

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

- 6:30 a.m. Edward Rejcek +
- 12:05 p.m. Tony & Nacha Zapata ++
- 6:30 p.m. George Spaniel, Sr. + (Spanish Novena)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12** - Our Lady of Guadalupe

- No 6:30 a.m. Mass today
- 12:05 p.m. Henry Zapletal +
- 6:30 p.m. Octavio Mendiola +

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13** - Saint Lucy

- No 6:30 a.m. Mass today
- 12:05 p.m. Celeste Johnson +
- 6:30 p.m. John & Johnny Mensik ++

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14** - Saint John of the Cross

- 6:30 a.m. Stanley L. Svehlak +
- 12:05 p.m. Johnny Co Valek +
- 6:30 p.m. Yolanda Hambrick +

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

- 6:30 a.m. Wesley & Bessie Lanicek ++
- 12:05 p.m. Frankie E. Vrana +

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

- 3:30 p.m. Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. Joe W. Spaniel +

**DECEMBER 17, THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

- 7:00 a.m. Alphonse & Agnes Novosad ++
- 11:00 a.m. Wm. Cordell Hickman +
- 1:00 p.m. For the Parish Community
- 5:00 p.m. Billy Coplen +

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

- Sun. Dec. 10, 9 am Ma. Guadalupe Ramirez +
- Sun. Dec. 17, 9 am Miguel & Carmen Palacios ++

Making a gift for the benefit of St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church after you are gone is a wonderful way to create a lasting legacy and ensure that the faith life you and your family have received will be there for generations to come.



For more information or to answer your questions about a possible gift, please phone or e-mail Dominic Tartaglia at the parish office or by email at [dtartaglia@stjohncc.net](mailto:dtartaglia@stjohncc.net).

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

- Entrance:** Christ, Be Our Light! 512
- Offertory:** Comfort, Comfort, O My People 331
- Communion:** Now In This Banquet 825
- Recessional:** People, Look East 337

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Herrera Landscape Services**



**Fr. John in Mexico offering Mass for our intentions.**

TOP: Fr. John celebrating Mass with our intention book at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

BOTTOM: Fr. John and Eustorgio Gomez at the tomb of Blessed Miguel Pro.

**COLLECTIONS FOR November 23, 25 & 26**  
 Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$19,279.31
Second Collection: Capital Improvement	\$2,511.99
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$1,007.50
Second Collection: Building Fund	\$373.10

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10

**Sunday, December 10**

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

**8:30-10:30 am** Religious Ed/ Elementary

**9:00 am** RCIA/ Rm 101-102

**6:30 pm** Life Teen / Cafeteria

**Monday, December 11**

No Confessions

**7:00 pm** Rosary Makers / Room 101

**7-12 Midnight** Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Program

**Tuesday, December 12**

**6:30 am** Food for the Soul / Church

**8:30 am** Golden Crusaders/ Cafeteria

**5:00 pm** Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession

**8:00 pm** Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner / KJT Hall

No Confessions

No Upper Room

**Wednesday, December 13**

**6-9:00 pm** Confessions

**6:30-8:30 pm** Religious Ed/ Elementary

**6:30-8:30 pm** EDGE/Church

**7:30 pm** Adult Choir Practice/ Church

**Thursday, December 14**

**Friday, December 15**

**Saturday, December 16**

**Sunday, December 17**

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers

**8:30-10:30 am** Religious Ed/ Elementary

**9:00 am** RCIA/ Rm 101-102

**6:30 pm** Life Teen / Cafeteria

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

**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 2018, stop by the religious counter after Mass to sign up. \$40 for 1 week.

**KJZT SOCIETY #16 BAKE SALE**

Weekend of December 16/17th after Saturday 5pm & Sunday 7am and 11am Masses. Members are asked to bring homemade pastries and candies for sale, or if you prefer, you can make a monetary donation. Please bring your baked good to the Mass you will attend. Tables will be set up at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting our local society with your purchase of a baked good!

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

Free clothes & shoes in the gym - Sundays 8 am-12 noon.

**FORMED.org**  
The Catholic Faith. On Demand.  
Register with access code: **6YQGKN**

*End of Year Giving*

Consistent with Internal Revenue Service regulations, all year end gifts must be postmarked with a 2017 date to be recorded as a gift in 2017. The postmark on the envelope will determine what year the gift is recorded in. Examples for clarification are listed below:

- If we receive a gift with a check dated 12/31/2017 on 1/3/2018, but the postmark on the envelope reads 12/31/2017 (or earlier) then we will post the date of the gift as 12/31/2017.
- If we receive a gift with a check dated 12/31/2017, but the postmark of the envelope reads 1/1/2018 (or later) then it will be posted as a gift received in 2018.

We will also record all hand delivered gifts received at the office on **Dec. 31, 2017 by noon** as a 2017 gift.

**GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING**

Tuesday, December 12th at 8:30 am. Bingo begins at 9:30. Menu is soup & sandwiches. A-I: Soup or Sandwich / J-Z dessert. Please come socialize with friends. Merry Christmas.



**Christmas Flower Collection**  
**December 16 & 17**  
Please be as generous as you have in the past.

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel Open Hours**

**Sunday:** 2 am, 4 am  
**Monday:** 2 am, 3 am  
**Tuesday :** 2 am, 3 am, 9 am  
**Wednesday:** 1 am, 6 am, 9 am  
**Thursday:** 2 pm  
**Friday:** 12 am 8pm



**ST. JOHN CHURCH**

**Sanctuary Light : December 9 - December 15**

In Memory: Maria B. Manriquez

By: Joel & Theresa Suarez and Manriquez Family

**Altar Candles : December 9 - December 15**

For: Intentions Maria Manriquez and Family

By: Dora Cervantes

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**

**Altar Candles: December 8 - December 14**

In Honor: St. John Parishioners

By: St. John Altar Society

# Children's Christmas Play

## Wednesday, December 20th

6:30 pm

at the KJT Hall

Practice Times:

December 10 3:30-5pm @ the Cafeteria

December 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5pm @ the Cafeteria



# R C I A

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



- Become Catholic
- Receive missed Sacraments
- Just learn more about the Faith and God

Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office for more details.

New group starting!  
**January 7**

Sundays,  
beginning January 7  
9-10:30 AM  
in the Cafeteria



# *Mary, Our Mother*

*Invites us all to celebrate the  
Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother Of God  
and 2018!*

**Party begins after 8:30 pm Mass  
on New Year's Eve & ends at Midnight  
Fun for the whole family– Food, Music, Games  
\$10/person suggested donation at the door.**

## PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

## WAITING

We light an **advent candle** today, a small dim light against a world that often seems forbidding and dark. But we light it because we are a people of hope, a people whose faith is marked by an expectation that we should always be ready for the coming of the Master. The joy and anticipation of this season is captured beautifully in the antiphons of hope from the monastic liturgies:

See! The ruler of the earth shall come, the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile

The Lord will come soon, will not delay.

The Lord will make the darkest places bright.

We must capture that urgency today in the small flame of our candle. We light the candle because we know that the coming of Christ is tied to our building of the kingdom. Lighting the flame, feeding the hungry, comforting the sick, reconciling the divided, praying for the repentant, greeting the lonely and forgotten – doing all these works hastens His coming.

### Week 1, Hope (purple candle)

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

### Week 2, Peace (purple candle)

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace.

Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

### Week 3, Joy (Pink candle)

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

### Week 4, Love (Purple candle)

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

## Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jo Ann Dolezalik—12/24/17	Gloria Garcia—10/29/17	Ella Spaniel—10/22/17	Mary Gertrude Langley-12/24
Georgie Ann Nekuza-11/26/17	Alcario Sanchez—11/26/17	Mary Sosa—10/22/17	Mary Trojacek—12/24/17
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska	Patricia Riley—10/15/17	Diana Martinez—12/10/17	Joan Trojacek—12/24/17
Sr. Redempta Bradley	Rose Cooke—11/26/17	Brandon Martinez - 11/5/17	Beth Johnson—12/31/17
Rachel Zmolik—12/24/17	Robert Parma—12/24/17	Pete Tysdal - 1/7/18	James Ray Slovak—12/31/17
Catherine Roberts—1/7/18	Richard Mraz—11/19/17	Pricila Elizondo - 11/12/17	Johnny Joe Lopez—1/7/18
David Trojacek—12/24/17	Jo Ann Manak—12/10/17	Rafael Casanova - 11/12/17	Chastity Lopez—1/7/18
Margie Dvorak—12/24/17	Caroline Spellman—1/7/18	Raymond Dlabaj - 11/12/17	
Marguerite Patterson-12/10	Mary Trojacek—11/5/17	Dorothy Sonka - 11/12/17	
Sherri Longoria—12/10/17	Joan Trojacek—11/5/17	Helen Barak - 11/19/17	
Jennifer Wright—1/7/18	Tracy Toupal—1/7/18	Maille McDonald - 11/26/17	
Epi Garfias—12/31/17	Pauline Novy—12/31/17	Doug Cooke— 11/26/17	
Paul Tolliver—12/31/17	Beth Johnson—10/8/17	Katherine Michno—11/26/17	
Melissa Patterson—12/10/17	Lillie Toth Cline -1/7/18	Hector Padilla—11/26/17	
Alfred Martinez—11/26/17	Randy Willis—11/26/17	Vincent Ong, Jr.—1/7/18	
Jerry Zmolik - 12/24/17	Greg Wilborn—11/26/17	Trevor Daniel—1/7/18	
Marion Haba—12/24/17	Lynn Carter—10/22/17	Danielle Brown—1/7/18	
Ed Tysdale—1/7/18	Rick Parkinson—10/22/17	Chuck Pringle—12/3/173	
Lillian Barto—12/31/17	Sally Medlin—10/22/17	Dennis Rejcek—12/24/17	
Jerry & Janie Marusak-10/29/17	Joe Ben Macalik—10/22/17	Raul Monreal—12/24/17	