

MASSES THIS WEEK

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For The Week

MONDAY, MARCH 26—The Annunciation of the Lord

No 6:30 am Mass today

12:05 pm Dorothy Harrison +

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Olin Bowers +

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 am Florence Vitovsky +

12:05 pm Frances Kozlovsky +

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm (Spanish) Edith Marcial Serrano +

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 am Jane/Fred/Fredrick Zak +++

12:05 pm Emil and Ronnie Toupal ++

6:30 pm Randall Prestidge +

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

6:30 am Edward Prachyl +

12:05 pm Cynthia Mathews +

6:30 pm (Spanish) Maria Elena Gonzalez +

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

6:30 am Irene Laza +

12:05 pm Charles E. Houston +

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

7:45 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

5:00 pm Louis & Lillian Slovak ++

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 am Frank N. Dick Jr. +

11:00 am Ruben Monreal Sr. +

1:00 pm Ysidro Castillo +

5:00 pm Life Teen Maria Isabel Gonzalez Trevino +

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, March 25, 9:00 am Catherine Elfrink +

Sunday, April 1, 9:00 am Cyrill & Christine Svrcek ++

STAFF ATTENDS ADORATION ON WEDNESDAYS

The St. John parish staff attends an hour of adoration from 3:00-4:00 pm every Wednesday; therefore, the office is closed during that time frame. Sometimes they pray a rosary or the Divine Chaplet or other prayers. You are very welcome to join them.

RACHEL'S CORNER

Abortion AfterCare-Healing
214.544.CARE healing@racheldallas.org

SPONSOR OF WEEK: PAN RANCHERO MICHOCANA



Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

As we progress through Lent, now only one week away from Passion Sunday, the time and mood becomes more solemn. We are nearing the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. A world in darkness falls even deeper into darkness by killing the Only Begotten Son of God, Jesus. He is the innocent one, who willingly lays Himself down on the altar of the Cross to be sacrificed for you and me. It is a very solemn and sad time. It is a time of mourning and weeping.

Jesus words from today's Gospel: "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

The Father is glorified by the obedience and sacrifice of His Son.

Often, in today's world, people will make an offering of themselves to honor someone: an athlete who honors his parents by the game or competition is participates in; the Olympian who honors his loved ones with his gold medal; the actor or performer who honors his wife and family by his performance; the Nobel Prize winner who dedicates his prize to his teachers/mentors.

We have in the Passion of Jesus Christ the ultimate offering/dedication to a Father. The willing suffering and death of the Son to complete the Father's plan of salvation for you and me! How amazing, how incredible and for many in the world, how unbelievable!

Do you and I really believe this? We ask Him to take away our unbelief and strengthen our Faith. When we believe this, our lives change forever!

We offer to Him our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. See you in Church!

Fr. John

Pastor

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. First Communions will be in April and May.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 25

Second collection for Easter Flowers
8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
 St. John Library closed today because of CRHP
11:00 am Mass Third Scrutiny for RCIA
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, March 26

7:15 pm Theology of the Body/Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 27

5:00-7:00 pm St. John Library open/Compound
7:00-8:30 pm Apologetics Class/Rm 301 High School Bldg.

Wednesday, March 28

6:30 am Life Teen *Food for the Soul*
6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes
7:00 pm Seven Steps to Financial Freedom/Room 101
7:00 pm Life Teen D-Nite/Cafeteria
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus #1353 Meeting/KC

Thursday, March 29

7-8:15 pm EDGE/Cafeteria
7:00 pm *That Man Is You*/Room 103 compound

Friday, March 30

Lenten Abstinence from meat today (14 years & older)
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English) in Church
7:45 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish) in Church
7:30 pm RCIA/Presentation of the Lord's Prayer

Saturday, March 31

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

Palm Sunday, April 1

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library open/Room 106 compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Introit—Ludica me, Deus Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly nation; from wicked and deceitful men deliver me, for you are my God and my strength.

#401 Tree of Life #851 Remember Your Love

No Recessional hymn

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light in memory of Joe S. & Mary Liska, Joe L. Liska and Judy Almond donated by Stanley J. & Barbara Liska for the week of March 24-30.

ALTAR CARE FOR MARCH 31 & APRIL 14

Kim Brazier Melissa Zmolik

ALTAR CARE FOR APRIL 7 (Holy Saturday)

Altar Society Members

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 17 & 18

St. John Church Support Collection	\$18,940.47
Catholic Relief Services Collection	1,083.30
Epiphany Church Support Collection	506.85
Catholic Relief Services Collection	276.47

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION?

“Reconciliation” is one of the seven Holy Sacraments. It is the Sacrament that has the divine power to forgive our sins and renew our love for God and people. Sacraments are signs made sacred by Christ to show His presence in the world and to help us reach a closer union with God.

Reconciliation has 4 parts. They are:

Contrition—we feel great sorrow for our sins

Confession—we unburden our sins

Absolution—we are assured of God’s forgiveness

Satisfaction—we perform an act of penance

The Sacrament is also called “confession” or “penance”. The aim of Penance is genuine healing of sins’ effects through a personal meeting in faith with the forgiving Christ. The Sacrament lifts the burden of sin, renews the grace of Baptism, and gives an inner peace and a new strength of purpose.

CONFESSIONS IN LENT

The Light is on for You is a Lenten initiative of the Dallas Diocese to all Catholics to avail themselves of the sacrament of reconciliation. Every parish in the diocese, including our own, will have their doors open on Wednesday, April 4, from 6:30-9:00 pm to welcome anyone seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation. See separate page for more Confession times (Holy Week).

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

This weekend the second collection is for Easter flowers. Envelopes were provided in your home packets, but you can also use blank envelopes or cash. Thank you for helping the Altar Society to make the church beautiful for the Easter weekend and season.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus Council 1353 Scholarship Applications are available at the St. John Church business office and at the KC hall. Applications can be picked up Monday thru Friday. Eligibility requirements include: you must be a current high school senior; a member of St. John Catholic Church; must have an immediate family member active in KC Council 1353 (father, grandfather, brother, uncle, only). Mail it to the address on application, which must be received by April 15.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Dorothy Toupal, John Schleich, Gregory Spaniel, Georgie Hejny, Bessie Cody, Stewart Hill, Rene Monreal, Leon Kubin, Adele Krajca, Bernard Betik, Hilda Botello, Martina Ortiz, Millie & Leslie Trojacek, Dawn Ashley, Logan Bastor, Don Tubbs, David Trojacek, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Coye Ferguson, Rick Sparkman, Shelly Keilers, Janie Langley, Hannah Rejcek, Wanda Slovak, Stanley J. Liska, Helen Patak, Betty Rogala, Wilma Zhanel, Betty and Brandi Schlottman, Leo Rejcek, Frances Maliska, Diana Chapman, Inez Fira, Heather Hadash, Patsy Blazek, Frankie Joe Patak, Helen Blackerby, Bob Scancelli, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Mildred Wickliffe, Rosie Mach, Ruphine Patak, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Lauren Moran, Senaida Arreola, Christian Marente, Helen Matous, James Pustejovsky, Robert Martinez Sr., Alfred Martinez, Rosa Sanchez, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Tony Alvarez, Steve Betik, Raul Partida

ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The St. John Alumni Association will award ten college scholarships this year. Five will be awarded to 2012 high school graduates who are sons/daughters or grandchildren of previous St. John High School graduates. The other five scholarships will be awarded to adults who have been out of high school for at least one year and have not previously received a St. John Alumni Scholarship. Each adult must also meet the requirements above, and is entering or returning to college or vocational school for additional education. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000.

Applications can be picked up at Ennis Main Street Hardware, 201 S.W. Main St., 972-875-2721, from Gladys Zapletal, or an electronic copy can be obtained by emailing stjohnalumni@hotmail.com

Please indicate your full name in the email, year of graduation from St. John or parent/grandparent upon whom you are establishing your eligibility, and for which scholarship you are applying. Applications must be postmarked and sent to: P. O. Box 516, Ennis, TX 75120 by Friday, April 20, 2012.

BEGINNING APOLOGETICS CLASS

Attention those who are committed to learning more about explaining our faith to others: a Beginning Apologetics Class is being held on Tuesday nights. Attendance every week is not mandatory. This is an introductory level class, so you can attend whatever your level of knowledge of the faith. Classes are held in room 301 in the high school building from 7:00-8:30 pm.



RCIA

The Third Scrutiny will be held at the 7 AM Mass today, Sunday, March 25. This week, RCIA will meditate on Christ raising Lazarus from the dead as they think about how Christ will raise them from the dead in Baptism. Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life. May we all live our new lives in Christ with this in mind. Please pray for the elect and for our candidates.

Picture:
Alessandro Turchi, *The Raising of Lazarus*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum

Monday of Holy Week

6:30am – 7am Mass
After 6:30am Mass - Confessions FJ
12:05pm – 12:35pm Mass
12:30pm – 1:30pm Confessions FJ
5pm – 6:30pm Confessions FJ
6:30pm – 7pm Mass (English)
After 6:30 Mass - Confessions FJ

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30am – 7am Mass FJ
After 6:30am Mass - Confessions FJ
11am – 12:00pm Confessions FA
12:05pm – 12:35pm Mass FA

Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30am – 7am Mass
12:05pm – 12:35pm Mass FJ
12:30pm – 2pm Confessions FJ & FA
12:30pm – 5pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:30pm – 7pm Mass (English) FA
6:30pm – 9pm Confessions FJ & FA

Triduum

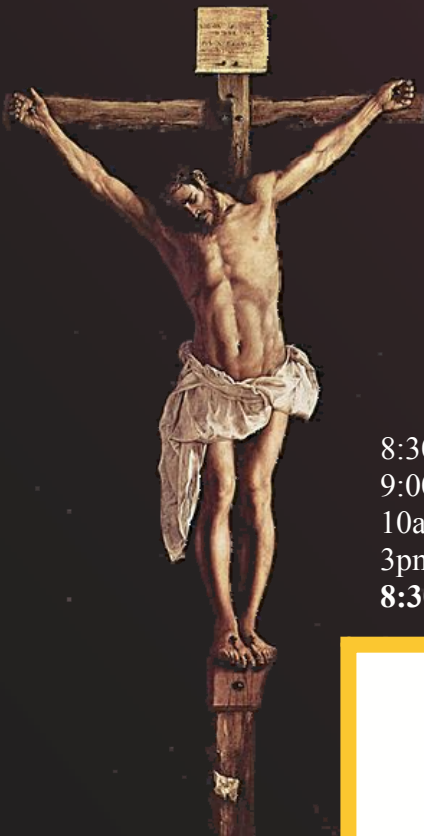
Holy Thursday

12pm – 2pm Confessions FJ & FA
5pm – 6pm Confessions FJ
7:30pm – 9pm Mass of the Lord's Supper FJ&FA



Good Friday

12pm – 2pm Confessions FJ & FA
3pm – 4pm Stations of the Cross
4pm – 6pm Confessions FJ
6pm – 8pm Spanish Stations of the Cross (Live)
6:30pm – 7:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - English
8pm – 9pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - Spanish
9pm – 12am Camino Neocatecumenal Prayer Service

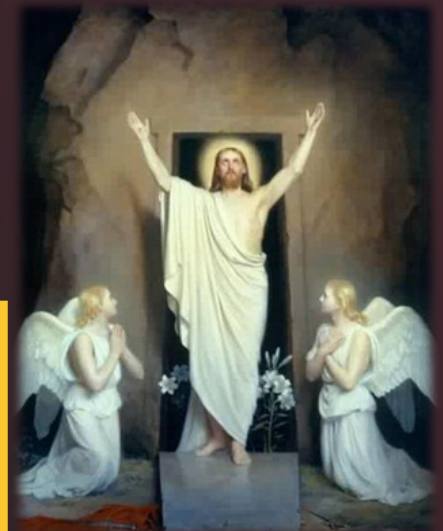


Holy Saturday

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

Easter Sunday

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



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

LIFE TEEN



Last Years Steubenville South Trip

**Spots still
available for
this years
Stuebenville
South Trip! Dont
miss out,
contact Joey to
sign up**

LIFE TEEN EVENTS

March 25- LIFE TEEN Mass & LIFE NIGHT

April 1st- LIFE TEEN Mass & LIFE NIGHT

March 28- Food for the soul at 6:30am & D-Nite 7pm



THE EDGE!

EDGE SCHEDULE

March 29-EDGE

NO EDGE April 5

**7pm-8:15pm on
Thursdays in the
Cafeteria**

**Questions about LIFE TEEN
or EDGE?**

Contact Joey for Questions

972-878-8336 or

joey@stjohncc.net

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

RESPECT IN CHURCH

First Communions, Confirmation, Weddings, Baptisms, etc. will start up again after Easter. We remind everyone that the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament should receive our utmost reverence.

Reverence can be shown by our respect for property, modest dress, no unnecessary or loud talking, no food, drink or gum in church, and by our actions.

At rehearsals, weddings, quinceaneras, baptisms and funerals, our example to others, including non-Catholic visitors, is very important in order to demonstrate reverence for sacred space.

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.

RECONCILIATION DUTY

Catholics guilty of a grave sin are obliged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) at least once a year. (cf. Canon 989) Of course, you are encouraged to receive Reconciliation much more often even if you don't have a grave sin, simply to receive the graces of Confession.

THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man Is You men's program sessions are at 7:00 pm on Thursdays and at 7:00 am on Saturdays. Both in Room 103. More information about the program can be found on our parish website or at: www.thatmanisyou.org

TAX STATEMENT LETTERS

You are very welcome to call the office if you want a Tax Statement of your donations for income tax purposes, 972-875-2834.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, March 31

5:00 pm Josh Zapletal/Austin Spaniel

Sunday, April 1

7:00 am Matt Zajic/Zachary Matous/Nate Allen

11:00 am Chris Trojacek/Grant Vrana/Tyler Gilmore

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Alex Fry/Tyler Dennie

LEVELING HEADSTONES IN CEMETERY

If you own a headstone in St. Joseph Cemetery or the headstone belongs to a family member, and it needs leveling, and you would like to pay to get it leveled, please contact Helen Yarbrough at the parish business office, 972-878-2834.

Helen will refer the location to the proper authority who will determine a leveling estimate. No work will be done until estimate is given to you and cost is paid up front.