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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses:
5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
12:00 PM, 1:15 PM - Spanish

Daily Masses:
Monday — Friday
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:30 PM
Tuesdays-6:30 PM *Spanish*
Saturday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM

Penance: Saturdays
1:00 PM-2:00 PM in the Church

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

5:30 PM Ruth Nisay

7:00 PM (Spanish) Domingo Arjona

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Joseph & Maty Brennan

10:30 AM William "Bill" Nicodemus

12:00 PM Eduardo Silva, Sr

1:15 PM (Spanish) Enilda Reynoso

MONDAY, JUNE 9

7:00 AM Alexander Salazar - Birthday & Thanksg.

9:00 AM Gail Harold Hopps

6:30 PM Diane Casamento

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

7:00 AM Amador Jimenez

9:00 AM Dante, Timmy, & Hilda Nabua

6:30 PM For La Virgen de Guadalupe

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

7:00 AM Erlinda Enriquez Arce

9:00 AM Marietta Mangasil

6:30 PM Rose Kaberle - 13th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

7:00 AM Steven Connolly

9:00 AM Jesus Bagayo

6:30 PM McNicholas Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

7:00 AM Edward Jordan

9:00 AM Leonardo Vergel de Dios

6:30 PM Monsignor James Sheehan

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

7:00 AM Joselyn Cabrero

9:00 AM Hilaria Lobete

5:30 PM Roger Coppinger

7:00 PM (Spanish) Rafael Tobia Alzate

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

7:30 AM For All Fathers

9:00 AM For All Fathers

10:30 AM For All Fathers

12:00 PM For All Fathers

1:15 PM (Spa) For All Fathers

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

5:30 PM - Father Ashton Wong

7:00 PM - Father Hector Larrea

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

7:30 AM - Father Cesar Infante & Deacon Jim Detura

9:00 AM - Father Sean Manson

10:30 AM - Father Ashton Wong

12:00 PM - Father Cesar Infante

1:15 PM (Spa) - Father Hector Larrea

Baptism

Please call the rectory at 201-384-0101 to schedule your baptism and confirm your attendance at the instructional meeting.

The **Parent Instructional** meeting is held the **1st Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM** and the **3rd Sunday at 2:45 PM in Spanish**.

Baptisms are held the **2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month at 3 PM in English** and the **4th Sunday of the month at 2:45 PM in Spanish**.

Parents must be registered parishioners and provide the child's birth certificate, and have godparents who are practicing Catholics.

Godparents need to be at least sixteen, confirmed, received the Eucharist, and if married, have the Sacrament of Matrimony.

A sponsor certificate, for each Godparent, must be provided a week prior to the baptism.

Matrimony

All wedding arrangements should be made **ONE** year in advance, **please call the rectory** at 201-384-0101 to **make an appointment** with a priest.

We encourage that you get an updated baptismal certificate.

Prayers for the Deceased

*Please remember
Hugo de Jesus Lopez &
Marguerite "Marge" Lally
in your prayers.*



Dear Brothers and Sisters



Today we celebrate The Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost literally means 50 days, occurring, as it does, exactly 50 days after Easter. It was on this day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Virgin Mary and the disciples as they were gathered in the Upper Room 50 days after the Resurrection. They were celebrating the feast of Shavuot, otherwise known as the Feast of Weeks in the Jewish Calendar. Shavuot was, and still is for our Jewish brethren, a feast commemorating the fact that 7 weeks after being freed from the slavery of Egypt, Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The Commandments were written in stone, carved by fire which came down from heaven.

7 weeks equals 50 days. Pentecost is the fulfillment of Shavuot: tongues of fire descend upon the disciples,

and the new law of life is written in the stony hearts of men and women. The disciples are pierced by this love, as they receive the gift of God's Spirit.

There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Can you name them? They are not special gifts given to some very special people. No.

They are "ordinary" gifts that are given to every Christian, to you and to me.

The Church believes that these seven gifts were "infused" into each one of us when we were baptized. They are not "special" because they are essential if we are to live a true Christian life.

Of course, what was "infused" or sown as a tiny seed at our baptism, has to be nurtured and tended, otherwise it will never bear fruit. Today, the Feast of Pentecost, these gifts want to grow within us.

Have they grown in you? Have they grown in me? Are these gifts bearing rich fruit in our lives?

WISDOM: is linked to Fear of the Lord, this gift helps us to know what comes from God, and what does not come from God. We need this gift of wisdom to understand our lives, and to evaluate our thoughts and desires and feelings. Without wisdom we can get into a fine mess. Wisdom allows us to discern a vocation, to choose a career, to choose who to marry, to know what to do in our retirement. Without wisdom we will certainly make the wrong decisions.

UNDERSTANDING: this gives an intuitive grasp of the truths revealed by God. Without this gift many dogmas of the Church, such as the Trinity, the Virgin Birth, the Real Presence of Christ in the Mass, may just baffle us. But with this gift, you don't need to be a theologian to understand what we believe.

KNOWLEDGE: helps us to grasp quickly the true value of created things, and their relationship to God. Without this kind of knowledge we can easily turn things like money, possessions, career, power, sex, health, into "idols" and false gods. And this can create havoc in our lives.

COUNSEL: enables us to bring the gift of knowledge to bear on all the concrete and personal decisions we have to make; decisions about how we conduct our relationships, use our sexuality, live our marriage; how many children we should have, how to bring them up, what to do with our money. etc.

PASTOR'S DESK CONTINUED:

PIETY: this gift perfects justice, because it moves us to help people out of love and reverence for God. Without Piety we are in danger of loving for selfish reasons, and helping others just to quieten our conscience, or to give money to the poor just to get them off our doorstep.

FORTITUDE: produces supernatural strength in us, so that facing dangers, problems, temptations, difficult responsibilities, we stand firm, when by nature we would give in, or run away, or quit our marriage, or abandon our priesthood, or pack-in our job...

FEAR OF THE LORD: does not mean being afraid of God, but fearing that he lift his hand from our head, that he abandon us to our own desires and fancies. This gift produces in us such a love, reverence and respect for God, that it curbs our desire for an easy life, our thirst for fame, power and success, our lust for pleasure, and helps to free us from selfish and lazy ways, from addictions and bad habits. Fear of the Lord comes from knowing one's own weakness, and experiencing God's mercy there.

These seven gifts are not special graces given to special people. They are the ordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit, because without them, it is impossible to live a true Christian life: whatever our vocation.

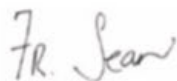
Imagine a parent or a grand-parent today, without **WISDOM**. What a disaster! Or a Catholic trying to live their faith, or explain it to others, or to catechize or evangelize, without **UNDERSTANDING**!

Imagine high school or college students, living in the fast lane, without **KNOWLEDGE**. Where will they end up morally or sexually? Or imagine married couples trying to raise a family without the gift of **COUNSEL**. God help them, and God help their children!

Imagine a priest in a busy parish, without **PIETY**. Pity his parishioners. Pity the poor people who call at his door! And can any school teacher today survive without **FORTITUDE**? I doubt it.

And imagine you or me trying to live generous and loving lives without **FEAR OF THE LORD**! Impossible! That is why the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are not important. They are essential. May they grow within each one of us through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Pentecost!



2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank to all who have already pledged and contributed to the 2025 Annual Appeal.

Our Parish Goal is \$97,012.27, and our Stretch Goal is \$116,414.72.

We have currently received **\$74,241.00** in pledges, and **\$59,087.52** in payment. I would like to invite all parishioners to consider making a pledge, my goal is that everyone in the parish contributes to the Appeal. The Annual Appeal supports numerous ministries throughout the Archdiocese, including: help for the Poor, Retired Priests, Seminary Formation, Catholic Charities. More than that, if we surpass Stretch Goal by the end of June, the surplus comes directly back to our parish, to use for our own needs and projects.

Thank you, Fr, Sean

WEDDING BANNS

ALFREDO D. MANANSALA and **MARLENE C. CASTIGO** intend to be married in the Church of St. John The Baptist Parish, Caba, La Union, Philippines, on July 28, 2025. If anyone is aware of a cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.



St. John's Prayer Groups



Legion of Mary

Meets each Saturday, 9:30am-11:00am in the Lower Church (English)

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 12:30- 3:00 pm in the Conlon Hall Cafeteria.

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For more info, Lourdes Liwanag @ 201.233.8235 or John Teopengco @ 201.658.4032

Anointing Fire Ministry Group

Meets Mondays 7pm-10pm in the Parish Life Center Chapel & the 2nd Friday of the month from 10pm—6:30am for Eucharistic Adoration in the LC.



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For details and reservation please contact on or before **June 15, 2024:**

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Fel Sunga - 201-328-7996

or any Filipino Apostolate members

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Para más detalles y reservas, contáctese antes del 15 de junio del 2025:
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Los ingresos irán a la iglesia de San Juan Evangelista.

GRUPO PARROQUIALES			
Grupo	Día	Lugar	Hora
La Palabra	Lunes	Iglesia de abajo	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Legión de María	Martes	Capilla del PLC	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Emaús Mujeres	Miércoles	Iglesia de abajo	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Emaús Hombres	Miércoles	Basement del PLC	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Luz y Vida	Jueves	Iglesia de abajo	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Preciosa Sangre de Cristo	Viernes	Basement del PLC	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm
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