



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**6:30 am** Viola & Charlie Dlabaj+  
**12:05 p.m.** Paul Carrillo+  
**6:30 pm** Agnes Horak+

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

**6:30 a.m.** Randall Prestidge+  
**12:05 p.m.** Tom F. Valek+  
**6:30 pm(Spanish)** Kaile & Jesus Saavedra (Birthday Intention)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**6:30 a.m.** Raymond Sladeczek+  
**12:05 p.m.** Carl Pelzel+

**Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm**

**6:30 p.m.** John Zabochnik+

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**6:30 am** Vlasta Knize+  
**12:05 pm** John F. Kubin+  
**6:30 pm(Spanish)** Ysidro Castillo+

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21—St. Peter Canisius**

**6:30 am** John J. Dlabaj+  
**12:05 p.m.** Joe S. & Mary Patak++

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**5:00 p.m.** Cynthia Zapletal+

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 23**

**7:00 a.m.** Mary Carson Dick+  
**11:00 a.m.** John/Steavy/Sr. Stephanie Slovak+++  
**1:00 pm** Robert Martinez, Sr.+  
**5:00 Life Teen Mass** Lisa Markland+

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

**Sun., Dec. 16 9am** Sabino & Eugenia Marquez Castillo ++  
**Sun., Dec. 23 9am** Angelita Solis +

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**

Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in your and many others lives. Please give generously today for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES**

**Saturday, December 22**

**5:00 pm** Chris Trojacek/Josh Zapletal

**Sunday, December 23**

**7:00 am** Dylan Fisher/Matt Zajic/Josef Woodward  
**11:00 am** Tyler Dennie/Grant Vrana/Joseph Galetka  
**5:00pmLTMass** Jake Kasowski/Austin Spaniel/ Andrew Alvarado

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: JPH MECHANICAL**



Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near!” (Philippians 4:4-5)  
The Entrance Antiphon for today’s Mass, bids us, **REJOICE!** Or, *GAUDETE*, in Latin! Thus the title and tenor of this weekend’s celebration, our third week of expectation and hope! We are getting close, so we have a reason to rejoice and let the anticipation grow. There are once again, beautiful flowers in the sanctuary. The vestments are a joyous, rose color. The music is full of expectation and hope. Our Savior is near, both, for us at our death and the end of the world. Each draws nearer with each passing day.

These four weeks of our Liturgical Season of Advent, each year, remind us that Jesus did come the first time, as we celebrate that memory with Christmas, and He will come the second time. So we better be preparing! Our Scriptures proclaim that the Lord is already among us. He is present to us in Baptism, which begins our new life with Him, He strengthens us in Confirmation and accompanies us through our life in the Sacraments of Confession and Eucharist.

As we continue toward our celebration of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus, let us seriously pray about how we need to prepare in order to be ready for the Lord Jesus at our death or His Second Coming, whichever happens first. See you in Church and the Confessional!

Love and prayers,

Fr. John

**DEATH OF SISTER SYLVAN DURBIN**

Funeral services for Sister Sylvan Durbin were held on Saturday in San Antonio. Sister Sylvan was 87 years old when she peacefully passed away on December 11. She was the sister of Anna Galetka and had served our parish for many years.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK**

The sanctuary light is in memory of deceased family members donated by Mona Langley for the week of December 15-21.

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

Entrance: Savior of the Nations, Come # 348  
Offertory: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns # 347  
Communion: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart # 816  
Recessional: On Jordan’s Bank # 344



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, December 16

**KJZT Christmas Bake Sale after 7 am & 11 am Masses**

**8:30-10:45 am** St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

**8:30-10:30 am** Religious Education Classes

**8:45-10:45 am** RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound

**2:00-4:00 pm** KC Children's Christmas Party/KC

**5:00 pm** Life Teen Mass and Life Night

#### Monday, December 17

Confessions before and after the 6:30 pm Mass

**7:30 pm** 4th Degree KC Meeting/KC

#### Tuesday, December 18

**6:30 am** Food for the Soul Mass & Breakfast

**5:30-6:30 pm** Winter Walkers/Gym (see notice)

**5-8:30 pm** SJ Library open/Room 106 Compound

Confessions before and after the 6:30 pm Mass

**7-8:15 pm** EDGE

**7:00 pm** Beginning Apologetics Class/Room 301

#### Wednesday, December 19

**6-8 pm** Life Teen "Into the Deep" tonight

**5:30-6:30 pm** Winter Walkers/Gym (see notice)

**7:00-9:00 pm** Confessions

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

#### Thursday, December 20

**7:00 pm** *That Man Is You*/Room 103 Compound

#### Saturday, December 22

**7:00 am** *That Man Is You*/Room 103

**3:30 pm** Confessions/Church

#### Sunday, December 23

**8:30-10:45 am** St. John Library/Rm 106 Compound

**8:30-10:30 am** Religious Education Classes

**8:45-10:45 am** RCIA Session/Room 102 Compound

**5:00 pm** Life Teen Mass and Life Night

#### CZECH CHOIR CD'S AND TAPES

Just a reminder that the Czech Choir is still selling their CD's and tapes consisting of 20 songs all in the Czech language, including Christmas songs and hymns. Stop by the Religious Items counter to purchase for yourself or for Christmas gifts.

#### ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE FOR NATIVITY SET

Altar Society is selling raffle tickets for a beautiful Nativity Set. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5. You can see it in the vestibule of the church. Chances will be sold in the vestibule after Masses or at the religious counter. Drawing will be Dec. 23 after 11 am Mass.

#### CHRISTMAS POLKA SHOW ON KBEC

AM radio station KBEC and its sponsors will present the annual Christmas music show on Tuesday December 25 from 9-11 am. Listen in for a variety of great Christmas music, including Czech songs from the choirs.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 8 & 9

<b>St. John Church Support Collection</b>	\$ 20,746.82
<b>Epiphany Church Support Collection</b>	736.47
Retirement fund for Religious	356.72

#### KC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Children's Christmas Party today, Sunday, December 16, from 2:00-4:00 pm at the KC hall. Children of members and their guests are welcome to attend. Join them for crafts, food, and of course, Santa Claus! If you have any questions, call Kevin Betik at 972-825-7016.

#### BULLETIN SPONSOR ADS

Rey Barron, representative from Trinity Publications, our weekly bulletin publisher, will be at St. John's December 17-20 to renew and to sell ads. Please call Rey at **512-577-9411**, or you can call **him at the church office from Dec. 17-20, at 972-875-2834 or 972-878-2834**. The ads runs for 52 weeks and support our parish by providing the bulletin free of charge to our parishioners.

#### KJZT CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

KJZT Society #16 will have a fundraiser Christmas Bake Sale this weekend after the 5pm Mass, and on Sunday, Dec. 16, after the 7 am & 11 am Masses. Members who did not bring a bake sale item can make a monetary donation. Tables will be set up at the back of the church and in the annex. Parishioners are urged to stop by the tables and purchase delicious desserts while supporting the KJZT local society.

#### SANCTUARY ALTAR CANDLES THIS WEEK

The 6 candles flanking the main altar in the sanctuary were donated in memory of Elizabeth Schlebach and Elizabeth Lawrence for the week of December 15-21.

#### NATURAL FAMILY SPACING

Do you feel something missing in your marital life? Consider that it might be the result of artificial birth control. Get off those unhealthy methods and learn the natural way to plan your family with the Couple to Couple League. Its philosophy is in full accord with Catholic teaching. Learn a natural method that is just as effective as the Pill, with **no harmful side effects**. St. John will host a series beginning January 5th, which will be taught by Clayton & Julie Houston. The classes are approximately 3 hours long, one Saturday a month. For more information and registration, go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Juanita Lowe, Lisa Newhouse, Walter Marusak, Janie & Richard Mraz, Nathan Gunn, Matthew Dixon, Becky Griffith, Alan Barak, Judy Zapletal, Darrell Patak, Betty Rogala, Maria Manriquez, Jimmie Trahan, Toya Vavra, Liam Shockley, Jimmy Garcia Sr., Sandy Wheeler, Roger Gagnon, Joy Moore, Charlie Honza, Frances Maliska, Jeff Sladeczek, Christine Hanson, Hannah Rejcek, Helen Zmolek, Cameron Wolf, Meg Routh, Ruperto Gomez, Mark Strunc, Monsignor Frank Miller, Lori Strunc, Edna Gonzalez, Georgie Ann Nekuza, Ophelia Esparza, Mary Hejny, Juanita LeVay, Anna Lee Weaver, Leo Rejcek, Helen Barak, Rose Sanchez, Alfred Martinez, George Spaniel Sr., Sister Genevieve and Frankie Prochaska, Mary Ann & Johnnie Hajek, Theresa Kasowski, Margie Patak, Millie Trojacek, Mildred Wickliffe, Joe and John Schlebach, Graciela and Rene Monreal, Steve and Bernard Betik, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Brandi Schlottman, Ninfa Carrillo, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Jerry Dolezal, Raul Partida

**St. John Religious**  
**Education would like to invite EVERYONE**  
**to our annual**  
**Christmas Nativity Play!**

**Monday December 17th**



**7pm at KJT hall**

Practice today December 16  
@ 2 pm in Cafeteria

**Know someone who  
needs to receive missed  
sacraments?**

**Need to receive missed  
sacraments yourself?**

# RCIA

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

***Don't wait!  
Join now!***

**Want to learn more about God  
and His Catholic Church?**

**Want to join the Catholic Church?**

## ***New group starting in***

Tell your family  
and friends!

## ***January!***

Contact the Parish Office  
for more information.

### **Retirement Reception for Helen Yarbrough, our Parish Secretary**

On Saturday, December 29, after the 5:00 PM Mass, we will have a retirement reception for our beloved parish secretary. Come over to the Cafeteria, and thank Helen for her many years of service to our parish, and let her how much you appreciate her.

### **Advent**

### **Confession Times**

**Monday, Dec. 17 — before and after  
6:30 PM Mass**

**Tuesday, Dec. 18 — before and after  
6:30 PM Mass**

**Wednesday, Dec. 19 — 7-9 PM**

**All parishes in the Diocese  
of Dallas will offer confession  
from 7-9 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 19.**



## Nepomucene's Teens

**INSANCTITY**  
St. John Nepomucene Life Teen Winter Retreat

**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
January 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>  
Sky Ranch  
\$125/person  
(Do not let price prevent you from going)

Great opportunity to get away for a weekend with your friends and your faith!  
Life Long Total-Spiritual Conditioning Program

100% Satisfaction Guaranteed

**YES! I WANT TO TAKE THE INSANCTITY CHALLENGE >>>**

All LIFE TEEN/High School students!!! Do NOT miss out on this amazing retreat! Take the "Insanctity Challenge" and Sign-up today! Forms will be at Life Night and can be found at [www.stjohncc.net](http://www.stjohncc.net)!

### LIFE TEEN!

Sunday 12/16- Brother's Keeper!

**NO LIFE NIGHT 12/23**

**EDGE**

12/18 – Daily Decision, Prayer life 101

**NO EDGE NIGHT 12/25 & 1/1**

### Special Life Teen Announcement!

Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup> after the Life Teen Mass, Ike Ndolo will be returning to St. John for a private Life Night Concert! You do not want to miss out! INVITE ALL YOU FRIENDS!



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2012

All charitable end-of-the-year donations to St. John Church and St. Joseph Cemetery must be dated and post-marked by **December 31, 2012** to qualify for 2012 tax deductions. Thank you for your consideration.

May God grant a special blessing to those loyal people who supported our parish and cemetery this past year.

### WOMEN OF GRACE



For any questions or to sign up, contact Sharon Kudrna. You can contact her @ (972) 875-8157 or e-mail [skk72@aol.com](mailto:skk72@aol.com).

### THAT MAN IS YOU

The *That Man is You* men's program is on Thursdays, 7:00 pm, and Saturdays, 7:00 am, in Room 103 in the compound. This program teaches Christian Catholic men how to live their lives in today's world. For info see: [THATMANISYOU.ORG](http://THATMANISYOU.ORG)

### BEGINNING APOLOGETICS

Beginning Apologetics sessions are on Tuesday nights, 7:00 pm, room 301 in the high school. Come learn more about and understand our Catholic faith and be able to explain to others.

### ALTAR CARE FOR DECEMBER 22

Altar Society Members

### WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

Catholic Family Fraternal Texas-KJZT Society 16 is sponsoring the 3rd annual Winter Walkers' program. St. John gym is open on Tuesday & Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm. Join them for a safe, warm, dry place to walk, and it's FREE! Children **must** be accompanied by adults and closely supervised.

### ST. JOHN LIBRARY NEW HOURS

The Library in the compound is open Tuesdays from 5-7 pm, and on EDGE nights from 5-8:30 pm. Parents of EDGE kids are invited to come by and spend some **quiet time** reading in the library while their kids are in session. Sunday hours are the same, 8:30-10:45 am.

### CZECH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The St. John Czech Choir will sing Christmas carols before and during the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, Dec. 29, starting at 4:45 pm.

### RACHEL'S CORNER

*Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool. If you are willing and obey, you shall eat the good things of the land. Is1:18-19*  
Come on Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and experience the mercy and "good things" of Our Lord. He is waiting for you.

**Abortion AfterCare-Healing/The Rachel Ministries**  
**214.544.CARE [healing@racheldallas.org](mailto:healing@racheldallas.org)**