

Mass Intentions for the week of December 18

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 a.m. Earline Mach Slovak +
No 12:05 p.m. Mass—Church waxing
No 6:30 p.m. Mass - Church waxing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

No 6:30 a.m. Mass—Church waxing
12:05 p.m. Edwin Svehlak +
6:30 p.m. Hna. Edna Gonzalez +

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21—Saint Peter Canisius

6:30 a.m. Patti Adami + and Family
12:05 p.m. EW & Wilma Kasper ++
2:30 p.m. Special Intention (**LEGENDS**)
6:30 p.m. Anita & Freddy Castillo +

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30 a.m. Adolph & Alice Honza ++/Mary & Jerry Zapletal ++
12:05 p.m. Anthony Alvarez +
6:30 p.m. Esteban Fiscal +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23—OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m. Mary Theresa (Carson) Dick +
12:05 p.m. Wm. Cordell Hickman +

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24—Christmas Eve

9-11 a.m. Confessions
No 5:00 p.m. Mass
11:00 pm Christmas Carols with St. John Choir
DECEMBER 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

12:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
9:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
11:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
1:00 p.m. Christmas Novena
5:00 p.m. For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. Dec. 18, 9 am Lucy Gonzalez (Gracias)
Sun. Dec. 25, 9 am Estanislao Gonzalez + (Pbro)

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - 323
Offertory: Hail Mary: Gentle Woman - 779
Communion: Jesus, Wine of Peace - 804
Recessional: Immaculate Mary - 783

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Maliska Homes Inc.



Welcome Bishop Burns

Pope Francis has named the Most Reverend Edward J. Burns to serve as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas. The much anticipated appointment was announced today, December 13, 2016 in Washington, D.C. by the papal nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre. Bishop Burns, the new Chief Shepherd of the 1.3 million Catholics in the Dallas diocese, succeeds Cardinal Kevin Farrell, who left Dallas for Rome on October 1 after the Pope appointed him the Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

Since 2009, Bishop Burns has served as the Bishop of Juneau, Alaska. Prior to that, the 59-year-old bishop served the Catholic Church on the national level as Executive Director of the Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. from 1999 -2008. In 2008 he was named the Rector of St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. In January 2009, he was named the Bishop of Juneau. Prior to 1999, Bishop Burns served in parish ministry, diocesan administration and did extensive work in vocations.

Bishop Burns will be installed as the Bishop of Dallas on February 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, located at 2215 Ross Avenue in downtown Dallas.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 8, 10 & 11
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$19,179.90
Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,191.07
Holy Day Immaculate Conception	\$1,673.87
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$1,088.00
Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious	\$232.00
Holy Day Immaculate Conception	\$182.00

IN OUR PARISH WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

Sunday, December 18

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers

No Religious Ed

9:00-10:30 am RCIA/ Compound Room 101**6:30 pm** Life Teen**Monday, December 19**—Church Waxing after 6:30 am Mass

No Confessions

Tuesday, December 20**10:30 am** Little Saints Playgroup/301**12:30 pm** Altar Society Meeting/ Room 101 Compound**5:30-6:30 pm** Confessions

No Upper Room/ Room 101

Wednesday, December 21

No Religious Ed

No EDGE

7-9:00 pm Confessions**7:30 pm** Adult Choir Practice/ Church**Thursday, December 22****7-9:00 pm** Confessions

No Wild Goose Life Teen Bible Study

Friday, December 23**5-7:00 pm** Confessions**Saturday, December 24****9-11:00 am** Confessions**11:00 pm** Christmas Carols/ Church**Sunday, December 25**—Christmas Day

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers

No Religious Ed/ Elementary

No RCIA/ Compound Room 101

No Life Teen

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING—12/20/16 at 12:30 pm/ rm 101No **NEPOMUCENE'S MEN** meeting in December.**HOLY FAMILY PRAYER CARDS**

The Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas-KJZT will have Holy Family prayer cards available after masses on Dec. 31 & Jan. 1.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th. If you have an emergency that requires a priest please call Fr. John at 903-624-6114 or Fr. Antonio at 469-831-0607.

CDA AND KC THANK YOU

The Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus would like to thank its members for helping to provide the fun filled Christmas Party for the Sheltered Workshop Consumers. Thank you to the members who brought cookies for the cookie walk, food for the Christmas buffet, Santa's helpers who brought presents for the consumers, the Zhanel girls who brought stuffed animals for the consumers, Telico Fire Dept for all your help, the KC Christmas Band – John Marek, David Slovak, Ron Kasowski, Chris Trojacek, and Larry Zhanel for the upbeat music, all who helped set up and cleanup afterwards, all CDA members who donated items for the Christmas Raffle and those who purchased raffle tickets and of course a big thank you to our visitor from the North Pole, Santa.

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.

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

Rey Barron with Trinity Publications will be here Monday, December 19th—Thursday, December 22nd to discuss ads for the bulletin. Thank you for supporting the Parish through your ads.

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.

**Christmas Flower Collection****December 25**

Please be as generous as you have in the past.

ST. JOHN CHURCH**Sanctuary Light : December 17—December 23**

In Memory: Mary Mach

By: Frank & Ella Pruski Family & Johnny Mach

Altar Candles : December 17—December 23

In Memory: Marilyn & Emil Hutyra

By: Matt & Amy Hutyra

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**Altar Candles: December 16—December 22**

For: Parish

By: Parish

Breakfast with St. Nicholas

SPECIAL THANKS TO
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JOHN YOUNG LADIES SODALITY



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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



New group starting!
January 8th

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

Life Teen Epiphany Ball

Sunday January 8, 2017 after the Life Teen Mass



All High School teens are invited to dress up & have a ball at our second annual Life Teen Epiphany Ball.

Tickets - \$5
Come celebrate with your friends!

GIVE THE GIFT

While spending time this Advent Season Christmas shopping, we ask you to take the time to prayerfully discern this season if you could sponsor a teenager for the upcoming Life Teen Retreat!

The cost of the retreat is \$150
<http://www.stjohncc.net/sponsor-a-teen>



LIFE TEEN

BE NOT AFRAID Winter Retreat

Our annual Life Teen High School Retreat will be held January 27-29th, 2017.

A wonderful time for our teens to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Register today at stjohncc.net/lifeteen

Life Teen Band A Dozen Religious Sisters Steve Allgeyer



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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	Arnold Twins—1/15/17	Larry Christopher—11/27/16	Kevin Woodley - 12/18/16
Georgie Ann Nekuza-12/18/16	Jeanette/Martin Hunter—1/1/17	Tina Jones—11/27/16	Epi Garfias—1/1/17
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-12/18/16	Norma Jean Horrell—1/1/17	Mary Nell Witt—1/8/17	Paul Tolliver—1/1/17
Sr. Redempta Bradley—12/18/16	Sherri Longoria—1/8/17	Jennifer Wright—1/8/17	Wayne Sylvester, Jr.—1/1/17
Rachel Zmolik—1/8/17	Calvin Baw, Jr. —1/22/17	Joe Baird—11/27/16	Dorothy Langer—1/8/17
Catherine Roberts—1/8/17	Stella Tobola—12/18/16	Luciana Rigante—11/27/16	Dianne McCarty—1/8/17
Mildred Trojacek—12/18/16	Dave Wilson—11/20/16	Carmen Nelson—1/1/17	Lynn Carter—1/8/17
David Trojacek—12/18/16	Marion Haba—12/25/16	Mary Trojacek—11/27/16	John Matous—1/15/17
Jane Rychlik—12/18/16	Alfred Martinez—12/18/16	Gilbert Olalde—11/27/16	Joe Barak, Jr.—1/15/17
Richard Mraz—12/18/16	Janie Marusak—12/18/16	Barbara Slovacek—12/4/16	Julio Olbera—1/15/17
Margie Dvorak—12/25/16	Nancy Valek—12/18/16	Rachel Dyson—12/4/16	Una Rae Mahaley—1/15/17
Betty Rogala—12/18/16	Maura Meza—12/18/16	Riley Emerson—12/11/16	Braydon Divin—1/15/17
Mary Ann Felcman—12/18/16	Loretta Dlabaj—11/6/16	Mary Ludwig—1/15/17	Geraldine Kubin—1/15/17
Joan Gura—11/13/16	Mildred Liska Koehn—11/13/16	Adolph Janacka—12/11/16	JoAnn Strunc—1/15/17
Jerry Zmolek—12/18/16	Dorothy Sonka—11/13/16	Linda Torres—12/11/16	Angelina Navarez & Fam.-1/15/17
Theresa Odlozil—1/8/17	Helen Slovak—11/13/16	Michael Jez—12/11/16	Clarissa Gonzalez—1/15/17
Marguerite Patterson-1/8/17	Jennifer Sullivan— 11/13/16	Lori Parker—12/18/16	Nancy Escobar—1/15/17
Billy Coplen—12/18/16	Johnny Joe Lopez—11/20/16	Georgia Hejny—12/18/16	Teresa Wiebold—1/22/17
Herminia Perez—12/18/16	Bonnie Bacak—11/20/16	Emily Peppers—12/18/16	Betty Honza—1/22/17
Patti Youngblood—12/18/16	Joe Luis Garcia—11/20/16	Analiese Mahaley—12/18/16	Emil Zabochnik—1/22/17
Kati Betik Arnold—1/15/17	Tom Youngblood—11/27/16	Patsy Rickerts—12/18/16	Theresa Odlozil—1/22/17