

Mass Intentions

* See Holy Week schedule for available Confession times *

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 25

6:30 a.m. Edwin & Lucy Mikula

12:05 p.m. Reyes Family

6:30 p.m. Maria Isabel Gonzalez +

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 26

6:30 a.m. Ronnie Zmolek

12:05 p.m. Georgie Byrd +

NO 6:30 p.m. Mass today

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 27

6:30 a.m. Jon Paul Honza

12:05 p.m. Emil H. & Ann Langer ++

NO Adoration today

6:30 p.m. Ignacia Reyes +

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper Ysidro Castillo +

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm The Lord's Passion

8:00 pm The Lord's Passion (Spanish)

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass The Elect

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:00 a.m. Albin/Clara/William Vavra +++ JESUS CHRIST

11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community

1:00 pm Easter Novena

NO Life Teen Mass today

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., March 24, 9am Blaz Arias +

Holy Thursday, March 28, 7 pm Intentions of Fr. Antonio

Good Friday, March 29, 4 pm Passion of the Lord

5 pm Live Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, March 30, 8:30 pm

For the Parish Community

Easter Sun., March 31, 9am Aristeo Nieto +

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 16 & 17

St. John Church Support Collection \$14,771.00

Epiphany Church Support Collection 745.19

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: El Mexicano Grill

From the Pastor's Desk

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
+ 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Dame Aemiliana Lohr in her beautiful book entitled, "The Great Week," writes of Palm Sunday: "We have arrived in the haven of life, whither we have come from fasting to suffer. The fast is done; the suffering of God's only Son has arrived. In fasting we exert ourselves, we labour under the storms of temptation on the shifting and threatening seas of human action; asceticism, exercise, striving are all the utterance of man. But now that is over. The ship lies in harbour. God has the word; but He is silent. He suffers; this is the only deed which can save us. The suffering of God made man is the haven, the rest for the restless quest of sinful man for health. In the ritual presence of the Lord's *pasch* is the being and meaning of the Holy Week, the content which makes this week the arena of God's unique action, and thereby the place of our perfect peace..."

Jesus leaves Bethany, and travels the old road from Jericho to Jerusalem to make His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He has just recently raised His friend, Lazarus, from the dead. He knows He is going to suffer and die in order to triumph over evil and our sin. As He makes His way from the Mount of Olives toward the Temple, He can see the entire city of Jerusalem before Him. He weeps. He sees the sin, ignorance and blindness that keep the people from truly recognizing Him. He has during the past three years tried everything possible to get the people to hear and live the Truth. He has tried words and actions of both severity and leniency. He has tried numerous miracles with explanations of the Truth.

Today, as we hear the Passion of the Lord according to Saint Luke, let us each ask for the grace to have open hearts and minds so that we may not allow Him to suffer in vain. Let us grab hold of the amazing Truth of our Catholic Faith. The amazing Truth of Salvation through Jesus Christ and His Church. Let us resolve to celebrate this Holy Week with an intensity and faithfulness that will allow us to enter into the Paschal Mystery and celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord as the true promise of what we desire for ourselves. We pray, the grace of this Holy Week may fill each of us with a Great Alleluia for Easter!

I encourage and invite every parishioner of Saint John Nepomucene to fully participate in the Sacrament of Confession, the Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil in the Night and the Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

Parish Office will be closed Thursday & Friday in observance of Holy Week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT

The KC Council #1353 will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday March 24th at the KC Hall from 2-4 pm. All are invited.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

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Sunday, March 24

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

6:30 pm Life Teen/Life Night

Tuesday, March 26

6:30 am Food for the Soul Mass & Breakfast

5-8:30 pm SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound

7:00 pm Beginning Apologetics/ Room 301

7-8:15 pm EDGE / Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 27

10:00 am Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall

6-8 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep"

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes

7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/Room 101

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

7:30 pm KC #1353 Meeting/ KC

Thursday, March 21

Parish Office closed for Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 22

Parish office closed for Good Friday

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:45 pm Stations of the Cross (SPANISH)

Saturday, March 23

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 31

NO Religious Education Classes—Easter Break

NO Life Teen/Life Night — Easter Break

ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Fourteen scholarships will be awarded this year. Graduates of 2013 or adults who have been out of high school for at least one year and have not previously received a St. John Alumni scholarship are eligible. Candidates must have attended St. John or are the child or grandchild of a previous St. John graduate. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000. Applications may be picked up at Ennis Main Street Hardware or by emailing stjohنالumni@hotmail.com. Email should contain full name, including maiden if applicable, along with statement of other eligibility criteria. Applications must be postmarked and sent to P.O. Box 516, Ennis, 75120 by **Friday, April 19, 2013**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus Council 1353 Scholarship applications are available at the St. John Church office. Eligibility requirements are: High school senior, member of St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, must have an immediate family member active in the K.C. Council #1353 (Grandfather, Father, Brother, Uncle ONLY). Applications must be received by **April 15, 2013**.

THANK YOU DEACON DON

Thank you, Don Griffith, for the three Thursdays of The Little Flower during the Lenten season. Sharing your time and knowledge of St. Theresa was such an inspiration. You changed our lives and we thank you! The Group.

FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

Sanctuary flower arrangements for weekends with no weddings are being taken in honor or memory of someone. Call Evelyn Zmolik to schedule at 972-875-2791.

RELIGIOUS COUNTER OPEN ON WEEKENDS

The Religious Counter in the annex is open after all Masses on weekends. They are stocked with many **First Communion** items, so shop early for the best selection.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus is encouraging all parishioners to attend the 6:30 pm Mass and join us in reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary after the Mass.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory and in honor of all living and deceased members of the Requiem Choir for the week of March 23 – March 29.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Juan Cabrera by John & Amanda Cabrera and children for the week of March 23— March 29.

HYMNS FOR PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Entrance: O Sacred Head, Surrounded—#435

Offertory: Were You There—#438

Communion: Behold the Lamb of God—#824

Spend an hour at a

Modern-Day Calvary in Dallas — Southwestern late-term abortion center

*Where those made in the image & likeness of God
are being put to death every day.*

March 29, 2013 ■ 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Meet at 10:15 AM in the St. John parking lot. The bus will leave at 10:30 AM exactly. We will return by 2:30 PM. At the abortion center, we will pray the Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Holy Thursday, March 28 — 7:30 pm TBA

Good Friday, March 29 — 6:30 pm TBA

Easter Vigil Saturday, March 30 — 8:30 pm TBA

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:00 am TBA

11:00 am TBA

NO Life Teen Mass today

A few messages from
the Children's
Religious Education
department.

*Thank you to all who
volunteered for First
Reconciliation!
We had over 140 stu-
dents receive this won-
derful sacrament.*

Easter is almost here!
For at home ways to help pre-
pare your children during Holy
Week for this Easter check for
handouts from your child's class
or stop by the front desk during
religious education!

First Communion Masses

Sunday April 7 7am, 11am & 1pm
Saturday April 13 5pm
Sunday April 14 7am, 11am & 1pm
Sunday April 21 11am & 1pm

Parents: please keep an
eye out for your child's
Mass card confirming
your child's Mass time

VBS information coming soon
to a bulletin ad near you!

Glitterbug Gold Sale!

**Glitterbug is
coming to Ennis!!**

**Where: St. John Cafeteria
Burnett St.**

**When: April 6, 2013
From 10 AM to 3 PM**

Pastries, strudels, cheese rolls, etc., will
be available to purchase by the slice or
whole.

What is it?:

Did you know the price of gold is at an all time high? Gold prices are about \$1,700 per ounce! Some of the pieces you have purchased in the past are probably worth more NOW than what you paid for them years ago.

All you have to do is...

- Rummage around in your jewelry box to find broken, mismatched, or unworn gold jewelry pieces (yellow gold, white gold, dental gold, etc. If it's gold they'll buy it!)
- Bring them to the meeting in a zip lock bag with your name on it.
- A Gold Buyer will evaluate your pieces on the spot and offer you the opportunity to trade them for \$\$\$\$\$. If you choose to sell your gold, 10% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Church. It's that easy!!!!!!

Keep in mind...

- There is NEVER any obligation! You may choose to keep your gold if you wish.
- Bring what you have. If you're not sure it's gold, that's okay. They will evaluate it for you.



The Sacraments

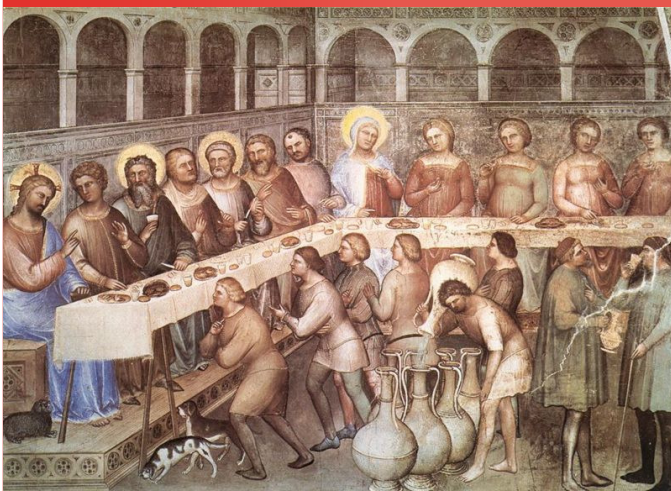
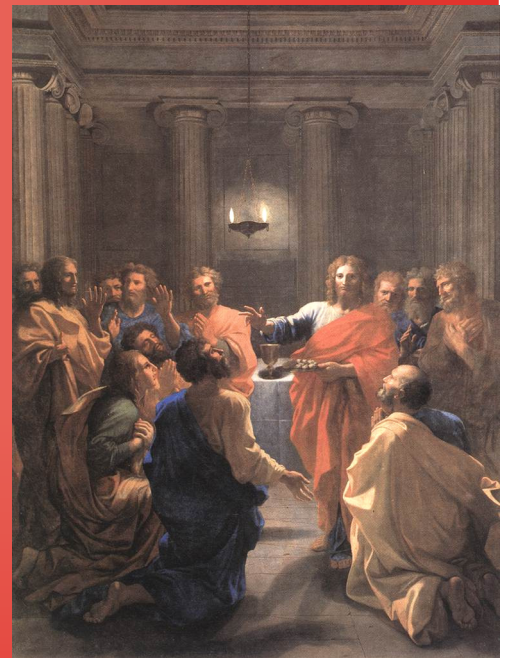
“The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the Body of Christ and, finally, to give worship to God. Because they are signs, they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it. That is why they are called ‘sacraments of faith.’”

Sacrosanctum concilium,
Vatican II document on the Liturgy, 59

Are the sacraments making you holy?

Do you appreciate their true meaning?

Do you want to understand them more?



Come to a 5 week series
on the Sacraments.

Sunday mornings from 9:00—10:30 AM
Beginning April 7, 2013
Room 101 in the Compound

Holy Thursday

“...during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and dry them with the towel around his waist.”
John 13:3-5



“Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.’”
Luke 22:19-20



“After withdrawing about a stone’s throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, ‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.’ And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.”
Luke 22:41-44

**Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 PM**



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Good Friday

Laws of Fast and Abstinence

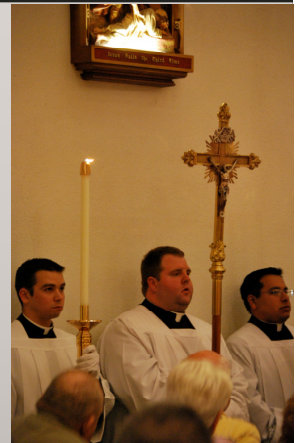
Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those who have celebrated their 18th birthday and have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around mid-day or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products, or condiments made of animal fat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. (Clearly, soups with meat particles may not be served.) Also, it is permissible to use margarine or lard.

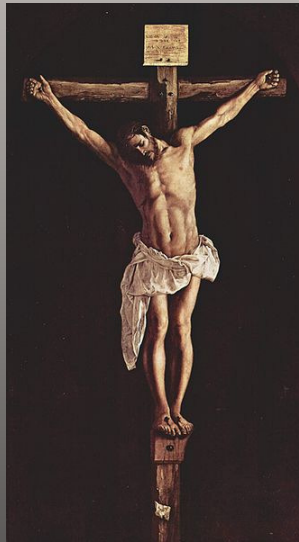
The Lord's Passion 6:30 PM



Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM



Walk with Him.



Holy Saturday

The faithful are encouraged to keep the fast on Holy Saturday as they did on Good Friday in memory of the Lord's time in the tomb.





Easter Vigil

**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Saturday, March 30, 8:30 PM**

On this holiest of all nights, we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection which brings to us the possibility of Eternal Life in Him. This is also the most appropriate time for people to be Baptized, for, in our Baptisms, we die with Christ so that we may rise with Him. We are made into new creations in Christ and die to sin. This year we will have 10 people being Baptized at the Easter Vigil. Come support them and welcome them into the life of the Church, and participate in a very special liturgy.

**Come relive the events through which
Christ brought you life in Him!**

Participate in all the richness of the Easter Triduum!

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum

Monday of Holy Week

6:30am – 7am Mass
11:00am - Confessions FJ
12:05pm – 12:35pm Mass
12:30pm – 1:00pm Confessions FJ
6:00pm Confessions FJ
6:30pm – 7pm Mass (English)

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30am – 7am Mass FJ
11am – 12:00pm Confessions FJ & FA
12:05pm – 12:35pm Mass FA
12:30pm-1pm Confessions FJ
NO 6:30pm Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30am – 7am Mass
7:00am—7:30am Confessions FJ
12:05pm – 12:35pm Mass FJ
12:30pm – 2pm Confessions FJ & FA
6:30pm – 7pm Mass (English) FA
6:30pm – 9pm Confessions FJ & FA

Triduum

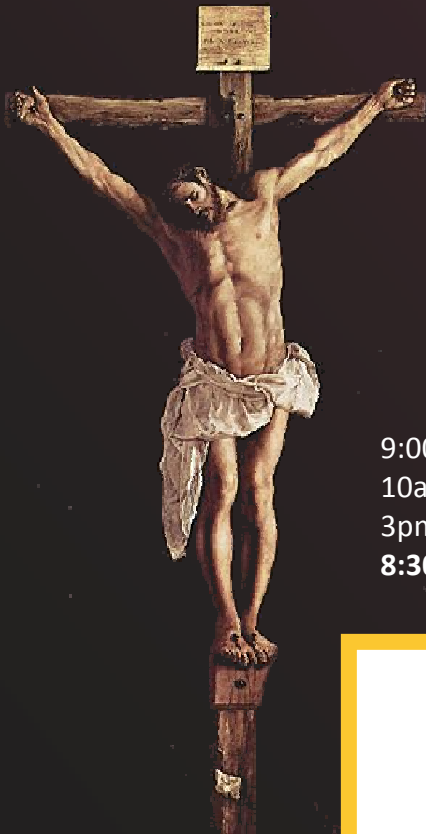
Holy Thursday

12pm – 2pm Confessions FJ
5pm – 6pm Confessions FJ
7:00pm – 8:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper FJ



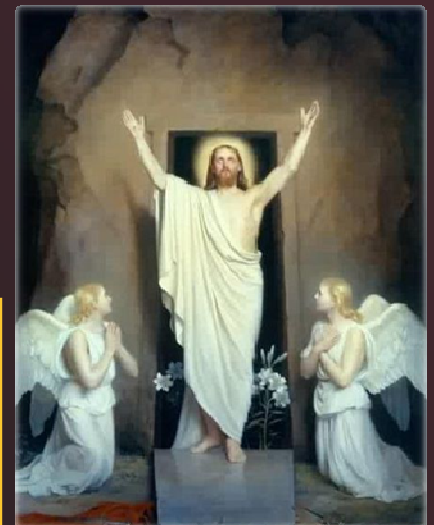
Good Friday

8am – 10am Confessions FA
12pm – 2pm Confessions FJ & FA
3pm – 4pm Stations of the Cross
6:30pm – 7:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - English
8pm – 9pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - Spanish



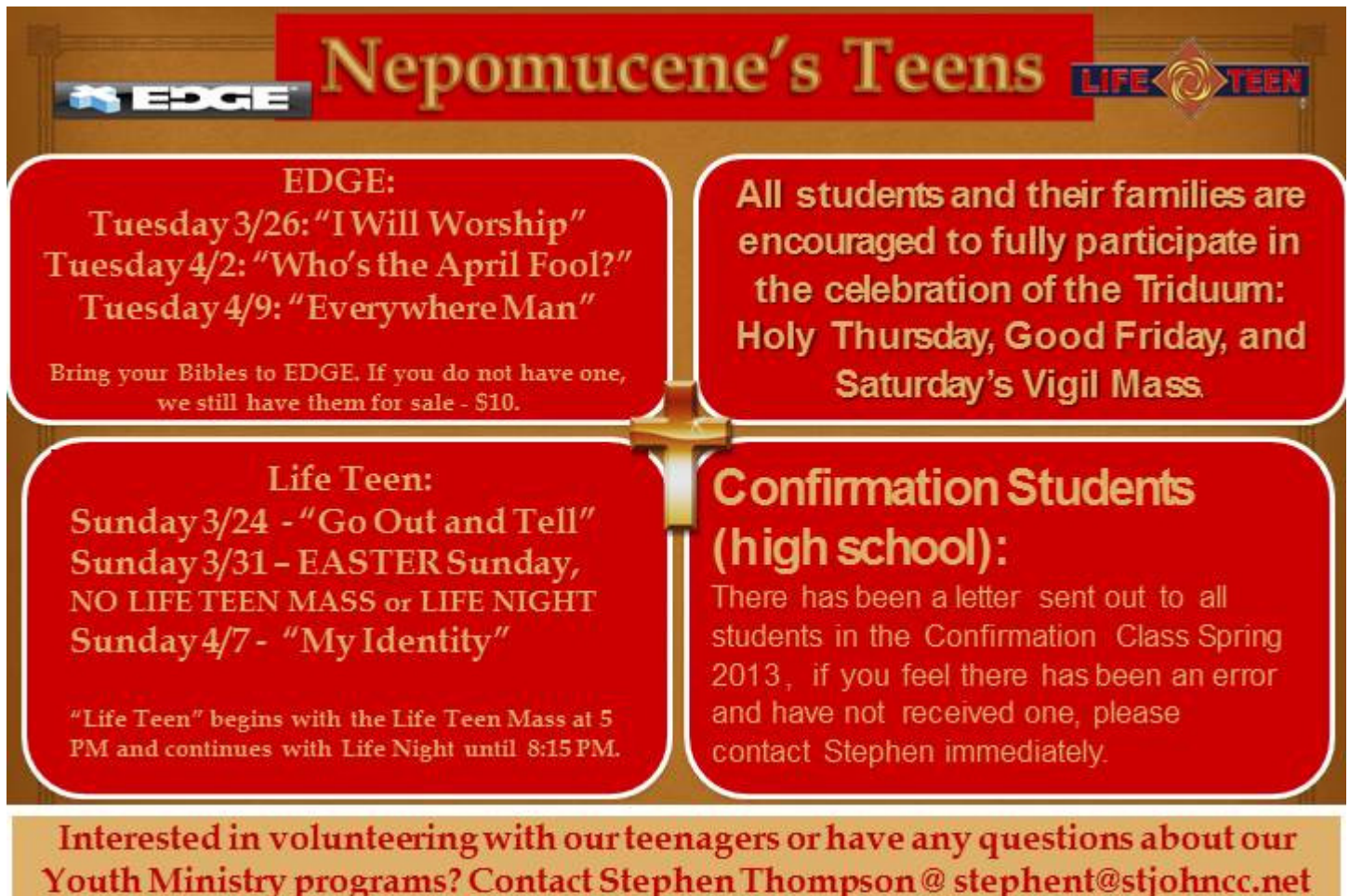
Holy Saturday

9:00am – 10:00am RCIA practice
10am – 12pm Confessions FJ & FA
3pm – 5pm Confessions FJ
8:30pm – 10:00pm Easter Vigil Mass FJ



Easter Sunday

7:00am Mass
11:00am Mass
1pm Mass (Spanish)



EDGE:
Tuesday 3/26: "I Will Worship"
Tuesday 4/2: "Who's the April Fool?"
Tuesday 4/9: "Everywhere Man"

Bring your Bibles to EDGE. If you do not have one, we still have them for sale - \$10.

All students and their families are encouraged to fully participate in the celebration of the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Saturday's Vigil Mass.

Life Teen:
Sunday 3/24 - "Go Out and Tell"
Sunday 3/31 - EASTER Sunday,
NO LIFE TEEN MASS or LIFE NIGHT
Sunday 4/7 - "My Identity"

"Life Teen" begins with the Life Teen Mass at 5 PM and continues with Life Night until 8:15 PM.

Confirmation Students (high school):
There has been a letter sent out to all students in the Confirmation Class Spring 2013, if you feel there has been an error and have not received one, please contact Stephen immediately.

Interested in volunteering with our teenagers or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs? Contact Stephen Thompson @ stephent@stjohncc.net

Pope Francis' First Homily as Pope

In these three readings, I see a common element: that of movement. In the first reading, it is the movement of a journey; in the second reading, the movement of building the Church; in the third, in the Gospel, the movement involved in professing the faith. Journeying, building, professing.

Journeying. "O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord" (*Is* 2:5). This is the first thing that God said to Abraham: Walk in my presence and live blamelessly. Journeying: our life is a journey, and when we stop moving, things go wrong. Always journeying, in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, seeking to live with the blamelessness that God asked of Abraham in his promise.

Building. Building the Church. We speak of stones: stones are solid; but living stones, stones anointed by the Holy Spirit. Building the Church, the Bride of Christ, on the cornerstone that is the Lord himself. This is another kind of movement in our lives:



building.

Thirdly, **professing.** We can walk as much as we want, we can build many things, but if we do not profess Jesus Christ, things go wrong. We may become a charitable NGO,

but not the Church, the Bride of the Lord. When we are not walking, we stop moving. When we are not building on the stones, what happens? The same thing that happens to children on the beach when they build

sandcastles: everything is swept away, there is no solidity. When we do not profess Jesus Christ, the saying of Léon Bloy comes to mind: "Anyone who does not pray to the Lord prays to the devil." When we do not profess Jesus Christ, we profess the worldliness of the devil, a demonic worldliness. Journeying, building, professing. But things are not so straightforward, because in journeying, building, professing, there can sometimes be jolts, movements that are not

properly part of the journey: movements that pull us back.

This Gospel continues with a situation of a particular kind. The same Peter who professed Jesus Christ, now says to him: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. I will follow you, but let us not speak of the Cross. That has nothing to do with it. I will follow you on other terms, but without the Cross. When we journey without the Cross, when we build without the Cross, when we profess Christ without the Cross, we are not disciples of the Lord, we are worldly: we may be bishops, priests, cardinals, popes, but not disciples of the Lord.

My wish is that all of us, after these days of grace, will have the courage, yes, the courage, to walk in the presence of the Lord, with the Lord's Cross; to build the Church on the Lord's blood which was poured out on the Cross; and to profess the one glory: Christ crucified. And in this way, the Church will go forward.

My prayer for all of us is that the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, will grant us this grace: to walk, to build, to profess Jesus Christ crucified. Amen.

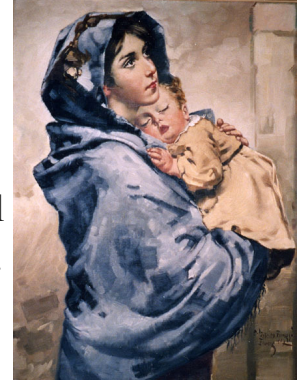
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Connie Alvarez, Jim Sager, Delfa Arrambide, Kevin & Robin Woodley, Bobby Bohanon, Joe W. Spaniel, Joe Barak, Megan Rebuck, Sarah Carroll, Joanne Walsh, Roy Brandon, Mike Fabela, DeDe Mauricio, Rosie Zhanel, Patricia Banks, Sue Thompson, Jessica Puente, Michael Gallagher, Bob Agar, Bill Divin, Fatima de Carmen Gomez, Maximiliano Gomez, Crystal Monjaraz, Lasita Salazar, Margie Dvorak, Nacho Martinez, G.W. and Agnes Garrard, Helen Fowler, Alyvia Zmolik, Mickey Walker, Mildred Trojacek, Florinda Smith, Helen Patak, Betty Coker, Tommy Slama, Juanita Lowe, Walter Marusak, Nathan Gunn, Matthew Dixon, Darrell Patak, Betty Rogala, Jimmie Trahan, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Sandy Wheeler, Roger Gagnon, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, Jeff Sladeczek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Ruperto Gomez, Mark Strunc, Monsignor Frank Miller, Lori Strunc, Edna Gonzalez, Georgie Ann Nekuza, Mary Hejny, Juanita LeVay, Anna Lee Weaver, Leo Rejcek, Helen Barak, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Margie Patak, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schleich, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

It's time to register again for the **Bishop's Annual Pro-Life Dinner!**

This dinner benefits the wonderful work that the Catholic Pro-Life Committee does throughout the year. Join us for a wonderful night, and help a good cause.



**Saturday,
April 6, 2013**

Contact Father John for more information and to register.