



## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00 noon

Confessions: First Saturday of the Month at 4 :00 p.m.

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

Rectory (Fr. David's Home):

3323 86th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423

### August 20, 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

#### MASS INTENTION:

Saturday, August 19:

**The People of the Parish**

Sunday, August 20:

**Fr. Jerry Kenney (ER)**

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

##### First Reading:

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

##### Responsorial Psalm:

"O God, let all the nations praise  
you."

(Psalm 67)

##### Second Reading:

Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

##### Gospel Acclamation:

Great is the faith of the  
Canaanite woman.

##### Gospel:

Matthew 15: 21-28

### August 26 and 27 Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday

Cindy Bosley      Analisa Cardenas  
RoseMary Cardenas      Mirella Castillo  
Sonia Diaz

#### Sunday

Charlotte Amato      Freddy Chavez  
Terri Contreras      Robert Luna  
Virginia Luna      Heather Marrs  
Suzanne McCall      Andy Neuber  
Sybille Neuber      Myrna Porras

Nancy Sanchez

#### Lectors

#### Saturday

Margaret Novak      David Ariaz

#### Sunday

Virginia Luna      Myrna Porras  
Suzanne McCall

#### Altar Servers

##### Saturday

Brennen Cowley  
Grant McCall  
Zachary Tinkler

##### Sunday

Ryan Soliz  
Ryan Ortiz  
Haley McCallick

#### Greeters/Ushers

##### Saturday

Analisa Cardenas  
RoseMary Cardenas  
Michael Cowley  
Juan Flores

##### Sunday

Aaron Abrego  
Joseph Contreras  
Juan Perez  
Jack Maloney  
Ted Olbera

### Celebration of

### Feast of St. John the Baptist

Please join us in honoring and  
celebrating our Patron Saint, St.

John the Baptist, at a Mass on

**Tuesday, August 29 at 7 p.m.**

The members and leaders of our  
Women's Organization will also  
be commissioned. After Mass  
there will be an unveiling of our  
statue, followed by a reception.



Grief Share Sessions to begin on  
Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

A friendly, caring group of people  
who walk alongside you through one  
of life's most difficult experiences.



### Faith Formation Classes

Will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 6,  
with a Meet and Greet at 7 p.m.  
Registration will take place after  
Mass on Aug. 26, 27, Sept. 2, 3,  
and before classes.

## PRAYER INTENTION LIST

Week of August 20, 2017

### Healing & Good Health

-Ben Ybanez -Cindy Ybanez  
-Maxine Abeyta -Charlotte Amato  
-James Moreno -Julie Shirley  
-Nicole Contreras -Danny Chavez  
-Joe Chavez -Victor Franco  
-Niki Romo -Kimberly Aguilar  
-Adam Guzman -Isabel Castillo  
-Isabella Toala -Tommy L.  
-Reiner & Irene Neuber  
-Baby Reagan E. Moore  
-Geneva C.

### General

-Ken Lachenal -Michelle Olivarez  
-Selso & Josie Ramirez  
-Josh & Tessa Olivarez

### Birthday

-Jeneffer Bontia

### Eternal Rest

-All the faithful departed+



Candles will be  
available on  
Saturday, Aug. 26,  
and Sunday, Sept. 3.

### **WE ARE BLESSED!**

*To celebrate 24 years of marriage  
on Aug. 21.*

*-Kirk & Angelica Rodriguez*

### **THANK YOU GOD!**

*(Please share your blessings by signing  
on the blue sheet, next to the Prayer  
Intentions Binder, at the entrance  
of church.)*



Dear Friends of SJTB,

Since so much attention has been paid to the issue of race, and racial tensions, in the news over the past week, I thought it would be helpful to consider the issue through the lens of the holy scriptures. What does the Bible have to teach us about race and racial superiority?

In the period of the formation and development of the earliest Christian communities, there were some members of the early church who wanted to exclude others based on the issue of race, culture and religion. In fact we know from the earliest accounts of the New Testament that some members of the Jewish community felt strongly the gentiles (non-Jews) should not be baptized or allowed to participate in the Eucharist. Part of this exclusion was based on the idea that Christ had come for the "lost sheep" of the house of Israel only, and therefore, non-Jews should be excluded. But there was also among some of the Jewish members a feeling that they were superior to the gentiles and that they wanted to be racially pure. Associating with the gentiles, like the Greeks, if they were allowed to be baptized in the Church, would somehow "contaminate" their racial and religious purity. But, it was at this point in the history of the early Church, that the Apostle Paul wrote to those who opposed inclusion of the Greeks,

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus...(and therefore) through faith you are all children of God.

(Galatians 3)



How wonderful, the wisdom of St.

Paul! And how beautiful to know that our faith as Christians, at its deepest roots, teaches us that as children of the same God, we are brothers and sisters to one another, and therefore all made in His image and likeness. Meaning no one is superior to anyone else and that we must eject any ideology that promotes the superiority of one race over another. This is not only inconsistent with Catholic moral principles but contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray that the world will come to understand our faith and all it has to teach us about loving and accepting one another.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. David