



Liturgy Intentions
For The Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30 am Irene Laza +
12:05 p.m. William Vavra +
6:30 pm Rosie F. Mach +

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:30 a.m. Bobby Prachyl +
12:05 p.m. Anna & Willie Dlabaj ++
6:30 pm (Spanish) Special Intention for Salvador Ramirez

WED., NOV. 21—Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. Linda Dlabaj +
12:05 p.m. John Paul Hajek +

Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm

6:30 p.m. Libbie & Elick Blazek ++

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22—St. Cecilia

Thanksgiving Day Mass is the only Mass on Thursday

9:00 am Chad Ryan + and
Janet Rejcek Roach +

FRI., NOV. 23—Sts. Clement I, Columban, & Miguel Agustin

6:30 a.m. Patsy A. Blazek +
12:05 p.m. Clem Rejcek +

SATURDAY, NOV. 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac

5:00 p.m. Mariana & Arturo Casanova ++

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 a.m. Lillian Trojacek +
11:00 a.m. Lisa Marklund +
1:00 pm Sebastian Cerda +
5:00 Life Teen Mass
Jerry Chudej +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, Nov. 18, 9:00 am Joe & Julia Jurik ++

Sunday, Nov. 25, 9:00 am Manuel Huerta +

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Thursday, November 22—Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Matt Zajic/Dylan Fisher

Saturday, November 24

5:00 pm Chris Trojacek/Alex Fry

Sunday, November 25

7:00 am Josef Woodward/Aaron Rejcek/Josh Zapletal

11:00 am Joseph Galetka/Grant Vrana/Austin Spaniel

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

Alston Lawrence/Andrew Alvarado

SPONSOR OF WEEK: MEDICINE CHEST PHARMACY

THE SEASON TO BELIEVE IS EVERY DAY

A parent asked a priest to speak to their child because he had decided not to go to church anymore, and in addition decided not to believe in God. The priest sat down with the young man and had a very interesting conversation. It was decided to leave things alone with the stipulation that as long as he lived in his parent's house, he should and would honor their wishes and live by their rules.

Everything seemed to be in order at that point when the young man leveled with the priest by stating, "I don't know why it is so important for me to go to church and all that. My parents don't go to church. They don't do anything that they expect me to do."

Here the priest had been trying to convince this young person of the value of living a life that reflected the presence of God, yet he hadn't seen the presence of God in his own home. The priest concluded that the only reason the parents wanted him to talk to the teen was because they hadn't any idea of who God was or what part He played in their own lives.

The parents couldn't give an example of Christian life if they didn't know or practice it in the first place. It was then, early in the life of this priest, that he saw the importance of being an example of what you expect others to believe in.

When a young person rejects what the parents believe, it seems this is so because the parents don't practice what they say they believe. The values of the elders will soon become the values of the young.

This is so true of everything that we do as Catholic Christians. You wouldn't expect anyone to believe what you say about your faith if they don't see you practice it yourself. If parents expect their children to attend Mass on Sunday, then the parents are obligated to do the same. If parents expect their children to be respectful, and "Catholic", then their parents need to do the same.

It is one of those early learned truths, that it is not what we say so much that people believe, but what we do.

The closer you are to God and to your faith, the closer your family will be. The more you put your faith into action, the more action you will see of those around you. The priority you give to God is the priority you will see in those closest to you.

May the Lord rule over your hearts in the love of God and the constancy of Christ during the upcoming holiday season.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light is in memory of Joe & Julia Zmolik and Frank & Carrie Gelnar donated by Benny & Evelyn Zmolik for the week of November 17-23.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Entrance: For All the Saints #791

Offertory: Eye Has Not Seen #616

Communion: I Am the Bread of Life #822

Recessional: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns #347



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 18

- 8:30-10:45 am** St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound
8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:45-10:45 am RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, November 19

- 7:15 pm** Theology of the Body Study/Cafeteria

Tuesday, November 20

- 6:30 am** Food for the Soul Mass & Breakfast
5-7 pm SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound
No EDGE tonight
7:00 pm Beginning Apologetics Class/Room 301

Wednesday, November 21

- Eucharistic Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5 pm
No Life Teen "Into the Deep" tonight
No Religious Education Classes tonight
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, November 22

- 9:00 am** Thanksgiving Mass (only Mass today)
Parish Business Office closed on Thursday & Friday for holidays

Saturday, November 24

- 7:00 am** *That Man Is You* Session/Room 103
3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, November 25

- 8:30-10:45 am** St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound
No Religious Education Classes today
8:45-10:45 am RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound
3:00 pm Baptisms/Church
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass (no Life Night today)

THANKSGIVING MASS ON THURSDAY

The Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday will be at 9:00 am and will be the only Mass that day.

Everyone is invited to participate and give thanks.

You are welcome to bring a food item you will use for your meal to have it blessed at Mass.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This collection funds programs in communities across the U.S. where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and fund ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. This program reaches out a helping hand to help people help themselves. Fight poverty in America. Defend Human Dignity. Envelopes in back of church.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Willie & Viola Trojacek by Marvin & Mary Ann Trojacek for the week of November 17-23.

SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT FOR 2013

The Altar Society is now taking reservations for the Sanctuary Light for 2013. You can stop by the religious items counter in the church annex. Only one reservation per person, please, but you can put several names on the one week you reserve.

The Parish Business Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holidays. Let us thank God for all of our blessings.

THANK YOU FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you from the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus to all who enjoyed the chicken fried steak dinner last Sunday. This was one of our fundraisers to help seminarians and other charitable programs that we donate to. It was a great success and we plan on having one again. Thank you again for your support of the KCs.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY GATE TIMES

Fall and Winter gate times for St. Joseph Cemetery are now in effect. **The gate opens at 7:30 am and closes at 5:30 pm.** If you are in the cemetery when the gate closes, just pull up slowly to the line by the gate, stop, and it will open.

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 10 & 11

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 21,095.67
Dallas Catholic Charities Collection	1,159.13
Epiphany Church Support Collection	726.27
Epiphany Dallas Catholic Charities	265.96

CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society is selling religious Christmas cards. The picture on the card is the Nativity scene from inside our church. The cards are 20 for \$15.00. You can purchase them at the religious counter in the church annex.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Jimmie Trahan, Wilma Zhanel, Betty Rogala, Toya Vavra, Liam Shockley, Alan Barak, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Sandy Wheeler, Nancy & Jerry Scott, Roger Gagnon, Paul & Betty Langley, Dora Mainali, Lucial Gonzales, Mario & Inez Fira, Amy Huggins, Amy Cully, Bob Agar, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, Jeff Sladeczek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Patsy Odlozil, Ruperto Gomez, Ivan Bohuslav, Ray Castillo, Mark Strunc, Monsignor Frank Miller, Lori Strunc, Richard Case, Edna Gonzalez, Georgie Ann Nekuza, Ophelia Esparza, Judy Huddle, Neal Harrison, Mary Hejny, Martina Ortiz, Juanita LeVay, Anna Lee Weaver, Leo Rejcek, Marion Haba, Helen Barak, Betty Coker, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Rick Sparkman, Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Theresa Kasowski, Margie Patak, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schleich, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, Frankie J. Patak, Ninfa Carrillo, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

President George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation By Bishop Kevin Farrell on his blog at <http://bishopkevinfarrell.org/blog/>



On September 26, 1789, the First Congress of the United States passed a resolution requesting the President of the United States to recommend a Day of Thanksgiving. One week later President George Washington issued the first national Thanksgiving Proclamation. I feel every American should read this moving document penned by the Father of Our Country every Thanksgiving to realize how deeply the recognition of Divine Providence is in the history of our nation.

General Thanksgiving A Proclamation

By the President of the United States of America

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor— and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be— That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions— to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

George Washington

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WOMEN OF GRACE

This study will be **starting** on **Thursday, January 10th**. The first half of this study will be held January thru the end of April and the second half will be held September thru first week of December. If you have any questions, you may contact Sharon Kudrna @ (972) 875-8157 or e-mail skk72@aol.com.



There will be an **informational meeting** on **Tuesday, November 27th @ 7:15 p.m.** to answer any questions that you might want to ask and to give you the opportunity to sign up. The **deadline to register** will be **December 14th** so that supplies can be ordered and received in time.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Learn more about the Church, come into the Church, receive missed sacraments, help those who want to be Catholic

Sunday mornings, 8:45-10:45 AM

Compound Room 101-102

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office for more information and to register, 972-878-2834.

Theology of the Body Study

Come learn of the beauty of how God designed love into our very beings.

Mondays

7:15 PM, Cafeteria

BEGINNING APOLOGETICS

Beginning Apologetics sessions are on Tuesday nights, 7:00 pm, room 301 in the high school. Come learn more about and understand our Catholic faith and be able to explain it to others.

THAT MAN IS YOU

The *That Man is You* men's program has once again begun on Thursdays, 7:00 pm, and Saturdays, 7:00 am, in Room 103 in the compound.

This program is designed to teach Christian Catholic men how to live their lives in today's world.

For info see: THATMANISYOU.ORG

The family that prays together, stays together.

On Prayers of Thanksgiving

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

2637 Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church which, in celebrating the Eucharist, reveals and becomes more fully what she is. Indeed, in the work of salvation, Christ sets creation free from sin and death to consecrate it anew and make it return to the Father, for his glory. the thanksgiving of the members of the Body participates in that of their Head.

2638 As in the prayer of petition, every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving. the letters of St. Paul often begin and end with thanksgiving, and the Lord Jesus is always present in it: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"(1 Thess 5:18); "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving"(Col 4:2).

Times to pray prayers of Thanksgiving:

- Mass (which is a sacrifice of thanksgiving)
- After Mass
- After meals
- For gifts and graces received
- In times of trial and hardship
- At all times

Prayer after meals:

We give You thanks for all Your benefits, O almighty God, who lives and reigns forever; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Act of Thanksgiving:

O my God, I thank You for all the favors You have bestowed upon me. I give You thanks from the bottom of my heart for having created me, and for all the joys of life, and its sorrows, too, for the home You gave me, for the loved ones with which You have surrounded me, for the friends I have made through life.

My Lord, I thank You for guarding me always and keeping me safe; I thank You for giving me so often in the sacrament of Penance forgiveness for my sins; for offering Yourself in Holy Mass with all Your infinite merits to the Father for me; for coming to me in Holy Communion, in spite of the coldness of my welcome; for the patient waiting in the adorable sacrament of the altar.

My Jesus, I thank You for having lived, suffered and died for me. I thank You for Your love. I thank You, Lord, for preparing a place for me in heaven where I hope to be happy with You, and to thank You for all



Thanksgiving Schedule

Tuesday 11/20 -No Edge Meeting -Food for Soul 12:05 Mass
Wednesday 11/21-**NO** "Into the Deep" at 6 pm
Sunday 11/25 - Life Teen Mass - But **NO LIFE NIGHT**

Confirmation Class 2013

Alexis Aguilar	Brenda Esquivel	Jose Martinez
Miguel Aguilar	Omar Esquivel	Collin McManus
Maria Aguinaga	Joseph Galetka	Omar Monjaras
Andrew Alvarado	Autumn Garcia	Angelica Morales
Elisa Arias	Jesus Garcia	Maria Morales
Alejandra Arreola	Jessica Gomez	Alexia Munoz
Angelica Arreola	Karla Gonzales	Jimmy Nunez
Juana Ayala	Aide Guzman	Michelle Perez
Rene Benavidez	Haley Herbst	Margarita Rayas
Mando Campos	Alexia Hernandez	Andrew Reeve
Edgar Carrera	Carolina	Axel Rivas
Denise Castro	Hernandez	Mariana Rojas
Casey Crow	Gilbert	Miguel Rojas
Ricardo Devora	Hernandez	Jennifer Sanchez
Janeth Escobedo	Penny Holland	Jose Sandoval
Jasmine	Riley Hover	German Vazquez
Escobedo	Jake Kasowski	Elizabeth
Juan Espino	Brandi Lambeth	Velazquez
Uriel Espino	Zuadh Leos	
	Yahaira Loza	

Students completing 8th Grade EDGE are scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Fall of 2013 – provided they continue attending their program, EDGE/LIFE TEEN

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2012

All charitable end-of-the-year donations to St. John Church and St. Joseph Cemetery must be dated and post-marked by **December 31, 2012** to qualify for 2012 tax deductions.

Thank you for your consideration.

May God grant a special blessing to those loyal people who supported our parish and cemetery this past year.

ALTAR SOCIETY CHEESE ROLL ORDERS

Altar Society members will be in the annex and at the main entrance of the church after Masses this weekend for parishioners to pick up their Cheese Rolls that they ordered last weekend. The cheese rolls are \$10 each.

Besides the homemade cheese rolls, there are other delicious baked goods available, so stop by the tables!

Buy today in preparation for your Thanksgiving meal, or even for Christmas!



VOLUNTEERS FOR R.E.

The Religious Education department is looking for two fun and energetic volunteers to help with first grade on Sunday mornings. Contact Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650 or stacyg@stjohncc.net

THANK YOU FROM VIOLA DLABAJ FAMILY

“We would like to thank Father John for the beautiful Mass, Willie Divin for serving, Lisa Monreal, the Requiem Choir, and Debbie Vitovsky for leading the Rosary. We thank everyone who sent food, and Mildred Dlabaj and Peggy Spurgeon and all the kitchen workers. We would like to express gratitude for the beautiful flowers, Mass intentions, memorials to St. Joseph Cemetery and the Crisp Cemetery, donations to the Catholic Daughters, the Alzheimer Foundation of America, the sympathy cards, and for the many kind words. The outpouring of love and support we received was such a comfort to us and an honor to our Mom.”

Children of Viola Dlabaj

BULLETIN SALES REPRESENTATIVE IN DEC.

Rey Barron, our representative from Trinity Publications, our bulletin publisher, will be here December 17-20 to renew and to sell ads for our bulletin. Rey's cell # is: 512-577-9411