

St. John the Baptist Parish is a warm and inviting family, living out our Baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments and witnessing God in others.

Welcome!

We are so glad you joined us today!

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May 14 & 15, 2022 5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm Sunday Liturgy: 10am Tuesday: 6:30pm Wednesday: Check Holy Mass Schedule Thursday and Friday: 9am Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor 8 months in advance

St. John the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule

Saturday, May 14	10am Confirmation/First Eucharist Rehearsal
St. Matthias	4:30pm Rosary
	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, May 15	9:30am Rosary
	10am Holy Mass
	2pm Confirmation/First Eucharist Holy Mass
Tuesday, May 17	6:30pm Holy Mass + Gladys Melle
	7pm PPC Meeting held in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, May 18	11am (Hospital) Holy Mass + Guillermo Ruiz
	1pm Holy Mass SHSC † Norbert Gisi
St. John I	6:30pm Finance Council Meeting held in the Meeting Room
	7pm Baptism Preparation Class held in the Parish Hall
Thursday, May 19	9am Holy Mass † Miguel & † Margoht Vargas
	6:30pm Pastoral Care Workshop held in the Church
Friday, May 20	9am Holy Mass + Jo-anne Mathieu
St. Bernardine of Siena	
Saturday, May 21	4:30pm Rosary
St. Eugene de Mazenod	5pm Holy Mass
St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions	
Sunday, May 22	9:30am Rosary
St. Rita of Cascia	10am Holy Mass

Caring For Your Parish Family

Our Pastoral Care Ministry is growing! Our vision is to have teams that can go the our Care Homes to share their gifts and bring communion to our elderly Parish Family members. We also have many of our Family members who cannot come to Holy Mass for various reasons and we want to make sure they are included in our Parish Mission and Vision. Do you feel called to serve in this ministry? There are many different opportunities: being a phone pal with one of our parishioners, joining a Care Home Ministry team (leaders, lectors, musicians, etc.), taking communion to someone in their home, and praying for our Parish Family.

We are happy to be hosting a **Pastoral Care Ministry Workshop on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30pm.** Those who have decided to join the ministry and those who are discerning are invited to attend. The workshop will include more information about this ministry, training and commissioning. If you would like more information, please contact Gwen Van De Woestyne at the Parish Office.



or phone John at 306-789-7609



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Baptism Preparation and Celebration "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." —Matthew 28:19 Our Baptism Preparation and Celebration dates have been changed. The new sessions will be on: Wednesday, May 18 at 7pm - Prep Class in the Parish Hall Sunday, May 22 at 10am - Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass Wednesday, May 25 at 7pm - Prep Class in the Parish Hall Sunday, May 29 at 10am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration Please call the Parish Office to register for the classes.

Homily Corner

We continue to celebrate the Risen Lord during this Easter season and we are truly blessed with beautiful readings throughout this season. Last weekend, we celebrated the 4th Sunday of Easter, which is often called, "Good Shepherd Sunday" and it was also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The first reading was Acts 13:14, 43-52, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 100, the second reading was Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 and the Gospel reading was John 10:27-30.

In today's Psalm, the second reading and the Gospel reading, sheep and shepherds are mentioned. And it is interesting that the last verse of the previous week's Gospel was, "After this he said to him, "Follow me." The Holy Church blesses us today with a continuation of that theme.

In the first line of the Gospel, Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." I want to focus on the voice today. When St. John the Baptist came, he was called the "voice in the wilderness." He said, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." And he told us, "Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals." He was telling us that he was not the Word, that the Word would come. Jesus reminds us today that he is the Word. St. John the Baptist was a voice, but in Jesus the Word and the voice together are fulfilled. They go hand in hand.

Sometimes when we listen to the radio, we aren't on quite the right frequency and we can't really hear what is being said. To hear Jesus and follow him, we need to be on the right frequency too. We need to truly be a disciple of Christ, understanding that he is the voice and the Word, in order to hear him fully. "My sheep hear my voice." If we aren't his disciple, we can't fully hear his voice. "I know them, and they follow me."

Following entails obedience, but it is even more than that. When we look to last week, Jesus didn't say, "Obey me.", he said, "Follow me." Jesus very rarely spoke about obedience because following includes obedience. Following is a choice, it is meaningful and beautiful. Those that follow the voice and the Word will have eternal life. They will not lose their way. They will stay dialed in to the correct frequency. Those that hear the voice and follow will not be in any danger. "No one will snatch them out of my hand." That is the power of this Gospel reading!

This week as you spend time in quiet prayer, ask yourself: Am I a follower of Jesus? Is he the voice and the Word in my life?

Blessings,

Father Antony



Lord, you sent out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in you and in Jesus whom you sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to your voice. Open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that you have begun in them.

Bless these children as they receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life- long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

As we pray for these children, make each of us an instrument of your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our actions. We pray that you will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

