

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

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

May 8, 2022

Lectors

Alicia Pesena
Darren Sliva

Eucharistic Minister

Gwendolyn Stewart

***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

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Mrs. Carolyn Brown

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So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. John 21:7

Peter was all in, literally speaking. This passage above is taken from one of the appearances of Jesus to the Apostles after His Resurrection. They were fishing all night and caught nothing. Jesus, from the shore, told them to cast the net off the right side of the boat. When they did this they caught more fish than they could handle. When John realized it was Jesus and said so, Peter could not contain his excitement and jumped into the water to go and meet his Lord. What a wonderful image this is to reflect upon. Specifically, it’s wonderful to consider the interior excitement of Peter that led him to jump into the water and swim to the shore. His excitement could not be contained.

Would you jump into a lake to go to our Lord? That may seem like an unusual question but it’s worth considering in a literal way. If you encountered our resurrected Lord, would you be so excited to see Him that you would be compelled to enter into His presence, even if it meant you had to jump into a lake? This action of Peter should be seen as a symbolic gesture for our own spiritual lives. The fact that Peter did not hesitate reveals how we should react when we encounter Jesus.

Obviously we do not encounter Jesus in His resurrected form in the way Peter did in this passage, literally and physically. But we do encounter Him every day, if we only have eyes to see. He is alive within our own hearts through prayer and by His indwelling presence. He is truly present in the people we meet every day. And He is most certainly present in the Sacraments, especially the Most Holy Eucharist.

There are two questions you should consider regarding this passage. The first is whether or not you actually do perceive Jesus’ presence throughout the day. Peter did not recognize Him at first, even though Jesus spoke to him and the others in the boat. It took the miracle for them to recognize it was Him. The second question is how you react to His presence when you do perceive Him. Are you indifferent? Do you lack enthusiasm? Or are you filled with much joy? Reflect, today, upon these two questions and resolve to become more attentive to the presence of our Lord every day, throughout the day. Resolve, also, to react as Peter did when you see Jesus. Let your heart and passion be drawn to Him and react with extraordinary joy and enthusiasm. Don’t be afraid to go all in for our Lord!

Lord, help me to see You, alive in my life, alive in the lives of others, and alive in Your Church, especially in the Most Holy Eucharist. So often I am blind to Your divine presence all around me. Help me to see You every day. Help me also to respond with much joy and enthusiasm to Your divine presence. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You more. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John’s Offering

April 24, 2022

Regular Offering: \$960.40

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

Jessie Hithe

Mike Wardlaw

Diocesan News

May 6, 2022, 9:00 am-2:30 pm – During this trying time of war, it seems appropriate to reflect upon **The Peace Prayer**, attributed to Francis of Assisi. Based upon his book, SOUL TRAINING WITH THE PEACE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS, Franciscan priest Albert Haase will explore the implications of the Peace Prayer and how it can shape the contours of the soul by challenging us to live lives of service and selflessness. The cost is \$45, lunch included.

June 3 – 8, 2022 - Summer Silent Retreat with Daily Conference, Mass & Devotion. Join us for 2 to 5 nights at Cederbrake Catholic Retreat Center on a silent retreat with one morning talk by Fr. Albert Haase, daily mass, and an afternoon devotion. Cost with meals and linens vary by number of nights.

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.

Announcements

Masks are now optional for Mass. Please continue to use hand sanitizer, and watch the live stream rather than worshipping in person if you are ill.

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.

May 2, 2022 – Men's Holy Hour is at 7:00 pm at St. Louis Catholic Church sponsored by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men. Adoration and prayer followed by refreshments.

May 6, 2022 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm - Catholic Charities of Central Texas will be hosting a drive-thru Giving Day to help anyone in our Waco community at the St. Mary Catholic Church Annex. We will be giving away free diapers, baby wipes, hygiene items, and more.

May 14, 2022 – the Parish Council Meeting will be at noon in Sophie Hall. All **70th Anniversary Committee Chairs** are asked to come to the Parish Council meeting to give an update on your progress.

Catholic education offers students an opportunity to reach their full potential, not only academically, but also spiritually. **Explore Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Austin today. Tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities are available.** With 20 Catholic Schools in Central Texas, we are ready to welcome you and your family to ours! Learn more at CSDATX.org/explore.



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.

Contact Carolyn Brown or Gwendolyn Stewart either while at church or email at saintjohn1312yahoo.com **if you are aware of a church member who is ill, hospitalized, or homebound.**

If you have **items for the bulletin**, please submit them to Celeste Sheehy at stjohn1312@yahoo.com. Please submit all items by 5:00 pm on Thursday to allow time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Mass.