

STEWARDSHIP

June 17th.....\$990

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NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Today the Church celebrates the great feast of the Birth of the one who was "Precursor", "Friend of the Bridegroom", "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness," John the Baptizer.

John the Baptist was a man of the desert and began his preaching in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path". His long years in the desert before his appearance as a preacher and teacher of repentance were the source and time for many possibilities. It must be the same for all who would follow Jesus. Each and every ministry and service in the Kingdom of God that involves communication with others requires first a period of preparation in the wilderness and loneliness of our own human deserts. Only in those moments of solitude can we be attentive to God's word in our lives. When do we go to listen to the Word of God? Where is

that holy ground in our own life where God's word is unbound and totally free to be heard, experienced and lived? Do we allow our deserts to speak to us and form us? When the time had come, John led his own disciples to Jesus and indicated to them the Messiah, the True Light, and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus' own testimony to John makes the Baptizer the greatest of all Israelite heroes. Jesus also testifies to John's greatness in calling him a "witness to the truth, a burning and shining lamp". John could not save, but he gave other people a profound experience of forgiveness, thus allowing them to experience God wherever they were on their life journey. He considered himself to be less than a slave to Jesus, "There is one among you whom you do not recognize- the one coming after me- the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to unfasten". When

John's own disciples came to him and were troubled about the meaning of Jesus' baptizing in the Jordan, he answered them confidently: "No one can receive anything except what is given them from heaven..." John says that he is only the friend of the bridegroom, the one who must decrease while his master increases. John gave the people of his time an experience of forgiveness and salvation, knowing full well that he himself was not the Messiah, the one who could save. Do we allow others to have experiences of God, of forgiveness and of salvation? John the Baptist came to teach us that there is a way out of the darkness and sadness of the world and of the human condition, and that way is Jesus himself. The Messiah comes to save us from the powers of darkness and death, and to put us back on the path of peace and reconciliation so that we might find our way back to God.

from Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

CEDARBRAKE DAY RETREAT

Wednesday, July 25, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Based on the book by Sister Joyce Rupp, "Boundless Compassion." The Gospels tell us to be compassionate and the question is how? This retreat will invite and challenge us to look for ways in which we can develop and embrace Our Lord's stance towards all of life. Beverly Collin, assistant director of Cedarbrake, will present this day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

June 22-29, 2018

Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve others in God's Love, in healthcare, child welfare, migration, education and more. Join Catholics across the country in prayer and action for Religious Freedom. "Religious Freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. All are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens." -Pope Francis

FR. CRAIG'S SUMMER MINI SERIES SESSIONS

Join Fr. Craig discussing the beauty of our Mass

Friday June 22nd
Thursday June 28th
& Thursday July 5th
At 6pm in the Library

FR. CRAIG'S KAYAKING ADVENTURES

Saturday June 30th
Saturday July 21st
& Saturday August 4th
Bring your own kayak and meet between the Lion's Club and Playground parking lot at 9am ready to go. Prepare for a 6 mile journey at a leisurely pace (about 5-6 hours). Enjoy San Marcos' nature and the Lord's work.

\*\*NOTICE\*\*

NO 5pm Sunday Mass until August 19th, 2018.

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SUNDAY CONFESSION CANCELLED

John the Baptist, regarding Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease" John 3:30

CONGRATULATIONS!

Rev. Henry Cuellar, Rev. Andrew Dinh and Rev. Paul-Michael Piega. Ordained to the priesthood yesterday, 6/23 by Bishop Joe Vasquez.

Second Collection

Today 6/24

St. Vincent De Paul

COMMUNITY-WIDE BBQ & BINGO BASH

With Prizes

Meat and drinks will be provided by our Parish Engagement Team. Feel free to bring a side dish! Food, fun and fellowship.

Sunday July 1st 11:30AM - 2:30PM

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