

Mass Intentions for the week of November 22

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23—St. Clement I

6:30 a.m. Fred + & Joan Delin

12:05 p.m. Will & Mary Prachyl

6:30 p.m. Josefina Baldivia +

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

6:30 a.m. Jerry Zapletal +

12:05 p.m. Joe J. & Mildred Krajca +

6:30 p.m. Por la Familia Farias

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria

6:30 a.m. Danny Kubin

12:05 p.m. Tony & Nacha Zapata ++

6:30 p.m. Emil Slovacek Family & Frank /Bessie Kubin Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26—Thanksgiving

Parish office closed

9:00 a.m. John Paul Hajek +

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Parish office closed

No 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. John & Jenny + Matous

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Deceased of Betik & Kuchar Families

NOVEMBER 29, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00 a.m. Louise Jurik +

11:00 a.m. Tony Alvarez +

1:00 p.m. Blasita Salazar +

5:00 p.m. For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. November 22, 9 am Juan Calderon +

Sun. November 29, 9 am San Juana Suarez Malacara +

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Entrance: To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King - 492

Offertory: You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd - 525

Communion: Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord - 829

Recessional: O Holy City, Seen of John - 757

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 14 & 15

Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection \$19,788.80

Epiphany Regular Collection \$852.25

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Glenn's Warehouse Carpets

Pastor's Message

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
+ 2015

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

We are celebrating the last Sunday of our Liturgical Church Year. We close every year with this very powerful Solemnity of Jesus Christ as King.

“For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the Truth. Everyone who belongs to the Truth listens to my voice.” John 18: 37

This Sunday reminds us of the Truth we have struggled to live out during the whole year, making Jesus Christ the true King of our lives. We are to live our lives with Jesus as the only God we serve and worship. We are to turn to Him alone, to find all we need and desire.

Just as in the beginning in the Garden, Satan in the world around us, tries to convince each of us there is something else we need in our lives. Somewhere or someone else we need to turn to for the answers of how to live each day from our conception in our Mother's womb till our death.

As the above quote states, we live so as to “belong to the Truth.” We do this by staying connected to Him as “branches on a vine.” In traditional Catholic terminology, we remain in a “state of grace.” This translates into a daily committed prayer life, frequent Confession, participating in Mass and Holy Communion as often as possible and fulfilling our responsibility to continue to grow in knowledge of our Faith by study.

As we end this year and begin anew, each of us needs to ask the Holy Spirit to show us the areas of growth that are needed. Prayer to the Holy Spirit can help us follow His plan for us in this new year we begin next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Turkey! Blessings on y'all!

Love & Prayers,
Fr. John

Blessed Thanksgiving from

Jerry, Jeff, Aaron, Juan, Rose, Dominic,
Rosanna, Annette, Karim, Stephen, Seth,
Joanna, Maria, Fr. Antonio, and Fr. John.



IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Sunday, November 22

8:30 -10:30 Religious Ed/ School
9:00 am RCIA
3:00 pm RE Christmas Play practice/ KJT Hall
6:30 pm Life Night

Monday, November 23

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church
6:30 pm Apologetics / Room 102

Tuesday, November 24

NO Food for the Soul
5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church
NO Upper Room / Compound

Wednesday, November 25

NO Religious ED
NO Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Gospel of Luke / Room 101
7:30 pm KC #1353 meeting/ KC Hall

Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving

Parish office closed

Friday, November 27

Parish office closed

Saturday, November 28

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, November 29

NO Religious Ed
NO RCIA / Cafeteria
NO Life Night

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY GATE TIMES: 7:30 AM—5:30 PM

ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st prize - 11 piece Nativity set; 2nd prize - Choice Men or Women's Rosary; 3rd prize—\$50 gift certificate to Religious Store. Tickets-\$1 ea. or 6 for \$5. Available at Religious counter or after Mass on weekends. Drawing—December 6, 2015 after 11 am Mass. Items are on display at entry of Church.

CZECH MUSIC FESTIVAL

St. John Czech Choir will be singing for the memorial service honoring deceased family members on Sunday, November 22nd at 12:30 pm in the UNT Goolsby Chapel located at 1622 Maple Street, Denton, Texas 76201. For more information go to czech.music.unt.edu.

Parish Office will be closed

Thursday, November 26th and Friday November 27th.

CDA Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is hosting a bake sale this weekend after the Saturday Evening Vigil Mass and Sunday Morning Masses. Please stop by and purchase a dessert for your Thanksgiving feast.

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.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, we thank you
 for the goodness of our people
 and for the spirit of justice
 that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
 land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,
 for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:
 accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : November 21- November 27

In Memory: Louis Santos

By: Sandra Puckett

Altar Candles : November 21- November 27

In Memory: W. Lee Johnson

By: Anna Rosales & Family

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: November 20– November 26

In Memory: Willie & Viola Trojacek

By: Marvin and Mary Ann Trojacek

Flowers: November 20– November 26

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

Help us refund our
Capital Improvement Fund
after painting and decorating our Church.

As the calendar year end approaches, we would like to offer a couple of reminders regarding Internal Revenue Service regulations surrounding your financial gifts to St. John.

Consistent with Internal Revenue Service regulations, all year end gifts must be postmarked with a 2015 date to be recorded as a gift in 2015. The postmark on the envelope will determine what year the gift is recorded in. Examples for clarification are listed below:

- If we receive a gift with a check dated 12/31/2015 on 1/3/2015, but the postmark on the envelope reads 12/31/2015 (or earlier) then we will post the date of the gift as 12/31/2015.
- If we receive a gift with a check dated 12/31/2015, but the postmark of the envelope reads 1/1/2016 (or later) then it will be posted as a gift received in 2016.

We will also record all hand delivered gifts received at the office on December 31, 2015 by noon as a 2015 gift.

Prepare the way of the Lord

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th

- ◆ 11:00 pm - Christmas Carols

December 25th

- ◆ 12:00 am - Midnight Mass
- ◆ 8:00 am - Mass (English)
- ◆ 10:00 am - Mass (English)
- ◆ 1:00 pm - Mass (Spanish)

December 31st

- ◆ 10:00 pm - Christmas Carols
- ◆ 10:30 pm - Mass & Adoration

January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- ◆ 12:00 am - Celebration Party @ Cafeteria
- ◆ 10:00 am - Mass (English)
- ◆ 1:00 pm - Mass (Spanish)

³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." LUKE 1: 31-33



Traditional Czech Christmas Music

**Featuring music composed by
Jan Ryba, played on the
organ and cello, with 4
soloists and a choir**

**Monday,
Nov. 30,
7:00 PM,
In the
Church**

An extension of the UNT Czech Music Festival —
After the conclusion of the UNT Czech Music
Festival (at which our Czech Choir is performing),
the main performance of the festival is going on tour
through the Czech communities of Texas, and St.
John Nepomucene is one of the first stops!
For more information: <http://czech.music.unt.edu/>



**Thank you
Lord!**

**Eucharist
Redemption**

Life

**Home Hardships
Community**

**Babies Challenges Nation
Family Food**

Friends Clothing Parish

Salvation Creation Music

**Suffering Everything
Adoration**

**Amen! Bible
Forgiveness**

*Our Lady of
Guadalupe*
Novena
Schedule

Friday, Dec. 4th
6:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Rosary

Saturday, Dec. 5th
7:00 pm Rosary

Sunday, Dec. 6th
12:30 pm Rosary
1:00 pm Mass

Monday, Dec. 7th
8:00 pm Rosary

Tuesday, Dec. 8th
6:30 pm Mass
7:30 pm Rosary

Wednesday, Dec. 9th
6:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Rosary

Thursday, Dec. 10th
6:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Rosary

Friday, Dec. 11th
6:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Rosary
Continued with Special
Program &
12 midnight Mañanitas

Saturday, Dec. 12th
5:00 pm Procession from
downtown to Church
7:00 pm Mass
8:00 pm Party at the
SOKOL



**Come celebrate
our Mother.**

Breakfast



Saturday, December 12th from 8—11 am @ Cafeteria

with St. Nicholas

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CATHOLIC CHURCH
972-875-2834 · 972-878-2834 · 972-875-2452 (FAX)

401 EAST LAMPASAS, ENNIS, TEXAS 75119
www.stjohnncc.net

Children's Christmas Play

All are invited!



Wednesday, December 2nd
6:30 PM, KJT Hall



Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Begins December 8th on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception!

The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.





LIFE TEEN



Life Teen Winter Retreat

Sky Ranch - Van, TX

February 12-14, 2016

www.stjohnncc.net/retreat-registrations



Matthew
4:18-20 & 28:19

LIFE TEEN MASS - SUNDAY 5:00 PM

**FOOD FOR THE SOUL - TUESDAY
6:30 AM MASS & BREAKFAST**



LIFE NIGHT - EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE LIFE TEEN MASS, 6:30 PM



**ST. JOHN
YOUNG
LADIES
SODALITY**



**8TH GRADE
CONFIRMATION
CLASS
FALL 2015**



**WHO SERVE
THE PARISH
IN MANY
DIFFERENT
CAPACITIES.**

**GROUP COLLEGE
VISIT TO
FRANCISCAN
UNIVERSITY OF
STUEBENVILLE
FALL 2015**



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—11/29/15	Margaret Bohuslav-11/22/15	Steve Mensik—11/29/15	Paula Myers Campo—12/20
Bob Zmolek—11/29/15	Julian Manriquez—11/22/15	Pedro Enrique Santos—11/15/15	Betty (BJ) Lenicek Coker—12/20
Georgie Ann Nekuza-11/15/15	Makenna Richardson -11/22/15	Roberto Juarez—12/20/15	Domingo de los Santos Jr. -12/20
Nathan Gunn—12/6/15	Margie Dvorak—12/13/15	Deanna Richardson—11/22/15	Emilie Harrison—12/27
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-11/29	Betty Rogala—11/22/15	Nora Mandujano—11/22/15	Epi Garfias—12/27/15
Sr. Redempta Bradley—11/29	Jose Luis Garcia—11/22/15	Robert Garcia—11/22/15	Anthony Alvarez—12/27/15
Betty Jo Culpepper—11/22/15	Jo Ries—11/22/15	Pete Gutierrez—11/22/15	Priscilla Elizondo—12/27/15
Analiase Mahaley—11/22/15	Nancy Escobar—11/29/15	Luke Siegel—11/22/15	
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—11/29/15	John A. Esparza, Sr.—11/22/15	Blake Ray—11/22/15	
Johnny/Mary Ann Hajek-11/22	JoAnn Strunc—11/29/15	Gary Kidder—11/29/15	
Rachel Zmolik—12/6/15	Noe Casanova- 11/29/15	Jaden Kane Ornelas-11/29/15	
Bernadine Zhanel Distasio-11/22	Jessie/Antonio Ovalie—11/29	Katherine Michno—11/29/15	
Catherine Roberts—11/22/15	Laura Waedekin—11/29/15	Carolina Munoz—11/29/15	
Jaysen St. Clair—11/22/15	Adell Chavez—11/29/15	Frank & Georgie Zabochnik-11/29	
Danny Kubin—11/29/15	Clayton Budai—11/29/15	Henry Vrana—11/29/15	
Mildred Trojacek—11/29/15	Mary Ann Felcman—11/29/15	Albert Escobar- 11/29/15	
David Trojacek—11/29/15	Ivette Olalde—10/25/15	Maria Virginia Lopez-11/29/15	
Jane Rychlik—11/22/15	Mildred Liska Koehn—10/25/15	Janie Marusak—12/20/15	
Bill Hejny—11/29/15	Jessica Ramirez—10/25/15	Salome Fira—12/20/15	
Richard Mraz—11/22/15	Chon Vasquez —10/25/15	Bill Glaspy—12/20/15	
		Graciela Monreal—12/20/15	