

MASSES THIS WEEK



MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:30 am Louis W. Kozlovsky +
12:05 pm Edward & Adail Parma and Family
and Ludmila & Milton Nesuda ++

6:30 pm Spanish Guadalupe Novena Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6—St. Nicholas, bishop

6:30 am Lillie Honza Novy +
12:05 pm William Vavra + and
Frank and Frankie Dolezalik ++

Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm (Spanish) Genaro Sr. & Maria Rodriquez ++ and
Guadalupe Novena Mass

WED., DECEMBER 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop

6:30 am Arthur Langley +
12:05 pm Margie & Henry Valek ++ and
Rose and Victor Trojacek ++

6:30 pm (Vigil Mass for Holy Day in English)

Georgie Hejny + and
Clint M. Santos +

THURS., DECEMBER 8—Feast of Immaculate Conception

6:30 am Charlene Bartolic + and Chance Crawford +
12:05 pm John Barto + and
Frank & Ann & Marvin Kriska +++

6:30 pm Spanish Familia Gonzalez + & Guadalupe Novena

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9—St. Juan Diego

6:30 am Cecelia L. Kucera +
12:05 pm Marcus Hanus + and
Rudy & Emily & Gary Valek +++

6:30 pm Spanish Ysidro Castillo + and Guadalupe Novena

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:00 pm Special Birthday Intention and
Helen & Frank J. Dlabaj ++

6:30 pm Spanish Guadalupe Novena Mass and for
Bianca Jimenez 21st Birthday and for Briana Jimenez +

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 11

7:00 am Joe W. Vitovsky + and
Anton F./Anton/Carrie Galetka +++

11:00am Claudio Amador + and
Antonio & Nacha Zapata and Mariana & Arturo Casanova ++++

1:00 pm Juan Gutierrez Marmolejo + and
and For Our Parish Community

No 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass

5:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession to Church
6:30 pm Guadalupe Novena Mass with
Vigil until Midnight

✠ Pastor's Notes

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,
Advent Season is a wonderful time to think about a particular statement that Saint Josemaria Escriva wrote: "Many great things depend – don't forget – on whether you and I live our lives as God wants."

Our life now, as Roman Catholics, would not exist if Mary had not lived her life as God wanted. Her "fiat/yes," is what allowed God to become incarnate in her womb and enter our world in that stable in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago.

So too, Jesus' mission would not have been the same without the faithful life of St. John the Baptist. St. Matthew writes in his Gospel: "For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he spoke of: The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

During this Advent Season we, too, need to be aware that we are also people who are called to "prepare the way of the Lord." If we do not respond to what God ask us to do in our lives, we may frustrate the will of God in the lives of others. We need to ask ourselves if we bring others closer to God and our Catholic Faith by the way we act. Do other people see our actions and hear our words and then want to be Catholic like we are? Do we give good example? Do we speak about our Catholic Faith to others who do not understand?

During these Holy Days do we make it easier for members of our family who have left the Church to return because of our love and welcoming smile? At the family holiday dinners and gatherings are we setting a holy example for the young in our families? Are we being faithful to what God has called us to? Are we preparing the way for Jesus into the lives of other people around us?

See you in Church!

Love and Prayers,

See you in Church!

Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:00 am Linda Rohmer +

Sunday, Dec. 11, 9:00 am For Epiphany Parish Needs

SPONSOR OF WEEK: THE WILDFLOWER CAFE

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ON THURSDAY

Thursday, Dec. 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be at 6:30 pm Wed.(English) and on Thursday, 6:30 am & 12:05 pm (English), and 6:30 pm (Spanish). Parish business office will be closed for the holy day of obligation.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side, in memory of Lynne Johnson donated by Bobby & Mary Kennedy for the week of December 3-9.
Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 4

Second Collection for Capital Improvements

8:00am-1:00pm Breakfast with St. Nicholas (see notice)

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

8:45-10:45 am RCIA Classes /Room 102 Compound

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound

2:00-4:00 pm KC Children's Christmas Party/KC

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, December 5

6-6:30 and 7:00 pm Confession will be available

7:30 pm Initial Safe Environment Training/Room 201

Tuesday, December 6

6-6:30 and 7:00 pm Confession will be available

6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym

6:00 pm CDA-KC Sheltered Workshop Party/KC

7:00 pm Grief Recovery Program/Room 102

7:30 pm Safe Environment Re-Training/Room 201

Wednesday, December 7

Life Teen *Food for the Soul* and breakfast

6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes

7:00 pm D-NITE/Cafeteria

Thursday, December 8

Parish Business Office closed for the holy day of obligation

No EDGE Night tonight

7:00 pm *That Man is You!* Group/Room 103-104

7:30 pm Adult Choir rehearses in Cafeteria tonight

Saturday, December 10

7:00 am *That Man is You!* Group/Room 103-104

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 11

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

8:45-10:45 am RCIA Class/Room 102 Compound

8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound

No Life Teen Mass or Life Night

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

The next **initial** Safe Environment Training, "Family of Faith" will be Monday, December 5, at 7:30 pm in Room 201 of the elementary school building.

A **re-training** session will be Tuesday, December 6, for those whose training needs to be renewed for the year. This session will be at 7:30 pm in Room 201. Please **do not** bring children.

PAYMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents, remember that any payments for Religious Education can be made at the parish office during regular parish office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5:00 pm, and Friday until 12:00 noon. (office closes for noon Mass each day). If you have an outstanding balance, please make regular payments.

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 26 & 27

St. John Church Support Collection \$ 18,358.67

St. John Thanksgiving Collection 1,018.00

Epiphany Mission Collection 603.75

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Is God calling you? We still need more volunteers for the Religious Education program for the Spring semester. We need teachers, aides to assist the teachers, and substitutes. This is a wonderful way to give back to your parish. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650, or 972-875-2834, ext. 214. Please pray on this, and share your talents with our children in Religious Ed.

KC & CDA SHELTERED WORKSHOP CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sheltered Workshop Christmas Party hosted by the KCs and the Catholic Daughters will be Tuesday, December 6, at the KC hall beginning at 6:00 pm. Members of both organizations are asked to bring a dish for the Christmas Buffet. CDA Santa's helpers are asked to bring your client's gift wrapped or bagged with the client's first and last name on the tag. These gifts are from Santa Claus. There are 47 Workshop clients this year. It will be greatly appreciated if members bring Christmas cookies or candy for cookie trays for the Cookie Walk. Bring cookies to hall by 5:00 pm. All members and their immediate families are urged to attend to experience the true meaning of Christmas and the smiles and enjoyment of the Sheltered Workshop clients as they enjoy their party.

WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

Winter Walkers Program begins Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 6:00 pm in the St. John Gym. Catholic Family Fraternal—KJZT #16 is sponsoring this program to provide a safe, warm place to keep heart healthy during the winter months. Join them each Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-7 pm from now until March. (Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.) Call Joan Johnson for info: 214-728-6160

KC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights of Columbus will host its annual Children's Christmas Party for members and their guests today, December 4, from 2:00-4:00 pm at the KC hall. Please join them for food, fun and of course, a visit from Santa Claus. For more information, call Kevin Betik, 972-825-7016.

HYMNS FOR 2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT, DECEMBER 4

337 People Look East 338 Advent Gathering Rite

331 Comfort, Comfort, All My People

806 Eat This Bread 345 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Bob Scancelli, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe W. Spaniel, Wilma Mach, Jane Parker, Lori Hearn, Ginny Svehlak, Juanita Levey, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Orlando Lopez, Greg Loftis, Gil Escobar, Tony Guerrero, Gertrude Langley, Gloria J. Haba, Johnny Garcia, Danita Canty, Betty Cloonen, Hannah Rejcek, Rosie Mach, Ruphine Patak, James Saylor, Inez Fira, Louisa Tovar, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Ashton Weaver, Martina Ortiz, Lisa Marklund, Mireya Ross, Anna Rosales, Lauren Moran, Senaida Arreola, Christian Marente, Helen Matous, James Pustejovsky, Elizabeth Holland, Robert Martinez Sr., Olga Patak, Alfred Martinez, Catherine McClelland, Thelma Collinsworth, Rosa Sanchez, Patsy Blazek, Betty Rogala, Graciela & Ruben Monreal, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Viola and Evelyn Dlabaj, Domingo Galban, Jerry Dolezal, Tony Alvarez, Josie, Ray & Cynthia Castillo, Steve Betik, Earlene Slovak, Raul Partida, Bernard Betik

Thank you for helping
to make the
Lord's House beautiful!



This beautiful, antique lavabo set was donated in memory of the family of Benny and Evelyn Zmolik.



Marian Zhanel made this beautiful veil and lining for the interior of the Tabernacle. What a wonderful gift for the Lord!

Help those in our community
to get closer to God
through His Holy Sacraments!

RCIA Sponsors Needed

We need people to help to guide those who are interested in becoming Catholic to know and understand the Church. If you love the Church and want to share that love with those who wish to join Her, become an RCIA sponsor.

Qualifications:

- Must have received Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation
- If married, must be married in the Catholic Church
- Practicing your Faith

Contact Seth Wright at 972-878-2834.

Wedding Coordinator Needed

Be involved in helping couples to celebrate their wedding by coordinating the ceremony. Serving as a wedding coordinator is rewarding, but it does require a commitment and can be challenging. Wedding coordinators receive a stipend.

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office, 972-878-2834, if interested.

St. John Religious Education
would like to invite EVERYONE
to our annual
Christmas Nativity Play!



Tuesday December 20th

at 7pm in the Cafeteria

LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 4TH- LIFE NIGHT &

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NIC-DEC 4TH 8AM-1PM

DECEMBER 11TH- NO LIFE TEEN MASS & NO LIFE NIGHT

EDGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 8TH- NO EDGE HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GO TO MASS

DECEMBER 15- EDGE NIGHT

DEC 22 & 29- NO EDGE CHRISTMAS BREAK

QUESTIONS? CALL JOEY 972-878-8336 OR JOEYS@ST.JOHNCC.NET



BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

DECEMBER 4TH 8AM-1PM

COME TAKE A PICTURE WITH ST. NICHOLAS OR HAVE BREAKFAST OR GET BOTH!

PRICES: \$5 FOR INDIVIDUAL BREAKFAST

\$8 FOR INDIVIDUAL BREAKFAST & INDIVIDUAL PHOTO

\$25 FOR FAMILY UP TO 6 PEOPLE FOR BREAKFAST & FAMILY PHOTO

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LIFE TEEN/EDGE PROGRAMS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EPIPHANY TREAT BAGS



On the Feast of Epiphany, January 8, children at Epiphany Church in Italy will be given treat bags to celebrate their feast. Parishioners are asked to donate bags of candy and packaged cookies and other wrapped treats to make up the goody bags. If you have questions, please contact Fr. Antonio.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR NEEDY

Andy Gomez, manager of Denney's, and his sister, Lollie Gomez Dlabaj, wish to continue the annual tradition of feeding a real Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 17, to those who would go without one. Vouchers will be given to participants. Donations are being accepted ahead of time to help defray the cost of the dinner. For information or to help with a donation, call Lollie at 469-337-5952, or Helen Yarbrough at the parish office, 972-875-2834. (Denney's is not donating the dinner this year.)

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 10

5:00 pm Austin Spaniel/Joseph Baird

Sunday, December 11

7:00 am Tyler Novy/Aaron Rejcek/Nate Allen

11:00 am Tyler Gilmore/Kenny Janousek/Chris Trojacek

No Life Teen Mass today

EPIPHANY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Epiphany Quasi-Parish Pastoral Council will meet at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 14, at the church.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES

Monday evening: 6:00 pm till 6:30 pm Mass

After Mass at 7:00 pm

Tuesday evening: 6:00 pm till 6:30 pm Mass

After Mass at 7:00 pm

KC CHRISTMAS MAGNET SALE

Knights of Columbus #1353 will sell Christmas magnets this weekend and next, Dec. 10/11, after the 5:00 pm Sat. Mass and 7:00 & 11:00 am Sunday Masses. They invite everyone to purchase a "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" magnet for \$5.00

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas would like to thank their St. John parish family for helping to make their Thanksgiving bake sale a success. With your purchases or donations, they will be able to continue to do "good works" for our parish, community, state and national projects, or Father John's wonderful suggestions. Thank you to our members who generously baked or made a dessert and all the ladies who helped sell the delicious desserts at Masses. We Thank You all and may God bless you.