

# Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist

Dear Friends: There is so much about life that is a mystery. As a priest, I am accustomed to not knowing what I will be dealing with on any given day. Virtually every day, I look over my agenda and make some rough plans, but rarely does the day turn out as I expected. A situation may pop up or an event may happen that changes the trajectory of those plans.

Last Sunday, for instance, there was no way that I could foresee that the infamous little “black cloud” was going to make its reappearance. I was returning home after an enjoyable dinner at the house of some parishioners. After a relaxing evening, I was looking forward to getting a good night’s rest, when all of a sudden, I found myself in a situation that drastically altered things that night.

I was driving north on Staples and had just entered an intersection on a green light, when a car coming from the opposite direction made a left turn and plowed right into the front driver’s side fender of my car! I was jolted as my car pivoted to the right, and then I felt the impact of another vehicle on the right side of my car. As I spun back to the left, it felt as though I was starring in a slow motion movie sequence. It only took a moment for me to gather my senses and realize that I seemed to be unharmed.

It didn’t take long for a Good Samaritan to pull open my car door and help me to get out. The next few moments were somewhat of a blur as I appraised the situation. I asked someone to call the police. Then the thought came to my mind that I needed to contact my family to let them know what had happened and that I was fine. I returned to my vehicle and rummaged for my phone through the items that had been strewn around the car. Then, a fireman found my glasses and I was grateful to be able to see whom I was dialing.

Obviously, adrenalin was doing its work in the initial aftermath of the accident because I felt no injuries. It wasn’t until after a few minutes went by that the aches and chest pains of the incident started manifesting themselves to me. Wanting to play it safe, I was transported to the hospital to be evaluated. I am grateful that everything turned out alright, despite the fact that I was terribly sore. My car may not have fared too well, but I was OK.

Since that evening, I have been reflecting on the mystery of life. One unanticipated incident can change things so dramatically.

A person can win the lottery and his or her life can be forever changed. A chance encounter with a business-savvy person can initiate a lucrative business endeavor. We can never be sure what will befall us, even if all things are present in the foreknowledge of God. Each of these events somehow unfolds as a part of God’s plan and contributes to who we are.

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist was set aside, according to God’s plan, to be the forerunner of Jesus Christ. The amazing circumstances surrounding his birth foretold

He will be called  
 What then **JOHN**  
 will this child be?

For surely  
 the hand  
 of the  
**LORD**  
 was with him



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that this man was going to have a significant role in salvation history. Everything unfolded in such a way that God could accomplish His plan through His Son, Jesus. I am sure that there was no way that Elizabeth could have anticipated that she would have a son in her advanced years, let alone that he was going to prepare the way for the Lord.

Life-altering events may visit all of us at one point. Who would have imagined that we would be facing unprecedented threats to our religious liberty and our freedom to follow our own conscience? We have enjoyed these rights since the foundation of our nation, and yet, now they are in danger as the government seeks to require that religious institutions and Catholic businesses provide services that are contrary to the Church's moral teaching. This proposed infringement upon our rights is now calling us to muster up the courage to take a stand for those rights. Something that was unimaginable a few years ago is now prompting us to give witness to our beliefs. Let us pray firmly that God will change the hearts and minds of our government officials so that these freedoms might be protected! God bless!



## Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome Lupe and Maria Riojas & family, Erin and Sonia Hall & family. We invite them to become a part of our growing faith community!

## May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of longtime parishioner, Patricia Reddick, whose Memorial Mass was held at our church on Saturday.

## Newly Baptized

St. Pius X welcomes into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism: Julia Marie Lathrop and Josiah James Reyes.

## Summer Sacrament Series

Looking for something to do this Summer? How about growing in knowledge and faith? Join David Bayardo for his Summer Sacrament Series every Tuesday at 7PM in the church. Come learn the history and living theology of the Sacraments. "Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made." Romans 1:20

Rectory Office Hours:  
*Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM*

## Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*  
*First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.*  
*Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)*  
*(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)*  
*Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,*  
*Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM*  
*Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)*

*Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM*  
*Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.*

*Weddings take place on weekdays any time and*  
*on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM*  
*Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.*

*Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays*



## Fortnight for Freedom

Please continue to pray for our government and its leaders during the national "Fortnight for Freedom" effort. We invite you to pray the rosary, the Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty, and the Litany for Liberty every day through July 4th, Independence Day. You are also invited to a Holy Hour for Religious Liberty at Corpus Christi Cathedral on Wednesday, June 27th, at 6:00 p.m.

## Office of vocations

The Office of Vocations is sponsoring "Explore" a summer experience for young men who want to understand their faith better, know themselves better, and make new friends from throughout the diocese. Explore is for young men who are enrolled in high school or who will be enrolling this fall. The program is staffed by priests and deacons, along with seminarians and others thinking about a vocation to the priesthood. This is a good opportunity for male altar servers, Columbian Squires, etc.

Cost for attendance is \$30, and includes food, lodging and theme t-shirts. Registration deadline is June 30. Please encourage any young men in your parish that may have an interest in this program to contact Amy Palomo at (361)882-6191m ext 697 or at [apalomo@diocesecc.org](mailto:apalomo@diocesecc.org). You may also get more information at <http://www.diocesecc.org/index.cfm?load=event&event:157>.

## Women's Circle Meeting Postponed

The Women's Circle meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, June 27 is being postponed so that those who wish, can attend the reflection on Religious Liberty by Bishop Mulvey at the Cathedral. The meeting will be rescheduled for July.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 2460**  
**St Pius X Church**



**Mexican Bingo/Merienda**  
 Sunday, June 24, 2012  
 2-4 pm  
 Parish Hall  
 5620 Gollihar Road  
**Donation: \$8**




## Comings and Goings

*The Week at a Glance*



### Sunday, June 24

2nd Collection: **BLACK BAG**  
 9:00AM – 2:00PM - **BLOOD DRIVE**  
 2:00-4:00PM – *Catholic Daughter's Bingo/ Merienda – PH*  
 2:30PM – *CMSE for Vacation Bible School volunteers - YC*  
 7:30PM – *Vietnamese Mass - CH*

### Monday, June 25

8:30AM-12:00PM -*Vacation Bible School*  
 - *All premises*

### Tuesday, June 26

8:30AM-12:00PM -*Vacation Bible School*  
 - *All premises*  
 7:00PM – *Sacrament classes - CH*

### Wednesday, June 27

8:30AM-12:00PM -*Vacation Bible School*  
 - *All premises*  
 8:00PM – *Youth Band practice - CH*

### Thursday, June 28

8:30AM-12:00PM -*Vacation Bible School*  
 - *All premises*  
 7:00PM – *Adoration – CH*

### Friday, June 29

8:30AM-12:00PM -*Vacation Bible School*  
 - *All premises*  
 7:30PM – *Convalidation - CH*

### Sunday, July 1

1:30PM – *Baptism Class – CC#1*

## Financial Report for week ending 6/17/2012

### Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 19,121.65
Other Income .....	\$ 1,245.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$ 20,366.65</b>

### Other Contributions:

Retired Priest's.....	\$ 100.00
Acts of Charity.....	\$ 90.00
Janosek Scholarship.....	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 15.00
<b>Total Other Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>
<b>Total Contributions 6/17/2012 ...</b>	<b>\$ 20,596.65</b>

### Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of June 15, 2012.....\$1,039,042.73

## YOUTH CORNER



Rec and movie night for middle and high schoolers on Wednesday, June 27 at 6pm.

**Life Teen** – High Schoolers, Join us for sand volleyball on Sunday, June 24! Meet at the beach across for A&M CC on Ocean Drive. 6:30-8:30PM.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Vacation Bible School** begins Monday at 8:30am. Please keep all of us, leaders and children in your prayers during the week. It is going to be a great fun experience. Our theme: "All things are possible with God!"

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### COMING IN THE FALL: EPIC!

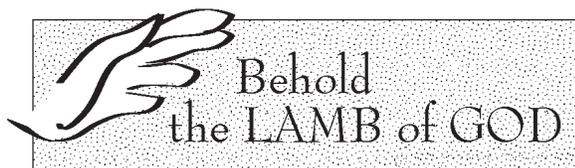
Do you know the story of our faith family? Would you like to know more about some of faith family's heroes? Plan to join a one-year journey through church history this fall. Watch for more information on our website or in the bulletin. Or ask Sr. Annette at 993-0299 or awagner@stpiusxcc.org



### SUMMER READING FOR ADULTS



Have a little time to yourself this summer? Don't forget the Parish Adult Library has a wide range of books—from biography to prayer and spirituality. You can find the library in the church, next to the Ladies Room. Check-out and return is on the honor system. Enjoy!



## Altar Servers June 30-July 1

### Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Kevin Smith  
Matthew Oliveira  
Jacob Rivera  
Ryan Park



### Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Paul Freeman  
Justin Gomez  
Nicholas Lee

### Sun. 12:00 p.m.

MC Sara Rucker  
Ranger Quintero  
Lauren Cook  
Charlie Uecker

### Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Jackie Lara  
MC Brianna Salazar  
Emily Salazar  
Daniel Tindall

### Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Ethan Pompa  
Luke Bean  
Acadia Tamez  
Benny Myers

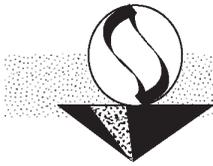
## Lectors

### 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUN 30	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Harold Lee
JUN 30	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Dick Poremba
JUL 1	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Teresa Camacho
JUL 1	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Tracie Jensen
JUL 1	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Hester Rodriguez
JUL 1	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Ralph Rodriguez
JUL 1	SUN	12:00	NOON	Mary Scott
JUL 1	SUN	12:00	NOON	Jenny Sehy
JUL 1	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angela L. Soliz
JUL 1	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Alma Tamez

## Centennial of the Diocese of Corpus Christi

Native Texan named bishop - In 1936, the Centennial Year of Texas, Mariano Simon Garriga was made coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, a position he held for the next 13 years until Bishop Emmanuel B. Ledvina retired in 1949. Born in the diocese when it was the Vicariate of Brownsville, he was the first native Texan chosen as a bishop in the state. Bishop Garriga, though born in Port Isabel, finished his grade courses under the direction of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word at St. John's Orphanage in San Antonio. He attended St. Mary's College in St. Mary's, Kansas, and desiring to discern a priestly call he then studied at St. Francis Seminary in Wisconsin. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 2, 1911 in Incarnate Word Convent Chapel, San Antonio.



The LORD called me from birth,  
 from my mother's womb he gave me my name.  
 You are my servant, he said to me,  
 through whom I show my glory.

## One Minute Meditations

### God is always present

Although the world around is changing, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love, support, strength, patience, wisdom, insight, and creativity when we ask. *"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed"* (Malachi 3:6).

### Have a good day every day

Start the morning by offering the day to God and spend a few minutes counting your blessings. Then do all you can to enjoy the day. Don't let life's minor irritants affect your mood. End the day with a short prayer of thanks.

### Pray the Rosary

Daily recitation of the Rosary is a powerful way to obtain peace for the world, avoid sin, and grow in holiness. It helps us meditate on the life, death, and glory of Jesus and his mother. By commemorating these events in our salvation history, we are reminded to thank and praise God for them.



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## What secrets do good stewards know?

Everything we have and all that we are is given to us by God because he loves us and trusts us to be good stewards of his love gifts. A good steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes them because they come from God, shares them, and returns them to God with interest. But that requires knowing the secrets of good stewardship:

**Stewardship flows from love.** Good stewards are always aware of what God has given them and are deeply grateful. They know that they didn't earn their talents or resources and understand that they come from a Father who asks only for true love in return.

Giving feels good. Part of stewardship is sharing God's gifts with those in need, whether it is our time, talents, or treasure. It feels good to be able to meet another person's needs in this way.

**Stewards are instruments.** Stewardship is actually God's love flowing through us and pouring out through us to reach his other children.

The good steward joins in God's own generous nature by acting as God's hands on Earth. **God's purpose is the point.** When we waste our talents, dawdle in pointless pursuits, or squander our resources, we put our own desires first ahead of God's will. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be God-centered rather than self-centered.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

"The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us" (CCC 1131).

We have seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist,

## What is a Sacrament?



Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders. While the sacraments are not the only way we can receive grace, they are the normal way in which we do. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. Grace allows us to participate in that divine love.

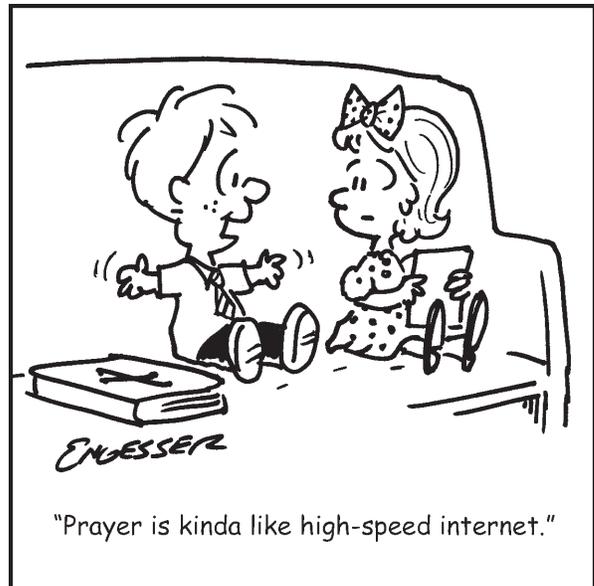
## Mass Intentions



- Sat. 6/23 5:30PM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
 Sun. 6/24 8:00AM For the Parishioners  
 10:00AM Elsie Samperi's Anniversary by Mary Fodor  
 12:00PM Jonathon Palacios by family  
 5:30PM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
 7:30PM Gio A Kim Nguyen Van Nguyen  
 Mon. 6/25 8:15AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
 Tue. 6/26 8:15AM James T. Catchings by Lisa & Dewayne  
 Catchings  
 Wed. 6/27 8:15AM Arturo Vasquez, Sr. by Mary Vasquez  
 Jim Yaklin by Rene & Yolanda Ramirez  
 Carmen Rivera by Marilyn Bartlett  
 M/M Clem Skloss by Frank & Liz Vrana  
 Louise Sustrick by Peter & Joanne Volpe  
 Jane Tisdale by Paul Tisdale  
 5:30PM Sandra Sykora's Anniversary by Penny  
 Pacheco  
 Bill Traeger by Allen & Janet Daehne  
 Liddy Fritz by Marcie Aguilar  
 Erich Wendl by Marie Habeeb  
 Thanks to the Blessed Mother by Minga De  
 Los Santos  
 Maria Nguyen by Ho Nguyen  
 Family Peace by Thuy Hoang  
 Joyce Shirley by Phyllis Benesh  
 Thu. 6/28 8:15AM John McHugh by Delfina McHugh  
 Fri. 6/29 8:15AM Robert Conwell's Anniversary by  
 The Conwell family  
 5:30PM John G. Scecina, Sr. by Martha &  
 Frank Kolda  
 Sat. 6/30 5:30PM Frances O. Guerrero's Anniversary by  
 Ramirez, Leal & Hinojosa families  
 Sun. 7/01 8:00AM Rita Huber's Anniversary by Jim &  
 Mim Cook  
 10:00AM Sig Black by Isabel Black  
 12:00PM Buck Kelly's Anniversary by Ken & Liz  
 Morgan  
 5:30PM For the Parishioners

## Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins...

Frank Baish, Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, John Boyd, Frances Branning, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Bobby Floyd, Frances Galvan, Jackson Gavarkovs, Elida Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Glenda Graham, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Coleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Cathy Hervey, Chris Holland, Elizabeth Johnson, Dorothy Krause, Pam Lane, Ed Lewis, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Marguerite Ross, Tim Salch, Amber Saylor, Terry Schacherl, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Luz Villarreal, Mary Lois Webster, Bea Wilson, Linda Witt, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.



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