

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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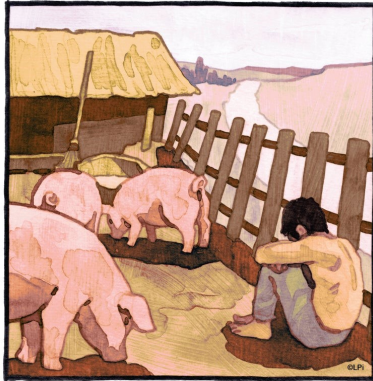
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March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent



For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early,

only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally “comes to his senses” — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father.

In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is “filled with compassion for him” and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning” we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

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Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper Peggy Bendele

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	
Rosie Carranza	James Carmona
Riley Cole	Thomas Cuellar
Trine Cuellar	Grace De Leon
Tommy Delgado	Gloria Espinosa
Tim Favor	Leila Fuentes
Sawyer Gilly	Marissa Ibarra
Vincent Garza	Tereso O. Hernandez
Lucy Herrera	Ellie Kelsey
Alleen Koch	John Henry Martinez
Terry Mendoza	
Jerry Neal	
Edda Tschirhart	Lorenzo Ortiz
Milo Quintanilla	Anna Reyes
Gloria Saucedo	Lupe Sanchez
Jerry Robles	Debbie Slover
Mary Rose Sanchez	Joe Ventura, Jr.
A.J. Vallez	Daniel Wilman
Darlene Wiemers	

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 May 6, 2025

Next Finance Council Meeting April 24, 2025

Finance Council

Diane Cheney
Rey Bernal
Robert Knight
Stephen Long
Kim Schoellman

March 22/23 2025
Mass Attendance 622

Regular Offering	\$4,732.00
Children's Offering	154.00
Building Fund Maintenance	40.00



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.

Try our convenient online giving at:

<https://www.givecentral.org/pew-card/941>

Or, text to give using the keyword SUNDAY at: 830-218-1667

Upcoming Second Collections
TODAY!! March, 2025 - Catholic Relief Services
April 5/6 - Youth Center Building Fund

Mass Intentions

March 31 - April 6, 2025

Monday - March 31 - 8am - No Mass

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday - April 1 - 8am - Chapel

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

- 1) † Hope Quintanilla by Fernie & Alma Rodriguez
- 2) † Kimberly Avila by Henry Avila, Jr. & Family
- 3) In thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Henry Avila, Jr. & Family

Wednesday - April 2 - 8am - Chapel

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

- 1) † Petra Garcia by Treviño Family
- 2) † Maria G. Saathoff by Charles and Concha Saathoff
- 3) † Vincent & Manuela R. Ybarra by Charles and Concha Saathoff

Wednesday - April 2 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel

Is 49, 8-15/Sal 144, 8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5, 17-30

- 1) St. John's Parish

Thursday - April 3 - 8am - Chapel

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

- 1) † John & Dorothy Graff by Randy & Patti Graff
- 2) † Rudy Urby by Marie Tschirhart

Friday - April 4 - 8am - Chapel

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

- 1) † Janie Bryant by Lou Haby
- 2) † Grace Schmidt by Treviño Family

Saturday - March 29 - 6pm - Church

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

- 1) † Gail Poses by Margaret Fischer
- 2) † Gerald Adamietz by Fred & Ellen Schueling
- 3) † Mary Virginia Pedroza by David & Gloria Bendele

Sunday - March 30 - 7:45am(Spanish) - Church

Is 43, 16-21/Sal 125, 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Flp 3, 8-14/Jn 8, 1-11

- 1) † Reymundo & Paulita Galindo by Galindo Family
- 2) Living & Deceased Members of Guadalupana Soc.

Sunday - March 30 - 10am - Church

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

- 1) † Catarina Ybarra by Family
- 2) † Ronnie Ulbrich by Linda Ulbrich
- 3) † Rosa Jasso by Daughters Rita & Pam
- 4) Special Intention for Vanessa De Leon & Criselda Vasquez

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

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 30:

- *8:45am - Faith Formation Classes
- *11:30 - OCIA Class - RE Building

Monday, March 31:

- *6pm - Adult Confirmation Class - RE Building
- *7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 1:

- *10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance
- *6pm - ACTS Core - RE Building

Wednesday, April 2:

- *6pm - Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, April 3:

- *4pm - Bible Study - Parish Hall

Friday, April 4:

- * 5pm - Fish Fry - Parish Hall
- *6pm-Stations of the Cross/Youth Ministry - Chapel

Saturday, April 5:

- *5pm -Confessions - Church

Sunday, April 6:

- *8:45am - Faith Formation Classes
- *11:30 - OCIA Class - RE Building



**Advocate for
Catholic values!**

Advocacy Day
April 1, 2025

Join Catholics from across Texas as we put our faith into action! The Archdiocese of San Antonio is leading a delegation by bus to stand in solidarity and pray alongside our bishops at the Texas State Capitol in Austin on Tuesday, April 1. We have buses departing to Austin from five different parishes at 7 a.m. and will return to San Antonio around 5 p.m. Let's lift our voices for the common good and show that we are one Church united in faith and action.

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!

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday April 5, 2025 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Randy Graff
Ministers of Hospitality: Marcy Zerr,
Gizmo Freeman Luis Ramos

Commentator: Karen Moos

Lector: Tennille Lessing

Sacristan: Patti Graff

Extraordinary Ministers: Rose Mary Mares
Julie Urby, Yvonne Stein

Altar Servers:

Music: David B.

Sunday April 6, 2025 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Lupe Ortega
Ministers of Hospitality: Henry Torres,
Augustine De Leon, Gabriel Rodriguez

Commentator: Norma Gutierrez

Lector: Frances Cordova

Sacristan: Lorraine Garza

Extraordinary Ministers: Caroline Trujillo,
Christine Ortega, Melinda Martinez

Altar Servers: Isabella Rodriguez,
Gabriel Rodriguez, Kenzie Ytuarte

Sunday April 6, 2025 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Aurora Crooks
Ministers of Hospitality: Paul Arredonodo,
Kyle Roberts, Roger Lopez

Commentator: Edgar Camacho

Lector: Rose Aelvoet Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Amanda Guedea

Extraordinary Ministers: Michele Rothe,
Kris Cardenaz, Ashton Rogers, Diane Cheney

Altar Servers: Juscilla Cuellar, Jagger Garza,
Olivia Aleman

Thank You to our Volunteers!

April Altar Care: Peggy Heyen, Cathy Mechler
 Small Linens: Maureen Principe, Selena Knight
 Bingo: Mary Moncada, Marcelyn Botello
 Hospital Visitation: Nancy Beck, Karen Koch

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry
Wednesday April 2nd at 7 pm for High School
 Stations of the Cross led by
Junior High and High School Youth Ministry -
Friday, April 4th at 6 pm in the Chapel. Join us!
Youth Mass, Sunday, April 6, 2025

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.
 In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.
 Last month through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 14 families providing \$1,953 in utility, rent, etc.
 Thank you for your continued support!

Happy Birthday!

- 3/31 Luke Lessing
- 4/1 Omani Corona, Isabella Garza, Felipe Manzanares, Dylan Mendoza, Matthew Trout,
- 4/2 Gilbert Bierra, Judas Casillas, Luke Holt, Frank Rodriguez, Mary Jane Sanchez
- 4/3 Erik Oefinger, Jarvis Ottum
- 4/4 Juan Corona, Luke Gilliam, Tilley Gilliam, Jesalin McClellan, DeeAnitta Mena, Devon Wilcox, Terry Ybarra
- 4/5 Jaimon Arredondo, Jamie Fernandez
- 4/6 Jane Callahan, Annette Diaz, Adalberto Elizondo, Marilyn Martinez, Natalie Mora, Gabriela Salazar

EASTER LILIES!

St. John's Guadalupana Society is taking orders for Easter Lilies to decorate our altars for the celebration of Easter.
 Order from any Guadalupana Society member for \$20.

The Oldest Ancient Relic in the World

The Shroud of Turin



The Shroud of Turin is the most studied relic in the history of Christianity. Mysteriously imprinted on the cloth is an image of a man who has been severely beaten and crucified in the manner described in the Gospels. You are invited to attend *A Journey with the Shroud* event in our parish hall on April 9, 2025 at 5pm. The event includes a presentation guiding you through amazing historical events, science, scripture and mystery; plus panels about the Shroud that has fascinated people through the years. There is no cost for this event. Sponsored by St. John's Historical Association Presented by Pilgrim Center of Hope, a Catholic Evangelization Apostolate, in the Archdiocese.



Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent

at 6pm in the Chapel
 April 4 - Youth Ministry
 April 11 - ACTS

Lenten Reconciliation Service
 April 8, 2025 6pm

Palm Sunday Weekend
 Holy Mass & Blessing of Palms
 Saturday April 12th 6pm
 Sunday April 13th 7:45am (Spanish)
 Sunday April 13th 10:00am

Paschal Triduum
April 17th Holy Thursday
 7:00pm Holy Mass
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30pm in the chapel
April 18th Good Friday
 1:45pm Way of the Cross led by Youth
 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
April 19th Holy Saturday
 8:00pm Easter Vigil
 Reception of the Elect
April 20th
 Holy Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
 7:45am (Spanish)
 10:00am

Lenten Special Events:
 April 9th – The Shroud of Turin Event
 April 20th - Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Mass, Prayer Garden



Knights of Columbus Council 7163
Lenten Fish Fry
April 4, 2025
5:00pm - 6:30pm
\$10/plate St. John's Parish Hall

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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.