

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Mass: Sunday 10:30 am

Mass: Wednesday 6:00 pm

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021

October 31, 2021

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Heather Weekly
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***Ministry for the
Sick and Homebound***

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On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartimaeus began to cry out and say, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.” Mark 10:47

These words from Bartimaeus, the blind man, present us with the perfect prayer for a few reasons.

First, this prayer reveals the deep humility of Bartimaeus. By praying this prayer, Bartimaeus expresses the fact that he knew Jesus was the source of what he needed and that he was unable to help himself. Bartimaeus knew that he was weak but that Jesus was perfect strength. Thus, Bartimaeus humbly turned to Jesus in his need, recognizing Him as the source.

Second, it is a prayer that cries for “pity.” Pity is the feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering of others. Pity is mercy and is the form of love given to one by another who has no need of giving it. In this prayer, Bartimaeus asks the all-powerful Lord to show him kindness and mercy, even though he is unworthy of such a gift. This prayer reveals the fact that Bartimaeus knew he was undeserving of help from our Lord, but he cried out for it anyway in the hope that Jesus would help. And, indeed, He does.

Third, this prayer reveals a certain and deep passion. It is not just a request for God’s help; rather, it is a cry for help. It’s a plea and a form of begging. It’s an opening up of one’s soul to God, without concern of displaying one’s own weaknesses or worry that others will witness it or what they’ll think. This shows the depth of the blind man’s prayer.

Reflect, today, upon these three lessons from Bartimaeus’ short prayer. We must be humble, beg for mercy, and do so with deep passion and longing. Praying this way will most certainly dispose us to the grace and mercy of God.

Lord, Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me. I do humbly beg You with all my heart for Your mercy and compassion. Though I am unworthy, I seek Your grace and trust in Your goodness. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John’s Offering

October 17, 2021

Regular Offering: \$1899.94

St. John’s Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxillary Court 385 will be selling raffle tickets after Mass until December 5, 2021. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Prizes are a wine and cheese basket and a bath and body basket.

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
Hilde Ouellette	Mike Wardlaw
Linda Guerra	Jessie Hithe
Robert Gradel	Gloria Johnson
Thomas Relgaldo (RIP)	Delores Brown
Brandon Rosas	Darlene Garcia

Diocesan News

November 6, 2021, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, the Diocese of Austin will host **A Day of Reflection concerning the Black Apostolate**. All are welcome to join in this day led by Fr. Oscar Pratt, II from the Archdiocese of Boston. The theme of the day will explore “Faith: Encounter and Transformation,” looking at the ways in which our encounters of faith can change and shape our relationship with God, and how we live out our vocation and ministries as the mystical body of Christ. Throughout Scripture can be seen various ways in which people encounter God and are changed by their experiences in both the Old and New Testaments. It is important that we, too, reflect on the ways in which our own encounters with Christ, as well as the Christ in each other, leads us to transformation.

All parishioners of your community are invited to join us on this day of reflection. It is so important to come together to not only support the Black members of your community, but also to encounter and accompany them on their spiritual journeys. Please encourage everyone in your parish community to join us for this special event. It is sure to be an enriching day for all! In order to register, please go to: <https://www.austindiocese.org/black-ministry-dor>

November 13, 2021, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm A retreat day explaining The Holy Mass, led by Fr. Paul-Michael Piega, pastor of St. Patricks in Hutto. Cost is \$40 which includes lunch.

November 30, 2021 – Join us Tuesday evening for a wine and cheese social, followed by dinner and an Advent reflection by Bishop Joe Vásquez. Cost is \$30 per person.

Announcements

Father Cyril requests that we continue to wear masks during Mass.

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.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Every 2 minutes in the United States, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. No one should face breast cancer alone. Please wear your pink ribbon in honor of survivors and in memory of those who have lost the battle with breast cancer.

October 31, 2021 – Trunk or Treat in the parking lot immediately after Mass and coffee in the hall for the children of the parish. Children may wear their costumes (appropriate for church) to Mass. If you would like to give treats from your trunk, please let Faye Stewart know.

November 11- 14, 2021 – St. Louis Men's Spanish ACTS Retreat. For more information, contact Sergio Lugo at sergiolugo6@yahoo.com. An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This in turn fosters a desire for intentional discipleship. ACTS Retreats are given by parishioners for parishioners, and in this way, serve to build Christian community at a parish. The ACTS Retreat begins Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass in the parish. While utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.

Between Jobs Waco is a start-up ministry and service for those seeking employment. BJW meets **every Wednesday from 9:15 am – 10:30 am** at the Crestview Community Center, 7129 Delhi Road, Waco, TX. For more information contact Lynn Strang at 713-301-4380, stranglynn@gmail.com

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 saintjohn1312@yahoo.com. Please submit all items by 5:00 pm on Thursday to allow time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Mass.