which of these are true and which are false:

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?



7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?



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