

| UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE |                                                                                                    |                                                                                              |                                                                                              |
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|                                       | Saturday, December 27<br>5:00 pm                                                                   | Sunday, December 28<br>9:00 am                                                               | Sunday, December 28<br>11:00 am                                                              |
| Lectors                               | David Ariaz<br>Susan Miller                                                                        | Amy Zientek<br>Clint Zientek                                                                 | Aimee Sales<br>Cindy Lira                                                                    |
| Eucharistic Ministers                 | John Arcisz<br>Sonya Diaz<br>Irene Gutierrez<br>Robbie Hernandez<br>Karla Kitten<br>Dina O'Donnell | Cindy Bosley<br>Fran Cimino<br>Paul Cimino<br>Johnny Garcia<br>Leticia Garcia<br>Robert Luna | Andrea Albus<br>Brian Alonzo<br>Marisol Alonzo<br>Heather Marrs<br>Macie Marrs<br>Liz Puglia |
| Altar Servers                         | Noah Del Villar<br>Elijah Del Villar                                                               | Miley Navarro<br>Aidan Reid                                                                  | Zailyn Wylie<br>Kaybree Wylie<br>Veronica Ariaz                                              |
| Linen Minister                        | Sybille Neuber                                                                                     |                                                                                              |                                                                                              |

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MINISTRY CONTACTS

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# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

JOY, HUMILITY, COURAGE, AND AN UNWAVERING LOVE OF CHRIST

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CYCLE A - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025



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| <b>WEEKEND MASSES</b><br>Saturday 5:00 pm<br>Sunday 9:00 am<br>11:00 am                | <b>PASTOR</b><br>Fr. John Rathinam                                                                                                                                       | <b>PARISH OFFICE</b><br>806-771-2673<br><br>Monday – Friday<br>9:00 - 1:00 pm<br><br>Mailing Address<br>10303 Indiana Ave.<br>Ste. 400-363<br>Lubbock, TX 79423 | <b>PARISH SECRETARY</b><br>Edwina Medrano<br>secretary@stjohnbaptistlbk.org<br><br><b>OFFICE MANAGER</b><br>Terri Contreras<br>finance@stjohnbaptistlbk.org<br><br><b>PARISH COMMUNICATIONS</b><br>Mary Morris<br>webmaster@stjohnbaptistlbk.org |
| <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b><br>Monday Noon<br>Wednesday Noon<br>Thursday Noon<br>Friday Noon | <b>DEACON</b><br>Severo Alvarado<br><br><b>CONFESSION</b><br>Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm<br><br><b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b><br>1st Saturday of the Month<br>4:00 - 4:45 pm |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Calendar for Upcoming Week            |                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Current Saturday</b><br>12/20/2025 | Mass - 5:00 pm<br>- For Enrique Martinez (ER)                                                                                      |
| <b>Current Sunday</b><br>12/21/2025   | Mass - 9:00 am<br>- For the People of Our Parish<br>Mass - 11:00 am<br>- For Santiago & Mamie Torres (ER)<br>Youth Group - 6:00 pm |
| <b>Monday</b>                         | Office Closed<br>Daily Mass - Noon<br>Rosary Group – 6:30 pm                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                        | Office Closed                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                      | Office Closed<br>Daily Mass – Noon<br>Christmas Eve Mass – 7:00 pm                                                                 |
| <b>Thursday</b>                       | Office Closed<br>Christmas Mass – 10:00 am                                                                                         |
| <b>Friday</b>                         | Office Closed<br>Daily Mass - Noon                                                                                                 |
| <b>Saturday</b>                       | Confession - 4:00 pm<br>Mass - 5:00 pm                                                                                             |
| <b>Sunday</b>                         | Mass - 9:00 am<br>Mass - 11:00 am                                                                                                  |

**Sacramental Preparation**

If you are in need of any sacraments (Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, 1st Reconciliation, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony), please contact our office for more information on our programs at 771-2673.

**Protection of our Children**

Our Parish is committed to the protection of children and young people, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse. Any allegations of sexual abuse of a minor must first be reported to the proper civil authorities. The Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Oscar Reyes, should be contacted afterwards at 543-9178.



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

*Christmas Eve Mass*  
*Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*  
*- 7:00 pm*  
*- with a special Children's choir performance before Mass*

*Christmas Day Mass*  
*Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*  
*- 10:00 am*

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday (12/22) – Daily Mass at Noon

Tuesday (12/23) – **No Daily Mass**

Wednesday (12/24) – Daily Mass at Noon

Thursday (12/25) – **No Daily Mass**

Friday (12/26) – Daily Mass at Noon

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

December 13 & 14

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| Offertory Basket Totals    | Online Offertory Total        |
| Sat. 5 pm      \$ 1,631.00 | \$ 4,145.00                   |
| Sun 9 am      \$ 1,447.00  | Online Building Fund Donation |
| Sun 11 am     \$ 3,367.30  | \$ 2,930.00                   |

Religious Retirement 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 1,236.87



By Deacon Severo

“As we celebrate Christ’s birthday, let us celebrate the many blessings He bestows on us.”



The Church Office will be closed for two weeks to celebrate Christmas and the New Year.

We will be closed **starting Monday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and will return to regular office hours on **Monday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>**.



The 2026 Giving Envelopes are available in the gathering space.

If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, please contact the office and let us know. (806) 771-2673

**Are you seeking a way to reflect on this year and enter more fully into your faith in 2026?**  
**Join Fr. John for this beautiful Mass!**

**Benediction Service**  
**New Year’s Eve**  
**Wednesday, December 31st**  
**Mass at 7:00 pm**

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Following Mass**

Weekly Prayer Intentions

Lord, Hear Our Prayers



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| <b>Healing</b><br>Anita P.<br>Anthony Peppers<br>Arnold P.<br>Augustine S.<br>Belen Velasquez<br>Cecelia Garcia<br>Connie Moore | Crystal G.<br>Crystal Sulica<br>Cyndi<br>Dalia Garcia<br>David B.<br>David Garcia<br>Eddie Alvarado<br>Elizabeth C. | Jacob C.<br>Laurie<br>Mary Burris<br>Yvette Alvarado<br><br><b>Safe Travels</b><br>Ismael Olvera<br>Lisa & Juan Cantu | <b>Birthday</b><br>David Puglia<br>John Ramos<br>Linda Ramos<br>Lisa Cantu<br><br><b>Eternal Rest</b><br>Maria Olvera | <b>Pray for Our Active Troops</b><br>Christopher Martinez<br>Christopher Romo<br>Garrett Chastain<br>Jackson Cox<br>Phillip Romo | Samuel Aycock<br>Samuel Cormier<br>Zavian Martinez |
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**You can add your weekly prayer intentions on our website! [stjohnbaptistlbk.org/st-ritas-prayer-ministry](http://stjohnbaptistlbk.org/st-ritas-prayer-ministry)**



**Spiritual Bite for the Soul**  
*Reflection Written By Deacon Severo*

Duties of a Faithful Christian - V: Charity

Charity is at the very heart of love in the Christian life. It is not merely giving from our surplus or showing kindness when convenient; charity is the divine love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). It is the virtue that unites us most closely to God, for “God is love” (1 John 4:8). As faithful Christians, our duty to charity begins with God Himself—loving Him above all things. But this love must overflow to our neighbor. Jesus commands us: “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12).

True charity is sacrificial, willing the good of the other even at cost to ourselves. St. Paul reminds us that without charity, giving of ourselves in love to neighbor, even the greatest works and sacrifices are nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1–3). Charity is not just a thought or feeling; it is lived daily in small acts of mercy, kindness, compassion, patience, and forgiveness. It is feeding the hungry, visiting the lonely, consoling the grieving, encouraging the weary, and praying for the lost. It is also guarding our words, choosing gentleness instead of harshness, and compassion instead of indifference.

It is the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. St. Teresa of Calcutta taught, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” Our duty is to let Christ’s love so dwell in us that every action, thought, and word becomes an offering of charity—making visible the love of God in the world.