

Dear Padre,

Who was John the Baptist?

What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John's parents were Zechariah, who was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. When he was in his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a hermit in the desert. John began his public ministry in his late twenties in the Jordan River Valley. His preaching followed the long line of Jewish prophets who preached against the evils of the day and demanded inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.



NICOLAUS OF HAGHEIM, AND MATTHIAS SPINERWALD, JOHN THE BAPTIST, DETAIL OF THE BETHLEHEM ALTARPIECE

John continued his preaching in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, the daughter of Herodias, and buried at Sebaste, in Samaria. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Anxieties, difficulties, and sufferings permeate our lives, and so many times the reality around us seems to be inhospitable and arid, like the desert....But the words of [John] the Baptist reveal that our joy rests on the certainty that this desert is inhabited: "Among you there is one whom you do not know."

—ANGELUS, GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

Calendar

- Monday**
DECEMBER 14
Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday**
DECEMBER 15
Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday**
DECEMBER 16
Advent Weekday
Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25
Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday**
DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17
- Friday**
DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday**
DECEMBER 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25
- Sunday**
DECEMBER 20
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38



3rd Sunday Of Advent



December 13, 2020



Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission

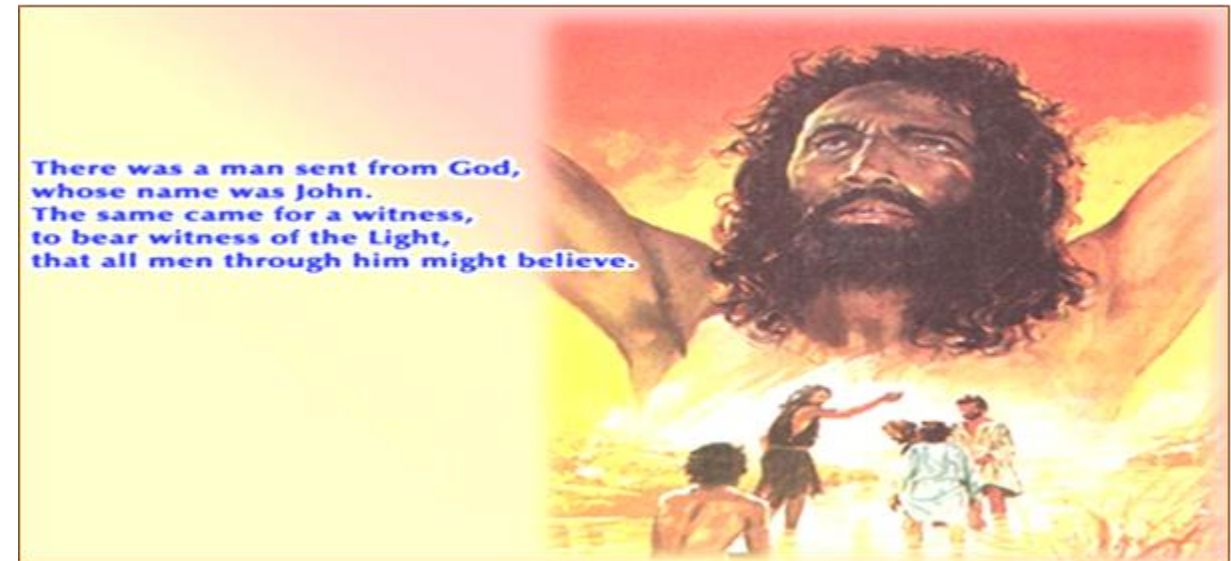
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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of December 12–December 18

- Sat 6:00 pm †Stevie Santa Cruz (Anniv. Of Death)
- Sun 11:00 am †Bishop Roger Morin
- Sun 6:00 pm †Robert Robbins
- Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
- Tue 8:00 am †All Souls in Purgatory
- Wed 8:00 am †Stella, Frank & Joseph Wozniak
- Thr 8:00 am Jim Brashier (Healing)
- Fri 8:00 am †All Souls in Purgatory

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of December 12–December 18

- Sat 4:00 pm †Bishop Roger Morin
- Sun 9:15 am Parishioners Living & Deceased
- Tue 6:00 pm †Elsie French

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm

at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm