



MONDAY, JULY 16—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

6:30 am Kenneth Langley +
12:05 pm Ascension Partida +
6:30 am Henry W. Rejcek +

TUESDAY, JULY 17

6:30 am Libbie & Elick Blazek ++
12:05 pm Roy Morales +
6:30 pm Luis Perrett +

WED., JULY 18—St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

6:30 am Nolen Dockery +
12:05 pm Linda Dlabaj +
6:30 pm Joe S. & Mary Patak ++

THURSDAY, JULY 19

6:30 am Sharen & Tommy Prachyl Special Intention
12:05 pm Cecilia Blazek +
6:30 pm Ysidro Castillo +

FRIDAY, JULY 20—St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

6:30 am Cathryn Hofer +
12:05 pm Carl Pelzel +

SATURDAY JULY 21—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

5:00 pm Leda & Willie Zapletal ++

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 22

7:00 am Health of Joe Schleich
11:00 am John Paul Hajek +
1:00 pm Juan Hernandez Sr. +
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass
Anton Galetka +

LITURGIES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, July 15, 9:00 am Anita Espinoza +
Sun., July 22, 9:00 am Cyrill & Christine Svrcak ++

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: FERGUSON'S ELECTRIC



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Saint Paul is speaking to every Baptized Christian in Ephesus and in Ennis, Texas! Our second reading announced that, "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him." (Eph1:3-14)

Through Baptism and Confirmation all Catholics belong to, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people." (1Pet2:9) Every Catholic can now in a real way, "offer it up!" This became a cliché in our Catholic Culture, however, like many clichés, it was based in truth. The problem lies in the "emptying of meaning" of clichés. Because of their becoming part of ordinary language, they often lose the truth of their meaning and are looked upon as fiction.

If the Devil, through culture, can downplay the sacrificial, priestly meaning of every Catholic life, he can make our lives more secular. Secular can be defined as worldly, temporal or the state of being separate from religion. The whole point of Baptism, is to raise us up to a supernatural life in Christ, above this earthly, worldly life.

Our priesthood of the Baptized, gives us the opportunity to take our works, trials and sufferings, and offer them up to God, as spiritual sacrifices which sanctify the world. These offerings bring the grace won by Jesus Christ on the Cross into our world for sanctification. The Second Vatican Council states this in *Lumen Gentium, 10*.

Jesus, ascended into Heaven, leaving Evil in this world. Evil enters the life of every person, through disease, betrayal, anger, injustice, etc. Some evil we bring into our own lives through our choice to sin and cooperate with Evil. However, evil enters the life of the innocent, such as abortion. Jesus, the perfectly innocent one, still suffered the evil of this world.

God gave us the gift of being able to turn our suffering into a useful good. For the Christian there is no such thing as useless suffering. If we "offer it up" with the sufferings of Christ, sanctifying grace will flow into our broken world and accomplish good. This is how we are each able every day to change the world for the good. A factory worker as he does his job, the mother/housewife as she cleans and cooks, the banker as he makes a loan, the teacher as she works with her students, can each effect the whole world for good as they perform their particular tasks each day.

What an amazing deal!
So, "offer it up!"

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John, Pastor

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 15

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

Monday, July 16

6:30 pm Enrollment in Brown Scapular after Mass
7:30 pm KC 4th Degree Meeting/KC

Tuesday, July 17

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

Wednesday, July 18

12:05 pm Mass & Food for the Soul
7:15 pm Catholicism Series/Rm 103-104 Compound

Saturday, July 21

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, July 22

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

ALTAR CARE FOR JULY 21 & 28

Geraldine Kubin

Mary Glenn

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 15

Entrance: Who Calls You by Name #794
Offertory: Here I Am, Lord #671
Communion: Taste and See #827
Recessional: Baptized in Water #797

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 the diocesan website: www.fwdioc.org Or call the office of Marriage and Family Life for info: 817-560-3300 ext. 360

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 18,230.81

Epiphany Church Support Collection 560.96

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES

If you would like to have the 6 candles around the main altar in the sanctuary burn for one week in memory or honor of your loved ones, living or deceased, the Altar Society is having a sign-up beginning this weekend after all Masses except Life Teen. You can sign up at the Religious Items counter in the annex. The cost is \$40 for one week for the 6 candles.

K.J.T. SOCIETY #35 MEETING

The K.J.T. Society #35 in Ennis will host its next meeting on Sunday, August 12. It will be held at 1:30 pm in the meeting room at the KJT hall. All members are encouraged to plan to attend.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION MARKETING SURVEY

A marketing survey is being conducted by the University of Dallas Graduate School of Management on behalf of The Catholic foundation to help determine the community's awareness of the Foundation and its mission. All answers are anonymous and will be combined with other responses. The survey may be found at the Foundation website: www.catholicfoundation.com or you may go to <http://bit.ly/TCFsurvey4> Thank you for helping with this project.

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. 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

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light is in memory of Joe & Annie Martinek donated by Betty Macalik family for the week of July 14-20.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Theresa Kasowski, Alyvia Zmolik, Hortensia Fernandez, Tommy Slama, Jeanette Slama, Raymond Fira, Jason Montelongo, David and Daniel Garcia, Bill Sims, 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, Millie Trojacek, Lisette Villela, Genevive Torres, Joe and John Schlebach, Mary Hejny, 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 and 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.

In **Episode 4: “Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God,”** we travel to the ruins of Ephesus and to the great Marian Shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe. Fr. Barron explains the Church’s great reverence for Mary and her unique role in the history of salvation.

Episode 4 will be shown:

Wednesday, July 18

7:15 PM

Room 103-104 in the Compound

Inspirational Catholic CDs & Brochures are here!

We are proud to present titles from **Light-house 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.

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...

CDs:

15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering – by Jeff Cavins

The Mass Explained – by Fr. Larry Richards

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues – by Fr. Robert Barron

For Love and Marriage – by Johnnette Benkovic

The Healing Power of Confession – by Dr. Scott Hahn

Anger and Forgiveness – by Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald

Becoming the Best Version of Yourself – by Matthew Kelly

Why a Protestant Pastor Become Catholic – by Dr. Scott Hahn

Finding the Fullness of Faith – by Stephen Ray

Brochures:

How to Make a Good Confession

How to Pray the Holy Rosary

Why Does the Church Teach That?

We ask for a donation of \$3.00 per CD and \$.50 per brochure to help continue this program. Checks can be made payable to the parish. Donations will be used towards the purchase of additional materials. Questions? Please call the parish office.





Enrollment in the Brown Scapular

If you are interested in being enrolled in the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, please come to the enrollment ceremony after the 6:30 PM Mass on Monday, July 16, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. There are numerous spiritual benefits to being enrolled in the brown scapular. If you have a brown scapular with which to be enrolled, please bring it with you.

CRHP is going on the road!

Please pray for the men and women from St. John Nepomucene that are taking Christ Renews His Parish to Immaculate Conception in Corsicana.

Men's Retreat in Corsicana: August 4-5

Women's Retreat in Corsicana: August 11-12

This retreat will have an enormous impact on many people in Corsicana as it has here at St. John. If you wish to attend the Saturday night Masses for the participants in Corsicana, you are welcome and encouraged to do so. Buses are being arranged to take people from here to the Masses.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CENTER RETREAT

About 26% of students at Texas A&M University in College Station are Catholic, approximately 13,000, which makes A&M one of the largest "Catholic" universities in the country.

St. Mary's Catholic Center at A&M invites each incoming freshman and transfer student to one of the two Connect 2012 Retreats: Monday & Tuesday, August 20/21, or Friday & Saturday, August 24/25. Connect 2012 is a great way to start college life, learn about the dynamic Catholic presence at TAMU and make new friends. After graduation, students involved at St. Mary's take what they have learned back to their home parishes, and to parishes all over Texas and beyond. They are truly Apostles for the Church and world. For more information or to register, call 979-846-5717, or visit www.aggiecatholic.org

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Brother Stephen is a brother with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR) which was formed by Father Benedict Groeschel, Father Andrew Apostoli, and others. He was recently assigned to Sacred Heart of Jesus Friary in Fort Worth, Texas, which among other things runs St. Benedict's Mission to the poor and those in need. Brother Stephen accompanied our St. John group that went to the Steubenville South Youth Conference in Alexandria, Louisiana.



CATHOLIC ANSWERS FORUM

Question to Michelle Arnold, Catholic Answers Apologist:

Does the Saturday vigil Mass fulfill the Sunday obligation? My family and I prefer going to the Saturday vigil Mass at our parish. Does this validly fulfill our Sunday obligation?

Answer: Yes, the Saturday vigil Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.

"The obligation of assisting at Mass is satisfied wherever Mass is celebrated in a Catholic rite either on a holy day itself *or on the evening of the previous day* (canon 1248 1, Code of Canon Law(1983) emphasis added)

LIFE TEEN NEWS

Wednesday 7/18

12:05 pm Food for the Soul

Sunday 7/22

5:00 Life Teen Mass

FIFTEENTH 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.

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 21

5:00 pm Aaron Rejcek/Josh Zapletal/Chris Trojacek

Sunday, July 22

7:00 am Zachary Matous/Tyler Novy/Grant Vrana

11:00 am Tyler Gilmore/Tyler Dennie/Joseph Baird

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Austin Spaniel/Alston Lawrence

NEW YOUTH MINISTER

We will welcome a new Youth Minister to our parish on July 24. 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!

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

214-544-CARE healing@racheldallas.org