

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

May 29, 2022

Lectors

Faye Stewart
Fred Ouellette

Eucharistic Minister

Heather Weekly

***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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Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Freddy
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Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” John 14:23

Do you want our Lord to come to you and dwell within the depths of your soul? Presumably the answer is an easy “Yes.” The way to make this happen is to love God and keep His word. When you do that, the Blessed Trinity will come and dwell within you.

It’s interesting that the love of God appears to be contingent upon our love of Him. In other words, does God only love us when we love Him first? Strictly speaking, God loves us with a perfect love regardless of whether we love Him or not. But with that said, love takes on a whole new form when it is received and reciprocated. Therefore, when we choose to love God we suddenly realize that our love of Him opens the door for Him to come and dwell within us, transforming us and making our heart His holy sanctuary. What a glorious gift! It’s also interesting to note that love of God means, in part, that we are obedient to Him. But that’s the nature of God. He is Love itself and, therefore, loving Him necessarily involves a complete submission of your will to His. Perfect obedience to Him in all things is a powerful way of loving Him. It’s a way of allowing Him to dwell within you and, in that act, to take over your will. Only then can you love Him even more fully with your whole being.

Reflect, today, especially upon your desire to have the Most Holy Trinity come and dwell within your soul. This should be the primary goal of our lives. If God lives within us then all else in life will fall into place. All things will work for the good and God will be glorified in and through us. Make the choice to love Him through your obedience, this day, and your relationship of love will grow by leaps and bounds.

Most Holy Trinity, I do love You and desire to love You in a more perfect way this day. Help me to submit to Your perfect will in all things. Help me to embrace perfect obedience to You always. In that act of love and submission, come and make Your dwelling within me. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John’s Offering

May 15, 2022

Regular Offering: **\$957** Building Fund: **\$200**

Special Collection: **\$22.24**

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.

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

Ulrich Adebo

Margret Walker

Lee Anna Brown

Beulah Joseph

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.

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.

St. John's family wishes to **congratulate Steven Longacre**, son of Greg and Candice Guerra on his high school graduation!

The film of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, **An Ardent Heart**, is showing in Waco at the Regal Jewel **May 20 – 26**. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles.

The Young Festival Stage presents **Leonardo and the Flying Machine**, an introduction to Leonardo Da Vinci and other historical figures of the Renaissance. The play focuses on the well-known legend of Leonardo's attempts at making the first flying machine. **Onstage May 18-22 and 24-29** Jones Theatre on Baylor Campus.

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. Fellowship and delicious breakfast tacos will be served at 9 AM. For questions contact John Pisciotta at 254-644-0407 or 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.

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.