

Mass Intentions for the week of January 24

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25**—The Conversion of St. Paul

No 6:30 a.m. Mass

**12:05 p.m.** Steve & Suzi Betik

**6:30 p.m.** Dolores Navarro +

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26**—Saints Timothy & Titus

**6:30 a.m.** April Bondi (health)

**12:05 p.m.** Ed & Joyce Plasek

**6:30 p.m.** Belen Landeros +

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27**— St. Angela Merici

**6:30 a.m.** Roy Richard Pruett, Jr. +

**12:05 p.m.** Danny Kubin +

**6:30 p.m.** Hekki & Dorothy Jerpi ++

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28**

**6:30 a.m.** Hector Reyes (health)

**12:05 p.m.** Georgia Wesowitch +

**6:30 p.m.** Rosa Martinez (salud)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**

**6:30 a.m.** G.J. Wunderlick (healing)

**12:05 p.m.** Tony & Anthony Alvarez ++

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**

**3:30 p.m.** Confessions

**5:00 p.m.** Edward & Rosie Kriska ++

**JANUARY 31, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**7:00 a.m.** Edward Rejcek +

**11:00 a.m.** For the Parish Community

**1:00 p.m.** Belen & Kevin Landeros ++

**5:00 p.m.** Thom & Jan Schliem

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

**Sun. January 24, 9 am** San Juana Suarez Malacara & Thomas Suarez ++

**Sun. January 31, 10 am** San Juana Suarez Malacara & Thomas Suarez ++

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Pastor's Message

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
+ 2016

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

The reading from the Book of Nehemiah recounts the return of the Chosen People to the land of Israel after years of exile in Babylon. If we ask the Holy Spirit to assist us in the reading/hearing, we experience the powerful emotions of the Israelite people.

Ezra, the priest, reads from the law of God. The people have forgotten much of this or it has become a distant memory during the many years in a foreign land. The Holy Spirit places in their hearts the fullness of the words of God they are hearing with their ears. They are open to something new, or something old that was forgotten or taken away from them.

They “bowed down and prostrated themselves before the Lord, their faces to the ground.” The words of love from their God overpowered everything else. The people began weeping as the law was proclaimed and explained to them. Their weeping was in repentance for the neglect of the Law that led to their exile. Their sins against God had allowed their enemies to triumph over them.

Ezra recognized this as good but also moved them on to a new realization. Sorrowful weeping and repentance are good only if it leads us to a joy in a new life lived according to God's Law.

Ezra said to them, “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drink, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!”

Let us Rejoice in the Lord and His loving Law together, celebrating the Mass.

Love & Prayers,  
Father John

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**

**Entrance:** Let All Things Now Living - 551

**Offertory:** Here I Am, Lord - 671

**Communion:** One Bread, One Body - 813

**Recessional:** In Christ There Is No East or West - 726

**COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 16 & 17**  
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection  
Epiphany Regular Collection

\$19,268.22  
\$963.49

**IN OUR PARISH WEEKS OF JANUARY 10**

Second Collection: The Church in Latin America

**Sunday, January 24**

Women's CRHP Retreat Ends

8:30-10:30 am Religious Ed/ School

9:00 am RCIA

6:30 pm Life Night

**Monday, January 25**

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church

**Tuesday, January 26**

7:00 am Food for the Soul

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**Wednesday, January 27**

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Ed

7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/ Room 102

7:30 pm Adult Choir practice/ Church

**Thursday, January 28**

**Friday, January 29**

**Saturday, January 30**

Men's CRHP Retreat Begins

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

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**NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**



Today, we can think of the Church as a "field hospital." Excuse me, but I repeat it, because this is how I see it, how I feel it is: a "field hospital." Wounds need to be treated, so many wounds! So many wounds! There are so many people, who are wounded by material problems, by scandals, also in the Church... People are wounded by the world's illusions...

Mercy first means treating the wounds. When someone is wounded, he needs this immediately, not tests, such as the level of cholesterol and one's glycemic index... Specialized treatments can be done, but first we need to treat the open wounds.

I think this is what is most important at this time. And there are also hidden wounds, because there are people who distance themselves in order to avoid showing their wounds closer.

-Pope Francis, Address, March 6, 2014

*Reflection:* What wounds do you see around you? Who is hurting and has distanced themselves from you or others? What can you do to respond to them with mercy immediately?

**NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**



**The Choice Wine**

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**Thursdays, beginning Jan. 21 — Rm 101-102**  
For question, couples can call 469-245-8678 or email mwk72@aol.com or thechoicewine.org

**OPEN ADORATION HOURS**

**Sunday**

2AM, 4AM, 8AM, 10AM, 11AM, 1PM

**Monday**

1AM, 2AM, 3AM

**Tuesday**

2AM, 3AM

**Friday**

12AM, 9AM, 2PM, 7PM

**Saturday**

5AM, 3PM, 4PM

**ST. JOHN CHURCH**

**Sanctuary Light : January 23 – January 29**

In Honor: Nepomucene's Children Staff

By: Sharon & Michael Kudrna

**Altar Candles : January 23 – January 29**

In Honor: John Minear Family

By: Jeff & Joan Johnson

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL**

**Altar Candles: January 15 – January 21**

For: Leo Rejcek

By: Carol Rejcek

Save the Dates

**Feb. 22-25**



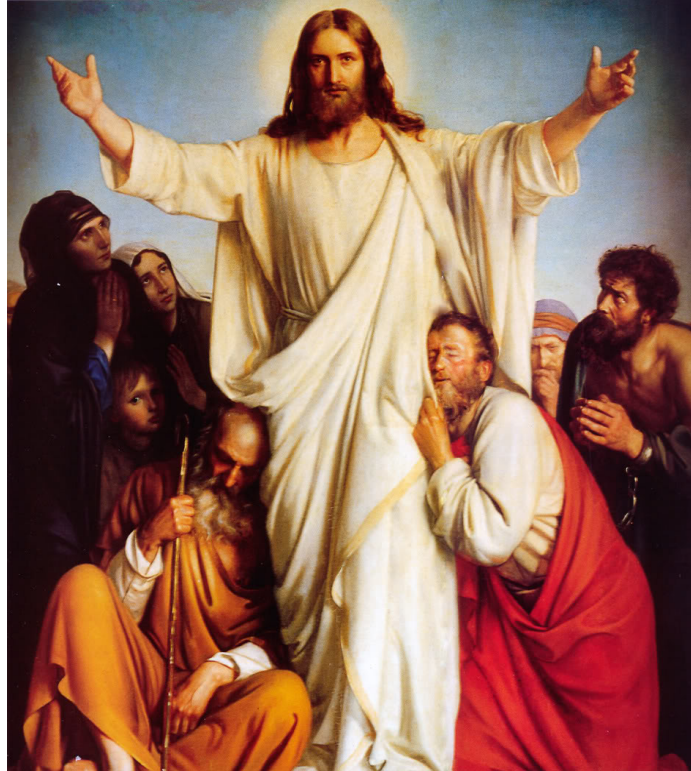
**Fr. John Anthony, CFR**



**Fr. Juan Diego, CFR**

**Parish  
Lenten Mission**

*Come  
to  
Him.*



**RCIA**  
classes on  
Wednesday  
evenings.

- To receive missed Sacraments of Communion or Confirmation
- To become Catholic
- Just to learn more about the Faith

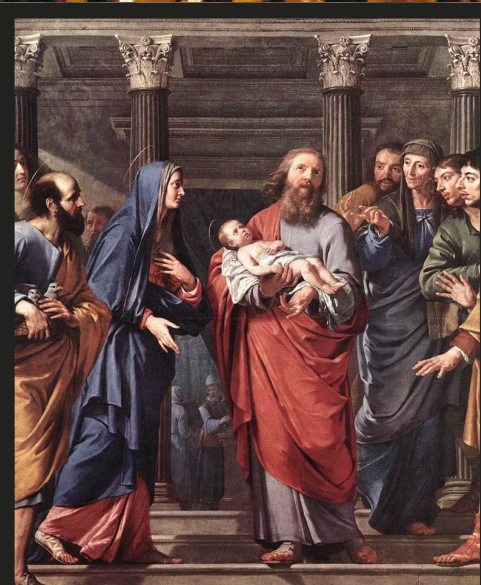
**RCIA**

Sessions will be held 7:00—8:00 PM in room 102 in the compound.  
Contact Seth Wright at the Parish Office for more information or to register.

## *Candlemas and The Presentation of the Lord*

On Feb. 2 every year, the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. In keeping with Jewish law, Jesus was presented to God in the Temple as a recognition of the sovereignty of God and of children as a gift from God. When Jesus was presented in the Temple, the fact that He was the Messiah was recognized by the holy Simeon and Anna. Traditionally, this feast is celebrated with a blessing of candles and a lighted procession, and this is how it got its traditional name—Candlemas, short for “Candle-Mass.”

**We will have the blessing of the candles after all Masses on Jan. 30 & 31st and after the Tuesday Masses on Feb. 2.  
Bring any candles you want blessed for the year!**



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**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2016**      **LIFE TEEN MASS @ 5:00 PM**  
**CASINO GAMES AND LOTS OF FOOD**      **SUPER BOWL ON 7 SCREENS**

**Life Teen**  
Winter Retreat  
February 12-14, 2016



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**Sky Ranch**  
Van, TX

**Matthew**  
4:18-20 & 28:19

## 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	Jo Ries—11/22/15	Jaden Kane Ornelas-11/29/15	Gloria Garcia—1/17/16
Bob Zmolek—1/10/16	Nancy Escobar—11/29/15	Katherine Michno—11/29/15	Angela Gallia—1/17/16.
Georgie Ann Nekuza-1/10/16	John A. Esparza, Sr.—11/22/15	Carolina Munoz—11/29/15	Julie Hughes—1/17/16
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-1/10	JoAnn Strunc—11/29/15	Frank & Georgie Zabochnik-11/29	Clemente Garcia—1/17/16
Sr. Redempta Bradley—1/10	Noe Casanova— 11/29/15	Henry Vrana—11/29/15	Tim Brewer—2/21/16
Analiese Mahaley—1/10/16	Jessie/Antonio Ovalie—11/29	Albert Escobar— 11/29/15	Edward Rejcek—1/24/16
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—1/10/16	Laura Waedekin—1/17/16	Maria Virginia Lopez-11/29/15	Fidel Sanchez—1/24/16
Johnny/Mary Ann Hajek-1/10	Adell Chavez—1/17/16	Janie Marusak—12/20/15	Pat Dixon—2/7/16
Rachel Zmolik—2/7/16	Clayton Budai—1/17/16	Salome Fira—12/20/15	Billie Valigura—2/7/16
Bernadine Zhanel Distasio-11/22	Mary Ann Felcman—1/17/16	Bill Glaspy—12/20/15	Mary Trojacek—2/7/16
Catherine Roberts—11/22/15	Ivette Olalde—10/25/15	Graciela Monreal—12/20/15	Edward Gonzalez—2/7/16
Jaysen St. Clair—1/10/16	Mildred Liska Koehn—10/25/15	Betty (BJ) Lanicek Coker—2/21	Alfredo Castillejas—2/7/16
Mildred Trojacek—2/7/16	Jessica Ramirez—10/25/15	Emilie Harrison—2/14-16	Paul Tolliver—2/7/16
David Trojacek—1/10/16	Chon Vasquez —10/25/15	Epi Garfias—2/7/16	Alfred Martinez—2/7/16
Jane Rychlik—1/10/16	Steve Mensik—11/29/15	Anthony Alvarez—12/27/15	Juan Herrera—2/14/16
Bill Hejny—1/10/16	Pedro Enrique Santos—11/15/15	Priscilla Elizondo—12/27/15	Bill Vavra—2/14/16
Richard Mraz—1/17/16	Deanna Richardson—11/22/15	Eddie Cervantes—1/10/16	Roger Gagnon—2/14/16
Julian Manriquez—11/22/15	Nora Mandujano—1/24/16	Angie Henley—1/10/16	Edwin/Dorothy Langer-2/14/16
Makenna Richardson -11/22/15	Robert Garcia—1/24/16	Johnny Joe Lopez—1/10/16	Joan Gura—2/21/16
Margie Dvorak—2/14/16	Pete Gutierrez—1/24/16	Kathy Satsky—1/10/16	
Betty Rogala—1/10/16	Luke Siegel—11/22/15	Anna Lee Toth—1/10/16	
Jose Luis Garcia—11/22/15	Blake Ray—11/22/15	Holly Friday—2/14/16	
	Gary Kidder—11/29/15	Angela Zakalowski—2/14/16	