#### **Mass Intentions**

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**6:30 a.m.** Tony Pavlicek + **12:05 p.m.** Bernard Betik + **6:00 p.m.** Confessions **6:30 p.m.** Jerry Chudej +

7:00 p.m. Confessions

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:30 a.m. Michael Robie +

**12:05 p.m.** Frank & Bessie Kubin Family living & deceased **6:00 p.m.** Confessions

6:30 p.m. Cayetano Paz Moya + 7:00 p.m. Confessions

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

6:30 a.m. Frankie Joe Patak + 12:05 p.m. John & Mil Dlabaj ++ 6:30 p.m. John Paul Hajek + THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. Joe E., Martha, & Linda Dlabaj +++ FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 \*\* NO 6:30 a.m. Mass today \*\* 12:05 p.m. Tony Alvarez + SATURDAY, NOVMEBER 30- St. Andrew 3:30 p.m. Confessions 5:00 p.m. Judy Almond + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1, 7:00 a.m. For the Parish Community 11:00 a.m. Raymond J. Slovak + 1:00 pm Sebastian Cerda + 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Rick Sparkman +

#### MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. November 24, 9 amJuan Calderon +Sun. December 1, 9 amAlbert Elfrink +

#### ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, November 30
5:00 pm Brandon Martinek / Jake Kasowski
Sunday, December 1
7:00 am Aaron Martinez / Chris Trojacek / Alex Fry
11:00 am Joseph Galetka / Josef Woodward / Andrew Alvarado
5:00 pm LT Mass Alston Lawrence / Mando Campos

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING The office will be closed Thursday 28th & Friday 29th. Happy Thanksgiving Y'all!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Valek Auto Repair

#### **NOVEMBER 24, 2013**

#### Letter from the Pastor

Solemnity of Christ the King + 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Good Morning! I am typing this Bulletin Message at 7:04am, Wednesday morning, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Everything is nice and quiet here in the office. I just finished celebrating 6:00am Morning Prayer and 6:30am Morning Mass with beautiful people. I am blessed to be able to start my days this way! I have a hard enough time each day!

Our readings this morning, as always, being the Word of God Himself, were amazing! But because of a particular grace were very moving for me in my own spiritual life here with y'all in St. John Nepomucene Parish.

The first reading from Maccabees, repeating from a couple weeks ago, recounts the amazing faith of a Mother and her seven sons. Obviously blessed to have such a Mother! The Gospel was the parable Jesus told as He was about to enter Jerusalem about the nobleman who left his people to go off and receive his official Kingship and then return to rule them. While he was gone he entrusted ten of his servants with ten coins each to trade with while he was away.

Obviously, Jesus is speaking of Himself. He is about to enter Jerusalem to die, rise from the dead and then return home to the Father in Heaven to receive His Kingship; leaving His servants as stewards in charge of all the "gifts/coins/treasure" of His vineyard on earth, the Church. But like the nobleman in the story, He will return as King! Guess what? This is Christ the King Sunday! He will return and ask all of us what we have done with all the treasures of His Church to multiply his flock on earth while He has been gone.

This Sunday, Christ the King, let us each do a personal accounting, as if Jesus were standing before us, of how we have used His gifts within His Church to build up His Kingdom. This includes forgiveness, patience, sexuality, charity, joy, compassion, evangelization, love, the Sacraments, Scripture, peace, and a whole lot more! Actually, everything around us! He created it all and gave it to us to use for His work until He comes back! Maybe, tomorrow, or next week! Who knows, huh!

Love & Prayers, Fr. John Follow Fr. John on Twitter @FrJohnDick

#### HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**Entrance:** Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones - 790 **Offertory:** You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd - 525 **Communion:** I Am the Bread of Life - 822 **Recessional:** All Creatures of Our God and King – 523

> COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 16 & 17 Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection Second Collection for Altar Server Scholarship Epiphany Church Support Collection \$21,355.24 1,515.78 1,171.70

#### CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

#### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development Sunday, November 24 8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound \*\* NO Religious Education Classes \*\* RCIA / Room 101 9:00 am Life Night 6:30 pm Monday, November 25 6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church **Tuesday, November 26** 6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church Food for Soul Mass & Breakfast 6:30 am 6:00/7:00 pm Confessions 5-8:30 pm St. John Library open/Room 106 Compound Wednesday, November 27 6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall 10:00 am Life Teen "Into the Deep" 6-8 pm Thursday, November 28 \*\*Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving\*\* Friday, November 29 \*\* Parish Office Closed \*\* Saturday, November 30 3:30 pm Confessions/Church Sunday, December 1 8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound 8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes \*\* NO RCIA this Sunday \*\* 6:30 pm Life Night

#### SANCTUARY CARE

#### SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Enrique B. Gonzalez & Juan M. Gonzalez by Mrs. Francisca Gonzalez for the week of November 23–November 29.

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light was donated in memory of Eugene, Mary Lou, & Jeffry Novy donated by Debbie and Mark Novy for the week of November 23–November 29.

#### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DONATION

The flower arrangements beside the Tabernacle and on the side altars were donated in memory of Frank & Carrie Gilnar and Joe & Julie Zmolik by Benny and Evelyn Zmolik.

#### **CHAPEL CANDLE & FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS**

The 4 candles on the altar and the 2 flower arrangements in Divine Providence Hall Chapel are available to for your intentions or for a loved one, living or deceased. Please call Evelyn Zmolik at 214-549-6885 for more information.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

## What is wrong with the world?

Find out at: Qahal Monday nights, 7:00-8:30 pm

101-102 in the Compound Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a pen. A study on chapter 3 of Genesis, one of the most important chapters of the Bible. \*\* NO meeting on 11/24/13 \*\*

#### **NEPOMUCENE'S MEN**

Men need information on spiritual growth if we are to assume our role as spiritual director of our family. Join us for a morning of reflection, **Saturday**, **Dec. 7**, **Room 201**.

Father Jason Cargo, Pastor at Immaculate Conception in Corsicana will provide a teaching on A Man's Relationship with the Blessed Mother.

The morning begins with Mass and Adoration at 8:00 am. Breakfast and fellowship is scheduled for 9:00 am and the program begins at 9:30 am.

#### NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY ALTAR SOCIETY

**NATIVITY RAFFLE & CHRISTMAS CARD SALE** Winner will drawn Dec. 8th after the 11:00 am Mass. Tickets & Christmas Cards (20 for \$15) may be purchased after the Masses: Saturday, 5 pm and Sunday, 7 am, 11 am and 1pm.

**THANK YOU FROM THE MICHAEL ROBIE FAMILY** We would like to say thank you to Fr. John, Eddie Kriska, Requiem Choir, Knights of Columbus, Boze Mitchell McKibbin Funeral Home, Papa John, CRHP friends, and our church family.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Sister Redempta Bradley — Nov. 24. Birthday wishes may be mailed to: Sisters of Divine Providence, 515 SW 24th Street, San Antonio, TX 78207

#### CHANGE IN RELIGIOUS ED SCHEDULE

Classes on Sunday January 26th have been cancelled. However, there <u>WILL</u> be classes on Sunday March 2nd.

#### TAX FREE TRANSFER

Congress reauthorized for 2013 the provision that allows individuals to make gifts up to \$100,000 from their IRA accounts to one or more charities, without first incurring income tax on the withdrawal. This means that you can direct that amount to the Church or with no federal income tax liability. The IRA Rollover may provide you with an excellent opportunity to make a gift during your lifetime from an asset that would be subject to multiple levels of taxation if it remained in your taxable estate. Important facts:

- You must be 70 1/2 when you make your gift
- Must be from an IRA
- Must be sent directly from the IRA to the church
- You may not take it as a charitable contribution deduction when you file your taxes.

\* As in all cases, please consult with your tax advisor as to the appropriateness of this gift in your own circumstances.

# Waiting, longing, hoping for the Lord

39. Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

42. ... The liturgical color for Advent is purple, just like Lent—as both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Also Advent (like Lent) includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. ...

Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar

## Advent is a time of hopeful expectation but also a time of penance as we prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus.

"Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us."

> ---Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at First Vespers of Advent, November 28, 2009



Some things you could do alone or as a family to prepare for the Coming of Jesus:

- Pray the rosary together
- Spend time longing for Jesus
- Do small mortifications
- Eat simpler meals
- Drink water instead of

other beverages





#### CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

ΝΑΖΑRETΗ

We will be sponsoring a showing of this film at Galaxy Drive-In on Sunday, Dec. 15, beginning at 7:00 PM.

"One's love for Jesus and Mary should certainly be increased by this beautiful film of Mary of Nazareth which profoundly shows Our Lady's role in the Redemption. St. Joseph,



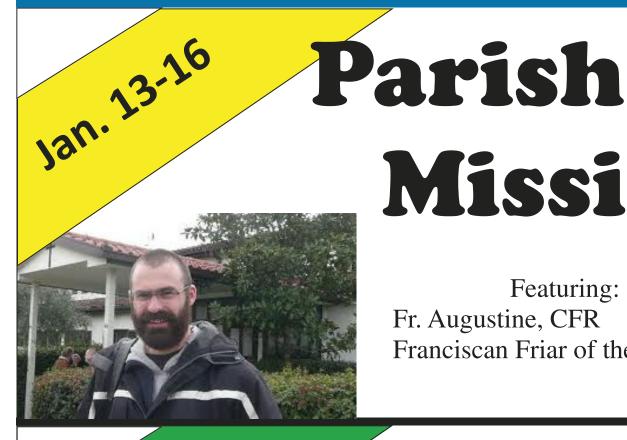
too, will win your heart. Perhaps the greatest beauty of the film lies in the fact that the members of the Holy Family are portrayed as real flesh-and-blood people. We loved this film!"

Mother Assumpta Long, OP Prioress General Dominican Sisters of Mary,



#### **IT'S A NEW YEAR'S EVE** FAMILY ★ N **RELINTE & REMINISCE** EC. 31st ST. JOHN NEPOMUCE BRINGING IN **NEW YEAR'S EVE** FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT **10:00 PM : CHRISTMAS CAROL** CONCERT **10:30 PM : MASS & BENEDICTION** 10:00 PM - 2:00 A \*fulfill your Holy Day of Obligation\* And sleep in Wednesday!! 12:15 AM: NEW YEAR'S PARTY Mass Food Fun @ St. John Cafeteria

# Upcoming Chances to Enter More Deeply



Jan. 17-19

Featuring: Fr. Augustine, CFR Franciscan Friar of the Renewal

UNSTOPPABLE

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT FOR

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mission

Life Teen Retreat

# into Your Relationship with the Lord

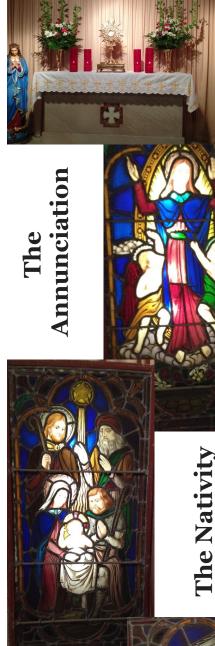


# Retreat for Adults



#### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CATHOLIC CHURCH ENNIS, TEXAS www.stjohncc.net

#### **NOVEMBER 24, 2013**



# Divine Providence Hall Chapel

### Altar and Windows

The altar and stained glass windows in our new Perpetual Adoration Chapel were taken from the chapel in the old Divine Providence Hall.

The altar contains a relic of the True Cross.

The windows depict the events of Jesus' childhood, which are the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. You may want to use the windows as focal points while you meditate on the Joyful Mysteries.

## **Curtains**



The Visitation

The curtains for the chapel (500 + yards) were sewn by Mr. & Mrs. Geraldine Spaniel. Thank you!

### **Flowers and Candles**

The flowers and candles are available for donation in memory of your loved ones or for other intentions.



Presentation

The



The Visit of the Magi



# The Finding in the Temple

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

# Nepomucene's Teens

# Sunday Life Nights!

11/24– Paparazzi, What's life look like?
 12/1 – But I'm feeling 22! Taylor Swift returns.
 12/8 – It's all around! The media message.
 12/15–Drive-in Movie Night. Mama Mary at the Movies



THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT! REGISTRATIONS FOR THE JANUARY 17-19<sup>TH</sup> LIFE TEEN RETREAT IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <u>WWW.STJOHNCC.NET</u> UNDER THE YOUTH MINIS-TRY SECTION. GO SIGN UP TODAY! THESE RETREATS ARE FOR ALL OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

There will be NO EDGE middle school ministry this Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> because of Thanksgiving Break. Edge will meet again December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. EDGE will not meet December 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> for Christmas, resuming January 7<sup>th</sup>.



Christmas Play December 4,2013 7p.m. at the KJT



## Mark your Calendars !!

<u>Fr. John asks that all Children enrolled</u> <u>in Religious Education participate.</u>

## DID YOU FORGET ?? SIGN UP TODAY!

## ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH DIRECTORY

DATES AVAILABLE FOR PHOTO SESSIONS:

Nov. 26-27 & Dec. 10-14

Tuesday—Friday 2:00 – 9:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am—5:00 pm

### AVAILABLE SLOTS ARE DISAPPEARING QUICKLY!

**Register online at stjohncc.net** or call David Daigle at 972-878-5732



Breakfast with St. Dicholas December 7 — 8 a.m.-11 a.m. \$5— Individual Breakfast \$5— Individual/Family photo \* Photos will be taken by a professional photographer

#### **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—12/22/13 Gentry Holmes—12/22/13 Margie Dvorak—12/15/13 Helen & Bob Zmolek—12/15/13 Meg Routh—12/1//13 Georgie Ann Nekuza—12/15/13 Mary Hejny—12/15/13 Nathan Gunn—12/22/13 Helen Matous—12/1/13 Mary N. Sladecek—11/3/13 Eleanora Pelzel—12/1/13 Jimmy Aguilar—12/1/13 Otto Macalik — 12/22/13 Michael Liska—12/22/13 Stanley J. Liska—12/22/13 Trish Zabojnik—12/22/13 Helen Patak—12/15/13 Joe Spaniel—12/1/13 Nancy Marusak—12/1/13 Lori Strunc—12/1/13 Michael Patak—12/1/13 Albert Garcia—12/15/13 Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-12/22/13 Sr. Agnes Marie Marusak-12/22/13 Patricia Banks—12/22/13 Mildred Wickliffe—11/24/13 Joseph Matous, Jr.—11/24/13 Georgie Galetka -11/24/13 Anita Alvarez—12/1/13 Caroline Rejcek -12/8/13 Mary N. Sladecek-12/8/13 Elizabeth Hickman-12/8/13 Gil Escobar—12/8/13 Tracy Johnson-12/15/13 Steve Puckett-12/15/13 L.M.—12/15/13 Edward Allesandro–12/15/113 Gary Kidder-12/15/13 Steve York –12/15/13 Don Tanner—12/22/13 Adolph Novy-12/22/13 Joseph Guadalupe Garza-12/22/13 Patricia Pechal Maggie –12/22/13 Mildred Trojacek-12/22/13 Karen Garcia –12/22/13 Roxanna Rivera-12/22/13

## PARISH STAFF HOLY HOUR WEDNESDAYS FROM 3 PM-4 PM

We would love to pray for you! Email prayer intentions to joannag@stjohncc.net