

Mass Intentions for Christmas & week of December 28

Letter from the Pastor

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25-CHRISTMAS (Office closed)

12:00 a.m. Christmas Novena The Nativity of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
10:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
1:00 p.m. Christmas Novena (Spanish)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26-St. Stephen (Office closed)

12:05 p.m. Christmas Novena

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 -St. John the Apostle

3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Christmas Novena

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY, AND JOSEPH**

7:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
11:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
1:00 p.m. Christmas Novena
5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass For the Parish Community

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29-Fifth day within the Octave of the Nativity

6:30 a.m. Michael Dlabaj + of the Lord
12:05 p.m. Henry Zapletal +
6:30 p.m. Johnny Vrana +

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30-Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity

6:30 a.m. Larry Dunkerly + of the Lord
12:05 p.m. Frank Zhanel +
6:30 p.m. Jerry Dolezal + & Dolezal Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31-Seventh day within the Octave of the

10:30 p.m. Mike Dlabaj + Nativity of the Lord

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1- Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother

10:00 a.m. Wm. Cordell Hickman + Holy Day of Obligation
1:00 p.m. Maria Pedraza + New Year's Day (Office Closed)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2- St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass
6:30 a.m. Special Intention

12:05 p.m. Willie & Mary Kriska +

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3-The Most Holy Name of Jesus

First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass

8:00 a.m. Georgie Kozlovsky+
3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Judy Almond + & Joe S. & Mary Liska & Joe L. Liska +++

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00 a.m. For the Parish Community
11:00 a.m. Pauline Garcia +
1:00 p.m. Ramiro Rodriguez +
5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass Jack Cline +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Wed. December 24, 11 pm For the Parish Community

Sun. December 28, 9 am Adolfo Gonzalez +

Thurs. January 1, 10 am Aristeo Nieto +

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Rick Cepak/ Brad Cepak

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Wesley Honza CPA

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!
+ 2014

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

From a letter to Diognetus:

No man has ever seen God or known Him, but God has revealed Himself to us through faith, by which alone it is possible to see Him. God, the Lord and maker of all things, who created the world and set it in order, not only loved man but was also patient with him. So He has always been, and is, and will be: kind, good, free from anger, truthful; indeed, He and He alone is good.

He devised a plan, a great and wonderful plan, and shared it only with His Son. As long as He preserved this secrecy and kept His own wise counsel He seemed to be neglecting us, to have no concern for us. But when through His beloved Son He revealed and made public what He had prepared from the very beginning, He gave us all at once gifts such as we could never have dreamt of, even sight and knowledge of Himself.

When God had made all His plans in consultation with His Son, He waited until a later time, allowing us to follow our own whim, to be swept along by unruly passions, to be led astray by pleasure and desire. Not that He was pleased by our sins: He only tolerated them. Not that He approved of that time of sin: He was planning this era of holiness. When we had been shown to be undeserving of life, His goodness was to make us worthy of it. When we had made it clear that we could not enter God's kingdom by our own power, we were to be enabled to do so by the power of God.

When our wickedness had reached its culmination, it became clear that retribution was at hand in the shape of suffering and death. The time came then for God to make known His kindness and power (how immeasurable is God's generosity and love!). He did not show hatred for us or reject us or take vengeance; instead, He was patient with us, bore with us, and in compassion took our sins upon Himself; He gave his own Son as the price of our redemption, the Holy One to redeem the wicked, the sinless One to redeem sinners, the just One to redeem the unjust, the incorruptible One to redeem the corruptible, the immortal One to redeem mortals. For what else could have covered our sins but His sinlessness? Where else could we wicked and sinful as we were have found the means of holiness except in the Son of God alone?

How wonderful a transformation, how mysterious a design, how inconceivable a blessing! The wickedness of the many is covered up in the Holy One, and the holiness of One sanctifies many sinners. (Vigils, December 18th)

NOW, THAT'S CHRISTMAS!!!!

Love & Prayers,
Fr. John

Thursday, December 25-Christmas
OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
Friday, December 26
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Saturday, December 27
3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, December 28
** NO Religious Ed, RCIA, or Life Night **

Monday, December 29
6:00pm Confessions/Church (No confessions after Mass)

Tuesday, December 30
12:00 pm Food for the Soul Lunch
5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/ Church (No Confessions after Mass)
** NO EDGE **

Wednesday, December 31
** No Life Teen "Into the Deep" **

12:15 am Mary, Mother of God & New Year's Party/Cafeteria
Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day (Office Closed)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION-Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother
OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, January 2
First Friday Devotions after the 12:05 pm Mass

Saturday, January 3
First Saturday Devotions after the 8:00 am Mass

3:30 pm Confessions/Church
Sunday, January 4
** No Religious Education Classes

9:00 am RCIA / Room 101
6:30 pm Life Night

ADORERS STILL NEEDED!

Saturday 10 AM · Sunday 8 AM · Sunday 10 AM
Sunday 11 AM · Monday 2 AM · Sunday 1 PM

LIBRARY HOURS

Sundays—8:15 am—10:45 am · Tuesdays—6:30 pm—7:00 pm
Wednesdays—11:15 am—11:45 am

Check These Out —"Come The Door is Open"
"Imitation of Christ" (Thomas A. Kempis)
"Teen Catechism"; St. Louis De Montfort; C.S. Lewis (6 Books)
DVDs: "Guadalupe" (Spanish); "Padre Pio"



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION-DON'T MISS MASS!!

January 1, 2015, The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered on Dec. 31st (Vigil) @ 10:30 pm (English) and January 1st @ 10:00 am (English) and 1:00 pm (Spanish)

HYMNS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Entrance: Angels We Have Heard on High - 361
Offertory: The First Nowell - 388
Communion: O Little Town of Bethlehem - 359
What Child Is This - 387
Recessional: O Come, All Ye Faithful - 357

Entrance: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice - 367
Offertory: Sing of Mary - 778
Communion: What Child Is This - 387
Recessional: Once in Royal David's City - 380

St. John Children's Choir will sing at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 3, 2015.

THANK YOU FROM KJZT SOCIETY # 16

Thank you to all who brought, purchased pastries, or made donations for our recent bake sale. The funds will be used for our church and community projects. May God bless you.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

We accept clean clothes and shoes in the gym every Sunday after 7:00 am Mass until 1 pm. During this time anyone is welcome to take what they need free of charge.

ALTAR CANDLES

If you would like to reserve the 6 candles around the main altar in the sanctuary for your intentions or a loved one, living or deceased for 1 week in 2015, stop by the religious counter after Mass to sign up. \$40 for 1 week. Thank You, Altar Society.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHAPEL CANDLES & FLOWERS

The 4 candles surrounding the Monstrance and the 2 altar flower arrangements in the Divine Providence Chapel are available for your intentions or for a loved one, living or deceased. Please call Evelyn Zmolik at 214-549-6885.

Enjoy this Holy Season knowing you are thought of kindly prayed for faithfully And treasured in Heaven and on Earth.

Merry Christmas with love, Fr. John, Fr. Antonio, and Parish staff

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : December 27—January 2
In Memory: Raymond J. Honza, Sr.
By: Leona Honza & Family
Altar Candles : December 27—January 2
In Memory: Frank & Carrie Gelnar and Joe & Julie Zmolik
By: Benny & Evelyn Zmolik

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: December 26—January 1
For: Parish Community
By: Parish
Flower Arrangements: December 19—January 1
For: Parish Community
By: Parish

Receiving the Sacraments

Baptism for Infants

English Baptism Class: 1st Saturday of each month, 9:30-11:30 AM
Spanish Baptism Class: 3rd Saturday of each month, 4:30-6:30 PM
English Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month, 3:00 PM
Spanish Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month, 11:00 AM
Fill out an application and receive other information at the Parish Office in order to schedule a Baptism.

Receiving Missed Sacraments for Children

Enroll children in RCIC or RCIT (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children or for Teens) through the Children's Religious Education department at the Parish Office.
Contact: Ashlie Hallenbeck at the Parish Office, (972)875-9650.

Matrimony

Meet with Seth Wright at the Parish Office for an initial meeting at least 6 months before your desired wedding date. No date can be set until some of the marriage preparation steps have been completed.

Anointing of the Sick

When seriously ill, about to go into surgery, or otherwise in danger of death, one should receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Call the Parish Office or Fr. John or Fr. Antonio to be anointed or to schedule an anointing.

Other Sacraments for Adults

Those who have never been Baptized, those who have been Baptized but were not Baptized as a Catholic and are thinking about becoming Catholic, those who are Catholic but did not receive all of their Sacraments (Confession, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation), and Catholics who would just like to learn more about their faith are invited to join the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process. Speak to Seth Wright at the Parish Office to receive more information.

Emergency Contacts

Fr. John: 903-624-6114
Fr. Antonio: 469-831-0607

First Communion and First Confession

Enroll children in Children's Religious Education.
Contact: Ashlie Hallenbeck at the Parish Office, (972)875-9650.

Confirmation

Enroll Middle School students in the Confirmation process and have them attend The Edge and all other required activities.
Contact: Stephen Thompson, (903) 271-1640.

Annulments and Having Your Marriage Blessed

To begin the process of an annulment, to begin the process of having your civil marriage blessed by the Church, or to have your questions answered about either of these, contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office to set up an appointment to discuss your particular situation.

Holy Orders

If you are considering the priesthood, contact Father John to talk about it. You may also contact the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Dallas, Fr. Edwin Leonard, 214-379-2860.
Email: eleonard@cathdal.org

Confession

Monday: 5:30 PM
Tuesday: 5:30 PM
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM

Eucharist (Masses)

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 7:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM (Spanish),
5:00 PM Life Teen Mass

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday: 6:30AM, 12:05PM
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30PM (English)
Tuesday and Thursday: 6:30PM (Spanish)

First Saturday: 8:00AM

Epiphany Quasi-Parish, Italy, Texas
Sunday: 9:00 AM

**LET'S
CELEBRATE**
Mary,



the Holy Mother of God &

2015

Featuring



Out of the Box

December 31, 2014

10:00 PM Christmas Carols

10:30 PM Mass & Benediction

12:15 AM New Year's Eve Party

SUGGESTED \$10/ADULT DONATION @ THE DOOR

The people who walked in
darkness have seen
a great light;
those who lived in a land of
deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

Isaiah 9:2



CRHP - CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Women's Retreat—January 31 - February 1

Men's Retreat—February 7 - February 8

2015 Roe Memorial Events

Pray • March • Rally

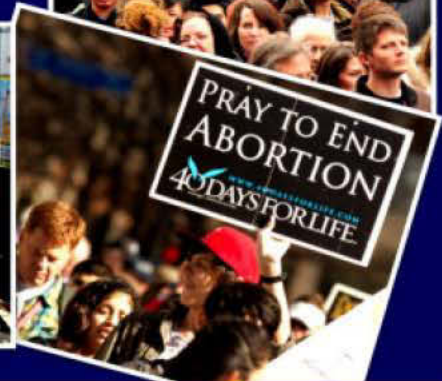
On Saturday

JANUARY 17, 2015

Join Bishops Kevin Farrell and Michael Olson with thousands of North Texas faithful

ON THE ROAD TO

VICTORY



St. John will be taking a bus... more info to come!!

Schedule of Events:

- 10:30 **Roe Memorial Rosaries** *outside Southwestern and Planned Parenthood abortion facilities*
- 12:15 **Youth Concert** *at KBH Convention Center Dallas Featuring World Youth Day Musician Curtis Stephan*
- 1:00 **Roe Memorial Mass** *at KBH Convention Center Dallas Celebrated by Bishops Kevin Farrell and Michael Olson*
- 3:00 **North Texas March for Life to Rally** *outside the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse*

Sponsored by:

Catholic Pro-Life Committee
Respect Life Ministry of
the Diocese of Dallas

972-267-LIFE (5433)
cplc@prolifedallas.org



Co-sponsored by:

Diocese of Fort Worth and Texans for Life



He's coming back!

Parish Mission

with Michael Cumbie

January 12-14

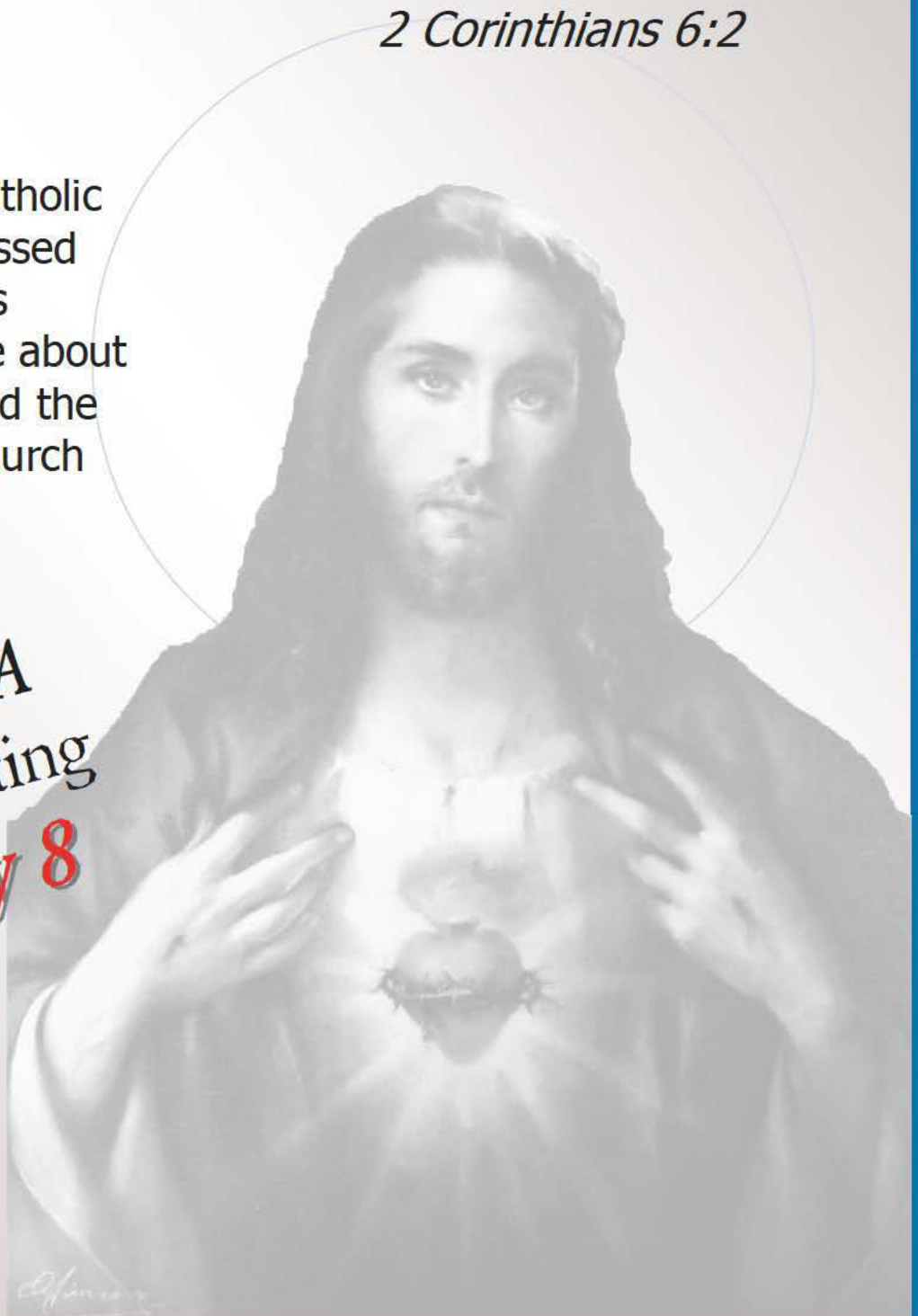
*Behold, now is the acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation.*

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 8

Contact Seth
Wright at the
Parish Office for
more information
or to register.





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ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS
High School Youth Ministry Retreat
*Encounter of
the Third Kind*

- Already been Confirmed?
- Think you've done it before?
- Looking for more?
- Don't feel accepted?

THEN THIS IS FOR YOU!

A great opportunity to get away for a weekend: to have lots of fun with friends, deepen your faith life, and experience something you have not before!

Registrations for the
January 16-18th Life Teen
retreat is now available at

www.stjohnccc.net/retreat-registrations

Register today!

Paintball - Horseback Riding - Zip Lines - Laser Tag - Basketball - Football - Soccer

Trampoline - Video Games - Ping Pong Tables - and More!!!

Parents and Grandparents!

What a great Christmas present to give the teenager in your life! An opportunity to grow in relationship with The Lord!
A Christmas gift that will last!

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—1/4/15	Barbara Sample—11/30/14	Henry Vrana—1/18/15	Pauline Novy—1/4/15
Helen / Bob Zmolek—1/11/15	Ella Patak—11/23/14	Ben Eric Fira—12/7/14	Elizabeth Ann Martinez—1/4/15
Georgie Ann Nekuza—1/11/15	Angie Fira Garza—11/30/14	Mary Alice (Beva) Garza-12/7	Locadio Pecina—1/4/15
Nathan Gunn—1/4/15	Bill Hejny—12/28/14	Domingo De Los Santos Jr -12/7	Brook Gandy—1/4/15
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-1/18/15	Sr. Edna Gonzalez—12/28/14	Eleanora Pelzel—12/7/14	Mark Liska—1/4/15
Frank Prochaska—1/18/15	Louann Redick—12/28/14	Patsy Zabochnik—12/28/14	Gary Kidder—1/4/15
Sr. Redempta Bradley—1/18/15	Bob Henderson—12/28/14	Nancy Valek—12/28/14	Edwin/Dorothy Langer -1/4/15
Nancy Blackburn—12/28/14	Stanley J. Liska—12/28/14	Wesley Krajca—12/28/14	Tina Jones—1/11/15
Stephen Dolezalik—1/4/15	Johnny/ Mary Ann Hajek-1/25	Pete Gutierrez—12/28/14	Frank Zabochnik - 1/18/15
Betty Jo Culpepper—12/28/14	Leo Rejcek—11/ 23/14	Ginger Morales—12/28/14	Jenny Matous—1/18/15
Alfred Martinez—12/28/14	Joe Gobeia—11/23/14	Patti Youngblood—12/28/14	Gil Escobar—1/25/15
Betty Rogala—12/28/14	Craig Sellars—11/23/14	Lillian Bacak—12/28/14	JoAnn Strunc—1/25/15
Ivan /Margaret Bohuslav—11/30	Mildred Trojacek—12/28/14	Rachel Zmolik—12/28/15	Stephen Clemmons - 1/25/15
Margie Dvorak—1/4/15	Leo Rejcek—11/23/14	Paula Prokop—12/28/14	Josie Patak Grmela - 1/25/15
Mary Hejny—1/4/15	June & Dick Moody—12/28/14	Mary Ludwig—12/28/14	Brandi Novy - 1/25/15
Analiese Mahaley—12/28/14	Angie Garza—11/30/14	Rosa Sanchez—12/28/14	Arthur Castillo - 1/25/15
Anna Galetka—12/28/14	Annie Garcia—11/30/14	Carol Rejcek—12/28/14	
Annie Fira Garcia—11/30/14	Jill Liska—11/30/14	Jose Luis Garcia—1/4/15	
Janie & Richard Mraz-11/30/14	John Sosa—11/30/14	Trisha Zabochnik—1/4/15	