

***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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May 15, 2022

**May 22, 2022**

**Lectors**

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***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

**Other members**

Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Freddy  
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**When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.” John 13:31**

It is essential to know the end of the story. Jesus knew the end when He spoke these words to the Apostles at the Last Supper right after Judas left to go and betray Him. It's important to put this situation within the context that Jesus understood it. From a purely human point of view, one of Jesus' closest friends was about to betray Him for money. For most of us this would have been devastating and the cause for anger and hurt. But because Jesus knew the end of the story, He was able to see Judas' betrayal as the means to His glorification, not His defeat. He turned His eyes toward Heaven and all that He would accomplish through His suffering rather than look at the immediate pain He would soon endure.

This is a powerful lesson for us all. First, it's essential that we look at Jesus' glorification through His betrayal, suffering and death. But we must also strive to see the potential that our own sufferings have when united to the Savior of the World.

How do you react when another sins against you? How would you have reacted to Judas betraying your love? This is a very difficult question to face in honesty and it is even harder to live the response that Jesus lived. The truth is that every time we are mistreated by another, we are given an opportunity to glorify God and further the Kingdom of Heaven by forgiving, uniting our suffering with Christ's, and offering mercy. This is much easier to speak about than to live.

Reflect, today, upon this scene of the Gospel. Gaze upon Judas leaving the Last Supper and going out into the night to betray our Lord. But look at it in the way Jesus saw it. Look at it with the understanding that this was the means chosen by the Father to bring salvation to the world. Reflect, also, upon every opportunity that you are given to do as Jesus did. Try to be concrete and specific and see any and every suffering you endure as a glorious opportunity to dispense the mercy of God. Though this may be difficult at first, it is this act of love that will give great glory to the Father in Heaven!

*My dear Lord, You were betrayed by the kiss of one of Your closest friends. But in Your perfect wisdom, You saw this betrayal as the perfect opportunity to glorify the Father through Your mercy and forgiveness. Lord, I also have betrayed You countless times. For that reason I am sorry. But I thank You for loving me and forgiving me with Your Heart of perfect mercy. Help me to receive that mercy and to offer it to others who have sinned against me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

***St. John's Offering***

**May 8, 2022**

Regular Offering: **\$1509.50** Building Fund: **\$25**

Special Collection: **\$293**

*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

Hilde Ouellette

Mike Wardlaw

Sonja Hemstreet Gaines

Jessie Hithe

Ulrich Adebo

***Diocesan News***

**June 3 – 8, 2022 - Summer Silent Retreat** with Daily Conference, Mass & Devotion. Join us for 2 to 5 nights at Cedarbrake 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.

**June 17, 2022, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm - One Family shares Three Perspectives**  
Holy Trinity Sunday will be celebrated on June 12th and in anticipation of Father's Day on June 19th, come and reflect with the Daheim family on the Fatherhood of God and how we experience it through the Holy Trinity. Dcn. Tim Daheim will share about God the Father through his identity as a father himself and being newly ordained as a deacon. Fr. Joseph, Tim's son, will discuss his experience of receiving God's fatherly love as a priest, conformed to Jesus Christ and His abiding sonship in God the Father. Finally, Sandy, Fr. Joseph's mom and Tim's wife, will reveal what it looks like to receive God the Father's love and be its expression in the world, just like Mary, who is espoused to the Holy Spirit. The day will include mass and lunch at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center. The cost is \$45.

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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.

***Announcements***

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 21, 2022 – St. John’s Men’s Gathering** will be held at Oracio Vallejo’s farm at 1:00 pm. All men of the parish are welcome to attend for fellowship and good food. The address is 8960 Gholson Road, Waco, TX 76705. Contact Oracio or Matt Sheehy if any questions.

**May 28, 2022 - “It’s a Baby Waco” and “End Roe Now”** This is a **two-in-one** special pro-life outreach. The name of this event at Planned Parenthood is: **It’s A Baby Waco!** With signs and prayer, we call our neighbors’ attention to deaths of preborn babies at 700 W HWY 6. The second theme of this outreach is strike down Roe versus Wade. We have signs that proclaim, **End Roe Now.** Join Christian neighbors from 8 to 10 AM on Saturday, May 28th in the Planned Parenthood public right-of-way. Ample parking is available. In solidarity and prayer, Christians eagerly anticipate the end of abortion in Waco. Fellowship and delicious breakfast tacos will be served at 9 AM. For questions contact John Pisciotta at 254-644-0407 or [prolifewaco@gmail.com](mailto:prolifewaco@gmail.com).

**June 6, 2022 – Men’s Holy Hour** is at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church sponsored by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men. Adoration and prayer followed by refreshments.

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:stjohn1312@yahoo.com). Please submit all items by 5:00 pm on Thursday to allow time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Mass.