

Welcome to **OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**



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Baptisms-Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony*

Marriages-Couples must see the Pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date*

Visits to the Sick-Please call the Parish Office

Religious Education-Sundays, Sept.-May from 9:30 to 11 am. Pre-K through secondary grades

RCIA- (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Please contact the Pastor for more information

New Parishioners-Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

Bereavement Support Group

No meetings scheduled at this time

***Registered parishioners only**

MASS SCHEDULE

- ♦ **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- ♦ **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- ♦ **Sunday Masses**
 - September through May 8:30 am & 10:30 am
 - June through August 9:30 am
- ♦ **Spanish Mass** 5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- ♦ **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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- ♦ **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- ♦ **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- ♦ **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- ♦ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration

JUNE 24, 2018—THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Mass Intentions for the Week

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- Mon. June 25 +Elsie Peters**
8:30 am Requested by Sonny & Marie Saks
- Tues. June 26 +Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler (1 yr)**
8:30 am Requested by a Parishioner
- Weds. June 27 Members of the Parish**
8:30 am **Maher Saeb**
Requested by Diane & Tim Gleason
- Thrs. June 28 +Dave Clark**
8:30 am Requested by Marilyn Van Zee
- Fri. June 29 +Lindsay Schwab**
8:30 am Requested by George & Rosanne Jacobs
- Sat. June 30 +Dave Clark**
4:30 pm Requested by Marilyn Van Zee
- Sun. July 1 +Jim O'Neill**
9:30 am Requested by the Knights of Columbus

Weekly Collections

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WEEKEND OF JUNE 9-10, 2018

ATTENDANCE -305

OFFERTORY-\$6,234.00

SECOND COLLECTION-\$ N/A

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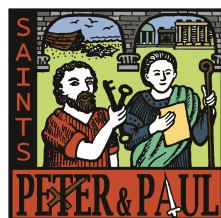
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This Week

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- Monday, June 25, 2018**
- **Tuesday, June 26, 2018**
 - **Wednesday, June 27, 2018**
 - **St. Cyril of Alexandria**
 - **Thursday, June 28, 2018**
 - **St. Irenaeus**
 - **Friday, June 29, 2018**
 - **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**
 - **Saturday, June 30, 2018**
 - **The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**
 - **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**
 - **Sunday, July 1, 2018**
 - **Fr. Jacek's Birthday Brunch**
 - **Mass at 9:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
 - **Monday, July 2, 2018**
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POTLUCK BIRTHDAY BRUNCH! JULY 1, 2018

In celebration of Fr. Jacek's
50th Birthday on July 5th,

we will be holding a Potluck Birthday Brunch on Sunday, July 1st in the Parish Life Center immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please indicate how many people will be attending and what dish you will bring. Coffee, tea, lemonade, water and cake will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.



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Rose Adams, Tony Ambrose, Carmen & Nilsa Aponte, Joe Arcuri, Glenn Armani, Helen Armani, Babies Laya & Landon, Nora Baker, Barbara Basgall, Jacob Basilotto, Patricia Benson, Peter & Peggy Bercik, Wally Bermingham, Angela Biondello, Ami Blachowiak, Patricia Blackwell, Rev. Jim Bok, OFM & Mary Gate of Heaven Parish, Negril; Katy Boylan, Peggy Brick, Dolores Brown, Betty Bulifant, Tom Cabot, Chuck Cabot, Patricia Clemens, Mario Corso, Larry DiOrio, Don & Wanda Eck, Wendy Edwards, Aiden Foley, Connor Foley, Michael Fontaine, Justin Fiesta, Leo Hage, Harry Haskins, Shawn Heeter, Pete & Alice Herber, Pat Herbert, Eddie Holloway, Sally Hooper, George & Betty Hoyt, Dave & Carol Humme, JoAnn Ippolito, Everette & Nancy James, Stephanie Jefferson, Diane Jezek, Stan Jock, Arlis Kelly, Jim Kirk, Ken & Ginny Kloiber, Eddie Knowlton, Kent Krabill, Zal Kutar, John Lambrecht, Larry Larson, Ginny LeClaire, Margaret Lines, Anne Lintner, Edward Lodema, Eric Marinelli, Catherine Mazzola, Jim & Joan McCaffrey, Cindy McClure, Kenneth McCurdy, Jim McDonnell, Patty McGlone, Rick McKenna, Jr., Gloria McKeown, Connor McKinnon, Veronica Moran, Gema Moreno, Regina Mulherin, Rosario Munoz, Ruth Nayard, Elizabeth Nomorosa, Bernadette Nyka, Danny O'Herron, Jack O'Neill, Max & Mila Perez, Tyler Peryea, John Pitale, Pal Polster, Shirley Porter, Joe & Catherine Porthouse, Greg Printy, Kristin Ramsey, Tina Reichenwallner, Elly Rode, Jimmy Rosso, John & Janet Rovaldi, Maher Saeb, Heather Sallstrom Sanchez, Malte Sallstrom, Clarence Schuetz, Paul Sepczynski, Donnie Sheetz, Ann Speitel, Colleen Sullivan, Pat Tweed, Barbara Vadas, Gus Ventimiglia, Melanie Voris, Robert Wallace, Ben Wesorick, Mary Wilcox, Norman Willebrandt, Glenna Wolshlager

!!!!NEW WEEKLY FEATURE!!!! ???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

How can I prepare the way for Jesus in my corner of the world? Can I recognize a desert somewhere in my world that is without Jesus' message of hope and comfort?

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal



OLMM 2018 CFA STATUS

Parish Goal \$ 85,000.00
Pledged \$ 76,977.95
Total Paid \$ 64,170.79
Balance Due \$ 20,829.21
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†SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

June 27-St. Cyril of Alexandria-A bishop and doctor of the Church, St. Cyril was instrumental in the doctrine of the Church's statement that there are two natures, but one person in Christ.

June 28-St. Irenaeus-Combatting heresy by the development of Christian theology, St. Irenaeus is known for his role in guiding and expanding Christianity in the region of the south of France and for being the first great theologian of the Church.

June 29-Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles-A liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

June 30-First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church-Around the year 64, the city of Rome experienced a devastating fire, which Emperor Nero blamed on the Christians, and a severe persecution followed.

TELEVISED MASS TO THE HOMEBOUND

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"The preaching of the Church truly continues without change and is everywhere the same. It has the testimony of the Prophets and Apostles and all their disciples." -St. Irenaeus



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Fr. Piotr from St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Cape Coral will be leading a ten day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Ft. Myers on August 31, 2018. This pilgrimage will walk in the footsteps of Jesus, from Mt. Tabor to the Mount of Olives. From Bethlehem to Jerusalem and everywhere in between, including Nazareth, Caesarea, Tiberias, Jericho and Bethany. We will travel from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea. We will also visit the Western Wall, as we bring our petitions of prayer and place them in the cracked stone. We will pray the Stations of the Cross as we walk the Via Dolorosa to the Holy Sepulchre. In addition, married couples will receive a special blessing as we celebrate Mass in Cana!

Your price for this private pilgrimage is \$4499, inclusive of all airfare, breakfast, lunch and dinner with wine daily. Private tour guide and daily Mass. For more information or a brochure, please call Judy at (239) 283-9501. **There are a few new openings available! Call ASAP to reserve one of the few remaining spots!!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Roger Bolduc, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Betty Licari, Dr. Lou Mauney, Kathryn McGuineas, Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Muriel Urrico, Victor Zawadski

"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world,
hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order
and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger

over which we have no control:

the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,
can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep
its conventional boundaries, invade our land,
and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You,

O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still
so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal
with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,
we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so
that spared from the calamities common to this area
and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,
we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless
eternity awaits us. **Amen.**

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]

PARISH CALENDAR

July 1-Fr. Jacek's 50th Birthday Brunch-10:30 am

July 4-Fourth of July

July 5-Fr. Jacek's 50th Birthday

August 15-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 23-Active Shooter Training 6:30 pm PLC

September 3-Labor Day

October 2-Ladies' Guild-First Gathering of the Season

October 8-Columbus Day

October 25-Fr. Jacek's 17th Ordination Anniversary



The fresh flowers decorating our altar this weekend were donated by Diane and David Lester in celebration of their 40th wedding Anniversary

Love Your Neighbor



Share the Journey
#sharejourney



The Diocese of Venice continues to promote *Share the Journey*, a worldwide two-year initiative of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Diocese will continue to run a series designed to answer questions focusing more specifically on Refugee Resettlement. This will serve as an aide to build bridges of reconciliation, understanding and hospitality, in keeping with the spirit of *Share the Journey*. The topics covered include: "What Does the Gospel Say About Refugees?", "What is the Economic Impact?" and "Are Refugees a Burden?", etc. Below is the fifth topic of the series.

Are Refugees a Security Risk?

1. The most difficult way to enter the United States legally is as a refugee. No other category of traveler to the United States undergoes such a rigorous and detailed screening process. *Source: White House*

2. The screening process typically takes 18-24 months and involves numerous federal intelligence and security agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the National Counterterrorism Center, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. *Source: The U.S. Department of State*

3. Fewer than 1% of all refugees are even considered for resettlement. Refugees undergo biographic and fingerprint security checks to confirm their identity. They are also extensively interviewed by specially trained officers from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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Ordination to the Priesthood - The Ordination to the Priesthood of Transitional Deacon Shawn Roser will take place at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, July 14, at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this important event in the life of Deacon Shawn and the Diocese of Venice.

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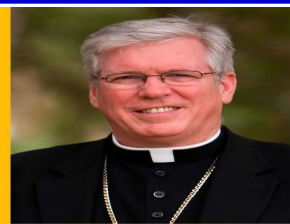
The Matlacha Hookers are sponsoring their annual **School Supply Drive** to benefit Pine Island Elementary School. This is an important drive to help our Island's children and their teachers be prepared for the upcoming school year. **FYI-Last year, OLM was their BEST DONOR!** They are very grateful and impressed with your generosity!

This year's supply list includes, but is not limited to: NEW Backpacks (no wheels); school/pencil boxes; scissors (blunt tips or Fiskars sharp tips); #2 pencils; erasers (large pink rectangular); Expo whiteboard markers, fine and chisel tip; Ziplock baggies-all sizes, especially sandwich and quart sizes; pens-blue, black and **RED**; Elmer's glue; loose leaf paper-wide ruled; marbled composition books-wide ruled; spiral notebooks-one subject; rulers with English and metric; Crayola markers-washable; crayons; Handiwipes/Lysol disinfectant; paper towels; Scotch tape; **FUN** stickers; yellow highlighters; plastic pocket folders-3 prong-green, yellow and blue colors; Kleenex; 3-ring binders-1/2 and 1 inch; protractors; ear buds.

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V Encuentro, Sesiones del Decanato Norte

La Oficina del Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis de Venice organiza una serie de sesiones por decanatos para continuar el proceso del V Encuentro. Los fieles del Decanato Centro están invitados a participar a la siguiente reunión que se realizará en: Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, Martes 25 de Julio, 6:30 p.m., La alegría de ser discípulos misioneros.
Información: pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org.

Juan preparó la venida de Jesús, predicando un bautismo de penitencia



24 de junio • La Natividad de san Juan Bautista

Los profesores y entrenadores conocen cómo modificar sus tácticas que ayuden a sus diferentes estudiantes. Dios hace lo mismo con nosotros, evaluando perfectamente la intervención precisa que necesitamos en situaciones particulares. Dios envía a Jesús al mundo en el momento más maduro en la historia de la humanidad. Aunque por siglos, muchos profetas habían anunciado la venida del Mesías, el profundo honor de conocer al mismo Cristo cayó sobre Juan el Bautista. El Evangelio de Mateo nos dice que este profeta bendecido era así: "Juan usaba ropa hecha con piel de camello y tenía un cinturón sobre su cintura. Comía insectos y miel silvestre". De una infinita variedad de personas a lo largo de toda la historia de la humanidad, Dios eligió a Juan el Bautista, en su vida salvaje, para prepararnos a conocer al Hijo de Dios.

MENOS PROBABLE PARA TENER ÉXITO

Pocos de nosotros, si es que alguno, probablemente elegiríamos a Juan el Bautista para preparar al mundo para encontrarse a su salvador. Muchos de nosotros nos sentiríamos incómodos estando cerca de Juan, por su comida y su forma de vestir y su constante insistencia de recordarnos

del arrepentimiento de nuestros pecados. El mismo Zacarías, padre de Juan, dudaba de la providencia de Dios cuando supo que su esposa Isabel tendría a Juan. Como castigo, el ángel Gabriel le quitó el habla. La lectura del Evangelio de Lucas narra el momento en que Zacarías reconoce el plan de Dios para su hijo. Él apoya a Isabel, quien confió en la providencia de Dios todo el tiempo, y así recupera el habla. Zacarías se alegra de la sabiduría de Dios, alabando a Dios a todos sus vecinos.

La historia de Juan nos recuerda como nuestros instintos a menudo están en contra de la sabiduría de Dios. Aunque evitamos a las personas torpes y difíciles, Dios elige a un hombre que come insectos para mostrarnos el camino hacia Jesús. La lección de Juan el Bautista es nunca subestimar la fuerza y sabiduría de Dios. ¡Eso debe inspirarnos esperanza! Nosotros, como Juan, somos "temerosos, hechos maravillosamente" (Salmo 139). Dios tiene bellos planes para cada uno de nosotros.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 49:1-6; Sal 139 (138):1-3, 13-14, 14-15; Hch 13:22-26; Lc 1:57-66, 80

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Mary's cousin Elizabeth had a son.
When it came time to name him, Elizabeth's husband wrote
something on a tablet because he was unable to speak.
Cross out one letter in each word to find what his message was.

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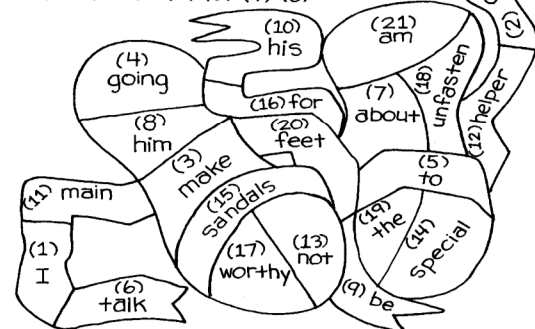
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June 24

Nativity of John the Baptist

Use the numbers to find the words in the sentences.
The four lines of numbers will make four sentences.
Underline the sentence that reveals what
John the Baptist said about himself and Jesus.
If you need help, read Acts 13:24-25 in your Bible.

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JUNE 24, 2018 THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

"Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

—Acts 13:25

"He aquí, uno viene detrás de mí; No soy digno de desata las sandalias de sus pies."

—Hechos 13:25

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the "precursor" of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John's basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John's legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: "You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory" (Isaiah 49:3). John's humility—"I am not he"—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).

Psalm — I praise you for I am wonderfully made (Psalm 139).

Second Reading — John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).

Gospel — John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Weds: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Monday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria

Thursday: St. Irenaeus

Friday: Ss. Peter and Paul

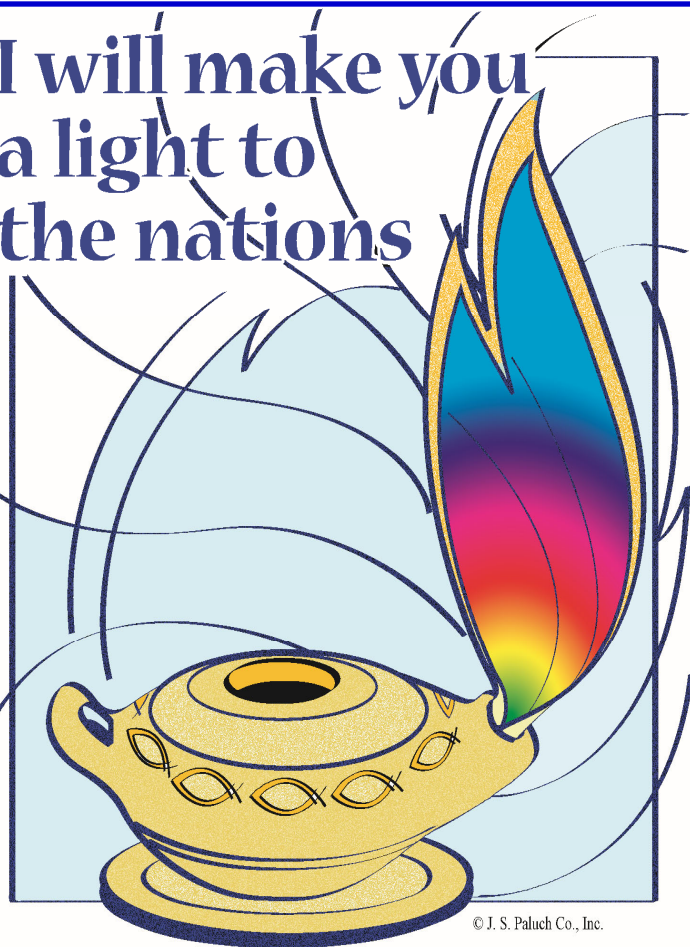
Saturday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary

DECEIT

Reason deceives us; conscience, never.

—Jean Jacques Rousseau

I will make you
a light to
the nations



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.

—Anonymous

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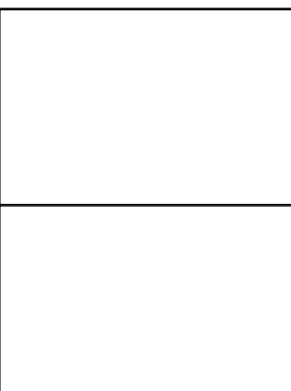
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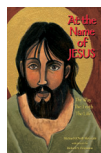
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