

## St. John and Submission

One of the most striking features of St. John the Baptist is his humble submission to the mission with which he had been entrusted. Because of his asceticism, moral teaching and the baptism he administered, he was considered to be someone great. The crowd looked upon him as a prophet. They were not far from seeing him as the Messiah. He would deny that he was the Messiah, that he was the Christ, and even that he was Elias, though he had a claim to that title as Our Lord himself would later reveal. "I am he who cries in the wilderness, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'" Such was John's profound submission to the will of God for him in the plan of redemption. We marvel at his detachment and fidelity!

Father Le Roux, former seminary rector, gives us a kind of definition of Submission: "Submission is nothing other than our heart's acknowledgment that the wisdom of God's Providence has established all things with order, measure and prudence." In effect therefore, Submission is nothing else than the recognition of reality; the reality that we are creatures and fit into the design of Divine Providence. We, as opposed to animals, have both knowledge of this reality, and freely move ourselves to submit to it. In fact, this submission supposes freedom. The minute there is no freedom, there is no true submission. Hence the modern notion that submission is tyranny over the will and the negation of freedom, is untrue. Submission to reality begets true freedom as surely as submission to the fact that your car needs gas and ignition gives you the freedom to drive it to the grocery store.

St. John the Baptist portrays for us, even epitomizes, this spirit of submission. He has recognized and desired to fit perfectly into the role God has given him in the work of Redemption. His intentions are to turn others towards Christ, as he was bidden: "I baptize with water, but there is one in the midst of you whom you do not know, one who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to loose. He will give to you the baptism of fire and the Holy Spirit." The day after the envoys of the chief priests had returned to Jerusalem, Jesus came down from the Mountain. St. John said to those standing about: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. This is he of whom I said, 'there comes a man after me, Who has gone ahead of me, because he was before me.'"

The heart of Submission to God is humility. In a world which pushes and shoves through the aisles of the shopping centers to the win the first place during this time of consumer mania, the "Second Elias" draws himself into the background lest he cast a shadow over the brilliance of the coming Redeemer. What greater preparation can we ourselves make for God's grace than to submit ourselves humbly to God's plan for our soul?

# Our Lady of Good Success

Roman Catholic Church

Society of St. Pius X

Traditional Latin Mass



**December 2024**

1460 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
Dickinson, ND 58601

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## Mass Schedule

Date	Feast	Mass	Confessions
Sunday, Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent	12:00 PM	11:00 AM
Sunday, Dec 8	Immaculate Conception	12:00 PM	11:00 AM
Saturday, Dec 14	Ferial in Advent	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Dec 15	Third Sunday of Advent	12:00 PM	11:00 AM
Sunday, Dec 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent	12:00 PM	11:00 AM
Wed. Dec 25	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	*11:00 AM	*10:00 AM
Saturday, Dec 28	Holy Innocents	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Dec 29	Sunday in Octave	12:00 PM	11:00 AM

### DONATION INFORMATION

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### Collections

First Collection	Operating expenses for OLGS.
Second Collections	<i>Please write the purpose of your donation on the memo line on your check.</i>
-Sunday, Dec 1	SSPX Foreign Missions
-Sunday, Dec 8	St. Isidore Priory
-Sunday, Dec 22	Building Fund

## General 'Events after Mass' Schedule:

First Sunday: Holy Name Pledge/Meeting

*Second Saturday:* Blessing of objects after Mass

Second Sunday: Mothers of Lu prayer/Adult Catechism/Potluck

Third Sunday: Eucharistic Crusade Meeting

Fourth Sunday: Visiting Priest/Servers' practice

Fifth Sunday: Open

### Announcements

**Ember Days and other days of penance:** The December Ember Days fall on the 18th, 20th and 21st traditionally. Remember also the traditional days of fast and abstinence on the vigils of the Immaculate Conception and of Christmas.

**2025 Angelus Press Calendar:** The calendars are in the Bookstore ready for pick-up for all those who ordered.

**Poinsettia Envelopes:** Poinsettia flower envelopes are in the vestibule for those wanting to help.

**Bookstore:** OLGS Bookstore will be open after Mass on the first 4 Sundays of December for those wanting to purchase gifts and items for Christmas. Many new items available, please take a look!!

**Visiting Priest:** Fr. Robinson will come to look after North Dakota from December 28 to January 1.

**End of Year Donations:** Those wishing to make end of year donations are reminded to do so in December.