

Mass Intentions for week of December 7

Letter from the Pastor

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the

6:30 a.m. Chiara Scancelli & Family **Blessed Virgin Mary—**
12:05 p.m. Emeleen Maliska + **Holy Day of Obligation**
6:30 p.m. Sr. Edna Gonzalez (Birthday) —Spanish Mass (Novena)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

6:30 a.m. John & Julie Krajca
12:05 p.m. John Polak +
6:30 p.m. Maria Manriquez + —Spanish Mass (Novena)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 a.m. Cecilia Blazek +
12:05 p.m. Wesley and Annie Honza ++
2:30 p.m. Special Intention (IOOF)
6:30 p.m. Briana Maria Jimenez + —Spanish Mass (Novena)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11—St. Damasus I

6:30 a.m. Jerry Dolezal+ & Dolezal Family
12:05 p.m. Frank Zhanel +
6:30 p.m. Estevan Fiscal+ & Sonia Fiscal + -Spanish Mass (Novena)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 a.m. Rex Spurgeon, Jr.+
12:05 p.m. Louis Jr. Prachyl +
6:30 p.m. Luis & Guadalupe Perrett ++ —Spanish Mass (Novena)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13—St. Lucy

3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Daniel Macalik +

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00 a.m. George Spaniel, Sr. +
11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community
1:00 p.m. Felipe Cortez +
5:00 p.m. **Life Teen Mass** Mary Krajca +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. December 07, 9 am Feloteo Anaya +
Sun. December 14, 9 am Ma. Guadalupe Ramirez +

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Entrance: Comfort, Comfort, O My People - 331
Offertory: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - 345
Communion: We Are the Light of the World - 515
Recessional: People, Look East - 337

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 29 & 30
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

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| St. John Church Support Collection | \$14,791.64 |
| 2nd Collection: St. John Catholic Charities | \$1,955.39 |
| Epiphany Church Support Collection | \$745.19 |

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Escamillas Construction, Inc.

Second Sunday of Advent
+ 2014

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“The Lord does not delay His promise, as some regard “delay,” but He is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

These amazingly loving words spoken by Saint Peter to his flock, should fill each of us with a confidence that Jesus loves us all and is working for the salvation of all through His Church. This time of Advent is meant to renew us in our own commitment to holiness and to a missionary zeal for all people.

I am writing this message on Wednesday, December 03, 2014, which is the feast of Saint Francis Xavier. His life is a great example for each of us. The saints are folks of all different kinds. Married, single, widowed, rich, poor, educated, illiterate, priest, religious, male, female people make up this great company of saints. These are men and women who have gone before us and lived their time on this earth preparing themselves and others for the Second Coming of Christ.

This is what it is all about! His birth in Bethlehem was just the beginning. In the womb of the Virgin Mary, the Church, came to earth. Jesus instituted His Church as the vehicle through which all are to be brought into His kingdom. His mystical body is to grow everyday through our work in this world. Each of us through the everyday work of our lives is helping this vine which Jesus planted on earth to grow to full maturity.

See you in the vineyard! Sowing and planting, getting ready for the harvest!

Love & Prayers,
Fr. John

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day Masses

Sunday, December 7:

5:00 PM—English (This Mass can at the same time fulfill both the Sunday and Holy Day obligations.)

Monday, December 8:

6:30 AM—English
12:05 PM—English
6:30 PM—Spanish

KJZT BAKE SALE

KJZT Society # 16 is having a fundraiser Bake Sale on Saturday, December 13 after the 5pm Mass and on Sunday, December 14 after the 7am and 11am Masses. Members are asked to bring homemade pastries and candies for the sale or, if you prefer, you can make a monetary donation. Please bring your baked goods to the Mass you will attend. Tables will be set up at the back of the church for the sale. Please stop by the bake sale tables and purchase a delicious dessert and support our local society.

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection: St. John Capital Improvement

Sunday, December 7

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
9:00 am RCIA / Room 101
6:30 pm Life Night

Monday, December 8

6:00 pm Confessions/ Church (No Confessions after Mass)
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary / Church

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 am Food for the Soul Breakfast
9:00 am Golden Crusaders/ Cafeteria
5:00 pm Altar Society Meeting/ Room 102
5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/ Church (No Confessions after Mass)
7:00 -8:15 pm EDGE/ Cafeteria
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary / Church

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep"
6:00 pm Grief Recovery/ Library
7:00 pm KC #1353 Business Meeting & Rosary / KC
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary / Church
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 11

7:00 pm RCIA / Room 101
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary & Special program
12:00 am Las Mañanitas

Friday, December 12

5:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Procession / Church

Saturday, December 13

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 14

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
9:00 am RCIA / Room 101
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ADORERS STILL NEEDED!

**Saturday 10 AM · Sunday 8 AM · Sunday 10 AM ·
 Sunday 11 AM · Monday 2 AM**

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

We accept clean clothes and shoes in the gym every Sunday after 7:00 am Mass until 1 pm. During this time anyone is welcome to take what they need free of charge.

*** We are in BIG need of infant's clothes—ALL SIZES! ***

RELIGIOUS ED NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Sunday classes are in need of: 4th grade teacher
2nd grade teacher and Adult Pre-K aid

LIBRARY HOURS

Sundays—8:15 am —10:45 am
 Tuesdays—6:30 pm—7:00 pm
 Wednesdays—11:15 am—11:45 am

Check These Out —“The Two Commandments of Christ”

“Reaching out in Love” (Mother Theresa)

“Why do Catholics Do That?” - DVD 3 “Theology of the Body”

“The Lady of Guadalupe” - DVD “Why be Catholic”

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHAPEL CANDLES & FLOWERS

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

ALTAR CANDLES

If you would like to reserve the 6 candles around the main altar in the sanctuary for your intentions or a loved one, living or deceased for 1 week in 2015, stop by the religious counter after Mass to sign up. \$40 for 1 week. Thank You, St. John Altar Society.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, December 9th at 5:00 pm in Room 102

GOLDEN CRUSADERS

will meet on Tuesday, December 9 in the cafetorium. All members are asked to bring canned goods for Helping Hands of Ennis. This will be a soup and sandwich meeting with A - O to bring soup or sandwiches and P - Z to bring desserts. Table games will begin at 8:30 AM. All age 55+ are welcome.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Training completed by a volunteer (for all Ministries) under the Safe Environment Program is good for only one (1) year. All volunteers whose training is currently expired or will expire by the end of this year may update their training at one of the classes scheduled @ St. John on Sunday, Dec. 14th after the 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Masses in Room 104 of the compound.

K OF C ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Knights of Columbus will hold its Annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the KC Hall. Children of members and their guests are welcome to attend. Please join us for crafts, food and of course Santa Clause.

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : December 6—December 12

In Memory: Joe S. & Mary Liska, Joe L. Liska & Judy Almond
 By: Stanley J. & Barbara Liska

Altar Candles : December 6—December 12

In Memory: Leandro, Moreno, & Huerta Families, Refugio Macias and Maria Garza

By: Raul & Stella Rodriguez

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: December 5—December 11

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

Flower Arrangements: December 5—December 11

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

JAN REMINDER



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 2014 date to be recorded as a gift in 2014. The postmark on the envelope will determine what year the gift is recorded in. Examples for clarification are listed below:

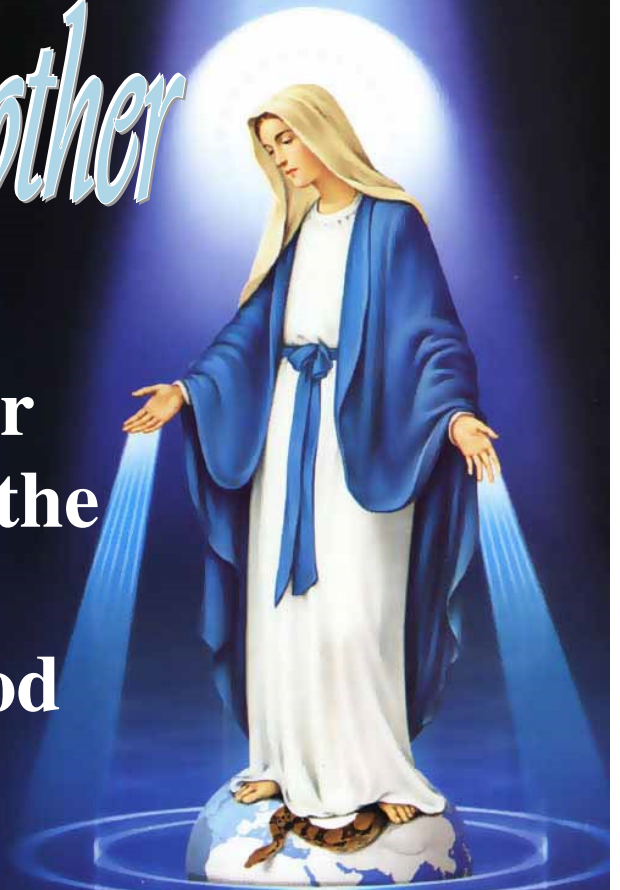
- If we receives a gift with a check dated 12/31/2014 on 1/3/2015, but the postmark on the envelope reads 12/31/2014 (or earlier) then we will post the date of the gift as 12/31/2014.
- If we receives a gift with a check dated 12/31/2014, but the postmark of the envelope reads 1/1/2015 (or later) then it will be posted as a gift received in 2015.

We will also record all hand delivered gifts received at the office on December 31, 2014 by noon as a 2014 gift.

Come, Lord Jesus

Mary, Our Mother

Invites us all
to bring in the new year
with her as we celebrate the
Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother Of God
and 2015!
December 31, 2014



Holy Day of Obligation—December 8

Every year on December 8, we remember the first one of us to be saved by Our Lord Jesus Christ. The salvation brought to us through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus was first applied to Mary so that she could be conceived without Original Sin and would be pure for her role as Mother of Jesus. Let us thank the Lord that we now share in this salvation and are being remade in purity through the action of Jesus in our prayer, in the sacraments, and in our growth in love of God and neighbor.

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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. John Nepomucene Movie Nights presents an Ignatius Documentary Presentation

The Story of the Nativity

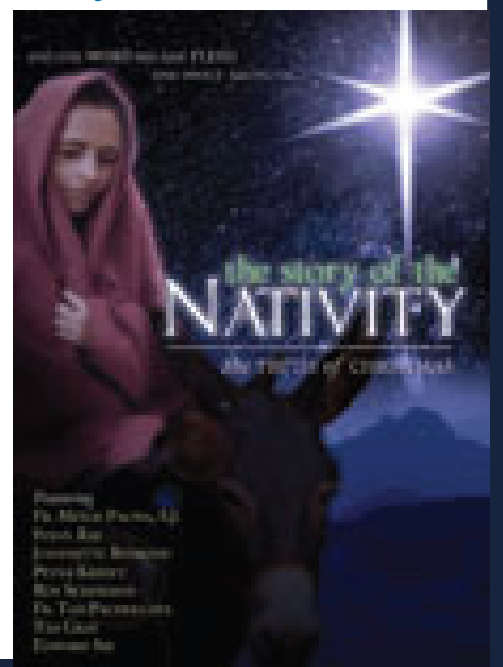
On **Saturday, December 13**, at **7:00 PM** in room **103-104** in the compound, we will be showing the documentary film, *The Story of the Nativity*. This is a fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity. The birth of Jesus is often misunderstood, but this intriguing film clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. Don't miss this opportunity to gather for fellowship, refreshments, and to be inspired by the incredible story of the birth of Jesus Christ! Ignatius books and DVDs will be available for purchase and proceeds will help us continue to show these films and documentaries.

Admission is free.

Popcorn will be provided. Bring your own drink.

For more information contact:

John Waedekin at (214) 477-4153.





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ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS
High School Youth Ministry Retreat
*Encounter of
the Third Kind*

- Already been Confirmed?
- Think you've done it before?
- Looking for more?
- Don't feel accepted?

THEN THIS IS FOR YOU!

A great opportunity to get away for a weekend: to have lots of fun with friends, deepen your faith life, and experience something you have not before!

Registrations for the
January 16-18th Life Teen
retreat is now available at
www.stjohnncc.net/retreat-registrations

Register today!

Paintball - Horseback Riding - Zip Lines - Laser Tag - Basketball - Football - Soccer

Trampoline - Video Games - Ping Pong Tables - and More!!!

Parents and Grandparents!

What a great Christmas present to give the teenager in your life! An opportunity to grow in relationship with The Lord!
A Christmas gift that will last!

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.

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| Jo Ann Dolezalik—1/4/15 | Annie Fira Garcia—11/30/14 | Annie Garcia—11/30/14 | Mary Ludwig—12/28/14 |
| Helen / Bob Zmolek—1/11/15 | Janie & Richard Mraz-11/30/14 | Jill Liska—11/30/14 | Rosa Sanchez—12/28/14 |
| Georgie Ann Nekuza—1/11/15 | Barbara Sample—11/30/14 | Tammy LaScala Koch-11/30/14 | Carol Rejcek—12/28/14 |
| Nathan Gunn—1/4/15 | Ella Patak—11/23/14 | John Sosa—11/30/14 | Jose Luis Garcia—1/4/15 |
| Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-11/30 | Angie Fira Garza—11/30/14 | Henry Vrana—12/7/14 | Trisha Zabochnik—1/4/15 |
| Frank Prochaska—11/30 | Bill Hejny—12/28/14 | Ben Eric Fira—12/7/14 | Pauline Novy—1/4/15 |
| Sr. Redempta Bradley—11/30 | Sr. Edna Gonzalez—12/28/14 | Mary Alice (Beva) Garza-12/7 | Elizabeth Ann Martinez—1/4/15 |
| Nancy Blackburn—12/28/14 | Louann Redick—12/28/14 | Domingo De Los Santos Jr -12/7 | Locadio Pecina—1/4/15 |
| Stephen Dolezalik—1/4/15 | Bob Henderson—12/28/14 | Eleanora Pelzel—12/7/14 | Brook Gandy—1/4/15 |
| Betty Jo Culpepper—12/28/14 | Stanley J. Liska—12/28/14 | Patsy Zabochnik—12/28/14 | Mark Liska—1/4/15 |
| Alfred Martinez—12/28/14 | Johnny/ Mary Ann Hajek-12/28 | Nancy Valek—12/28/14 | Gary Kidder—1/4/15 |
| Betty Rogala—12/28/14 | Leo Rejcek—11/ 23/14 | Wesley Krajca—12/28/14 | Edwin/Dorothy Langer -1/4/15 |
| Ivan & Margaret Bohuslav— 11/30 | Joe Gobeia—11/23/14 | Pete Gutierrez—12/28/14 | |
| Margie Dvorak—1/4/15 | Craig Sellars—11/23/14 | Ginger Morales—12/28/14 | |
| Mary Hejny—1/4/15 | Mildred Trojacek—12/28/14 | Patti Youngblood—12/28/14 | |
| Analiase Mahaley—12/28/14 | Leo Rejcek—11/23/14 | Lillian Bacak—12/28/14 | |
| Anna Galetka—12/28/14 | June & Dick Moody—12/28/14 | Rachel Zmolik—12/28/15 | |
| | Angie Garza—11/30/14 | Paula Prokop—12/28/14 | |