

MONDAY, APRIL 25

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Liturgies For The Week

No 6:30 am or 6:30 pm Masses today

12:05 pm Georgie Kubin Byrd + and
Mary Ann Kubin + and
Easter Novena

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

6:30 am Carl Pelzel + and
Easter Novena
12:05 pm Eileen Mitchell + and
Nick & Lil Nekuza ++

6:30 pm Spanish For the Poor Souls in Purgatory +

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

6:30 am Ronnie & Emil Toupal ++ and
Easter Novena
12:05 pm Emeleen Maliska + and
Georgia Prokop Anderson +

Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm

6:30 pm Chance Crawford and Charlene Bartolic ++
and Babs Lawson +

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

6:30 am John Michael and Howard Woodward ++
and Easter Novena
12:05 pm Lillie Honza Novy + and
Special Intention
6:30 pm Clint Santos +

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

6:30 am James & Sandra Williford 50th Anniversary
and Easter Novena
12:05 pm Jerardo Fira Gonzales + and Hector Fira +
and Babs Lawson +

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

5:00 pm Mary/Willie/Billy Kriska +++ and
Johnnie Odlozil + and
Easter Novena

SUNDAY, MAY 1

7:30 am George & Margaret Prachyl 65th Wedding Anniversary
and M/M Joe S. Vitovsky & Charlie +++
10:30 am Robert Gaines + and
Paulita Alvarez +
1:00 pm Maria Elena Gonzalez + and
For Our Parish Community
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Joe S. Patak + and
Easter Novena

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Easter Sunday, April 24, 9:30am Maria & Feliciano
Andrade++

Sunday, May 1, 9:30 am Manuel Huerta +

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: JPH MECH. SERVICES

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“The Lord has indeed risen, alleluia. Glory and Kingship be His for ever and ever!”



The Entrance Antiphon for today’s Mass proclaims the truth of our Catholic Faith. St. Paul says, “without this victory over death, all our preaching would be useless and our faith in vain.” (1 Cor 15:14-17)

The Lord Jesus by His own resurrection has thrown open the gates of heaven for each one of us who freely chooses to faithfully follow Him and His Church. The amazing victory over sin and death is what gives us each the strength and motivation to persevere in our Catholic Faith until death. This is the reason the saints throughout the ages have been willing to suffer and die!

The victory has been won, the prize is within the reach of every man and woman baptized into the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. The road to victory and claiming the prize is not easy but it is well worth the effort. The darkness of sin, that had hidden the truth of God, has been dispelled by the light of Christ, symbolized by the Paschal Candle of our Easter Liturgies.

St. Leo the Great, in an Easter Sermon, says that Jesus hastened to rise as soon as possible because He was in a hurry to console His Mother and the disciples. He was in the tomb strictly as long as was necessary to comply with the three days that had been foretold by the prophets.

We notice that the Gospels do not tell us of the appearance of the Risen Jesus to His Mother. The other women went to the tomb to finish the embalming of the body of Jesus. But Mary, knowing that He would rise from the dead, did not accompany them but waited on His Resurrection. It is an ancient tradition of the Church that Jesus appeared first of all to His Mother in solitude.

Each year on Easter, St. Thomas Aquinas told his people to not forget to congratulate the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Resurrection of Her Son, Jesus. This we continue to do each day as we replace the *Angelus* Prayer with the *Regina Coeli* during the Easter Season. “*Queen of Heaven, Rejoice. Alleluia! For He whom you did merit to bear has risen as He said. . .*”

He has Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Love and Prayers,
Father John
Pastor



SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side, is in memory of deceased members of the Berger & Kasowski families donated by Roman & Theresa Kasowski for the week of April 23-29. Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

EASTER SUNDAY

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Easter Sunday, April 24

No Religious Education Classes and EDGE
No 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and no Life Night

Monday, April 25

Parish Business Office Closed for Easter Holiday

Tuesday, April 26

7:00 pm Women of Grace Session/Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 27

10:00 am Little Saints Playgroup/Gym

Adoration after noon Mass until 5:00 pm

4:00-8:00 pm KC Blood Drive/KC

7:00 pm Religious Education Classes and D-Nite

7:00 pm Parenting Skills Class/Room 301 School

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

7:30 pm KC #1353 Meeting/KC

Thursday, April 28

7:00 pm Home Bible Study Meeting/Room 103/104

7:00 pm *That Man is You* Session/

Saturday, April 30

7:00 am *That Man is You* Session/Rm 103-104

7:00 am *Women of Grace* Session/IHOP

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Alma Fire Dept. Fundraiser (see notice)

Sunday, May 1

8:45 am RCIA Session

9:00-10:15 am Religious Education Classes and EDGE

9-12 noon St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

HYMNS FOR MASSES on EASTER SUNDAY

- 439 Christ the Lord is Risen Today
504 I Have Loved You
447 Easter Alleluia
457 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

HOME BIBLE STUDY SESSION

The next "Questions & Answers" Session for the participants in the Home Bible Study will be on Thursday, April 28, at 7:00 pm in Room 103/104 in the compound. Helpful handouts will be given to assist you with your Bible Study.

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 16 & 17

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 19,695.07
Epiphany Mission Collection	1,025.01
Epiphany Catholic Relief Services	261.05

NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Zip: _____
Phone #: _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Vacation Bible School will take place the last week of June. Volunteers—please be advised that your Safe Environment training is good for only one year, which expires in June. Make plans to attend one of several re-training sessions to be scheduled in May and June. We need to have everybody in compliance prior to the start of VBS, and we are asking your cooperation. Once the sessions are scheduled, and if you foresee that you cannot attend one of them, please call Lupe, Mon.-Fri., 8am to 12noon, @972-875-2834 to schedule training at a mutually arranged time.

WELCOME TO RCIA PARTICIPANTS

Have a welcoming spirit! In the weeks after their initiation, the newly baptized, now called "neophytes," and the newly professed Catholics, look for their place in the Church community. Parishioners can make them feel welcome by encouraging them to be part of an activity, a group, or a ministry.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY ROADWORK

Work has begun on adding 14,547 sq. feet of new concrete road on the last section of land, north side. After this project the pothole repair begins of existing roads of 2,575 sq. feet. The work on the first project will take about two weeks, and we ask that you drive with care when visiting the cemetery. **Some** of the roads will be closed off while the work is in progress and the concrete "seasons", so please be careful driving and observe the closures. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

This is a huge project, so we need donations to help defray the cost. Please consider a contribution towards these 2 projects. Contact Helen at the parish business office.

Remember, this is your family's cemetery, and we need to make and keep it durable and beautiful for generations to come.

St. Joseph Cemetery Committee

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, April 30

5:00 pm Josh Zapletal/Grant Vrana

Sunday, May 1

7:30am Nate Allen/Matthew & Zachary Matous

10:30 am Chris Trojacek/Tyler Gilmore/Dylan Honza

5:00 pm Tyler Dennie/Matt Zajic/Joseph Baird

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Wilma Holt, Tom Johnson, Elvia Sanchez, Helen Dlabaj, Lauran Moran, Alfred Martinez, Silas Flack, Donna Wright, David Perdue, Robert Strunc, Ninfa Carrillo, Georgie Galetka, Shirley Mayfield, Kenneth Langley, Adell Vrزالik, Aston Weaver, Stella Tobola, Gary Kidder, F.E. Hoefler Jr., Neesa Gutierrez, Randy Ruffin, Frances Pleiner, Helen Zmolek, Cecelia Blazek, Viola Dlabaj, Maria Manriquez, Mary Moreno, Lisa Marklund, Joy Dlabaj, Raul Partida, Mary Pat Clements, Bessie E. Laznovsky, Wanda Slovak, Billy Coplen, Nolen Dockery, Earlene Slovak, Bernard Betik, Johnny Mensik, Lillian Slovak, James Pustejovsky, Frankie Joe Patak, Steve Betik, Betty Rogala, Evelyn Dlabaj and Ruphine Patak.

ALMA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

The annual Alma Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 30, at 5:00 pm at the Alma Firehouse.

BBQ Dinner served at 5:00 pm.

Dance begins around 7:00 pm with the Leonard Dlabaj Band.



- Kids rides & Activities
- Silent Auction
- Dancing
- Raffle & Door Prizes

Fun, Fun, Fun for ALL!! Everyone is invited for a great time. Raffles tickets on sale now from any volunteer fireman.

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION?

Sacraments are signs made sacred by Christ to show His presence in the world and to help us reach a closer union with God.

The Sacrament of 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 lifts the burden of sin, renews the grace of Baptism, and gives an inner peace and a new strength of purpose.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR PRIESTS

In the event of a real emergency, 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 business office phone number, 972-878-2834, Monday through Friday.

RACHEL’S CORNER

Become a *new creation* and embark on a new life at a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat. Abortion After-Care-Healing 214-544-CARE
healing@racheldallas.org

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

The Parish Business Office will be closed on Monday, April 25, for the Easter holiday.

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC MISSION



SPRING FESTIVAL



The Epiphany Mission Spring Festival will be on Sunday, May 15th, at 434 S. Ward St., Italy, TX.

You are invited to join them in great fellowship: fun, games, raffle, live music, Folclorico Dancers, and lots of food (brisket, gorditas, hamburgers, elotes, carnitas, nachos, frito pies, corn in a cup, fruit in a cup, tostadas, popcorn, pickles, cold drinks and more). Raffles prizes include a \$250 Visa gift cards, \$100 HEB gift card, \$75 HEB gift card, \$50 Walmart gift card, 20” girl’s bicycle, a 20” boy’s bicycle, patio swing with canopy, comforter bed set, Fiesta Grill dinner for 2, and more. Plan now to come and bring your whole family and all your friends for good wholesome fun.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

That the Church may offer new generations, through the believable proclamation of the Gospel, ever-new reasons of life and hope.

Missionary Intention: That missionaries, with the proclamation of the Gospel and their witness of life, may bring Christ to all those who do not yet know Him.

WWII THIRD ARMY VETERANS

Any man who served in the Third Army under General Patton in World War II will be recognized with a special certificate by the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic during the Ennis Polka Festival. The Prime Minister of the Czech Republic will be our Grand Marshall for the Polka Festival parade downtown. Please contact Helen at the parish business office, 972-878-2834, if you or someone you know is a veteran in the category mentioned.

EASTERTIDE PRAYER

God give you **joy** this Easter Day, that bides with you along life’s way, and fill your heart with lots of cheer as you pass on from year to year.

God give you **peace**, this Easter Day, the peace that cannot pass away, ‘twill turn lifes gray to ruffiest gold and bring you blessings manifold.

God give you **love** this Easter Day, and all the 12 month may it stay to guide, to comfort you, and bless, and fill your life with happiness.

EASTER SUNDAY

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME To our 2011 Catechumens and Candidates



Received Baptism:

Francisco Tapia
Alexis Nino
Crystal Nino
Perla Nino
Raquel Nino
Sarah Teresa Wright (infant)

Received Confirmation:

Adults:

Maria Avalos
Marisol Avalos
Clemente Garcia
Michelle Martinez
Griselda Montoya
Cristal Santollo
Jacob Zapata

Teenagers:

Bevanna Cardona
Osvaldo Devora
Alejandro Flores
Francisco Gallegos
Jesse Gonzales
Inero Mata
Alisia Mendiola
Alex Ortiz
Anthony Ortiz
Eris Rivera
Eriberto Sanchez



Received First Communion:

Newly Baptized:

Francisco Tapia
Alexis Nino
Crystal Nino
Perla Nino

Adults:

Laura Aguinaga
Clemente Garcia
Michelle Martinez

Children:

Juan Felipe Arriaga
Patricia Cantero
Maximiliano Corona
Jonathan Devora
Jennifer Davora
Richardo Devora
Ivette Esquivel
Ivonne Esquivel
Paola Gallegos
Alicia Gonzalez
Yesenia Leon
Zuadh Leos
Alize Lopez
Genesis Lopez
Marisela Lopez
Alexsis Loza
James Martinez
Mariah Martinez
Raymond Martinez
Liced Mata
Jesus Melendez
Elias Munoz
Crystal Nino
Perla Nino
Daniel Padilla
Uriel Patlan
Pedrito Rodriguez
Esbeide Sanchez
Elizabeth Sanchez
Maria Sanchez
Luis Valles

Teenagers:

Bevanna Cardona
Osvaldo Devora
Alejandro Flores
Francisco Gallegos
Jesse Gonzalez
Inero Mata
Alisia Mendiola
Alex Ortiz
Anthony Ortiz
Eris Rivera
Eriberto Sanchez
Maggie Martinez
Rosario Martinez



Steubenville South *Sign Up Now...* *Only a few spots left!*

Steubenville South Trip 2010



Contact Joey to Register NOW!



Rangers Game-Sat. May 14

Concert-Game-Bus Ride

All for \$20!

(limited spots available)



Calendar

No Life Night April 24, Easter

Food for the Soul & D-Nite -April 27

Questions: Contact Joey at 972-878-8336 or joeys@stjohncc.net

Baccalaureate Mass

Sun., May 22nd 5pm Mass
(group photo – meet outside Church at 4pm)

If you would like your name in the program please contact Joey asap!

EASTER SUNDAY

COLLINS CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Collins Catholic School Registration for the 2011-12 school year is open to the public for Pre-K through 8th grade. They take pride in promoting Academic Excellence and Christian, Moral Values in a caring, individualized small town atmosphere. Parental involvement in their child's educational futures is encouraged. Tuition is very affordable and Tuition Assistance is available and utilized by nearly 25% of our families. Students are involved in clubs, sports, leadership and service organizations. About 40% are non-Catholic and our student population is diverse. Busing is offered for Malakoff and Ennis areas. If you are interested, please visit www.CollinsCatholicSchool.com or call 903-872-1751 to speak with the principal, Miss Starek.

ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The St. John Alumni Association will award two college scholarships. One will be for a 2011 high school graduate who is the child/grandchild of a previous St. John School graduate. The other scholarship will be awarded to an adult who has been out of high school for at least one year, is a graduate or the child/grandchild of a graduate of St. John High School and is entering or returning to college or vocational school for additional education. Previous Alumni scholarship recipients are ineligible to apply. Each scholarship is worth \$2,500.

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

Please include your full name in the email and for which scholarship you are applying. Applications **must** be post-marked by Friday, May 6, 2011, and sent to P. O. Box 516, Ennis, Texas 75120

BACCALAUREATE MASS

The Baccalaureate Mass for all 2011 high school graduates of our parish will be Sunday, May 22, at 5:00 pm. A group photo will be taken at 4:00 pm. If you want your name in the program, let Joey know as soon as possible. Call Joey for more information, or to help, 972-878-8336 joeys@stjohncc.net

PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The St. John Pastoral Advisory Council is seeking new members. Contact Jeremy Cole, 214-709-2758, email jerdanco@yahoo.com