

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

- Sat., Dec 21 Vigil 4th Sunday of Advent**
4:00 PM For the intentions of Fr. Alex.
- Sun., Dec 22 4th Sunday of Advent**
10:30 AM For all Parishioners.
- Mon., Dec 23 St. John of Kanty, Priest**
St J 8:00 AM + Glen and Joan Shaughnessy.
- Tue., Dec 24 Christmas Eve**
St J 4:00PM For all parishioners.
- Wed., Dec 25 Christmas Nativity of the Lord**
St J 10:30AM For all parishioners.
- Thu., Dec 26 St. Stephen, the first Martyr**
SH 8:00 AM For Fr. Alex from Ivan and Andrea Lac.
- Fri., Dec 27 St. John, Apostle, Evangelist**
SH 8:00 AM + Deceased Members of the Glover and Porter Families from Charlie and Mary Porter.
- Sat., Dec 28 Eve of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
4:00 PM +Hosanna Feeley from Mike and Anita.
- Sun., Dec 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
10:30 AM For all parishioners.

Last Weekend – Dec 15		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00pm Saturday	42	\$ 380
10:30am Sunday	95	\$ 744
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	137	\$ 1,317
Special donation: Fuel & Maintenance\$20 poinsettias \$70		
<i>Thank you for your generosity and support!</i>		

WEEKLY NEWS

The following activities will be cancelled due to the Christmas and New years holiday schedule:

- The office will be closed from Christmas Eve Tues. Dec. 24 and opened on Tuesday Jan 7. For any emergencies, please call Fr. Gaston 705 750 8956.
- Morning Adoration and 8a.m. Masses are cancelled on Tue. Dec 24, and Wed. Dec 25. Please see the Christmas schedule for Masses on those days.
- Morning adoration is cancelled on Thu. Dec 26 and Fri Dec 27, but there will be Morning prayer at 7:40 a.m. and Holy Mass at 8a.m.
- Friday Confessions and Adoration at Sacred Heart from 1-6:30 is canceled on Dec 27.



*Merry Christmas!
On behalf of myself and the sisters,
we would like to wish you and your families
a most blessed and joyful Christmas!
May this Christmas be a time to encounter Christ
and open our hearts to receive His grace. Let us
bear witness to the Power of God in our lives,
bringing peace and joy to our families and friends.
I would also like to take a moment to
appreciate all the generous help and support of all
the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church
throughout this past year. Your prayers, volunteer
work and support help in the mission of Christ; that
others may come to know and receive the love and
mercy of God. You are all in my prayers and
intentions especially during the celebration of the
Christmas Masses.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE,

M. Almah, Sr. Królowa and Sr. Inmaculada.

Donation Offertory Envelopes

We thank everyone for your yearly donations! The 2025 donation envelopes are at the entrance of the church. If your address or phone number has changed, please let us know. Either leave a message at the office 705 745 7631 or fill out your contact info in your first 2025 donation envelope.

If you don't use envelopes and would like to use this form of donations, please pick a box that has no name on it and fill in your contact information on your first donation envelope, don't forget to include your phone number.

We also have the option of Pre-authorized donations, if you are interested please fill out the provided form at the entrance of the church and return it to the office or give it to Fr. Gaston or the sisters.

Start the New Year 2025 in Adoration and prayer

Our priests and sisters invite you to join on Friday December 31st: 10:45 PM exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11:45 Divine Office prayers followed by benediction at Mid-night at Saint John the Baptist.

Donations for tax receipts

Please note that in order to get your donations on your 2024 tax receipt, the donations need to be in before 2025. Thank you.

Christmas Activity – The Posadas

From December 16th through December 23rd at 6:00 pm we will have The Posadas. Come and join to renew your spirit as we approach Christmas, with the prayer of the rosary and Carols.

The Posadas will take place on:

Sun 22nd at St. John,
Mon 23rd at Sacred Heart.

Christmas Schedule

Tue. Dec. 24th 3:00pm at St. John's - Confessions
Tue. Dec. 24th 4:00pm at St. John's - Holy Mass
Tue. Dec. 24th 5:30pm at Sacred H. - Holy Mass
Wed. Dec. 25th 8:00 am at Sacred H. - Confessions
Wed. Dec. 25th 9:00 am at Sacred H. - Holy Mass
Wed. Dec. 25th 10:30am at St. John's - Holy Mass
Wed. Dec. 25th 12:00pm Sacred Heart - Confessions
Wed. Dec. 25th 12:00pm Sacred H. – T Latin Mass

Holy Mary Mother of God – New Year Schedule

Tue. Dec. 31st 3:00pm at St. John's - Confessions
Tue. Dec. 31st 4:00pm at St. John's - Holy Mass
Tue. Dec. 31st 5:30pm at Sacred Heart - Holy Mass
Tue. Dec. 31st 11pm-12am at St. John's - Adoration
Wed. Jan. 1st 8:00am at Sacred Heart - Confessions
Wed. Jan. 1st 9:00am at Sacred Heart - Holy Mass
Wed. Jan. 1st 10:30am at St. John's - Holy Mass
Wed. Jan. 1st 12:00pm Sacred Heart - Confessions
Wed. Jan. 1st 12:00pm Sacred Heart - T Latin Mass

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

Put the fun into February—Great Christmas

Present:

Beat the February Blues by attending a fantastic Roast Beef Dinner in the Immaculate Conception parish hall, 386 Rogers Street, on Saturday, February 1st. Social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner

at 6:30 p.m. Limited number of tickets: Adults \$25, under 12 \$15.

Call the parish office 705-742-5466 now to book your tickets.

Pilgrims of Hope---Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee Opening Mass will be on December 29th, 2024, 10:30 am at St. Peter-In-Chains, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm. The faithful will be asked to gather outside the Knights of Columbus Hall (parking lot area) facing the veranda to hear the introductory remarks for the Jubilee Year. We will all 'pilgrimage' across the street to St. Peter's for the continuation of the celebration of Holy Mass. Plenary Indulgences available for the pilgrimage.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope: What is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is a significant period of celebration and forgiveness observed every 25 years in the Catholic Church. This sacred time provides a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, where individuals and communities can reflect on their faith, seek forgiveness, and restore relationships. The essence of the Jubilee is rooted in the themes of mercy and hope, inviting everyone to partake in the grace of God and the joy of reconciliation. Pope Francis has called for a year of jubilee with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024, with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square, Vatican City. The rite of the Opening of the Holy Door will follow. For the faithful around the world, the local diocesan Masses are to be held on December 29, 2024.

GOSPEL Luke 1.39-45 of Sunday Dec. 22

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."