

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

1312 Dallas Street
Waco, Texas 76704

Pastor/Administrator: Father Cyril Ejaidu

Phone (254) 753-6742

Confession: Sunday 10:00-10:25 am

Mass: Sunday 10:30 am

Mass: Wednesday 6:00 pm

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021

August 1, 2021

Lectors

Patsy Lehron
Vernessa Hall

Eucharistic Minister

Cynthia Quinones

***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

Finance Committee:

Mrs. Bobbie Sharkey

Mrs. Carolyn Brown

Ms. Jessica Breda

Mrs. Joyce Fonteneaux

Mr. Matthew Sheehy

Other members

Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Freddy
Duron, Mr. Freeman Hayes, Mr.

Fred Ouellette, Mr. Stanley

Glynn, Mrs. Elvira Salinas, and

Mrs. Yvette Guardiola

Knights of Peter Claver Council

and Court Council #385

Grand Knight

Mr. Joseph Quinones

Court #385 Grand Lady

Mrs. Teaberta Black

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” John 6:9–10a

Have you ever been faced with what seems to be an “impossible situation?” Jesus was, but He proved He could overcome any apparent obstacle He wanted to. Sure, He is God, but the fact remains that He can do all things He wills. And He can do so in our lives, too!

This passage above reveals His confidence in His ability to feed many thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Humanly speaking, this is not possible, but divinely speaking, it’s easy.

Jesus’ miracle speaks to His commitment to “feed us” in every way. Yes, this was a feeding with food, but it’s symbolic of Him being able and willing to feed our souls with His grace to face whatever hardship or challenge life throws at us. His grace is enough!

The problem is often twofold. First, we face some challenge in our lives, and we see it as something we do not know how to overcome. This can lead to despair and disillusionment. But when this happens, we must reflect upon miracles like this one and realize that all things are possible for God.

The second problem we often face is the ability to distinguish between God’s will and our own limited ideas. Too often we come up with our own ideas of what we think is good and right, and we start praying for that. But what if God’s idea and will is much different and, of course, much greater?! What if God has a plan that we never could have come up with on our own? The truth is that He does have a far more perfect plan for our lives than we could ever dream up. He knows what is best for us, and He can bring that plan to fruition. For our part, we must seek that plan, surrender to it and have faith in His perfect love, mercy, and power.

Reflect, today, on your future. What is it that seems to worry you the most? What is it that seems to fill you with anxiety? God has a perfect plan for that situation. Your job is to seek out that plan and trust it will be brought to fruition.

Lord, I know You can do all things and that You will the good in all things. Help me to turn and to surrender to Your perfect divine will. As I surrender to it, help me to have perfect faith that You will bring Your will to fruition. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John's Offering

July 11, 2021

Regular Offering: **\$676.99** Building Fund: **\$110**

Garage Sale: **\$1,373.18**

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 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.



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.

THE QUESTION IS: WHO IS ST. JOSEPH? What do we know about him? Why should we not just know about him, but KNOW him? How can we love and trust someone if we do not know who he is? Was he married before becoming the foster father of Jesus? Did he have children? How can a man who never had a word written of what he said in the bible be so important? Find these answers and many more in the book ***Consecration to St. Joseph*** by author Donald H. Calloway, MIC. Read and fall in love with this mystery man in the life of the holy family. Would you like to read the book by yourself? Or in a supportive group? **Call Julie Hemstreet 254-633-5512 BETWEEN 9:00AM / 6:00 PM if interested in a group reading of this book.**

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.

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.