



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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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 30, 2015

*Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

MASS INTENTION:

Mass for the People

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm:

The one who does justice will live
in the presence of the Lord.
(Psalm 15:2-5)

Second Reading:

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Gospel Acclamation:

The Father willed to give us birth
by the word of truth, that we may
be a kind of firstfruits of his
creatures. (James 1:18)

Gospel:

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

ARISE STRATEGY & INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, September 1st
7:00pm

In October, we would like to
organize small faith sharing
groups using the ARISE
faith-sharing program.
If you are interested in
leading an ARISE group,
please join us for this strategy &
information session.

If you have led an ARISE group
previously, and would like to lead
one at this parish, please email
or call the parish office.

OFFERTORY GIFTS
August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
Total: \$8,923.84

Special Contributions:
Fr. Jim McCartney and
Our Lady of Grace, A.J. Flores
& Family (San Antonio),
Kevin & Crystal Nguyen

Thank you for your contribu-
tions. Please help us to thank
our generous benefactors.

REGISTRATIONS FOR YOUTH FAITH CLASSES

August 30th & September 6th

Registrations will be held after
Mass. A \$10 registration fee will
be requested to cover costs of
materials. The first day of class
will take place on Wednesday,
September 16th at 7pm.
For more information, please call
Nancy Sanchez at 241-4432
or contact the parish office.

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.

FAITH FORMATION MEET & GREET

Wed, September 9th at 7:00pm
Catechists, interested volunteers,
and youth registered for the
Youth Faith Classes are welcome
to join us for a meet & greet
with refreshments.

PRAYER INTENTION LIST

From August 23, 2015

Healing & Good Health

- Jason Mata -J. Segura Family
- Andrea Garcia -Aperna Sherman
- Tiffany Quevedo -Julio Romo
- Phil Jimenez -Joe Porras
- Lupe Gallegos -Mary Salazar
- Moses Belgara -Liz Perez
- Michael David Reyna

General

- Maxine Abeyta -Josie Jimenez
- Zachary Tinkler -Cynthia Ybanez
- Richard & Erica Hernandez
- Men's ACTS #23

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Tuesdays, September 1st & 8th
6:00pm (Correction from Last
Week's Bulletin)

If your child is interested in serving as an altar server, please join Fr. David for these training sessions. If you have any questions or concerns, please email the parish office.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Many of our members have expressed a desire to serve as a lector, greeter, or communion minister. We are currently organizing ministry meetings and designating some leaders for the different ministries. We hope to announce the dates and times for these training sessions by early September. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are interested in having weekly offering envelopes or labels assigned to you, please email the parish office.

COMING SOON!!!

Dear Friends of St. John the Baptist,

The great Winston Churchill once said, "Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good." What he meant is, that rarely in life are circumstances or conditions perfect when we try to do something good. But just because something isn't perfect, that should never dissuade us from doing our best to bring about good wherever we are, regardless of the circumstances. It goes without saying that perfection doesn't exist in this world. If it did, Notre Dame would never lose, the Texas Rangers would have won the World Series twice, I could eat all the Bluebell ice cream I wanted, and never get sick. If life were perfect, no one we love would ever get sick, no one we love would ever suffer, no one we love would ever die. Nevertheless, we can't wait for perfect. There is much good that remains to be done. This is also true about St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Granted, our circumstances are not perfect. But even if we had all the comforts that money can buy, things would still be imperfect. Our job is to do the best we can with what we have given our present circumstances.

Pope Francis was once asked by a reporter what the guiding philosophy for his life was, to which he responded, "In life, we must see everything, ignore much of what we see, and be willing to repair a little wherever we can." When I first came across this quote, it reminded me of the Hebrew expression, "Tikkun olam." Literally this means "repair the world." Both of these thoughts point to the same important reality: even when circumstances aren't perfect, even when things seem overwhelming or daunting, "repair a little" or "repair the world" means that we are called to make things better than they were before. Together, this is what we will do at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Each of us, in our own way, will make things better than they were before. The way that we will do this will be through acts of sacrifice, service, kindness, unselfishness, hospitality, and perhaps above all, prayer. What better example to follow than our patron saint, St. John the Baptist, who in countless ways throughout the course of his life helped to repair the world as he prepared the way for the Savior.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. David

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 intention in the prayer book at Mass to add your loved one's name to our weekly prayer intention list.

"One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

(Today's
Responsorial Psalm)

