



**MONDAY, JULY 9—St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest**

No 6:30 am Mass today

12:05 pm William Michno +

6:30 am Richard Miller +

**TUESDAY, JULY 10**

6:30 am John White +

12:05 pm Pillie/Braulia/Rita Garcia +++

6:30 pm Elvira Vargas Villasenor +

**WED., JULY 11—St. Benedict, Abbot**

6:30 am Mike Kelly +

12:05 pm Antonio Alvarez +

6:30 pm Adele & Joe Janousek ++

**THURSDAY, JULY 12**

No 6:30 am Mass today

12:05 pm Communion Service

6:30 pm Spanish Communion Service

**FRIDAY, JULY 13—St. Henry**

6:30 am Deceased Members Catholic Workman

12:05 pm Joe Jaresh +

**SATURDAY JULY 14—Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha**

5:00 pm Johnny Mensik +

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 15**

7:00 am Dorothy & Miles Strunc ++

11:00 am Annie Martinek +

1:00 pm Maria Elena Gonzalez +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Duane Dolezalik +



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
+ 2012

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,  
In our Sunday readings, the Lord thru the Prophet Ezekiel and His Son, reveals His will to us. Jesus in the Gospel Reading from St. Mark, calls Himself a Prophet, because He is speaking the will of the Father.

The Second Vatican Council, in its Declaration on Religious Liberty, *Dignitatis Humanae*, states that “. . . the highest norm of human life is the divine law – eternal, objective and universal – whereby God orders, directs and governs the entire universe and all the ways of human community, by a plan conceived in wisdom and love. Man has been made by God to participate in this law, with the result that, under the gentle disposition of divine Providence, he can come to perceive ever increasingly the unchanging truth.

On his part, man perceives and acknowledges the imperatives of the divine law through the mediation of conscience. In all his activity a man is bound to follow his conscience faithfully, in order that he may come to God, for whom he was created. It follows that he is not to be forced to act in a manner contrary to his conscience. Nor, on the other hand, is he to be restrained from acting in accordance with his conscience. . . . the religious acts whereby men, in private and in public and out of a sense of personal conviction, direct their lives to God, transcend by their very nature the order of terrestrial and temporal affairs. Government, therefore, ought indeed to take account of the religious life of the people and show it favor, since the function of government is to make provision for the common welfare. However, it would clearly transgress the limits set to its power were it to presume to direct or inhibit acts that are religious.” (No. 3)

It is one thing, if you and I choose to disregard the will of God in our own lives, but it is another if a government or anyone prevents us from even hearing the will of God. Worse yet, is to know the will of God and be coerced by Government or others to disobey it. Here in the United States of America, we have been blessed with the freedom to obey our God and our laws have not prevented us from doing so. However, this freedom cannot be taken for granted. We know from our own spiritual lives, that if we do not fight the devil to maintain our holiness, he will see that we lose it.

As good citizens we must continually be alert to and aware of the workings of our society and government, in order to maintain our religious freedoms for ourselves and future generations of Americans.

Love and Prayers,  
Father John, Pastor

**LITURGIES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

**Sunday, July 8, 9:00 am** Special Intention for  
Romeo, Cari and Herlinda Jimenez

**Sunday, July 15, 9:00 am** Anita Espinoza +

**MOWING AT ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY**

The caretaker for St. Joseph Cemetery has the right and **will pick up all items on the ground** in order to mow and maintain graves. Please, pick up whatever you want to keep (from your space) and take it home. Please help to keep our cemetery neat and clean. Thank you for your cooperation.

**SPONSOR OF WEEK: VALEK AUTO BODY REPAIR**

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, July 8

**8:30-10:45 am** St. John Library open/Rm 106 compound  
**3:00 pm** Baptisms/Church  
**3:30 pm** Brown Scapular Info/Rm 101 compound  
**5:00 pm** Life Teen Mass

#### Monday, July 9

No 6:30 am Mass today

#### Tuesday, July 10

**7:00 pm** Marriage Prep. Class/Rm 101 compound

#### Wednesday, July 11

**12:05 pm** Food for the Soul  
**7:15 pm** Catholicism Series/Rm 103 Compound  
**7:30 pm** KC #1353 Meeting/KC

#### Thursday, July 12

No Masses today

**12:05 pm** Communion Service (English)  
**6:30 pm** Communion Service (Spanish)

#### Friday, July 13

#### Saturday, July 14

**8:00 am** First Saturday Mass and Devotions  
**3:30 pm** Confessions/Church

#### Sunday, July 15

**8:30-10:45 am** St. John Library open/Rm 106 Compound  
**5:00 pm** Life Teen Mass

### OFFERTORY GIFTS DURING MASS

If a family or two to four individuals would like to take up the gifts at the Offertory during weekend Masses, please see one of the ushers at your Mass, or call the office, 972-875-2834 to volunteer. This is a tiny ministry but important, as the bearers represent the congregation during Mass.

### STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES & FAMILIES

A Marriage and Family Conference co-sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Worth will be held on Saturday, July 28, at DFW Hyatt. Speakers include: Bishop Kevin Vann, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Steve Bollman, Greg & Julie Alexander, Dr. Edward Sri and many more. Also, a track for divorced, and tracks in Spanish. Cost: \$45 per person or \$75 per couple. Tickets can be purchased on diocesan website: [www.fwdioc.org](http://www.fwdioc.org) Or you can call the office of Marriage and Family Life for info: 817-560-3300 ext. 360

### COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 30 & JULY 1

St. John Church Support Collection	\$17,750.85
Capital Improvements Fund Collection	\$2,481.16
<b>Epiphany Church Support Collection</b>	<b>\$623.65</b>
Building Fund Collection	\$384.87

### STEWARDSHIP AND SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Each parish member is asked to give a generous share of their **time** to develop their faith so as to better share it with others; a generous share of their **talents** to assist in the building up of the kingdom of God; and a generous share of their **treasure** to support the many good works and services which are carried out in the parish, diocese, and universal Church.

### CARTER BLOOD CARE BLOOD DRIVE

CarterBloodCare will hold a Blood Drive, Tuesday, July 10, from 12:00-5:00 pm in the Ennis Regional Hospital training room. When you give blood in July, you get a gift certificate for a free pint of Blue Bell ice cream. You'll also be entered to win other sweet rewards, like a bed & breakfast getaway in Brenham and Sweet Seats at a Texas Rangers game. One lucky donor will receive a year's supply of good ol' Blue Bell! Give the gift of Life!!

Contact: Jeanna Gilmore at the hospital at 972-875-0900

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR PRIESTS

In the event of a real emergency, you can call Fr. John, 903-624-6114, or Fr. Antonio, 469-831-0607. (however, Fr. Antonio is on vacation until July 13). For day to day questions/concerns, and to make appointments, please call the office number, 972-878-2834.

### GIVE-A-KID-A-CHANCE PROGRAM

To help with school supplies for the Give-a-Kid-a-Chance program, check their website: [www.giveakidachance.com](http://www.giveakidachance.com)

### SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light is in memory of Brodwynne King Patak donated by Linda Tolston for the week of July 7-13.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Tommy Slama, Jeanette Slama, Bill Sims, Marc Foor, Dora Cervantes, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Don Meyer, Paul Langley, Sister Genevieve Prochaska, James Cerny, Joe W. Spaniel, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Janie Langley, James Anderson, Rick Sparkman, Jose Luis Salazar, Florinda Smith, Josie and Raymond Castillo, Gabriel Acevedo, David Trojacek, Loretta Dlabaj, Celeste Johnson, Margie Patak, Mildred Wickliffe, Willie Dlabaj, Martina Ortiz, Ronnie Garcia, Ruby Janicek, John Castillo, Millie Trojacek, Lisette Villela, Genevieve Torres, Joe and John Schleich, Mary Hejny, Frankie Gonzalez, Clara Miller, Claudio Amador Jr., Betty Coker, Graciela Monreal, Natividad Cedillo, Coye Ferguson, Rene Monreal, Adele Krajca, Bernard Betik, Hannah Rejcek, Stanley J. Liska, Helen Patak, Betty Rogala, Brandi Schlottman, Leo Rejcek, Inez Fira, Frankie Joe Patak, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Ruphine Patak, Lauren Moran, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Helen Matous, Steve Betik, James Pustejovsky, Jerry Dolezal, Alfred Martinez, Rosa Sanchez, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Raul Partida



## Catholicism Series

Come join us for the magnificently produced *Catholicism* series of videos. You do not need to have seen the first episodes to enjoy the others. Come to the ones you can, and be awed by your faith.

**Episode 3: “The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater can be Thought”** takes us on a journey from the heights of Mount Sinai to the mysterious sites of Istanbul, from the glittering streets of Paris to the glorious Sistine Chapel. Father Robert Barron presents the Catholic Faith’s compelling vision of God as the ineffable and majestic Trinity.

Episode 3 will be shown:

Wednesday, July 11

7:15 PM

Room 103-104 in the Compound

## Inspirational Catholic CDs & Brochures are here!



We are proud to present titles from **Lighthouse Catholic Media**. These CDs present a practical and effective program to help Catholics know their faith . . . to keep their faith! We all live busy, busy lives. Finding the time to learn about our faith can be difficult. But now, we are able to meet you where you are! Wherever you have a CD player available to you, in the car or at home, you can deepen your understanding and love for the Catholic faith.

Beginning this weekend, on the way into church, you will

see a stand offering nine different CDs and three different brochures. These feature some of the most inspiring Catholic speakers -- bishops, priests, deacons and eminent Catholic lay men and women. The CDs and brochures will be available after every Mass. When these are gone -- they're gone. A new set with different titles and speakers will be ordered. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity... for yourselves *and* to share with others...friends and family members, Godchildren, college students...

## Get Enrolled in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

Come to an information session about the history of the Scapular, the Carmelite Order, and about the benefits of this wonderful devotion to Jesus through Our Lady of Mount Carmel. If you are interested in being enrolled, please come to the information session so we can order enough Scapulars for those who will be enrolled.

**Information Session:** Sunday, July 8,  
3:30 PM, Room 103-104 in the Compound

**Enrollment:** Monday, July 16, Feast of Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel  
After 6:30 PM Mass, in the Church



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Following the donation of our new Tabernacle, our Mission, Epiphany in Italy, Texas, restored our former Tabernacle and installed it in their church.

Thank you to all St. John parishioners from Epiphany Mission parishioners.

Epiphany Council members:  
Pedro Cortez, Floyd Elfrink,  
Lucy Gonzales, Vincent Guerrero,  
Felipe Mendoza, Alicia Palacios,  
Rosa Palacios



## CATHOLIC ANSWERS FORUM

### Why are Seventh-Day Adventists considered Christian?

(answer below from Catholic Answers Apologist, Michelle Arnold)

Unlike Evangelicals, who dismiss SDAs as “cultists” because they do not subscribe fully to Evangelical Christianity, the Catholic Church does not condition recognition of a group’s Christian status on whether or not it is fully correct in its understanding of doctrine. (If it did so, Evangelical Christianity would not measure up as “Christian” in the estimation of the Catholic Church since Evangelical Christianity is also doctrinally flawed.) The Church recognizes an ecclesial community to be ontologically Christian if it has a valid baptism. If the ecclesial community believes in the divinity of Christ and in the Trinity, then it is considered theologically Christian. Seventh-Day Adventists pass both those tests in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

## LIFE TEEN NEWS

Sunday 7/8                      5:00 Life Teen Mass  
Wednesday 7/11              12:05 pm Food for the Soul  
Sunday 7/15                      5:00 Life Teen Mass

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

On weekends with no weddings or special events, you can call Evelyn Zmolik to donate & schedule flower arrangements for the sanctuary.

Her phone number is: 972-875-2791.

### NEW YOUTH MINISTER

We will welcome a new Youth Minister to our parish the last week of July. More details coming up.

### COMMUNION AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

At every weekend Mass, a Eucharistic Minister goes to the back of church to give Communion to the people who find it difficult to walk to the front of the church, and also to the people in the choir loft.

We ask that you please not tie up this minister if you are able-bodied and can go to the front to receive the Eucharist.

### ALTAR SOCIETY GIFT SHOP

The Religious Items Shop has gifts for First Communion, Graduation and any other event. The shop is located in the church annex. For nice gifts, stop by and check them out!

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not paid your Altar Society dues yet and would like to do so, or, if you would like to become an Altar Society member, you can pay your dues at the Religious Items counter after the weekend Masses. Membership dues are \$15 per year. Thank you for supporting our Altar Society.

### ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

#### Saturday, July 14

**5:00 pm** Nate Allen/Aaron Rejcek

#### Sunday, July 15

**7:00 am** Zachary Matous/Matt Zajic/Josh Zapletal

**11:00 am** Tyler Dennie/Dylan Fisher/Austin Spaniel

**5:00 pm Life Teen Mass**

Alex Fry/Tyler Novy

### RACHEL'S CORNER

“Words cannot express the load lifted and the burdens gone! I feel closer to God and I feel His desire for me to be complete!” (testimony after a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat)  
Come on a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat and become whole again.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing/The Rachel Ministries

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