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# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

August 22, 2021

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many murmur, *"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"* If we think of the Christian life without faith and only from the perspective of our weaknesses and limitations, then we fail to see that Christ offers us *"everlasting life."* His grace makes it possible for us to love one another and to be *"holy and without blemish."* *"Decide today whom you will serve"* – the *"Holy One of God"* who gives us *"Spirit and life."* It is in serving the Lord that we *"taste and see the goodness of the Lord."* (Magnificat)

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## INTRODUCING THE COLUMBARIUM AT ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

### What is a Columbarium?

A Columbarium is a group of niches, typically with a wall, or other structure of brick, stone, granite, marble or other materials, that contains the cremated remains of the departed in a "worthy vessel".

### Why a Columbarium at SJE?

In our ancestors' day, the deceased of the parish were buried in "God's Acre" surrounding the church where they had worshiped. The remains were interred in this consecrated ground with a simple, dignified ceremony. Stone markers symbolically honored the life and faith of the departed, while serving as reminders to the living of their own mortality. Now, within our crowded contemporary urban environment, this practice is almost impossible. However, the concept of burial at church is in revival. The idea is so appealing that many churches are providing columbaria for the cremated remains of departed members. The church is, once again, the central site for the major milestones of life: baptism, confirmation, marriage, death and burial. The objective of the parish is not to promote cremation, but to provide an affordable, consecrated final resting place for the faithful departed. Cremation is a personal matter to be decided within the family.

### What are the benefits to our parish?

A niche in a columbarium is modestly priced. A columbarium creates a comfortable meeting place for families and friends to gather in love and remembrance, a consoling link between life and death.

### Can Catholics be cremated?

Yes. In May 1963, the Vatican's Holy Office, (*now the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith*), lifted the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation. This permission was incorporated into the revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 (Canon#1176), as well as into the Order of Christian Funerals. It then became standard practice to celebrate the funeral liturgies with the body, and then take the body to the crematorium. Most recently, the bishops of the United States and the Holy See have authorized the celebration of a Catholic funeral liturgy with the cremains, when the body is cremated before the funeral.

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## SAVE THE DATE

Monday, October 11

### *East Texas Sanctity of Life Banquet*

Join the Diocese of Tyler for the Sixth Annual East Texas Sanctity of Life Banquet with featured speaker Ashley Bratcher. The Banquet will take place October 11, at (Holiday Inn Conference Center ) in Tyler, Tx from 6 pm to 8 pm

For more information visit  
[www.stphilipinstitute.org/events](http://www.stphilipinstitute.org/events)

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# Faith

Formación de Fe  
para Niños y Jóvenes

# FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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## **Faith Formation 2021-2022**

**Classes begin Tuesday, Sept 7, 6:30 PM**

**Classes meet every Tuesday**

Registration Fee:

\$35 per child / \$50 per family

Registration Deadline: August 29

Fee after August 29:

\$40 per child / \$60 per family

A baptism certificate is required for all students preparing to receive a sacrament if the student was baptized at a parish other than SJE.

Registration forms are on the Bulletin Board.

## **Catechist Conference: Proclaiming the Truth with Joy – August 28**

Join the St. Philip Institute team for a dynamic day of teaching, prayer, and support for catechists in the Diocese of Tyler. This conference will take place on August 28 at St. Matthew Catholic Church (St Paul Family Center) in Longview, TX from 9 am to 4 pm.

For more information visit

[www.stphilipinstitute.org/events](http://www.stphilipinstitute.org/events)

## **Formación de Fe 2021-2022**

**Las clases comienzan el martes**

**7 de septiembre a las 6:30 p.m.**

**Las clases se reúnen todos los martes**

Costo de inscripción: \$35 por niño/a o \$50 por familia

Fecha límite de registro: 29 de agosto

Tarifa después del 29 de agosto: \$40 por niño/a o \$60 por familia

Se requiere un certificado de bautismo para todos los estudiantes que se preparan para recibir un sacramento si el estudiante fue bautizado en una parroquia que no sea San Juan Evangelista.

Los formularios de inscripción están en el tablón de anuncios.

## **Conferencia de Catequistas: Proclamar La Verdad Con Alegria**

Únase con el Instituto de San Felipe para un día dinámico de enseñanza, oración y apoyo para los catequistas en la Diócesis de Tyler. Esta Conferencia sera el 21 de Agosto en St. Matthew Catholic Church (St. John Paul Family Center) en Longview TX de 9am a 4 pm.

Para mas informacion visite

[www.stphilipinstitute.org/events](http://www.stphilipinstitute.org/events)

## Parish Collections – August 15, 2021

Combined Mass Total

Attendance: 218  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 1,472  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Building Fund: \$ 928

**Food Sales for July 2021 \$ 1,310**

**Priest for Tomorrow as of 06-13-2021 \$ 9,673**

If you have not yet returned to Mass, please consider mailing in your Sunday Offering and Building Fund donation to:

St. John the Evangelist  
551 East FM 2795, Emory, TX 75440

## LOOKING AHEAD

SEP 03	First Friday/Fish Fryday Dinner
SEP 06	Labor Day
SEP 07	Faith Formation Begins
SEP 18	Sacrament Class Begins
OCT 01	First Friday/Fish Fryday Dinner
OCT 07	Daylight Saving Time Ends
NOV 01	All Saints' Day ( <i>Holyday</i> )
NOV 02	All Souls' Day
NOV 05	First Friday/Fish Fryday Dinner
NOV 22-26	School Break
NOV 25	Thanksgiving Day
NOV 28	Advent Begins
DEC 03	First Friday/Fish Fryday Dinner
DEC 08	Immaculate Conception (Holyday)
DEC 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
DEC 14	Advent Confessions - TBC
DEC 16	15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FV's Ordination
DEC20-JAN3	School Break
DEC 21	8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Deacon's Ordination
DEC 25	Christmas Day
DEC 27	St. John the Evangelist Feast Day

## WORSHIP MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Sunday, August 29 – 11:00 AM**

Readers: 1R. Sheila D. 2R. Sue C.

**Sunday, Sept. 5 – 11:00 AM**

Readers: 1R. Alice K. 2R. Deb B.

## † PLEASE PRAY / *POR FAVOR, ORAR* †

... for all who are sick, elderly, or alone. May God bless all caregivers / *para todos los enfermos, ancianos o solos. Que Dios bendiga a todos los cuidadores.*

Adam Blount (*Deb Boyd's son*)

Benny & Pat Deis

Al & Marilyn Doty

Sophie Downing

Nancy Edward

Maeanna (Dusty) Forette

Jim Hardy (*Dennis Wagner's cousin*)

Pat Holcomb

Holly Koiro

Leo Lyke

Ronnie Parker

Jeannie Prendergast

Ray & Dale Vasil

Willie & Mary Villanueva

... and for our military & first responder families / *Y para la familia de nuestros militares y primeros rescatistas.*

Michael E. Riordan (*son of Mark & Mary Riordan*)

Gary Robinson, Jr. (*son of Jeanette & Gary Robinson*)

Rene Espinosa (*son of Marcelino & Lupe Espinosa*)

Sergio Cadena (*grandson of Marcelino/Lupe Espinosa*)

Ruben Olvera (*nephew of Federico & Clara Aguilar*)

Preston Beverly (*grandson of Linda DeVore*)

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of August 2021

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday:

11:00 AM English

12:30 PM Spanish

Tuesday: 6:30 PM

## **CONFESSION**

Before and after Mass and by appointment

## **ADORATION**

1<sup>ST</sup> Friday of each Month

**BAPTISM:** By appointment

**MARRIAGE & QUINCEAÑERAS:** Consult

Father Victor nine (9) months in advance

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## **GET IN TOUCH**

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msg 972-679-9330

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**SJEMembers Email Group**

To receive parish-specific news, prayer requests, bulletin, etc., inform the Parish Office of your email address.

***August is dedicated to  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary***



### **Outreach to Victims of Abuse**

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org.

The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the victim assistance coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.