

MASSES THIS WEEK



MONDAY, JANUARY 16

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention
12:05 pm Lillian & Louis Slovak ++
Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass
6:30pm Rose Ann Vrana +

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17—St. Anthony, Abbott

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention
12:05 pm Jeff Prachyl +
Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass
6:30 pm (Spanish) Ab John, A.A. and Helen Sulak +++

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention
12:05 pm Leonard Vrana +
6:30 pm Wesley F. Mach +

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention+
12:05 pm Stanley L. Vlk +
6:30 pm (Spanish) Jose and Antonio Banda ++

FRIDAY, JAN. 20—Sts. Fabian & Sebastian, Martyrs

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention
12:05 pm John M. Barto +

SATURDAY, JAN. 21—St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

5:00 pm Fr. John Special Intention
THIRD SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 22

7:00 am Mildred Bouska +
11:00 am Maria & Genaro Rodriguez Sr. ++
1:00 pm Ysidro Castillo +
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass
Fr. John Special Intention

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, Jan. 15 For All the Deceased of Epiphany Parish+

Now taking Intentions for 2012 at Epiphany Church. Call the St. John business office, Helen Yarbrough, 972-878-2834.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. Many challenges face the Church there, including a lack of priests and an alarming rate of Catholics leaving the faith. Please give generously for the Church in Latin America.

SPONSOR OF WEEK: ENNIS PEDIATRIC

✠ Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

How plain and empty the Sanctuary looks after all the Christmas Decorations come down!
We are celebrating the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Is this the reason why everything looks so “plain and ordinary?” The answer is, No.

Actually, Ordinary Time is when we focus on the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. The other liturgical seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas focus on a specific aspect of His mystery, one in particular. The special colors, liturgies and decorations help us to refine our focus on that one particular aspect of His life. Ordinary Time encompasses the fullness of His life and its effects on our Salvation. So, Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary!

As I am writing this message we are preparing for our Life Teen Retreat taking place at Sky Ranch in Van, Texas this weekend. These Life Teen Retreats are a special opportunity for our High School Youth to understand and experience the power of their Catholic Faith in their lives. By “going away” and keeping a different schedule on retreat it helps our teens to experience Jesus and their Catholic Faith in new and profound ways.

Please keep our teens and Life Teen Core adults in your prayers this weekend. Pray that the Holy Spirit might reveal to everyone on the retreat the amazing love that Our Lord has for each one of us. The Loving Will of Our God is that each and every person will give Him permission to “save” them from the evil that wishes to destroy their lives and happiness.

Pray that our High School Teens will say “YES” to Jesus and give Him that permission in their lives!
See you at the Life Teen Mass!

Love and Prayers,

Father John

Pastor

BEGINNING APOLOGETICS CLASS FOR MEN

Attention men who are committed to learning more about explaining our faith to others: a Beginning Apologetics Class will be held Tuesday nights beginning January 17. This is an introductory level class, so you can attend whatever your level of knowledge of the faith. Classes will be held in room 202-204 in the elementary school from 7:00-8:30 pm.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 15

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:45 am RCIA Session
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Monday, January 16

7:30 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting/KC

Tuesday, January 17

5:00-7:00 pm St. John Library open/Compound
6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym
7:00 pm Men's Apologetics Class/Room 202 School

Wednesday, January 18

6:30 am Life Teen *Food for the Soul* & Breakfast
6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym
6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes
 D-NITE in the Cafeteria

Thursday, January 19

7:00-8:15 pm EDGE Night
6-8 pm SJ Rosary Guild Meets @ 908 S. Mulberry
7:00 pm That Man Is You/Room 103 compound

Saturday, January 21

7:00 am That Man Is You/Room 103 compound

March for Life in Dallas (see notice)

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, January 22

8:45 am RCIA Session
8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
3:00 pm Baptisms/Church
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Open Gym Night

OFFERTORY GIFTS DURING MASS IN 2012

If a family or (3 or 4) individuals would like to take up the gifts at the Offertory during weekend Masses, please tell one of the ushers at your Mass. This is a tiny ministry but important, as the bearers represent the congregation during Mass.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side, is in memory of the Family of Joe & Julia Jurik and Lee & Celeste Bohanon donated by Bill & Bernadine Jurik for the week of January 14-20.
 Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR PRIESTS

During the holidays, in the event of a real emergency, you can call Fr. John, 903-624-6114, or Fr. Antonio, 469-831-0607.
 For day to day questions or concerns, and to make appointments, please call the office number, 972-878-2834.

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 7 & 8

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 18,966.04
Diocese of Trujillo, Honduras Collection	1,072.67
Epiphany Mission Collection	835.89
Diocese of Trujillo, Honduras Collection	234.70

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FIRST DEGREE

Knights of Columbus Ennis Council 1353 will hold a First Degree on Wednesday, January 25, at 7:00 pm at the KC hall. Anyone interested in becoming a Knights of Columbus member, please notify any KC member after each Mass, or call Ed Cinek at 214-499-0078.
 Please arrive at the KC hall at 6:30 pm that Wednesday to register.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Parents of children planning to receive their sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year need to turn in a copy of their Baptismal certificate to the Religious Education office (in the parish office). Also, please finish payments if you have a balance. **Balances and Baptism certificates are due by January 31 for all children who plan to receive their sacraments.** Any questions or concerns, please call Stacy Gallegos, 972-875-9650, or email stacyg@stjohncc.net

CHRISTMAS PLAY DVD

Did your batteries fade out before you got to record the whole Christmas Play? Are you afraid you missed out on the memories of that wonderful night? Don't worry! Christmas Play DVD's are on sale now for \$10. You can pick one up at the parish office during office hours or at the front desk during Religious Ed classes.

ST. JOHN ROSARY GUILD MEETING

St. John Rosary Guild will meet at the home of William Becker, 908 S. Mulberry St., on Thursday, January 19, between 6:00 & 8:00 pm. They make rosaries for Religious Ed and the sacramental programs, retreats, etc. Everyone is welcome to join them.

WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

Winter Walkers Program is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the St. John Gym. Catholic Family Fraternal KJZT #16 sponsors this program. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.) Call Joan Johnson for info: 214-728-6160

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

622 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 671 Here I Am, Lord
 824 Behold the Lamb
 513 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Beto Perez, Celeste Johnson, Emily Holland, Lolly Dlabaj, Danita Canty, Joshua Meachum, Betty Schlottman, Helen Barak, Betty Coker, Stanley J. Liska, Bob Scancellia, Jerry Holland, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Raul Monjarez Sr., Lori Hearn, Mildred Wickliffe, Juanita Levay, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Orlando Lopez, Tony Guerrero, Gertrude Langley, Johnny Garcia, Betty Cloonen, Hannah Rejcek, Rosie Mach, Ruphine Patak, Inez Fira, Louisa Tovar, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Ashton Weaver, Martina Ortiz, Anna Rosales, Lauren Moran, Senaida Arreola, Christian Marente, Helen Matous, James Pustejovsky, Robert Martinez Sr., Alfred Martinez, Catherine McClelland, Thelma Collinsworth, Rosa Sanchez, Patsy Blazek, Betty Rogala, Graciela & Ruben Monreal, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Domingo Galban, Jerry Dolezal, Tony Alvarez, Josie, Ray & Cynthia Castillo, Steve Betik, Earlene Slovak, Raul Partida

MASS OFFERINGS AND INTENTIONS in 2012

Canon # 948 of the Code of Canon Law, 1983:

“Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions for which an individual offering, even if small, has been made and accepted.”

In order to be in compliance with the above Canon Law, beginning January 1st, 2012, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. Only one intention will be allowed per Mass.
2. Intentions can be for the living or dead.
3. For a funeral, the immediate family of a deceased will be given seven Mass Intention Envelopes for their use. Novena Mass envelopes will be available at the funeral homes.
4. The parish will offer a Novena of Masses for the recently deceased as a group, approximately every three months, depending on the number of deaths in the parish. Parishioners will have an unlimited number of offering envelopes available for the Novena of Masses. The names of the deceased will be listed in the bulletin (from the Novena). Novena offerings are \$5.00, same as for a Mass stipend.
5. We will attempt to space the Masses so there will be an opportunity for Mass Intentions during the year for the living and dead.

PRIEST STOLE FEES FOR SACRAMENTS

Beginning January 1st, 2012, there will be no established Stole Fees for the Priest celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage or Funerals. There is no fee for the Priest; any offering is completely voluntary. Any fees already paid for upcoming Sacraments will be considered a donation to the Parish.

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Fr. John
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Early in his pontificate, Pope John Paul II gave a series of talks that have been described as a “time-bomb” waiting to go off in the Church.

What he said will change your life.

*Coming to speak at St. John Nepomucene
this January:*

Monica Ashour,
*Executive Director of the
Theology of the Body
Evangelization Team*

**January 23
7 PM
Cafeteria**

Come join the bishop to pray and march for life!



January 21



Roe Memorial Events, Saturday, January 21: Marking the 39th anniversary of the tragic January 22, 1973, *Roe v. Wade* U.S. Supreme Court decision, which made abortion available on demand in America.



8:00 a.m.: Meet at St. John Nepomucene to board buses to go to the Cathedral

10:00 a.m. Roe Memorial Mass: In memory of the more than **52 million babies** who have died and in prayer for the mothers and fathers who have been hurt by abortion, a bilingual Mass will be concelebrated by the **Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, Bishop of Dallas; the Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Fort Worth; Dallas Auxiliary Bishops Doug Deshotel and Mark Seitz;** and diocesan clergy at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Ave. at Pearl St., Dallas, with homilist **Fr. Jason Cargo** and music led by **Curtis Stephan**. Following Mass will be Eucharistic Adoration and the annual **Dallas March for Life and Ecumenical Rally** outside the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse, housing the district court where the *Roe v. Wade* case was first filed in 1970. Bishop Farrell would like for as many families and **young people** as possible in the Diocese to participate in this great witness for Life! Bring your family-friendly signs and club or school banner for the Dallas March for Life!

3:00 p.m.: Arrive back at St. John Nepomucene

For more information, visit www.prolifedallas.org/roe or call 972-267-LIFE (5433).

We have room on the buses for 80 people. Call the Parish Office to sign up so that you will have a spot on the bus.

Please bring \$10 to the event to pay for the buses.

THRIVE

**"PLANTED AND BUILT UP IN JESUS CHRIST, FIRM IN THE FAITH"
COLOSSIANS 2:7**

LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN 15- MASS

SATURDAY JAN 21- MARCH FOR LIFE IN DALLAS- CALL JOEY FOR DETAILS

SUNDAY JAN 22- LIFE TEEN MASS & OPEN GYM

FOOD FOR THE SOUL 6:30AM MASS & BREAKFAST & D-NITE 7PM IN THE CAFETERIA- JANUARY 18 & 25

EDGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN 19- EDGE NIGHT

JAN 26- EDGE NIGHT

QUESTIONS? CALL JOEY 972-878-8336 OR JOEYS@STJOHNCC.NET

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2012 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Let Us Be Imitators of Christ"

The 2012 Bishop's Annual Appeal mailings from the diocese have been sent to your homes. Our parish appeal will take place in February. This year the theme of the Appeal is *"Let Us Be Imitators of Christ"*. We are all challenged to try to live our lives using the life of Christ as an example. As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, of our diocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please read the materials that you will receive and prayerfully consider making a generous contribution. Our parish goal is \$76,000, and Epiphany is \$3,000. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal. All pledges will be billed in 10 monthly installments. Thank you!

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR RELIGIOUS ED

We need more volunteers: teachers, aides to assist the teachers, and substitutes. This is a wonderful way to give back to your parish and help our children. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650, or 972-875-2834.

ALTAR CARE FOR JANUARY 21 & 28

Patsy Kubala

Kathy Trojacek

HOME BIBLE STUDY TEST

There will be one more review for the Home Bible Study on February 23 before the test in March.

For those participants in the Home Bible Study Course who plan to take the final test on March 3, 2012, you must sign up for the test by February 10 in order to be eligible to take the test. The signup sheet will be in the parish office. Please remember: no signup—no test!

THAT MAN IS YOU

The Spring semester of the That Man Is You men's program will begin January 19 at 7:00 pm (Thursday session) and January 21 at 7:00 am (Saturdays). Both sessions in Room 103. All men ages 18 and older are invited to participate in this excellent program designed to show men how to live our Catholic faith in today's world. TMIY is a great way for men to prepare for the Lenten Season and Easter. More information about the program can be found on our parish website or at: www.thatmanisyou.org

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, January 21

5:00 pm Aaron Rejcek/Alex Fry

Sunday, January 22

7:00 am Tyler Novy/Zachary Matous

11:00 am Tyler Gilmore/Austin Spaniel/Joseph Baird

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Grant Vrana/Josh Zapletal