

Mass Intentions for March 29

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 30

- 6:30 a.m.** Jerry Dolezal+ & Dolezal Family
12:05 p.m. Mark Henry Valek +
6:30 p.m. Emil, Dorothy, & Ronnie Toupal +++

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 31

- 6:30 a.m.** Danny Kubin (health)
12:05 p.m. Special Intention
6:30 p.m. Juan Gutierrez Manuel +

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 1

- 6:30 a.m.** Frank Nelson Dick, Jr.
12:05 p.m. John J. & Steavy Slovak ++
2:30 p.m. Candy Allen (Ennis Care NH)
6:30 p.m. Manuel J. Martinez +

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, APRIL 2

- *NO 6:30 a.m. Or 12:05 p.m. Mass today
6:00 p.m. Intención Especial (Spanish)
7:30 p.m. Robert Gaines + (English)

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, APRIL 3

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

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT, APRIL 4

- 8:30 p.m.** The Elect (English)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 5

- 8:00 a.m.** Rex Spurgeon, Jr. +
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 29, 9 am** Catherine Elfrink +
Thur. April 2, 8 pm Fr. Antonio's Intentions
Sat. April 3, 11 pm For the Parish Community
Sun. April 5, 9 am Cruz Ortiz + and Nicolas Rico +

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- Entrance:** Lift High the Cross – 785
Offertory: Sacred Head, Surrounded – 435
Communion: Were You There - 438
Recessional: No Recessional
SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Ennis State Bank

Pastor's Message

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
+ 2015

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

“Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet Him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! Let Him enter, the King of Glory!”

He is indeed, our King of Glory! King of endless glory! But His kingship and His path to glory were very different than the people praising Him imagined it would be. They were looking forward to an earthly kingship, their country free of Roman rule, their independence restored by His mighty works. The huge crowds gathered to welcome, to accompany and support Him. They showed their loyalty and willingness to join Him in His battle for victory.

Yet, there were only three with Him when His throne was lifted high.....the Cross.

As we complete our Lenten journey with Jesus we need to ask ourselves if we are truly in love with Him and willing to follow Him wherever it leads. Or, is our love dependent on whether or not His will matches up with ours?

It is all about the heart. It is all about us loving Him and He loves us each and every day. It is a love that sets us free.....He asks each of us, from His cross, to try it this Easter. “I Thirst”

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory!

Love and Prayers,
Fr. John

Christ's love for us is shown by the "total gift of himself on the cross. Let us allow ourselves to be touched by this love, to be transformed, so that the resurrection may really be realized in us. I invite you, therefore, to live the Paschal Triduum intensely..." Pope Benedict XVI

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 21 & MARCH 22
Totals include Church Collection & Faith Direct

St. John Church Support Collection	\$18,742.98
Epiphany Church Support Collection	\$1,043.03

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Collection: St. John Catholic Charities

Sunday, March 29

8:30-10:30 am Religious Education Classes

9:00 am RCIA / Room 101

Praise, Worship & Benediction with 5 pm Mass

6:30 pm Life Night

Monday, March 30

11:00 -12:00 pm Confessions/ FJ

12:30 -1:00 pm Confessions/ FJ

5:30 - 6:30 pm Confessions/ FJ

Tuesday, March 31

7:00 am Food for the Soul Breakfast

12:30-1:00 pm Confessions/ FA

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions/ FA

7:00-8:15 pm EDGE/ Gym

7:00 pm Apologetics/ Rm 301 High School

Wednesday, April 1

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Education Classes

7:00 pm Life Teen "Into the Deep"

6:00-9:00 pm Confessions/ FJ/FA

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2—HOLY THURSDAY—Office Closed

5:00 pm Adoration Chapel closed until after 11 AM Mass on Easter

* No evening activities or classes

Friday, April 3—Good Friday— Office Closed

Adoration Chapel closed

12:00 - 1:00 pm Confessions/ FJ/FA

* No evening activities

Saturday, April 4—Holy Saturday

Adoration Chapel closed

Sunday, April 5—EASTER SUNDAY

12:00 pm Adoration Chapel reopens (after 11 am Mass)

NO Religious Education Classes

NO RCIA

NO Life Night

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

2015 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the KC Council 1353 Scholarships are available through April 24th at the St. Johns Church Office or by calling (972) 875-4162 to pick one up. Completed applications should be mailed to Knights of Columbus Council, P.O. Box 201, Ennis, Texas 75119 by April 30th. Requirement are: 2015 graduating high school senior, a practicing Catholic, & have an immediate family member active in the Knights of Columbus Council 1353 in Ennis.

ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten \$1,000 college scholarships available for **first time recipients**, **5 for 2015 high school graduates** who are the son/daughter/grandchild of a previous St. John High School (SJHS) graduate and **5 for adults** who have been out of high school for at least 1 year. Adults must be a graduate of SJHS or a son/daughter/grandchild of a previous SJHS graduate and are entering or returning to college or vocational school. Request an application @ Ennis Main Street Hardware (875-2721) or by emailing stjohnalumni@hotmail.com. Please indicate your full name in the email, year of graduation from SJHS or the parent/grandparent upon whom you are establishing your eligibility, and for which scholarship you are applying. **Applications must be post-marked and sent to P.O. Box 516, Ennis, 75120 by Monday, April 27, 2015.** All applications are evaluated by an independent committee.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHAPEL CLOSED FOR THE TRIDUUM

The Adoration Chapel will be closed **Holy Thursday, April 2nd** & will **reopen after the 11 am Mass Easter Sunday, April 5th**.

Please consider visiting with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Easter Sunday! There are NO committed Adorers signed up for Sundays 2pm—4pm and 5-6 pm.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE TRIDUUM & EASTER MONDAY

The office will be closed Holy Thursday, April 2nd, Good Friday, April 3rd, & Easter Monday, April 6th. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

THANK YOU

FROM THE DOROTHY "DOT" TOUPAL FAMILY

We would like to thank Fr. John, Eddie Kriska, Requiem Choir, Boze-Mitchell McKibbin, Marian Zhanel & Bernice Kadlubar, for leading the Rosary and our Parish family and friends for your kind words, funny stories about Mom, all of your thoughtfulness, and caring during the recent loss of this sweet kind woman.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

VOTIVE PRAYER OFFERINGS

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : March 28– April 3

For: Living & Deceased members of the Kasowski & Berger families

By: Roman & Theresa Kasowski

Altar Candles : March 28– April 3

For: In Thanksgiving for the Parish Staff

By: Joan & Jeff Johnson

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: March 27– April 2

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

Flower Arrangements: March 27– April 2

For: Parish Community

By: Parish

Nepomucene's Men
 Spiritual Growth & Fellowship for Men
Tuesday, April 7
Room 101 @ 7 pm
 All males 18 and older are invited.
 Food will be served.



The annual **Steubenville South Conference** is upon us!

June 26 - 28, 2015

All High School Teens

(Incoming Freshmen, class of 2019 - Graduated Seniors, class of 2015)
All high school teens are encouraged to attend this amazing conference!
There are limited spots for this incredible weekend, sign-up today!

<http://www.stjohnncc.net/retreat-registrations>

Divine Mercy Novena

Begins Good Friday, April 3rd and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th

****Novenas available in back of Church beginning Good Friday****

**Let us pray this devotion together as family on Divine Mercy Sunday
April 12th @ 3pm in the Church**

The message and devotion to Jesus as **The Divine Mercy** is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

A— Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B— Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C— Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



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

Holy Week and Triduum Schedule

Triduum Liturgies

Confessions

Monday

11:00 am—12:00 pm FJ
 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm FJ
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm FJ

Tuesday

12:30 pm—1:00 pm FA
 5:30 pm—6:30 pm FA

Wednesday

6:00 pm—9:00 pm FJ/FA

Good Friday

12:00 pm—1:00 pm FJ/FA



Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Epiphany: 8:00 PM
 (Spanish) St. John Nepomucene: 6:00 PM
 (English) St. John Nepomucene: 7:30 PM

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Epiphany: 3:00
 (English) St. John Nepomucene: 3:00 PM
 (Spanish) St. John Nepomucene: 7:00 PM

Living Stations of the Cross

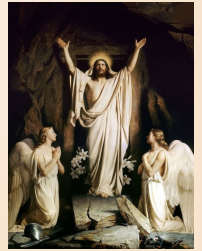
Epiphany: 5:00 PM

Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil

St. John Nepomucene: 8:30 PM
 Epiphany: 11:00 PM

Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 AM
 9:00 AM (Epiphany)
 11:00 AM
 1:00 PM (Spanish)



A Season of Penance, A Season of Joy

For forty days we observe the holy and penitential season of Lent. During this time we focus on our need for God and for how far we still have to go in turning our lives over to Him fully. This makes the arrival of Easter even sweeter at the end of this time of penance.

To experience the fullness of the renewal that was won by Christ, that is brought to us in the sacraments, and that is completed in our coming life in heaven, we celebrate the Holy Triduum—the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday that culminate in the glorious Easter

Vigil and Easter Sunday. Taking part in all of the liturgies of these days is a good way to enter into and experience the truth of the Faith and of Redemption in a powerful way.

But it doesn’t stop there.

Easter Day is such an important day that we can’t confine our celebration of it to just one day. We celebrate Easter Day for eight days, an Octave. Going to Mass on these days, resting from unnecessary work, and treating these days as holy days is a great way of expressing our joy in the Resurrection of Christ and of

anticipating the fullness of joy that we will experience in our resurrection on the Last Day.

But it doesn’t stop there.

Even after the Octave of Easter, we continue to celebrate Easter season for 50 days from Easter Sunday until that other great holy day, Pentecost, when we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles and the birth of the Church. Thus, the penitential season leads us to a season of celebration. The Passion of the Lord leads to His Resurrection. And our penance leads to joy.



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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—3/29/15	Bernadine Zhanel Distasio-4/26	Agnes Landsfeld—3/22/15	Veronica Martinez - 4/19/15
Bob Zmolek—4/26/15	Helen Barak—4/12/15	Otto Trojacek—3/22/15	Delfino Herrera—4/19/15
Georgie Ann Nekuza-4/12/15	William South—4/12/15	Becky Dvington—3/22/15	David Herrera—4/19/15
Nathan Gunn—4/26/15	Mary Ann Toupal—3/29/15	Maegan Slovak Gould—3/29/15	Danny Kubin—4/19/15
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-4/26/15	Martina Ortiz—4/12/15	Josefina Gutierrez Hernandez –	Shaelyn Rejcek—4/19/15
Frank Prochaska—4/26/15	Jane Rychlik - 4/12/15	3/29	Patti Youngblood—4/19/15
Sr. Redempta Bradley—4/26/15	Stella Tobola—4/12/15	Trisha Zabochnik—3/29/15	Alfred Martinez—4/19/15
Stephen Dolezalik—4/26/15	Bob Henderson—3/29/15	Arthur Castillo—3/29/15	Jo Moore—4/19/15
Betty Jo Culpepper—3/29/15	Catherine Agosto—4/12/15	Alice Hoover—3/29/15	Betty Schlottman—4/19/15
Betty Rogala—4/26/15	Margaret Bohuslav—4/26/15	RD Holt—4/5/15	Henry Vrana—4/19/15
Margie Dvorak—4/12/15	James Pustejovsky—4/26/15	Catherine Roberts—4/5/15	Frank Zabochnik—4/19/15
Mary Hejny—4/12/15	Joe Barak Sr.—3/15/15	Ben Fira—4/5/15	Priscilla Elizondo—4/19/15
Analiese Mahaley—3/29/15	Joe T. Venneman - 3/15	Charlie Mae Presley—4/5/15	Louise Jurik—4/19/15
Richard Mraz-4/26/15	John Moore - 3/15/15	Charlene Ortiz—4/5/15	Sallie Vavra Hutton—4/19/15
Sr. Edna Gonzalez—4/26/15	Mary Ann Sibley - 3/15/15	Elizabeth Ann Martinek—4/5/15	Chris Melkovitz—4/26/15
Johnny/ Mary Ann Hajek-4/26	Patti Youngblood - 3/15/15	Rodney Rudd—4/5/15	Henry Marusak—4/26/15
Wesley Krajca—4/5/15	Henry Vrana—3/15/15	Alphonse Svehlak - 4/5/15	Lillian Bacak—4/26/15
Rachel Zmolik—4/26/15	Frank Zabochnik—3/15/15	Gregorio Vargas - 4/5/15	Roger Bigham—4/26/15
Jose Luis Garcia—4/26/15	Holly Friday—3/22/15	Jaysen St. Clair—4/19/15	Nicole Cruz—4/26/15
Locavio Pecina—3/29/15	JoAnn Strunc—4/26/15	David Garcia—4/19/15	
Edwin/Dorothy Langer -4/15/15	Edwin Bouska—3/22/15	Graciela Martinez - 4/19/15	