



Saint John the Baptist Parish

Parroquia San Juan Bautista

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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

Wednesday 8:00am English / Inglés
Martes y Viernes 7:00pm Español / Spanish
Bilingual Mass Saturday / Sábado at 8:00am

Confessions (Chapel) / Confessions (Capilla)

Saturday / Sábado 3:30pm to 4:20pm
& 5:30pm to 5:50pm or by apt. / por cita

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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.

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Unción de los enfermos

Please call the parish.
Por favor llamar a la parroquia.

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Lunes a las 6:00pm en la Sacristía

Matrimony / Matrimonio

Call one year in advance to begin preparation.
Llamar con un año de anticipación.

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Adoración Eucarística

Every Friday / Todos los Viernes
9:00am to 6:45pm in the Church / en la Iglesia

Homeschool Co-op

Church Hall / English only
First Monday of the month
from 10:30am to 12:00pm

Chiquitin Misionero

Saturdays / Sábados 10am - 12 pm
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Miércoles a las 7:00pm en el sótano

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July/ Julio
Monday / Lunes 21 & 28
9:30am to 11:00am & 6:00pm to 7:00pm
July and August
Will only be opened on Mondays

Hospitality House / Casa de Hospitalidad

Closed the months of July & August
Cerrada los meses de Julio y Agosto

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to register.
Llamar a la Rectoría para registrarse.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Peace and Good!

I wish to begin this weekly column with you by expressing my deep gratitude for your warm welcome and the good wishes of each and every one of you in my service as Pastor of St. John the Baptist. I must also confess that on Sunday after-noon I felt a little tired (but I think it was mental), as it was a week of intense emotions as I entered parish life as a pastor for the first time. Only then did I understand the words of the Holy Curé of Ars: *"I prostrated myself, conscious of my nothingness, and I rose as a priest forever"* (a phrase from the day of his ordination). This was what the Saint of Ars said, seeing his human smallness in the immense gift of the priesthood, given by the Lord to make Him present in the Eucharist and the other sacraments for His parishioners. This Sunday, the Word of God invites us to reflect on the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). A lawyer, trying to test Jesus, asked him: *"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"* And Jesus, undeterred by his question, answers: *"What is written in the law? What do you read in it?"* This is where the beautiful parable begins, for knowledge of the scriptures is not enough; charity and compassion are also necessary... The lawyer, wanting to justify himself, asks Jesus: *"And who is my neighbor?"* From this question, I wish to reflect on three simple points, from a Christian perspective:

1. Christian charity. The Holy Father Benedict XVI exhorts us that *"Christian charity is first and foremost the response to an immediate need in a given situation"* (Deus Caritas Est 31a). Therefore, Christian charity is simply meeting the needs of one's neighbor. Likewise, the Book of Genesis, when God asks Cain: "Where is your brother?" Cain replies: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4), makes us reflect and invites us to be attentive to the needs of our brothers and sisters, because we are their "keepers." I take this opportunity to thank all those "keepers" who share with the poorest (bringing food) and those who work hard in the "soup kitchen" and the "food pantry" of our parish, for they meet an immediate need in a given situation... I was hungry and you gave me something to eat (Mt 25:35).

2. Christian generosity. It involves risk, for it means giving without judgment and without reservation to the person. Saint Clare of Assisi invited Saint Agnes of Prague: "Fix your mind on the mirror of eternity." That is, to go beyond oneself to give to others, for the heart has been filled with the love of God; only God knows and judges, and it is our duty to be generous with others. Let us remember what the Final Judgment will consist of, according to the Gospel of Saint Matthew: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink... Lord, when did we see you hungry and thirsty? When you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me also" (Cf. Mt 25:31-46).

3. Christian compassion. The parable concludes: *Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers? The lawyer replied, "The one who had compassion on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."* The word *compassion* comes from the Latin root *cum*, which means "to suffer with another," the moments of suffering, sadness, and joy without criticism or judgment. Compassion = sharing in the feelings—joy and sadness—of another; Compassion = sharing the positive and negative experiences of another. Therefore, the Gospel invites us to participate in the lives of those around us and to share whatever we have, whether much or little, with our brothers and sisters in need.

Brothers and sisters, Christian charity requires a personal effort, but above all, it is the path to conversion. For the Church reminds us of this with her Corporal Works of Mercy: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the pilgrim... May our hearts be inflamed with Christian charity, and may we, as we listen to the Holy Gospel this Sunday, ask ourselves: Who is my neighbor? This is to practice COMPASSION toward our brothers and sisters.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for us... And may we make his motto our own: "He [Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). This is the responsibility of every member of the Body of Christ.

Sanctuary Lamp for July

For favors received

By Hugo Bran

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 12 **4:30pm**

+Yvette Rondeau, by Richard & Suzanne
Mailhot

Sunday July 13 **9:30am**

For the health of Ellen Gransanti, by Dan &
Jayne Cahill

Wednesday July 16 **8:00am**

Saturday July 19 **4:30pm**

+Paul Martin, by Elaine Bricault

Sunday July 20 **9:30am**

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Ice cream \$ 310.00

Second Collection

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Peter's Pence 8/3

Fuel/Maintenance 8/24

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the following parishioners:

In the Hospital: Hope Fernandes

At Home: Jovina De Barros, Joyce Lagesse &
Roberto Mejía

Jeanne Jugan Residence: Florence Corneau
& Annette Tetreault

St. Antoine: Georgette Smith

Grandview: Alberto De Barros

Saint Joseph's Vigil Candle

For the safety of travelers

By Denise Robin

NEAR-MISS?

**"It is something very near to you." —
Deuteronomy 30:14**

The priest and Levite both "saw" the wounded victim, but didn't want to get near him to avoid becoming ritually impure (Lk 10:31, 32). The Samaritan, though, had no hesitation about getting near the hurting man. The Samaritan "approached him" (Lk 10:34) and "treated him with compassion" (Lk 10:37).

Love has to get near and get involved. Love by its very nature can't keep its distance. Jesus, Who is Love, could have remained in heaven in eternal bliss with His Father. However, His love impelled Him (see 2 Cor 5:14) to seek us out (Lk 19:10), be near us (Ps 145:18), and even be God-with-us, Emmanuel (Mt 1:23). Now He is so near us that He dwells within us (Jn 6:56; 17:23).

Is there any person, group, or class of people you won't get near? Do you stay away from the poor, uneducated, crippled, aged, criminals, unrepentant, or those of a different race or religion? These may be your "wounded victims," your chance to be a good Samaritan. Jesus may be saying that as often as you neglected to get near these people, you neglected to get near Him (Mt 25:45).

Prayer: Jesus, You never kept Your distance from anyone. May I and all who follow You love as You love.

Promise: "The Lord hears the poor, and His own who are in bonds He spurns not." —Ps 69:34

Praise: Praise You, Jesus, resurrected, ascended, and glorified. You sit at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us (Rm 8:34). Alleluia!

Presentation Ministries

Announcements

Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday will now be celebrated in the Chapel.

Please call at least one week in advance with your intentions for **Masses**. The donation is \$10 on weekdays and \$20 on weekends for each Mass.

We are in need of **Christmas gift bags in all sizes and curling ribbon**. Please drop them off in the box in the back of the Church. Thank you.

Young Women's Faith Group

Ages 15 to 25

Meeting Place: Saint John the Baptist Church Basement.

Sundays from 6-8pm

Psalm 46:5

"God is within her. She will not fall."



to benefit our Church of St. John the Baptist.

Date: Saturday, August 30

Time: 9pm 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 the week before the yard sale.

Anuncios

A partir de ahora las misas de los martes, miércoles y sábados se celebrarán en la Capilla.

Por favor llamar por lo menos con una semana de anticipación con sus intenciones para las **Misas**. La donación es de \$10 entre semana y \$20 el fin de semana por cada Misa.

Necesitamos **Bolsas navideñas y cinta angosta para regalos**. Por favor déjelas en la caja en la parte de atrás de la Iglesia. Gracias

Grupo de Mujeres Jóvenes

Edades 15-25

Sótano de la Iglesia San Juan Bautista

Domingos 6-8pm

Salmo 46:5

"Dios está en ella: no caerá."

Retiros de EMAUS

Retiro de Mujeres 7, 8 y 9 de noviembre

Para más información llamar a: Darío Muñoz 401-648-1168 y a Vianel Valdez 401-499-8978.



Vamos a tener una venta de artículos usados y algunos nuevos, a beneficio de nuestra Iglesia.

Sábado 30 de agosto

Hora: 9pm a 2pm

Estamos aceptando donaciones de artículos en buenas condiciones y limpios para la venta. Por favor traigan sus donaciones antes del 21 de agosto.

XV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

13 de Julio, 2025

Estimados hermanos: ¡Paz y Bien!

Deseo iniciar esta columna semanal con ustedes, expresándoles un profundo agradecimiento por su caluroso recibimiento y los buenos deseos de cada uno de ustedes, en mi servicio como Pastor de St. John the Baptist. Y además debo confesarles que el domingo por la tarde sentí un poco de cansancio (pero creo que era mental), pues fue una semana de intensas emociones, al introducirme en la vida parroquial como párroco por primera vez. Solo así comprendí la frase del Santo Cura de Ars: ***“Me postré consciente de mi nada y me levanté sacerdote para siempre”*** (frase del día de su ordenación), esto lo decía el Santo de Ars, al ver su pequeñez humana al gran don inmenso del sacerdocio, dado por el Señor, para hacerle presente en la Eucaristía y en los otros sacramentos, para sus feligreses.

Este domingo la Palabra de Dios, nos invita a reflexionar sobre la parábola del Buen Samaritano (Lc 10, 25-37). Un doctor de la ley, tratando de poner a prueba a Jesús, le preguntó: ***“Maestro, ¿qué debo hacer para conseguir la vida eterna?”***, y Jesús no se deja intimidar de su pregunta y le responde: ***“¿Qué es lo que está escrito en la ley? ¿Qué lees en ella?”***. Ahí inicia la bella parábola, pues no solo el conocimiento de las escrituras basta, es necesario la caridad y la compasión... el doctor de la ley, queriendo justificarse, le pregunta: ***¿Y quién es mi prójimo?”***. A partir de esta interrogante deseo reflexionar en tres sencillos puntos, desde la visión cristiana:

1. La caridad cristiana. El santo Padre Benedicto XVI, nos exhorta que ***“la caridad cristiana es ante todo y simplemente la respuesta a una necesidad inmediata en una determinada situación”*** (Cta. Enc. Deus Caritas est 31 a). Por lo tanto, la caridad cristiana es simplemente salir al encuentro de la necesidad del prójimo. Así mismo el libro del Génesis, cuando Dios pregunta a Caín: ¿Dónde está tu hermano? Caín responde: ¿Soy yo acaso el guardián de mi hermano? (Gen 4), nos hace reflexionar e invita a estar atentos en las necesidades de nuestros hermanos, porque somos sus “guardianes”. Aprovecho esta ocasión para agradecer a todos aquellos “guardianes”, que comparten con los más pobres (trayendo víveres) y aquellos que trabajan arduamente en el “soup kitchen” y en

el “food pantry” de nuestra parroquia, pues salen al encuentro de una necesidad inmediata en una determinada situación... Tuve hambre y me distes de comer (Mt 25, 35).

2. La generosidad cristiana. Supone un riesgo, pues es dar sin juzgar y sin reservas a la persona. Santa Clara de Asís, invitaba a Santa Inés de Praga: “Fija tu mente en el espejo de la eternidad”. Es decir, salir de uno mismo para darse a los demás, pues el corazón se ha llenado del amor de Dios; sólo Dios conoce y juzga, siendo nuestro deber ser generosos con los demás. Recordemos ¿en qué consistirá el juicio final?, según el evangelio de san Mateo: “tuve hambre y me distes de comer, sediento y me diste de beber... ¿Cuándo Señor te vimos con hambre y sed?, cuando lo hicieron con uno de estos pequeños, lo hicieron conmigo también” (Cfr. Mt 25, 31- 46).

3. La compasión cristiana. La parábola concluye: ***¿Cuál de estos tres te parece que se portó como prójimo del hombre que fue asaltado por los ladrones? El doctor de la ley le respondió: “Él que tuvo compasión de él”. Entonces Jesús le dijo: “Anda y haz tú lo mismo”***. La palabra **Compasión**, viene del latín que usa como raíz **cum**, que significa “padecer con otro”, los momentos del sufrimiento, la tristeza y la alegría sin críticas o juzgar. Compasión = participar en los sentimientos: alegría y la tristeza, del otro, Compasión = compartir las experiencias positivas y negativas del otro. Por lo tanto, el evangelio nos invita a participar en la vida de las personas que nos rodean y compartir lo mucho o poco, que tengamos con nuestros hermanos más necesitados.

Hermanos y hermanas, la caridad cristiana supone un esfuerzo personal, pero ante todo es el camino para la conversión. Pues la Iglesia nos lo recuerda con sus Obras de misericordia corporales: ***dar de comer al hambriento, vestir al desnudo, hospedar al peregrino...*** Que nuestro corazón se inflame de la caridad cristiana y que al escuchar el santo evangelio este domingo, nos preguntemos: ***¿quién es mi prójimo?***, para practicar la **COMPASIÓN** con nuestros hermanos.

San Juan Bautista, ruega por nosotros.... Y que hagamos nuestro, su lema: «Es necesario que él [Jesús] crezca, pero que yo disminuya» (Jn 3:30). Esa es la responsabilidad de cada miembro del cuerpo de Cristo.

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sábado 12 de julio Vigilia 6:00pm

+Por el eterno descanso de Cesar Yáñez, intención de Jose De Barros

+Por el eterno descanso de Genoveva Yáñez y Julio Cesar Yáñez, intención de la familia Yáñez

Domingo 13 de julio 11:30am

En acción de gracias por el matrimonio de Fredy y Juana Dinora

En acción de gracias por Hector y Adriana En sus 34 años de casados

+Por el eterno descanso de Alicia Echeverry & Jordan Berson, intención de la familia Durango

+Por el eterno descanso de Danelia García de Mancebo, intención de Elizabeth Badia

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Martes 15 de julio 7:00pm

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Viernes 18 de julio 7:00pm

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Sábado 19 de julio (Misa Bilingüe) 8:00am

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Vigilia 6:00pm

Domingo 20 de julio 11:30am

+Por el eterno descanso de Alicia Echeverry & Jordan Berson, intención de la familia Durango

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

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¿EVITAS ACERCARTE?

“Está muy cerca de ti” (Deuteronomio 30:14).

Tanto el sacerdote como el levita “vieron” a la víctima herida, pero no quisieron acercarse a él para evitar quedar ritualmente impuros (Lc 10:31, 32). Sin embargo, el samaritano, no dudó en acercarse al hombre herido. El samaritano “se acercó” (Lc 10:34) y “tuvo compasión de él” (Lc 10:37).

El amor tiene que acercarse e involucrarse. El amor, por su propia naturaleza, no puede mantener la distancia. Jesús, que es Amor, podría haber permanecido en el cielo en eterna bienaventuranza con Su Padre. Sin embargo, Su amor lo movió (ver 2 Co 5:14) para buscarnos (Lc 19:10), acercarse a nosotros (Sal 145:18) e incluso ser “Dios con nosotros”, Emmanuel (Mt 1:23). Ahora Él está tan cerca que habita dentro de nosotros (Jn 6:56; 17:23).

¿Hay alguna persona, grupo o clase de gente a la que no te acerques? ¿Te mantienes alejado de los pobres, los incultos, los lisiados, los ancianos, los delincuentes, los impenitentes o los de otra raza o religión? Estas pueden ser tus “víctimas heridas”, tu oportunidad de ser un buen samaritano. Jesús puede estar diciendo que cuantas veces descuidaste acercarte a estas personas, descuidaste acercarte a Él (Mt 25:45).

Oración: Jesús, Tú nunca te distanciaste de nadie. Que yo y todos los que te siguen amemos como Tú amas.

Promesa: “El Señor escucha a los pobres y no desprecia a Sus cautivos” (Sal 69:34).

Alabanza: Alabado seas, Jesús, resucitado, ascendido y glorificado. Estás a la derecha de Dios e intercedes por nosotros (Rom 8:34). ¡Aleluya!

Presentation Ministries

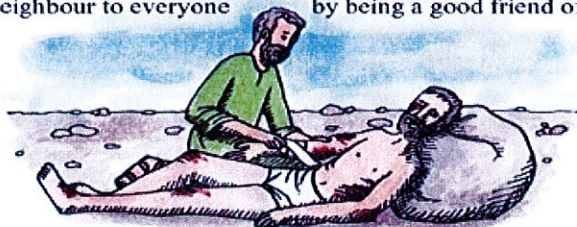
Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.



Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.false 5.true 6.false 7.true

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July 13th, 2025



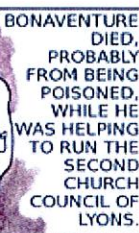
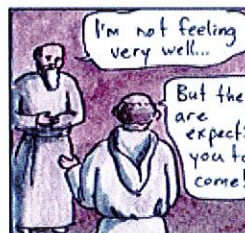
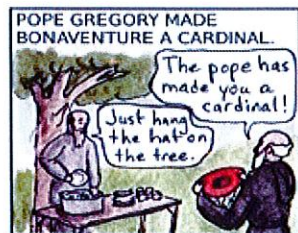
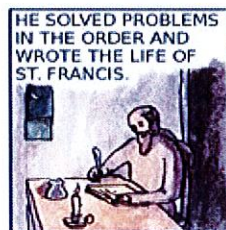
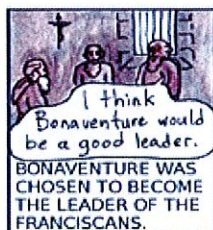
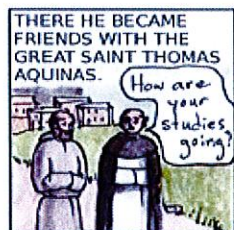
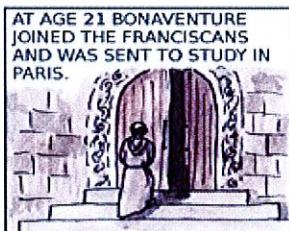
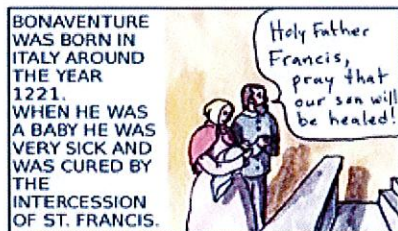
Which of the three paths would the good Samaritan take?
Find out which one leads to the man who was robbed.

Luke 10:25-37



Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"

SAINT BONAVENTURE JULY 15



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True or False? The Story of the Good Samaritan

Jesus told the people a parable to show them how to be a good neighbour. At that time the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews. How well do you know the story?

See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. In the parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False?
2. The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False?
3. A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False?
4. A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False?
5. A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an inn. True or False?
6. The Samaritan told the innkeeper that he had done his job and he didn't care what happened to the man. True or False?
7. In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbour. True or False?





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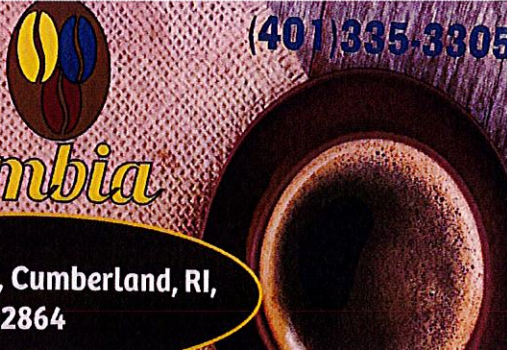


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