

End Of Year Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for parishioners can be found at the back of the church. Tax receipts are for yearly contributions of \$250 or more. If you did not receive one or need anything changed please contact the office at 830-365-4107.

CCD Meeting:

There will be no CCD classes on Sunday, January 29.

Instead there is a **mandatory** meeting for all parents and sponsors that day. Your child received a form with more information that must be returned by January 22nd.

Pro-Life Rosary Walk Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 22nd at 2:30 pm as we pray the rosary on a 2 mile walk, culminating with a special Mass at San Agustin Cathedral in Laredo.

For more information call The Family Life Office, Diocese of Laredo, at (956) 727-2140.

Community Participation

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help keep our churches clean and beautiful!

St. Joseph - Church Cleaning

January 20 – Eva Gonzalez, Sara Howell, and Nairobi Martinez

January 27 – Raquel Nevarez, Clarissa Diaz, Raquel Quijano, and Joel Quijano

Knights of Columbus Raffle!

The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets for a meat pack raffle perfect for the Super Bowl!

Tickets are \$3 or 2 for \$5

There are three chances to win!

Winners will be announced Friday, February 10th

For more information contact Arnold Hernandez or any KOC member!

Valentine's Day Basket Raffle!

Please help our bingo volunteers sell raffle tickets for their upcoming raffle of a valentine's day family gift basket worth over \$600 in prizes! Tickets can be found ready to sell in packets at the back of the church.

Please leave your name and packet number on the sign up sheet! Thank you!



LA PRYOR, TEXAS

January 15, 2023

**St. Joseph Catholic Church and
St. Patrick Catholic Church
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Parish Administrator: Fr. Gustavo Ortega, OFM.

Assistants: Deacon Gene Corrigan and

Deacon Juan Gallegos

830-365-4107

The Gift of Spiritual Insight

This insight that St. John the Baptist had regarding Jesus is quite inspiring, mysterious and amazing. He sees Jesus coming toward him and he immediately states three revealed truths about Jesus: 1) Jesus is the Lamb of God; 2) Jesus ranks ahead of John; 3) Jesus existed before John.

How would John know all of this? What was the source of such profound statements about Jesus? Most likely John would have studied the Scriptures of the time and would have known the many statements about the coming Messiah spoken by the prophets of old. He would have known the Psalms and the Books of Wisdom. But, first and foremost, John would have known what he knew by the gift of faith. He would have had true spiritual insight granted by God. This fact reveals not only the greatness of John and the depth of his faith, it also reveals the ideal we must strive for in life. We must strive to daily walk by authentic spiritual insight granted by God.

It's not so much that we must live, day by day, in some sort of an evident, prophetic and mystical state. It's not that we should expect to have superior knowledge over others. But we should be open to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit so as to gain a knowledge and understanding of life that is beyond what mere human reason can acquire by its own effort.

John was clearly filled with Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Reverence and Wonder. These Gifts of the Spirit gave him an ability to live a life sustained by the grace of God. John knew things and understood things that only God could reveal. He loved and revered Jesus with a passion and submission of his will that could only be inspired by God. Most evidently, John's holiness came as a consequence of his union with God.