

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Confession: Sunday 10:00-10:25 am

Mass: Sunday 10:30 am

Mass: Wednesday 6:00 pm

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15, 2021

August 22, 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



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“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name.” Luke 1:46–49

Today we celebrate one of seventeen different memorials, feasts and solemnities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are found on the Roman Liturgical Calendar. Today’s celebration is one of the four great Solemnities by which our Blessed Mother is honored. Obviously, no other person other than our Lord is honored and celebrated with as much solemnity as the Mother of God.

The Solemnity of the Assumption honors the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she never experienced death. Instead, at that glorious moment, she was singly privileged to be taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son so as to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever. It’s an amazing fact to consider that she is the only person, other than Jesus, who retains her body and soul, united as one in Heaven, in anticipation of that glorious day when the new Heavens and Earth will be created and when all the faithful will rise so as to live in a new bodily form forever with God. Though this dogma of our faith had been held and believed by the faithful from the earliest times of our Church, especially since it was witnessed by those closest to our Blessed Mother at the time of her glorious Assumption, it wasn’t until November 1, 1950, that Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed it to be so, raising this teaching of our faith to the level of a dogma, meaning, it must be held and believed by all. In part, the Holy Father declared, “...we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

This Dogma of the Assumption reveals to us many things worth prayerfully pondering. First and foremost, Mary’s Assumption was a result of her Immaculate Conception and the fact that she remained sinless throughout her life. That Dogma was also believed throughout the centuries and was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. The Assumption follows from the Immaculate Conception because death follows from sin. It was not the original plan of God that we experience the death of our bodies and the separation of our bodies and souls. Again, this is a consequence of sin. But since the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all sin from the moment of her conception by the future grace won by her Son on the Cross, and because she freely remained free from sin throughout her life by her ongoing cooperation with that grace, then she not only did not experience death, she could not. Death had no power over one who was without sin.

The Gospel passage quoted above comes from the beginning of Mary’s song of praise, her *Magnificat*, by which she not only gives the greatest glory to God but also reveals who she is. She is the one whom “all generations” will call “blessed.” She is the one for whom “the Almighty has done great things.” She is the one who will eternally proclaim “the greatness of the Lord” and whose

spirit will forever rejoice in God her Savior. And she is that lowliest of servants whom God has raised up to the greatest glory.

Reflect, today, with the whole Church, upon the Most Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary who was conceived without sin, remained sinless throughout her life, never experienced death, and was taken body and soul into Heaven where she now adores the Most Holy Trinity and intercedes for you and for the whole Church. This is a Solemnity of great rejoicing! Share in this joy with the whole Church and with all the saints in Heaven!

Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John's Offering

August 8, 2021

Regular Offering: **\$1,309.07** Building Fund: **\$10**

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

Sonja Hemstreet Gaines

Mike Wardlaw

Linda Guerra

Brenda Breaux

George Salinas

Freeman Hayes

Hilde Ouellette

Christopher Mendoza

Delores Brown

Jessie Hithe

Annaliese Rodriguez

Diocesan News

August 27-29, 2021 - El Retiro de **La Sanación a Través del Corazón de Jesús** se llevará a cabo en Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center en Temple. Este retiro se enfoca en nuestra identidad como los amados de Dios y en las heridas que nos

impiden vivir esa identidad. El Padre Charlie Garza, pastor de St. Albert the Great Parish en Austin, es el presentador. El costo es de \$240 por un cuarto para una sola persona, \$190 por persona en un cuarto compartido y \$100 para aquellos que no pasen la noche en el Centro de Retiros, el precio incluye las comidas y la ropa de cama para el fin de semana.

Announcements

Father Cyril requests 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.

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

We now have a webpage at www.stjohnswaco.org! More information will be added to the webpage in the coming weeks including the ability to make your offerings online. We encourage you to visit the webpage and notify Celeste Sheehy if you have any suggestions for information to be included.

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.