

Mass Intentions for the week of February 21

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22-Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

No 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Tony & Nacha Zapata ++

No 6:30 p.m. Mass today

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23-Saint Polycarp

No 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Danny Kubin +

No 6:30 p.m. Mass today

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

No 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Adolph Tobola +

No 6:30 p.m. Mass today

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

No 6:30 a.m. Mass today

12:05 p.m. Joe Gobeia +

No 6:30 p.m. Mass today.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:30 a.m. Anna Galetka +

12:05 p.m. Dorothy Toupal +

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Brodwynne Patak + and James Patak

FEBRUARY 28, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00 a.m. Daniel Macalik +

11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community

1:00 p.m. Lino & Fidel Sanchez

5:00 p.m. Rex & Barbara Sanders

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. February 21, 9 am Jesse & Julia Guerrero ++

Sun. February 28, 10 am Albert & Catherine Elfrink ++

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 13 & 14
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$19,517.80
Ash Wednesday	\$2,894.24
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$917.80
Ash Wednesday	\$548.69

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Knights of Columbus #1353

Pastor's Message

Second Sunday of Lent
+ 2016

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“The Lord God took Abram outside and said, ‘Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so, He added, shall your descendants be.’”

Last weekend, at Sky Ranch in Van, TX, these numerous descendants of Abraham encountered and experienced the same Lord God that took Abraham outside to look at the stars. Our St. John High School youth entered into our Life Teen Winter Retreat, “Come and Go.”

Our Retreat Master, Jimmy Mitchell from Nashville, TN led the teens through Matthew's Gospel Chapters 4 & 28, which recount Jesus' call to the Disciples to **COME** and follow Him and their sending out into the world to **GO** and baptize all nations.

The weekend was blessed with the presence of many folks who helped the teens to encounter Jesus, hear Him and open their hearts. Our Youth Minister, Stephen who envisioned and wrote this retreat based on his personal experience with our teens. The Life Teen Core Group of parishioners who prayed, helped create and made physically possible a great atmosphere, schedule and environment. Our parish seminarians Alex Fry and Ryan Waedekin, Franciscan Friars Fr. John Anthony and Br. Thomas, Vocation Director Fr. Edwin Leonard, Life Teen Praise Band and many others who worked and prayed.

As a holy result, I saw our teens experience the glory revealed in today's Gospel. Jesus took our teens up the mountain to pray, they saw His glory and said, “Master, it is good that we are here!” Jesus revealed Himself in a particular way through the Sacraments of Confession and Eucharist, on the Altar as Sacrifice and in Adoration.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, St. John Parishioner, who made it possible.

Love & Prayers,
Father John

**HOLY COMMUNION
TO HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES**

If you have a loved one that is in the Nursing Home or is homebound, please give us the name, address and phone number & Holy Communion will be taken to them. Usually, Holy Communion is distributed on Saturday or Sunday. Email address is littlestout@hughes.net or text or call 972-351-1121.

IN OUR PARISH WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21

Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions

Sunday, February 21

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

9:00 am RCIA

1:30 pm KJZT meeting/ KJT dining room

6:30 pm Life Night

Monday, February 22

No confessions tonight

7:00 pm **Parish Mission****Tuesday, February 23**

6:30 am Food for the Soul

No Confessions tonight

No Upper Room/ Room 101

7:00 pm **Parish Mission****Wednesday, February 24**

No Religious Ed

No RCIA Inquiry/ Room 102

No Adult Choir practice/ Church

7:00 pm **Parish Mission****Thursday, February 25**

No Choice Wine/ Room 101-102

No Letter of St. Paul/ Room 103

7:00 pm **Parish Mission****Friday, February 26**

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Spanish

Saturday, February 27

3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, February 28

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

9:00 am RCIA

1:30 pm KJT #35 Meeting/ Club Room

6:30 pm Life Night

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis audio-message to the young people of Pompeii.

Jesus

said to his disciples: “Be careful not to practice your good works before men to be seen by them”... “When you give to the poor do not sound a trumpet before you”... “Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you”.

The Word of God gives us the right perspective in which to live Lent well. When we do something good, sometimes we are tempted to seek praise and to be rewarded: that’s human glory. But it’s a false reward

because it makes us focus on what others think of us.

Jesus asks us to do good for the sake of good. He asks us to feel we are under the watchful gaze of our Heavenly Father at all times and to live in relationship with Him – not in relationship with the opinion of others.

Living in the presence of the Father gives us a much deeper joy than worldly glory can give us. May our attitude this Lent be one of living in secret where the Father sees us, loves us and waits for us. Naturally, exterior things are important too, but we must always choose to live in the presence of God.

Let us do what we can, in prayer, in sacrifice, and in acts of charity, humbly before God. This way we will be worthy of God the Father’s reward.

Reflection: What good works have I practiced this Lent? Do I seek “human glory” when I do these things? How can I live more fully in the presence of the Father?

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

Parish Mission Week

All English speaking meetings canceled this week.

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE!

Deacon Don presents : THE LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

Wednesday at 7pm in Room 103

Please bring your Bible, a pen and paper!

No class this Wednesday—will resume next week.

KJZT Society #16 Meeting

will be held Sunday, February 21, at 1:30pm in the KJT dining room. They will plan their parish and community fundraisers, the April District meeting to be held in Ennis and the annual Mass and celebration in August. Refreshments and a social will follow.

KJT #35 MEETING

February 28th at 1:30 pm in the club room. Several upcoming events will be discussed.

NORTH TEXAS MEN’S CONFERENCE

April 22-23 (<http://ntxcmc.org/>)

Cost: \$35 before Feb. 28th at St. Francis of Assisi in Grapevine.

Contact John Waedekin for hotel rooms: waedekin@mytocn.com

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : February 20– February 26

In Memory: Mil & John Dlabaj; Joe Ben, Geraldine, & George Patril

By: Jerry & Irene Prachyl

Altar Candles : February 20– February 26

In Memory: Florina Rodriguez Smith

By: Joe Smith

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: February 19– February 25

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

“God uses broken things . It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.”

Christ Renews His Parish

CRHP formation allows God to use our brokenness to bring others (& our Parish!) to renewal.

Have you considered it?

Contact Seth Wright for more information 972-875-2834 or sethw@stjohncc.net



(Debbie Novy's 2nd grade class pictured here with some of the food they collected.)

“In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ...” Lent 2016

Pope Francis would be proud.

This month my second grade RE students have been learning about the Holy Year of Mercy and the Corporal Works of Mercy. First they collected canned food for Helping Hands. 12 kids brought 108 pounds of food - enough to feed 87 people. Next week we are taking clothing to the gym. And then we are making cards for the St John's parishioners in the nursing homes. These second graders are working hard to make a difference in this Holy Year of Mercy!

OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Sunday

2 am, 4 am, 8 am, 10 am, 1 pm

Monday

2 am, 3 am

Tuesday

2 am, 3 am, 3 pm

Wednesday

12 am

Thursday

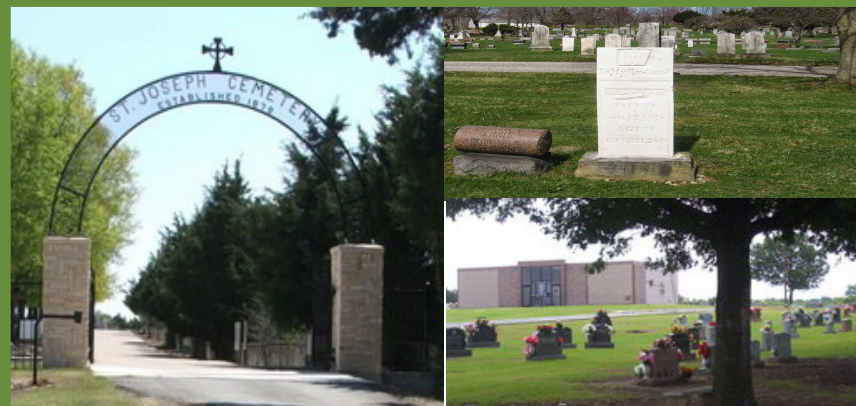
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Friday

12 am, 5 am, 9 am, 12 pm, 2 pm

Saturday

5 am, 3 pm, 4 pm



ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

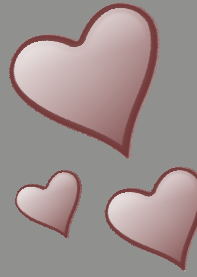
This year's clean-up is scheduled for **March 5th**. Please take time now to remove any Christmas décor and/or anything not attached to the monument.

What Should I do for Lent?





Thank You!



**Thank you to everyone
who attended, gave time,
effort, money, and prayers
for our successful high
school Life Teen retreat!**

Life Teen Core Team

Jesse Chambers
Cathy Falkenbach
Jimmy Falkenbach
Joanna Gallegos
Patsy Kubala
Chuck Kubala
Tony Roybal
Caryn Spaniel
Julie Thompson
Daniela Gomez

Parishioners

Suzie Betik
Alene Eggers
Alex Fry
Irma Jimenez
Joan Johnson
Jennifer Kapavik
Jaysen Lopez
Maria Leos
Aaron Martinez
Ryan Waedekin

Maintenance Department

Who went above and beyond their
normal duties to help!

Jeff Johnson
Rose Cooke
Patricia Riley

From outside the Parish

Fr. Edwin Leonard
Ryan Buchanan

**Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God
acceptable worship, with reverence and awe. - Heb 12:28**



“Jesus Christ has truly made this weekend absolutely incredible, from worshipping Him to flying down the zip line! Words cannot describe the feeling of Catholic brothers and sisters worshipping Jesus Christ, Our Lord...the feeling that you get when your youth group is screaming their hearts out to Jesus, is absolutely astonishing! This experience was once again life changing and eye opening, it has taught us that no matter what, Jesus Christ is always by our side! It has also taught us that our brothers and sisters are always there if we need a shoulder to cry on.. Disconnecting for a weekend was the best decision we could all make. I would not trade this experience for anything! Jesus works miracles in our lives and gives us strength for all of the obstacles that are ahead of us. This weekend has given us the experience, not only to hear the words of the Gospel, but to also gain many new friendships. Overall, this retreat has helped us regain our flame of Holy Spirit within us. Thank you for a life changing retreat!” - **Stephanie, a sophomore**

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—3/6/16	Laura Waedekin—2/28/16	Paul Tolliver—3/13/16	April Tamez—3/20/16
Bob Zmolek—3/6/16	Adell Chavez—1/17/16	Alfred Martinez—2/7/16	Gary Krajca—3/20/16
Georgie Ann Nekuza—3/6/16	Clayton Budai—2/28/16	Juan Herrera—2/14/16	Donna Tuley Fincher—3/20
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska—3/6/16	Mary Ann Felcman—2/28/16	Phil Vavra—2/14/16	Larry Don Houdek—3/20/16
Sr. Redempta Bradley—3/6/16	Nora Mandujano—1/24/16	Roger Gagnon—2/14/16	Frank/Georgie Zabochnik—3/27
Analiese Mahaley—2/28/16	Robert Garcia—1/24/16	Edwin/Dorothy Langer—2/14/16	Henry Vrana—3/27/16
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—3/6/16	Pete Gutierrez—1/24/16	Joan Gura—2/21/16	Chuck Kubala—3/27/16
Johnny/Mary Ann Hajek—3/6/16	Betty (BJ) Lanicek Coker—2/21	Lupe Garcia—2/28/16	Daniel Gonzalez—3/27/16
Rachel Zmolik—3/6/16	Emilie Harrison—3/27/16	Albin Dlabaj—2/28/16	Pauline Novy—3/27/16
Catherine Roberts—3/6/16	Epi Garfias—3/13/16	Butch Escobar—3/6/16	Adele Miklis—3/27/16
Jaysen St. Clair—2/28/16	Eddie Cervantes—3/6/16	Jim Tenplin—3/6/16	Barry Metcalf—3/27/16
Mildred Trojacek—2/7/16	Anna Lee Toth—3/6/16	Gloria Garcia—3/6/16	Katherine Michno—3/27/16
David Trojacek—3/6/16	Holly Friday—3/13/16	Jerry Zmolek—3/13/16	Maria de Jesus Montiel—3/27/16
Jane Rychlik—3/6/16	Angela Zakalowski—2/14/16	Janie Marusak—3/13/16	Candidito Fernandes Gomez—3/27
Bill Hejny—3/6/16	Gloria Garcia—3/6/16	Mary Trojacek—3/13/16	Priscilla Elizondo—3/27/16
Richard Mraz—3/6/16	Tim Brewer—2/21/16	Bob Canada—3/13/16	Noe Casanova—3/27/16
Makenna Richardson—3/6/16	Fidel Sanchez—1/24/16	Janelle Wingo Houdek—3/13/16	Ben & Genora Kriska—3/27/16
Margie Dvorak—2/14/16	Pat Dixon—2/7/16	Steven Mensik—3/13/16	
Betty Rogala—3/6/16	Joe/Billie Valigura—2/28/16	Cynthia C. De los Santos—3/13	
Nancy Escobar—3/6/16	Mary Trojacek—2/7/16	Rose Bacak—3/13/16	
JoAnn Strunc—3/6/16	Edward Gonzalez—2/7/16	Lillian Bacak—3/13/16	
Jessie/Antonio Ovalie—3/6/16	Alfredo Castillejas—2/7/16	Tina Jones—3/13/16	