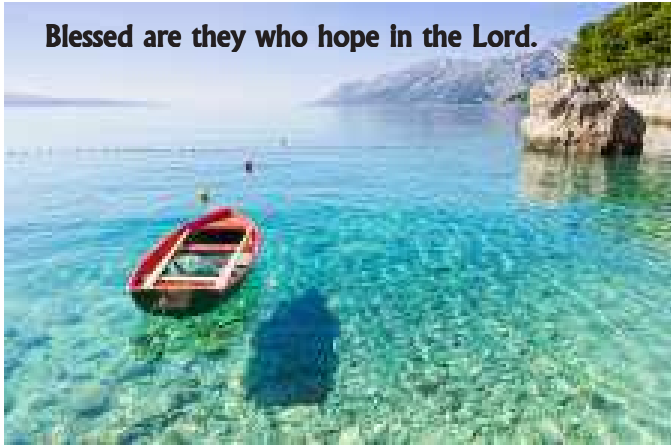


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 13, 2022

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.



Near Brela, Makarska Riviera, Dalmatia, Croatia
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Mass Intentions

The 4 p.m. Saturday Mass will be celebrated at St. John's during February.

Feb. 13 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
Matt & Anna Modrcin
Nikola & Magda Sestric
Mirica Black & Mike Suljak
Frank Stimac

Feb. 17 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
No intentions

Feb. 20 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
Deceased Members of Mikesic Family
Mary Livojevic
Special Intention
Albert Yarnevich

Mass intentions are available for the 9 a.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Thursday services. If you would like to request an intention, please call the church at (913) 371-0627, or email OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Luke 6:23

KEEPING IN TOUCH

This past week, we celebrated the optional memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

On this day, it is a tradition to pray for the sick. It is always important to pray for the sick. However, especially today, in our present world, we need to think of and pray for the sick.



You may have noticed that, in the prayers of the faithful, I always pray for the sick.

The prayer that I usually pray and have prayed since my ordination goes like this: "For all our sick, those known to us and those unknown to us, that the healing presence of Christ may be with them."

Often times we, do not know of the sickness of others. Sometimes, we do not even know our own sickness at certain times.

In calling to mind those who are unknown to us, we are praying for those who probably have no one praying for them or very few. These people are not simply those who we know in life, but indeed everyone who lives. I encourage you, if you are not already doing so, to pray for "all our sick."

On another note, but somewhat related, as I encourage you to be generous in your prayers, I also encourage you to be generous in your support of the Archbishop's Call to Share Appeal.

As our prayers do so much to support our brothers and sisters in need, so can our financial support of Call to Share.

If you have not already made a contribution to the Archbishop's Call to Share I encourage you to do so.

Blessings, Father Joseph Arsenault, SSA, Pastor

Call to Share Update

Thanks to generous parishioners, our church has raised \$10,910 for the Archbishop's Call to Share, as of Feb. 9. This is about half of the goal set for us.

This includes 43 contributors with an average gift of \$254. Pledge or donate with your Call to Share envelopes or online at archkck.org, click "Donate."

Our Parish People

Our deepest sympathies for the Cindrich Family

Mark A. Cindrich, our parishioner and friend, died Feb. 6, 2022. He was 52.

Mark was born on Strawberry Hill and spent his childhood at 606 N. 5th Street. He liked to believe "606" was a sign from loved ones looking down from heaven - and pointed out the number whenever it appeared.

He attended special education classes at Kansas City Kansas Public Schools and Wyandotte High School. Mark participated in the Special Olympics and worked at Hospital Linen Services.

He belonged to St. John the Baptist and the Catholic Club.

Mark always enjoyed his birthday (Oct. 28) and celebrated for the entire month. Other favorites included music, K-State Wildcats, playing pool and miniature golf. He liked listening to stories from friends and family - and remembered everything!

Mark naturally possessed the virtues of faith, hope and love. As a result, he loved unconditionally and infinitely just as God loves us.

Survivors include his sisters, Jane Cindrich, and Becky (Mark) Calvert; brothers, Tony (Laurie) and Dan (Lisa) Cindrich; nieces and nephews, Dane, Ellyn, Meg and Julia Calvert; Haleigh (Jandro) Winkle; Jacob Cindrich and Charlotte Cindrich; and godparents Pete and Marilyn Reveles.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Ellen Cindrich.

The family will have a private Mass and burial, due to COVID-19.

With sincere condolences to the Fabac Family

Our longtime friend and parishioner Gerald E. "Jerry" Fabac died on Feb. 3, 2022. He was 84.

Jerry was a member of St. John's Catholic Club and a great fan of Saturday CYO sports with his children. He was an active volunteer at the Croatian Festival for many years, selling tickets for the salami booth.



A U.S. Navy veteran, Jerry served aboard the USS Randolph.

He worked for the Mode O'Day Company for many years. In 1984, he

bought Sammy's Tavern from his brother, Edward (Sam) Fabac. Through this family business, Jerry made lasting friendships.

He was a dog lover and was typically accompanied by one of his pets at all times.

Survivors include his sons, Michael (Lanette); Matthew, and Daniel (Julie) Fabac; daughter, Patricia Verbeck (Jerry); and grandchildren Ryan, Amy and Justin Fabac; and Nicholas and Michael Verbeck.

He was preceded in death by his wife Patricia, parents Matthew and Mary (Ropar) Fabac; and siblings, Ann, Nick, Steve and Edward.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 12 at our parish.

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

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

PRAYER LINE: (913) 281-4448

HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Love is patient; love is kind.
Love is not jealous or boastful.
It is not arrogant or rude.
Love does not insist on its own way;
It is not irritable or resentful;
It does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends.
1 Corinthians 13

Our Parish News

Parish Office to reopen!

Loren Tran will be working in our parish office for the next few months.

As you know, the office has been closed since the retirement of Phyllis Hampton.

The office will be open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to answer phones and take care of church business.

We are having some issues with the phone this week, but hope to have this resolved soon.

Meanwhile, please give Loren a big Croatian welcome!

Food Kitchen

Don't forget to bring your Valentine's Day dessert to the church basement this weekend! All goodies welcome.

The Food Kitchen is also in need of volunteers to serve lunch on Feb. 14. Last month, there were not enough people.

If you can volunteer, contact Sandy Cannon at csandyangels@aol.com.

Update on Church Directory

We are finalizing the parish directory this week.

This includes the update to the parish roster, the list of all who were

photographed or submitted pictures and our church pages.

As soon as everything has been sent to the company, we will receive information about the publishing date and when we can expect delivery.

Thanks to everyone for your patience.

Change in candle prices

Everywhere you look, prices are going up. Seriously, have you seen the price of a pound of bacon?

The same goes for religious items. The cost of purchasing the large candles in church have increased.

Unfortunately, our finance committee had no choice but to increase the price of lighting the candles.

The new donation will be \$5 per large candle (from the previous contribution of \$3.)

Lighting of small candles will remain at 50 cents.

Your understanding is appreciated. And remember, all proceeds from candles help our church.

Lenten Shrimp Dinners

How time flies! Christmas is barely behind us and Lent is approaching.

Ash Wednesday is March 2 and Lent will continue through April 14.

Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

In addition, Catholics should abstain from meat each Friday during Lent. We will be sharing more about these obligations soon.

Meanwhile, mark your calendar for the two Shrimp Dinners sponsored by St. John's Catholic Club:

† **Friday, March 4**

† **Friday, April 8**

Dinners will begin at 5 p.m. both nights in the Auditorium.

Tickets are \$18 for the dinner, which includes jumbo shrimp, corn, potatoes, hugh puppies, bread and salad.

Beverages will be available for purchase.

So, save yourself a couple of busy Fridays of cooking and cleaning up.

A sweet memory...

For those of us who attended St. John the Baptist School, seeing a brown paper grocery bag reminds us of our book covers.

We "rented" our textbooks. Of course, we were taught to keep the books unmarked and clean for the next class.



To help that process, we learned to cut up paper bags (the only kind available at the time.) Then there was a folding process to slip the paper over the book.

Only then could we write our names - and even decorate with a personal flair. Those were the days, my friend.

Weekly Collections

	Feb. 5, 2022	Feb. 6, 2022
Envelopes:	\$ 2,925	\$ 1,671
Building Fund:	\$ 435	\$ 540
Candles:	\$ 55	\$ 61
Poor:	\$ -	\$ 25
Mass Intentions:	\$ -	\$ -
Latin America:	\$ -	\$ 20
Donation:	\$ 250	\$ -
Food Kitchen:	\$ -	\$ 40
Black & Indian Mission:	\$ 25	\$ 60