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THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



The Passion, or Beheading, of Saint John the Baptist is one of the very oldest liturgical feasts on the Church's calendar (August 29). John's birth may be the oldest feast. Along with the feasts of Holy Week, the original event of John's death is right there on the surface of Holy Scripture, and so likely was commemorated as soon as the

Church started commemorating anything. John the Baptist's colorful life on the edge of respectability came to an abrupt end due to the weakness of a weak man, Herod, and due to the revenge sought by the troubled conscience of Herodias, who despised John for mentioning the obvious.

Saint John the Baptist's head was the wage rendered by an older man for the satisfaction of watching a young girl dance at his birthday party. More remotely, however, John's beheading was not caused by a suggestive dance. He paid with his head for poking the bear. John denounced King Herod Antipas, to his face, for divorcing his lawful wife and taking as his own Herodias, his sister-in-law, the wife of his still living half-brother Philip.

Herod Antipas was a tetrarch—one of four rulers who co-governed ancient Palestine as client kings under the oversight of a Roman governor. Herod Antipas learned cruelty at home. His father, Herod the Great, had two of his own sons strangled to death, murdered his favorite wife, and ordered the slaughter of all the male babies of Bethlehem. Herod Antipas' imprisonment and execution of John was more aggressive than his restrained interaction, a few years later, with John's cousin. Pontius Pilate later sent Jesus to Herod for interrogation after Pilate determined that the Jew's complaints about Jesus fell more under Herod's jurisdiction than Pilate's own. At this strange audience in Jerusalem between Herod and Jesus on Good Friday, Herod wanted Jesus to perform a miracle for him, as if Jesus were a mere magician. But Jesus said not a word to the man who killed His beloved cousin. Jesus, after all, did not come to provide bread and circuses to the curious. He performed miracles to elicit and to reward faith. So Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate for what we know happened next.

Herod is to John the Baptist what Pilate is to Jesus. Neither Herod's or Pilate's first choice was to order an execution. But cowardice and fear coalesced until commanding the death of an innocent man was more expedient than braving the ridicule and threats of subordinates. According to Saint Mark, "Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man...When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him" (Mk 6:20). "[Herod] was deeply grieved" (Mk 6:26) that he ordered John's death. But he didn't actually have to order John's death. If he were truly grieved, he could have stood up in the midst of the happy crowd, said "I made a stupid promise which I now regret," and granted Salome (her name is not found in the Bible) some other handsome gift instead of a blood-splattered plate. Herod beheaded a man to save face, to avoid embarrassment, and to avoid having to say "I made a mistake."

Adult Religious Formation Team Commission – Karl Grover

Taken from: My Catholic Life (mycatholic.life)

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

August 4 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM

August 18 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon

August 20 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 PM

August 27 ~ Catechists Meeting, 6:30 PM



COLORADO PEACHES

Our Sacred Heart Youth Group is once again selling 18 lb. boxes of Colorado peaches for \$38 per box to earn money for their Youth Group Trips. These peaches are far better than anything you can get at the grocery store. We will be receiving half the amount as last year due to a decline in the crop this year. The peaches will arrive mid-August. If you would like to reserve a box, contact Michelle Kelty at 285-7039, a high school youth group member or call the parish office at 285-2035.

FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met July 21, 2020
- ❖ Members present: Bob Haymaker, Dennis Wilson, G.L. VonFeldt, Jacques Molleker, Tom Giessel, Jim Damm, Kathy Couchman, Fr. Bernard. Unable to attend: Leon Sanders & Pam Hutfles.
- ❖ Minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting were approved following a correction.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial reports for June 2020 which showed income of \$21,537.87 and expenses of \$20,778.66. The June balance sheet showed cash of \$448,700.97 compared to \$490,251.84 at the end of June 2019. A detailed general ledger for June was presented to the commission so that the they can view individual checks and deposits.
- ❖ The grass is filling in west of the rectory driveway. Jim has transplanted grass plugs as well to help speed up the process.
- ❖ Wheat was sold from the Church farm ground for \$5,717.74 and deposited on July 6th. Tom mentioned there is a good looking corn crop right now.
- ❖ The commission reviewed and signed the annual Fiscal Year End report. The report will be included in the August newsletter and sent to the Diocese.
- ❖ Bob Haymaker announced his resignation from the commission. This was his last meeting. The commission thanked Bob for his many years of service.
- ❖ Tom moved to elect Dennis Wilson as Chair. Motion passed. Dennis moved to elect Tom Giessel as Vice-Chair. Motion passed.
- ❖ Next meeting: August 18, 2020 @ 12:00 Noon

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met July 16, 2020
- ❖ Members: Amy Froetschner, Chelsy LeRoy, Lee Gilcris, John Kelty, Fr. Bernard. Unable to attend: Larry Skelton, Tama Hanson, Isaac Lemuz.
- ❖ Minutes from the February 20, 2020 were read with one correction.
- ❖ John mentioned that elections should have been done the first part of June. But due to cancellation of meetings with COVID-19 the commissions and councils were not able to meet. Chelsy made the motion to have all the commissions and councils stay in place until June 2021.
- ❖ Next meeting: August 20, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

CHURCH MINISTRIES

At this time ministries for the weekend Masses will not be scheduled. If you are in attendance, please take the time to sign up to minister for Lector, Communion Minister and Usher. Servers, Hospitality, Offertory and Sacristans are not needed at this time. Thank you!



PSR NEWS

Blessings to each of you! We pray that you are well and continuing to stay safe and healthy. Normally, this is the time of year we are solidifying the plans for the upcoming religious education year. While we are doing this now for our 2020-2021 year, our preparations are incredibly different than they have been in the past due to the pandemic, quarantine, and now our slow and phased re-opening of Mass, Sacraments and related classes. Because we cannot accurately predict what State and Diocesan directives will be in place during the next month, we are planning for different scenarios, knowing that even as we make them we will continue to be flexible. We hope to find ways to enrich our families and children's faith formation experience going forward as we explore new resources and options within religious education, and we also want to focus this year on effectively supporting you as parents, as you are your children's first and primary model of the faith, creating the Domestic Church in your homes. Building a relationship with Jesus and understanding our Catholic faith is an ongoing process. Spending time together, learning together is a grace-filled journey. We look forward to getting together with you as soon as possible. If you have any questions feel free to call the office or email: dre@sacredheartlarned.org and we will do our best to help you.

Blessings!

LeAnne Hammeke, DRE

A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,

We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,

We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,

We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,

We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,

We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord. Amen.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| (01) Clint Bowman | (18) Erica Gonzalez |
| Elmer Bronson | Daniel Kelty |
| Betty Haberman | Bryan Stacey |
| (02) Hillarie Thacker | (20) Sheryl Giessel |
| (03) Pam Huffles | Ryder VanSickle |
| (05) Tyson Couchman | (22) Briella Ramirez |
| Barbara Hammond | Rena Stapleton |
| (06) Kathy Couchman | (23) Zane Fitzsimmons |
| Kristy Mull | Roger Haberman |
| Luke Steinlage | Kristy Perez |
| (07) Beverly Burd | Misty Perez |
| Sharon Lessard | (24) Stan Durler |
| Brian Sanders | (25) J.T. Hill |
| (08) Jeff Byrum | Jane Kelty |
| (09) Matt Stucker | Mary Rapp |
| (10) Caleb McDonald | (26) Alyssa Clark |
| John Wasinger | Tana Clark |
| (12) Ron Fishburn | Orena Hammeke |
| John Kelty | (27) Leeta Degenhardt |
| (13) Jordyn Cook | (28) Kambrie Hammeke |
| Terry Palmer | Erica Houser |
| (14) Joe Colglazier | Tahje Ochs |
| Karen McAllister | Oliver Whetstone |
| (15) Linda Gasser | (29) Ashley Garcia |
| Jennifer McNett | Henry Snodgrass |
| (16) Stephanie Burd | Brooks Steinlage |
| Anthony Gonzalez | (30) Paul Aistrup |
| (17) Hannah Foster | Avery Gonzalez |
| Kaius Lang | Bristol VanSickle |
| Brandon VanSickle | Theresa Wright |
| | (31) Helen Haberman |
| | Crystal Hill |
| | Dee Myers |



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- (01) Jason and Renae Skelton
- (02) Jerry and Jeanette Johnson
- Ray and Carol Moeder
- (03) Matt and Krysten Watkins
- (04) Brandon and Lindsey VanSickle
- Troy and Amy Welsch
- (08) Justin and Tricia Smith
- Tom and Donna Stejskal
- (09) Dale and Berny Unruh
- (10) Larry and Janet Skelton
- Darrel and Jean Tanner
- (11) Lynn and Tama Hanson
- Tanner and Kayla Lang
- (13) Isaac and Sherry Lemuz
- (15) Jim and Mary Mitchell
- (16) Stan and Lee Durler
- (18) Mark and Sharon Lessard
- (19) Philip and Katie Hammeke
- (20) Joe and Linda Gasser
- (26) Raymond and Cindy Perez
- (27) Samuel and Erica Gonzalez
- (31) Joe and Helen Haberman



CONGRATULATIONS!

Joe & Helen Haberman ~ Married 66 years
 Darrell & Jean Tanner ~ Married 63 years
 Larry & Janet Skelton ~ Married 57 years
 Isaac & Sherry Lemuz ~ Married 54 years
 Raymond & Cindy Perez ~ Married 53 years
 Ray & Carol Moeder ~ Married 51 years
 Tom & Donna Stejskal ~ Married 50 years
 Jim & Mary Mitchell ~ Married 45 years



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Camila Guadalupe, the daughter
 of Mario & Janet Holguin
 on July 18, 2020

Remember with Prayer

Grace Perez		Betty Tauscher
Fheno Perez		Sharon Larsen
Don Jensen		Leon Sanders
Eleanor Sanders		Mickey Perez
Ann Haremza		Clayton Kelty
Frank Garcia		Sue Haymaker
Jayden Waller		Trenton Welsch
Fr. Warren Stecklein		Kevin Simmons
Fr. Charles Mazouch		Ryan Shelton

All of our men and women serving in the
 United States Military

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019

	JUNE	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	17,794.27	184,812.39
Special Donations	1,990.00	6,220.00
Endowment		7,000.00
Interest	6.90	3,959.54
Farm	304.70	9,010.00
PSR		22,488.50
Fundraisers		3,004.25
Miscellaneous	<u>1,442.00</u>	<u>17,330.31</u>
TOTAL	\$21,537.87	\$253,824.99
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	1,275.99	19,857.70
Salaries	13,843.94	145,713.38
Insurance	1,699.00	21,188.00
Utilities	1,307.96	21,321.84
Maintenance	854.34	11,048.18
Improvement		1,685.00
Office	945.21	13,601.11
PSR	127.00	19,402.92
Farm		3,586.55
Miscellaneous	<u>725.22</u>	<u>15,087.64</u>
TOTAL	\$20,778.66	\$272,619.32

YTD: (\$18,794.33)



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*“With all your heart you
must trust the Lord and not
your own judgment. Always let
Him lead you, and He will clear
the road for you to follow.”*

—Proverbs 3:5-6

