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Mass Intentions for week of September 21

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:30 a.m. St. John RE volunteers and students 12:05 p.m. Taylor Herschmen 6:30 a.m. Howard Woodward + TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23-St. Pius of Petrelcina Hedy Slovak + 6:30 a.m. 12:05 p.m. Stella Tobola 6:30 p.m. Esther Aguilar + WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 6:30 a.m. Tom Stevens 12:05 p.m. Elias Carrillo + 6:30 p.m. Daniel Macalik + **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** 6:30 a.m. **Reyes Family Intentions** 12:05 p.m. Helen Matous + 6:30 p.m. Guadalupe Zapata + FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26- Saints Cosmas & Damian 6:30 a.m. Jerry Dolezal+ & Dolezal Family 12:05 p.m. Class of '59 Living & Deceased SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27—St. Vincent de Paul 3:30 p.m. Confessions Will A. & Mary Prachyl 5:00 p.m. SEPTEMBER 28, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME** 7:00 a.m. **Special Donors** Tony Alvarez + 11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community 1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass Rex Spurgeon, Jr.

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. September 21, 9 am Ramon Hernandez + Sun. September 28, 9 am Roman y Gregoria Rodriguez ++

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 13 & 14 Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection	\$18,971.44
2nd Collection Catholic University of America	\$580.66
Epiphany Church Support Collection	\$1,162.25
2nd Collection Catholic University of America	\$158.25

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Tonja Barnebee CPA

Pastor's Message

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time + 2014

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." Thus says the Lord God, Creator of Heaven and Earth. This short quote from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah sets the stage for our Scripture readings this Sunday.

How lucky you and I are that the Lord God thinks and acts differently than we do! Otherwise, we would be in a world of hurt! God is informing us, that the way people often act/ react in this world that causes us to be fearful or hesitant toward others, isn't the way He works. We need never worry about God rejecting us or being cruel to us. We can always come to Him and find love, mercy, forgiveness and hope.

God created us to know love and live in love. It was Adam and Eve committing the Original Sin that messed up His first plan for us. His words and actions toward us are always to achieve that same goal of eternity in Paradise. Today's parable of the landowner and his vineyard is a perfect example.

In fact, the parable almost shocks us at first reading into agreeing with the laborers: "that isn't fair!" We must put aside our selfishness and take on God's unconditional love for the good of all. Because of our sinful nature we think of ourselves first, rather than the common good for all God's family.

It is only though the power of the Holy Spirit living in us that we can overcome our sinful inclinations. This is why frequent reception of the Sacraments, daily prayer, adoration, works of mercy and mortification are so vital to our spiritual lives. It is the only way you and I can be like Jesus!

See you at Mass!

Love and Prayers, Fr. John

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Entrance: We Walk by Faith - 583 Offertory: Be Not Afraid - 596 Communion: Jesus, Wine of Peace - 804 Recessional: Sing of the Lord's Goodness - 532

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection: Altar Server Scholarship Sunday, September 21-St. John Bazaar 9:00 am RCIA / Room 101 11:00 am **BBO Lunch & Auctions / KJT Hall** 6:30 pm Life Night Monday, September 22 6:00pm Confessions/Church (No Confessions after Mass) KC 4th Degree Meeting/ KC 7:30 pm **Tuesday**, September 23 7:00 am Food for the Soul Breakfast 6:00/7:00 pm Confessions/ Church Wednesday, September 24 6:00 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep" 6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm KC 4th Degree / KC Thursday, September 25 7:00 pm RCIA / Room 101 Friday, September 26 Saturday, September 27 3:30 pm Confessions/Church Sunday, September 28 8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes 9:00 am RCIA / Room 101 6:30 pm Life Night

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH



ADORERS NEEDED!

Sunday 8 AMSaturday 1 PMSunday 10 AMWednesday 4 PMSunday 11 AMThursday 9 AMThursday 12AMSaturday 10 AMSaturday 2 AM

Romano Guardini, a theologian working in Berlin at the height of Nazi power... says, [Adoration] is 'the safeguard of our mental health, of our inmost intel-

lectual soundness'. 'Whenever we adore God', he writes, 'something happens within and about us. Things fall into true perspective. Vision sharpens. Much that troubles us rights itself. We distinguish more clearly between good and evil. ... We gather strength to meet the demands which life imposes upon us, fortified at the very core of our being, and taking a firmer hold upon truth'. ttp://godzdogz.op.org

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic or receiving sacraments you missed as a child? Come learn about the Faith, how to become Catholic, or how to get caught up on your Sacraments.



Beginning Apologetics "How to Explain and Defend Mary" Tuesdays @ 7 pm, in High School Room 301

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

JOB OPENING

St. John is looking for someone to work in the maintenance department. Please come by the Parish office for an application and job description.

MORNING PRAYER CANCELED

As of now, Morning Prayer will no longer be held on weekday mornings in the church. You can find Morning Prayer on the app iBreviary or on the web at www.ebreviary.com.

29TH ANNUAL TELICO VFD

BARN DANCE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH BBQ, all the fixins, and homemade desserts — Kickoff @ 4 pm, silent auction, live music @ 6 pm, and live auction. To donate contact Kyle Slovak - 972.935.1743; Leslie Slovak -214.808.3782; Charles Walker—charleswalker1321@yahoo.com

11TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY GOLF

Sun., October 5th @ Indian Oaks, 7574 Lee Lane, Peeltown TX. Registration and lunch begin @ 11:30 am, Shotgun starts at 1 pm. 4 person scramble \$65 ea. includes golf, lunch, & two mulligans. Raffle, food, and fun for all. Contact Brad Cepak at 214-538-9910 for more info. You don't have to golf to participate. Tee, food sponsors, raffle prizes & donations are still needed.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

We accept clean clothes and shoes in the gym every Sunday after 7:00 am Mass until 1 pm. During this time anyone is welcome to take what they need free of charge.

** We are in need of clothes racks on wheels! **

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : September 20—September 26 In Memory: Charlene Bartolic By: Frank & Sonia Bartolic Altar Candles : September 20—September 26 For: Intentions of the Kyle Cline Family

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: September 19—September 25 For: Parish By: Parish Community Flower Arrangements: September 19—September 25 For: Parish By: Parish Community





Tuesday September 23 7:00 PM

Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Cer

Fellowship Center 1710 W Camp Wisdom Dallas 75232 A Historic Event! 40 Days for Life—Dallas Kickoff Rally

Next week, Dallas will join over 500 cities worldwide in the largest coordinated pro-life vigil in history. 40 Days for Life-Dallas is calling all faithful to stand against the latest invasion of the culture of death in our city -- the new Planned Parenthood mega abortion facility. The 10,000 member church -- Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship -- heard the call and is opening wide its doors to kick off the campaign!

Don't miss an amazing night of incredible music and powerful speakers, as we join together in Christ's name to help save lives, convert hearts and heal souls!

Learn more at prolifedallas.org/40days

Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world, ending more lives than cardiovascular disease, cancer, AIDS, war, hunger ... or any other cause.*

You can change that.

^{*}Based on data from the World Health Organization and the Guttmacher Institute



PRAY

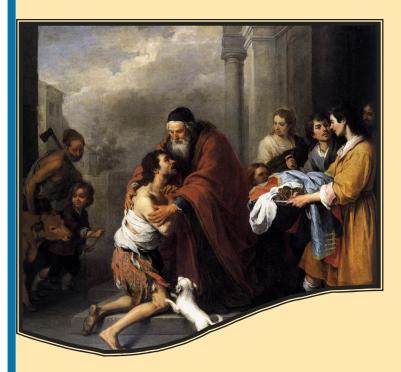
- St. John will be sponsoring 12 hours of vigil in front of the abortion mill help fill those spots by signing up to pray for ONE hour! *
- St. John will be taking a bus to pray at the abortion mill* please consider praying with us as community



Sign up to pray in front of the abortion mill @ <u>https://www.prolifedallas.org/40days</u> at your convenience providing your own transportation.

* Information on adopted hours and bus trip to pray COMING SOON!

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Matthew 11:28-30



Interested in becoming Catholic or receiving sacraments you missed as a child?

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office to learn about the new formation program beginning **September 25.**

You may also just show up at the session on **Thursday, Sept. 25**, at **7:00 PM** in room **101** in the compound.

- Learn the basics of the Catholic Faith
- Learn Catholic prayers
- Learn about the Mass
- Learn about why Catholics do the things that they do
- Learn about why the Catholic Church teaches what She teaches about moral issues
- Be Baptized if you haven't been
- Be received into the Catholic Church
- Receive First Communion and First Reconciliation
- Receive Confirmation



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For more information or any questions, contact Stephen Thompson: Stephent@stjohncc.net

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

If you have a loved one who is sick or in need of special prayers (not deceased) please contact the parish office by phone or email joannag@stjohncc.net. Your loved one's name will appear on this prayer list for 4 consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please call the parish office to renew your request 2 weeks before the printed date to the right of your loved one's name.

Jo Ann Dolezalik—10/19/14 Helen / Bob Zmolek—9/21/14 Georgie Ann Nekuza—10/5/14 Nathan Gunn-10/19/14 Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-10/19/14 Sr. Agnes Marie Marusak-10/19/14 Frank Prochaski -10/19/14 Johnny/ Mary Ann Hajek-8/31/14 Sr. Redempta Bradley—9/14/14 Nancy Blackburn—10/19/14 Stephen Dolezalik—10/19/14 Betty Jo Culpepper—10/19/14 Alfred Martinez-9/14/14 Betty Rogala—9/14/14 Jimmy Aguilar-9/14/14 Margaret Bohuslav- 8/17/14 Margie Dvorak—10/19/14 Mary Hejny—10/19/14 Mildred Trojacek-9/21/14

Edwin & Dorothy Langer-9/21/14 Albin Vrana-9-21-14 Trisha Zabojnik—10/19/14 Betty Rogala—10/19/14 Carol Rejcek-9/7/14 Georgie Kozlovsky—10/19/14 Aubrie Krajca—9/7/14 Pete Gutierrez—10/19/14 Christie Gillihan—10/19/14 Jacob Paul Watson-9/7/14 Lydia Mensik—9/14/14 Analiese Mahaley—10/19/14 Isabel Olalde—9/14/14 Roger Bigham-9/14/14 Anna Galetka-9/14/14 Annie Fira Garcia—10/19/14 Rey Cervantes—9/14/14 Eudelia Navarro—9/21/14 Anna Lee Weaver-9/21/14

Wesley Krajca—9/21/14 Ginger Monreal—9/21/14 Christy Hollingsworth—9/21/14 Janie & Richie Mraz—9/21/14 Danny Kubin—9/21/14 Joe Gobea—9/21/14 Emil Zabojnik—9/21/14 Debbie Brewer—10/12/14 Eleanora Pelzel—10/12/14 Harkley Boark—10/12/14 Wilma Holt—10/19/14 Barbara Sample—10/19/14 Ella Patak—10/19/14 Tina Jones—10/19/14 Maura Meza—10/19/14 Ken Clegg—10/19/14 Frankie L. Svehlak—10/19/14 Henry Vrana—10/19/14 Angie Fira Garza—10/19/14