



## *St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*

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Masses: Sat., 5:00pm (English) & Sun., 10:00am (English)

*Confessions by Appointment*

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

### **January 10, 2016**

#### *The Baptism of Our Lord*

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**MASS INTENTION:**

*Saturday, January 9th:*  
Mass for the people

*Sunday, January 10th:*  
Jackie Bergenheier +

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul.  
(Psalm 104:1b-4, 24-25,  
27-30)

Second Reading:

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel Acclamation:

John said: One mightier than I  
is coming; He will baptize you  
with the Holy Spirit and with  
fire. (Matthew 2:2)

Gospel:

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

#### **OFFERTORY GIFT PRESENTERS**

If you and your family  
are interested in presenting the  
offertory gifts to the altar during  
Mass, please visit with the  
Ushers before or after Mass  
to sign up.

#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Offertory envelopes are  
available for weekly Mass  
donations at the parish office  
during the week.

#### **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Tuesday, January 12th at 7pm  
All current altar servers or any  
child wishing to become an altar  
server is encouraged to attend  
this training session. For more  
information, please contact Luis  
Cardenas at 799-1931 or  
[lcardenas80@suddenlink.net](mailto:lcardenas80@suddenlink.net)

#### **CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**

January 22-24, 2016  
Mercy Retreat Center (Slaton)  
For more information, please  
contact Richard & Elaine  
Ybarra at the Diocese at  
806-792-3943, ext. 231 or

#### **DECEMBER OFFERTORY GIFTS**

*Total: \$15,749.98*

*Sunday Collections: \$8,435.30*  
*Saturday Collections: \$4,191.75*

*Special Mass Collections:*  
*\$3,122.93*

*"For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also."  
(Matthew 6:21)*

#### **REGISTRATION FORMS**

If you wish to become a member  
of the parish, please fill out a  
registration form. Registration  
forms can be submitted on our  
website, or can be found at the  
Greeter's Table after Mass or in  
the Parish Office during the week.



**ONE ROSE, ONE LIFE**

January 16th & 17th

## PRAYER INTENTION LIST

Dec. 31, 2015 - Jan. 3, 2016

### Healing & Good Health

-Juan Contreras -Jakob Neuber  
-Maxine Abeyta -Gonzalez Family  
-Nancy Sanchez -Anita Garcia  
-Martha Oyervidez -Johnny Ortiz  
-Kesler Gonzalez -Rick Jimenez  
-Yajayra Marin -Sylvia Ortiz  
-Corina Escamilla -Angie Piña  
-Tiffany Quevedo  
-Jeremy Dominguez

### General

-Josie Jimenez -Eloisa Landin  
-Juan Perez -Escobar Family  
-Jimenez & Ramirez Family  
-Velasquez & Ybarra Family  
-Contreras Family  
-Adrian Jimenez  
-Annalisa Cardenas  
-Santiago Vasquez

### Eternal Rest

-Fr. Jerry Kenney +  
-Rudy Dominguez +  
-Juan Castellon +  
-All the faithful departed +

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

A donation will be requested to reserve the Mass.

## RENEWAL PRAYER

God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Dear Friends of St. John the Baptist,

This past Saturday morning, the day after the New Year, I along with hundreds of his friends and family, celebrated the life and memory of Fr. Jerry Kenney, retired Pastor of St. John Neumann Church in Lubbock. Fr. Jerry died after a valiant struggle with a reoccurrence of cancer. Throughout his lengthy illness, he handled his suffering and pain with great dignity and an unwavering faith.

For the past nineteen years, Fr. Jerry had been a priest of this Diocese. However, before entering the priesthood, Fr. Jerry had also been the father of a family back in Boston, Massachusetts, his hometown. In a tribute offered by Fr. Jerry's brother, Brother John Kenney, at the funeral Mass, it was pointed out that Fr. Jerry had two sons, Sean and Gregory, and three grandchildren that were in attendance. His brother, Brother John, said that when Fr. Jerry was raising his children, he worked three jobs in order to make ends meet and provide for his family: one as a counselor, another as a social worker, and finally, as a taxicab driver.

I couldn't help but smile as his brother spoke so eloquently of the many sacrifices his brother would make, even to the point of driving a taxicab after normal work hours. It reminded me of the funny story of the great pastor and the taxicab driver, who both died and got to the pearly gates of heaven at the same time. The pastor was amazed to see the reception given to the taxicab driver by all the angels and saints. There was much fanfare as trumpets blared, and the taxicab driver was given a great mansion in heaven, surrounded by streets of gold. But when it came time for the pastor to be shown into heaven, no one seemed very interested in his arrival. Instead of a mansion, he was given a little shack in a small corner of heaven that didn't seem very impressive or important. The pastor complained to St. Peter, "Why was the taxicab driver given a mansion, and all I was given was this shack? After all, I was very famous in my lifetime, and had many accomplishments and followers, and all he did was drive people in a cab." St. Peter responded, "Because when you preached your sermons, you made people fall asleep. When he drove his taxi, he made people pray!"

Fr. Jerry was many things to many people, but he was always the same person regardless of the circumstances: He was proud of his Irish heritage; He had a special love for the poor, dedicating many hours to serving in soup kitchens; He loved the Hispanic culture, and learned to speak Spanish beautifully; He was a wonderful listener; He was very caring to the sick and dying; And he exercised his ministry with great integrity. On December 26, 2015, Fr. Jerry was born into eternal life at the age of 73, and heaven welcomed both a pastor and taxicab driver. We will miss him here on earth. But now heaven is more beautiful than ever.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. David