



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4—St. Francis of Assisi

6:30 am Anna Dlabaj +
12:05 pm F. L. “Dick” Harrison + and **Novena concludes**
6:30 pm Ann T. Skrivanek + and
Louis Slovacek + and Deacon Dean Darnall +

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5—St. Faustina Kowalska

6:30 am Rayford Novy +
12:05 pm Louis Kozlovsky + and
Elsie L. Welch +
6:30 pm(Spanish) Eric Shields Special Intention

WED., OCT. 6—Sts. Bruno & Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

6:30 am Stanley Vlk +
12:05 p.m. Annie C. & Joe A. Martinek ++
Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm

THURSDAY, OCT. 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

6:30 am Agnes Whitfill +
12:05 p.m. Gary Valek +
6:30 pm(Spanish) Raquel Garcia +

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:30 a.m. Mary & Willie Kriska ++
12:05 p.m. Raymond J. Honza Sr. +

SATURDAY, OCT. 9—St. Denis & St. John Leonardi

5:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of St. John Class of 1960
and Gertrude Griffith +

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10—28th Sunday Ordinary Time

7:30 am Deceased Members KC Council 1353 + and
John Barto +
10:30 am Tony/Nacha Zapata & Arturo/Mariana Casanova ++++ &
Willie Mae Vavra +
1:00 pm For the St. John Parish Community
5:00 pm LIFE TEEN MASS (Life Night follows Mass)
Charlie Dlabaj + and
Ernest & Ann Haskovec ++

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Sunday, Oct. 3, 9:30 am Albert & Catherine Elfrink ++
and Francisco & Bernabe Lopes Cabrera ++
Sunday, Oct. 10, 9:30 am Jesse Guerrero +

SPONSOR OF WEEK: FERGUSON ELECTRIC

*from the
Pastor's desk* 

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to the mulberry tree, be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you.”

What important words to hear from our Lord after we have been challenged to live our faith by tithing the first fruits of our labor, our income!

If our faith is strong we would have no trouble obeying and trusting the Lord with our tithe. We would not be afraid to take Him at His word in Leviticus: “Bring the full tithes . . . and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.”

We have been given the way to have an overflowing of blessings in our lives, if only our faith is strong enough. To experience the richness of any relationship we must be willing to trust that person and become vulnerable ourselves.

Our God has established the tithe for us to teach us how to trust and love Him. This is the same way human parents establish boundaries and goals to help their children learn to live good lives.

The tithe teaches us to deny our selfishness and be generous. It shows us that God will provide for us as we respect and obey His laws.

A child must love, trust and have faith in the promises of his parents in order to willingly obey their rules and way of life. The same is true for us as God’s children. A parent asks their children to show them respect and love by obeying their rules for all that the parent does for the child out of love for them. Not as payment for their love but as a show of gratitude and trust that what the parent asks of them is truly for their own good.

God knows that to tithe is good for us. He only set the tithe at 10%, He leaves us with 90%!!!

Like the Apostles in today’s Gospel, let us say to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

See you in Church.

Love and Prayers,
Father John
Pastor

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 3 — Respect Life Sunday

- 8:45 am** RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound
9:00 am Religious Education Classes
9:00-1:00 SJ Parish Library Open/Compound
11:00 am KC Chicken Fried Steak Dinner at KC Hall
4:00 pm Blessing of Animals in front of the Church
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, October 4

- 6:30 am, 12:05 pm, & 6:30 pm Masses (English)
7:00 pm Bible Study in the Cafeteria
7:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting/KC

Tuesday, October 5

- Masses at 6:30 am, 12:05 pm(English) & 6:30 pm(Spanish)
5:00-7:00 pm SJ Parish Library Open/Compound
7:00 pm Baptism Class/Room 101 compound

Wednesday, October 6

- 6:30 am Mass-** Teens “Food for the Soul” & Breakfast
Masses: 6:30 am, 12:05 pm(&Adoration till 5 pm)&6:30 pm
7:00-8:15 pm Religious Education Classes
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church

Thursday, October 7

- Masses at 6:30 am, 12:05 pm(English) & 6:30 pm (Spanish)

Friday, October 8

- Masses 6:30 am & 12:05 pm (English)

Saturday, October 9

- 3:30 pm** Confessions

Sunday, October 10

- 7:30 am** KC Mass & Corporate Communion
8:45 am RCIA Session/Rm 102 Compound
9:00 am Religious Education Classes
9:00-1:00 St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

The second collection for the Diocese of Dallas Priests' Retirement Plan has been rescheduled for next weekend, October 9/10. Remember the priests who have brought the sacraments and the Word of God to generation of families in our diocese. Many of our retired priests still work in parishes. Please help ensure care for the men who dedicated their lives to service to us all.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

October 9, Saturday

- 5:00 pm** Grant Vrana/Tyler Dennie

October 10, Sunday

- 7:30 am** Matt Matous/Zachary Matous/Nate Allen
10:30 am Kenny Janousek/Cooper Gillespie/David Janousek
5:00 pm Life Teen Hardy Walker/Chris Trojacek

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 25 & 26

- St. John Church Support Collection \$ 14,448.81
Epiphany Mission Collection 836.75

ST. JOHN ADULT CHOIR

St. John Adult Choir needs more members! Remember—"He who sings, prays twice!" You don't have to have a "professional" singing voice, just the desire to sing with your heart. Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the church choir loft. Please consider your calling to this vital ministry. Call Jerry Moran, Music Director, any time, at: 214-718-8099.

SANCTUARY LIGHT SIGN-UP FOR 2011

The red candle continuously burning in the sanctuary lets us know that Jesus is present in the tabernacle. A \$7.00 offering will cover the cost of the candle for one week. Sign up at the Religious Counter in the annex after weekend Masses, starting next weekend. We ask that you limit your selection to one week so that more families may participate. Several names can be remembered for the week, which begins on Saturday and ends the following Friday.

RCIA PROGRAM

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which non-baptized candidates and those baptized in another faith, are received into the Catholic Church. RCIA sessions are Sundays, 8:45 am, Room 102 in the compound. Check out the RCIA process if you want to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Monday, October 4, at 7:00 pm for their monthly meeting in the KC dining room. Members are urged to come and bring a friend.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Lillian Slovak, Olga Enriquez, Hannah Rejcek, Ken & Dee Joncas, Chandler Mach, Leslie & Millie Trojacek, Olivia Widener, Tori and Myrna Mauricio, Mireya Ross, Delane Fletcher, Knox Nunnally, Richard Miller, Joe Neuhoff, Helen Lacik Smith, Helen Barak, Domingo Perez, Wesley Mach, Cecilia Blazek, Johnny Mensik, Elida Alvarado, Josie, Debbie, Henry and Ray Castillo, James Pustejovsky, Betty Zajic, Wesley Mikel, Tommy Rickman, Frankie Joe Patak, Sandra Horrell, Geri Melvin, Kenneth & Mona Langley, Nolen Dockery, John Vrla, Theresa Toupal, Sr. Edna Gonzalez, Raul Partida, Steve Betik, Frances Kozlovsky, Gary Kidder, Donna Glaser, Betty Rogala, Tony Alvarez, Evelyn Dlabaj, Elizabeth Holland, Claudio Amador Jr. & Sr., Joe & Mary Patak, Ruphine Patak and Jerry Dolezal.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light on south side of sanctuary is in memory of Rudy Valek and Gary Valek donated by Emily Valek & Family for the week of October 2-8. Sanctuary light, north side, in memory of Frank N. & Mary T. Dick (Fr. John and Frank's parents).

BLESSING OF ANIMALS TODAY

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a special Blessing of the Animals today, Sunday, October 3, at 4:00 pm in front of the church. Please have your animals in a cage/crate or on a leash.

Think about this:

Why hasn't God blessed me more?

1) We are the *Children of God!* We are made *part of His Family* through Baptism—He is not some distant tyrant but a *loving Father!*

2) Like any loving father, *God desires to Bless us*, but He wants us to learn to use our wealth well. **Like a loving parent sets a curfew, God instituted the tithe for our own good.**

3) We are the *Stewards* not the owners of what we have. **All that we have comes from God.** **“All tithes of the land...belong to the Lord, as sacred to Him.”** (Lev. 27:30)

4) Taking good care of what God has given us is *about our relationship with God*; giving back to God and to others for the sake of God is merely acknowledging the truth that God has given us all that we have anyway.

And he only asks for 10% back—that's a good deal; you get to keep 90%!



Have you blessed Him?

“Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How are we robbing thee?’ In your tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you. Bring the **full tithes** into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and **thereby put me to the test**, says the LORD of hosts, **if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.**”

(Malachi 3:8-10)



A *Quick* Journey Through the Bible

AN 8-PART INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE TIMELINE

Bible Study
Mondays at
7 PM in the
Cafeteria

THANK YOU TO K.J.Z.T. SOCIETY #16

Thank you to the Catholic Family Fraternal, K.J.Z.T. Society #16, for their donation to the St. John Altar Society to purchase new vestments. Fr. John purchased several beautiful benediction stoles and embroidered chalice palls while in the Czech Republic. We truly appreciate their donation. May God continue to shower the K.J.Z.T. Society #16 with many graces and blessings.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

On **Saturday, October 16**, there will be a "America Needs Fatima" Rosary Rally starting at **12:00 noon** at **805 E. Ennis Ave**. The Rally is a **world-wide effort** asking our Lady of Fatima to intercede on our behalf to pray for peace and for all people all over the Earth. Everyone is welcome! Call Patricia Jessup with questions, 972-935-1535. www.AmericaNeedsFatima.com

BAPTISM CLASS ON TUESDAY

The Baptism Class will be on October 5 at 7:00 pm in Room 101 in the compound. This class is for all parents, and for Godparents who haven't attended a class in the last year. **The completed application and fee must be turned in to the business office before attending this class.** Applications will still be available at the office on Monday and must be turned in before 5:00 pm that day.

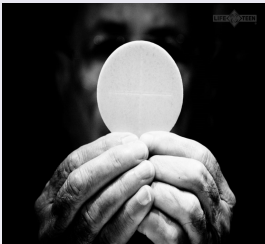


EPIPHANY MISSION FALL FESTIVAL

Epiphany Mission in Italy, Texas, will hold its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 24. There will be lots of fun, a variety of foods, games, music and a raffle. Prizes include a 32" flat screen TV, \$50 Wal-Mart gift card, grill & tank, bed in a bag set, a child's Spiderman motorcycle, etc. Plan now to bring your whole family and all your friends to help support our Epiphany Mission Church.



LIFE TEEN



Life Teen Calendar

OCT. 3—MASS & LIFE NIGHT
OCT. 10—MASS & LIFE NIGHT
OCT. 17—MASS & LIFE NIGHT

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

ALL TEENS ARE WELCOMED TO
COME TO 6:30 AM MASS ON
WEDNESDAY FOLLOWED BY A
FREE BREAKFAST!

Life Teen D-Nites

Wednesday nights 7-8:15 pm
in the Cafeteria

Come out for a night to grow in your faith!

Questions? Contact Joey at:
972-878-8336 or joey@stjohncc.net

LIFE



TEEN

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education classes are held on Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am and Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 pm

Junior High: 6th, 7th & 8th grades (EDGE) meet on Sundays @ 9:00 am only

RECLINER FOR FATHER JOHN

If anyone is willing to donate or purchase a reclining, reading chair for the pastor's bedroom in the Rectory, please let Father John know.

Call the parish business office at 972-878-2834.

KC MASS & CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, October 10, 7:30 am Mass at St. John's, all members of the Knights of Columbus, their families, widows of our departed Brother Knights, their families and guests are invited to attend Mass and receive Communion in a body in memory of all our deceased Brother Knights. After the Mass, breakfast will be served at the KC hall. Service anniversary and Honorary and Honorary Life awards will be presented to members present.

The **EDGE** is an exciting program that meets the needs of Junior High youth through games, skits, music, and much *more!* *It is also part of Confirmation preparation for 8th graders.* All 6th, 7th & 8th graders welcome. Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am in the Cafeteria

Questions or comments, contact:

Joey Scancella (972) 878-8336 joeys@stjohncc.net

K of C CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DINNER

Today, Sunday, October 3, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus have a Chicken Fried Steak Dinner at the KC hall from 11:00-2:00. It is the annual fundraiser for their Charity Fund. Please come out and support your Knights of Columbus.

TRAINING FOR MINISTERS

The annual training session for Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, and Commentators will be held on **Tuesday, October 26, at 7:30 pm in the church.**

This training is for all current ministers and for those who are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Commentator. Please put this date on your calendar!