

June 23-24, 2007
Nativity of John the Baptist
Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80

Made your summer plans yet? How about reservations for this Friday or Saturday night dinner? Bought your Fourth of July Firework tickets yet? How about for the musical 'Jersey Boys'? You probably have already signed up for 'Galilee by the Sea', right? We live in a society where, by necessity, we are always looking ahead, making plans, reservations and filling our calendars with events and happenings. On this first weekend of a fresh season, no sooner have we gotten settled into a summer mindset than the Church asks us to look ahead to Christmas by honoring the birthday of Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist. John's destiny was to be the prophetic voice announcing the presence of the Messiah amongst us; if not for Jesus John would have been dismissed as a wild-eyed zealot. There is wisdom within this celebration, our futures are determined by our present choices and actions. Thus, a flippant blog or photo on My Space.com today can come back to haunt a potential political or professional career 20 or 30 years in the future. In planning a trip one usually has a destination in mind...and then determines the path that will be followed in achieving that destination. With this weekend's celebration of John the Baptist, the intention is (as always) all about the person of Jesus and looking ahead to that day of reckoning when we will stand in Christ's presence. Knowing that that day will most certainly come, and presumably wanting a good outcome from it, NOW is the time to anticipate and plan for it. The moment of our death might induce regrets...but the fullness of a life lived in Jesus Christ cannot be done as our bodily functions begin to fail. If our lives are a journey, to where are they leading? What is your destination? What path are you following so as to end where you desire? We humans are not dandelions that are blown hither and yon by the breezes of fate and time. We make choices and decisions that facilitate or hinder our journey. Oh yes, live for today and attend to today's needs...but don't forget to look ahead and consider where those choices and decisions are leading...and whether some alternative routes might be in order.

Thank you for celebrating this FIRST weekend of Summer with our Corpus Christi Community. Please accept a Bulletin on your way home; these Summer weeks are filled with many events and opportunities. With the high price of gas...Corpus Christi is there to help by offering many opportunities for you to save by participating with events right here in Aliso Viejo. 'Galilee by the Sea' is getting close, make sure to sign up for those three special July nights. Next weekend will be our anticipation of Fourth of July, so make sure to wear your red-white and blue as we anticipate the 231st birthday of the USA! With the passage of the Summer Solstice, the days now start to slowly grow shorter...but while they are still at their sunny max, remember, you are loved. FKB