

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9-Immaculate Conception of the

6:30 a.m. Parish Staff Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 p.m. John D. Quinn

6:30 p.m. Anton L. & Effie Jurica ++ (Spanish)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 a.m. Maria B. Manriquez +

12:05 p.m. Adolph Tobola +

6:30 p.m. Briana Maria Jimenez + (Spanish)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11-St. Damascus

6:30 a.m. Garcia Family

12:05 p.m. AA & Helen Sulak ++/ Ab. John Sulak +

2:30 p.m. Special Intention (I.O.O.F.)

6:30 p.m. Elizabeth & Kenneth Holland ++ (Spanish)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 a.m. Deacon Dean Darnall +

12:05 p.m. Jimmy D. Burselson +

6:30 p.m. Ramon Medina + (Spanish)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13-St. Lucy

6:30 a.m. Jaxon Rauscher and family

12:05 p.m. Walter Marusak +

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14-St. John of the Cross

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Joe S./Mary/Joe L. Liska +++ (Spanish)

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 15

7:00 a.m. Joe A. Schlebach +

11:00 a.m. Willy Dlabaj +

1:00 pm Thomas Mercado +

5:00 pm Life Teen Mass For the Parish Community

### MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. December 8, 9 am Lupercio Anaya +

Sun. December 15, 9 am Ma. Guadalupe Ramirez +

### COLLECTIONS FOR Nov. 23 & 24 & Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection Nov. 23—Nov. 24 \$14,570.33

Nov. 29—Dec. 1 \$18,318.44

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$719.10

2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Capital Improvements \$2,258.53

St. John Thanksgiving Collection \$429.02

Epiphany Church Support Collection November 24th \$705.00

December 1st \$915.25

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$136.07

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Building Fund \$355.75

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Rick Cepak / Brad Cepak

## Letter from the Pastor

Second Sunday of Advent  
+ 2013

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

Go Advent!!! So much grace to help us prepare ourselves for an amazing Christmas! Our Lord, who Himself, started Christmas over 2000 years ago, wants us to celebrate with JOY, PEACE and HOLINESS!!! Why HOLINESS? Because HOLINESS is the only REAL HAPPINESS!! A lot of other emotions pass for happiness, and many folks think that is all there is.

True happiness has no downside. No credit card debt to pay back for months after Christmas. No hangover the next day because of the alcohol necessary to “enjoy” Christmas. No fights of jealousy and envy leading up to Christmas. No busy-ness of the false Christmas that doesn’t allow us the time and peace to enjoy family, friends and especially extra time with Jesus! It is HIS Birthday, after all, that we are celebrating.

As we enter this second week of Advent let us stop in front of Jesus, ask for the Holy Spirit, and review our plans for Christmas! Are we allowing the Devil through our culture to take over and ruin Christmas. Are we heading back into a Christmas that we will be glad and relieved when it is over? Are we planning on running around so much, driving so much and hurrying so much on Christmas that we have no time to spend with the Birthday Boy Himself, Jesus?

If so, then don’t blame it on Christmas. But rather, change it now and maybe for the first time in your, and your family’s lives, celebrate the true Christmas, and see what the big deal has been about for two thousand years! Why would a world-wide Church plan to have a liturgy at Midnight!!!!???? And expect everyone to come???

May you have a Grace filled Advent that will lead to an amazing Christmas!

Love & Prayers,  
Fr. John



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## HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

**Entrance:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel—#323

**Offertory:** My Soul in Stillness Waits—#336

**Communion:** All Who Hunger—#817

**Recessional:** On Jordan’s Bank—344

### 6:30 P.M. MASS THIS WEEK

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection is for Christmas Flowers

#### 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

#### Monday, December 9

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

7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

7:00 pm Qahal / Rm 101

#### Tuesday, December 10

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

6:30 am Food for Soul Mass & Breakfast

8:00 am Golden Crusaders/ Cafeteria

5:00 pm Altar Society/ Rm 102

6:00/7:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

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 11

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 Grief Recovery/ Room 101

7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Special Program

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, December 12

6:00 am Morning Prayer and Rosary/Church

5:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession from KJT

7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/ Room 103

8:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner/ KJT

#### Friday, December 13

7:00 am Rosary after 6:30 am Mass

#### Saturday, December 14

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

#### Sunday, December 15

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 A. Gerich, Mary, Frankie R. & Mary Frances Gerich by Margaret Haskovec Family for the week of December 7 – December 13.

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK

The sanctuary light was donated in memory of Lynne Johnson donated by Bobby & Mary Kennedy for the week of December 7 – December 13.

#### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DONATION

One flower arrangements beside the Monstrance in Divine Providence Chapel was donated in honor of Judith Ross by Brady Womack. The other arrangement was donated by Jose Rangel for the week of Dec. 6-Dec. 12.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

#### *Qahal : a Bible study on the book of Genesis*

Monday nights, 7:00-8:30 pm

101-102 in the Compound

Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a pen.

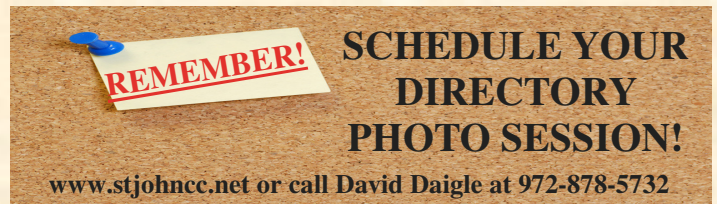
### NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

#### BULLETIN DEADLINES

All bulletin announcements for the weekends of Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> must be submitted by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> in order to make the holiday printing deadline.

#### SHELTERED WORKSHOP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, Dec. 9 at the KC Hall. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters. 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 and a covered dish for the Christmas Buffet. All KC and CDA members and their families are invited to attend.



**REMEMBER!** SCHEDULE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSION!

www.stjohncc.net or call David Daigle at 972-878-5732

#### GOLDEN CRUSADERS MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, December 10th in the cafeteria. Dominoes begin at 8 a.m. Members are encouraged A-N to bring desserts and O-Z to bring soup or sandwiches. New members welcome.

#### KJZT SOCIETY #16 BAKE SALE

Dec. 15th after 5pm Mass and Sunday, Dec. 16th after the 7 am and 11 am Masses. Members are asked to bring their homemade pastries and candies for the sale or a monetary donation. Bring baked goods to the Mass you attend. Tables will be set up at the back of church. Please call Elsie Marak at 972-878-5537 with any questions.

#### 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.

\*Conditions apply

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

#### ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

##### Saturday, December 14

5:00 pm Alex Fry / Mando Campos

##### Sunday, December 15

7:00 am Chris Trojacek / Josh Zapletal / Jake Kasowski

11:00 am Austin Spaniel / Sean Coplen / Andrew Alvarado

5:00 pm LT Mass Joseph Galetka / Alston Lawrence

## Our Lady Of Guadalupe Novena & Celebration Of Her Feast

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- 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



## Christmas Mass Schedule

<b>Christmas Eve:</b> No Masses during day 12:00 AM Midnight Mass (English)	<b>Christmas Day:</b> 8:00 AM—English 10:00 AM—English 1:00 PM—Spanish
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## Extra Confession Times

December 18th 7:00 PM—9:00 PM  
December 20th 6:00 PM—8:00 PM  
December 24th 9:00 AM-11:00 AM



High School  
Youth Ministry  
Retreat  
***UNSTOPPABLE!***



**Our Retreat Master:** Life Teen Worship Band      **Fr. Augustin, CFR**  
**Brian Greenfield**

Registrations for the  
January 17-19<sup>th</sup> Life Teen  
retreat are now available  
at [www.stjohnncc.net](http://www.stjohnncc.net) under  
Youth Ministry.

# Our ALL STAR

**TOR Religious Sisters**



**Dominican Religious Sisters**



## line up!

This retreat is for ALL  
our high school students.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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10:00 PM Christmas Carols

10:30 PM Mass & Benediction

12:15 AM New Year's Eve Party

Food, Drinks, & Games in Cafeteria  
for the **WHOLE FAMILY!**

**JOIN US**  
as we

Bring in the  
**New Year!**



*"Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
and never brought to mind..."*



**Come reconnect with your CRHP  
Brothers and Sisters and Parish family!**

# MARY OF NAZARETH

**Galaxy Drive-in**  
**Sunday, Dec. 15**  
**7:00 PM**

**Free Admission**

The drive-in is donating the screen for us to use, so please support them by visiting their concession stand.

Arrive early—Box Office opens at 6:00 PM

No outside food or drink

Donations will be accepted to cover the licensing fee.



## SECOND 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@stjohnc.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	Michael Patak—12/1/13	Edward Allesandro—12/15/113	Tony Diaz-12/29/13
Gentry Holmes—12/22/13	Albert Garcia—12/15/13	Gary Kidder-12/15/13	Joe Spaniel-1/5/14
Margie Dvorak—1/19/14	Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-12/22/13	Steve York -12/15/13	Dianne McCarty-1/5/14
Helen & Bob Zmolek—12/15/13	Sr. Agnes Marie Marusak-12/22/13	Don Tanner—12/22/13	Dorothy & Edwin Langer-1/5/14
Georgie Ann Nekuza—12/15/13	Patricia Banks—12/22/13	Adolph Novy-12/22/13	Irma Guerrero-1/5/14
Mary Hejny—1/19/14	Georgie Galetka -12/29/13	Joseph Guadalupe Garza-12/22/13	Georgie Ann Nekuza-1/15/14
Nathan Gunn—12/22/13	Caroline Rejcek -12/8/13	Patricia Pechal Maggi -12/22/13	Margaret Krajca-1/15/14
Otto Macalik — 12/22/13	Mary N. Sladeczek-12/8/13	Mildred Trojacek-12/22/13	Jimmy Aguilar-1/15/14
Michael Liska—12/22/13	Elizabeth Hickman-12/8/13	Karen Garcia -12/22/13	Catherine Augusto-1/15/14
Stanley J. Liska—12/22/13	Gil Escobar—12/8/13	Roxanna Rivera-12/22/13	Rosa Sanchez-1/15/14
Trish Zabochnik—12/22/13	Tracy Johnson-12/15/13	Richard Jurica—12/29/13	Alfred Martinez-1/15/14
Helen Patak—12/15/13	Steve Puckett-12/15/13	Mildred Wickliffe-12/29/13	Domingo de los Santos -1/15/14
Nancy Marusak—12/1/13	L.M.—12/15/13	Frank Prochaska -12/29/13	

# Stop saving the date!

The Retreat for Adults is being rescheduled, so now you are free to do something less fulfilling Jan. 24-26.