

Mass Intentions for the week of October 25

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:30 a.m. Gracie Alolama (health)
12:05 p.m. Communion Service

NO 6:30 p.m. Mass today

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today
12:05 p.m. Anna Marie Andrew
6:30 p.m. Oswaldo Enrique Raynal Mercado +

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28—Saints Simon & Jude

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today
12:05 p.m. Joe & Annie Martinek ++
6:30 p.m. St. John Homebound Parishioners & Brookdale

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:30 a.m. Joe McKibbin +
12:05 p.m. Carolyn Haskovec +
6:30 p.m. John Forsthoffer +

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

6:30 a.m. St. John Residents of IOOF
12:05 p.m. Pauline Garcia +

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mary Frances Lewis +

NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS

7:00 a.m. George & Emily Novy ++
11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community
1:00 p.m. Gloria Moreno +, Raquel Delgadillo +, Jesus Lara +
5:00 p.m. Thelma Pruitt +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. October 25, 9 am Fam. Patiño Rico & Maria Rodriguez++
Sun. November 1, 9 am Por todos nuestros fieles difuntos

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Entrance: When In Our Music God Is Glorified – 539
Offertory: How Can I Keep From Singing - 598
Communion: All Who Hunger - 817
Recessional: Amazing Grace - 586

COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 10 & 11
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$18,726.14
Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	\$1,064.33
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$859.10
Second Collection: World Mission Sunday	\$193.45

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Liz Taylor City Real Estate

Pastor's Message

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ 2015

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied, ‘Master, I want to see.’ ”

These touching words from our Gospel reading this weekend are an echo of our own words to Jesus, throughout our lives as Catholic Christians.

We all “want to see.” We want to see the path to healing; the answers to our questions; proof of His love; the Truth of His teachings. This relationship with Our Lord is meant to become our total life in all its different aspects. Jesus is all we need. It is the Devil speaking through the world around us that softly and loudly, speaks in our minds and souls: “You can’t just have Jesus. You need other things in your life. Be realistic. Just Jesus, no, that is not enough.”

Then we set off on many false roads looking for the “other” things we are convinced we need to live a happy and good life. Obviously, since those “things” do not exist, we end up down roads which lead to hurt and disappointment. Too many folks just sort of “give up.”

This is where we as Disciples of Jesus, having discovered the true source of happiness/goodness have the opportunity to introduce and facilitate an encounter with Jesus in our Catholic Faith. We can offer them the “real thing.” We can be certain that if they approach Jesus as their Lord and Savior, they will not be disappointed.

Do not miss out on these opportunities for evangelization in our families, friends, co-workers and even strangers. Jesus is always faithful. As the Blind Man in our Gospel reading, we and those we introduce to Him will hear Him respond, **“Go your way; your faith has saved you.”**

Love and Prayers
Fr. John



DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR BOTTLE?

You may bring your bottle to the parish office or bring it next Sunday and put it in the collection. The money raised from these bottles will help the hope center in Corsicana continue to help women with a crisis pregnancy to choose life. Each bottle costs the hope center \$2, by returning the bottle you

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection: Diocesan Priest Retirement

Sunday, October 25

9:00 am RCIA

6:30 pm Life Night

Monday, October 26

NO Confessions tonight

6:30 pm Apologetics / Room 102

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 am Food for the Soul

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church

7:00-8:00 pm Upper Room / Compound

Wednesday, October 28

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Gospel of Luke / Room 101

7:30 pm KC #1353 meeting / KC Hall

Thursday, October 29

6:30 pm Choice Wine/ Room 101-102

Friday, October 30**Saturday, October 31**

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, November 1

9:00 am RCIA / Cafeteria

6:30 pm Life Night

ADORERS NEEDED!!

Sunday— 2 am, 4 am, 10 pm

Monday— 12 am , 1am, 2 am, 3 am

Tuesday— 3 am

Thursday— 8 am

"The Eucharist is that love which surpasses all loves in Heaven and on earth," - St. Bernard

THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF BETTY SPANIEL

The family would like to thank Father Drozd, the Requiem Choir, the Knights of Columbus and those that brought food as we laid to rest our beloved wife/mother/granny. All of the many thoughts and prayers have been a great comfort during this sad time.

THANK YOU FROM THE TENNEY FAMILY

The Daniel Tenney family would like to express our sincere gratitude to Father Fred Caldwell for officiating at the funeral service for our wife and mother, Linda Tenney. We would also like to thank Eddie Kriska for serving, the Requiem Choir, Boze Mitchell McKibbin Funeral Home, the KC Hall, and all those who helped in the kitchen.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

Priesthood Sunday

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs.

We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood.

Yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know too that they are tempted to sin and discouragement as are we, needing to be ministered to, as do we, to be consoled and forgiven, as do we. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith.

We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread.

We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for Your priests and for ours. Amen.

March, 1995—John Cardinal O'Connor—<https://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAZER/PRAYPRIE.HTM>

SANCTUARY LIGHT 2016 SIGN-UP

If you would like to reserve a week to have the Sanctuary Light—above the altar—burn for your intentions or for a loved one, living or deceased, stop by the Religious Counter after Mass. An offering of \$15 will pay for the cost of the candle.

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : October 24 - October 30

In Memory: Annie & Joe A. Martinek

By: Betty Macalik Family

Altar Candles : October 24 - October 30

In Memory: Georgie Kozlovsky

By: Rose & David Cooke

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: October 23 - October 29

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

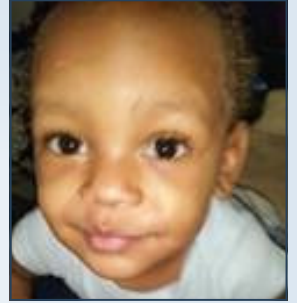
Flowers: October 23 - October 29

In Honor: Raymond & Dorothy Matous 57th Wedding Anniv.

By: Matous & Tay families



Richard turned one year old in August. He's a handsome little boy with a sweet smile and big brown eyes.



Two years ago, his mother was planning to abort him. ... she stopped by at this year's vigil after seeing all the prayer volunteers.

We are blessed to have well-trained sidewalk counselors at the abortion facilities during killing hours, and she told her story to them...they helped her when she was pregnant two years ago.

She wanted us to know how grateful she is ... how Richard has turned her life around. He is her heart.

<http://40daysforlife-dallas.blogspot.com/2015/10/a-sweet-smile-and-big-brown-eyes.html>

YOU can make a difference.



**Sunday,
November 1st**

Is it time?

**Are you ready
to receive your First
Communion or Confirmation?**

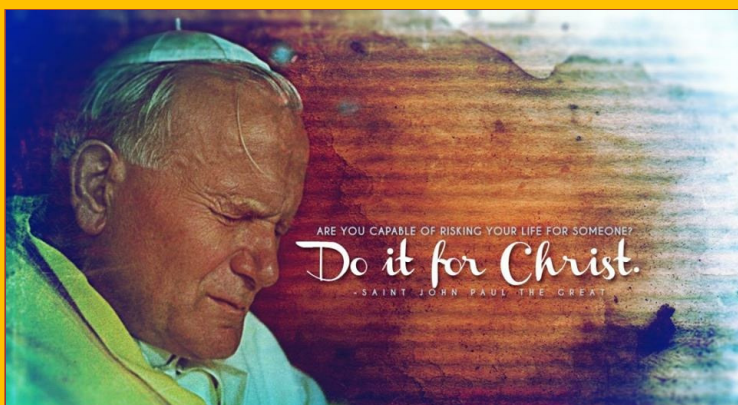
Classes for adults are going on now, and it's not too late to start!

RCIA

Wednesdays

7:00 - 8:00 PM in room 102

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office for more information or to register.



 **LIFE TEEN**
SUNDAY - 5:00 PM



The Confirmation class
of 2015 will be
Confirmed on
Thursday, November
12th at 7:00 PM.

Please pray for these
students and their
reception of the fullness
of the Holy Spirit in
their lives.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Middle School Youth Ministry Program, EDGE, needs your help.

We have a wonderful Middle School Ministry that has exploded with growth in the last few years and to keep up with the demand, it needs you.

In 2012, we had 120 students enrolled in EDGE, 2013 - 160 students, 2014 - 200 students, and this year's registration numbers have now surpassed 250 students! What an amazing "problem" to have.

EDGE is currently looking for parents and other adults in the parish who could volunteer a few hours on Wednesday night to serve awesome members of the young church!

EDGE has great potential, but cannot operate the way it is supposed to without more adult volunteers. We need about 25 more adults to say YES in order to have this program be as effective as possible!

Please consider serving.

Contact Stephen Thompson
stephent@stjohncc.net



U.S. Tour of the Relics of St. Maria Goretti



Major Relics of St. Maria Goretti

The Story of St. Maria Goretti

St. Maria Goretti is unique in that she is the youngest canonized saint in the Church. She died tragically on July 6, 1902, at the age of eleven.

Born into poverty, her father moved the family when Maria was just six years old from the east side of Italy (near Ancona) to the west side (near Nettuno, about 40 miles south of Rome) in hopes of escaping the grinding poverty that was gripping the area.

Just three years later, when Maria was nine, her father died tragically. It fell to her at that time to raise her five siblings while her mother worked the fields to produce the crops with which they would both pay the rent and feed themselves.

This was a terrible time of trial and suffering for the whole family. For Maria it was especially difficult. Aside from having the responsibility of caring for her family, she had to also cook and clean for her two next door neighbors—Giovanni Serenelli and his son, Alessandro—who assisted her mother with the farm tasks.

It was also during this time that Alessandro began to develop an impure liking for Maria. The big 20-year-old would say rude and crude things to her, things that were inappropriate and embarrassing, and that would cause her to run away. However, at a certain point he began to make direct sexual advances towards her, demanding her virginity and threatening her with violence for non-compliance.

Finally, after many months of this, Alessandro forced himself upon Maria in an attempt to rape her. Though she prevented him from violating her, Alessandro brutally stabbed her numerous times. Maria died the next day in the midst of horrendous infection brought on by her lacerations. Her last words were, "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever."

During his prison sentence Maria appeared to Alessandro and forgave him. That act of mercy and forgiveness—that act of love—filled Alessandro with contrition for his crime. It was also a turning point for him where grace entered his heart. From that point on, he lived a beautiful and converted life of holiness, eventually becoming a Franciscan lay brother.

Monday, November 2

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S Broadway Avenue
Tyler, Texas 75702
(903) 592-1617

- Public veneration of St. Maria begins: 9:00 am
- Solemn Mass celebrated in St. Maria's honor: 7:00 pm celebrated by Bishop Joseph Strickland
- Public veneration ends: 1:00 am (on Tuesday November 3)

Tuesday, November 3

St. Monica Church
9933 Midway Road
Dallas, Texas 75220
(214) 358-1453

- Public veneration of St. Maria begins: 11:00 am
- Solemn Mass celebrated in St. Maria's honor: 7:00 pm
- Public veneration ends: 11:00 pm

Those who were acquainted with little Maria said on the day of her funeral: "A saint has died!" The devotion to her has continued to spread on every continent, giving rise to admiration and a thirst for God everywhere. In Maria Goretti shines out the radical choice of the Gospel,

Pope St. John Paul II, - *Message for the Centenary of the Death St. Maria Goretti, 5*



Portrait by Noah Buchanan depicting Alessandro receiving St. Maria's forgiveness at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Text and pictures from: <http://mariagoretti.com/index.php/who-is-st-maria/>

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—10/25/15	Margaret Bohuslav-11/22/15	Henry Garcia—10/18/15
Bob Zmolek—10/25/15	Julian Manriquez—11/22/15	Jessie/Antonio Ovalie—10/18
Georgie Ann Nekuza-11/15/15	Makenna Richardson -11/22/15	Jo Moore—10/18/15
Nathan Gunn—11/8/15	Margie Dvorak—11/15/15	Laura Waedekin—10/18/15
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-10/25	Betty Rogala—11/22/15	Adell Chavez—10/18/15
Sr. Redempta Bradley—10/25	Jose Luis Garcia—11/22/15	Clayton Budai—10/25/15
Betty Jo Culpepper—11/22/15	Jo Ries—11/22/15	Mary Ann Felcman—10/25/15
Analiese Mahaley—11/22/15	Epi Garfias—10/18/15	Ivette Olalde—10/25/15
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—10/25/15	Nancy Escobar—10/11/15	Mildred Liska Koehn—10/25/15
Johnny/Mary Ann Hajek-11/22	Mike Tekell—10/11/15	Jessica Ramirez—10/25/15
Rachel Zmolik—11/8/15	Kathy Satsky—10/11/15	Chon Vasquez —10/25/15
Bernadine Zhanel Distasio-11/22	Johnny Divin—10/18/15	Steve Mensik—11/15/15
Catherine Roberts—11/22/15	Richard Pruett—10/18/15	Pedro Enrique Santos—11/15/15
Jaysen St. Clair—11/22/15	John A. Esparza, Sr.—11/22/15	Roberto Juarez—11/15/15
Danny Kubin—10/25/15	JoAnn Strunc—10/18/15	Deanna Richardson—11/22/15
Mildred Trojacek—10/18/15	Lupe Garcia - 10/18/15	Nora Mandujano—11/22/15
David Trojacek—10/25/15	Al Weaver—10/18/15	Robert Garcia—11/22/15
Jane Rychlik—11/22/15	Salome Fira—10/18/15	Pete Gutierrez—11/22/15
Bill Hejny—10/25/15	Priscilla Elizondo—10/18/15	Luke Siegel—11/22/15
Richard Mraz—11/22/15	Noe Casanova- 10/18/15	Blake Ray—11/22/15