



## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Pastor: Msgr. David R. Cruz  
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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

### August 23, 2015

*Twenty-First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

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**MASS INTENTION:**

+ LaValle Roberts  
*(Eternal Rest)*

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
(Ps 34:2-3, 16-21)

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32

Gospel Acclamation:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit  
and life; You have the words  
of everlasting life.  
(Jn 6:63c, 68c)

Gospel:

Jn 6:60-69

### ARISE STRATEGY & INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, September 1st, 7:00pm

In October, we would like to organize small faith sharing groups using the ARISE faith-sharing program.

If you are interested in leading an ARISE group, please join us for this strategy & information session.

If you have led an ARISE group previously, and would like to lead one at this parish, please email our parish office.

### REGISTRATION FORMS

If you wish to become a member of the parish, please visit the parish office during office hours to fill out a registration form.

### AUGUST OFFERTORY

A total of the August offertory collections will be reported in early September. Thank you for your contributions.

### REGISTRATIONS FOR YOUTH FAITH CLASSES

August 30th & September 6th

Registrations will be held after Mass. A \$10 registration fee will be requested to cover costs of materials. The first day of class will take place on Wednesday, September 16th at 7pm. For more information, please call Nancy Sanchez at 241-4432 or email the parish office.

### MASS INTENTION

If you would like to dedicate a Mass for a special intention, please visit the parish office to check availability.

A donation will be requested to reserve the Mass.

### FAITH FORMATION MEET & GREET

Wed, September 9th, 7:00pm

Catechists, interested volunteers, and youth registered for the Youth Faith Classes are welcome to join us for a meet & greet with refreshments.

**PRAYER INTENTION LIST**

From August 16, 2015

Healing

- Jason Mata      -J. Segura Family
- Andrea Garcia      -Julio Lopez
- Tiffany Quevedo   -Michael Reyna
- Chris & Martha Oyervidez
- Kathy & Abel Flores Family

General

- Ted Hernandez    -Maxine Abeyta
- Queta Owen      -Antonio Murillo
- Margarita Rodriguez
- Cresencia Corovado
- Micahel & Mary Lou Florn
- Andres Margarita DeLeon
- Antonio & Luis Valenciano
- For all children and teachers as they begin a new school year

Eternal Rest: + Lucy Flores

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Tuesdays, September 1st, 8th  
7:00pm

If your child is interested in serving as an altar server, please join Fr. David for these training sessions. If you have any questions or concerns, please email the parish office.

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Many of our members have expressed a desire to serve as a lector, greeter, or communion minister. We are currently organizing ministry meetings and designating some leaders for the different ministries. We hope to announce the dates and times for these training sessions by early September. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you are interested, please email the parish office.  
*COMING SOON!!*

Dear Friends of St. John the Baptist,

Some of you may be familiar with the great American Classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, written by Harper Lee in 1960. It was made into a film, starring Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch, a heroic, and noble lawyer who stands up against injustice in a small, southern town. He is assigned to defend Tom Robinson, a black man who is falsely accused of a terrible crime. If you've seen the movie or read the book, you know the story has a sad ending when Tom Robinson, the man falsely accused, is found guilty, and is shot to death trying to escape from jail.

A few weeks ago, a great controversy was stirred when it was discovered that Harper Lee had written another novel about Atticus Finch, entitled *Go Set A Watchman*. She decided not to publish it, and the novel remained unpublished until recently. In this novel, Atticus Finch is not the heroic, moral, and unblemished character of *To Kill A Mockingbird*. It seems that he is portrayed as a more flawed, and imperfect character. Some people are deeply troubled that someone they saw as a great champion of civil rights would now be portrayed as someone so imperfect. But I think this is more reflective of real life. If we are willing to be honest, we know that all human beings, no matter how good, courageous, and moral, all have some degree of imperfection, and this is certainly true about the great heroes of the Bible. For instance, Moses, King David, St. Paul, and St. Peter all had flaws and imperfections. And the same is true about each of us. Perhaps this is why every Sunday at the beginning of every Mass, each of us, no matter how good we are, is invited to ask forgiveness for our sins. We call this the Penitential Rite.

It has often been noted that we Catholics know something about guilt. But, if this is the case, we also know something about forgiveness and mercy. Isn't it wonderful that Pope Francis recently reminded us in one of his statements that Holy Communion is not a prize for the perfect, but rather it is a healing remedy for the imperfect. This is a comforting thought for all of us, who like Atticus Finch, are deeply loved by God in spite of our flaws and imperfections.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. David R. Cruz

**PRAYER INTENTION LIST**

Do you have a loved one you would like the parish to keep in their prayers? If so, visit the parish office or write your intention in the prayer book at Mass to add your loved one's name to our weekly prayer intention list.

**"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."**

- Joshua 24:15

