



FEAST DAY – ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

24TH JUNE

O God, You raised up your Servant
St John the Baptist,
To prepare a perfect people for
Christ. Fill your people today, with
the joy of possessing his grace, and
direct the minds of all the faithful in
the way of peace and salvation.



Grant us, Lord, that we might
worthily profess our Faith in You,
and lead others to Christ as St John
the Baptist lead so many to faith in
Baptism. Amen.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PRAY FOR US.

St. John the Baptist



John means
**'God is
gracious'**

He baptized people in the river Jordan by immersion.
That's how he got his name

John's mother, **Elizabeth** was
Mary's cousin.
That makes John
**second cousin
to Jesus**

He showed people
the error of their ways
particularly Herod
which is why he landed
up in prison and was
ultimately beheaded

John's father, **Zechariah**
was struck dumb (*literally*)
because he thought that he
& his wife were too old to
become parents

John's mission
can be summed
up by one word:
"Prepare"

Born in the New testament,
John finds reference in
the Old Testmant as:

**A VOICE THAT CRIED OUT
IN THE WILDERNESS,
"PREPARE THE WAY
FOR THE LORD"**

As a Nazirite, John
DID NOT

- Take wine
- Cut the hair
of his head
- Touch the dead

John wore a "camel's
hair" garment,
secured by a
leather belt.
His diet was locusts
and wild honey

John the Baptist is
the perfect example
of the kind of
person who leads
others to Jesus

*A very popular way
of celebrating
his feast is jumping
into a well*

