

**Mass Intentions for the week of December 11**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**—Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 a.m. Lillie Forson +  
12:05 p.m. Louis Prachyl +  
6:30 p.m. Francisco Zapata + (Spanish)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**—Saint Lucy

6:30 a.m. Aolani Lopez +

No 12:05 p.m. Mass

No 6:30 p.m. Mass

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**—Saint John of the Cross

No 6:30 a.m. Mass

No 12:05 p.m. Mass

2:30 p.m. Albert Mach + (Ennis Care)

No 6:30 p.m. Mass

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

No 6:30 a.m. Mass

No 12:05 p.m. Mass

No 6:30 p.m. Mass

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

No 6:30 a.m. Mass

No 12:05 p.m. Mass

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Tom Valek +

**DECEMBER 18, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:00 a.m. Alphonse & Agnes Novosad ++

11:00 a.m. John & Railey Quinn ++

1:00 p.m. Fidel & Lino Sanchez ++

5:00 p.m. For the Parish Community

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

Sun. Dec. 11, 9 am Maria Guadalupe Ramirez +

Sun. Dec. 18, 9 am Lucy Gonzalez (Gracias)

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**Entrance:** On Jordan's Bank - 344

**Offertory:** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - 373

**Communion:** All Who Hunger - 817

**Recessional:** Come, O Long Expected Jesus - 345

**COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 3 & 4**  
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$20,734.82
Second Collection: Capital Improvement	\$3,235.24
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$1,220.75
Second Collection: Building Fund	\$371.00

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:** State Farm / Jenny Vidrine

**Special Advent Confession Times**

Wednesday, December 21st—7-9 pm

Thursday, December 22nd—7-9 pm

Friday, December 23rd—5-7 pm

Saturday, December 24th—9-11 am

**Midnight Mass, Christmas Day, & Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedules**

**Saturday, December 24th**—No Mass

**Sunday, December 25th** -12 am Midnight

9 am, 11 am, 5 pm and 1 pm in Spanish

**Monday, December 26th**—12:05 pm only

**Saturday, December 31st**—8:00 pm

**Sunday, January 1st**—9am, 11 am, 5 pm

English and 1pm Spanish

**Monday, January 2nd**—12:05 pm only

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Winners of the St. John Altar Society**

**Raffle are as follows:**

- 1st place—Nativity Set—Rose Cooke
- 2nd Place—Men's Rosary—Anna Lee Toth
- 3rd Place—Ladies' Rosary—Ginny Chapa
- 4th Place—\$50 Gift Certificate—Jessie Rodriguez

**End of Year Giving**

Consistent with Internal Revenue Service regulations, all year end gifts must be postmarked with a 2016 date to be recorded as a gift in 2016. 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 12/31/2016 on 1/3/2016, but the postmark on the envelope reads 12/31/2016 (or earlier) then we will post the date of the gift as 12/31/2016.**
- **If we receive a gift with a check dated 12/31/2016, but the postmark of the envelope reads 1/1/2017 (or later) then it will be posted as a gift received in 2017.**

We will also record all hand delivered gifts received at the office on **Dec. 31, 2016 by noon** as a 2016 gift.

## IN OUR PARISH WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

Sunday, December 11

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

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

**9:00-10:30 am** RCIA/ Compound Room 101

**12:30 pm** Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary

**5:00 pm** RE Christmas play practice/ Cafeteria

**6:30 pm** Life Teen-procession to downtown

**7:00 pm** Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession from downtown

Monday, December 12

No Confessions

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

Tuesday, December 13

**8:00 am** Golden Crusaders/Cafeteria

**10:30 am** Little Saints Playgroup/301

No Confessions

**7:00-8:00 pm** Upper Room/ Room 101

Wednesday, December 14

**6:30 pm** Christmas Play/ KJT Hall

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

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

Thursday, December 15

**7:00 pm** Wild Goose Life Teen Bible Study / Room 101

Friday, December 16Saturday, December 17

**3:30-4:30 pm** Confessions

Sunday, December 18

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers

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

**9:00-10:30 am** RCIA/ Compound Room 101

**6:30 pm** Life Teen

## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

**RCIA Project: Build Chapels in Bolivia - It's not too late!**

We are still taking donations & selling raffle tickets to help build two chapels in rural villages in Bolivia for Catholics with no building to celebrate Mass. Prayers are also appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office, with a member of our RCIA group, or made online directly to Aid to the Church in Need through a link on the parish website.

**Christmas Flower Collection**

**December 17 & 18**

Please be as generous as you have in the past.

**GOLDEN CRUSADERS MEETING**

Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 8 am. Bingo begins at 9:30. Menu will be soup & sandwiches. A-I: soup or sandwich; J-Z: dessert. Please bring a friend. We need you if you are 55 or older. You can have fun with all your friends & enjoy a delicious lunch. Please bring can goods for Sharing Our Blessings.

**KJZT SOCIETY #16 BAKE SALE**

Saturday, December 17 after the 5pm Mass & Sunday, December 18 after the 7am and 11am Masses. Members bring homemade pastries & candies or, if you prefer, make a monetary donation. Please bring your baked goods to the Mass you will attend. Please stop by and support our local society.

## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

**WINTER WALKERS**

Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas, Ennis Soc. 16, is sponsoring Winter Walkers. This is an opportunity to walk in the gym during the winter months. The gym will be open after the noon weekday Masses starting Dec. 1st for at least 30 minutes. Contact Joan Johnson 214-728-6160 for more information.

**ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**In the cafeteria after**

**Saturday, 5 pm Mass and 7 & 11 am Sunday Masses**

Come learn about the changes coming to our cemetery entrance.

1. The new entrance & street will be concrete, 24' wide to the first intersection.
2. The small section of land from Jeter Drive to the cemetery boundary will be deeded to St. Joseph.
3. A new "St. Joseph Cemetery" entrance arch similar to our current entrance will be constructed.
4. The front entrance will be landscaped & a water sprinkler system will be installed
5. The new gate will still open/close automatically
6. A 6' wrought iron fence will be erected on North side from new entrance along the 3 sides facing the apartments.
7. There will be no added expense (except attorney fees) for the exchange & revision of the entrance to St. Joseph Cemetery or St. John Catholic Church.

**SAFETY ISSUES:** During the construction of the new drive, trucks and tractors will be coming and going into the job site. We ask that you do not park cars near the construction site nor walk in this area.

Representatives from the St. Joseph Cemetery Committee will be in the Cafeteria after each Mass (5 pm Saturday, 12/10 and 7am & 11am Sunday, 12/11) to answer any questions. Also, there will be a sketch of the proposed new entrance and a full survey of the cemetery for anyone to view. **PLEASE COME.**

**ST. JOHN CHURCH**

**Sanctuary Light : December 10—December 16**

In Memory: Charlie & Mary Bouska

By: Ed & Margaret Bouska

**Altar Candles : December 10—December 16**

In Memory: Maria B. Manriquez

By: Joel & Theresa Suarez

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**

**Altar Candles: December 10—December 16**

For: Parish

By: Parish

# RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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



**New group starting!  
In January**

Contact Seth Wright at  
the Parish Office for  
more details.

Get away  
Reset

Spend time  
with  
Jesus



**Christ Renews**

**His Parish**

**Women's Retreat  
January 14-15**

**Men's Retreat  
January 21-22**

# Christmas Mass times

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JOIN US TO  
CELEBRATE

# Mary The Holy Mother of God

Solemnity &  
New Year's Eve party

December 31, 2016

Mass begins at 8:00 pm

Party to follow after Mass until Midnight

in the Cafeteria—Food, Drinks, & Games for the whole family!!

Suggested \$10/person at the door

# MAKE CHRISTMAS REAL

**In this Season we give gifts to others in celebration of the Christ Child.  
Help give the Gift of the Christ Child to a teenager this Christmas by  
helping them go on the annual Life Teen Retreat.**

**With spending time, energy, and money shopping, we ask you to  
take time and prayerfully discern this season if you could help sponsor  
a teen, for them to encounter Jesus in their life!**

**The cost of the retreat is \$150 per teen**

**<http://www.stjohnncc.net/sponsor-a-teen>**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT WHOM YOU'D LIKE TO GIFT: \_\_\_\_\_

MARK BOX FOR YOUR GIFT TO GO TO A STUDENT IN NEED:

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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.*

Jo Ann Dolezalik—12/18/16	Jeanette/Martin Hunter—1/1/17	Tina Jones—11/27/16	Epi Garfias—1/1/17
Georgie Ann Nekuza-12/18/16	Norma Jean Horrell—1/1/17	Mary Nell Witt—1/8/17	Paul Tolliver—1/1/17
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-12/18/16	Sherri Longoria—1/8/17	Jennifer Wright—1/8/17	Wayne Sylvester, Jr.—1/1/17
Sr. Redempta Bradley—12/18/16	Calvin Baw, Jr. —11/20/16	Joe Baird—11/27/16	Dorothy Langer—1/8/17
Rachel Zmolik—1/8/17	Shirley Marusak—11/13/16	Luciana Rigante—11/27/16	Dianne McCarty—1/8/17
Catherine Roberts—1/8/17	Stella Tobola—12/18/16	Carmen Nelson—1/1/17	Lynn Carter—1/8/17
Mildred Trojacek—12/18/16	Dave Wilson—11/20/16	Mary Trojacek—11/27/16	John Matous—1/15/17
David Trojacek—12/18/16	Marion Haba—12/25/16	Gilbert Olalde—11/27/16	Joe Barak, Jr.—1/15/17
Jane Rychlik—12/18/16	Alfred Martinez—12/18/16	Barbara Slovacek—12/4/16	Julio Olbera—1/15/17
Richard Mraz—12/18/16	Janie Marusak—12/18/16	Rachel Dyson—12/4/16	Una Rae Mahaley—1/15/17
Margie Dvorak—12/25/16	Nancy Valek—12/18/16	Riley Emerson—12/11/16	Braydon Divin—1/15/17
Betty Rogala—12/18/16	Maura Meza—12/18/16	Mary Ludwig—1/15/17	Geraldine Kubin—1/15/17
Mary Ann Felcman—12/18/16	Loretta Dlabaj—11/6/16	Adolph Janacka—12/11/16	JoAnn Strunc—1/15/17
Joan Gura—11/13/16	Mildred Liska Koehn—11/13/16	Luther Scott—12/11/16	Angelina Navarez & Fam.-1/15/17
Jerry Zmolek—12/18/16	Dorothy Sonka—11/13/16	Linda Torres—12/11/16	Clarissa Gonzalez—1/15/17
Theresa Odlozil—1/8/17	Helen Slovak—11/13/16	Michael Jez—12/11/16	Nancy Escobar—1/15/17
Marguerite Patterson-1/8/17	Jennifer Sullivan— 11/13/16	Lori Parker—12/18/16	
Billy Coplen—12/18/16	Johnny Joe Lopez—11/20/16	Georgia Hejny—12/18/16	
Herminia Perez—12/18/16	Bonnie Bacak—11/20/16	Emily Peppers—12/18/16	
Patti Youngblood—12/18/16	Joe Luis Garcia—11/20/16	Analiese Mahaley—12/18/16	
Kati Betik Arnold—1/15/17	Tom Youngblood—11/27/16	Patsy Rickerts—12/18/16	
Arnold Twins—1/15/17	Larry Christopher—11/27/16	Kevin Woodley - 12/18/16	