

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn: 539

Tidings

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: John Gardham

Those Who Have Asked For Your Prayers

Arcelia, Phyllis, Montelle, Tannis, William, Vanesta, Marcelle, Morgan, Joseph, Thomas, Matthew, Ken, Cuthbert, Belinda, Jim, Louise, Dorothy, Christine, Nolan, Beckie, Adonica, Atiba, Lovena, Pamela, Leonie, Richard, Anne, Tracey, John, Charles, Evernese, George, Hazene, Donald, Moonie, Vera

Today is the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist

John the Baptist was the son of Zachary, a [priest](#) of the [Temple](#) in Jerusalem, and Elizabeth, a kinswoman of [Mary](#) who visited her. He was probably born at Ain-Karim southwest of [Jerusalem](#) after the [Angel](#) Gabriel had told Zachary that his wife would bear a child even though she was an old woman. He lived as a hermit in the [desert](#) of [Judea](#) until about A.D. 27. When he was thirty, he began to preach on the banks of the [Jordan](#) against the evils of the times and called men to [penance](#) and [baptism](#) "for the Kingdom of [Heaven](#) is close at hand". He attracted large crowds, and when [Christ](#) came to him, [John](#) recognized Him as the [Messiah](#) and baptized Him, saying, "It is I who need [baptism](#) from You". When [Christ](#) left to preach in Galilee, [John](#) continued preaching in the [Jordan](#) valley. Fearful of his great power with the people, [Herod](#) Antipas, Tetrarch of Perea and Galilee, had him arrested and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress on the [Dead Sea](#) when [John](#) denounced his adulterous and incestuous marriage with Herodias, wife of his half brother Philip. [John](#) was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias, who asked for his head at the instigation of her mother. [John](#) inspired many of his followers to follow [Christ](#) when he designated Him "the Lamb of God," among them Andrew and John, who came to know [Christ](#) through John's preaching. [John](#) is

presented in the [New Testament](#) as the last of the [Old Testament](#) prophets and the precursor of the Messiah. His [feast day](#) is June 24th and the feast for his beheading is August 29th.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Church Gardening Day: Thank You to all those who made the effort to come out and help with the gardening yesterday.

Advisory Board: Meeting today after the 11 am mass.

Coffee Hour: Please join us for fresh coffee and conversation in the parish hall after mass.

Next Sunday 2 Sam 1.1, 17-27 Ps 130 2 Cor 8.7-15 Mk 5.21-43

Feasts and Commemorations this week

Thursday: Irenaeus, Bishop

Friday: St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Vestment restoration fund: anyone wishing to donate to the restoration of the SSJD altar frontal please see Fr. Hoopes. Any amount would be appreciated.

Sunday breakfast: We are always looking for volunteers: please speak with Fr. David Hoopes

Concerts a Midday Wednesdays at 12:35 following the noon mass. This week features **John Gardham, organ and Nicolai Tarasov, Clarinet** in a wonderful program. Please consider becoming a patron of Music at St. Stephen's Concerts. See John Gardham. Donations are tax deductible.

CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN IN-THE-FIELDS

103 Bellevue Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5T 2N8

Sung Eucharist: Sunday @ 11 o'clock am

Said Eucharist: Wednesday @ Noon

Bible Study & Meditation: Tuesdays @ 7:30pm

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Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
and Feast of St. John the Baptist

June 24th, 2012

SUNG EUCHARIST AT 11 O'CLOCK

**A Great prophet has arisen among us.
God has visited his people. Luke 7:16**

Organ Prelude: John Gardham

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: (S201) *Merebecke*
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Collect for St. John The Baptist: page 410

Liturgy of the word

(a period of silence is observed after each reading)

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

PSALM: 9:9-20 *Confitebor tibi.* Tone VI.1

9 THE LORD also will be a defence for the op-pres-sed, / even a refuge in the time of trou-ble.

10 And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee; / for thou, LORD, hast never failed them that seek thee.

11 O PRAISE the LORD who dwelleth in Si-on; / show the people of his do-ings.

12 For he that avengeth blood remember-eth them, / and forgetteth not the comp-laint of the poor.

13 HAVE mercy upon me, O LORD; consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, / thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;

14 That I may show all thy praises within the gates of the daughter of Si-on: / I will rejoice in thy sal-va-tion.

15 THE nations are sunk down in the pit that they made; / in the same net that they hid is their foot ta-ken.

16 The LORD hath made himself known; he hath executed judgement; / the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.

17 THE wicked shall be turned in-to hell, / and all the nations that for-get God.

18 For the poor shall not alway be for-got-ten; / the patient abiding of the meek shall not pe-rish for e-ver.

19 UP, LORD, and let not man have the up-per hand; / let the nations be judg-ed in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD, / that the nations may know themselves to be but men.

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gradual Hymn: 691

The Holy Gospel

(please stand)

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 4:35-41

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Reverend Fr. David Bryan Hoopes

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,
(please stand)

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The Intercessions

(names and prayers may be added to the list at the entrance)

V: Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them O Lord.

R: And Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them

V: May they rest in peace and rise in Glory

R: AMEN

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

ALL: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Olivet

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, † pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

The laying on of hands

(Please come forward if you desire a blessing.

Those not wishing a blessing may be seated until the peace.)

Announcements

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

Offertory Hymn: 550

Resurrection

Prayer over the gifts:

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Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Proper Preface: Of Pentecost

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Eucharistic Prayer: 3

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Sanctus:

(S114)Willan

Lord's Prayer: (BAS page 918)

McNeil Robinson

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant : "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Agnus Dei:

(S158) Willan

(All baptized Christians are welcome at the altar. We receive communion standing or kneeling as you feel comfortable and ask that you please not lean on the rail)

Communion: 302

Rendez a Dieu

(please stand for the prayer after communion)

Prayer after Communion:

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