

# Nativity of St. John the Baptist

**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:** Jeff Gibbons. Eric Gray. Charlie McCloskey. Myles Acosta. Billy Edwards. Elayne Hayes. Vicki Robinson. Tony Olzawski. Tom Rottinghaus. Elise Sugg. Kathy Carmona. Vicki Robinson. Jacob Stephens. Fr. Ruggles, Fr. Kelly, Fr. McGrath, Fr. Rootman, Fr. Duyka, Msgr. Priest. John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Andrea Easter. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Judy Fazzio, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Eileen Swanson, sister of Evelyn Murfin.**

**Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:** Pvt Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Ensign Gary Buchanan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lcpl Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma)

## **JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the "precursor" of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John's basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John's legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: "You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory" (Isaiah 49:3). John's humility—"I am not he"—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.



Please remember  
Holy Spirit Parish in your Will.



For free information on making a will, finding a lawyer or making a bequest to our parish, please call Mark Henry at the East Texas Catholic Foundation @ 903-534-1077 X 200 or visit [www.etcflegacy.org](http://www.etcflegacy.org).

## **Mass Times & Intentions**

**Sat 6/23 5:00pm Mass—Eileen Swanson+ (M/M Murfin)**

**Sun 6/24 9:30am Mass—Holy Spirit Parishioners**

**Tue 6/26 9:00am Mass/Adoration—Traveling Parishioners**

**Wed 6/27 7:45am Mass—First Responders**

**Thurs 6/28 9:00am Mass—Our Government**

**Fri 6/29 9:00am Mass—Holly Lake Community**

**Sat 6/30 5:00pm Mass—Lou & Nonie Gillespie & Louise Diegel+**  
**(Gillespie & Diegel Family)**

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm

Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

**Required Weekly Funds Offerings**

**6/16 & 6/17 Attendance**

<b>\$ 3,961</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
<b>\$ 3,334</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>76</b>

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Reading:** I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).

**Psalm:** I praise you for I am wonderfully made (Psalm 139).

**Second Reading:** John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).

**Gospel:** John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

## **THE GREATEST NEED**

The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.—Anonymous

**Pope's Universal Intention for June: Universal – Social Networks**

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences.

## ***EVENTS AND NEWS***

**June Second Collections:** 23rd & 24th: "Peter's Pence (Collection for the Holy Father).

### **The Welcoming Prayer (by Father Thomas Keating)**

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

I welcome everything that comes to me today  
because I know it's for my healing.

I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons,  
situations, and conditions.

I let go of my desire for power and control.

I let go of my desire for affection, esteem,  
approval and pleasure.

I let go of my desire for survival and security.

I let go of my desire to change any situation,  
condition, person or myself.

I open to the love and presence of God and  
God's action within. Amen.

**Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm**

"I throw myself at the foot of the tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his mater" - St. John Vianney

### **Religious Gift Shop**

Our gift shop is located in the parish hall to the right of the kitchen, in the hallway, across from the restrooms. It is generally open after weekend Masses. We carry a large selection of medals, holy cards, religious art and rosaries (these are made by our own rosary group that get together every Friday after 9:00am Mass). If you have questions or need to place a special order, call Jean Kelly at 903-857-9868.

**Leave a Lasting Legacy With A Gift from Your Retirement Plan:** All IRAs, 401Ks and other retirement plans have beneficiary pages. Because leaving these plans to children can result in a large percentage going to taxes, you may want to consider naming the parish endowment fund as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. It will be a charitable gift so no taxes are due on the gift. You can even leave just a percentage of the retirement plan to the parish endowment fund. For information about changing your beneficiaries on retirement plans or other legacy planning ideas contact Mark Henry at 903-534-1077 X200, email him at [mhenry@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto:mhenry@dioceseoftyler.org) or go to [www.etcflegacy.org](http://www.etcflegacy.org).

### **Welcome!**

All visitors to our beautiful East Texas community of Holly Lake Ranch are welcome to visit our Prayer Garden directly behind our parish hall to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

### **JUNE EVENTS**

**Wed. 20th—Wed. 27th:** Bridget is out of the office.

### **JULY EVENTS**

**Wed. 4th:** Independence Day, Diocese of Tyler and our church office will be closed.

**Wed. 11th:** Fundraiser Mtg. 6:00pm

**Sat. 14th through Mon. 23rd:** Fr. Mike will be attending a Fatima Pilgrimage. Fr. Ron Demski will be saying Mass on the two weekends Fr. Mike is gone.

**Wed. 25th:** *Beginning today July 25th there will be **NO 7:45am Mass. From here on out the morning Mass is changing to a evening Mass at 5:00pm.***

**Thurs. 19th through Fri. Aug. 3rd:** Deacon Sam and Nancy will be on vacation.

### **FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY.....**

Adults and parents, PLEASE accompany your children to the restrooms. Do not leave your children unattended.

**PLEASE...BE WISE...SUPERVISE**

### **Children's Faith Formation**

Those interested in evangelization or catechesis please contact Wanda Stephens, DRE @ (903) 360-6927 or by email [wandajbs@gmail.com](mailto:wandajbs@gmail.com).

### **A hot car is lethal for children**

**Never forget your child in the car.** The Kars4Kids Safety app connects to your car's Bluetooth and sounds an alarm every time you leave your car, making sure your child is never accidentally left behind. Try it with your pet.

**Go to [www.Kars4Kids.org/app](http://www.Kars4Kids.org/app).**



### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Holy Spirit 2nd Annual  
International Food Festival  
Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018  
11:00am—2:00pm  
Parish Hall**