

Mass Intentions for the week of February 28

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- 6:30 a.m. Juanita Tapia/ Angie Martinez
12:05 p.m. Ronnie Valigura
6:30 p.m. Margaret Hoefler +

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

- 6:30 a.m. Alene Eggers
12:05 p.m. Raymond Zapletal +
6:30 p.m. Cary & Aimee Stephens

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

- 6:30 a.m. Linda Tenney +
12:05 p.m. Danny Kubin +
2:30 p.m. Rose Bacak + (Ennis Care)
6:30 p.m. Paul Carrillo +

THURSDAY, MARCH 3—Saint Katherine Drexel

- 6:30 a.m. Johnny Maliska +
12:05 p.m. Carolyn Haskovec +
6:30 p.m. Rodolfo de la Torre

FRIDAY, MARCH 4—Saint Casimir

First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass

- 6:30 a.m. Lillie Forson +
12:05 p.m. Wm. Cordell Hickman +

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass

- 8:00 a.m. Rosa Sanchez +
3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Joe S., Mary, & Joe L. Liska +++

MARCH 6, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:00 a.m. George & Rose Ann Vrana ++/ Edward Rejcek +
11:00 a.m. Alice Nicholson
1:00 p.m. Arturo Dorado +
5:00 p.m. For the Parish Community

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. February 28, 9 am Albert & Catherine Elfrink ++

Sun. March 6, 9 am Francisco & Ofelia Campos

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 20 & 21
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$21,137.71
Black & Indian Mission	\$1,053.75
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$960.50
Black & Indian Mission	\$199.26

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Wesley Honza CPA

Pastor's Message

Third Sunday of Lent
+ 2016

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

This Second Week of Lent we, as a parish, have been blessed by the presence of Fathers Juan Diego and John Anthony of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. We have been participating in our Lenten Mission each evening. Through the Mission talks we are learning how to enter into this Holy Season and at the conclusion of these forty days, celebrate Easter with a newness of Life.

This new Life in Christ is by the Will of the Father what is available to each one of us as we are born on this earth and live out our lives until mortal death. It is this New Life in Christ which is to carry us on into an Eternity of all we desire.

This New Life, which begins here on earth will change how we "go through" our everyday life until death. This New Life enables us to endure the ups and downs of daily life by looking forward to the fulfillment of Easter. The fulfillment of Easter = a perfect life which begins when we each end our life on earth. Just as Jesus, began a new life back in Heaven with the Father and Spirit after His Resurrection from the tomb. He left all the "junk" behind and went home!

We too, will resurrect from our graves, **IN FACT, AND BEGIN A NEW AND NEVER ENDING PERFECT LIFE!**

The Best Deal anyone has ever offered us!

With His MERCY.....see you in Heaven!

Love & Prayers,
Father John

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in English
Fridays at 8:00 p.m. in Spanish

**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: Capital Improvement

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

Monday, February 29

- 5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church

Tuesday, March 1

- 5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church
- 7:00 pm Upper Room/ Room 101

Wednesday, March 2

- 6:30-8:30 pm Religious Ed
- 7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/ Room 102
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice/ Church

Thursday, March 3

- 7:00 pm Choice Wine/ Room 101-102
- 7:00 pm Letter of St. Paul/ Room 103

Friday, March 5

- First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 8:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Spanish

Saturday, March 6

- First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass
- 3:30 pm Confessions/Church

Sunday, March 7

- 8:30-10:30 am Religious Ed/ School
- 9:00 am RCIA
- 6:30 pm Life Night

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



"The Name of God Is Mercy" -Pope Francis, Oonagh Stransky

What advice would you give a penitent so that he can give a good confession?

He ought to reflect on the truth of his life, of what he feels and what he thinks before God. He ought to be able to look earnestly at himself and his sin. He ought to feel like a sinner, so that he can be amazed by God. In order to be filled with this gift of infinite mercy, we need to recognize our need, our emptiness, our wretchedness. We cannot be arrogant.

It remind me of a story I heard from a person I used to know, a manager in Argentina. This man had a colleague who seemed to be very committed to a Christian life: recited the rosary, he read spiritual writings, and so on. One day the colleague confided, en passant, as if it were of no consequence, that he was having a relationship with his maid. He made it clear that he thought it was something entirely normal. He said that "these people," and by that he meant hired help, were there "for that too." My friend was shocked; his colleague was practically telling him that he believed in the existence of superior and inferior human beings, with the latter destined to be taken advantage of and used, like the maid. I was stunned by that example: despite all my friend's objections, the colleague remained firm and didn't budge an inch. And he continued to consider himself a good Christian because he prayed, he read his spiritual writings every day, and he went to Mass on Sundays. This is arrogance, and it is the opposite of the shattered heart mentioned by the Church Fathers.

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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@mytoen.com

Reflection: Do I treat people differently? Do I make excuses for my behavior because I go to Mass on Sundays or because I do spiritual reading? What does it mean to offer a "shattered heart" and how might God be calling me to that?



Contact Parish office for more details.

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

For: Parish Community
By: Parish

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: February 19– February 25

For: Health of Gilbert Escobar
By: Stella Rodriguez

“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@stjohnncc.net

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

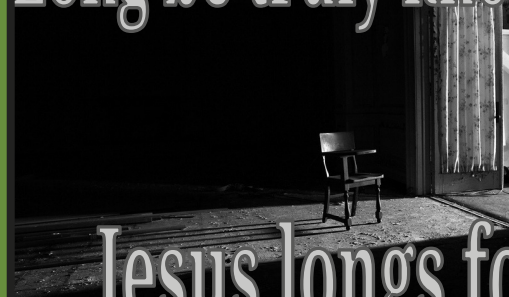
This year's clean-up is scheduled for
March 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Please take time now to remove any
Christmas décor and/or anything not
attached to the monument.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

“The Catholic cemetery is arranged and adorned in a way which expresses the truth about death and the resurrection of the body. The direct care of the cemetery by the Church permits a strong witness to the Christian belief regarding death and provides the opportunity for the Church to carry out, to the fullest extent possible, her responsibilities toward the dead. The Catholic cemetery offers a permanent invitation to reflect upon death as the gateway to eternal life.”

Long be truly known?



Jesus longs for YOU.

Sunday **Adoration Chapel Open Hours**

2 am, 4 am, 8 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm

Monday

2 am, 3 am

Tuesday

2 am, 3 am

Wednesday

12 am

Thursday

3am

Friday

12 am, 1 am, 9 am,
12 pm, 2 pm

Saturday

5 am, 3 pm, 4 pm





Lent + The Extraordinary Year of Mercy = A wonderful Life Night Series on Mercy
 our Life Teen will be journeying through over the next several weeks!



MERCIFUL

Life Night: Misericordia



We had a great, inspirational Parish Lenten Mission!

Some final thoughts from the Friars:

Prayer is:

- Gods Gift
- Covenant Relationship
- Communion
- The way the Body of Christ Breathes.

Mortification, penance, reparation:

- Sin does damage to the soul
- It is necessary to do these things.
- Our Eternal Salvation depends on how we learn to control our decisions.
- THE WILL is where I choose, to act or what to believe.
- Learning to say no to myself even to good stuff, gives me FREEDOM.

Mary, Our Mother

- Everyone is called to play a role in Salvation history
- Mary's role shown throughout Scripture
- We see even more in the past 5 centuries of her increased intervention calling us back to her son.
- Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary is simply to formally accept her role in Salvation History in your life, as mother and teacher.

Mercy, Forgiveness:

- The meaning of suffering is revealed in the cross
- Forgiveness is the path to peace
- Unforgiveness is choosing to remain trapped in a jail cell of bitterness serving time for someone else's crime.

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Sunday March 22nd

2 pm—4 pm

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Hours – 7:30 am—2:30 pm

We will follow EISD calendar.

2 Year Old Preschool – T/TH, M/W/F, or M-F

3 Year Old Preschool – M/W/F or M-F

4 Year Old Pre-K – M-F

Tuition –

T/TH - \$175.00/mo.

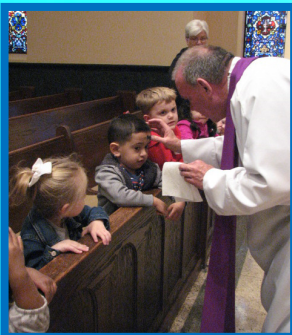
M/W/F - \$250.00/mo.

M-F - \$400.00/mo.

Supply Fee - \$65.00

(This includes all supplies used by your child. You will only need to provide lunch, snack, nap mat, blanket and diaper changing supplies if applicable.)

Registration Fee - \$75.00



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	Juan Herrera—4/3/16	Larry Don Houdek-3/20/16
Bob Zmolek—3/6/16	Adell Chavez—1/17/16	Phil Vavra—4/3/16	Frank/Georgie Zabochnik-3/27
Georgie Ann Nekuza-3/6/16	Clayton Budai—2/28/16	Roger Gagnon—4/3/16	Henry Vrana—3/27/16
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-3/6/16	Mary Ann Felcman—2/28/16	Edwin/Dorothy Langer-4/3/16	Chuck Kubala—3/27/16
Sr. Redempta Bradley—3/6/16	Nora Mandujano—1/24/16	Joan Gura—4/3/16	Daniel Gonzalez—3/27/16
Analiase Mahaley—4/3/16	Robert Garcia—1/24/16	Albin Dlabaj—4/3/16	Pauline Novy—3/27/16
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—3/6/16	Pete Gutierrez—1/24/16	Butch Escobar—3/6/16	Adele Miklis—3/27/16
Johnny/Mary Ann Hajek-3/6/16	Betty (BJ) Lanicek Coker—2/21	Jim Tenplin—3/6/16	Barry Metcalf—3/27/16
Rachel Zmolik—4/3/16	Emilie Harrison—3/27/16	Gloria Garcia—3/6/16	Katherine Michno-3/27/16
Catherine Roberts—3/6/16	Epi Garfias—3/13/16	Jerry Zmolek—3/13/16	Maria de Jesus Montiel-3/27/16
Jaysen St. Clair—2/28/16	Eddie Cervantes—3/6/16	Janie Marusak—3/13/16	Candidito Fernandes Gomez-3/27
Mildred Trojacek—4/3/16	Anna Lee Toth—3/6/16	Mary Trojacek—3/13/16	Priscilla Elizondo-3/27/16
David Trojacek—4/3/16	Holly Friday—3/13/16	Bob Canada—3/13/16	Noe Casanova-3/27/16
Jane Rychlik—3/6/16	Gloria Garcia—3/6/16	Janelle Wingo Houdek—3/13/16	Ben & Genora Kriska-3/27/16
Bill Hejny—3/6/16	Tim Brewer—2/21/16	Steven Mensik—4/3/16	Grover Miller—4/3/16
Richard Mraz—3/6/16	Pat Dixon—2/7/16	Cynthia C. De los Santos-3/13	Theresa Odlozil—4/3/16
Makenna Richardson -3/6/16	Joe/Billie Valigura—2/28/16	Rose Bacak—3/13/16	Marguerite Patterson-4/3/16
Margie Dvorak—4/3/16	Mary Trojacek—2/7/16	Lillian Bacak—3/13/16	Edward Mensik—4/3/16
Betty Rogala—3/6/16	Edward Gonzalez—2/7/16	Tina Jones—3/13/16	Dorothy Sonka—4/3/16
Nancy Escobar—3/6/16	Alfredo Castillejas—2/7/16	April Tamez—3/20/16	John A. Esparza , Sr. - 4/3/16
JoAnn Strunc—3/6/16	Paul Tolliver—3/13/16	Gary Krajca—3/20/16	Salome Fira—4/3/16
Jessie/Antonio Ovalie—3/6/16	Alfred Martinez—4/3/16	Donna Tuley Fincher-3/20	