

MASSES THIS WEEK



MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 am Maria Perla Cruz +
12:05 pm A. R. & Louise Patak ++
and Emily/Rudy/Gary Valek +++
6:30pm John/Steavy/Sr. Stephanie Slovak +++ and
Charlie Dlabaj +

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

6:30 am Nolen Dockery +
12:05 pm Randall Prestidge +
John Schlebach +
Confessions before and after 6:30 pm Mass
6:30 pm(Spanish) Jenny Granado + and
Salvador Espino +

WED., DECEMBER 21—St. Peter Canisius, Priest

6:30 am John J. Dlabaj +
12:05 pm Anton & Effie Jurica ++ and
Duane Dolezalik +
6:30 pm Linda Dlabaj + and
Chad Ryan +

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30 am Raymond Sladeczek +
12:05 pm Cynthia Zapletal + and
Kenneth Langley +
6:30 pm Spanish Mary Mach + and James Mach +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23—St. John of Kanty, Priest

6:30 am Mary T. (Carson) Dick +
12:05 pm Agnes & Jerry Chudej ++ and
Joe S. & Mary Patak ++

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:00 pm Christmas Carols sung by the Choir
12:00 Midnight Mass Frank & Helen Dlabaj & Family++
And for the St. John Parish Community

SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 am Christmas Novena
11:00am Frances A. Kozlovsky + and
All of Our Deceased Parishioners +
1:00 pm For Our Parish Community
and For the Christmas Novena

No 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass today

MASS INTENTIONS FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 18, 9:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:00 am Feliciano/Mario/Andrade/
Angel/Roberto Benividez+++++ & Lucia Lerma +

SPONSOR OF WEEK: GERMANIA INSURANCE

Pastor's Notes

Dear St. John and Epiphany Parishioners:

“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” These were the Angel Gabriel’s words to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation of our Lord’s arrival on this earth in the womb of Mary.

As we know, from just celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Mary was prepared ahead of time to be the dwelling place of the Child Jesus. By her Immaculate Conception in the womb of her mother Saint Anne. SHE HAD TO BE PREPARED TO WELCOME THE LORD!

So too, we have to be prepared. We have to be a place that Jesus can at least “squeeze” into! Our souls and lives have to be ready to welcome the Lord. They cannot be places that are hostile or violent toward Him by our sins and life styles. He never forces His way into our lives. He only offers to come into our lives. By our preparation we acknowledge His offer and say, “yes,” to Him, as Mary did at the Annunciation.

I encourage all of us to spend this last week and the REST OF OUR LIVES making a fitting home for the Child Jesus to dwell in. Take advantage of the opportunity of Daily Mass, and the frequent Confessions.* First, clean up the house with Confession then stock up the refrigerator with the Eucharist, to welcome this VERY SPECIAL GUEST, next weekend! Jesus! The Christ! Our Savior!

See you at Mass and in the Confessional!
Love and Prayers,

Father John
Pastor

**ADDITIONAL ADVENT CONFESSION
TIMES**

*These Confessions will begin and continue if people are present to celebrate the Sacrament.
Monday, December 19th through Thursday, December 22nd

7:00am Following 6:30am Mass
12:30pm Following 12:05pm Mass
5:00pm Before 6:30pm Mass
7:00pm Following 6:30pm Mass

Friday, December 23rd

7:00am Following 6:30am Mass
12:30pm Following 12:05pm Mass

Saturday, December 24th

9:00am & 3:30pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Please see page 1 for additional Confession times this week!

Sunday, December 18

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes
8:45-10:45 am RCIA Classes /Room 102 Compound
8:30-10:45 am St. John Library Open/Rm106 Compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, December 19

7:30 pm Safe Environment Re-Training/Room 201
7:30 pm KC 3rd Degree Meeting/KC

Tuesday, December 20

5:00-7:00 pm St. John Library open/Compound
6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym
7:00 pm Children's Christmas Play at KJT Hall

Wednesday, December 21

No Life Teen *Food for the Soul* today
6:00-7:00 pm Winter Walkers in St. John Gym
6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes

No D-NITE/Cafeteria

Thursday, December 22

No EDGE Night today

Friday, December 23

Parish Business Office closed for holiday

Saturday, December 24

9:00 am & 3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

Masses at 9:00 & 11:00 am (English) & 1:00 pm (Spanish)

No Religious Education Classes

No RCIA Class/Room 102 Compound

St. John Library Closed today

No Life Teen Mass or Life Night

Monday, December 26

Parish Business Office closed for holiday

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2011

Just a reminder that all charitable end-of-the-year donations to St. John Church and St. Joseph Cemetery must be dated and postmarked by December 31, 2011 to qualify for 2011 tax deductions. Thank you, and may God especially bless those who supported our parish and cemetery in 2011. We sincerely appreciate your support and confidence in us.

CHRISTMAS POLKA SHOW ON KBEC

AM radio station KBEC 1390 and its sponsors will present the annual Christmas music show on Sunday, December 25 from 9-11 am. Listen in for a variety of great Christmas music, including Czech songs from the choirs.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 10 & 11

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 21,414.60
Epiphany Mission Collection	732.37

VOLUNTEERS FOR BAPTISMAL GOWNS

We need a few women willing to cut out and sew baptismal gowns for all of our Baptisms. There is a simple pattern to go by and the material is furnished. Please call the office if you can help, 972-875-2834 or 972-878-2834. Share your talents with us!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY

Parish Business Office will be closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, for the Christmas holidays.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side, is in memory of Aurora & Leandro Moreno, Kyle Nolen, Martin & Silvera Rodriguez donated by Stella Rodriguez for the week of December 17-23.
Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary Dick.

BULLETIN SPONSOR ADS

Rey Barron, our representative from Trinity Publications which prints our bulletin each week, will be at St. John's this week to renew and sell new ads for the back and inside back cover of our bulletin. Please call Rey at 972-875-2834 or 972-878-2834 to purchase an ad for 2012. Your ad will run for 52 weeks and supports our parish by providing the bulletin free of charge to our parishioners. Thanks!!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT RE-TRAINING

The final class for 2011 for Safe Environment **re-training** will be on Monday, December 19, at 7:30 pm in Room 201 in the school building.

ST. JOHN LIBRARY HOURS

St. John Library, compound area, is now re-opened on Tuesdays from 5-7 pm. Library is also open on Sundays from 8:30-10:45 am.

HYMNS FOR 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT, DECEMBER 18

494 The King of Glory	779 Hail Mary Gentle Woman
814 We Come to Your Feast	323 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Joshua Meachum, Helen Barak, Betty Coker, Stanley J. Liska, Bob Scancellia, Jerry Holland, Ninfa Carrillo, Maria Manriquez, Louise Francis, Raul Monjarez Sr., Mildred Wickliffe, Jane Parker, Joe W. Spaniel, Wilma Mach, Lori Hearn, Ginny Svehlak, Juanita Levay, Patsy Odlozil, Nathan Gunn, Orlando Lopez, Greg Loftis, Gil Escobar, Tony Guerrero, Gertrude Langley, Gloria J. Haba, Johnny Garcia, Danita Canty, Betty Cloonen, Hannah Rejcek, Rosie Mach, Ruphine Patak, Inez Fira, Louisa Tovar, Edwin & Dorothy Langer, Ashton Weaver, Martina Ortiz, Lisa Marklund, Anna Rosales, Lauren Moran, Senaida Areola, Christian Marente, Helen Matous, James Pustejovsky, Robert Martinez Sr., Olga Patak, Alfred Martinez, Catherine McClelland, Thelma Collinsworth, Rosa Sanchez, Patsy Blazek, Betty Rogala, Graciela & Ruben Monreal, Helen Zmolek, Gary Kidder, Domingo Galban, Jerry Dolezal, Tony Alvarez, Josie, Ray & Cynthia Castillo, Steve Betik, Earlene Slovak, Raul Partida

Thank you for
helping to make
the Lord's House
beautiful!



This beautiful gold and silver Gospel book cover was donated by the families of Fred, Raymond and Henry Zapletal in memory of Willie, Leda, and Henry Zapletal, Mary and Russell Grimes, and Hattie and Harold Raper.

Our new Sunday and Daily Roman Missals were donated by Mona Langley in memory of Kenneth Langley.

For sale by St. John Church
1999 Winnebago Brave Class A Motor home

For Information and Viewing—Fr. John
903.624.6114

ADULT CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

Certificates for the participants of the Adult Confirmation that took place on June 12, 2011 are ready for pickup at the parish business office.

RCIA Sponsors Needed

We need people to help to guide those who are interested in becoming Catholic to know and understand the Church. If you love the Church and want to share that love with those who wish to join Her, become an RCIA sponsor.

Qualifications:

- Must have received Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation
- If married, must be married in the Catholic Church
- Practicing your Faith

Contact Seth Wright at 972-878-2834.

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



Tuesday December 20th
at 7pm at KJT hall

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

A long, long time ago we used to have a children's Christmas play every year at the old KJT hall. A large number of our children were able to participate and enjoyed it immensely. We have had a great response from the Religious Education children this year, along with their parents, to make this year's play a great success. You are cordially invited to come see their efforts. Therefore, be sure to make plans to attend the Children's Christmas Play on Tuesday, December 20, at 7:00 pm at the KJT hall. There's nothing like a bunch of exuberant kids to put you in the Christmas spirit!

WINTER WALKERS PROGRAM

Winter Walkers Program has begun on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the St. John Gym. Catholic Family Fraternal—KJZT #16 is sponsoring this program to provide a safe, warm place to keep heart healthy during the winter months. Join them each week from now until March. (Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.) Call Joan Johnson for info: 214-728-6160

**OUR LIFE TEEN & EDGE PROGRAM PRAY THAT ALL AT OUR
PARISH HAVE A PRAYERFUL & CHRIST CENTERED ADVENT**

LIFE TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 18- LIFE TEEN MASS & LIFE NIGHT

DECEMBER 21- NO FOOD FOR THE SOUL & NO D-NITE-HOLIDAY BREAK

DECEMBER 25- NO LIFE TEEN MASS & NO LIFE NIGHT-HOLIDAY BREAK

DECEMBER 28- FOOD FOR THE SOUL & D-NITE

JAN 1- THERE WILL BE LIFE TEEN MASS & OPEN GYM

EDGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEC 22 & 29- NO EDGE CHRISTMAS BREAK

QUESTIONS? CALL JOEY 972-878-8336 OR JOEYS@STJOHNCC.NET

MASS TIMES AT EPIPHANY MISSION

For the next three weekends, the Mass time at Epiphany Mission, Italy, will be at **10:00 am** instead of 9am.

These Sundays include: December 25, Christmas Day
January 1, 2012 New Years Day
January 8, Feast of Epiphany

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Christmas Novena cards are available at the back of church. Your intentions will be included in a special Christmas Novena of Masses for 9 consecutive days, beginning Christmas day. The Novena offers greater benefit to the direct objects of this intention. Fill out the Novena envelope, and drop it off at the parish office before 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 21, to ensure that it gets on the altar for Christmas.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EPIPHANY TREAT BAGS

On the Feast of Epiphany, January 8, children at Epiphany Church in Italy will be given treat bags to celebrate their feast. Parishioners are asked to donate bags of candy and packaged cookies and other wrapped treats to make up the goody bags. If you have questions, please contact Fr. Antonio Ormaza.



HOME BIBLE STUDY TEST

For those participants in the Home Bible Study Course who plan to take the final test on March 3, 2012, you must sign up for the test by February 10 in order to be eligible to take the test. The signup sheet will be in the parish office. Please remember: no signup—no test!

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Is God calling you? We still need more volunteers for the Religious Education program for the Spring semester. We need teachers, aides to assist the teachers, and substitutes. This is a wonderful way to give back to your parish. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Gallegos at 972-875-9650, or 972-875-2834, ext. 214. Please pray on this, let your light shine; share your talents with our children in Religious Ed.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. It is projected that by 2019 retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the fund helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously today to share in their care.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 24 Midnight Mass

Dylan Fisher/Alex Fry/Tyler Dennie/Chris Trojacek/
David Janousek/Tyler Novy/Kenny Janousek

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 am Austin Spaniel/Hector Garcia/Josh Zapletal
11:00 am Joseph Baird/Grant Vrana
No 5:00 pm Life Teen Mass today

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.”Is 1:18-19
Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and experience the mercy and “good things” of Our Lord. He is waiting for you.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing

214-544-CARE

healing@racheldallas.org