



JUNE 24TH, 2018
NATIVITY OF
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
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REFLECTION

He Must Increase

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

The people in this week's Gospel are frightened and amazed by the mysterious events surrounding the birth of John. Only his mother and father, Elizabeth and Zechariah, know what this child will be. John the Baptist was fashioned in secret, knit by God in his mother's womb, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm. From the womb he was set apart, formed to be God's servant, as Isaiah declares in this week's First Reading. The whole story of John's birth is thick with Old Testament echoes, especially echoes of the story of Abraham. God appeared to Abraham promising that his wife would bear him a son; He announced the son's name and the role Isaac would play in salvation history (see Genesis 17:1, 16, 19). The same thing happened to Zechariah and Elizabeth. Through His angel, God announced John's birth to this righteous yet barren couple. He made them call John a special name—and told them the special part John would play in fulfilling His plan for history (see Luke 1:5–17). As Paul says in today's Second Reading, John was to herald the fulfillment of all God's promises to the children of Abraham (Luke 1:55, 73). John was to bring the word of salvation to all the people of Israel. More than that, he was to be a light to the nations—to all those groping in the dark for God. We often associate John with his fiery preaching (see Matthew 3:7–12). But there was a deep humility at the heart of his mission. Paul alludes to that when he quotes John's words about not being worthy to unfasten the sandals of Christ's feet. John said, "[Christ] must increase. I must decrease" (John 3:30). We must have that same attitude as we seek to follow Jesus. The repentance John preached was a turning away from sin and selfishness and a turning of our whole hearts to the Father. We must decrease so that, like John, we can grow strong in the Spirit, until Christ is made manifest in each of us.



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Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

JUNE 23 TO JUNE 30, 2018

SAT. JUNE 23RD	5:00 PM	- Augusto da Silva †
SUN. JUNE 24TH	7:30 AM	- Jeffrey Lugos †
	9:00 AM	- People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	- Cristeta Del Mundo †
	12:00 PM	- Mario Scala †
TUE. JUNE 26TH	8:30 AM	- Russ Stachiw †
WED. JUNE 27TH	7:30 PM	- Leonisa Albaran †
THU. JUNE 28TH	8:30 AM	- Virginia Seberras †
FRI. JUNE 29TH	7:30 PM	- Cecilia Manonmany Joseph †
SAT. JUNE 30TH	8:30 AM	- Special Intention of Brendan



OUR SICK: Robin Crapper, John Leitmann, Leonisa G. Albaran, Ginette Ferlatt, Henry Kumara, Rasheeda DeFranca, Sr. Cecilia Marie Ching, Sr. Theresa Ching, Innes Potgieter, Mario Tan Jr., Nicanor Gocado, Daniela Alario, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Daniel Leonardo, Monica Bouchard, Kerrie Leonard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Carmen Humbel, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Peter Pacione, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Maureen Dempsey, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Joshua Bolingot, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clera Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Noftall, Marie Herrera, Salome Mason, Frank McPhearson, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Loren Lea Hodgeson, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Tony & Nelie Sicut, Teofilo Mondala, Duverney Family, Anthony de la Isla, Leonard Rodrigues, John Jarman, Anne O'Callaghan, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Deacon Gerald Godsoe, Ellen Jarman, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marie McPherson, Marina Jose, Rasheeda DeFranca, Vicki Scallon, Frances Schober, William Schober, Rita Ropke, Marie Dignum, Maria Anna Diandra Rivera, Natalina Fernandes, Umbelina Felix, Anita Gouveia, Erlinda Balita, Colleen Balgobin, Joan Crowley, Webster Paul, Ela Sicut-Angeles

DID YOU KNOW?

What is Baptism?

Baptism is the way out of the kingdom of death into life, the gateway to the Church, and the beginning of a lasting communion with God.

Baptism is the foundational Sacrament and the prerequisite for all other sacraments. It unites us with Jesus Christ, incorporates us into his redemptive death on the Cross, thereby freeing us from the power of Original Sin and all personal sins, and causes us to rise with him to a life without end. Since Baptism is a covenant with God, the individual must say Yes to it. In the baptism of children, the parents confess the Faith on behalf of the children.

What happens in Baptism?

In Baptism we become members of the Body of Christ, sisters and brothers of our Redeemer, and children of God. We are freed from sin, snatched from death, and destined from then on for a life in the joy of the redeemed.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

This September our topic of study will be "The Spirituality of Paul". In this eight-week study we will explore key biblical passages from the early church's most influential evangelist and discover the rich tradition of Paul that continues to influence believers today. Again we will be meeting in the parish hall on Monday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:15. Sign-up sheets are posted at the main entrance to the Church. Come one and all for prayer, study and fellowship!

JUNE IS SENIORS' MONTH

Did you know?

- There are 900 million persons in the world over the age of 60 and in Canada, there are more persons over the age of 65 than children under the age of 15.
 - Life expectancy has increased by 30 years over the past 100 years.
 - Our potential for spiritual growth increases as we age.
 - A new ministry is emerging in churches to support the faith development of "maturing adults" throughout the multiple transitions that mark the second half of life.
 - The maturing adult (50+) population is comprised of three distinct groups: the pre-retired, the active retired and the elders – each group having specific needs.
 - Dealing with issues of loss is the central psychological and spiritual task of maturing years.
 - Connection – with self, others, creation and God - is our greatest asset the aging process.
- How might we support each other in the aging process? How might our parish initiate and develop Ministry with Maturing Adults?

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Catholic Moms Group

Here at St. Boniface, we are looking into starting a Catholic Moms Group.

You might be wondering, "What exactly is a Catholic Mother's Group?" - It is a group of Catholic women who gather to pray, share parenting tips, learn about their Catholic faith and grow spiritually. Some groups meet with their children, others meet on their own. The format of each group is just a little bit different, but all of us seek to answer the question, "What does it mean to be a Catholic mother and wife?"

Why Join a Catholic Mothers Group?

Moms in this day and age are so very busy! Often moms are working full-time, driving kids to and from extracurricular activities, helping with homework, cooking, cleaning, grocery shopping, and trying to find just a little bit of time for themselves. How would a busy mom find the time to go to a Catholic Mothers Group? What are the benefits of joining a group? - Make New Friends, Become the Best Mom Possible, Discover a Spiritual Program, Experience Community and Acceptance, Get Encouragement and Support, Learn About Your Catholic Faith, Pray and Be Refreshed, Get Practical Parenting and Marriage Tips, Joy, Inspiration and Fun, a Network of Catholic Moms.

For more information or interested, please contact

Parish Office at
416-261-5383 or email
st.boniface@rogers.com

I love my
Catholic Moms Group
LOVE. LAUGHTER. MOMENTS OF GRACE

FOND FAREWELL

Please join us in the Hall after all Masses on Sunday June 24th as we say thank-you and good-bye to Fr. Paul. We thank him for all he's done for us over the years and wish him the very best in the years to come. May God Bless you and be with you on your future endeavours Fr. Paul.



SCHOOL MASSES

Parents & community members are welcome to join our parish schools as they celebrate their school masses;

- **St. Agatha School:** Wed. June 27, 2018 at 1pm
- held in the school

CAMP BONIFACE 2018

We will be moving ahead with Camp Boniface again this summer. Camp Boniface is a Summer Day Camp for those between 6 and 13 years old.

Each week, Camp Boniface incorporates the Catholic faith in a way that is completely relatable to campers! We help campers learn about the faith without even realizing they are learning!

- Week #1: Tue. Jul. 3 to Fri. Jul. 6, 2018 - \$60 for week
- Week #2: Mon. Jul. 9 to Fri. Jul. 13, 2018 - \$75 for week
- Week #3: Mon. Jul. 16 to Fri. Jul. 20, 2018 - \$75 for week

OR you can come to all 3 weeks;
\$180 = FULL CAMP EXPERIENCE!

Please contact Parish Office for registration form.

**** LAST WEEK TO REGISTER ****

Registration Forms Due - Please hand in to office

...an upcoming YOUTH ministry at St. Boniface

LIFETEEN HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

LEADING TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST!

LIFETEEN is a Catholic High School ministry for teens in grades 9 to 12 designed to help high schoolers relate to the Catholic Church in their day-to-day lives!

We are looking for people to help out with; Ministry, Support, Meal Preparation, and people to pray for this ministry.

If any of these interest you and/or you would like more information, please contact Peter at the office at 416-261-5983 or email youth@stbcc.ca



EDGE

Thank-you to all the Edge'rs for this past school year! We had our last night for the year and we'll see you in the Fall!!

