



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Mass: Sundays, 10:00am (English), Confessions by Appt.

Office Hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9:00am - 1:00pm

Tues. & Thurs., 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Rectory (Fr. David's Home):

3323 86th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423

October 18, 2015

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

MASS INTENTION:

Mass for the People

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Isaiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let Your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in You.
(Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22)

Second Reading:

Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Acclamation:

The Son of Man
came to serve and to give
His life as a ransom for many.
(Mark 10:45)

Gospel:

Mark 10:35-45

ALL SOULS DAY MASS & DISPLAY

Mon, November 2nd at 5:30pm

Join us for the All Souls Day Mass
in remembrance of all those who
have passed away.

If you wish to bring a photograph
of your loved one to be honored
and displayed on November 1st
and 2nd, please bring or email a
copy to the parish office by no
later than Friday, October 30th
at 9:00am.

ADDITION OF PERMANENT SATURDAY MASS

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Due to the fast growth of our
St. John the Baptist community,
a permanent, Saturday Mass
at 5:00pm will be added to our
Mass schedule beginning on
Saturday, November 7th.

Thank you for your support and
presence in our parish.

Our growing community would
not be possible without
parishioners like you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REGISTRATIONS

Sunday, October 18th
Immediately following Mass

Becoming a Knight of Columbus
can transform your life.
As a Knight, you have the oppor-
tunity to support your parish,
give back to your community,
and grow in your faith.

For more information, please call
Stan McCallick at 806-781-5065
or Andy Neuber at 806-787-4010,

OR email the parish's
Knights of Columbus Council at
STJB.Knights@gmail.com

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Thurs, Nov. 5th, 6:00-8:30pm
Sat, Nov. 14th, 9:00am-11:30am

If you serve as a catechist or
ministry member, you are
strongly encouraged to attend
one of these trainings. All volun-
teers must be certified in safe
environment training. For more
information, please contact Susan
Miller at spriggmiller@usa.net

PRAYER INTENTION LIST

From October 11, 2015

Healing & Good Health

- Maxine Abeyta -Juan Contreras
- Jakob Neuber -Sylvia Ortiz
- Kesler Gonzalez -Andrea Garcia
- Jason Mata -Anita Garcia
- Mary Salazar -Ben Ybanez
- Kyle Porras -Nicole LaCoscio
- Dcn. Daniel Romo & Family

General

- Hector Florez -Sandra Flores
- Horst Wacker -Letty Rodriguez
- Rachel Picon Isbell & Family
- Brigido & Terri Rodriguez
- Gregory Rodriguez
- Luis Antonio Valenciano
- Mr. & Mrs. Andres DeLeon
- Melda Castillo

Eternal Rest

All the faithful departed

Dear Friends of St. John the Baptist,

Some years ago, I came across a wonderful expression that goes: "Be a friend, make a friend, bring a friend to Christ." This little expression is so simple, and yet it contains some of the fundamental truths of what it means to pass on to others our love for our faith, and our love for Christ. If you break down each component of the expression, we begin with: "Be a friend." What does it mean to "be a friend"? First of all, it means to be **friend-ly**. To be friendly is to smile, to have warmth, to exude a sense of kindness, to be forgiving and compassionate, and to be the kind of person that other people like to be around. Like my father used to say, "We attract more flies with honey, than we do with vinegar." Even in modern times, we are used to the expression "befriend", which is commonly used on the internet. Even young users of technology and social networking know what it means to be a friend.

The second part of this expression is, "Make a friend." The most beautiful example that we have of this is Jesus, himself. If you read the accounts of the Gospels, you see how quickly Jesus makes friends of the people around him—from James, John, Andrew and Peter, to Martha, Mary, and Mary Magdalene, to Matthew, Zachaeus, and Nicodemus. All his life, Jesus went about making friends. This means he cared for people. He expressed that care by supporting others through painful and sorrowful times, as well as in times of joy. Most especially, he seemed to love surrounding himself with friends in the act of breaking bread.

Thirdly, the expression says, "Bring a friend to Christ." As Christians, this is what we are called to do. Each of us, through our own baptism, is called to lead others to a deeper faith and love of Christ throughout the course of our lives. Understand though, that this is not just a simple matter of getting others to adhere to a set of dogmas or doctrinal formulas, or even a set of credal statements. Much more than this, it is the simple, ordinary, daily gestures of loving and caring, so that others may see Christ at work in our own lives.

Sometimes we think it is enough to simply convey the teachings of Christ to others, which *is* important but not enough. Beyond sharing our beliefs, there must first be a human encounter that reaches out to others in friendship and love. Being Christ to others is the very act that will bring others to Christ. If we need any more convincing of this timeless truth, we need look no further than Jesus and his reminder to the disciples, "There is no greater love, than to lay down your life for a friend."
-Fr. David

GREETERS / USHERS MEETING

Sunday, October 18th, 25th & Saturday, November 7th Immediately following Masses

If you are interested in becoming a greeter / usher, especially at the new, Saturday Mass, you are encouraged to attend this meeting.

For more information, please contact Joe Porras at 438-6257 or by email at jporras@lubbockisd.org

LECTOR MEETING

Sunday, November 1st Immediately following Mass

If you are interested in becoming a lector, you are encouraged to attend this meeting. For more information, please contact Suzanne McCall at 239-1146 or by email at suziemcc@live.com

ARISE FAITH SHARING GROUPS: "Come & See"

During this first week of ARISE, the three faith sharing groups reflected on the call to be hearers, bearers, and doers of the Word. According to St. John Paul II, "The burning desire to invite others to encounter the One whom we have encountered is the start of the evangelizing mission to which the whole church is called."

How are you going to answer the call to invite others to "Come & See" the glory of the Lord?

~Charlotte Amato, ARISE Group Leader