



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Confessions by Appointment

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

Rectory (Fr. David's Home):

3323 86th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423

April 10, 2016

3rd Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTION:

Saturday, April 9th:
Mass for the people

Sunday, April 10th:
Tom Showers (Eternal Rest) +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

ACTS 5:27-32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.
(Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13)

Second Reading:

Revelations 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Christ is risen, creator of all;
he has shown pity on
all people.

Gospel:

John 21:1-19

APRIL MERCY DAY

Sunday, April 10th
5-6pm at SJTB

The Spiritual Life Committee is organizing the collection and delivery of meals to about 100 homeless people at Grace Campus (formerly Tent City).

We are in need of donated food items, as well as help to serve the meals.

A sign-up sheet is located at the entrance of the Church.

For more information or questions, please call Sybille Neuber at 392-3860.

CONFIRMATION MASS

Sunday, April 17th at 10am

We invite you to join us as our parish youth receive the sacrament of Confirmation in a Mass presided over by Bishop Rodríguez. All are welcome!



REMAINING BELIEVING IN JESUS SESSIONS

Monday, April 11th at 7pm
Topic: The Bible and You
We will explore the books of the Old and New Testament, and discuss in depth the Gospel reading on the healing of the paralytic.

Monday, April 18th at 7pm
Topic: Putting My Faith Into Action By Serving Others

All are invited to join us.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Sat, May 7th from 10am—1pm

Office for Evangelization
& Catechesis
4620 4th Street, Lubbock

For more information or to register, please contact:
Alicia Alvarez at
aalvarez@catholiclubbock.org
or call 792-3943.

PRAYER INTENTION LIST

Week of April 3, 2016

Healing & Good Health

-Juan Contreras -Ben Ybanez
-Martha Oyervidez -Joe Porras
-Yajayra Marin -Corina Escamilla
-Eloisa Landin -Sylvia Ortiz
-Karter Salazar -Martha Salazar
-Jason Mata -Mary Salazar
-Bea Rodriguez -Oscar Perez
-Victor Mendoza -Andrea Garcia
-Michelle Olivarez -Johnny Ortiz
-Gonzales Family -Irena Casarez
-Sam Moreno -Pete Montes

General

-Contreras Family -David V.
-Efrain Rodriguez -James Brown
-Adrian & Rosalinda Jimenez
-Kyle & Teresa Porras
-Michael Reyna & Family

Birthdays

-Michael Chavez -Nicole Lo Casio
-Emma Nicole Walker

Eternal Rest

-A. Gamboa -Bob McCallick
-Santos Prieto -C. Gonzales
-All the faithful departed +

UPCOMING ACTS RETREATS

Women's ACTS Retreat

June 9-12

November 3-6

Teen ACTS Retreat

July 14-17

Men's ACTS Retreat

August 18-21

ACTS Retreats are opportunities for men, women and teens to grow a deeper relationship with Christ over a weekend retreat. For more information or to register, please email Maria Treviño at faithlovehope15@yahoo.com

Dear Friends of St. John the Baptist,

Just a few days before Holy Week, I received the heartbreaking news that a dear friend of mine of many years, Fr. Virgilio Elizondo, had passed away. Sadly, it was covered by the San Antonio newspapers, where Fr. Elizondo lived most of his life, that he had tragically ended his own life. If you read any of the newspaper accounts that appeared in the national media, you know that Fr. Elizondo was a very accomplished priest for over fifty years. For some years, he was the Pastor of the Cathedral of San Fernando in the heart of San Antonio, he contributed to Catholic television programming, and he was a professor of theology and author of many books. He was known well beyond Texas for his many contributions to the Church and society, and he was also a tenured professor on the faculty of Notre Dame University in Indiana. So, you can understand the impact that such a tragic and sudden loss had on the lives of thousands of Catholics throughout Texas and the United States.

I was blessed to know Fr. Elizondo from the time I was in the seminary in Europe, where he would come periodically to the University of Louvain in Belgium to participate in meetings of an editorial board of a publication called *Concillium*. When he discovered that I was from Texas, he extended the warm hand of friendship to me, encouraged me, and would often invite me to join him for a meal during his brief stays at the university. In 1986, once I was ordained a priest, our friendship continued, but especially during the years I served on the faculty of the seminary from 1995-2000. It was in those years, that Fr. Elizondo was a source of support and inspiration to my work and ministry.

Over the course of the last couple of weeks, I have been trying to sort out the meaning of the loss of this good man, and I have wondered why someone, who based their whole life on the ministry of Jesus and the hope of the resurrection, would fall into a depression that would ultimately lead to taking his own life. I suppose I will never know the answer to these questions. But I do know, that the lives of all human beings should never be reduced to one single act, much less the most tragic event of their lives. Instead, the life of every person should be viewed in the totality of all its parts and pieces. We are the sum of all our parts, including all our joys and sorrows, all our hopes and dreams, all the good that we have ever done, and all the good that we will ever hope to do. From the moment of our conception, we are made in the image and likeness of God. We are all his children, and especially at the moment of our own death, he embraces us with his mercy and his inexhaustible love. Fr. Elizondo, may your soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. I pray that the hearts of all whose lives you touched will receive comfort and consolation.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. David