

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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<u>Masses</u>: 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

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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
Terri Contreras
Virginia Luna
Suzanne McCall
Sybille Neuber

Freddy Chavez
Robert Luna
Heather Marrs
Andy 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

Aaron Abrego Joseph Contreras Juan Perez Jack Maloney Ted Olbera

Sunday

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 -Cindv Ybanez -Maxine Abeyta -Charlotte Amato -lames 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 <u>your</u> blessings by signing on the blue sheet, next to the Prayer Intentions Binder, at the entrance of church.)



Dear Friends of SJTB,

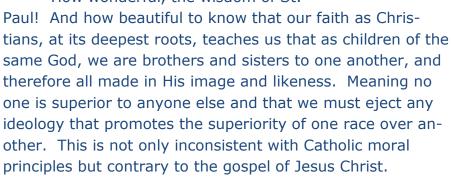
Since so much attention has been paid to the issue of race, and racial tensions, in the news over the past week, I thought it would be helpful to consider the issue through the lens of the holy scriptures. What does the Bible have to teach us about race and racial superiority?

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.



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