

# ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~Sunday June 25, 2023~

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## The Birth of John the Baptist

In the tradition of the Church, the feast day of a saint is usually celebrated on the date of their death when he or she enters into eternal life. It is rare only twice each year (other than the birth of Jesus) that we celebrate the birth of a saint. One occasion is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sept. 8th, nine months after we commemorate her Immaculate Conception, the singular grace that made her a fit dwelling place for Jesus Christ. Conceived and born free of original sin, we joyfully celebrate her birth each year.

The second saint whose birth is marked on the liturgical calendar is John the Baptist, whose Nativity is celebrated on June 24th. Jesus told his disciples that "among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Mt 11:11). While not immaculately conceived as Mary was, the Archangel Gabriel did promise Zechariah that his son John would be "filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb" (Lk. 1:15). In order that the Holy Spirit could dwell within him, John had to be freed from original sin before his birth, which, according to a tradition of the Church, occurred when he first met Jesus Christ at the Visitation. There, while both he and Our Lord were still in their mothers' wombs, John leaped for joy at their encounter when the Blessed Mother came to visit her cousin Elizabeth after the Annunciation. In (Lk. 1:39-41) we read: "In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit."



*"I baptise you with water, but One who is more powerful than I, is coming after me and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."  
(Matt. 3:11)*

### Mass Schedule & Intentions – June 24<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> - THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - 5.00pm

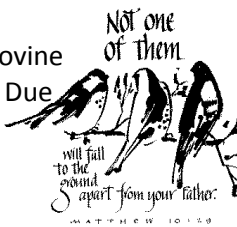
Antonino Giovinazzo by grandchildren;  
Pierrette Cote by family  
In honour of Our Lady of Medjugorje by R&S Lastovic  
Maria Nancy & Mike Fazari by Teresa Angi & Angelo Fazari

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am

##### (12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Conrad & Jean-Luc Lemelin by Ron & Denise Bovine  
Elenita De Rama (well-being) by Willie & Susie Due  
Graziano Chiocchio by wife Teresa  
Nardina Inneo by Teresa Paonessa

11.00am - for all your intentions



#### TUESDAY, JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> - 5.00pm - MASS & ADORATION

Immacolata Giovinazzo by Tina, Nancy & Rosa

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am

Tommaso Di Gioia by wife

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 29<sup>th</sup> - 5.00pm - MASS & ADORATION

Mr. KM & Mrs. SJ Pang by G. Pang

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> Mass begins at 9:00am (until school returns)

Maria Grazia Chiocchio by Mary & Tony Di Marco

#### SATURDAY, July 1<sup>st</sup> - Canada Day

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass in honour of our Blessed Mother - 9:30am

#### 5:00 PM

Frank Garel by Anita Garel  
Kevin Kiss by John & Kay Kiss  
Margit Sztanko by Carla Bianco  
Nemesia Malangis by Willie & Susie Due.



#### SUNDAY July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9.00am

##### (13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Dr. Joseph Leon by Meg & John Belcastro  
Flora "Bernice" Pearson by Carl Pearson  
Gordon Young by Don & Mary Ann Major  
Luis & Theresa Sopcic by Family

11.00am - for all your intentions

