



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, JULY 30—St. Peter Chrysologus

6:30 am Helen Dlabaj +

12:05 pm Alfred Holy +

6:30 am Ventura Puente +

TUESDAY, JULY 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola

6:30 am John Castillo +

12:05 pm Sr. Stephanie/John/Steavy Slovak +++

6:30 pm Elidia Saltos +

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori

6:30 am Alvin C. Hubacek +

12:05 pm John F. Kubin + & His Living Family

6:30 pm Lolly Brady Perales +

THURSDAY, AUG. 2—Sts. Eusebius & Peter Julian Eymard

6:30 am Rose M. Trojacek +

12:05 pm Emil and Ronnie Toupal ++

6:30 pm Antonio Alvarez +

FIRST FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

6:30 am For the Souls in Purgatory +

First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass

12:05 pm Rosie F. Mach +

FIRST SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass

8:00 am Mark Hejny +

5:00 pm Benny & Evelyn Zmolik 50th Wedding Anniversary

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 5

7:00 am William (Bill) Slovak +

11:00 am William Vavra +

1:00 pm Aurora Yepez +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Lisa Marklund +

LITURGIES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun., July 29, 9:00 am Eugenia F. Robles +

Sun., August 5, 9:00 am Melchor Garcia +

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction will follow the 12:05 pm Mass on the first Friday, August 3.

First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary and Benediction will follow the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday.

SPONSOR OF WEEK: LIZ TAYLOR R.E.



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,
Here we are in the “Dog Days” of summer! The ancient Romans speaking Latin, the official language of our Catholic Church said, “*Dies Caniculares!*”

The Romans and Greeks believed that the star, Sirius, was the cause of these unusually hot days each year during July and August. During this time, Sirius is the brightest star in the night sky. They considered Sirius to be the “Dog Star.” Therefore, they called these days, “Dog Days!”

Dog Days were popularly believed to be evil days, because of the intense heat and how it affected the personalities, temperaments and actions of animals and people! “The Sea boiled, the Wine turned sour, Dogs grew mad and all other creatures became languid...,” wrote J. Brady in his *Clavis Calendaria*, 1813.

In 1552, The Book of Common Prayer contained special readings and prayers for these Dog Days during the months of July and August. These readings and prayers were meant to help folks get through these particularly trying months, with the intense heat and lack of rain.

So what does all this have to do with the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time? Our Gospel today records the thoughts, words and actions of Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, True God and True Man. We as Catholics are to IMITATE Christ.....in our thoughts, words and actions.

We see Jesus working huge miracles and curing the folks of terrible diseases. These diseases not only caused great physical suffering and death, but in the case of certain ailments, such as leprosy, actually caused them to be social outcasts and separated from the rest of their families and friends.

We can understand, then, why thousands of people came to where He was working these amazing cures. But at the same time, Jesus kept in mind the everyday necessities of the people. He realized that they had not eaten and would be hungry! He did something about that, too!

Our Catholic Christian Faith, as lived by Jesus, and now to be imitated by us, concerns the great issues and the smallest of everyday issues. It is to be a complete lived LIFE, in every aspect, large and small.

See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,

Father John, Pastor

MESSAGE FROM SR. GENEVIEVE PROCHASKA

“Thank you for keeping me in your prayers. I am doing well but still taking chemo so I am still in need of prayers. On August 13 I will have another Cat scan. This will let the doctor know how much more chemo I will need. So please continue the prayers, as you share in my prayers. May God bless you all.” Sr. Genevieve (If you would like to send Sr. Genevieve a card or note, her address is: 515 S.W. 24th St., San Antonio, TX 78207-4519)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 29

Second collection for St. John Charity Fund

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

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Monday, July 30

7:00 pm Patriotic Rosary after 6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, August 1

12:05 pm Mass & Food for the Soul

7:15 pm Catholicism Series/Rm 103-104 Compound

Saturday, August 4

Men's CRHP at Immaculate Conception Church, Corsicana

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, August 5

Second collection for Capital Improvements Fund

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

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

K.J.T. SOCIETY #35 MEETING

The K.J.T. Society #35 in Ennis will host its next meeting on Sunday, August 12, at 1:30 pm in the KJT meeting room.

All KJT members are encouraged to make plans to attend.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 29

Entrance: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You #520

Offertory: One Bread, One Body #813

Communion: At That First Eucharist #840

Recessional: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation #642

NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSISTANT

We welcome Rosanna Baw as an assistant to the Religious Education Director, Stacy Gallegos. Rosanna was raised in the Ennis community and received all her sacraments at St. John's. She has been married to Calvin Baw Jr. for 15 years, and they have 2 children, Rebecca and Daniel. Rosanna has served as a volunteer for the Bazaar, Vacation Bible School, Cinco de May Festival, and as a Catechist in Religious Education for the past 3 years. She is currently majoring in Business Management with hopes to graduate this fall with an Associate Degree. Rosanna thinks being hired as an assistant is a blessing and privilege and looks forward to getting to know more of the congregation and their children, and to use her second language, Spanish. She hopes and prays that she will serve her parish well.

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 21 & 22

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 17,038.29
Collection for the Church in Africa	1,098.15
Epiphany Church Support Collection	689.06
Epiphany Collection for Church in Africa	161.06

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 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.

PATRIOTIC ROSARIES FOR OUR NATION

Patriotic Rosaries for our Nation will be prayed every Monday night after the 6:30 pm Mass until Election Day. You are invited to join other parishioners for the 6:30 pm Mass and stay for the Rosary.

K.J.Z.T. CELEBRATION

The annual K.J.Z.T. Celebration will be Saturday, August 11, for all KJZT members and their immediate families. The event starts at 3:30 pm with a short program and award ceremony for 50 and 75 year pins. Please be on time, as the Polka Mass will begin at 4:00 pm under the direction of Kenneth Janousek and celebrated by Fr. Henry Drozd. This Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation, and the regular collection will be taken up. The Mass will be followed by dinner and a dance with music by the Jodie Mikula Orchestra. Members are asked to bring a pastry and help by serving at the meal.

This year the K.J.Z.T. fundraiser will benefit St. Joseph Cemetery, to provide small markers for unidentified burial lots, and to make needed repairs to old headstones in the historic section. We are asking monetary donations of \$10.00 or more per family with checks payable to K.J.Z.T. Society #16. Donations can be mailed to Elsie Marak, 3816 FM 1183, Ennis, TX 75119, if you cannot attend, or bring your donations to the celebration on August 11. Thank you.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

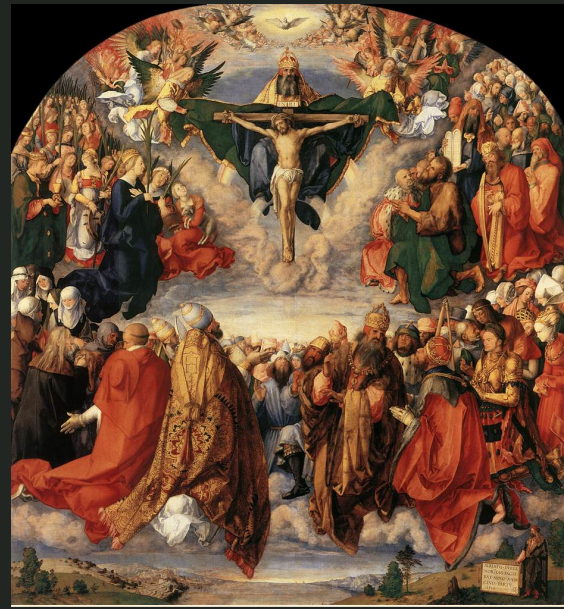
The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Frances & Louis Slovacek and Agnes & Elick Kozlovsky by Margaret & Charles Kozlovsky for July 28-Aug. 3.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary light is in memory John & Lillian Dvorak donated by Ann Gibson for the week of July 28-August 3.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Roberto Gomez, Nancy Valek, Al Sanchez, Helene Valek, Frances Martin, Juanita Levay, Sr. Genevieve Prochaska, Kevin Gallagher, Leo Rejcek, Clara Miller, Don Meyer, Theresa Kasowski, Alyvia Zmolik, Hortensia Fernandez, Tommy Slama, Raymond Fira, Jason Montelongo, David and Daniel Garcia, Dora Cervantes, Janie Langley, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Paul Langley, Mary "Beva" Garza, Joe W. Spaniel, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, 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 Schleich, Mary Hejny, Claudio Amador Jr., Betty Coker, Graciela Monreal, Natividad Cedillo, Rene Monreal, Adele Krajca, Bernard Betik, Inez Fira, Stanley J. Liska, Helen Patak, Betty Rogala, Brandi Schlottman, Frankie Joe Patak, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Ruphine Patak, Helen Matous, Lauren Moran, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, 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 6: "A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church,"** Father Barron explores the Catholic Faith's unique understanding of the relationship of Jesus Christ and the Church. Witness how the Mystical Body of Christ is a living organism that stretches from Rome to New York, Sao Paulo, Manila, and Namugongo, embracing humanity in all of its joys and sorrows.

Episode 6 will be shown:

Wednesday, August 1

7:15 PM

Room 103-104 in the Compound

NEW Inspirational Catholic CDs & Brochures are here!



The following new titles are available at our Lighthouse Catholic Media displays in the narthex and annex of the church.

Also look for new booklets.

Our Lives Change When Our Habits Change—Matthew Kelly

Matthew Kelly has inspired millions with the message that there is genius in Catholicism, but if the Church is to avoid falling into obscurity, individual Catholics must demonstrate its relevance through a dedication to becoming the best version of themselves. Matthew gives practical guidance in two dynamic talks on ways that we can change our habits to change our lives... and awaken the sleeping giant that is the Church. This talk contains some of the material from his *Becoming the Best* version of Yourself talk.

The Hidden Power of Forgiveness— Jeff Cavins

Jeff Cavins unmask the trap of unforgiveness that prevents so many from living in the freedom of God's peace and halts spiritual progress. He explains with clarity how forgiveness frees not only the one who is forgiven, but the forgiver. The importance of this is shown in Christ's words, "As you forgive others, so I will forgive you" Matt. 6:14. Includes free bonus segment from *Anger and Forgiveness* by Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald.

How to Get the Most Out of Mass— Dr. Scott Hahn

Dr. Scott Hahn takes us through the awesome grandeur of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, from the entrance song to the dismissal. With great clarity, he takes us through a basic outline of the structure of the Mass, explaining how the Sacred Liturgy transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary and the earthly into the heavenly. A must-have for every Catholic and non-Catholic who wants to know what the Mass is all about.

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

You are welcome to join them for Mass on Saturday evening.

Thank you for supporting the Church!

The beautiful new censer at left was donated by Patsy Rickert (grandmother of our seminarian, Chris Mummert). This was donated in memory of Paul Rickert and Mary Frances Rickert. Thank you!



Thank you to the Cecilia Blazek family for donating our beautiful new vestments in her memory!

Thank you also to Geraldine Spaniel for making the necessary alterations to them!



First Friday Devotion

First Friday devotions among Catholics are related to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ. First Friday practices date to the last decades of the 17th century, when Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary and spoke to her of His Sacred Heart. Among the promises Our Lord revealed to St. Margaret Mary, the 12th specifically referenced practices for Fridays:

In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as given to St. Margaret by Jesus, began to grow in popularity as soon as the saintly woman had died, but was officially recognized 75 years later. Though the devotion dictated to Margaret referred to 9 consecutive first Fridays, it does not need to end there. Many of the Catholic faithful continue to make the First Friday devotion beyond the nine consecutive months. Holy Mass on Friday is devoted to the Sacred Heart and to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Due in part to the promise revealed by Christ to St. Margaret Mary, attending Mass on the First Friday of the month is popular among many Catholics, even if they are unable to attend daily mass regularly throughout the week. Reception of the Holy Eucharist on such Fridays was popular even in years when frequent Communion was not. Fridays, particularly the first Friday of the month, are the popular day in many parishes for the Blessed Sacrament to be taken to the sick and homebound. Devotion on Fridays have long existed among the faithful, even if they were not directly connected to the First Friday devotions to the Sacred Heart or were not relegated to the *first* Friday of a month. This is because, as each Sunday is a reminder and anniversary of Christ's Resurrection, each Friday is a reminder and anniversary of His Sacrifice.

For example, Pope John XXIII, whose papacy lasted from 1959-1963, practiced a Friday devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ shed on the first Good Friday. Additionally, Friday is and had long been a day of penance for the faithful, not only during Lent but year-round. And some pray the Novena to the Sacred Heart over the nine consecutive First Fridays that they attend Mass.

This article incorporated information from the New Catholic Encyclopedia and Catholic Customs and Traditions.
<http://www.aquinasandmore.com/catholic-articles/first-friday-devotion/article/186>



Year of Faith

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a Year of Faith that will begin on October 11, 2012. The pope urges us to learn more about and to rededicate ourselves to our faith during this Year of Faith. October 11, 2012, is the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will be having events throughout the Year of Faith that will allow you to learn more about your faith and to prepare to make a public Profession of Faith. The first of these events will be a series of talks on Vatican II that will begin on October 11. But you can get a head start by attending our other educational opportunities.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Please pray for those who will be affected by the Health and Human Services mandate that goes into effect on August 1. They are facing a choice of violating their consciences or facing ruinous fines.

LIFE TEEN NEWS

Wednesday 12:05 pm Food for the Soul

Sunday 5:00 Life Teen Mass

The Life Teen Fall Kickoff will be on Sunday, September 9. Lots more on that in upcoming bulletins!



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways pleasing to you.

Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life—from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality. Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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, August 4

5:00 pm Tyler Dennie/Josh Zapletal

Sunday, August 5

7:00 am Joseph Woodward/Matt Zajic/Zachary Matous

11:00 am Chris Trojacek/Joseph Galetka/Aaron Rejcek

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Alston Lawrence/Alex Fry

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 CARE FOR AUGUST 4 & 11

Dorothy Pustejovsky

Vera Betik

ALTAR SOCIETY GIFT SHOP

The Religious Items Shop located in the church annex has gifts for any event. For wonderful gifts, stop by and check them out!

RACHEL'S CORNER

Abortion is an experience that leaves many women feeling angry. A woman may aim her post-abortion anger at her husband, boyfriend, parents, friends, the abortionist, and even herself.

You are not alone. We can help you find peace.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing/The Rachel Ministries

214-544-CARE healing@racheldallas.org