

**Mass Intentions for the week of March 20**

**MARCH 21, MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

- 6:30 a.m. Edward Mensik & Mensik Family  
12:05 p.m. Charlie & Mary Bouska ++  
6:30 p.m. Mariana, Rita, & Braulia Garcia +++

**MARCH 22, TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

- 6:30 a.m. Cynthia Matthews +  
12:05 p.m. Frankie Vrana +  
6:30 p.m. Jovita Perez +

**MARCH 23, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

- 6:30 a.m. Anthony Prachyl +  
12:05 p.m. Tom Valek +  
6:30 p.m. Roger Gagnon (health)

**MARCH 24, HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

- 6:00 p.m. Filimon Alvarez + (Spanish)  
7:30 p.m. Raymond Slovak + (English)

**MARCH 25, FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

- 3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)  
7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)

**MARCH 26, THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

- 8:00 p.m. Easter Novena

**MARCH 27, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

- 8:00 a.m. Easter Novena  
11:00 a.m. Easter Novena  
1:00 p.m. Easter Novena  
NO 5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass \*

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH**

- Sun. March 20, 9 am Bertha & Julian Diaz  
Thur. March 24, 8 pm San Juana Suarez Malacara & Thomas Suarez ++  
Fri. March 25, 4 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
Sat. March 26, 11 pm Jesus Ledesma +

**COLLECTIONS FOR March 12 & 13**

Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Regular Collection	\$17,668.77
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services	\$1,097.13
Epiphany Regular Collection	\$1,063.00
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services	\$211.75

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
+ 2016

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

In our Liturgy this Sunday we experience a very powerful mix of conflicting emotions. Jesus rides into Jerusalem amid the triumphant singing and shouting of His people. They have found their Messiah and are accompanying Him into the great city of Jerusalem. Here, they believe, He will establish His Kingdom on earth and free them from the domination of Rome.

Jesus visibly fulfills the prophesy of Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass."

As this joyous, triumphant procession makes its way from the top of the Mount of Olives and begins to descend the western slope towards the Temple in Jerusalem, we witness a different scene. When Jesus sees the Temple and the City of Jerusalem below Him, He begins to weep.....everything changes. Jesus sees the depth of sin, ignorance and blindness the people have fallen into. He experiences in Himself their closed hearts to the salvation He is offering. Looking into the future, just a few years, He sees the city and the temple destroyed and razed to the ground.

We each need to pause and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us what Jesus is seeing in our lives and world this Palm Sunday. As we fall on our knees during the Consecration, when He becomes present, we should ask Him to free us from the hardness of heart and unbelief we have so that we might experience His salvation this Easter.

Love & Prayers,  
Fr. John

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT  
RETRAINING**

classes will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 in  
room 103-104 in the compound:

**English after the 7 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses  
Spanish after the 1:00 p.m. Mass.**

Safe Environment training must be  
renewed once a year.

## IN OUR PARISH WEEK OF MARCH 13

**Sunday, March 20—Palm Sunday**

No Religious Ed/ School

9:00 am RCIA

1:00 pm KJT Easter Party/ KJT Hall

6:30 pm Life Night

**Monday, March 21**

6:00 am Confessions &amp; after 6:30 am Mass

12:30 - 1 pm Confessions/Church

5:30 - 6:30 pm Confessions / Church

7:00 pm Nepomucene's Men / Room 101

**Tuesday, March 22**

12:30 - 1:30 pm Confessions/ Church

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/Church

7:00 pm Upper Room/ Room 101

**Wednesday, March 23**

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Ed

6:30-8:30 pm EDGE

6:00 - 9:00 pm Confessions/Church

7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry/ Room 102

7:00 pm Letter of St. Paul/ Room 103

7:30 pm Adult Choir practice/ Church

**Thursday, March 24 - Holy Thursday**

Office Closed for Triduum

**Friday, March 25— Good Friday**

11:00 am Bus leaves for Abortion Clinic back by 3 pm

12:00-1:00 pm Confessions / Church

**Saturday, March 26-Holy Saturday**

9:00 am RCIA Practice / Church

9:00-10:00 am Confessions/Church

**Sunday, March 27—EASTER SUNDAY****Second Collection: Easter Flowers**

No Religious Ed / RCIA / Life Night

## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



"A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis" Kevin Cotter

**Am I Like One of THEM?**

[In the reading of the Passion], we [hear] many, many names.

The group of leaders, some priests, the Pharisees, the teachers of the law, who had decided to kill Jesus. They were waiting for the chance to arrest him. Am I like one of them?

**Reflection:** Read Mark 14:1-15:47. Imagine that you are there at Jesus' death and resurrection. What is God saying to you about mercy as you picture the scene? Who are you before the Lord?

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR TRIDUUM & EASTER**

Parish office will be closed Holy Thursday, March 24th, Good Friday, March 25th and Easter Monday, March 28th. We will reopen Tuesday, March 29th.

**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.

## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

**2016 Knights of Columbus Council 1353 Scholarships**

Applications available through April 24th at the St. John Office or by calling (469) 383-2983 to pick one up. Mail completed applications to Bobby Slovak, 1706 Lexington Circle, Ennis, TX 75119 no later than April 17<sup>th</sup>. Requirements: 2016 graduating high school senior, a practicing Catholic, & have an immediate family member (s) who are active members of the KC 1353 in Ennis.

**KJT SOCIETY #35 EASTER PARTY**

Ennis youth will have their annual Easter party on March 20th at 1:00 pm at the KJT Hall with games, egg hunt and snacks for members and their friends.

**KJT SOCIETY #35 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Available to member high school seniors. Deadline is April 1st. For more information and applications contact Janice or Joe Landsfeld at 972-875-5443.

**KJZT DISTRICT MEETING**

Society #16 will host a District meeting on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at the KJT hall dining room. All members are invited to attend. Registration will begin at 11:00AM, luncheon at 12:00PM and meeting at 1:00PM. Please contact Elsie Marak at 972 878 5537 or 214 497 8758 before March 28 if you plan to attend.

**Nepomucene's Men**

Spiritual Growth & Fellowship for Men

**Monday, March 21st**

**Room 101 @ 7 pm**

All males 18 and older are invited.

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter Howard**

**Topic: Men & the Mission of Divine Mercy**

for more information, please contact David Daigle, Kenneth Janousek, Tim Macalik or Matt Hutyra

**ST. JOHN CHURCH****Sanctuary Light : March 19– March 25**

In Memory: Mary Ann (Koubek) Kubin & Koubek /Kubin Fam.

By: Leslie Kubin Family

**Altar Candles : March 19– March 25**

In Honor: Angelica, Aaron, & Andrew Martinez

By: Anna Rosales

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL****Altar Candles: March 18—March 24**

For: Parish Community

By: Parish



The Knights of Columbus Council 1353 is sponsoring a Casino Night (closer than Choctaw) on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the KC Hall. Come join us for a fun evening with professional dealers, but without the pressure of losing real money. Event attendees will be entered into drawings to win door prizes, including a 60-inch LED television. The Knights are selling event sponsorships, entry tickets for the evening (\$25.00 per person pre-sale), and raffle tickets (top prize \$2500 Visa Gift Card) for the drawing to be held at the Casino Night event. Our goal this year is to raise \$5,000 for Helping Hands in Ennis. Funds raised above this goal will be used for other charitable works such as scholarships, seminarian support, Pro-life activities, youth activities, and for local families in need.

For more information, please contact Casino Night Chairman David Shackelford at 214-336-6325, or any other member of the Knights of Columbus.

Your support to help us meet our goal is greatly appreciated. God bless.



# Volunteer Needed

to coordinate the

## SAFE

## ENVIRONMENT

Program. Please call the Parish office for more information.

### \*An Adoration Testimony\*

I would like you give you guys my experience on adoration. I've never been able to commit to a permanent spot in the chapel because of my work schedule but until recently I have subbed for family a couple of times. I'm now home on maternity leave and this has allowed me to share a time with another adorer and sub more often. At first it was a chore. I hated setting an alarm for 1:40am on Saturdays, dragging myself out of bed and I felt like I was just "keeping watch" for an hour until I was relieved of my duties.

I wasn't focused during that hour or even praying. My brain wandered, constantly looking at the clock. Then it started to remind me of why people say they left the Catholic Church. All too often I've heard "I didn't get anything out of it" and then we as practicing Catholics ask "what are you putting into it?"

And that was my answer. I wasn't even making an effort during my "watch hour". I started listening to a rosary app on my phone followed by worship music. I've found myself listening to the words and coming out of adoration with questions. Even though I'm what some would refer to as a "cradle Catholic" and attended Catholic school all 13 years, I feel like so much more has been unlocked for me recently. I'm so eager to learn about our faith and I love when people ask me

questions and I don't have the answer. It's another opportunities I get to discover and learn.

I now look forward to attend adoration and spend my time with Jesus. I feel so empowered as a Catholic mother to raise my children with confidence. My husband is not Catholic but my enthusiasm and newfound grace is definitely something he sees in me.

So, if you haven't made a visit to the adoration chapel yet, I encourage to take some time. It's so serene and beautiful. Even if it's just a few minutes, those minutes may eventually turn into an hour or even a spot filled. It's such a special place to have at St. John's and we are very fortunate to have this opportunity. Brianna Mikula Lytle

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### Adoration Chapel Open Hours

<b>Sunday</b> 2 am, 4 am, 8 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm	<b>Wednesday</b> 4 am
<b>Monday</b> 2 am, 3 am	<b>Thursday</b> 3am
<b>Tuesday</b> 2 am, 3 am	<b>Friday</b> 1 am, 12 pm, 2 pm
	<b>Saturday</b> 5 am, 3 pm, 4 pm



Thursday,  
March 24

# Holy Thursday

## Mass of the Lord's Supper

With the celebration of Mass on the evening of Holy Thursday "the Church begins the Easter Triduum, and recalls the Last Supper, in which the Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, loving unto the end His own who were in the world, He offered to the Father His Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine and gave them to the Apostles as spiritual nourishment, and He commanded them and their successors in the priesthood to perpetuate this offering."

The mysteries which are commemorated in the Holy Thursday Mass are the institution of the Eucharist, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the institution of our Catholic Priesthood, and Christ's command of brotherly love exemplified in the washing of the feet.

After the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose there is no Mass celebrated in any Church throughout the world until the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. The tabernacle is empty, His Real Presence is removed from the body of our Churches to an Altar of Repose and Adoration.

### Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Spanish: 6:00 PM**

**English: 7:30 PM**



Giotto di Bondone, *Washing of Feet* (detail), 1304-1306, Cappella Scrovegni (Arena Chapel), Padua

# Good Friday

Friday,  
March 25

## Celebration of the Lord's Passion

On this day, when "Christ our Passover was sacrificed," the Church meditates on the Passion of her Lord and Spouse, venerates the Cross, commemorates her origin from the side of Christ on the Cross and intercedes for the salvation of the whole world.

On this day, in accordance with ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Eucharist; Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful during the celebration of the Lord's Passion alone, though it may be brought at any time of the day to the sick.

The general intercessions follow a wording and form handed down by ancient tradition, maintaining the full range of intentions, so as to signify clearly the universal effect of the Passion of Christ, who hung on the Cross for the salvation of the whole world.



**English: 3:00 PM**

**Spanish: 7:00 PM**

# Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

Saturday, March 26  
Sunday, March 27

## Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday the Church is as it were at the Lord's tomb, meditating on His passion and death and on His descent into Hell, and awaiting His resurrection with prayer and fasting. To enter more fully into the Triduum, it is recommended that the Good Friday fast be extended through Holy Saturday. On this day the Church abstains strictly from the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass. Holy Communion may be given only in the form of Viaticum.

## The Easter Vigil

According to a most ancient tradition, the night before Easter Sunday is "one of vigil for the Lord," and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the "Mother of all Holy Vigils," for in that night the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the Resurrection of the Lord and celebrates the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at

**Easter Vigil**  
**8:00 PM**

night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday." This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense.

The Passover Vigil, in which the Hebrews kept watch for the Lord's Passover which was to free them from slavery to Pharaoh, was an annual commemoration. It prefigured the true Pasch of Christ that was to come, the night that is of true liberation, in which "destroying the bonds of death, Christ rose as victor from the depths."

## Easter Sunday

Since on it we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord from the dead and the opening of heaven to us, we hold Easter as the holiest day of the year. This is the day for which we wait and long all of Lent and all year.

## **Easter Sunday**

**8:00 AM**

**11:00 AM**

**1:00 PM (Spanish)**



Giotto di Bondone, *Resurrection* (detail), 1304-1306, Cappella Scrovegni (Arena Chapel), Padua

St. Faustina



Tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near. (Diary 965).

## Divine Mercy Novena

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said:

"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together as family on  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 3rd @ 3pm  
in the Church

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

**DAY 1 (Good Friday)**

All mankind, especially sinners

**DAY 2 (Holy Saturday)**

The souls of priests and religious

**DAY 3 (Easter Sunday)**

All devout and faithful souls

**DAY 4 (Easter Monday)**

Those who do not believe in Jesus & those who do not yet know Him

**DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday)**

The souls of separated brethren

**DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday)**

The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

**DAY 7 (Easter Thursday)**

The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

**DAY 8 (Easter Friday)**

The souls who are detained in purgatory;

**DAY 9 (Easter Saturday)**

The souls who have become luke warm.

During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the [Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#) should be offered each day for the day's intentions.

**Novenas pamphlets available at the church on Good Friday**



LIFE TEEN

March 20th – Filled First  
March 27th – NO Life Night

Show Mercy

Share a "Misery Heart"

MISERICORDIA

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!



# St. John Religious Education

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs!"*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**March 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**—NO classes— Holy Week

**\*\*Please make sure to read the notes we will be sending home.\*\***

Get the most recent updates and reminders by "liking" our Facebook page.  
[www.facebook.com/StJohnRE](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnRE)

**Questions?** We are always available to answer your questions at the school's front desk during school hours (Sundays 8.30-10.30am and Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm).

### CRS Rice Bowls

We will be collecting Rice Bowls at the end of Lent (March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>).  
Thank you for using CRS Rice Bowls with your family this Lent.

## 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](mailto: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—4/24/16	Mary Ann Felcman—4/10/16	Gloria Garcia—3/6/16	Ben & Genora Kriska-3/27/16
Bob Zmolek—4/24/16	Nora Mandujano—4/17/16	Jerry Zmolek—3/13/16	Grover Miller—4/3/16
Georgie Ann Nekuza-4/10/16	Robert Garcia—4/17/16	Janie Marusak—3/13/16	Theresa Odlozil—4/3/16
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-4/24/16	Pete Gutierrez—4/17/16	Mary Trojacek—3/13/16	Marguerite Patterson-4/3/16
Sr. Redempta Bradley—4/24/16	Betty (BJ) Lanicek Coker—4/24/16	Bob Canada—3/13/16	Dorothy Sonka—4/3/16
Analiese Mahaley—4/3/16	Emilie Harrison—4/24/16	Janelle Wingo Houdek—3/13/16	John A. Esparza , Sr. - 4/3/16
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—4/24/16	Epi Garfias—4/17/16	Steven Mensik—4/3/16	Salome Fira—4/3/16
Johnny/Mary Ann Hajek-3/6/16	Eddie Cervantes—3/6/16	Cynthia C. De los Santos-3/13	Luke Siegel—4/10/16
Rachel Zmolik—4/3/16	Anna Lee Toth—3/6/16	Lillian Bacak—3/13/16	James Smith—4/10/16
Catherine Roberts—4/24/16	Holly Friday—3/13/16	Tina Jones—3/13/16	Stacey Define—4/10/16
Jaysen St. Clair—4/10/16	Gloria Garcia—3/6/16	April Tamez—3/20/16	Elvira Fernandez de Costilla -4/10
Mildred Trojacek—4/3/16	Pat Dixon—2/7/16	Gary Krajca—4/10/16	Angela Zakalowski—4/10/16
David Trojacek—4/3/16	Joe/Billie Valigura—4/10/16	Donna Tuley Fincher-3/20	Margaret Bohuslav—4/10/16
Jane Rychlik—3/6/16	Mary Trojacek—4/17/16	Larry Don Houdek-3/20/16	Milton Polak—4/10/16
Bill Hejny—4/24/16	Edward Gonzalez—2/7/16	Henry Vrana—3/27/16	Alphonse Svehlak—4/10/16
Richard Mraz—3/6/16	Alfredo Castillejas—2/7/16	Chuck Kubala—3/27/16	Darlene Blackburn—4/10/16
Makenna Richardson -3/6/16	Paul Tolliver—4/17/16	Daniel Gonzalez—3/27/16	Julie Hughes—4/10/16
Margie Dvorak—4/3/16	Alfred Martinez—4/3/16	Pauline Novy—3/27/16	Billy Copeland—4/10/16
Betty Rogala—3/6/16	Juan Herrera—4/3/16	Adele Miklis—3/27/16	Alphonse Svehlak-4/10/16
Nancy Escobar—3/6/16	Phil Vavra—4/3/16	Barry Metcalf—3/27/16	Lupita Garcia—4/17/16
JoAnn Strunc—3/6/16	Roger Gagnon—4/3/16	Katherine Michno-3/27/16	Jim Ed Underwood-4/17/16
Jessie/Antonio Ovalie—3/6/16	Edwin/Dorothy Langer-4/3/16	Maria de Jesus Montiel-3/27/16	Janna Brock—4/17/16
Laura Waedekin—4/10/16	Joan Gura—4/3/16	Candidito Fernandes Gomez-3/27	April Tamez—4/24/16
Adell Chavez—1/17/16	Albin Dlabaj—4/3/16	Priscilla Elizondo-3/27/16	Gerri and Bill Adams-4/24/16
Clayton Budai—4/10/16	Butch Escobar—3/6/16	Noe Casanova-3/27/16	