

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 6:30 a.m. Thelma Pruitt +
12:05 p.m. Antonio & Nacha Zapata++/Mariana & Arturo Casanova++
6:00 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Delfa Arrambide +
7:00 p.m. Confessions

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3—St. Francis Xavier

- 6:30 a.m. Stanley Vlk +
12:05 p.m. Eileen Mitchell +
6:00 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Gloria Moreno + / Jesus Lara +
7:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 6:30 a.m. JJ Rivas, Antonio, Viola, & Robert Moya ++++
12:05 p.m. Wilma Zhanel +
2:30 p.m. Emeleen Maliska + (Ennis NH)
6:30 p.m. Wesley Mikel + (Spanish Mass/Novena)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 6:30 a.m. Frankie Joe Patak +
12:05 p.m. Noreen & Billy Pierce ++
6:30 p.m. Fr. Antonio's Intentions (Spanish Mass/ Novena)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6—St. Nicholas

- First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass
6:30 a.m. William Vavra +
12:05 p.m. Joe & Annie Vrana ++
6:30 p.m. La Familia Mejia (Spanish Mass/ Novena)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7—St. Ambrose

- First Saturday Devotions after 8 am Mass
8:00 a.m. Frank & Jay Felcman
3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. John Barto +

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 8

- 7:00 a.m. Will A. & Mary Prachyl ++
11:00 a.m. For Parish Community
1:00 pm Concepción Martínez +
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass Clara & Richard Miller ++

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

- Sun. December 1, 9 am Albert Elfrink +
Sun. December 8, 9 am Lupercio Anaya +

SPANISH EVENING MASSES

All evening Masses during the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe will be in Spanish beginning December 4th—12th.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: La Michoacana

Letter from the Pastor

First Sunday of Advent
+ 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

The last Sunday of our Church Liturgical Year, last week, Jesus Christ affirmed from His Cross, shortly before His death, that He is indeed King of the Universe and therefore has the power to save and admit to His Kingdom whomever He chooses.

From his cross, one of the criminals crucified beside Jesus, said: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom. Jesus replied to him, Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

These words alone should be enough to create within each of us an unquenchable desire to serve Jesus Christ as our King and Lord. To have the hope of entering an everlasting kingdom upon our mortal death should be worth any price we are required to pay while on this earth. If we put into rational perspective the time we spend on earth in relation to eternity, we will quickly realize the amazing good deal that Jesus has offered us. We should jump at the opportunity, before He changes His mind! Of course, that is not possible. He is always faithful and has made a New Covenant with us in His blood.

Now that we have ended this Church Liturgical Year, and begun our Season of Advent, we should each kneel down, call upon the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit and examine our lives in light of Jesus' promise. Are we living our lives in a way that anyone watching us would know who our King is? Do we speak in a way that acknowledges Him as our King? Do we always seek His will in our lives and then, as well as possible, live it out in grateful obedience to Him? Are we excited to claim Him as our King and shout out our allegiance to Him?

During Mass this First Sunday of Advent, this All Powerful King of the Universe whose coming as a baby on Christmas two thousand years ago, will once again love us, forgive us, and fill us with Himself, as He humbly and vulnerably becomes present on our altars. He does love us so....

Let us Praise, Adore and Worship Him!

Love & Prayers,
Fr. John



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HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Entrance: People, Look East - 337

Offertory: Christ, Be Our Light - 512

Communion: I Received the Living God - 809

Recessional: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns - 347

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection is for Capital Improvements

Sunday, December 1

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

** NO RCIA today **

6:30 pm Life Night

Monday, December 2

6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church

7:00 pm Qahal / Rm 101

Tuesday, December 3

6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church

6:30 am Food for Soul Mass & Breakfast

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions

7-8:30 pm EDGE / Cafeteria

7:00 pm Apologetics/ Room 301

5-8:30 pm St. John Library open/Room 106 Compound

Wednesday, December 4

6:00/7:00 am Morning Prayer & Rosary/Church

10:00 am Little Saints Play Group/Assumption Hall

6-8 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep"

7:00 pm RE Christmas Play/ KJT Hall

7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

7:00 pm Grief Recovery/ Room 101

7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, December 5

6:00 am Morning Prayer and Rosary/Church

7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/ Room 103

7:00 pm Women of Grace/ Room 101

7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

Friday, December 6 —First Friday

7:00 am Rosary after 6:30 am Mass

12:30 pm First Friday Devotions (after 12:05 Mass)

7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

Saturday, December 7— First Saturday

8:00 am Breakfast with St. Nicholas/ Cafeteria

8:30 am First Saturday Devotions after 8 am Mass

9:00 am Nepomucene's Men/ Room 201

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

Sunday, December 8

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

9:00 am RCIA/ Room 101

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 Frank & Carrie Gelnar and Joe & Julie Zmolik by Benny & Evelyn Zmolik for the week of November 30–December 6.

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light was donated in memory of Charlie & Mary Bouska donated by Ed & Margaret Bouska for the week of November 30–December 6.

CANDLE/FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DONATION

Both flower arrangements and the 4 candles beside the Monstrance in Divine Providence Chapel were donated in memory of Larry Dunkerley by Edwin & Lucy Mikula.

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.

NEPOMUCENE'S MEN

Saturday, Dec. 7, Room 201

8:00 am—Mass & Adoration

9:00 am—Program (Breakfast & Fellowship to start)

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

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.

SHELTERED WORKSHOP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, Dec. 9 at the KC Hall. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters. CDA Members who have signed up to be Santa's helpers, please remember to bring your gift wrapped, addressed to the clients name and from Santa. Please bring cookies for the Christmas Cookie walk. Please bring a covered dish for the Christmas Buffet. All KC and CDA members and their families are invited to attend and experience

CHANGE IN RELIGIOUS ED SCHEDULE

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:

12:00 AM Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day:

8:00 AM—English

10:00 AM—English

1:00 PM—Spanish

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 7

5:00 pm Josh Zapletal / Austin Spaniel

Sunday, December 8

7:00 am Joseph Galetka / Jake Kasowski /Alex Fry

11:00 am Alston Lawrence / Josef Woodward / Mando Campos

5:00 pm LT Mass Juan Lara / Andrew Alvarado

**Children's Religious Education
Christmas Play is December 4, 2013**

7p.m. — KJT

(Children participating should arrive no later than 6:30 p.m.)



Mark your Calendars !!

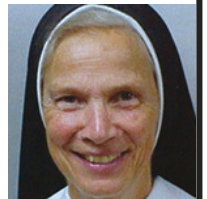
We would love to see you all there!!!

*Father John asks that all Children enrolled in
Religious Education participate.*

MARY
OF NAZARETH

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,
Mother of the Eucharist



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Breakfast with St. Nicholas



MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!

Saturday December 7th
St. John Cafeteria

\$5— Individual Breakfast

8 a.m.-11 a.m.

\$5— Individual/Family photo

* Photos will be taken by a professional photographer

UNSTOPPABLE


THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT!

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE JANUARY 17-19TH

LIFE TEEN RETREAT IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT

WWW.STJOHNCC.NET UNDER THE YOUTH MINISTRY SECTION. GO SIGN UP TODAY!

THIS RETREAT IS FOR ALL OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.



Our Lady Of Guadalupe Novena & Celebration Of Her Feast

DECEMBER 4-6 — 6:30 PM MASS
7:00 PM ROSARY

DECEMBER 7 — 6:30 AM LEAVE FOR PROCESSION IN DALLAS
(THERE WILL BE 2 BUSES GOING)
7:00 PM Rosary

DECEMBER 8 - 12:30 PM ROSARY
1:00 PM MASS

DECEMBER 9-10 — 6:30 PM ROSARY
7:00 PM MASS

DECEMBER 11 — 6:30 PM MASS
7:30 PM-12:00 AM SPECIAL PROGRAM

DECEMBER 12 — 5:00 PM—PROCESSION FROM KJT
6:30 PM— MASS
8:00 PM— KJT DINNER & DANCING

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 joan-nag@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	Helen Patak—12/15/13	Gil Escobar—12/8/13	Mildred Trojacek-12/22/13
Gentry Holmes—12/22/13	Nancy Marusak—12/1/13	Tracy Johnson-12/15/13	Karen Garcia -12/22/13
Margie Dvorak—12/15/13	Michael Patak—12/1/13	Steve Puckett-12/15/13	Roxanna Rivera-12/22/13
Helen & Bob Zmolek—12/15/13	Albert Garcia—12/15/13	L.M.—12/15/13	Richard Jurica—12/29/13
Georgie Ann Nekuza—12/15/13	Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-12/22/13	Edward Allesandro—12/15/113	Mildred Wickliffe-12/29/13
Mary Hejny—12/15/13	Sr. Agnes Marie Marusak-12/22/13	Gary Kidder-12/15/13	Frank Prochaska -12/29/13
Nathan Gunn—12/22/13	Patricia Banks—12/22/13	Steve York -12/15/13	Tony Diaz-12/29/13
Otto Macalik — 12/22/13	Georgie Galetka -12/29/13	Don Tanner—12/22/13	
Michael Liska—12/22/13	Caroline Rejcek -12/8/13	Adolph Novy-12/22/13	
Stanley J. Liska—12/22/13	Mary N. Sladeczek-12/8/13	Joseph Guadalupe Garza-12/22/13	
Trish Zabochnik—12/22/13	Elizabeth Hickman-12/8/13	Patricia Pechal Maggie -12/22/13	



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Family Fun Night!

10:00 PM Christmas Carols

10:30 PM Mass & Benediction

12:15 AM New Year's Party

Food, Drinks, and Games in Cafeteria

