

**Mass Intentions for the week of December 13**

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

6:30 a.m. David Daigle (health)  
No 12:05 p.m. Mass today (Church Waxing)  
No 6:30 p.m. Mass today (Church Waxing)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

No 6:30 a.m. Mass today (Church Waxing)  
12:05 p.m. Raymundo & Anita Castillo ++

6:30 p.m. Jovita Perez +

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

6:30 a.m. Special Intention  
12:05 p.m. Tony Alvarez +  
2:30 pm. St. John Residents @ Legends (Legends)

6:30 p.m. Danny Kubin +

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17**

6:30 a.m. John C. Little +  
12:05 p.m. Tony & Nacha Zapata ++  
6:30 p.m. Salvador Espino +

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18**

6:30 a.m. Sr. John Paul  
12:05 p.m. Frances Odlozil +

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19**

3:30 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Neal Harrison +

**DECEMBER 20, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:00 a.m. For the Parish Community  
11:00 a.m. Wm. Cordell Hickman +  
1:00 p.m. Aurora Yopez + & Gabriel Acevedo +  
5:00 p.m. Emil Slovacek Fam. / Frank & Bessie Kubin Fam.

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

Sun. December 13, 9 am Ma. Guadalupe Ramirez +  
Sun. December 20, 9 am Miguel & Carmen Palacios ++

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

Entrance: Come, O Long Expected Jesus – 345  
Offertory: Sing of Mary – 778  
Communion: Taste and See – 827  
Recessional: On Jordan's Bank - 344

**COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 5 & 6**  
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$21,541.98
2nd Collection: Capital Improvement	\$3,808.02
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$720.78
2nd Collection: Building Fund	\$293.04

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Valek Auto Body Repair

*O COME LET US*

*Adore*  
**HIM**

Praise, Worship, & Benediction  
12/20 @ 7pm in the Church

Cry out with  
**JOY & GLADNESS**

 *Christmas Flowers*  
SECOND COLLECTION  
NEXT WEEK  
(12/19 & 12/20) 

## IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

### Sunday, December 13

8:30 -10:30 Religious Ed/ School

9:00 am RCIA

6:30 pm Life Night

Monday, December 14 - Church closed after 630 am Mass for  
NO Confessions/Church Waxing

6:30 pm Apologetics / Room 102

7:00 pm Men & Women's CRHP/Rm 104

Tuesday, December 15—Church reopens for 12:05 pm Mass

7:00 am Food for the Soul

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church

7:00 pm Upper Room / Compound

### Wednesday, December 16

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/ Church

7-9:00 pm Confessions/ Church

### Thursday, December 17

### Friday, December 18

6-8:00 pm Confessions / Church

### Saturday, December 19

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

### Sunday, December 20

8:30 -10:30 Religious Ed/ School

9:00 am RCIA

6:30 pm Life Night

7 - 8:00pm EXALT: Praise, Worship, Benediction/ Church

## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

### KJZT SOCIETY #16 BAKE SALE

Sat., December 12 after the 5pm Mass & Sun., December 13 after morning Masses. We invite all parishioners to stop by and purchase a delicious dessert. The proceeds are used for our parish and community projects.

### NEPOMUCENE'S MEN

Due to the Christmas holidays, we will not meet on December 21st. Next meeting will be Monday, January 18th.

### CDA THANK YOU

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank our parish family for supporting our projects and our organization by purchasing pastry items at the CDA Bake Sale and purchasing the Advent Wreath. Thank you to Father John for his marketing skills. Also thank you to our CDA members who baked, gave monetary donations or helped sell the pastries after Mass.

**REMINDER: please bring back your bottle, empty or filled!!**

## ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS!!

1. Margaret Haskovec—Nativity
2. Raymond Dlabaj—Rosary
3. David Cooke— \$50 Gift Certificate

\*THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets and supported the Altar Society in any way this year!

# Week 3 of Advent

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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 two (purple) **advent candles** and the third (pink) 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.

### REJOICING

"(The desert) will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song." "Rejoice in the Lord always!" "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!"

The Scriptures for the Third Sunday of Advent proclaim their message in no uncertain terms: Rejoice! Joy is all around us and our celebration of Advent calls us to discover it. The joy that the Scripture passages speak about is not a joy that equates with hilarious laughter. It is a joy that comes from a security with our God, those around us, and our place in the world. It is the joy Isaiah describes when he writes, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is a joy that cannot be bought or obtained from artificial highs. It is a joy that comes from our living faith in a living God.

It is the joy we feel as we approach the birth of our Savior and remember the awesome beauty of what happened on that cold Bethlehem night. Rejoice!

### ST. JOHN CHURCH

**Sanctuary Light : December 12 – December 18**

In Memory: Rex Spurgeon

By: Donna & Robyn Spurgeon

**Altar Candles : December 12 – December 18**

In Honor: Antonie Kubin & Memory: John F. & Danny Kubin

By: Anita & Leon Kubin

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**

**Altar Candles: December 11 – December 17**

For: George Spaniel, Sr.

By: Marvin & Mary Ann Trojacek

**Flowers: December 11– December 17**

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

# Christmas Schedule

## Masses

### Christmas Eve:

No Masses during day

12:00 AM Midnight

Mass—English

### Christmas Day:

8:00 AM—English

10:00 AM—English

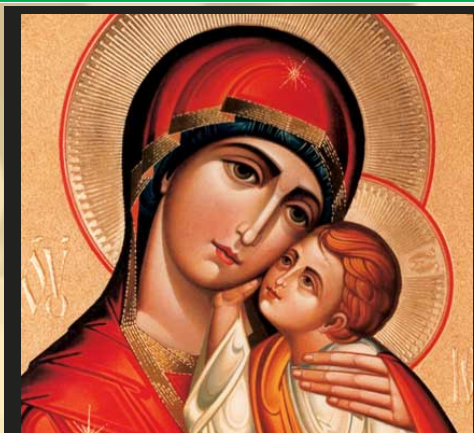
1:00 PM—Spanish

## Confession Times

December 16 – 7-9 pm

December 18 – 6-8 pm

December 19 – 3:30-4:30 pm



## Mary, Our Mother

*Invites us all to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother Of God and 2016!*

*December 31, 2015*

**10:00 PM Christmas Carols · 10:30 PM Mass & Benediction**

**12:15 AM New Year's Eve Party — Suggested \$10/per person donation at the door  
Food, Drinks, & Games in the cafeteria for the WHOLE FAMILY!**



## From Pope Francis:

To 20 thousand people in St. Peter's Square, Francis said, "the goal of the Church for this Holy Year" is "to feel strong in us the joy of being found by Jesus, as the Good Shepherd who came looking for us because we were lost. " And 'choosing' what God likes best: forgiving His children, having mercy on them".

To forgive His children, He has mercy on them, so that they too may in turn forgive their brothers and sisters. St. Ambrose takes the story of the creation of the world and how God every day, after creating one thing - the moon, the sun or animals - says: 'And He saw that this was good '. But when He made man and woman, the Bible says, 'He saw that this was very good'. St. Ambrose asks: 'Why does He say very good?'. Why God is so happy after the creation of man and woman? Because in the end He had someone to forgive. The Jubilee will be a 'favorable time' for the Church if we learn to choose 'what God likes most', without succumbing to the temptation to think that there is something else that is more important or has a greater priority. Nothing is more important than choosing 'what God likes most', that is, His mercy, His love, His tenderness, His embrace, His caresses".

"Even the necessary work of renewal of the institutions and structures of the Church is a medium that should lead us to have a living and life-giving experience of God's mercy which alone can guarantee the Church to be that city set on a hill that cannot remain hidden (cf. Mt 5:14). Only a merciful Church shines! If we were, even for a moment, to forget that mercy is 'what God likes most', all our efforts would be in vain, because we would become slaves of our institutions and of our facilities, though they may be renewed, but we would still be slaves". "Feeling strong in us the joy of being found by Jesus, the Good Shepherd who came looking for us because we were lost" (Homily on the First Vespers of Divine Mercy Sunday, 11 April 2015): this is the goal that the Church has set in this Holy Year.

"Of course, some would argue: 'But, Father, should the Church, in this year, not do more? Not just contemplate the mercy of God, when there are many urgent needs! '. True, there is much to do. But we must take into account that, at the root of forgetfulness of mercy, there is always self-love. In the world, this takes the form of the exclusive search of one's own interests, pleasures and honors together with the desire to accumulate wealth, while in the life of Christians is often disguises as hypocrisy and worldliness. All these things are contrary to mercy. The motions of self-love, that make mercy alien to this world, are so many and so numerous and often we are not even able to recognize them as limits and as sin. That's why we need to recognize that we are sinners, to strengthen our certainty of divine mercy. Lord, I am a sinner; Lord, I am a sinner: Come with your mercy '. This is a beautiful prayer. It's easy! It is easy to say this prayer every day: 'Lord, I am a sinner; Lord, I am a sinner: Come with your mercy'".

"Dear brothers and sisters - Pope Francis concluded - I hope that, in this Holy Year, each of us experience God's mercy, to be witnesses of 'what pleases him most'. It is naive to believe that this could change the world? Yes, humanly speaking it is foolish, but ", but " the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength" (1 Cor 1:25). Thank you".

*Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
behold, now is the day of salvation.*

*2 Corinthians 6:2*

- Meet Jesus
- Become Catholic
- Receive missed Sacraments
- Learn more about the God and the Catholic Church



**New RCIA group starting  
January 6**



# LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

## December:

13th - Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe

20th - COME! The other Christmas

## January 3rd:

A Life Teen Christmas Party like never seen before!

Winter Retreat!  
"Come & Go"

February  
12-14, 2016

Sign up today!

COME /  
AND /  
GO /  
LT

Every Tuesday Mass - 6:30 AM

Breakfast at Mexicano Grille after

Join Us!



# GLORIFY

## 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—1/10/16	Margie Dvorak—1/17/16	Nora Mandujano—11/22/15	Anthony Alvarez—12/27/15
Bob Zmolek—1/10/16	Betty Rogala—1/10/16	Robert Garcia—11/22/15	Priscilla Elizondo—12/27/15
Georgie Ann Nekuza-1/10/16	Jose Luis Garcia—11/22/15	Pete Gutierrez—11/22/15	Eddie Cervantes—1/10/16
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-1/10	Jo Ries—11/22/15	Luke Siegel—11/22/15	Angie Henley—1/10/16
Sr. Redempta Bradley—1/10	Nancy Escobar—11/29/15	Blake Ray—11/22/15	Johnny Joe Lopez—1/10/16
Analiese Mahaley—1/10/16	John A. Esparza, Sr.—11/22/15	Gary Kidder—11/29/15	Dennis Horak—1/10/16
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—1/10/16	JoAnn Strunc—11/29/15	Jaden Kane Ornelas-11/29/15	Kathy Satsky—1/10/16
Johnny/Mary Ann Hajek-1/10	Noe Casanova- 11/29/15	Katherine Michno—11/29/15	Mike Tekell—1/10/16
Rachel Zmolik—1/10/16	Jessie/Antonio Ovalie—11/29	Carolina Munoz—11/29/15	Anna Lee Toth—1/10/16
Bernadine Zhanel Distasio-11/22	Laura Waedekin—1/17/16	Frank & Georgie Zabochnik-11/29	Holly Friday—1/10/16
Catherine Roberts—11/22/15	Adell Chavez—1/17/16	Henry Vrana—11/29/15	Angelz Zakalowski—1/10/16
Jaysen St. Clair—1/10/16	Clayton Budai—1/17/16	Albert Escobar- 11/29/15	Gloria Garcia—1/10/16
Mildred Trojacek—11/29/15	Mary Ann Felcman—1/17/16	Maria Virginia Lopez-11/29/15	Angela Gallia—1/10/16.
David Trojacek—1/10/16	Ivette Olalde—10/25/15	Janie Marusak—12/20/15	Julie Hughes—1/10/16
Jane Rychlik—1/10/16	Mildred Liska Koehn—10/25/15	Salome Fira—12/20/15	
Bill Hejny—1/10/16	Jessica Ramirez—10/25/15	Bill Glaspy—12/20/15	
Richard Mraz—11/22/15	Chon Vasquez —10/25/15	Graciela Monreal—12/20/15	
Margaret Bohuslav-11/22/15	Steve Mensik—11/29/15	Paula Myers Campo—12/20	
Julian Manriquez—11/22/15	Pedro Enrique Santos—11/15/15	Betty (BJ) Lenicek Coker—12/20	
Makenna Richardson -11/22/15	Roberto Juarez—12/20/15	Emilie Harrison—12/27	
	Deanna Richardson—11/22/15	Epi Garfias—12/27/15	