

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 16, 2023 | 15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday | 8:30AM English

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 5 PM English
7 PM Spanish

Sunday | 8 AM English
10 AM English
12 PM Spanish

Confessions

Friday | 7:30 AM - 8:15 AM

Saturday | 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Or by appointment

MONTH OF JULY

July 22, St Mary Magdalene

July 25 St James, Apostle

July 29 St Martha, Mary & Lazarus

July 30 Grandparents & Elderly
International Day of Friendship

Parish Counseling/Consejeras

For Appointment:

Para una Cita:

MyParishCounseling.com/Alvin or

Call 844-295-3167

Faith Formation (CCE) Office

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday

10 AM - 4 PM

(281) 824-0877

Parish Office

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

"En cambio, lo sembrado en tierra buena representa a quienes oyen la palabra, la entienden y dan fruto: unos, el ciento por uno; otros, el sesenta; y otros, el treinta". - Mt 13, 23

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CLERGY

Parish Priest

Rev John Taosan



Welcome to Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church



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10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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New Parishioners

Welcome Home. To Register in our parish you may pickup a registration form from the foyer and drop at any collection Mass Basket. You may also stop by the parish office to pick up a registration form and you may scan and email it back to us as well. Our Email is stjohns110@gmail.com. If you are interested in joining a ministry please see our webpage or request a ministry book from the office.

Nuevos Feligreses

Bienvenido a casa. Para registrarse en nuestra parroquia, puede recoger un formulario de registro en el vestíbulo y dejarlo en cualquier canasta de colección. También puede pasar por la oficina parroquial para recoger un formulario de registro y también puede escanearlo y enviárnoslo por correo electrónico. Nuestro correo electrónico es stjohns110@gmail.com. Si está interesado en unirse a un ministerio, consulte nuestra página web o solicite un libro de ministerios en la oficina.

Bulletin Announcements must be received on Friday's by 5pm, 7 days prior to announcement, except during holidays. For any upcoming Holidays or holy days, it must be submitted as soon as possible. No PDF files please. Send to stjohns110@gmail.com. Copies for inserts must be done in CCE Office during CCE Office hours! Next Office closed day is Tuesday, August 15.

Thank you!

IN OUR PRAYERS EN ORACION

Steve Davenport
Ann & Billy Wynn
Mike Crawford
Susan and Edward
Alma Gonzalez
Victoria Garcia
Deacon Bruce Grimes



SATURDAY, SABADO JULY 15

5:00PM For the People
7:00PM † Carlos Emanuel Galvan Cruz

SUNDAY, DOMINGO JULY 16

8:00AM † Brandon Arnold
10:00AM † Geneva Gonzalez
12:00PM Sonia Aguilar

MONDAY, LUNES JULY 17

8:30AM † Guillermo Paz

TUESDAY, MARTES JULY 18

8:30AM † Audry Elise George

WEDNESDAY, MIERCOLES JULY 19

8:30AM Isaieh Hoyt

THURSDAY, JUEVES JULY 20

8:30AM † Cristan de la Paz

FRIDAY, VIERNES JULY 21

8:30AM † Maria deJesus Sanchez
11:00AM Infante Quinceanera

2024 Mass Intention Calendar is now open. Please consider others; limit per family is 5 Masses per year. El Calendario de Intención de las Misas 2024 ya está abierto. Por favor, considere a los demás. Límite por familia es de 5 Misas por año.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection of: July 8 & 9, 2023 = \$ 10,209

Caring Hearts / Corazones Bondadosos = \$ 2,310

This Weekend's 2nd Collection:

St. Vincent DePaul

Next Weekend's Collection:

Building Fund / Fondos Para los Edificios

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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Please call the parish office to add someone whom is sick to the prayer **list on the bulletin**. Their name will remain in the bulletin for 30 days from the date of request. Also request for a pastoral visit for anointing of the sick, call the office **(281) 331-3751**.

To place someone on the St John's (online) prayer list, please call Joyce Chiasson at **(713) 410-4247**.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

16 de Julio de 2023

15º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Escuchar la Palabra de Dios, entenderla con la mente y llevarla al corazón para que enseguida dé fruto. Así de fácil es decirlo, pero, ponerla en práctica es como el proceso de la semilla que se siembra, se entierra, y poco a poco, con la luz del sol, brota cuando menos se espera. Cuidar es la clave para que haya fruto en abundancia. Dejar que la semilla penetre en el corazón es no dejar de luchar contra las tentaciones que a diario nos aquejan. El diablo siempre está en busca de quitarnos las cosas buenas que tenemos, tal como la bondad y las ganas de trabajar por la justicia y la paz. La vida cristiana no es fácil, no estamos aquí para encontrarlo todo fácil y a la medida de nuestros caprichos, sino que estamos para servir.

El Papa Francisco nos dice sobre este Evangelio que “La parábola del sembrador es un poco la madre de todas las parábolas, porque habla de la escucha de la Palabra. Nos recuerda que la Palabra de Dios es una semilla que en si misma es fecunda y eficaz; y Dios la esparce por todos lados con generosidad, sin importar el desperdicio. ¡Así es el corazón de Dios! Cada uno de nosotros es un terreno sobre el que cae la semilla de la Palabra, ¡sin excluir a nadie! La palabra es dada a cada uno de nosotros” (07/12/2020). El reto para cada uno de nosotros es pedir una mente atenta y un corazón fértil para escuchar la Palabra de Dios y dar frutos abundantes. ¿Cuáles son tus frutos? ¿Cómo los esparces a los demás?

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 16, 2023

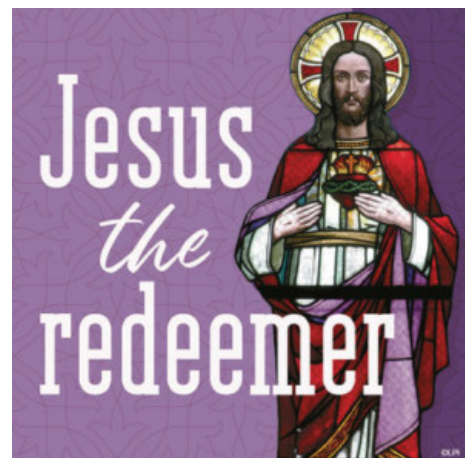
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANUNCIOS



Do you have a teen who has made their confirmation and is interested in continuing to grow in their faith? If so, please talk with them about joining the NEXT STEP. This is a class offered beginning August 2023 for students still in high school who have been confirmed. Please talk with the CCE/Faith Formation office about registration.

¿Tiene un adolescente que ha hecho su confirmación y está interesado en continuar creciendo en su fe? Si es así, hable con ellos acerca de unirse al SIGUIENTE PASO. Esta es una clase que se ofrece a partir de Agosto de 2023 para estudiantes que aún están en la escuela secundaria y que han sido confirmados.

Por favor, hable con la oficina de CCE / Formación de Fe sobre el registro.

2023 DSF Parish Goal

\$68,000

Donors to Date : 257

Collected to Date : \$52,119

In need of : \$15,881



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more.

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, then the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit.

This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Catholic Daughters Court No. 2073 will have its annual garage sale **July 28 & 29** at

Sacred Heart Manvel, 6502 County Road 48, Manvel, Texas.

Our annual garage sale helps to provide funding for scholarships and contributions to religious, local, and national organizations.

9-11 a.m. & 5-7 p.m. July 25- **One Day Drop Off Only**

Early bird garage sale 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. July 27 with a **\$5 entry fee**

8 a.m.-2p.m. July 28- Garage Sale and 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. July 29

Catholic Daughters will not be accepting: Books or encyclopedias, large appliances, entertainment centers, large heavy desks, file cabinets, mattresses, old TV's, computer equipment, car seats, cribs. We also do not accept torn, moldy, dirty or broken items, and **especially** critters from your home.

If it's too heavy for Catholic Daughters to handle, please do not bring as a donation. Any questions, please contact Ida at 281.468.7052 or idascrs@gmail.com

EVENTS / EVENTOS



Mandatory Meeting !!!

SUBJECT: Upcoming Masses

**Deacons, Acolytes, Sacristans, and Ushers.
Tuesday July 18 at 6:30pm in the Large Hall.**

Reunión obligatoria !!!

Tema: Próximas Misas

**Diáconos, Acólitos, Sacristanes y Hospitalidad.
Martes, 18 de Julio, a las 6:30pm en el
Salon Grande.**



Kolbe Prison Ministries at St. John's is looking for former ACTS men who would like to participate in a Kolbe Prison Retreats. Christ calls us to visit those in prison and as godly men we need to answer the call. ACTS changed our lives. Let us

share the gift, with those most in need. Christ tells us we will be blessed for our service, just by sharing his love. Kolbe is very similar to the ACTS Retreat, only we provide the retreat 8-5 Thursday thru Saturday. If interested contact Curtis Bagwell 713-304-2730 or Heinz Siewert 409-500-3320. We truly need your support and prayers to continue this ministry started by Deacon Eddie Stoughton in 2014.

Kolbe Prison Ministries en St. John's está buscando ex hombres de ACTS que deseen participar en retiros de Kolbe Prison. Cristo nos llama a visitar a los que están en prisión y, como hombres piadosos, debemos responder al llamado. ACTS cambió nuestras vidas. Compartamos el regalo con los más necesitados. Cristo nos dice que seremos bendecidos por nuestro servicio, con solo compartir su amor. Kolbe es muy similar al retiro ACTS, solo que brindamos el retiro de 8 a 5 de jueves a sábado. Si está interesado, comuníquese con Curtis Bagwell 713-304-2730 o Heinz Siewert 409-500-3320. Realmente necesitamos su apoyo y oraciones para continuar con este ministerio iniciado por el diácono Eddie Stoughton en 2014.



"First Friday Coffee Social"

"Primer Viernes Cafe Social"

We need Ministry Sponsors for 2023!

Necesitamos Ministerios que patrocinen en 2023!

Aug 4, Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3 and Dec 1.

Nancy Cuello at 713-256-7973



CHURCH RENOVATIONS 2023

If you would like to sponsor an item in the church during our church renovation project, please contact the office at 281-331-3751. Items currently available are:

New Ambo (Lector Stand) \$13,000

Tabernacle Altar \$14,000

Father John's Chair \$9,000

Deacon's Chair \$3,000

Pew \$2,800 each

Narthex (Foyer) \$24,000

Please note, payments can be made, call the office for details. If you or a family member sponsored a pew in the last renovation, and would like the pew for a donation, please contact the office as well.

The Last Mass in the Church will be celebrated on Sunday, July 16. Masses will resume on Monday in the Large Hall. Thank you for your patience and pray that all workers and contractors are safe during this project. God is Good!

Si desea patrocinar un artículo en la iglesia durante nuestro proyecto de renovación, comuníquese con la oficina si está interesado al 281-331-3751. Artículos actualmente disponible:

Nuevo Ambon (Soporte Lector) \$13,000

Altar del Tabernáculo \$14,000

Silla del Padre Juan \$9,000

Silla del diácono \$3,000

Bancas de la iglesia \$2,800 cada una

Vestibulo \$24,000

Tenga en cuenta que pagos se pueden hacer, llame a la oficina para obtener más detalles. Si usted o un miembro de su familia patrocinó una banca en la última renovación, y desea la banca por una donación, comuníquese también con la oficina.

La última Misa en la iglesia se celebrará el Domingo 16 de Julio. Las Misas comenzarán el Lunes 17 de Julio en el Salón Grande. Gracias por su paciencia y oremos para que todos los trabajadores y contratistas estén seguros durante este proyecto. Dios es Bueno!

DEVOCIONES / DEVOTIONS & OTHER EVENTS

15 de Julio, 2023

La Sagrada Familia

Familia: Castelan

Coordinadora: Claudia Ybarra 713-401-7969

Crucifijo de Vocaciones

Familia: Trejo

Coordinadora: Flor Castellan 832-729-7678

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Coordinadora: Cristina Esquivel 832-455-1084

Rosario a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Familia: Recendes

Coordinadora: Esmeralda Olvera 832-336-1731



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX SCHEDULE

5:00 PM July 15 Juanita & Louis Martinez

8:00 AM July 16 Beverly Keck

10:00 AM July 16 Rhonda & Ned Pucek

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Despues de la
Misa de 7:00PM

What is the Holy Eucharist?

The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Christ is contained, offered, and received.

(a) The whole Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. We use the words "really, truly, and substantially" to describe Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist in order to distinguish Our Lord's teaching from that of mere men who falsely teach that the Holy Eucharist is only a sign or figure of Christ, or that He is present only by His power.

(b) All Christians, with but few minor exceptions, held the true doctrine of the Real Presence from the time of Christ until the Protestant Revolution in the sixteenth century.

(c) The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving."

When did Christ institute the Holy Eucharist?

Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the night before He died.

(a) About a year before the Last Supper Our Lord promised to give us the Holy Eucharist. This promise is related in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John. The fulfillment of this promise took place at the Last Supper.

Who were present when Our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist?

When Our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist the apostles were present.

How did Christ institute the Holy Eucharist?

Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist in this way: He took bread, blessed and broke it, and giving it to His apostles, said: "Take and eat; this is My body;" then He took a cup of wine, blessed it, and giving it to them, said: "All of you drink of this; for this is My blood of the new covenant which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins;" finally, He gave His apostles the commission: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

What happened when Our Lord said: "This is My body . . . this is My blood"? When Our Lord said, "This is My body," the entire substance of the bread was changed into His body; and when He said, "This is My blood," the entire substance of the wine was changed into His blood. (a) Christ could not have used clearer, more explicit words than "This is My body." He did not say, "This is a sign of My body," or "This represents My body," but, "This is My body." Catholics take Christ at His word because He is the omnipotent God. On His word they know that the Holy Eucharist is the body and blood of Christ.

Did anything of the bread and wine remain after their substance had been changed into Our Lord's body and blood?

After the substance of the bread and wine had been changed into Our Lord's body and blood, there remained only the appearances of bread and wine.

(a) Because the appearances of bread and wine remain in the Holy Eucharist, we cannot see Christ with our bodily eyes in this sacrament. We do see Him, however, with the eyes of faith. Our bodily eyes, moreover, do not deceive us when they see the appearances of bread and wine for these appearances really remain after the Consecration of the Mass.

What do we mean by the appearances of bread and wine?

By the appearances of bread and wine we mean their color, taste, weight, shape, and whatever else appears to the senses.

What is the change of the entire substance of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ called?

The change of the entire substance of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ is called Transubstantiation.

Is Jesus Christ whole and entire both under the appearances of bread and under the appearances of wine?

Jesus Christ is whole and entire both under the appearances of bread and under the appearances of wine.

(a) We know that Christ is whole and entire under both appearances because, "Christ having risen from the dead, dies now no more" (Romans 6:9). Because Christ cannot die, His blood must remain united always to His body, and His soul to both. The divinity of Christ, moreover, always remains united to His body and blood and soul because He is God made man.

(b) The whole Christ is present under each part of the sacred appearances and remains present as long as the sacred appearances remain.

How was Our Lord able to change bread and wine into His body and blood?

Our Lord was able to change bread and wine into His body and blood by His almighty power.

(a) God, who created all things from nothing, who fed the five thousand with five loaves, who changed water into wine instantaneously, who raised the dead to life, can change bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Although the Holy Eucharist is a great mystery, and consequently beyond human understanding, the principles of sound reason can show that this great gift is not impossible by the power of God.

Does this change of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ continue to be made in the Church?

This change of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ continues to be made in the Church by Jesus Christ, through the ministry of His priests.

(a) Only ordained priests have the power of changing bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. When they consecrate, they act in the person of Christ, through the power received in the sacrament of Holy Orders.

When did Christ give His priests the power to change bread and wine into His body and blood? Christ gave His priests the power to change bread and wine into His body and blood when He made the apostles priests at the Last Supper by saying to them: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

How do priests exercise their power to change bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ? Priests exercise their power to change bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ by repeating at the Consecration of the Mass the words of Christ: "This is My body . . . this is the Cup of My blood."

Why does Christ give us His own body and blood in the Holy Eucharist?

Christ gives us His own body and blood in the Holy Eucharist: first, to be offered as a sacrifice commemorating and renewing for all time the sacrifice of the cross; second, to be received by the faithful in Holy Communion; third, to remain ever on our altars as the proof of His love for us, and to be worshipped by us.

Taken from The Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 26

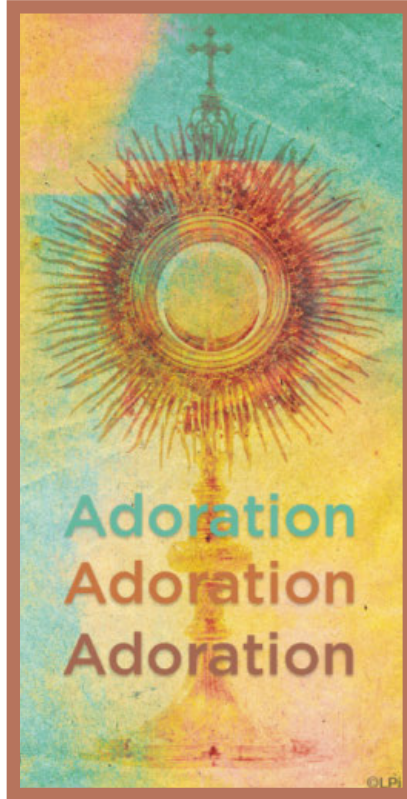
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FAMILY / FAMILIA

The Adoration Chapel will close on **Saturday, July 15** at 4:00 pm and will reopen on **July 17** at 9:00 am. It will be available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the parish hall entrance until further notice.

La capilla de la Adoración se cerrará el **Sábado 15 de Julio** a las 4:00 pm y se reabrirá el **17 de Julio** a las 9:00 am. Estará disponible de **Lunes a Viernes** de 9:00 am a 9:00 pm, hasta el momento, en el salón de la parroquia en la entrada.

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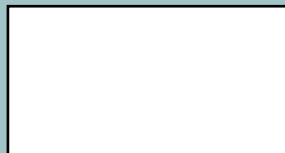
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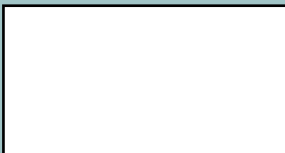
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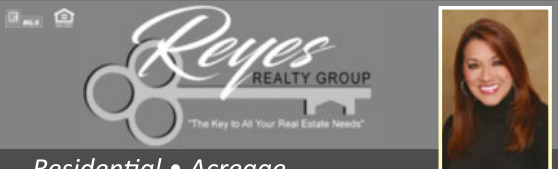
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