

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1 Corinthians 12:26)  
“. . . every one of the baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change we so greatly need. This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does.”  
(Pope Francis – “Letter to the People of God”, 20 August 2018)

Let us gather, *as the baptized*, in fervent prayer and petition on

**Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

*(The Memorial of The Passion of Saint John the Baptist)*

**Mass at 8:30 AM** followed by

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

*(an opportunity to personally express to the Lord our fervent hope for healing for victims of abuse . . . especially sexual abuse and in particular by trusted members of our clergy and Church) as well as God’s guidance in our “accompaniment and communion” with these victims, and the necessary “accountability and justice” for the perpetrators and any who have been complicit in this horror. Give whatever time you have this day to this most excellent prayer.*

**Conclusion** of this morning of prayer will take place at  
**12:00 Noon** with **Mid-day Prayer** and  
**Benediction**

*“Likewise, penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people’s sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. May fasting and prayer open our hearts to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary.”*  
(Pope Francis – “Letter to the People of God”, 20 August 2018)

As a parish and community of faith, all are asked to mark this coming Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, as a day of *fasting, prayer and penance*.