



## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00 noon

*Confessions by Appointment*

Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Rectory (Fr. David's Home):

3323 86th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423

### January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

#### MASS INTENTION:

Saturday, January 28th:

**Mass for the People**

Sunday, January 29th:

**Marizol Perez (Birthday)**

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

##### First Reading:

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

##### Responsorial Psalm:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is  
theirs." (Psalm 146)

##### Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

##### Gospel Acclamation:

"Blessed are the lowly, the  
sorrowing, the poor in spirit."

##### Gospel:

Matthew 5: 1-12a

#### SJTB Couples' Retreat

**Saturday, Feb. 18**

**10 a.m.—2 p.m.**

**Clarion Grand Park Hotel  
Conference Room**

*Come make a stronger physical,  
emotional and spiritual bond with  
your partner. Join us with other  
couples to get re-acquainted with  
each other.*

Registrations available after  
masses; last day to register  
Feb.13.

Or contact Sybille Neuber  
806-392-3860; or  
Parish Office 806-771-2673

#### SJTB Knights of Columbus Mardi Gras Dinner, Dance, and Fundraiser

**Saturday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.**

**Knights of Columbus Hall**  
*Fundraiser will benefit K of C  
and SJTB Building Fund.*

*Tickets available after mass or  
Contact any K of C Member or  
email SJTBEvents@gmail.com  
for more information*

#### Parish Photo Directory

*We have extended the final week-  
end to take your picture for our  
Parish Photo Directory until the  
weekend of February 4 & 5.  
Give us your smile!*

#### Footsteps in Faith

Tickets are being sold by Our Youth  
Group for the Footsteps in Faith  
Conference to be held at Holy Spirit  
on February 4 & 5. Tickets are \$25,  
and our Youth Group will earn a  
minimum of 10% per ticket sold.

#### Men's ACTS Retreat

Feb. 9th-12th

Mercy Center-Slaton, TX

For more information contact:

*Gilbert Escobar 806-239-6662*

*Brian Alonzo 806-559-5906*

*Visit their table at entrance  
of church.*

#### World Day for Consecrated Life

*This weekend we pray for women  
and men who have made commit-  
ments in the consecrated life and  
ask that we thank them.*

If you receive an email claiming to  
be from SJTB or from Fr. David  
soliciting money or property be  
advised that it is not from the  
parish. Our email address is:  
[stjohnbaptistlbk@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbaptistlbk@gmail.com).  
If you have any doubt, please call  
the office 806-771-2673.

## PRAYER INTENTION LIST

Week of January 29, 2017

### Healing & Good Health

-C. Valenciano -Kesler Gonzalez  
-San Juanita Valenciano -Delfina  
-Jaime Cardenas  
-Patrick & Jennifer Garcia  
-SJTb Family -J.W. Hamersley  
-Tami Bednarz -Jeffrey Guerrero  
-Raymond Singleterry -Liz Vera  
-Roberto Medina -Ashley  
-Margaret Martel -Jaime Chavez  
Socorro Rosiles -Frances Silvas  
-Robert Nombrana -Janie Sanchez  
-Philip Nombrana -Danny Chavez  
-Johnny Berumen -Gloria Bustillos

### General

-Gonzalez Family -Cerde Family  
-Javier Cerda

### Birthday

-May Glenda -Marizol Perez

### Eternal Rest

-Andres & Margarita DeLeon  
-Antonio & Luis Valenciano  
-Nicholas Mendez -Sylvia Perez  
-All the faithful departed +

## *The Beatitudes*

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the  
sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and  
persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you  
falsely because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven."

Dear St. John the Baptist Family,

Many years ago, when I was in the seminary I used to visit the tomb of Fr. Damien de Veuster. Fr. Damien was a native of Belgium before he became a missionary to the lepers on the Island of Molokai in the late 1800's. After his death his body was returned to Belgium where he was laid to rest.

Fr. Damien was only 33 years old when he travelled by ship to Molokai, his heart filled with hopes and dreams of serving and caring for the lepers who were sent there to live and die. The first few months were the most difficult. Fr. Damien was frightened and sickened by the conditions he encountered and often kept his distance from the lepers for fear of being "contaminated". Often while performing his priestly duties he would get physically sick at the smell of rotting flesh and would think of giving up and returning home.

But, it wasn't until Fr. Damien confronted his fears and embraced the lepers as fellow human beings that he was able to overcome his feelings of fear and anxiety. For the remaining 16 years of his life Fr. Damien cared for the lepers of Molokai with great love and compassion. Over the years he constructed a hospital and re-built the church for the lepers who grew to love and accept him as their pastor and shepherd.

One of the great lessons of the life of Fr. Damien is the importance of confronting and overcoming our fears so that we too can fulfill our God-given potential for the good of others.

The great Bible scholar, N.T. Wright once wrote,

"Do you know what the most frequent command in the Bible Turns out to be? What instruction is given again and again, by God, by angels, by Jesus, by prophets and apostles? What do you think—Be good? Be holy? Or, Don't sin? Don't be immoral? No. The most frequent command in the Bible is: Don't be afraid...Fear not. Don't be afraid!...Let's make no mistake about it: until you learn to live without fear you won't find it easy to follow Jesus."

As we ponder the realities of our modern world and all the anxieties and fears that seem to be so much a part of our daily lives, perhaps we can also ponder the lesson of the life of Fr. Damien. And the words of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who said to Damien De Veuster, and who says to us, "Don't be afraid. Have no fear. For I am with you!"

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. David

