# **Mass Intentions**

## MONDAY, JUNE 17

6:30 A.M. Father's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Clara & Richard Miller ++

6:00 p.m. Confessions

**6:30 p.m.** Alvin Kubin +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

# **TUESDAY, JUNE 18**

6:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Stanley Pavlacka & Jewel Pavlacka Asher ++

6:00 p.m. Confessions

**6:30 p.m.** 2013 Graduates

7:00 p.m. Confessions

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

**6:30 a.m.** Father's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Rudolph & Annastazia Patak ++

**Adoration after 12:05 Mass** 

2:30 p.m. Joe H. and Agnes Jaresh ++ (Legends)

**6:30 p.m.** Raymundo Castillo, Jr. +

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

**6:30 a.m.** Father's Day Novena

12:05 p.m. Joe & Frances Betik & Helene Barrett +++

6:30 p.m. Sergio Maltos +

# FRIDAY, JUNE 21-St. Aloysius Gonzaga

6:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena 12:05 p.m. Wesley T. Mikel +

# **SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

3:30 p.m. Confessions

**5:00 p.m.** Father's Day Novena

### TWELTH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 23

7:00 a.m. Agnes Novosad +
11:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
1:00 pm Poor Souls Novena

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass For the Parish Community

### MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. June 16, 9 am Antonia Escamilla + Sun. June 23, 9 am Antonio Laredo +

# **COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 8 & 9**

St. John Church Support Collection Epiphany Church Support Collection \$15,464.83 793.25

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Legends Oaks Healthcare & Rehab

# Letter from the Pastor

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

I am writing this bulletin message, Wednesday afternoon, from the desert city of Scottsdale, Arizona. I flew in to Phoenix on Monday morning, and the daily temperature here has averaged around 108 degrees, forecasted to top 110 degrees, today. But as everyone reminds you, "It is a DRY heat!" I don't care, it is still hot, especially when you dress in all black, long pants and blazer!

In truth, the real intense heat during these last few days has been not from the sun planet but rather from the Only, Begotten Son, His Father and the Holy Spirit. Stephen Thompson, our St. John Youth Minister and I have been present for the annual Life Teen Conference. I have been attending this Conference, missing few years, since I first arrived at St. John Parish following my ordination to the priesthood on May 18, 1996, arriving at my first conference in June!

I can say, without doubt or hesitation, that attending that first conference has shaped in a definite way, my priesthood of seventeen years. I want to thank, YOU, the Parish of St. John Nepomucene for giving me such an amazingly priceless ordination gift. Less than a month following my ordination I was blessed to experience in a very practical and real way, the true meaning of my priesthood as the Lord Jesus was calling me to live it out. I witnessed firsthand, the fruit borne by the gift of the priesthood through the Eucharist in the lives of individual people and the life of a parish community.

The conference this summer is themed, "FEARLESS." Our readings this weekend remind us that the mercy and power of our Lord enables us to be His fearless disciples. David, King of Israel; St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles and the sinful woman all experienced personally these two great gifts of Our Lord to each of us, His power and merciful forgiveness. Therefore, we can charge ahead, fearless in being His disciples!

I am excited, as I know Stephen is, to return to you, our parish community and with God's grace, your prayers and lots of help do His work in the place He puts us each day.

See you at Mass!

Love & Prayers, Fr. John

# **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

Entrance: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy — #603 Offertory: Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord -- #462

Communion: Let us Be Bread — #808

**Recessional:** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven—#531

# IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, June 16

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

9:00 am RCIA/ Room 101 6:30 pm Life Teen/Life Night

Monday, June 17

7:00 pm Qahal/Cafeteria

7:30 pm KC 4th degree Meeting/KC

Tuesday, June 18

12:05 pm Food for the Soul Mass & Lunch
5-8:30 pm SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions

Wednesday, June 19

10:00 am Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall

**6-8 pm** Life Teen "Into the Deep"

6:30 pm Grief Recovery Program/ Room 103

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Saturday, June 22

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, June 23

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

**9:00 am** RCIA/ Room 101

## ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, June 22

5:00 pm Josef Woodward / Brandon Martinek / Andrew Alvarado Sunday, June 23

7:00 am Zachary Matous / Tyler Novy / Jake Kasowski
11:00 am Chris Trojacek / Tyler Dennie / Dylan Fisher
5:00 pm LT Mass Aaron Martinez/ Alston Lawrence/ Alex Fry

"the Holy See wishes to recall that it will always be very appropriate to follow the noble tradition of having boys serve at the altar."

— Congregation for Divine Worship, March 15, 1994

# **SANCTUARY CARE**

### SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in honor of Bertha Gallegos by Joanna Gallegos for the week of June 15— June 21.

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of Lynne Johnson donated by Bobby & Mary Kennedy for the week of June 15– June 21.

#### **SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES FOR 2013**

If you would like to have the 6 candles around the main altar in the sanctuary burn for one week in honor or memory of your loved ones, living or deceased, sign up at Religious Items counter in the annex. Cost is \$40 for one week for the 6 candles.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**Qahal** 

If you are ready to go deeper, join us for prayer, study, reflection, and sharing.

Monday nights, 7:00-8:30 PM, Cafeteria Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a pen



# **NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

### **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

St. John Parish has an immediate opening for a full time Director of Children's Religious Education. Bachelor's Degree in Catechetics & Theology preferred. For more information please visit www.catholicjobs.com

#### THANK YOU FROM CDA

The Catholic Daughters of America would like to thank all who purchased raffle tickets for the beautiful handmade quilt for the CDA Scholarship Fund. The funds collected on the raffle were used to award six scholarships to qualified applicants of the CDA members. Congratulations to the winner, Bernice Rejcek.

# Happy Father's Day

od our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care, and constant protection. May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need. Give your wisdom to

fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a family. Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. Amen

St. Joseph,
Pray for Us.



# **Words of the Holy Father**

For these and more go to: http://www.news.va/en



# The Church as the People of God

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning! Today I would like to touch briefly on another of the terms with which the Second Vatican Council defined the Church, that of "People of God" (cf. Dogmatic Constitution. Lumen Gentium, 9; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 782). I shall do so with a few questions upon which we can all reflect.

1. What does it mean to be "People of God"? First of all, it means that God does not really belong to any people; for it is He who calls us, who summons us, who invites us to be part of his people, and this invitation is open to all, without distinction, because God's mercy "desires all people to be saved "(1 Tim 2:4). Jesus does not tell the Apostles and us to form an exclusive group, an elite group. Jesus says: Go and make disciples of all nations (cf. Mt 28:19). St Paul says that within the people of God, in the Church, "there is neither Jew nor Gentile ... for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28). I would like to say to those who feel far from God and the Church, to those who are fearful or indifferent, to those who think they can no longer change: the Lord is calling you too to be part of his people and he does it with great respect and love! He invites us to be a part of this people, the people of God

2. How do you become a member of this **people?** It is not through physical birth, but through a new birth. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that one must be born from above, of water and of spirit to enter the Kingdom of God (cf. John 3:3-5). It is through Baptism that we are introduced to this people, through faith in Christ, the gift of God which must be nurtured and tended to throughout our whole life. Let us ask ourselves: how can I grow in the faith that I received in my Baptism? How do tend to this faith that I have received and that the people of God has? How do I make it grow? And another question.

3. What is the law of the People of God? It is the law of love, love for God and love for our neighbor according to the new

commandment that the Lord left us (cf. Jn 13:34). It is a love, however, that is not sterile sentimentality or something vague,

it is recognizing God as the only Lord of life and, at the same time, accepting the other as a true brother, overcoming divisions, rivalry, misunderstandings, selfishness; the two things go together. We have still so far to go to be able to live concretely according to this new law, the law of the Holy Spirit working within us, the law of charity, of love! When we see in the many wars between Christians in the newspapers or on TV, how can the people of God understand this? Within the people of God there are so many wars! And in neighborhoods, in workplaces, so many wars due to envy, jealousy. Even within the same family, there are so many internal wars. We must ask the Lord to help us understand this law of love. How good, how nice it is to love each other as true brothers. How nice that is! Let's do something today: perhaps we all have our likes and dislikes, and perhaps many of us are angry with others. But at least let's say to the Lord: "Lord, I am angry with him or with her. I pray for him and for her. I pray to you". To pray for those with whom we are angry. It's a big step in this law of love. Let's do it today!

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4. What mission does this people have? To bring to the world the hope and the salvation of God: to be a sign of the love of God who calls all to be friends of His; to be the yeast that ferments the dough, the salt that gives flavour and preserves from decay, the light that brightens. Just as I said, it is enough to open a newspaper, and we see that around us there is the presence of evil, the Devil is at work. But I would like to say in a loud voice: God is stronger! Do you believe this? That God is stronger? Let's say it in a loud voice: God is stronger! Do you believe this? That God is stronger? Let's say it all together. God is stronger! All of us! And you know why

He is stronger? Because He is the Lord, the only Lord. God is stronger! Good! And I would like to add that reality which is sometimes dark and marked by evil can change, if we are the first to bring the light of the Gospel especially with our lives. If in a stadium, let's think of the Olympic Stadium in Rome, or that of San Lorenzo in Buenos Aires, if on a dark night one person lights up a lamp, you can barely see it, but if each of over seventy thousand spectators switches on his own light, the whole Stadium lights up. Let's make our lives a light of Christ; and together we will bring the light of the Gospel to the whole world.



5. What is the goal of this people? Its end is the kingdom of God, which has been begun by God Himself on earth, and which is to be further extended until it is brought to perfection by Him at the end of time, when Christ, our life, shall appear (cf. Lumen Gentium, 9). The goal then is full communion with the Lord; it's to enter into his divine life where we will live the joy of his love without measure. That full joy.

Dear brothers and sisters, to be Church, is to be God's people, according to the Father's great plan of love, it means to be the yeast of God in this humanity of ours, it means to proclaim and to bring God's salvation into this world, which is often lost, in need of encouraging answers, answers that give hope, that give new vigour in the journey. May the Church be a place of mercy and of hope in God, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. And to feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, encouraged, the Church's doors must be open, so that all may come and that we can go out of those doors and proclaim the Gospel. Thank you so much.





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# St. Thomas More

Memorial: June 22

One of the greatest statesmen and scholars of his day, St. Thomas More was a successful lawyer, judge, and politician. He was a faithful Catholic whose family was a model for virtue and charity. St. Thomas was made Chancellor of England by King Henry VIII, a position that meant that he was second only to the king himself. When King Henry VIII wanted a divorce and broke with the Catholic Church over the matter. St. Thomas More would not say that what the king had done was right, as the law that King Henry had enacted said that he had to do. For this conscientious refusal to call sin something else, St. Thomas More was executed. Watch his story in the Academy Award winning film, A Man for All Seasons.

Painting: *Sir Thomas More*, Hans Holbein the Younger, 1527

# A Prayer of St. Thomas More

Give me the grace good Lord, to set the world at naught; to set my mind fast upon Thee and not to hang upon the blast of men's mouths. To be content to be solitary. Not to long for worldly company but utterly to cast off the world and rid my mind the business thereof. Not to long to hear of any worldly things, But that the hearing of worldly phantasies may be to me displeasant. Gladly to be thinking of God, Piteously to call for His help, To lean unto the comfort of God, Busily to labor to love Him. To know mine own vility and wretchedness, To humble and meeken myself under the mighty hand of God, To bewail my sins passed; For the purging of them, patiently to suffer adversity. Gladly to bear my purgatory here, To be joyful of tribulations, To walk the narrow way the leadeth to life. To bear the cross with Christ, To have the last thing-death-in remembrance, To have ever afore mine eye my death, that is ever at hand; To make death no stranger to me; To foresee and consider the everlasting fire of hell; To pray for pardon before the Judge come. To have continually in mind the passion that Christ suffered for me; For His benefits uncessantly to give Him thanks, To but the time again that I before have lost. To abstain from vain confabulations, To eschew light foolish mirth and gladness; Recreations not necessary, to cut off. Of worldly substance, friends, liberty, life and all-to set the loss at nought for the winning of Christ. To think my most enemies my best friends, For the brethren of Joseph could never have done him so much good with their love and favor as they did him with their malice and hatred.

Written by St. Thomas while imprisoned in the Tower of London awaiting trial and execution

#### **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pete Martinez, Margaret Aguinaga, Matthew Enders, Eugenia Dlabaj, Richard Bayes, Margie Bohuslav, Mary Rosales, Pam Maliska, James Williford, Kacie Zhanel, Don Tanner, Jimmy Aguilar, Jose Padilla, Alyson Meachum, Katherine Michno, Patsy Odlozil, Pauline Novy, Jo Ann Dolezalik, William Becker, Patsy Zabojnik, Victor G. Zabojnik, Gentry Holmes, Michael Slovacek, Jerod Timms, Ron Spellman, Agnes Prda, Bev Richardson, Edwin Storz, Jerry "Sonny" Autrey, Noreene Autrey Pierce, Connie Alvarez, Jim Sager, Delfa Arrambide, Kevin & Robin Woodley, Joe W. Spaniel, Joe Barak, Megan Rebuck, Sarah Carroll, Joanne Walsh, Roy Brandon, Mike Fabela, DeDe Mauricio, Rosie Zhanel, Patricia Banks, Jessica Puente, Michael Gallagher, Bob Agar, Fatima de Carmen Gomez, Maximiliano Gomez, Crystal Monjaraz, Lasita Salazar, Margie Dvorak, Nacho Martinez, Helen Fowler, Alyvia Zmolik, Mickey Walker, Mildred Trojacek, Florinda Smith, Tommy Slama, Juanita Lowe, Walter Marusak, Matthew Dixon, Darrell Patak, Betty Rogala, Jimmie Trahan, Sandy Wheeler, Roger Gagnon, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, 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, Leo Rejcek, Helen Barak, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, John Schlebach, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida



# THANK YOU FROM THE ALTAR SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the new Altar Society Banner. It is beautiful and we are very proud to have it!