

Bulletin Bites

Luke 1:57-66, 80

“The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.”

Hollywood productions about Jesus that included John the Baptist understandably lead many to believe that the Baptist was beheaded in Herod's palace in Jerusalem. However, Herod's father, Herod the Great, had several strategically located palace-fortresses outside of Jerusalem: Herodium, west of Jerusalem, Masada, overlooking the western shore of the Dead Sea, and Machaerus, east of the Dead Sea in what is now the country of Jordan. It was in Machaerus that John was beheaded by Herod because he grew up “strong in spirit” and preached to his followers, and to people with power, to “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” John was not violent; he was not hateful; he preached the truth; and he called people to “repent.” Repentance requires change. No one likes change. We do not like the person who calls us to change. John was imprisoned and beheaded at Machaerus because he would not shut up. Are we willing to change? Are we willing to call others to change, even people with power? Are we willing to suffer the consequences? Or do we remain silent? What will we say to Jesus?

If you are PCSing or moving to another Parish, please let us know by either dropping a note in the collection box, dropping a note at the office, or you can leave a message on the answering machine.
Thank you

Attention: All Church Ministries

We would like a photo of your group ministry in the church directory. Please submit group photo to pinedaaml@yahoo.com or text photo to 907-687-3840 by June 30th

Church Directory

We would like to place a picture of our departed parish members in our church directory, please submit photo with date of decease by June 30th to 907-687-3840, email it to pinedaaml@yahoo.com or you may drop it by the office.

Resthaven Plot

If anyone is interested in purchasing 2 plots at Resthaven, please contact Kathleen Armbruster.

**Thank You
St. Michael Parishioners**

Due to your participation, Martha's Ministry has been able to forward over 100 pairs of glasses to New Eyes for distribution overseas! Several reading glasses donated were brand new.

Thank you for all your efforts!

Church Directory

Please be advised that all our current parish members will have their Names, Addresses, and Phone numbers posted in the church directory. If you DO NOT want any of your information posted, please let us know by June 30th.

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Help Needed
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Adult & Youth Faith Formation
Sundays 10-11am Sep-May
R. C. I. A.
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.
Wednesdays 7pm Sep-May
Mass Schedule :
Weekend Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 11:30 am
Weekday Mon., Thurs., Fri. 9:00 am
Wed. 6:00 pm

12th Sunday Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist June 24, 2018

**St. Michael the Archangel
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*St. Michael the Archangel
defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism- takes place every 3rd Sunday, during or outside of Mass. Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom, or Wayne to set a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youth and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil.
Confession- Saturdays, 4:30 pm, before or after any Mass or by appointment with Fr. Julian. Communal services during Advent and Lent.
First Reconciliation- is celebrated during Advent.
First Eucharist- is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade or older.
Confirmation- for youth is conferred by the Bishop. Adults receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil or before Marriage by Fr. Julian.
Holy Orders- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack or Tom if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious.
Marriage- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack or Tom for any Marriage and Annulment need.
Anointing of the Sick- Anyone who is seriously ill or going to surgery should request anointing by contacting Fr. Julian.

Opportunities for Life Hotline
Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Nationwide Mass Times
Automated Church Lookup:
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****Bulletin Deadline - Thursdays**
Contact Angela Pineda (907)-687-3840 or email at pinedaaml@yahoo.com
****Advertisement in Bulletin Contact Mary Johnson at (419) 215-9486**

WEBSITE
St. Michael's new WEBSITE is now available at
www.stmichaeloakgrove.church
Please check it out for more information.

Blessed Mother Bookstore
Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am
Come by and check us out.

Reading for this week 06/25 - 07/01

Monday: 2KGS 17:5-8,13-15a,18
 PS 60:3-5,12-13
 MT 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2KGS 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36
 PS 48:2-4,10-11
 MT 7:6,12-14

Wednesday: 2KGS 22:8-13,23:1-3
 PS 119:33-37,40
 MT 7:15-20

Thursday: 2KGS 24:8-17
 PS 79:1b-5,8-9
 MT 7:21-29

Friday: ACTS 12:1-11
 PS 34:2-9
 MT 16:13-19

Saturday: LAM 2:2,10-14,18-19
 PS 74:1-7,20-21
 MT 8:5-17

Sunday: WIS 1:13-15,2:23-24
 PS 30:2,4-6,11-13
 2COR 8:7,9,13-15
 MK 5:21-43

12th Sunday Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist

1st Reading (IS 49:1-6) The Lord who formed us as His servant from our mothers womb and gave us names has promised to make us a light to the nations, that His salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. For the Lord our God is now our strength.



2nd Reading (ACTS 13:22-26) John heralded the coming of Jesus by proclaiming a baptism of repentance He humbly declared. "Behold, one is coming after me. I am not worthy to untie, unfasten the sandals of his feet" (LK 3:16-17).

Gospel (LK 1:57-66,80) We saw the joy and happiness the birth of John the Baptist brought to the family of Elizabeth and Zacharia and their neighbors and relatives. "When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son, "Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her" (LK 1:57-58).

The Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist

Today we are celebrating the birth of John the Baptist. Why does the church celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist? The church celebrates the birthday of John the Baptist because Jesus himself says, "I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John" (LK 7:28).

The CCC523 says we celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist because "John surpasses all the prophets of whom he is the last". The church celebrates the Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist because John "goes before the Lord in the Spirit and Power of Elijah" (CCC696). John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way who "inaugurates the Gospel" from his mother's womb (CCC523). John the Baptist "proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; He is the voice of the consoler who is coming" (CCC719). "With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to man of "the divine likeness" (CCC720).

The spirituality of John the Baptist as a witness. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came to bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord (JN 1:6-7; LK 1:17). How did John become the true witness to the light: John became a true witness to the light through his steering qualities.

His humility: the humility he displayed despite his fame. "As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in the their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah. John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming: I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire (LK 3:15-17).

Here, he diminished his personality, projected and promoted Christs personality. This act of humility is worthy of emulation by all Christians making himself nothing before Christ. John the Baptist again testified in (JN 1:19), when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you? He confessed and did not deny it.

I am not the Messiah (JN 1:20). In verse 21 they asked him, what then? Are you Elijah? He said No. In verse 22 then they said to him, who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself? In verse 23 He said, I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness. "Make straight the way of the Lord as the prophet Isaiah said". In verse 24 they ask him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them. I baptize with water, among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me, I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. Again on two occasions John showed his disciples Jesus and declared him the Lamb of God who takes the sins of the world (JN 1:29-35). This robbed him of his disciples who left him immediately and followed Christ (JN 1:37). His uncompromising zeal for the Lord and love of truth. This is seen in his condemnation of Herod's incestuous marriage which brought about his imprisonment and eventual death (MT 14:3-12; MK 6:14-28)

His clear and passionate preaching that touched peoples heart. He said, "even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees, every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire (LK 3:9). In verse 10 "the crowds asked him, what then should we do? In reply he said to them, whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise. Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they asked him, "teacher, what should we do?" He said to them collect no more than the amount prescribed for you. Soldiers also asked him, and we, what should we do? He said to them. Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages (LK 3:11-14). With his clear and passionate preaching he touched the Moral and Social lives of the people. Pricked by their conscience they asked for amendment of Life.

Dear Friends in Christ, like the Pharisees of John's time we are caught today by his life and preaching, let us try to make effort to amend our lives.

Happy Blessed Sunday to you all!

*Father Julian Ibemere, Pastor
 Saint Michael the Archangel
 Oak Grove, KY*

****If you like to add a loved one to the sick list for prayers, you can either write their name and submit it in the collection basket, or you can call the office.**



Please Pray for our Sick:

Dear Lord, please wrap your arms around those who are hurting today, and let them feel how much You love them.

Al Acuna
 Jesse Anderson
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 Judy Brown
 Jo Bryant
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 Isabel Gonzalez
 Linda Hampton
 Alex B. Lucas Jr.
 Ken & Carol Lytle
 Lydia Perez

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 Rudy Sheriff
 EvaMaria Smith
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 Anita Weimer
 Preston Weimer
 Marie Welter and Family
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Catholic Communications	\$	
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Flowers	\$	
Total	\$	2305.00

June 16-17, 2018
Total Attendance - 346

Second Offertory Collection
 June 24—Peter's Pence
 July 1—Building and Maintenance Fund
 July 15—Thanksgiving/Christmas food basket

Every First Friday of the Month is
 Anointing of the Sick and Adoration

4th Saturday of the Month Activities
5 Cent Bingo
10:00am-Noon
Martha's Ministry (after Bingo)
Noon until 2:00pm

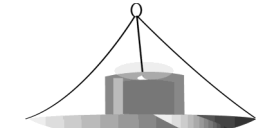
Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013

Parish Council
Elections will be held
next weekend, please
Get to Know your

Bulletin Board
 Have you stopped and checked out all that is going on here at St. Michael the Archangel! It is updated weekly by Lori Snodgrass. If you need anything added she can be reached at 931-919-2794.

****Clothing Ministry****
 We are now accepting SUMMER clothing. Clothing may be left in the Fellowship Hall Atrium. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. This is another program through Martha's Ministry.

Sanctuary Candle Intention
June 24, 2018
Ellen Zintl †



Activities/Meetings this Week:

Sunday, 06/24
MASS 8:30am
Mass Intention: Jim Doyle †
 NO CCD Class
MASS 11:30am
Mass Intention: Mamerta Mata

Monday, 06/25:
MASS 9:00am
Mass Intention: 1st Responders of St. Michael

Tuesday, 06/26:
NO MASS
 St. M. Prayer Group 8:30am
 (all are welcome)

Wednesday, 06/27:
MASS 6:00pm
Mass Intention: Men & Women in the Armed Forces
 Choir Practice 7:00pm

Thursday, 06/28:
MASS 9:00am
Mass Intention: Children of St. Michael

Friday, 06/29:
MASS 9:00am
Mass Intention: Parishioners of St. Michael
 St. M Prayer Group 9:00am
 (All are welcome!)

Saturday, 06/30:
 Confessions 4:30pm
MASS 5:00pm
Mass Intention: Sunni Robbins †

Sunday, 07/01:
MASS 8:30am
Mass Intention: Bernie Canby
 NO CCD Class
MASS 11:30am
Mass Intention: Lisa O'Holloran