

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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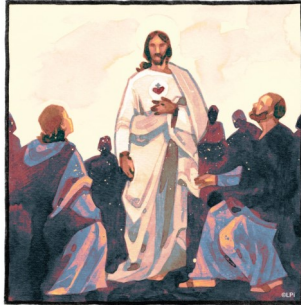
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Religious Ed Office: 830-741-2284



February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. This is especially fitting this year, as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's

promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward. ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper

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	Alleen Koch
John Henry Martinez	Tony Mendoza
Terry Mendoza	Edda Tschirhart
Jerry Neal	Milo Quintanilla
Lorenzo Ortiz	Gloria Saucedo
Anna Reyes	Jerry Robles
Lupe Sanchez	Mary Rose Sanchez
Debbie Slover	A.J. Vallez
Joe Ventura, Jr.	Darlene Wiemers
Daniel Wilman	

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 8/9, 2025

Mass Attendance	645
Regular Offering	\$ 6,288.00
Children's Offering	92.00
Building Fund Maintenance	505.00



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.

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<https://www.givecentral.org/pew-card/941>
Or, text to give using the keyword SUNDAY at: 830-218-1667

Upcoming Second Collections

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

Mass Intentions

February 17 - 23, 2025

Monday - Feb 17 - 8am - No Mass

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday - Feb 18 - 8am - Chapel

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

- 1) † Maria Treviño Harmon by Treviño Family
- 2) A Special Intention

Wednesday - Feb 19 - 8am - Chapel

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

- 1) † Maria Rivera by her sister

Wednesday - Feb 19 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel

Gn 8, 6-13, 20-22/Sal 115, 12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mc 8, 22-26

- 1) † Florentino Garcia by Family

Thursday - Feb 20 - 8am - Chapel

Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

- 1) † Richard Moos by Bill & Judy Williams

Friday - Feb 21 - 8am - Chapel

Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34-9:1

- 1) † Rudy Urby by Rita Vance

Saturday - Feb 22 - 6pm - Church

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

- 1) † Kenneth Fischer by Margaret Fischer
- 2) † Margie Yanta by Edwin Yanta Family
- 3) † Joe Aynesworth by David & Gloria Bendele

Sunday - Feb 23 - 7:45am(Spanish) - Church

1 Sm 26, 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Co 15, 45-49/Lc 6, 27-38

- 1) St. John's Parish

Sunday - Feb 23 - 10am - Church

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-3

- 1) † Genevieve Aelvoet by Catholic Life Branch 80
- 2) † Joe Aynesworth by Nancy Beck
- 3) Special Intention for Landon Lanier in remembrance of his day of baptism



At rest ~ Cyril Van Damme

Ernesto Garcia ~ Rene G. Gonzales, Sr.

Armando Fuentes, Sr. ~ Monico Mendoza

May they rest in peace.

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

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 16:

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

*11:30 - OCIA Class - RE Building

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

Monday, February 17:

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 18:

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

Wednesday, February 19:

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

*6pm - Faith Formation - RE Bldg.

Thursday, February 20:

Friday, February 21:

Saturday, February 22:

*5pm -Confessions - Church

Sunday, February 23:

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

*11:30 - OCIA Class - RE Building

*2pm - Pre Baptism class - RE Bldg



Adult Confirmation session for Spring 2025 will begin Monday, March 3 at the Religious Education Building at 6 p.m. This program is for Catholics who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist.

The intensive 2-month study will prepare adults for the sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation will be

here St. John's when the Bishop confirms the St. John's high school candidates.

If you or someone you know is interested in the Adult Confirmation program, you can contact Mary Jo Peters (830-426-1181) even if you just have questions or come to the first session on March 3.

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday February 22, 2025 6pm

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Gizmo Freeman,

Luis Ramos, Charlie Arcos

Commentator: Tennille Lessing

Lector: Karen Moos

Sacristan: Diane Mann

Extraordinary Ministers: Paul Tschirhart,

Yvonne Stein, Rose Mary Mares

Altar Servers: Marinda Knight, Alicia Ramos,

Charlotte Hubalik

Music: David B.

Sunday February 23, 2025 7:45am

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Yolanda Requena

Ministers of Hospitality: Augustine De Leon,

Raul Carrillo, Jerry Lopez

Commentator: Refugio Herrera

Lector: Ruben Hernandez

Sacristan: Janie Hernandez

Extraordinary Ministers: Janie Hernandez,

Melinda Martinez, Efrain Rodriguez

Altar Servers: CharEllez Maxie,

Lilliana Cahue, Julie Cahue

Sunday February 23, 2025 10am

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Michele Rothe

Ministers of Hospitality: Pat Stein, Steve Wilson,

Joe Guajardo

Commentator: Rose Aelvoet

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: Christine Ortega

Sacristan: Judy Williams

Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Fillingner,

Denise Oefinger, Lindsey Campbell, Ashton Rogers

Altar Servers: Xavier Guajardo, Leila Garcia,

Victoria Bustos

Thank You to our Volunteers!

February Altar Care: Judy Williams, Patti Graff
 Small Linens: Mary Griffin, Selena Knight
 Bingo: Marcelyn Botello, Michele Rothe
 Hospital Visitation: Marie Tschirhart, Denise Oefinger

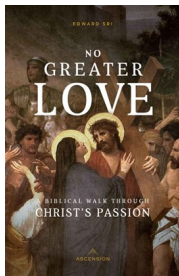


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 stjohnshondo.com



- - 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, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.

Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.

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

Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
 2pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room



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

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.



HighSchool Youth Ministry
 Wednesday, February 19, 2025
 Our Topic this week will be **LOVE**
 at 7 pm in the Annex Bring a Friend.

John 13:34: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Happy Birthday!

- 2/17 Amanda Dominguez, Nicole Fernandez, Victoria Garza, Imelda Garza, Barbara Kelly, Sally Lopez, Angela Navarro, Desirae Rodriguez
- 2/18 Kayla Buerger, Joseph Correa, Marcus Garcia, Xavier Lopez, Cyley Lopez, Emily Nolasco, Lupita Perez, Oscar Torres, Brittney Turruviate
- 2/19 Vivian Jimenez, Glynn Parrish, Angela Rios, Lind Ulbrich
- 2/20 Nakea Luna, Lynn T. Taylor
- 2/21 Rey Escamilla, Viviana Moreno-Garcia, Ruben Rangel, Monica Wheaton
- 2/22 Bryson Howard, Michael Luna, Calestro Morales, Joseph Rodriguez, Sandy Torres, Miyah Valles
- 2/23 Jesilyn Flores, Margaret Garcia, Maria Gomez, Leanna Morin, Tessa Taylor

Wine Tasting Event

Sponsored by
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Save the Date

April 25, 2025 6pm-10pm

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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.