

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord



Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially

Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day. At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, “O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light.”

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Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper Annabel Deibler

Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman

Custodian Tony Ortiz

Religious Ed Office Hours: M,T,TH 10:30am-6pm
Wed. 11:30am-7:30pm

RE Coord: Sylvia Fernandez ~ Clerk: Kris Cardenaz
OCIA(RCIA) Director Mary Jo Peters

Masses

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday (Spanish Mass) 7:45 am

Sunday 10:00 am

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am

Wed. (Spanish Mass) 6:00 pm

Rosary is prayed 1/2 hr. before each Mass.

Confession

Saturday at 5:00 pm or by appointment

After morning Mass on Thursday

PRE-BAPTISM Classes:

3rd Sunday of the Month

2 pm Religious Education Building

Must pre-register for class

Contact Parish Office to schedule Baptism.

MARRIAGES:

Contact Pastor six months in advance.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

Student must be enrolled and attending RE classes and meet with Pastor.

FUNERALS:

Contact Parish Office.

In our Thoughts & Prayers

Patrick Adamietz	Frankie Alvarez
Steven Avila	Genaro Avila
Rosa Barragan	Ramon Barragon
Ruby Cantu	James Carmona
Rosie Carranza	Thomas Cuellar
Riley Cole	Grace De Leon
Trine Cuellar	Gloria Espinosa
Tommy Delgado	Leila Fuentes
Tim Favor	Marissa Ibarra
Sawyer Gilly	Tereso O. Hernandez
Vincent Garza	Alléen Koch
Lucy Herrera	Tony Mendoza
John Henry Martinez	Edda Tschirhart
Terry Mendoza	Milo Quintanilla
Jerry Neal	Lorenzo Ortiz

Anna Reyes	Jerry Robles
Lupe Sanchez	Mary Rose Sanchez
Debbie Slover	A.J. Vallez
Cyril Van Damme	Joe Ventura, Jr.
Darlene Wiemers	Daniel Wilman
Carmen Ybarra	

Call 741-2236 to add or remove someone from the list. Names will be kept on the list at least 3 weeks.

Pastoral Council

Rhonda Camacho	Genevieve Flores
Keith Howard	Dave Hubalik, Sr.
Rose Mary Mares	Michele Mechler
Jonathan Velasquez	

Next Pastoral Council Meeting Jan.16, 2025 6pm

Next Finance Council Meeting March 2025

Finance Council

Diane Cheney
Rey Bernal
Robert Knight
Stephen Long
Kim Schoellman

Thank You!!

	Dec.28/29,'24	Jan.4/5,'25
Mass Attendance	497	631
Regular Offering	\$6,400.00	\$9,614.00
Children's Offering	90.00	65.51
Building Fund Maintenance	95.00	120.00
Christmas	\$29,959.00	
St. Vincent de Paul		1,353.00

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ADORATION with the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Thursday - Chapel - 8:30am

Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am

Followed by Benediction

On the last Thursday of the month, **anointing of the sick will follow the Divine Mercy Chaplet.**

Upcoming Second Collections

January 26, 2025 - the Church in Latin America

Mass Intentions

January 13 - 19, 2025

Monday - Jan. 13 - 8am - No Mass

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday - Jan. 14 - 8am - Chapel

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

1) † Petra Garcia by Treviño Family

Wednesday - Jan. 15 - 8am - Chapel

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

1) St. John's Parish

Wednesday - Jan. 15 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel

Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 104, 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mc 1, 29-39

1) St. John's Parish

Thursday - Jan. 16 - 8am - Chapel

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

1) † Irene Fohn by Theresa Gilliam

Friday - Jan. 17 - 8am - Chapel

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

1) † St. John's Parish

Saturday - Jan. 18 - 6pm - Church

4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

1) † Gerald Adamietz by Theresa Gilliam

2) † Floy Fontaine Jordan by Margaret Fischer

3) Living & Deceased Members of St. John's Altar Society

Sunday - Jan. 19 - 7:45am(Spanish) - Church

Is 62, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Co 12, 4-11/Jn 2, 1-11

1) † Danny Ortega by Family

2) † David & Francesca Hernandez by Hernandez Family

3) † Carmen Nuñez & Manuel Vega by Family

Sunday - Jan. 19 - 10am - Church

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

1) † Domingo Miranda by Family

2) St. John's Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All parishioners are invited to spend some time with our Lord Jesus in Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 10am followed by the benediction at 10:30am.
Everyone is welcome!

Send bulletin items to:
parishsecretary@stjohnevangelist.org
Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 12:

*8:45am - Faith Formation Classes - RE Building

*10am Mass - Children's Liturgy

*11:30 - OCIA Class - RE Building

Monday, January 13:

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 14:

*10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance

Wednesday, January 15:

*2pm -Altar Society Meeting - Parish Hall Mtg. Rm

*6pm - Faith Formation Classes - RE Building

Thursday, January 16:

Friday, January 17:

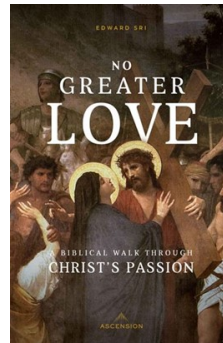
Saturday, January 18:

*5pm -Confessions - Church

Sunday, January 19:

*8:45am - Faith Formation Classes - RE Building

*11:30 - OCIA Class - RE Building



No Greater Love

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Thursday's March 6- April 10, 2025

4:00 – 5:30 PM 6 Sessions

(Last Session Optional)

St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall

Cost - Book \$ 15.00

30-minute video with each session

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling catholic author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday January 18, 2025 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Randy Graff,

Fred Schueling James Schoellman

Commentator: Karen Moos

Lector: Patti Graff

Sacristan: Russ Renaud

Extraordinary Ministers: Ellen Schueling

Rose Mary Mares, Paul Tschirhart

Altar Servers: Anthony Knight, R. J. Knight,

Luke Smith

Music: David B

Sunday January 19, 2025 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Frances Cordova

Ministers of Hospitality: Efrain Rodriguez,

Jorge Rivera, Jerry Lopez

Commentator: Maria Fernandez

Lector: Yolanda Requena

Sacristan: Lorraine Garza

Extraordinary Ministers: Efrain Rodriguez,

Elsa Rodriguez, Janie Hernandez

Altar Servers: Lilliana Cahue,

Kaylianna Martinez, Ava De Leon

Sunday January 19, 2025 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Renae McNiel

Ministers of Hospitality: Clarence McNiel,

Steve Wilson, Joe Guajardo

Commentator: Rhonda Jolley

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: Kelly Howard

Sacristan: Linda Fillinger

Extraordinary Ministers: Aurora Crooks, Michele Rothe

Lindsay Campbell, Elaine Melton

Altar Servers: Jesse Alvarado, Kenzie Rogers

A'izabeth Rogers

Thank You to our Volunteers!

January Altar Care

Lupe Ortega, Maria Vela

Small Linens: Lydia De Los Santos, Mary De Leon

Bingo: Linda Fillinger, Paul Tschirhart, Maria Rosales

Hospital Visitation: Rose Scholt, Linda Fillinger



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE REMEMBER that all proceeds from the Monday Night Bingo and the Bingo concession stand are to help fund the Religious Education Program. (St. John's does not charge a fee for the children enrolled.)

To keep the Bingo operating every Monday night, we truly need volunteers. Please think about this and pray about it, and if at all possible, help by volunteering on ONE Monday per month.

Applications available at the Parish Office and at stjohshondo.com

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT STJOHNS78861 TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

stjohntheevangelist24.flocknote.com

St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will see clients "in person" only (no phone calls) at their office in the Religious Ed Building on Tuesdays 10am—12 noon.

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

Thank you for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

ACTS Core is seeking nominations for Women's ACTS Retreat Director for 2025

St. John's/Holy Cross ACTS Core 2023-2024 OFFICERS

Lorraine Lopez - Facilitator

Tony Ortiz - Co-Facilitator

Pat Gonzales - Finance Coord.

Lorraine Lopez/Pat Gonzales - Communications Coord.

If anyone is interested in a Spanish ACTS Retreat,

Please contact Lorraine Lopez 830-426-9220

VIRTUS...Not one person, not even one Archdiocese, can protect all children / vulnerable adults. Abuse is an epidemic problem in our entire society but we intend to do everything we can to stop it. We are offering Child/ Adult Safety instruction to protect children, youth, vulnerable adults. We will also educate parents who have a responsibility to safeguard the children in their care. *Children / Vulnerable Adults cannot protect themselves from a predator.* We know they need trusted and loving adults in whom they can confide any concern or fear. You are that person and we want to work with you for the good of all children/ vulnerable adults in this Archdiocese. Spanish and English classes will be offered. This is a responsibility we cannot push off on someone else. This is our responsibility. You may call the Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment at 210-734-7786 or toll free 1-877-700-1888, or call Fr. John at 830-741-2236.

Youth Ministry

Junior High Youth Ministry Gathering
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
at 7 pm in the Annex

Happy Birthday!

1/13 Caiden Aguirre, Mary Alice Eckhart, Nolan Graff, Rylie Hernandez, Erin Malinovsky, Lisa Ontiveros, David Rangel, Gumecindo Santillano

1/14 Robert Knight, Cooper Pittman, Mariela Rubio, Rilynn Tapia, Evan Villarreal

1/15 Racquel Cuellar Moskwa, Antonia Garcia, Daniel Guedea, Olivia Lopez, Grayson Rodriguez, Brandon Tapia

1/16 Charlotte Aaron, Lynzie Andreozzi, Brian Dominguez, Le Sandra Fernandez, Malarie, Mendoza, Cassandra Ramirez

1/17 Julio Botello, Ethan Campbell, Jailene Carmona, James Estes, Julio Guerrero, George Koch, Alethanlena, Luers, Elma Torresmurt, Edda Tschirhart

1/18 Preciosa De Leon, Adela Gallardo, Larissa Garcia, John Gonzales, Estefan Ortega, Dyallan Pamatian

1/19 Emily Escamilla, Michael Gomez, Kiana Manrique, Victoria Santillano, Grace Schmidt

St. John's Altar Society Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
2pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room

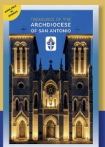
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◆Never celebrated First Communion or Confirmation...

Come and Inquire! Join us on a journey of Faith leading to transformation of your mind and Spirit. If interested contact Mary Jo Peters, Coordinator (830-426-1181) or Sylvia Fernandez at 830-741-2284 in the CCE office.

●Children from the ages 7 thru 17 needing Sacraments of Initiation may contact Sylvia Fernandez at 830-741-2284.