

The Universal Prayer  
The Nativity of John the Baptist

June 23 & 24, 2018

**Presider:**

Elizabeth and Zechariah were old just as were Abraham and Sarah, but to God nothing is impossible and both were blessed with sons who would be the markers of time. Isaac would herald the coming of Israel while John would prepare the way for the Savior of the world. With certainty in the power of God, let us pray.

**Reader:**

1. For the Church, especially the Church in China where in places it is now forbidden for children to attend mass: may our prayers strengthen the faith of all believers.
2. For our world and for the men, women and children who are seeking safety and hope in Europe.
3. For our nation: may we all learn to value the seamless garment of life in which there are no throw away lives.
4. For ourselves: in our lives may each of us become a light to people so that God's salvation may be known to everyone.
5. For everyone who bears with physical, emotional, or spiritual burdens: may the healing touch of Jesus and the merciful compassion of the Father come to all who are in need.
6. For all our faithful departed especially \* whom we remember at this Mass.  
\*Sat. 5:0PM.....Rose Miniere  
\*Sun...7:30AM...John Castaldi  
\*Sun...9:00AM...Zigmund Gabrik  
\*Sun...1:00....Janet Kozlowski
7. For the prayers in our parish book of life and for those fears and hopes we keep in the silence of our hearts: may the One who alone hears the silence lift us from our fears and sustain us in hope.

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***Faithful God, you hear our prayers both day and night. Teach us to hear your word and remain faithful to it. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***