

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish



Pastor: Fr. Ramon Jose Oncog JCL



## Confession Schedule:

Saturday (4:00 – 4:45 PM) & Sunday (5:00 – 5:45 PM) or call for appointment

## PARISH UPDATE 10/13/2024

Holy Mass on Thursday will be at 10 AM as I will be in Manitou in the evening to attend the Catholic Men's Night..... I am very pleased to announce that on Saturday October 19th at 10 AM we will witness 5 couples from our community who will convalidate their marriage within the Eucharistic celebration. What do we mean by "convalidation"? The prefix "con" means "with". So, it means "with validation". You see, in the eyes of the Church, the marriage celebrated in a civil ceremony between two Catholics is not a valid sacrament; it lacks the proper form. And since it is not a valid sacrament, then the union does not impart grace to the couple. It needs to be healed, so to speak, by the convalidation..... With convalidation, the couple acknowledges that the previous civil marriage is invalid according to the Church, and they give a new consent to marriage. With it their union acquires the nature of a sacrament. Their marriage makes present the union of Christ with His Church; it becomes permanently indissoluble. It also becomes a channel of grace that helps husband and wife grow in holiness in their marriage. Convalidation, therefore, is more than just a blessing. Some theologians even speak of the pseudo-character of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony wherein the husband and wife are sort of transformed so as to be able to complement one another, much like a person is profoundly changed into a new creature through the sacrament of Baptism or a man is ontologically changed into the "person of Christ the Head" through the sacrament of Holy Orders..... What are the benefits of convalidation? Well, **first** of all, it allows the couple to put themselves right with God and the Church. This should give them peace of mind, joy, and the confidence that comes from doing God's will. **Secondly**, being right with God, it allows the couple to welcome more blessings from Him. Yes, that may include material blessings, being blessed in their endeavours and plans. But, I think the greatest blessing of all is that it will make their marriage redemptive. Meaning, their joys and sorrows as married couple will share in the saving work of Jesus. **Thirdly**, convalidation will allow couples in invalid marriages to fully participate in the sacramental life of the Church. You see, all Catholics should come to Mass on Sunday. However, only those who are fully participating in the life of the Church – i.e., free from mortal sin and committed to faithfully living as disciple of Christ – may receive Holy Communion. Through the Sacrament of Confession and by convalidating their marriage, a Catholic couple can return to receiving the Lord in Holy Communion.

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY\*

Oct 12 // 5PM- For Ysah del Mundo & her intentions - req. Jason & Anne del Mundo

### SUNDAY\*

Oct 13 // 11AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

Oct 13 // 6PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### MONDAY

Oct 14 // No Mass

### TUESDAY

Oct 15 // 7PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### WEDNESDAY

Oct 16 // 7PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### THURSDAY

Oct 17 // 10AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### FRIDAY\*

Oct 18 // 10AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### SATURDAY\*

Oct 19 // 5PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### SUNDAY\*

Oct 20 // 11AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

Oct 20 // 6PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

## UPCOMING EVENTS\*

- ◆ Morden 1st Youth Covenant Orientation//Oct 11th, 12th&13th
- ◆ Children's Choir Practice-October 18th//7PM
- ◆ Annual Mass Wedding- October 19th//10AM
- ◆ Saint Day Dress Up- October 27th
- ◆ Children's Rosary and Mass November 2nd//4:30PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Lectors wanted for Sunday 6PM Mass. Please text message Carole at 204-362-3590 with your full name and email address .
- ◆ Lector and Usher scheduling- Please text message Carole at 204-362-3590 if you are interested.

### Answers of 10/06/2024

1. Garland of Roses 2. Mary's Psalter

## ◆ Weekly Bible Quiz

1. Out of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, how many returned to give thanks? (Luke 17:11-19)  
a. One b. Two c. Three
2. Which king danced with all his might when the Ark of the Covenant returned to Jerusalem? (2 Samuel 6:12-14)  
a. King David b. King Solomon c. King Ahab



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