

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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2022

*Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of our parish
with faith, hope and love!*

October 16, 2022

Lectors

Martha Stambaugh
Matthew Sheehy

Eucharistic Minister

Emily Stambaugh
Fred Ouellette
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

Other members

Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Freddy
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Mrs. Yvette Guardiola

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“Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Luke 17:17-18

These words were spoken by Jesus after He healed ten lepers and only one of them, a foreigner, returned to Jesus to thank Him. Ten were healed physically of their leprosy but only one received a much deeper healing. Upon returning to Jesus with a grateful heart, Jesus said to this one leper, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you” (Luke 17:19).

Only this one leper, the one who returned with a grateful heart, heard our Lord speak these words: “Your faith has saved you.” This reveals that gratitude to God is not only our duty, it also brings forth manifest blessings in our lives. When we sincerely offer thanks to God for all that He has done, we are manifesting great faith in God as a result. We are pointing to Him and His goodness as the source of our blessings and it takes faith to see this and to profess it.

What is it for which you need to grow in gratitude in your life? What is it that you may take for granted and have failed to properly return to God and thank Him for? The truth is that everything in life is a gift. Everything. Even the struggles you endure can be turned into blessings. In fact, that’s exactly what happened in this story. The awful suffering of leprosy was turned into a grace from God.

Reflect, today, upon all that God has done for you. Pray that you will understand all of the countless ways that God graces your life. As you see them, ponder those blessings, count them and be grateful for them. And from that gratitude, return a joyful thanks to God. In that act, your faith will also save you.

Lord, I do thank You for the countless blessings that You have bestowed upon me throughout my life. I thank You for the ways in which You have graced me, led me and healed me. Help me to see clearly all that You have done and continue to do for me. As I see these blessings, help me to daily express my gratitude in faith. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John's Offering

October 2, 2022

Offering amounts will be included in next week’s bulletin.

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

Gary Gradel

Robert Gradel

Julie Hemstreet

Nadine Linville

Angelo Ramos

Diocesan News

Established in 1947, the **Diocese of Austin** was the seventh diocese in the state of Texas. Soon, we celebrate our **75th anniversary**.

October 17, 2022, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm – Deacon Mark Olivieri with St. Thomas Aquinas parish in College Station will lead this day retreat on **“Prayer in our Daily Life”** using the Lord’s Prayer plus Luke’s story of Zacchaeus and the Prodigal Son as biblical passages to help us encounter Christ more deeply. Includes mass and lunch; cost is \$45.

November 4 – 6, 2022 – As we journey into the three-year Eucharistic Revival, come for a weekend to **hear what God’s word teaches us and what the saints experienced in their love for the Eucharist**. This is a weekend retreat with Mass and Eucharistic Adoration included. The cost is \$270 for a private room and \$230 for a shared room.

Announcements

We will have **pastries and coffee available in Sophie Hall after Mass** every Sunday except the fourth Sunday of the month. 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. For nearly four decades, the country has recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is a time annually devoted to educating everyone about breast

cancer—including metastatic breast cancer (MBC)—and the importance of early detection and timely, high-quality care.

October 9, 2022 – We celebrate our **70th anniversary** as a parish with mass and lunch on the church grounds immediately following mass. Bishop Vasquez will be in attendance. All parish members are encouraged to attend!



October 9, 2022, 12:00 noon - Pro-life film maker Jason Jones will speak for **Second Sunday Pro-Life Gathering** at St. Mary's Church Hall, 1424 Columbus Avenue. An Italian buffet will be served throughout the noon hour—adults \$5, children free. The program hour begins at 12:45 pm. Contact John Pisciotta at prolifewaco@gmail.com or 254-644-0407 for more information.

October 23, 2022 – We will have a **special collection** for World Mission Sunday, Propagation of Faith.

October 30, 2022 – Children are invited to wear Halloween costumes to Mass. (No scary costumes please!) We will have our annual **Trunk or Treat** on the parking lot after Mass. Please bring individually wrapped candy to give to the trick or treaters and feel free to decorate your trunk!

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.