

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 31, 2021



Mass Schedule

Monday, Nov. 1 - All Saints' Day

No Mass - In 2021, this day is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Tuesday, Nov. 2 - All Souls' Day

8 a.m. - St. John the Baptist
12:05 p.m. - St. Mary-St. Anthony
5 p.m. - Holy Family Church

Halloween, All Saints' and All Souls' days

Light up the pumpkins, put on the costumes and play trick-or-treat. Halloween has its origins in the solemn feast of All Saints Day.

When England broke from the Catholic Church in the 16th Century, Ireland and Scotland infused their own customs of Samhain, a festival to welcome the dark half of the year.

Halloween was the culmination of fall festivals that celebrated the harvest and prepared for the long winter. People would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off spirits of the dead.

Oct. 31 is recognized as day of merriment when our children dress up and beg for candy. But the word, is derived from "All-Hallowmas" from the Middle English word for "All Saints."

As time progressed, more local customs were added to days of Halloween, All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Today's trick-or-treat evolved from knocking on doors to request a soul cake and, in turn, pray for the dead of the household. Later, a

treat might be offered in exchange for a song, a joke or even a prank.

The mystery of life after death was celebrated through plays that urged Christians to heed God's word. The costumes from these performances included goblins and witches.

We move from the fun and delightful scariness one day to solemnity on the next.

All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Monday, Nov. 1. While this is typically a Holy Day of Obligation, the Church has declared this year it is not.

From early in the Catholic Church, saints were recognized and celebrated. These holy men and women were named by popular acclaim until the first canonization in 993.

Finally, we have All Souls' Day on Nov. 2, which continues the spirit of All Saints' Day. Here, we commemorate believers who have died and those in purgatory to atone for their sins before going to heaven.

Sources: Hfcc.edu, history.com, catholic.org and franciscanmedia.org

In Memory

St. John the Baptist Parishioners

Nov. 2, 2020 - Nov.1, 2021

George Dolinar - Nov. 7, 2020
Kristina Baric - Feb. 15, 2021
George Kucenic - March 21, 2021
Floyd Soptic - April 15, 2021
Mary Ferbezar - May 28, 2021
Robert Scott - July 5, 2021
Frances Rodina - July 14, 2021
Zorka Malic - July 27, 2021
Miro Jadric - July 28, 2021
Mike Zeljeznak - Aug. 22, 2021
Bernice Ferrantelli - Aug. 25, 2021
Robert Sullivan - Sept. 6, 2021



***Come to me,
all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give you rest,
says the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Mt 11:28***

Our Parish News

Newly baptized

We extend arms of welcome to a child of God.

Asher Alexander Glavin was baptized into the Catholic faith by Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, on Oct. 23 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Asher, born Aug. 12, 2019, is the child of Alyse N. Meyer, a parishioner, and Zachary Glavin.

His sponsors are Lydia Hernandez and Don Budd.

Our wish for little Asher is faith, hope and love on earth.

"Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:26

Church Directory Photos

Yes! You still have time to have your photo taken for our new church directory.

We have added Saturday, Dec. 4 to the list.

No charge to have your picture taken - and you even receive a free 8 x 10 portrait.

If you still cannot make it, use Thanksgiving to gather the family and have someone snap a photo. Submitting a photo does cost \$10.

All parishioners will be included in the directory, even if they do not have a photo.

Make your appointment online from the church website, or contact Kathy Lally Bareiss at (480) 926-8715, or Joanne Lally.

Memorabilia from the Club

Own a piece of history from St. John's Catholic Club.

The club has been busy renovating for its 100th anniversary in 2022. So, out with the old and in with the new.

Now available for a minimum donation of \$25:

⇒ Benches - the old wooden ones that faced the bowling alleys

⇒ Lockers - the vertical lockers with five cubbies

Stay tuned for photos in next week's bulletin - unless they are all gone!

In addition, there are bowling balls and bags from days gone by - might have belonged to someone you know. Yours for a small donation to the club.

Interested? Send a message to the club on Facebook or contact them stjohnsmensclub@sbcglobal.net

Club Holiday Raffle

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets from members of St. John's Catholic Club.

There is holiday cash for the winning - up to \$300.

Tickets are \$1 each - all for a good cause. Get a ticket book from any club member.

Drop your completed tickets and money at the club, in the rectory door slot or the weekly collection basket.

Drawing will be in late November.

2021

Monday, Nov. 1
All Saints' Day

Tuesday, Nov. 2
All Souls' Day
Election Day

Nov. 3 & 4, Nov. 9 & 10
Appointments to view church directory photos.

Monday, Nov. 8
Food Kitchen - Desserts needed!
Drop off Nov. 7, church basement.

Wednesday, Nov. 10
11 a.m. - Senior Meeting
Church Basement

Thursday, Nov. 11
Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 25
Thanksgiving Day

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Mass Schedule:
9 a.m. Sundays, 8 a.m. Thursdays, *4 p.m. Saturday
Confessions before Saturday Mass

(*Saturday Mass is held at St. John's in August, October, December, February, April & June; it is held at Holy Family in opposite months.)

Prayer Line: (913) 281-4448