

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves children and disciples of the Most High God.

The First Reading from Isaiah describes a vision of the prophet in which angels surround the Lord. They proclaim, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" Our God invites us to such deep intimacy and friendship with Him that we sometimes can forget just how majestic and unspeakably holy He truly is.

While we can approach Him with the confidence of a child before his father, we must also remember the deep reverence and awe that we owe to Him.

This sense of awe and reverence should motivate us to deepen our stewardship way of life as well. As we contemplate the holiness of God, we come to a heightened awareness of what a privilege it is that He has chosen to include us in His work of spreading the Gospel to others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has given us. We can make the words of the prophet Isaiah our own: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send" Who will go for us? Here I am, I said, send me!"

The theme of awe before God continues in the Gospel passage from Luke, where we again see the juxtaposition of a God who is so near to us, yet who is altogether holy and powerful. In this passage we find Jesus preaching to a crowd who is pressing in on Him to listen. (What an inspiring image! Do we "press in" as we listen to the readings proclaimed in Mass with this same sense of wonder and urgency?) In response, Jesus uses very ordinary means so that the crowd can hear Him. He simply gets into one of the nearby boats belonging to Simon so that His voice will better carry over the water. He finishes speaking and then tells Simon the fisherman to lower his nets for a catch. Simon is skeptical about this instruction but obeys, putting his fishing talents to use as Jesus asks.

The result is a catch of fish beyond Simon's wildest imaginings. Overwhelmed, he fell at Jesus' knees, "for astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him." When we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, putting our talents, time and treasure at the service of the Most High God, we, too, will be astonished at what God will do. Our lives may take a direction beyond our wildest imaginings.

But just as Jesus reassured Simon, "Be not afraid," He reassures us, too. We need not fear a stewardship way of life. Rather, we should embrace the adventure it presents us and prepare to be astonished by what our awesome God will do. "Here I am Lord, send me!"

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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	Alleen Koch
Lucy Herrera	Tony Mendoza
John Henry Martinez	Edda Tschirhart
Terry Mendoza	Milo Quintanilla
Jerry Neal	Gloria Saucedo
Lorenzo Ortiz	Jerry Robles
Anna Reyes	Mary Rose Sanchez
Lupe Sanchez	A.J. Vallez
Debbie Slover	Joe Ventura, Jr.
Cyril Van Damme	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 March 4, 2025 6pm

Finance Council

Diane Cheney
Rey Bernal
Robert Knight
Stephen Long
Kim Schoellman

Next Finance Council Meeting April 24, 2025

February 1/2, 2025

Mass Attendance	599
Regular Offering	\$ 10,027.85
Children's Offering	83.00
Building Fund Maintenance	285.00
Youth Center Building Fund	1,226.00



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>

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Upcoming Second Collections

March 2, 2025 - Black Bag for St. Vincent de Paul

Mass Intentions

February 10-16, 2025

Monday - Feb 10 - 8am - No Mass

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday - Feb 11 - 8am - Chapel

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

- 1) † Jannie Bryant by Lou Haby
- 2) † Dorothy Graff by Randy & Patti Graff
- 3) A Special Intention

Wednesday - Feb 12 - 8am - Chapel

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

- 1) † Candelaria Obregon by Tonia Rios & Family
- 2) † Rosa Obregon by Tonia Rios & Family

Wednesday - Feb 12 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel

Heb 12, 4-7. 11-15/Sal 102, 1-2. 13-14. 17-18/Mc 6, 1-6

- 1) † Sara Garcia Randel by Ramon Garcia

Thursday - Feb 13 - 8am - Chapel

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

- 1) † Alfonso Trevino by Family

Friday - Feb 14 - 8am - Chapel

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

- 1) † Aelita Lozano by Dolores Carrillo

Saturday - Feb 15 - 6pm - Church

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

- 1) St. John's Parish
- 2) Living & Deceased Members of Altar Society

Sunday - Feb 16 - 7:45am(Spanish) - Church

Mal 3, 1-4/Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 23, 7. 8. 9. 10/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22-32

- 1) † Jacobo Sandoval by Family
- 2) † Susie Barrios & Leandro Salazar by Family
- 3) † Carlos Martinez by Family

Sunday - Feb 16 - 10am - Church

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps138:1-2,2-3,4-5,7-8(1c)/1Cor15:1-11or15:3-8,11/Lk 5:1-11

- 1) † Patsy Huebner by Theresa Gilliam
- 2) † Ernesto Hernandez by Lita Garcia & Ernesto Salazar
- 3) † Genevieve Aelvoet by Wauters Family

Altar Flowers this week are in
memory of John & Dorothy Graff

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

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 9:

Confirmation Retreat

*10am Mass-Children's Liturgy & Blessing of Married Couples

*11:30 - OCIA Class - RE Building

Monday, February 10:

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 11:

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

*6pm - Guadalupe's meeting - RE Bldg

Wednesday, February 12:

*6pm - Faith Formation - RE Bldg.

Thursday, February 13:

*11am - VIRTUS Training/update - RE Bldg

*5:30pm - VIRTUS Training/update - RE Bldg

*7pm - Knights of Columbus - PH Meeting Room

Friday, February 14:

Saturday, February 15:

*5pm -Confessions - Church

Sunday, February 16:

*8:45am - Faith Formation - RE Bldg.

*11:30 - OCIA Class - RE Building

*5:30pm - Daughters of the King - RE Bldg.

Lumen Gentium Award

The parish Lumen Gentium Award is bestowed upon Catholic laypeople from each parish who have demonstrated participation in the Catholic Church's mission to bring Christ's light to all. The individual is a practicing Catholic who manifests an understanding of the teachings of the church.

They have used their talents to deepen the life of the church in the parish or have served in an extraordinary way the ministry of the parish.

On February 3, 2025 at the Annual Archdiocesan Awards Ceremony this award was presented to Randy Graff ~ Congratulations!



Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday February 15, 2025 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Altar Society

Ministers of Hospitality: Randy Graff,

Fred Schueling, James Schoellman

Commentator: Diane Mann

Lector: Patti Graff

Sacristan: Russ Renaud

Extraordinary Ministers: Ellen Schueling

Theresa Gilliam, Julie Urby

Altar Servers: Victoria Fuentez, Dylan Tejada,

Sarah Brooks

Music: David B.

Sunday February 16, 2025 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Frances Cordova

Ministers of Hospitality: Jorge Rivera,

Efrain Rodriguez, Jerry Lopez

Commentator: Maria Fernandez

Lector: Yolanda Requena

Sacristan: Loraine Garza

Extraordinary Ministers: Charlie Martinez,

Caroline Trujillo, Dora Ojeda

Altar Servers: Cooper Pittman, Samuel Rosales,

Kenzlie Ytuarte

Sunday February 16, 2025 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Renae McNeil

Ministers of Hospitality: Clarence McNeil,

Keith Howard, Brett Hutto

Commentator: Cindy Jones

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: Edgar Camacho

Sacristan: Michele Rothe

Extraordinary Ministers: Aurora Crooks,

Michele Rothe Blake Halbardier, Elaine Melton

Altar Servers: Juscilla Cuellar, Hilario Garcia,

Ethan Campbell

Thank You to our Volunteers!
 February Altar Care: Judy Williams, Patti Graff
 Small Linens: Mary Griffin, Selena Knight
 Bingo: Linda Fillinger, Paul Tschirhart, Maria Rosales
 Hospital Visitation: Marcy Zerr, Berta Diaz

Youth Ministry
High School Youth Ministry
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Our Topic will be Unity in our church.
7 pm in the Annex.
Bring a Friend.

Youth Ministry Parents are alternating providing our meals for our gatherings. If you or your ministry would like to participate, please contact a Youth Ministry Adult for More Information.

Thank you, parents, for your continued support for our Ministry.

BINGO **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

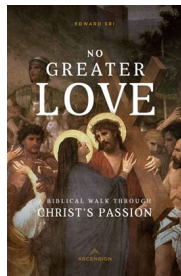
PLEASE REMEMBER that all proceeds from the Monday Night Bingo and the Bingo concession stand are to help fund the Religious Education Program. (St. John's does not charge a fee for the children enrolled.)

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 stjohndhondo.com

Happy Birthday!

2/10 Byron Cuellar, Robert Rodriguez
 2/11 Ysabella Bermea, Eugina Corona, Steven Frausto, Hailey Ramos, Abigail Shannon, David Ytuarte
 2/12 Jaime Barrios, Mariano Casas, Joel Ontiveros, Alvie Santos, Joseph Tapia, Amaris Vasquez
 2/13 Michael Garza, Samantha Wilson
 2/14 Jeanette Alvarado, Jade Barrientes, Noah Bernal, Cassidy Corona, David Cuellar, Gloria Fernandez, Madisson Grimes, Serenity LaMontague
 2/15 Karla Carrero, Garrett Dickens, Carlos Martinez, Alredo Salas, Hayden Siller, Blanca Tailes, Adele Zinsmeyer
 2/16 David Hubalik, Onesimo Padron, Andrew Trinidad



- - Bible Study Opportunity - -
No Greater Love
 A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion
Thursday's March 6- April 10, 2025
4:00 – 5:30 PM 6 Sessions
St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall
Cost - Book \$ 15.00
30-minute video with each session

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 the Gospel today, we learn of the first sword in Mary's heart - the knowledge of her Son's death. Though many would live forever in fear, Mary found courage in faith in the Lord.

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



Guadalupana Society Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
6pm in the Religious Ed Building

Knights of Columbus Council 7163
Lenten Fish Fry
March 7 and April 4, 2025
5:30pm - 6:30pm
\$10/plate St. John's Parish Hall

St. John's/Holy Cross ACTS Core 2023-2024 OFFICERS
 Lorraine Lopez - Facilitator
 Tony Ortiz - Co-Facilitator
 Pat Gonzales - Finance Coord.
 Laura Gonzales- Communications Coord.

******* VIRTUS TRAINING *******
Thursday, Feb.13, 2025 in the RE Building
11:00am (call 830-741-2284 to register)
or 5:30pm (no need to register for the 5:30 session)

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Catholic Faith Formation

- ◆Adults who have never been Baptized or Baptized into another Faith and are thinking of joining the Catholic Church
- ◆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.