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Mass: Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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July 1st, 2018 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

**Readings (Missal no. 890): Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24 • Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 •
• 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 • Mk 5:21-43 •**

Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist

Our readings today speak to us about St John the Baptist and his life. John was the last of the prophets – those people who were called by God to remind the people of the covenants and to point out to them when they were straying from the Law of God. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah reminds us of the messenger who would prepare the way for the Lord. This messenger was formed in the womb to be the Lord's servant and to be the light of the nations to guide many back to the Lord.

In the second reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see St Paul speaking about John the Baptist who was the one spoken of by Isaiah, the one to prepare the way for the Lord and who proclaimed to the people that Jesus was the Christ who they were to listen to.

The gospel recounts for us the birth of John the Baptist and how it was that he got his name. When asked, Elizabeth gives the name because Zechariah cannot speak, but as a woman her word is not accepted so the people ask Zechariah and, as soon as he writes the name, his power of speech is restored and he praises God. It is also a sign that Zechariah has accepted the angel's message for it was the angel who decreed the child's name. The affair was spoken of across the hill country.

<http://www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html>

July 8th 10:00 a.m.: Mass: Celebrant Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

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