

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 6, 2020

## Updates

Our next food kitchen will be Monday, Sept. 14.

We need fruit and pudding cups, and cookies and brownies.

Thank you for helping us feed the hungry. Remember, the kindnesses you give will be returned to you.



## After-School teacher needed

Resurrection Catholic School is seeking a part-time after-school teacher to offer enrichment and homework help to students in first through eighth grades. Compensation is \$25 per hour. Hours are 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. school days. Information: [rckck.org/jobs](http://rckck.org/jobs).

## Weekly Collection

Aug. 30, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 1,806
Maintenance:	\$ 220
Assumption of Mary	\$ 10
The Leaven	\$ 63

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## Breath of Summer

Creator God  
who breathed this world into being,  
who is discernible  
within the harmony of nature,  
the perfection of a butterfly's wing,  
the grandeur of a mountain range,  
the soaring eagle and humming bird,  
thank you for this world which you have created.

Thank you for summer sun,  
which reminds us

that your creative breath  
is still alive and active.

Thank you for the warmth of your love,  
sustaining this world, your garden.



## Saint Thomas of Villanova, Feast Day - Sept. 10

Saint Thomas of Spain attended the University of Alcalá and later became a popular professor of philosophy.

After joining the Augustinian friars at Salamanca, Thomas was ordained and resumed his teaching – despite being absentminded and having a poor memory.

He became prior and then provincial of the friars, sending the first Augustinians to the New World.

Later, he became the archbishopric of Granada. The money received to furnish his house was given to a hospital, “our Lord will be better served by your money being spent on the poor in the hospital. What does a poor friar like myself want with furniture?”

He wore the same habit that he had received in the novitiate, mending it himself. Several hundred poor came

to Thomas’s door each morning and received a meal, wine, and money.

When criticized that people were taking advantage of him, he said, “If there are people who refuse to work, that is for the governor and the police to deal with. My duty is to assist and relieve those who come to my door.”

He took in orphans and paid his servants for every deserted child they brought to him. He encouraged the wealthy to imitate his example.

As he lay dying, Thomas commanded that all the money he possessed be distributed to the poor. His material goods were to be given to the rector of his college. Mass was being celebrated in his presence when after Communion he breathed his last, reciting the words: “Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.”

He was canonized in 1658.

*Courtesy: franciscanmedia.org*



## Alleluia 2 COR 5:19

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

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## Gospel (MT 18:15-20)

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church.

If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

*Daily readings are available online at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [usccb.org](http://usccb.org). Click on "Daily Readings" at the top of the page.*

## First Reading (EZ 33:7-9)

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death.

But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

## Responsorial Psalm

(PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9)

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we

are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

## Reading 2 (ROM 13:8-10)

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

**Mass Readings for Sept. 6, 2020**  
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*Readings: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) Photo: [liturgytools.net](http://liturgytools.net)*



**Strawberry Hill**

The Worner Family

Anonymous

**Strawberry Patch**

The Pemberton Family

The Dorian Family

Dr. Judy Vogelsang - Consulate Republic of Croatia

Anonymous - 4

**Strawberry Plant**

Karolyn & Nick Tomasic

Kathy Dumovich Kovac

Loren & Kathy Lally Bareiss

Larry Lindelow

Tom Podrebarac

In Memory of Nick Kucenic

The Tokic Family

St. John's Senior Citizens

Chris and Bob Braun

Anonymous

St. John the Baptist

Altar Society

Croatian American

Social Club





## 2020 Support St. John the Baptist



### Strawberry Shortcake

The Skradski Family  
 Ivana Morris & Dave Martin  
 The Gasparovic Family  
 T. Cindrich  
 Marty Yadrick  
 Marko Bjelobrk, Vlasic Freight  
 Steve & Mary Ponnath  
 Anonymous - 3

### Strawberry Pie

Joe Panjada & Dede Gish-Panjada  
 Theresa Jaksetic  
 Barbara Zurga  
 Joanne Lally  
 Adam & Dragica Novosel  
 Millie Sambol  
 Mary Jean Podrebarac  
 Al Boan  
 Milka Subasic  
 Anonymous - 7

### Strawberry Preserves

The Sostarich Family  
 Jim Fracol  
 Patti Hill  
 Pete & Pat Novosel  
 George Thomas  
 Frank & Ljubica Kozar  
 Bernadette & Mark Tomasic  
 Bernadette Horvat  
 Jerry Fabac  
 Bennett Hampton & Austin Morrow  
 Eliza Stice, Abby & Ella Loun  
 Ted & Pam Rusovick  
 Bernice Kovac  
 Tom & Carrie Lally  
 Kathy Stimac  
 The Fanning Family  
 John & Veronica Gasparovich  
 Chris & Cathy Schneider  
 Verne & Velma Heshner  
 Anonymous - 12 donors

### Strawberry Seed

Adrian Stopa	Connie Kolich	Lillian Makar
Helen Taylor	Mike and Ann Kucenic	Anonymous - 7
Nancy Sachen	Claudia Munjak Gibson	
Paula Mikesic	Robert Sullivan & Mary Sullivan	