

MASSES THIS WEEK



See Holy Week page for
Confession schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 am John C. Mach +
12:05 pm George F. Prachyl +
6:30 pm Victor F. Trojacek +

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 am Juan Hernandez Sr. +
12:05 pm Mary Pat Clements +

No 6:30 pm Mass today (our priests attend Chrism Mass)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

6:30 am Deacon Dean Darnall +
12:05 pm Cecilia Blazek +
2:30 pm Mass at Ennis Care Center for Residents
6:30 pm Miguel Doblado +

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Frank & Janie Patak ++

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion Service

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass
For RCIA Catechumens and Candidates

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 am Carl Pelzel +
11:00 am Anthony Glaser +
1:00 pm Rosa Diaz +
No Life Teen Mass today

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES EPIPHANY CHURCH

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

Holy Thursday, April 5, 6:00 pm Juan Calderon +

Good Friday, April 6 4:00 pm Passion of the Lord Service
5:00 pm Live Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 8, 9:00 am Jose Ricardo Rosales +

FAST & ABSTINENCE ON GOOD FRIDAY

Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all those between 18 and 60. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.

SPONSOR OF WEEK: ENNIS GLASS

✠ Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

We chant as we begin our celebration this weekend: "Hosanna, to the Son of David!" But, how quickly those words change to: "Crucify Him!"

As He entered the city of Jerusalem, very soon after the raising of Lazarus from the dead, a huge excited crowd entered with Him. They had witnessed the power He possessed and were sure of His triumph! They gladly walked beside Him as they entered the city, singing and waving palm branches in celebration.

There are many times in our lives when we gladly call ourselves Catholic, when we are proud to call Jesus by name. When we are on a retreat or at a parish mission we will join in the singing and praising. When we baptize a new baby into our Catholic Faith there is much celebration. When the Pope comes to visit our country, we will travel miles and join a huge crowd in exultation. At a wedding we celebrate the vows a man and woman make to live their marriage as Catholics and vow to be faithful till death.

Yet, as His disciples, when Jesus challenges our way of life and calls us to suffer with Him, we quickly desert Him. Probably hundreds, if not thousands, of people marched with Him into Jerusalem. Yet, only three stayed with Him beside the Cross on Calvary. Where did the others go? Even Peter became ashamed and frightened. He denied even knowing Jesus.

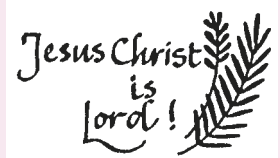
How many times do we deny Jesus and our Catholic Faith? Many times we are embarrassed to pray in public before we eat the meal that Jesus has provided. When we overhear people discussing the Catholic Church's views on abortion, homosexuality, birth control and immigration, do we enter in to the conversation to make sure they really understand what Jesus is saying through His Church? Do we even care enough about Him to make sure we study and understand what He is saying to the world?

This Holy Season is a Blessing and a Challenge! Let us stand up to the challenge and with His Grace turn it into a Great Blessing!

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



Palm Sunday, April 1

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library open/Room 106 compound
3:00 pm Confirmation Super Sunday
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, April 2

7:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting/KC

Tuesday, April 3

5:00-7:00 pm St. John Library open/Compound
7:00 pm Baptism Class/Room 102 Compound

Wednesday, April 4

6:30 am Life Teen *Food for the Soul*
 No Religious Education Classes tonight
7:00 pm Seven Steps to Financial Freedom/Room 101
7-8:15 pm XLT in the cafeteria—every age welcome!

Holy Thursday, April 5

Parish Business Office closed for Holy Thursday
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 6

Parish Business Office closed for Good Friday
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church
6:30 pm Passion of the Lord Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, April 7

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass—RCIA Initiation

Easter Sunday, April 8

Masses at 7:00 & 11:00 am(English) & 1:00 pm(Spanish)
 No Religious Education Classes today
 St. John Library closed today
 No (5 pm) Life Teen Mass or Life Night

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.

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. See schedule on Holy Week page.

BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED DURING HOLY WEEK

Parish Business office will be closed on Thursday & Friday.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light in memory of deceased members of Trojacek and Mensik Families donated by David & Kathy Trojacek for the week of March 31-April 6.

BAPTISM CLASS ON TUESDAY

Baptism Class will be on Tuesday, April 3, 7:00 pm, Room 102, compound. This class is for parents and Godparents who have not attended a class in one year.

Baptism applications are available at the business office and **must** be turned in with the fee before attending the class.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) will meet Monday, April 2, at 7:00 pm at the KC hall. The meeting will begin with the Reception of New Members, an impressive ceremony honoring and welcoming new CDA members with a formal reception. Any member who has not attended a formal reception should attend the meeting. Also, local CDA Scholarship applications are due at this meeting or you may mail them to Mary Ann Trojacek. The Nominating Committee elected in March will give their recommendations for officers for 2012-13. Election of Officers will take place at the May meeting. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Clara Miller, Natividad Cedillo, Patsy Zabochnik, Brooke Ray, Dorothy Toupal, John Schleich, Gregory Spaniel, Georgie Hejny, Tony Alvarez, Bessie Cody, Stewart Hill, Rene Monreal, Leon Kubin, Adele Krajca, Bernard Betik, Hilda Botello, Martina Ortiz, Millie & Leslie Trojacek, Don Tubbs, David Trojacek, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Coye Ferguson, Rick Sparkman, Shelly Keilers, Hannah Rejcek, 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, Steve Betik, James Pustejovsky, Robert Martinez Sr., Jerry Dolezal, Alfred Martinez, Rosa Sanchez, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Raul Partida

HYMNS FOR PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1

All Glory, Laud and Honor—#421
 (Procession into church with blessed palms)
 Offertory—Jerusalem, My Destiny—#399
 Communion —Behold the Lamb of God —#824
 No Recessional hymn



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Great Vigil of Easter is the “night of nights,” the liturgy for Holy Saturday declares. It is the night during which the Church keeps vigil for the resurrection of Jesus. It is during the Easter Vigil that the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are celebrated and new members are welcomed into the Church. This “most blessed of all nights,” as the *Exsultet* on Holy Saturday proclaims, celebrates in ancient rituals the central mysteries of the faith. This celebration is longer, but it is the heart of the Church's worship and speaks clearly to fill participants with the joy of the Resurrection.

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 24 & 25

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| St. John Church Support Collection | \$17,932.32 |
| St. John Easter Flowers Collection | 3,820.00 |
| Epiphany Church Support Collection | 818.38 |
| Epiphany Easter Flowers Collection | 351.40 |

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**. All applications are evaluated by an independent committee of no association to St. John School.

THANK YOU FROM CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Our cleanup at St. Joseph Cemetery in March was a great success due to the wonderful volunteers who gave their time and help. A special thank you to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and KJZT youth along with their leaders who came to work with us. We appreciate all the youth and adults who cared enough to give up their Saturday morning. Thank you to Boze Mitchell McKibbin Funeral Home for the donation of bottled water.

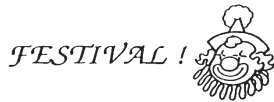
We are fortunate to have parishioners who care about the well-being of St. Joseph Cemetery and are always ready to assist physically and financially for its upkeep. May God bless all of you for the stewardship you share for our cemetery and our church. St. Joseph Cemetery Committee

MOWING SEASON AT ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

We are in the mowing season at St. Joseph Cemetery. The caretaker has the right to remove anything off the ground that deters them from mowing and weed-eating around plots and headstones., or from leveling newer graves with sand, etc. Absolutely no glass on the ground is allowed. Fire ant season is upon us and the grounds need to be kept cleared.

MAY 5 CARNIVAL

St. John Parish will celebrate a Carnival in honor of St. John Nepomucene and Cinco de Mayo on Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6, on the St. John ball field. Raffle tickets are being sold for prizes. More details coming in future bulletins.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give the gift of yourself to your spouse. Rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area on May 4-6 or June 22-24. Info, go to www.dfwme.org or call to register: Angelo & Shanna Nasche, 972-317-2400, or email: register@dfwme.org

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, 7:00-8:30 pm.

A Night of Wonder

As we enter Holy Week, please continue to pray for and support all of those receiving sacraments for the first time at the **Easter Vigil**. We have 3 adults who will be Baptized, 4 adults who will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, and 4 adult Catholics who will receive First Communion and/or Confirmation. We also have 10 teens who will be Baptized. They have all been preparing since September or longer to receive these sacraments and to let God into their lives in a deeper way. Let us pray for them and thank God for the sacraments that we have received and for the unity with God and each other that they bring.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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

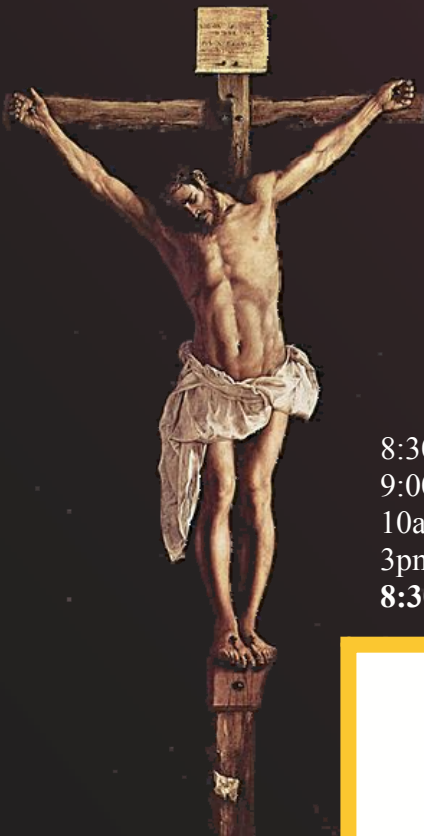
Holy Thursday

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

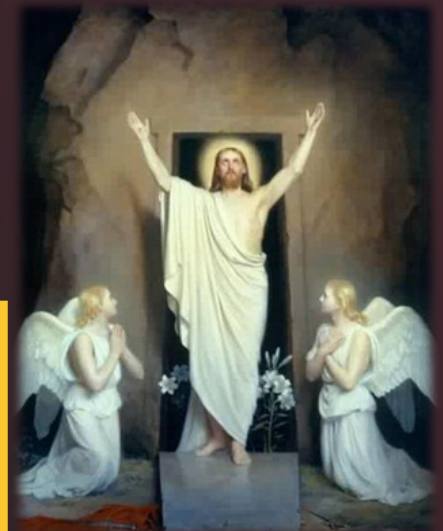


Holy Saturday

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



XLT
April 4th
7pm-8:15pm
In the Cafeteria
All ages are
welcome
to join us

LIFE TEEN EVENTS

April 1st-Super Sunday, LIFE TEEN Mass & LIFE NIGHT

April 8th-NO LIFE TEEN Mass/NO LIFE NIGHT

April 4th & 11th- Food for the soul at 6:30am Mass

D-Nite- April 11th-7pm in the cafeteria



THE EDGE!

EDGE SCHEDULE

NO-EDGE April 5
NO-EDGE April 12

EDGE -April 19

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

CONFIRMATION

SUPER SUNDAY
APRIL 1ST 3PM

Contact Joey for Questions

972-878-8336 or
joeys@stjohncc.net

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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**.

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.

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 at parish website or www.thatmanisyou.org Both groups will not meet during Holy Week.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday, 7:30 pm

Dylan Fisher/Grant Vrana/Joseph Baird

Good Friday, 6:30 pm

Matt Zajic/Tyler Dennie

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7, 8:30 pm

Matt Zajic/Tyler Dennie/Grant Vrana/Hector Garcia/Josh Zapletal

Easter Sunday, April 8, 7:00 am

Tyler Novy/Nate Allen/
Zachary Matous/David Janousek/Aaron Rejcek/Austin Spaniel
11:00 am Tyler Gilmore/Alex Fry/Joseph Baird/Chris Trojacek
No Life Teen Mass today

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.