

***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

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 10, 2022

**July 17, 2022**

**Lectors**

Darren Sliva  
Faye Stewart

***Eucharistic Minister***

Fred Ouellette

***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  
Duron, Mr. Freeman Hayes, Mr.  
Stanley Glynn, Mrs. Sylvia  
Glynn, Mr. David Gradel, Mrs.  
Elvira Salinas, and  
Mrs. Yvette Guardiola

**Finance Committee:**

Mrs. Bobbie Sharkey

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**Grand Knight**

Mr. Joseph Quinones

**Court #385 Grand Lady**

Mrs. Teaberta Black

**“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27**

These words were spoken by a scholar of the law to Jesus. He was quoting the Old Testament Law of Leviticus and Deuteronomy (Leviticus 19:18, Deuteronomy 6:5, 10:12). Jesus commended him for speaking these words. But then the scholar asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus responded by telling him the familiar story of the Good Samaritan.

The story of the Good Samaritan is one that should wake us up to some not-so-pleasant truths about love of neighbor, or the lack thereof. First, a priest and a Levite walked by the beaten and suffering man on the side of the road and ignored him, passing on the opposite side of the road. Then the Samaritan walked by, was filled with compassion, and went out of his way to help the man.

The conclusion is obvious. We should be like the Good Samaritan who showed mercy to the man in need. On an intellectual level it is easy to conclude this fact. However, in practice, it is not always the case.

It’s interesting that Jesus used a priest in the story as the first person to walk on the opposite side of the road. One thing this tells us is that too often we seek a so-called “exterior holiness” while, in truth, we lack authentic “interior holiness.” The priest can be seen as a symbol of those who claim to be Christian on the surface but fail to live their holiness in their actions. Without living true love of neighbor, we are frauds and do not live up to our sacred calling.

Reflect, today, upon the difference between *exterior* and *interior* holiness. The ideal is that your inner life is so completely consumed by the love of God that it overflows into your exterior actions. If your love of God is not fully alive within the depths of your heart, there is no way that you can, in fact, be truly holy.

*Lord of true holiness, help me to authentically love You with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength. Help me to have such an honest love for You that it also overflows into my love for others. May Your precious gift of holiness permeate my life and enable me to love You and others in a total way. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**St. John’s Offering**

**July 3, 2022**

**Regular Offering: \$1,804.36**

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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.

*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

Matthew Olivarez

Thomas Waggener

Delmanda Marshall

Julieann Hemstreet

Randy Powell

***Diocesan News***

**July 23, 2022, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm – Being a Catholic Family** is a day of wisdom, reflection, and help to strengthen every family. Beth and Kristofer Cowles, parishioners at St. Anthony, Bryan give fun, interactive and engaging presentations on how Being a Catholic Family is doable and rewarding. The day, from 9 am to 2:30 pm, will include lunch. The cost is \$45.

**August 15, 2022, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm** - Spend a day reflecting on this beautiful **Solemnity of Mary**, what her Assumption means and how we are called to follow Jesus. Brian Egan, Cedarbrake Director, and the Cedarbrake chaplain will present this day. The day will include mass and lunch. 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.

**July 11, 2022, 7:00 pm** – The Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men is sponsoring the **July Holy Hour Gathering** at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1011 Boston Street in Waco. All men of our parish are invited to join for

adoration, reflection, confession and praying the rosary. Refreshments and snacks will be served afterwards.

**July 16, 2022, 10:00 am** – The Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men is sponsoring the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Mass** at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church at 10205 North FM 620 in Austin. There will be a reception following mass. The St. John's Mens Fellowship Group will be carpooling to the mass. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the foyer or contact Matt Sheehy at 254-709-3966.

**July 24, 2022** – We will be taking **photos** of those who serve on the Parish Council, Finance Committee, Bulletin, Music and Live Streaming, Ministry to the Sick and Homebound, and Photography for the **70<sup>th</sup> anniversary souvenir book** immediately after Mass.

**July 30, 2022 – Together** is the theme of the 1<sup>st</sup> ever **RED-C Catholic Radio Family Retreat in Central Texas**. The retreat takes at the St. Louis Catholic Church Activity Center in Waco. Activities include Mass, Adoration, Confession, lunch, dinner, drinks and snacks for everyone in attendance. There will be three great speakers for the adults, as well as childcare and programs for children of all ages. Early registration is only \$30 per family. To register or for more information go to [redcradio.org/retreat](http://redcradio.org/retreat) or call Deacon Robin Waters at 254-749-4937.

We will have a **Souvenir Book for the church's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. Please help us collect ads and patrons. Inside and Back Cover \$175; full page \$150; 1/2 page \$75; 1/4 page \$45; Business card \$25; Patron \$10. Please contact Teaberta Black 254-752-1792 [teabertab@aol.com](mailto:teabertab@aol.com) or David Gradel 254-717-1889 [dandlbooks2015@gmail.com](mailto:dandlbooks2015@gmail.com) to place an ad or be added to the patron list. **The deadline is September 4, 2022.**

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.