

MASSES THIS WEEK



Liturgy Intentions
For The Week

MONDAY, JAN. 23—Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention

12:05 pm Aaron Hanna +

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm John A./Joe/Albert/Annie/John R. Vrla +++++

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24—St. Francis de Sales, Bishop

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention

12:05 pm Jenny Granado +

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm (Spanish) Antonio Ramirez +

WED., JANUARY 25—Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention

12:05 pm Austin Jay and John Zabochnik ++

6:30 pm For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26—Timothy & Titus, Bishops

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention+

12:05 pm John J. Dlabaj +

6:30 pm (Spanish) Sergio Maltos +

FRIDAY, JAN. 27—St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious

6:30 am Fr. John Special Intention

12:05 pm Mary T. Grimes +

SATURDAY, JAN. 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest

5:00 pm Fr. John Special Intention

4th SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 29

7:00 am Special Intention for Wedding Anniversary

11:00 am Charles E. & Louise Houston ++

1:00 pm For the Parish Community

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Fr. John Special Intention

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, January 22 For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Today 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 today.

SPONSOR OF WEEK: DIANA ZETT



Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Our Responsorial Psalm this weekend is Psalm 95. We hear the Psalmist sing, "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

Because the Gospel (good news) of God, Jesus proclaimed was not of this earth or this life, but of a new life in Him and a new dwelling place, we often pull back when we hear His voice.

Even in our everyday life, we always hope we hear, what we each want to hear; from our employer, our teacher, our doctor, our accountant, our spouse, our children and our friends. When the message is different, such as, "I am going to have to pull this tooth," or "you owe \$\$\$ in income tax this year," we pull back and harden our hearts.

Because following Jesus always requires us to detach from this world, our goods and life here, we often pull back from His invitation to follow Him. This is why Jesus is willing to give us, what theologians call, prevenient grace. This is the grace that enables us to answer and seek Him. It is the grace to go after more grace! Crazy huh! Our God even gives us what we need to desire Him, in the first place!

Let each one of us ask the Lord to grant us softer hearts and minds, in order to truly listen to Him, take time to understand Him, fall in love with Him and His offer, He extends to each one of us. We should be "on guard" so that when we feel our hearts or minds harden or pull back, we can stop and pray for the grace to recognize His love and wisdom.

See you in Church, the source of all we need!

Love and Prayers,

Father John

Pastor

PRO LIFE ROSARIES

January 22nd is the anniversary date of the Roe vs Wade court decision to legalize abortion in the United States. Countless babies have lost their right to life since then.

Rosaries for Reparation will be prayed next Sunday, January 29, from 3:00-4:00 pm in the church. The whole parish is invited to come and participate in these powerful prayers.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

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

Monday, January 23

- 7:00 pm Monica Ashour, Speaker/Cafeteria (see notice)

Tuesday, January 24

- 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 25

- 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
7:00 pm KC 4th Degree at the KC (see notice)
D-NITE in the Cafeteria
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, January 26

- 7:00-8:15 pm EDGE Night
7:00 pm *That Man Is You*/Room 103 compound
7:30 pm Safe Environment Re-Training/Room 201

Saturday, January 28

- 7:00 am *That Man Is You*/Room 103 compound
3:30 pm Confessions/Church

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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 LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of John & Mil Dlabaj, Will & Mary Prachyl, Joe Ben & Geraldine Patril and George Patril, donated by Irene & Jerry Prachyl for week of January 21-27.

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 14 & 15

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 16,955.05
Epiphany Mission Collection	744.00
Epiphany Collection for Honduras	186.25

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.

RE-TRAINING FOR SAFE ENVIRONMENT

There will be a Re-Training Session for Safe Environment on Thursday, January 26, at 7:30 pm in Room 201 in the elementary school building. No children please.

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 22

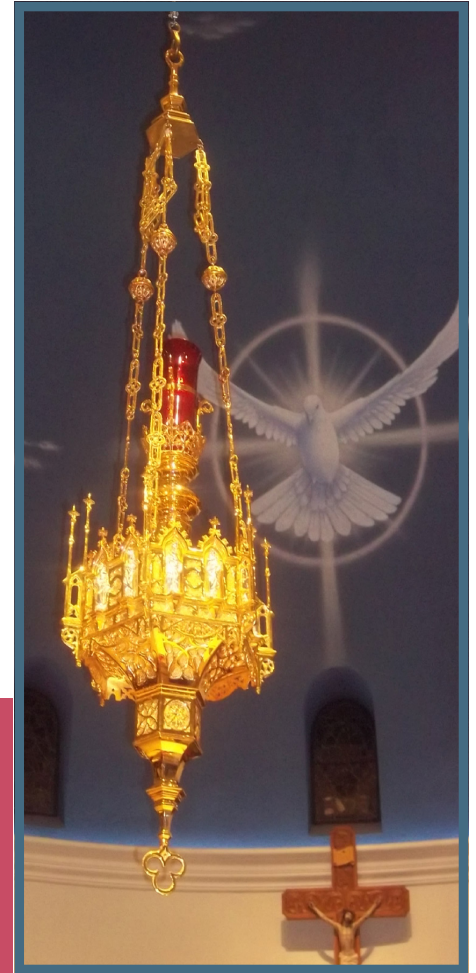
537 Glory and Praise to Our God
678 Lord, When You Came
727 We Are Many Parts 693 Two Fishermen

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Leo Rejcek, Frankie Joe Patak, Patricia Jessup, Beto Perez, Helen Blackerby, Lolly Dlabaj, Celeste Johnson, Emily Holland, Danita Canty, Joshua Meachum, Betty Schlottman, Helen Barak, Betty Coker, George Anthony, Stanley J. Liska, Lori Hearn, Bob Scancellia, Wally Eaton, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Raul Monjarez Sr., 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, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, 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, Graciela & Ruben Monreal, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Tony Alvarez, Josie, Ray & Cynthia Castillo, Steve Betik, Earlene Slovak, Raul Partida

Thank you for helping to make the Lord's House beautiful!

This beautiful 24 karat gold hanging sanctuary lamp features the 12 apostles around it. It was donated by Martin and Gladys Zapletal, Jay and Amy Palmer, and Adam Zapletal in memory of Jerry and Mary Zapletal, Adolph F. and Alice Honza, and Cynthia Zapletal.



BEGINNING APOLOGETICS CLASS FOR MEN

Attention men who are committed to learning more about explaining our faith to others: a Beginning Apologetics Class is being held on Tuesday nights (it began on 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

Certificates for the participants of the Adult Confirmation that took place on June 12, 2011 are ready for pickup at the parish business office.

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THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF ELIZABETH HOLLAND


"It is in sincere appreciation that we extend our deepest thanks to St. John parishioners who provided comfort to our family as we grieve the loss of our loved one, Naomi Elizabeth Holland. We especially want to thank Father John, the St. John Requiem Choir and Keever's for the beautiful funeral Mass and service. Thanks to Joe Galetka for leading the Rosary at the visitation, and to the KJT for providing the dining hall. All of you who remembered us in prayer, who brought food, sent flowers or gave memorials in Elizabeth's honor, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God bless each and everyone of you."

Scooter, Marty, Michael and Linda

THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF LISA BOHUSLAV MARKLUND

"The family of Lisa Ann Bohuslav Marklund wants to thank everyone for all your sympathetic actions, the choir, gifts of Masses, books to the library and food. The Knights of Columbus for a wonderful lunch. Everything was so beautiful for the service. We will be forever grateful."

Ivan & Margie Bohuslav



Come learn about God's amazing plan to bring you life, love, and happiness.

Married Couples

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Dating Couples

Do you want a good, healthy relationship?

Parents

Do you want to raise children who respect themselves and others?

Singles

Do you want to live a life of integrity and to find the life that God wants to give you?

Divorced People

Are you unsure about your situation or about what God is calling you to?

National speaker
Monica Ashour
will speak about
Pope John Paul
II's amazing
teachings on the
**Theology of the
Body.**



Monday, Jan. 23
7 PM
Cafeteria

Childcare will be provided.



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LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR THRIVE RETREAT!

SATURDAY JAN 21- MARCH FOR LIFE IN DALLAS

SUNDAY JAN 22- LIFE TEEN MASS & OPEN GYM

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

EDGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN 26- EDGE NIGHT

FEBRUARY - 2- EDGE NIGHT

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

THIRD 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!

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 is at 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 has now begun. Sessions are at 7:00 pm on Thursdays and at 7:00 am on 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

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 SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, January 28

5:00 pm Austin Spaniel/Joseph Baird

Sunday, January 29

7:00 am Aaron Rejcek/Matt Zajic/Dylan Fisher

11:00 am Tyler Dennie/David Janousek/Grant Vrana

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Chris Trojacek/Alex Fry