

## **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist June 24, 2018**

**Isaiah 49: 1-6  
Acts 13: 22-26  
Luke 1: 57-66**

Birthdays are a special time to remember and give thanks for the blessings that have come our way. Are you grateful for the ways that God has worked in your life, even from your birth? In many churches of the East and West the birth of John the Baptist is remembered on this day. The friends of Zechariah and Elizabeth marveled at the wonderful way in which God blessed them with a child. This child was destined by God for an important mission. The last verses in the last book of the Old Testament, taken from the prophet Malachi, speak of the Lord's messenger, the prophet Elijah who will return to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6). What is the significance of John the Baptist and his message for our lives? When God acts to save us he graciously fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes our faith come "alive" to his promises. Each and every day the Lord is ready to renew us in faith, hope, and love. Like John the Baptist, the Lord invites each of us to make our life a free-will offering to God. God wants to fill us with his glory all the days of our lives, from birth through death. Renew the offering of your life to God and give him thanks for his mercy and favor towards you.

"Lord Jesus, you bring hope and salvation to a world lost in sin, despair, and suffering. Let your grace refresh and restore your people today in the hope and joy of your great victory over sin and death." your will."  
~Don Schwager

### **PARISH DIRECTORY**

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**Carole Normand**—Parish Secretary Thur.9am-12:30pm

## **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 1, 2018**

**Wisdom 1: 13-15  
Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15  
Mark 5: 21-43**

Do you approach the Lord Jesus with expectant faith or with skeptical doubt? People in desperate or helpless circumstances were not disappointed when they sought Jesus out. What drew them to Jesus? Was it hope for a miracle or a word of comfort in their affliction? What did the elderly woman who had suffered miserably for twelve years expect Jesus to do for her? And what did a grieving father expect Jesus to do for his beloved daughter who was at the point of death? Jesus gave hope where there seemed to be no human cause for it because his hope was directed to God. He spoke words of hope to the woman (Take heart, daughter!) to ignite the spark of faith in her (your faith has made you well!).

"Lord Jesus, you love each of us individually with a unique and personal love. Touch my life with your saving power, heal and restore me to fullness of life. Help me to give wholly of myself in loving service to others."

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### **St. Mark Garage Sale 2018:**

To be held **Saturday, August 18th.**  
Details to follow.

### **C. W. L. Corner:**



### **Commercial dishwasher for the kitchen:**

We are now *very* close to our goal for a new commercial dishwasher. Thank you to everyone who has so kindly assisted in this endeavor.

### **The Current River Food Cupboard:**

Please remember during the summer months those in need of food. Your generous support of the Current River Churches Food Cupboard is much appreciated.

**Thank You Note:**

To **Evangeline & Ross MacMillan** for placing the greenery and flowers around the church.

To **Marlaine & Roy Hagel** for their dedication to keeping the plants growing.

To **Bill Donohue** for keeping the grounds tidy and clean.

To **Bob Van Natto** for his leadership in the Garage Sale Event in the past years along with the rest of the crew. Bob has passed on the baton to Billy Lechkoon to take on the leadership. Congrats Bill.

Thank you all! Your efforts are much appreciated.

*Thank You*

**For Your Information:**

**Insurance:**

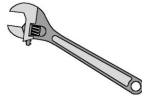
Insurance Cost for OLOL: \$5,253.89

Insurance Cost for St. Mark: \$1,615.61

The insurance covers replacement cost of the building plus all liabilities.

**Recent Maintenance Costs:**

One of the furnaces broke down and the cost to repair & change the valve was \$2,210.



Thank you for your contributions to the building and maintenance fund.

**Meditation Prayer Group**

Mondays: 7:00 PM– 8:00 PM

**Sacrament of Baptism**

By Appointment

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Please notify the parish at least 1 year in advance

**Visits to the Sick**

Please call the parish office for visit or communion to the sick

**Reconciliation**

Is offered at Our Lady of Loretto 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, 4:00-4:30 pm on Saturday or by appointment

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS The Sick and the Shut Ins:**

Mary Bilyk    Sandy Boucher    Garrett Galvin    Roger Gaw    Bas Gionet    Paul Gollat  
Frieda Kreutz    Doug Malcolm    Murray McCuaig    Kathy Sporcic    Stella Stakiw



Please call the Parish Office for visits/communion to the sick/shut-in at 683-8753.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEKS OF June 26—July 8/18**

Tues. June 26	No Mass
Wed. June 27	11:00 a.m.— School Mass/ +Nora Atkins (George & Greg Darte & Staff)
Thur. June 28 *Memorial St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr	9:00 a.m.—+Robert (Bob) Morrison (Francis Morrison)
Fri. June 29 *Solemnity Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles	9:00 a.m.—+Bruno Panici (George & Greg Darte & Staff)
<b>Sat. June 30— OLOL</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.—+Bill Szlinis (Linda &amp; Bob Byerley)</b>
<b>Sun. July 1— OLOL</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.—+Ana Retar (Julie &amp; Family)</b>
<b>St. Mark's</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.—The Intentions of All Parishioners</b>
Tues. July 3 *Feast St. Thomas, Apostle	9:00 a.m.—+Angelina Medved (George & Greg Darte & Staff)
Wed. July 4	9:00 a.m.—+Nick McShane (George & Greg Darte & Staff)
Thur. July 5	9:00 a.m.—+Michael Lenartowich (George & Greg Darte & Staff)
Fri. July 6	9:00 a.m.—+John Normand (Carole & Jim Normand)
<b>Sat. July 7—OLOL</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.—+Karlo Cacic (Anna Cacic &amp; Family)</b>
<b>Sun. July 8—OLOL</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.—+Anton Kolic (Roger &amp; Debbie Leroux)</b>
<b>St. Mark's</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.—+Arthur &amp; Dale Norby (June &amp; Roger Gaw)</b>