

*alleluia*  
*Liturgies For The Week*

**MONDAY, MAY 23**

**6:30 am** George F. Hejny +  
**12:05 pm** John & Mageline Mensik & Family +++ and  
Donna Merritt +  
**6:30 pm** Dorothy & Miles Strunc ++

**TUESDAY, MAY 24**

**6:30 am** Frank N. Dick Jr. +  
**12:05 pm** Frank J. Podrousek + and  
Joe W. Vitovsky +

**6:30 pm Spanish** Margarita Fira +

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 — St. Bede the Venerable, St.**

**Gregory VII and St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi**

**6:30 am** Viola & Willie Trojacek ++  
**12:05 pm** John & Lillian Dvorak ++ and  
Emil and Ronnie Toupal ++

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

**6:30 pm** Ab John Sulak +

**THURSDAY, MAY 26—St. Philip Neri, Priest**

**6:30 am** Johnnie Whiteley +  
**12:05 pm** Elizabeth Green + and  
Janie Thornton +

**6:30 pm Spanish** Gabriel C. Lopez +

**FRIDAY, MAY 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

**6:30 am** Elsie & Tom Slama ++  
**12:05 pm** Carlos and Clint Santos ++ and  
Frank & Janie Patak ++

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

**5:00 pm** Joe M. and Jodie Horak ++ and  
Antonio Moya +

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 29**

**7:30 am** Lucy & Jerry Svehlak ++ and  
Edwin C. Trojacek +  
**10:00 am** Polka Mass at the KC Hall for the Revelers  
**10:30 am** Juan Moreno Cabrera + and  
Shirley Montelongo +  
**1:00 pm** Francisco & Ofelia Campos ++  
and For Our Parish Community

**MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY**

**Sunday, May 22, 9:30 am** Albert Elfrink +

**Sunday, May 29, 9:30 am** Jake & Antonia Escamilla ++

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: BLACKLAND BUILDING**

*from the*  
*Pastor's desk*

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth and the life.”

Jesus says these words to each of us today as we listen to this reading from the Gospel of Saint John, Chapter 14. With these words, Jesus establishes Himself as either a complete, delusional cuckoo, or God Almighty. Either way, it challenges us to make a definitive choice. Of the two above choices, neither one allows for compromise but requires a very definite decision that then has very definite ramifications in our lives.

He is either the One True God, Creator of Heaven and earth, or He is not. He is both divine and human but He cannot be both divine and cuckoo! He is one or the other! The reason you and I are in this church today is that we have chosen to declare that He is God.

But once we acknowledge that He is indeed, God, then we also commit ourselves to looking to Him for all the answers we need in our lives. That is the definition of a disciple. A disciple looks to the one he follows for the Truth. This is “Truth,” with a capital “T.” This is the Truth that then leads us through our mortal lives all the way to Heaven.

It is only logical that if Jesus has the Truth about all things, past, present and future, then He is the One who can also be our way and thus our life. Jesus, then, is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” for each one of us.

Without a strong faith it is very difficult to place our lives in His hands. But with a strong faith it is actually very liberating to be able to find all that we need in one place, in one person. We can turn to Jesus for everything. What a gift! How much simpler it makes our lives. Once we have Jesus, we can stop searching. We can settle down and “live.” This is the beginning of the “abundant life” that He came to give each one of us.

Easter Blessings! See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,

Father John

Pastor

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY**

General: That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person.

Missionary: That the Lord may grant the Church in China the capacity to persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to grow in unity.

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK**

Sanctuary light, on south side, is in honor of Helen Dlabaj's 93rd birthday on May 27, donated by Helen & Jerry Yarbrough for the week of May 21-27.

Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, May 22

- 9:00 am** Final Religious Education and EDGE  
**9-10:15 am** Coffee & Donuts in Room 103 Compound  
**3:00 pm** Baptisms/Church  
**5:00 pm** Baccalaureate Mass & Reception

#### Monday, May 23

- 7:30 pm** Initial Training for Safe Environment

#### Tuesday, May 24

- 5-7 pm** St. John Parish Library is open/Rm 106

#### Wednesday, May 25

Adoration after noon Mass until 5:00 pm

- 7:00 pm** Final Religious Ed Classes & D-Nite  
**7:00 pm** Final Parenting Skills Class/Room 301  
**7:30 pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

#### Thursday, May 26

- 6-8 pm** SJ Rosary Guild meet @ 908 S. Mulberry  
**7:30 pm** Re-Training for Safe Environment

#### Sunday, May 29

- 8:45 am** RCIA Session  
**9-10:15 am** Coffee & Donuts in Room 103 Compound  
**9-12 noon** St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound  
**10:00 am** Polka Festival Mass at KC Hall

#### Monday, May 30

- 8:00 am** Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery  
 Parish Business Office will be closed for the holiday

#### CONVOCATION FOR PRIESTS

The priests in the diocese are being called together by Bishop Kevin Farrell to attend the 2011 Convocation for Priests to be held in Westlake. The convocation begins at 5:30 pm on Monday, June 6, and concludes at 11:30 am on June 9.

During the convocation our priests will not be available to tend to normal parish activities (daily Masses on some days). In case of emergency, call Fr. John @903-624-6114, or Fr. Antonio @ 469-831-0607.

The purpose of the convocation is to afford our priests an opportunity to meet together with the bishop, to pray together and to reflect upon their priestly ministry and to discuss together the issues facing them in the exercise of their priestly ministry. By holding the convocation away from Dallas it is hoped that the priests will be freed from the demands and hectic pace of their ministry.

Please pray for our priests that they will return from the convocation refreshed and renewed by this opportunity for continued growth and priestly fraternity.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 14 & 15

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| St. John Church Support Collection | \$ 18,882.13 |
| Catholic Communication Campaign    | 520.56       |
| Epiphany Mission Collection        | 1,155.87     |
| Catholic Communication Campaign    | 178.50       |
| Epiphany Spring Fiesta             | 12,044.68    |

#### MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT CEMETERY

The Mass on Monday, Memorial Day, May 30, will be celebrated at St. Joseph Cemetery (weather permitting)(only Mass that day).

#### ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY DEAD GRASS AREAS

Due to a miscommunication in our cemetery maintenance staff, some of the areas of the cemetery received a "double dose" of weed killer recently. This has caused large areas of dead grass, which unfortunately, are quite ugly and distracting from the beauty and reverence of our cemetery.

As a Catholic cemetery, we are very mindful of the respect and reverence due our loved ones who are awaiting the Resurrection of the Body in our parish cemetery.

It is unfortunate that this accident occurred immediately preceding our Memorial Day weekend when many families will visit the graves of their deceased loved ones.

We apologize for any discomfort this may cause in the families and friends of our deceased loved ones. I am very pleased and proud of the respect and devotion to the souls and bodies of our faithful departed that our parishioners show by their frequent prayer visits and placing of flowers on the graves. Thank you for your understanding.

Peace in Christ, Fr. John, Pastor

#### ADULT CONFIRMATION

For Adult Confirmation on June 12, the application and Baptism certificates **must** be turned in by the deadline date, May 31. **No applications will be taken after that date.** Class will be on May 31.

#### GOLDEN CRUSADERS NEWS

The Golden Crusaders will have a Corporate Communion on Sunday, June 12, at the 7:30 am Mass, followed by breakfast in the cafeteria.

#### HYMNS FOR 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| 783 | Immaculate Mary                    |
| 429 | Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love |
| 616 | Eye Has Not Seen                   |
| 457 | Jesus Christ is Risen Today        |

#### ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

##### Saturday, May 28

- 5:00 pm** Volunteer

##### Sunday, May 29

- 7:30am** Tyler Novy/Matthew Matous/Zachary Matous  
**10:00 am Polka Mass @KC** Alex Fry/Matt Zajic  
**10:30 am** Cooper Gillespie/Chris Trojacek/Kenny Janousek

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Jerry Dlabaj, Butch Escobar, Joe Rios, Anita, Ray Castillo, Gloria Garcia, Tony Alvarez, Charles Hicks, Lauren Moran, James Anderson, Martin Michalka, Guadalupe Montemayor, Kenneth Langley, Adolph F. Novy, Brianna Escamilla, Wilma Holt, Domingo Galban, Paulette Prokop, David Perdue, Tony Harrison, Stella Tobola, Lisa Marklund, Tom Johnson, Elvia Sanchez, Silas Flack, Helen Dlabaj, Adell Vrzalik, Alfred Martinez, Viola Dlabaj, Helen Zmolek, Robert Strunc, Gary Kidder, Mary Moreno, Joy Dlabaj, Raul Partida, Wanda Slovak, Billy Coplen, Nolen Dockery, Earlene Slovak, Bernard Betik, Johnny Mensik, James Pustejovsky, Frankie Joe Patak, Steve Betik, Betty Rogala, Evelyn Dlabaj and Ruphine Patak.

## Practical Help for Adults



### Parenting Skills Seminar

Come learn practical skills to raise respectful, loving, responsible children. Come learn how to deal with common everyday issues.

**Wednesdays beginning June 8**  
**7:00-8:30 PM, Room 301 (Youth Room)**

**Cost: \$15 to cover materials**

**Benefits: a happier home**

There's a reason we have three doors in the front of the church. Come find out why.

Come learn simple ways to explain the Catholic Faith and traditions to those you meet. You'll learn more about your faith at the same time.

**Thursdays beginning June 2**  
**7:00-8:00 PM, Room 202-204**

### Apologetics



### Coffee and Donuts



Come visit with your fellow parishioners between the Masses. Help build this parish into a warm, welcoming place and get to know the adults who just received sacraments through RCIA. There will be short explanations of opportunities for getting involved in the parish and community. Children are welcome!

**Sundays**

**9:00-10:15 AM, Room 103-104**

## Adult Confirmations

Are you an adult who is a Baptized Catholic but who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Do you want to receive this Sacrament, be sealed with the Holy Spirit, and work to build up the Church?

Adults will be confirmed at St. John Nepomucene at 7:30 am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 12.

### To receive Confirmation on this date you must:

- Already be a Baptized Catholic
- Fill out a Confirmation application available online or in the parish office (there is a \$25 processing fee)
- Turn this application in to the parish office before class day, May 31.
- Attend Confirmation Preparation class on May 31, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the cafeteria.
- Submit a recently issued (within the past 6 months) Baptismal certificate with notations.

### Sponsors for Confirmation:

- Must be fully initiated Catholics (must have received Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation)
- If married, must be married in a Catholic Church.
- May not be living conjugally with someone outside of marriage.
- Must attend the Confirmation Preparation class on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:00 pm.
- Must submit a recently issued (within the past 6 months) Baptismal certificate with notations.

**If you do not turn in the application and certificates, and all other requirements are not met by May 31, you will have to go through RCIA or wait until next year for Confirmation.**

**This Raffle benefits:**

- Scouts
- Parish Missions
- Children's Religious Education
- The EDGE
- Baptism
- 1st Holy Communion
- Confirmation
- Marriage
- That Man is You!
- Life Teen
- Parish Library
- Women of Grace
- Quinceañeras
- Renovacion Parroquial
- Christ Renews His Parish

**And many other programs in our parish!**

# Let the Fire Fall

## Pentecost Raffle

Benefitting Parish Scripture Enrichment Programs

**\$5**

**Prizes:**

- 1—\$2,500 VISA giftcard
- 1—\$500 VISA giftcard
- 5—\$100 VISA giftcards
- 20—\$25 VISA giftcards

St. John Nepomucene

**Drawing:**

**June 19**

**at the KJT Hall**

**after the**

**All Parish Mass and Procession**

St. John Nepomucene  
Pentecost Raffle

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

Sample

# BACCALAUREATE MASS

Sunday, May 22nd 5pm Mass

(Group photo meet outside Church at 4pm with cap and gown)

The Programs have been sent to the printer and we will not be accepting any more names for the program, but please still sign up if you plan to participate.

Please contact Joey if you would like to Sponsor one of our teens for our upcoming Steubenville South Trip in June. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to all our candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation  
May God continue to bless them on their journey of faith!

## **Calendar**

May 22nd -Last Life Teen Mass until our Fall Kickoff!

Food for the Soul & D-Nite –May 25 & June 1

Questions: Contact Joey at 972-878-8336 or [joeys@stjohncc.net](mailto:joeys@stjohncc.net)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### ST. JOHN ROSARY GUILD MEETING

The St. John Rosary Guild will meet at the Becker resident at 908 S. Mulberry on Thursday, May 26th. Please come anytime between 6:00 & 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the fellowship, and learn how to make rosaries for our church community. If you have questions, please call 469-337-3497.

### REPORT ON EPIPHANY SPRING FIESTA

Epiphany Catholic Church Spring Fiesta was a great success raising **\$12,044.68**. The parishioners would like to thank everyone who donated food, items, time and worked the food booths, sold raffle tickets, sponsored king and queen nominees, Folclorico dancers and the young people who worked the games. Thanks also to all who helped raise and then take down the tent. Special thanks to all of St. John parish for their work and support.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

All Vacation Bible School volunteers are reminded that your Safe Environment Training will expire before VBS in June. Please make plans to attend the re-training session on Thursday, May 26, 7:30 pm. We are asking for everyone's cooperation. If you have a problem attending this session, call Lupe, M-F, 8am-12noon at 972-875-2834 to schedule a re-training session at a mutually arranged time.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Reminder to all Volunteers: The initial "Family of Faith" **Safe Environment Training** is scheduled for Monday, **May 23, 7:30 pm**, in the elementary school, for new volunteers.

Also, there is the annual **Retraining** scheduled for **Thursday, May 26, 7:30 pm** for volunteers needing to renew their training.

ALL Training is good for one year and must be renewed annually for a volunteer to be in Safe Environment compliance, per the Diocese. **Volunteers for Vacation Bible School in June need to be aware of this compliance.**

### RACHEL'S CORNER

Pray to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Source of Divine Treasure, and experience the healing love and sweet liberty of His Heart. We can help.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing  
214-544-CARE  
healing@racheldallas.org



### FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR WEEKENDS

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