

***St. John the Baptist Catholic Church***

1312 Dallas Street  
Waco, Texas 76704

Pastor/Administrator: Father Cyril Ejaidu

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Confession: Sunday 10:00-10:25 am

Mass: Sunday 10:30 am

Mass: Wednesday 6:00 pm

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 18, 2021

**July 25, 2021**

***Lectors***

KOPC

***Eucharistic Minister***

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***Ministry for the  
Sick and Homebound***

Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart and  
Mrs. Carolyn Brown

***Photographer***

David Haliburton

***Bulletin***

Celeste Sheehy

***Live-Streaming and Music***

Greg Guerra



***Parish Council Members***

**Chairman:** Father Cyril Ejaidu

**President:** Ms. Faye Stewart

**Vice President:** TBD

**Recording Secretary**

Mrs. Carolyn Brown

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Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Freddy  
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Fred Ouellette, Mr. Stanley  
Glynn, Mrs. Elvira Salinas, and  
Mrs. Yvette Guardiola

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**and Court Council #385**

**Grand Knight**

Mr. Joseph Quinones

**Court #385 Grand Lady**

Mrs. Teaberta Black

**“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” Mark 6:31a**

This is an invitation we may need to hear far more than we realize. And it’s an invitation that many find hard to accept from Jesus. But take it as a direct invitation offered to you from our Lord. Hear Him say this to you: “You, my child, please do come away by yourself to a deserted place and rest for a while.”

There is something very healing and helpful that comes from silence and moments of solitude. There is something about silence and solitude that enables us to get refocused. So often in life we are overwhelmed by busyness. “Busyness” is often a way for the evil one to wear us down and get us off track. It keeps us from the gentle, clear and refreshing voice of God. So how is it that God is inviting you to come away by yourself and rest? At the heart of this invitation is a longing in Jesus’ heart that we rest from those burdens which weigh us down unnecessarily. It’s true that there are many good things God calls us to do that can exhaust us. But this “holy exhaustion” is not a bad thing. In fact, being “exhausted” by the will of God actually deepens our faith and fills us with joy. And that joy lightens our burden. The main reason for our need to “come away” and “rest” is that there are many things in life that are not part of God’s will. These are burdens we impose upon ourselves unnecessarily. These burdens, more than anything else, are what we need to rest from.

Coming away, alone, with Jesus, is a way of getting refocused and clearing out the clutter of life. It’s a way of escaping from our impulses and habits that draw us away from the joyful will of God. So think about this invitation. Think about it practically. Can you find at least ten minutes today to go find silence so as to rest in the arms of Jesus?

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to accept the invitation from Jesus to come and rest with and in Him. Commit yourself to doing just that. Make the choice, today, to find time to be alone. From that time of solitude, seek the still, small and silent voice of God. Let the quiet and the peace of God’s presence bring clarity and focus to your busy life.

*Lord, help me to hear You call me to a time of rest and peace. Help me to seek You and to accept Your gentle invitation. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**St. John's Offering**

**July 11, 2021**

**Regular Offering: \$675   Building Fund: \$30**



*Please add names of church members and their family members to the sick list in the foyer of the church so that we may pray for you. We will update the list weekly and remove names from the list monthly. If a name should remain on the list indefinitely, please notify Celeste Sheehy.*

**Sick List**

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies.

We ask that you restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worries. Give them your peace and comfort.

In Jesus name, Amen!

Don McKelvain

Freeman Hayes

Sonja Hemstreet Gaines

Hilde Ouellette

Mike Wardlaw

Christopher Mendoza

Linda Guerra

Delores Brown

Brenda Breaux

***Diocesan News***

**July 24, 2021, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Spanish Day Retreat** “La presencia de Dios en medio de nuestros problemas y dificultades” El retiro de este día consistirá en 2 lecturas, la primera sera = Dios sigue iluminándonos en medio de la crisis de la sociedad de hoy La segunda sera= El espíritu Santo sigue trabajando en medio de la crisis de los principios y valores El costo del retiro será de \$ 35 e incluirá el almuerzo. Farvor de registrarse a mas tardar para el día 10 de julio.

**July 24, 2021, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Spiritual Gift Retreat** What are your Spiritual Gifts and how has our Lord called you to use them? “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit” 1Cor.12:4. The gifts you have received in Baptism and Confirmation were given to be used to build up the Church. In this day retreatwe will reflect on the ways the Holy Spirit empowers each of us to serve God with the graces He has given to yield our individual spiritual gifts. st is \$40 and includes lunch.

**July 29, 2021, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Cedarbrake on the Road** will be at St. Helen’s in Georgetown. Franciscan Father Albert Haase’s topic will be “The Listening to the Voice of God.” Grow in a deeper relationship with God by learning how the Lord speaks to us in our everyday life. Albert Haase will present this day based on his bestselling book titled, “Saying Yes: Discovering and Responding to God’s Will in Your Life.” The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Register through Cedarbrake.

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## *Announcements*

The temporary protocols for the pandemic have been rescinded by the Bishop. **Father Cyril asks that we continue to wear masks during Mass.** We will continue to live-stream.

We will have **pastries and coffee available in Sophie Hall after Mass** every Sunday. Please stop by and visit for a few minutes.

On the **first Saturday of every month**, we will have **Adoration** from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **followed by Mass** at 4:00 pm.

**Coming soon!** St. John's will have a webpage available for our parish!

**Important reminder: For their safety, all children must be accompanied to the restroom by an adult.**

Why is this the year of St. Joseph? Because family is under attack. Read the book *Consecration to St. Joseph* by Donald H. Galloway, MIC, to learn more about this topic.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of St. John's**, please fill out the membership card located at the back of the church. St. John's would like to welcome our new members and our guests. We are so very glad to have you with us.

If you have **items for the bulletin**, please submit them to Celeste Sheehy at sheehysoccer@yahoo.com or text her at 254-709-5398. Please submit all items by 5:00 pm on Thursday to allow time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Mass.

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**Our Mission Statement:** To be a faith community bringing the presence of Christ to all by celebrating God's word and the Sacraments.

**Our Vision Statement:** To build a strong and vibrant community through core values based on love, selflessness, and service.

