



## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Pastor: Msgr. David R. Cruz  
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Mass: Sundays, 10:00am (English), Confessions by Appt.  
Office Hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Tues. & Thurs., 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Rectory (Fr. David's Home):  
3323 86th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423

### August 16, 2015

*Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

#### MASS INTENTION:

David Montalvo (Eternal Rest)  
*Requested by Anna Montalvo  
& family*

#### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:  
Proverbs 9:1-6

Responsorial Psalm:  
Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
(Ps 34:2-7)

Second Reading:  
Eph 5:15-20

Gospel Acclamation:  
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks  
m blood remains in me and I in  
him, says the Lord. (Jn 6:56)

Gospel:  
Jn 6:51-58

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

Are you interested in serving as a  
lector, greeter,  
Eucharistic minister,  
or in another parish ministry?

Ministry meetings will be  
scheduled in late August  
or early September!

#### MISSALETTES

Please help us in praying for and  
thanking Michelle Abeyta  
from J S Paluch, who generously  
gave us sample missalettes for  
our use in Mass until Advent.

Thank you for keeping all  
missalettes and Mass guides in  
the worship space for use during  
our weekly Mass.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

#### MASS INTENTION

If you would like to dedicate  
a Mass for a special intention,  
please visit the parish office to  
check availability.

A donation will be requested  
to reserve the Mass.

#### CCE FAITH FORMATION MEETING

Wednesday, August 19th  
7:00pm

Join us for an information  
meeting regarding the  
formation of CCE classes.  
If you are a parent wanting  
your child to attend CCE,  
are interested in becoming an  
instructor or would like to help  
organize faith formation  
classes, please join us.

#### ARISE GROUPS

In October, we would like to  
organize small faith sharing  
groups, using the ARISE  
faith-sharing program.  
If you are interested in  
participating in or leading an  
ARISE group, please contact the  
parish office by phone or email.  
More details to follow soon!

#### AUGUST OFFERTORY

A total of the August offertory  
collections will be reported  
in early September. Thank you  
for your contributions.

**PRAYER INTENTION LIST**

From August 9, 2015

Healing

Jason Mata  
Pete & Glades Mata  
Andrea Garcia

General

All families and friends of St.  
John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Maxine Abeyta (Special Intention)

Eternal Rest: Juan Segura

**REGISTRATION FORMS**

If you wish to become  
a member of the parish,  
please visit the parish office  
during office hours to fill out  
a registration form.

**PRAYER INTENTION LIST**

Do you have a loved one you  
would like the parish to keep  
in their prayers? If so, visit the  
parish office or write your inten-  
tion in the prayer book at Mass  
to add your loved one’s name to  
our weekly prayer intention list.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Can you sing, play the guitar, or  
play a percussion instrument?

Email Evangeline Jimenez at the  
parish email to learn more about  
how you can become involved in  
the music ministry!



**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

COMING SOON!!!



“Taste and see  
the goodness  
of the Lord.”  
(Psalm 34)

**PRAYER FOR NEW EVANGELIZATION**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your Church the mission to  
proclaim the Gospel to all the nations. May our efforts to fulfill this  
mission be guided by the Holy Spirit, so that we might be a leaven of  
new life, salt of the earth and a light to the world—  
worthy missionaries and faithful to you. Make us valiant witnesses to  
the Faith of the Church, and inspire us to speak the truth with love.  
Help us to communicate to others the joy that we have received.  
Permit us to be united, but not closed; humble, but not fearful;  
simple, but not naïve; thoughtful, but not overbearing;  
contemporary, but not superficial; respectful of others, but boldly  
your disciples. May we bear into the world the hope of God, which is  
Christ the Lord, who rose from the dead and lives and reigns with the  
Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**Dear Friends of St. John the Baptist,**

Recently, I have been thinking a lot about the call of Elisha,  
the prophet, in the Old Testament. If you know the story, you may  
remember that when God summoned Elisha, he is plowing the fields  
of his farm with a team of oxen. Once Elisha agrees to follow God’s  
call, there is a dramatic point in the story when he slaughters the  
oxen for food, and burns his plow. He is symbolizing his decision to  
leave behind his former way of life, because he knows in his heart  
that God is calling him to do something entirely new.

The example of Elisha applies to our lives whenever we leave  
something behind in order to take on a new task or calling. For in-  
stance, when we move to a new town, when we start a new job,  
when we enroll in a new school, when we start a family or a new  
business, or when we simply join a new community. More often than  
not, we don’t burn a plow or slaughter oxen! But like Elisha, we do  
leave something behind. This is true about my own experience of  
leaving behind a parish where I had served for the past fourteen  
years. You leave a place and people you love behind. But then, you  
come to a new place, and it is also beautiful. And you begin to fall in  
love all over again. But always, there is a tinge of sadness and  
nostalgia, because, like Elisha, we know that nothing will ever be  
the same.

As we begin a new parish and discern whether or not to leave  
behind our plows, we can be sure we are not alone. The disciples in  
the Christ-story felt the same way we do. Perhaps this is why Jesus  
said to them, “No one who puts their hand to the plow and looks  
back is fit for the Kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62)

**Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. David Cruz**