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What can we learn from the passage? The name, Zachariah means: *the Lord has remembered*. John means: *the Lord has been gracious and has shown favor*. Jesus means: *the Lord saves*. There is continuity. The elderly Zachariah received God's benevolence. A son was born to him. John witnessed God's benevolence. He assumed the role of precursor and announced the coming of *One* who was greater. Jesus brought salvation and accomplished God's work among us.

June 24th is our summer solstice and light is at its peak. St. John's birth celebrates the splendor of summer and the power of divine love. This exuberant light announces another birth that is to come, at Christmas, when Christ will bring everlasting light. Happy Saint John the Baptist!

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Sunday June 24, 2018 Birth of St. John the Baptist

In the Jewish tradition, the eldest son would bear his father's name. As the son is the image of the father, he would keep his memory alive. Having a son meant survival and if the son bore the father's name, his place in history would be recorded and remembered. This tradition continues today. In the English-speaking world, the practice is fairly common and we distinguish the son from the father by adding "Junior".

Elizabeth and Zachariah were an elderly couple and the son born to them was a blessing from God, one that they had always hoped for. The Lord demonstrated the magnificence of His mercy. On the eighth day, it was the tradition to name the child. People said that his name should be Zachariah, like his father. However, Elizabeth said: *No, he is to be called John*. They asked Zachariah, who could not speak. *He wrote on a tablet: His name is John. ... Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed and he began to speak, praising God.*

The Week at a Glance

Sat June 23 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield **For Victims & Families**

Sun June 24 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**
11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Gilles Favreau**

Mon June 25 *Fr Travis' day off*

Tues June 26 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Yvan Potie**

Wed June 27 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Maria Leblanc**

Thurs June 28 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River
7:00pm Mass in Carrot River

Fri June 29 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Roger Thevenot**

Sat June 30 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield **For †Aurel Soucy**

Sun July 1 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**
11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Donald Perrault**

Mass Times for May/June

Sat 7:30pm – Arborfield
Sun 9:00am – Carrot River
Sun 11:00am – Zenon Park

*****NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE**

Mass Times for July/Aug

Sat 7:30pm – Carrot River
Sun 9:00am – Zenon Park
Sun 11:00am – Arborfield
(changes will take place July 7/8)

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>June 23</u>	<u>June 30</u>
Commentator	Marie	Neil
Reader	Jeanne	Mark
Cup	Neil, James	Guy, Sue
Hospitality	James, Flo	Liz, Guy
Offerings	Brian, Pam	Louis, Jean
Sacristan	Jeanne	Sue

Cleaning Schedule

June 25 - July 1, 2018	Alois & Laurie Bronner
July 2 - 8, 2018	Brian & Pam Wassill

Last week's collection total: **\$ 251.00**

Special collection: Catholic Missions in Canada: **\$330.00**

Thank You

St. Lucy's will be hosting **Vacation Bible Camp** this summer for youth in the community. It will be July 23 to 27 from 9am to noon each day - mark the dates. Watch for more info.

Clergy appointments - please see the notice on the bulletin board for all changes to clergy appointments for our diocese.