

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2022

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

November 20, 2022

Lectors

Gwen Stewart
Heather Weekly

Eucharistic Minister

Matthew Sheehy
Fred Ouellette
Heather Keahey

***Ministry for the
Sick and Homebound***

Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart and
Mrs. Carolyn Brown

Photographer

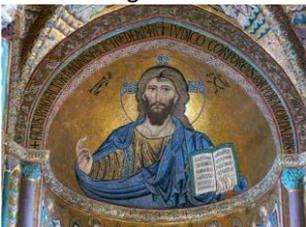
David Haliburton

Bulletin

Celeste Sheehy

Live-Stream and Music

Greg Guerra



Parish Council Members

Chairman: Father Cyril Ejaidu

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Mrs. Yvette Guardiola

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Mrs. Teaberta Black

“See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time has come.’ Do not follow them!” Luke 21:8

What an interesting line. What does this mean? Who are the “many” that Jesus speaks of? Are they in our midst today?

It may not be helpful to try to point to this or that person or to this or that group of people in reference to the “many” who will come in Jesus’ name falsely. But it is helpful to speak to some general and guiding principles.

First, Jesus uses the word “deceived.” There will be many false prophets who will have the ability to deceive. They will portray themselves as messengers of the truth and dispensers of the will of God. Their words will be convincing and many will follow.

This tells us that not everyone “speaking in the name of God” is in fact speaking in the “name of God.” And even if many others are following, and they are very convincing, this is not proof that the person is a true prophet of the Lord.

How do we discern when someone is speaking from the heart of Jesus?

Ultimately, this can only be done through a state of prayer. Being in a “state of prayer” means that our hearts are attuned to God’s voice. When God speaks through this or that person and our hearts are tuned into Him, we will simply know His voice as it is spoken through this or that person.

Conversely, when we are living in a state of true prayer and then someone speaks a false and deceiving message, something will not sit well with us.

There will be a sense in the depths of our souls that something is not right. It will be a spiritual sense and this is a result of the healthy working of our conscience.

There are external guides such as the revealed teaching of the Church and the counsel of other good Christians, but in the end we must allow God to speak within our consciences and follow His voice in this holy sanctuary.

Reflect, today, upon whether or not you daily seek out and hear God speaking to you in the depths of your conscience. Listen closely and attentively. Learn His voice and seek to hear Him speak through other people.

And when the voice of others is in opposition to the voice speaking within your soul, remain faithful to God speaking within you. It is there, more than any other place, that He will lead you.

He will lead you.

Lord, give me the grace to know and hear Your voice. I choose You above all things and desire to know You more clearly. May I follow You now and always in my life and may I never be deceived by the many false prophets of our day and age. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John's Offering

November 6, 2022

Regular Offering: **\$1,261.7**

Hurricane Ian Special Collection: **\$318.21**

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

Diocesan News

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

November 14, 2022, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm – The meaning and purpose of our lives is all too often obscured by our busyness, and the peace of Christ remains elusive. Come away to abide in truth, beauty, and goodness as Deacon Dan Lupo offers prayer, music, scripture and stories on a day long journey into the peace of Christ at Cedarbrake Retreat Center. Cost is \$45.

December 1, 2022, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Advent Celebration Join us for an evening of wine and cheese plus dinner followed by an Advent reflection by Father Harry Dean at Cedarbrake Retreat Center. Cost is \$30.

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.

Your gift to the **Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)** supports men discerning vocations to the priesthood and diaconate, priests currently serving and retired priests. Your gift helps to sustain Catholic schools, religious

education, ministerial formation and initiatives for life, peace and justice. Your donations are carefully spent; it is money for God's work, and we use it accordingly. Your contributions are deeply appreciated, very much needed and make a real difference in the lives of many.

November 13, 2022 - "**Maximizing Life Saving Impact in Post-Roe America**" is the title of the speech David Bereit will bring to us at **Second Sunday Pro-Life Gathering**. David is the founding father of 40 Days for Life. Pro-Life Waco's monthly luncheon/meeting is at the church hall of St. Mary's Waco (1424 Columbus Ave – corner of 15th and Columbus). An Italian buffet will be served throughout the noon hour—adults \$5. Children dine free and are welcome. The program hour begins at 12:45. Reservations are not required. For further information, call John Pisciotta 254-644-0407.

November 13, 1:30 pm and November 14, 6:30 pm - St. Jerome & St. Louis welcomes you to an **Exposition of Sacred Relics**. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of the Twelve Apostles, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Maria Goretti, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Joan of Arc. There will also be some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross. The 13th will be at St. Jerome's and the 14th will be at St. Louis. Call Robert Tunmire 254-745-4199 with any questions.

December 3, 2022, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm – A **Style Show and Brunch** will take place at St. John's Parish Hall. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 385. Tickets are a \$15 donation; call 254-752-1792 or 254-495-5292 to request tickets.

December 17, 2022 – St. John's Men's Group. The Men's Breakfast held on October 30th served as our monthly gathering for November. We had a wonderful time of fellowship while cooking for our parish. Our next gathering will be on December 17th. All men of the parish are welcome. Details to follow.

February 18, 2023, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm - The 11th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held at San Jose Parish, 2435 Oak Crest Avenue, Austin, TX. Early-bird tickets are available through January 31, 2023. \$50 for 1 ticket; \$90 for 2 tickets. Register online at centexcatholic.com.

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.

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.