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June Prayer Intention of Pope Francis *The beauty of marriage*

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for
marriage with the support of a Christian community:
may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness
and patience.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. June 26 - 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd,
Joyce Cunningham
Sun. June 27 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci,
Ginny Reeder
Sun. June 27 - 10:00 AM - James Krug,
Susanna Tomlinson

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. June 26 - 4:00 PM - Keaton Swope, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 27 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do,
Nicholas Helsley
Sun. June 27 - 10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Kaelab Ruggles

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. June 26 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 27 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark
Sun. June 27 - 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom,
Cecelia Bloom

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 26 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Billy Sweet,
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
Sun. June 27 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Charile Moore,
Ed Stoltz, Mary Truesdale
Sun. June 27 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Mary
Grace Horton, Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 26 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
Sun. June 27 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. June 27 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. June 26 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merrill, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 27 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky
Sun. June 27 - 10:00 AM - Jane Byrne,
Carolyn English

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JUNE 20, 2021

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

FATHER'S DAY! It is especially appropriate that Father's Day is celebrated during this year of Saint Joseph, who as an adoptive father provided care and protection and a marvelous example for his son Jesus. Thus, we especially affirm those fathers, who with their wives, have adopted children as their own, truly in keeping with the goodness of Saint Joseph and his beloved spouse Mary.

AN UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION! With my pastoring a second parish, many have been asking whether there will be a change to our Mass schedule. Currently, we will keep the schedule as is. With the help of Father Carl Spishak, a retired priest in residence at St. Rose, and with the help of other retired priests in the area, we shall be able to maintain our regular Mass schedule.

SHARING OUR STAFF - In addition to a change in pastors, St. Rose of Lima parish is also losing its secretary of over 30 years, Leona Lanzendorfer, who retires this month. I am most grateful to the amazing cooperation of our own St. John staff to assist in keeping both parishes running smoothly in this time of transition.

JUNE 20, CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES! The celebration of our graduates will be this Sunday at the 10 o'clock Mass. We will honor all those of our parish who are graduating from grade school, high school or college. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk to let us know who will be attending, or you can call the office - 814-942-5503.

THE PALE BLUE DOT! I've been reading an interesting collection of sermons by a wonderful preacher named Richard Lischer. His book? [Just Tell The Truth](#). In his sermon "The Big Picture", he begins:

30 years ago, a space probe known as Voyager 1 was making its way past the planet Pluto on its way out of our solar system. An astronomer and astrophysicist name Carl Sagan persuaded NASA to rotate the craft so that it could look over its shoulder, as it were, the way you might do when leaving home for the last time. He wanted one last picture of home from 4 billion miles away. It is a famous photo. In it the earth appears as a microscopic smudge in a darkened sky. Much smaller than a grain of salt. One-tenth of one pixel among 700,000 pixels. Sagan called it the Pale Blue Dot. "Look again," Sagan wrote, "at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us...Every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there, on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam". When we feel overwhelmed by the changes and challenges of life, how helpful it is to gain's perspective, to see the big picture!! Remember that pale blue dot!

OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY - The parish of St. John the Evangelist (the Beloved Disciple) was established by Bishop McCort on July 1, 1921. At the time St. John's was established, the Diocese of Altoona (now Altoona-Johnstown) was 20 years old. St. John the Evangelist (the Beloved Disciple) Catholic Church received its name from the old Pro-Cathedral before the new Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament was built. Fr. Leo G. Bailey was appointed as Pastor. The first mass of the newly formed parish was offered by the pastor on the First Friday of the month of July, 1921. Throughout the year from July 2021 to the end of June 2022 we will be celebrating this anniversary with a variety of parish events.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD - We are moving forward with training for those interested in this important ministry. This training will take place at St. Thomas More Parish in Indiana, the week of July 19-23. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to be part of this important ministry for our young children, please notify the parish office at your earliest convenience so that we can arrange to have you registered for the training. The parish will cover the costs.

COMMUNION - We have stopped scheduling the distribution of Communion in the front circle after Mass on Sundays, but if you should need to receive the Eucharist after Mass, please let us know.

BIG CHICKEN BBQ TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW: Next Sunday, June 27, is our *DRIVE THRU ONLY* Chicken BBQ at the Knights of Columbus, 324 Bedford St., Hollidaysburg, beginning at 11:00 AM. The \$10 tickets can be purchased after each mass this weekend and will also be available in the Parish Office (814-942-5503). The proceeds will go to our Twin Parish in Haiti. ***Because of construction, the Knights of Columbus hall can only be accessed via Rt. 36. The second exit after crossing the Rt. 36 bridge will take you directly to Bedford Street and the Chicken BBQ pick up.***

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Please register now for the 2021-2022 year!

To register for the Diocesan Summer Camps - Camp Timothy (Grades 10-12 & Newly Graduated Seniors) and Camp Zacchaeus (Grades 3-9) - please contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office at 814-317-2646.

If you have any questions about Faith Formation, you may contact Diane Ryan by calling 814-942-5503 or by emailing her at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: June 20: (Mark 4:35-41)

Just as the apostles in today's gospel were amazed at the power of Jesus so our children are amazed at our lack of fear of dark rooms or monsters in closets or under beds. As the apostles depended on Jesus, children depend on us to restore quiet to their lives. Getting out of bed at night to quiet a child's fears is the stuff of holiness.

Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Our faith may be challenged by some unanswered questions in our personal relationships. Sometimes questions are asked as a community like in a time of a natural disaster. One of the most amazing experiences about storms in nature is that they come to an end. There is a strength and a sort of natural wisdom that comes from surviving a storm beyond our control. But we do not survive only on our own strength.

In the midst of these times of turmoil we need to take the time to turn to God and ask for help. The Lord will respond and give us strength because it helps us remember who we really are as beloved people of God. The voice of God addressing Job and the voice of Jesus 'calming the storm both assures us of God's presence, power and love in our lives through many blessings. Our faithful response to this love should be increased trust and a sense of stewardship of the gifts with which we been blessed. (*Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2012/7/01*)

June 6, 2021

Envelopes	\$	5,079.00
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Total Pledges/Donations	\$187,073

2021 Catholic Ministries Drive: Goal \$42,813.

<i>January 1 to March \$31, 2021:</i>	
Payments/Donations	\$32,820
Pledge Payments Committed	\$1,000
Total Pledges/Donations	\$33,820

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at giny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

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HOME WITH THE LORD

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
Terry McManuels, brother of Dave McManuels
May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

PARISH PICNIC: If you haven't already done so, please mark your calendars for the August 1st picnic here at our church after the 10:00



Mass. Sign-ups for food and also for volunteers to help set-up, serve food and clean up will be posted on the kiosk on July 3/4. *We are so excited to get back into social events and celebrate our parish family.* This will be the first parish event of our 100th Anniversary year!

GOING ON VACATION? Please use Online Giving to catch-up on offertory. Go to www.stjohnsaltoona.org and click on the Donate Online link under Parish Information on



the left side of the page. Complete the online registration form. It's quick and easy. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

SUMMER SCRIP: Don't leave for vacation without your scrip! You can purchase scrip online for flights, cruises, and hotels. Go to shopwithscrip.com to get started. If you're more into road trips, equip your wallet with scrip for fast food and gas stations! Beat the summer heat with scrip for your favorite activities. Catch a summer blockbuster in the air conditioning of your favorite theater, or gas up and hit the beach for a picnic. Earn rebates for St. John's on your summer fun with scrip. Need help getting started or setting up your online account? Questions about scrip? Call the office at 814-942-5503.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Patris Corde, 1. A Beloved Father, Pillar of Families

St. Joseph was a beloved father. St. Joseph placed himself at the service of his vocation as husband and father. Pope Francis in his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, expressed it this way “He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home.” Joseph makes his home into a small church in Nazareth, a village of about forty houses. Imagine Mary speaking to the women of her village around the well, praying the Psalms with Jesus and Joseph, blessing God at every simple meal, participating in the great pilgrimages, and learning by heart the principal blessings which begin thus, “blessed may you be, O Lord our God, King of the Universe...” Let us each live our vocation faithfully.

St. Joseph, a beloved father, pillar of families, pray for us.

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 1. Dec. 8, 2020; *St. Joseph Man of Faith*, Jacques Gauthier, Catholic Book Publishing, N.J., 2014) 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

“ENDLESS SUMMER” GOLF TOURNAMENT 2021: Due to circumstances and precautions around Covid-19, the Carmelite Community of the Word has made some changes to our annual Golf Tournament. Rather than everyone congregating together on a single day, you will now have the chance to pick your day to golf with your friends/family at Scotch Valley Country Club! The dates of our tournament will begin on Monday May 17th and end on Friday September 17th.

Price: Foursome: \$350.00; Threesome: \$300.00; Two-some: \$250.00 *No individual tickets/no teams of 5. Price includes green fees and cart rental. Each golfer will receive a food voucher, good for either 1 cold sandwich or 2 hot dogs, 1 bag of chips and 1 fountain drink, to use at Scotch Valley.

How to sign up: Complete and mail your team information with payment. If writing a check, please make it payable to Carmelite Community of the Word. We also take Visa, Mastercard and Discover credit cards. Mail to 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA 16641. We will mail a postcard noting we received your information/payment. Golf before September 17th, Monday-Friday only; Weekends and holidays not included. Call Scotch Valley at 814-695-1478 to set up your tee-time. Be sure to mention you are golfing in the Carmelite Community of the Word Golf Tournament! After you are done golfing, be sure to hand in your scores. There will be prizes for 4 teams! Any further questions can be directed to communityofficeccw@gmail.com or you can call 814-475-4435 Monday-Friday between 9am-3pm.



Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

—2 Corinthians 5:17

Schedule for the Week

Sunday, June 20 – The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Andrew Dancha* requested by His Children Vicki, Dana & Drew

10:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday, June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:30 AM - Mass for *Bill Schmerbeck* requested by Sandi & Mike Smith

Tuesday, June 22 – Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Jim Branagan*

Wednesday, June 23 – Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Philip Hernandez* requested by Richard & Joyce Lowe

Thursday, June 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30AM– Mass for *Carol Bismark* requested by Dee Schmerbeck

Friday, June 25 – Weekday

8:30AM– Mass for *Ron Peschock* requested by Cecelia Bloom

Saturday, June 26 - Vigil of The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by Lillian Cichetto

Sunday, June 27 – The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

10:00 AM - Mass for *Jude Wargo* requested by The Wargo Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17;
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26;
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

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]

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WHO IS THIS?

Though we re-enter Ordinary Time already knowing that Jesus is the Son of God (see the centurion's words at the end of the Palm Sunday Passion reading from Mark's Gospel), the long succession of Sundays confronts us again with the question that each Christian community, each individual Christian faces continually throughout life: "Who is this?" (Mark 4:41), and prompts an "examination of conscience" regarding the practical consequences of our response. This year's Gospel readings from Mark suggest that we find our answer in the cross and in the Eucharist. Today's stark challenge of Jesus' call to discipleship is, thankfully, balanced by the comfort we can take in relating—perhaps only too well—to the disciples' fears. Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, don't we all, from time to time during our lives' "ordinary time," experience Jesus' "real absence"?

SEA AND WIND

As always in Ordinary Time, today's Old Testament sets the stage for the Gospel. God, who in Jesus will "rebuke the wind" and "command the sea to be still" (Mark 4:39), "addresses Job out of the storm" (Job 38:1), speaking to the turmoil in Job's heart, calling to mind the primal chaos of creation's untamed sea, reminding Job that God's mighty word then was enough to command order and bring forth life. In today's Gospel, the disciples' fear, even near despair, takes center stage. Are any of us strangers to such emotions? Squall-force winds buffet their boat, waves break over it, and Jesus might as well not be there. Mark's account is especially grim. Alone among the evangelists, he tells us that Jesus is in the stern, the very back of the boat, not just asleep—sound asleep! Only Mark adds the detail, "on a cushion" (4:38).

AWAKEN CHRIST

Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, haven't we all, from time to time, experienced Jesus' "real absence"? This personal application should comfort us, as it has generations of disciples before us. Though the "boat" is, primarily, a symbol of the Church, never forsaken by Christ, carried safely across time's stormy waters, Saint Augustine preaching on this very Gospel sixteen hundred years ago noted that, since each of us is a temple of God, each one's heart is a sailing boat. Consider any temptation, says Augustine, as "the wind, the surging of the sea," and do what the disciples did: wake up Christ, "the sleeper in your heart," by recalling his words and commands. Then be like the wind and the sea: "The sea obeys him, the wind is still." Whenever emotions make our hearts turbulent, whenever Christ seems absent or at least asleep, "let us not despair but awaken Christ, so that we may sail in quiet waters, and reach at last our heavenly homeland."

TODAY'S READINGS

Job 38:1, 8–11
Psalm 107:23–26, 28–31
2 Corinthians 5:14–17
Mark 4:35–41

God's Word for Children

While Jesus was asleep in a boat, a ferocious wind came up and sent waves crashing over the sides.

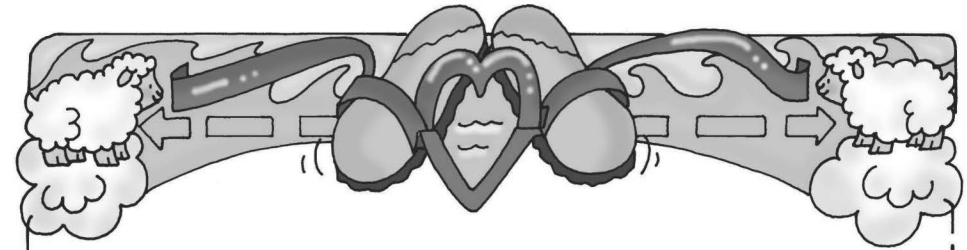
The disciples were frightened and woke him up.

Draw a circle around what Jesus said.

You can read the story in your Bible at Mark 4:35-41.



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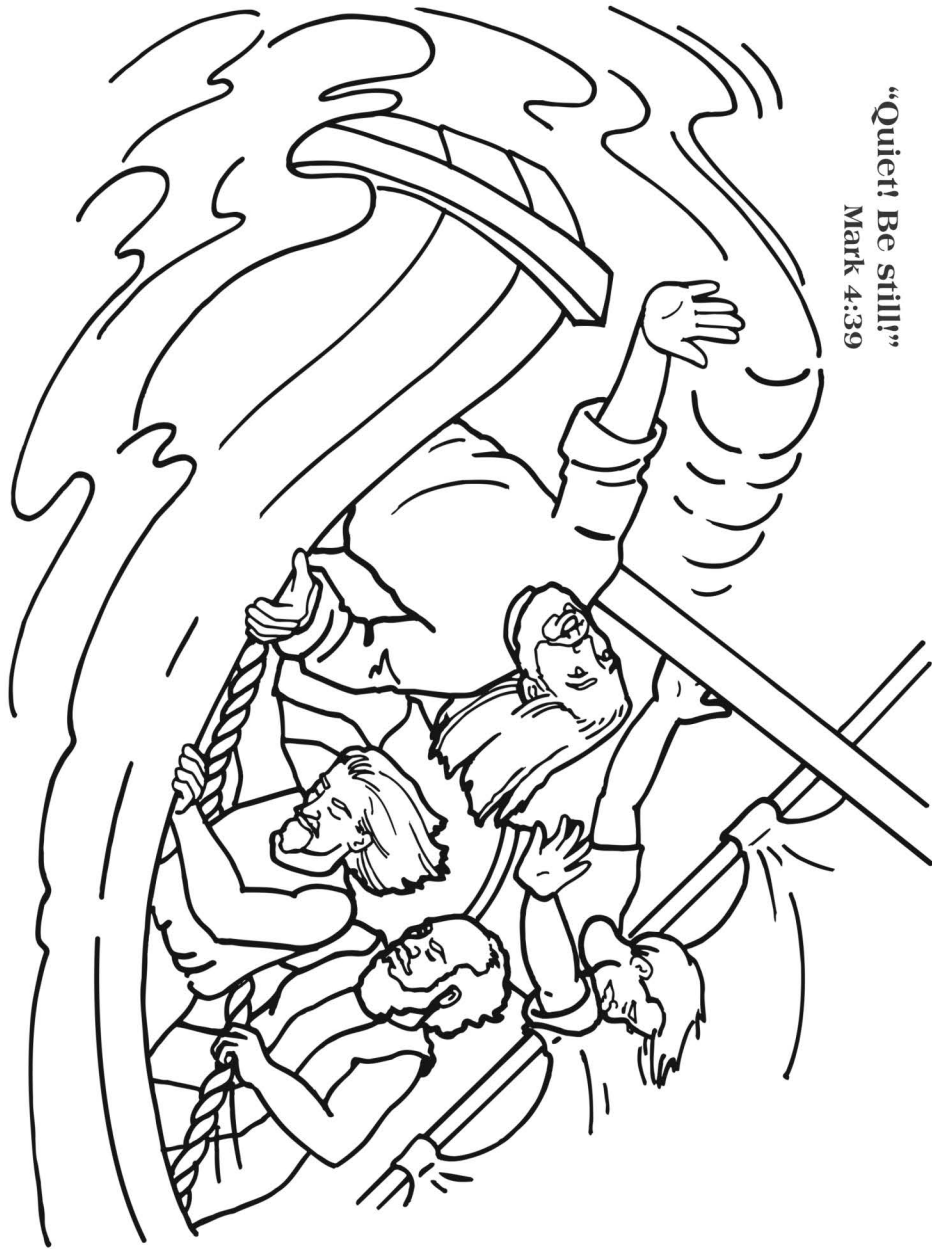


Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul told the Corinthians that when we are in Christ, we become "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). See if you can change one letter of each word below, and then change one letter again to spell **new**.

Write your new words onto the blanks.





“Quiet Be still!”
Mark 4:39



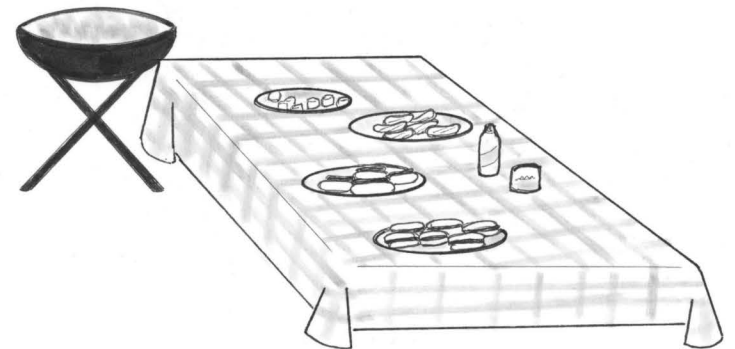
NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Nativity of John the Baptist is a feast with a significant title. It is not the birthday of John the Baptist. Birthdays celebrate the anniversary of the day on which we were born, but we don't know the day on which John was born. Instead we celebrate his "nativity," which means that we celebrate his birth itself. In some ways, John is born anew today as we remember how he continues to be an important part of our Christian family: he is the one who points the way to Jesus.

The Church celebrates only two other nativities during the liturgical year, the birth of Jesus and the birth of Mary. This puts John in very important company. It also puts us in special company, too. Jesus said about John and about us, "Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11). Jesus reminds us that John is the one who points the way. We are the ones who must continue John's work by pointing others toward Jesus and being as great as Jesus calls us to be.

June 24 is also called Midsummer Day, halfway between the first day of spring and the first day of autumn. It is often celebrated with bonfires to remind us of the light that John pointed us toward—the Light of the world, Jesus.

You might have a fire pit to gather around on John's feast day. But even if you can't light a fire you could gather around the barbecue for dinner. Put away all phones and computers and enjoy being outdoors. Enjoy foods cooked on the grill. Enjoy talking with your family. Use your voices as John used his to bring good news and joy to everyone. Use some honey—a food that John himself ate in the desert—to create a delicious dessert. This is one of the longest days of summer, made for us to enjoy!



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