

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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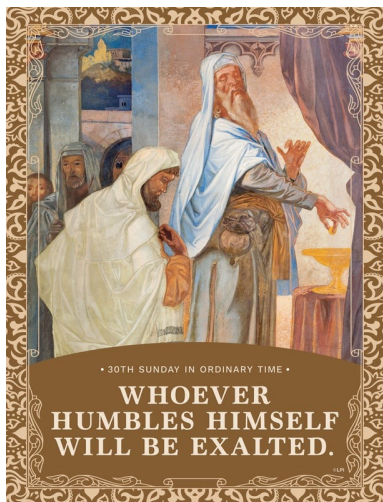
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October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus illustrates the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer through a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training, and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.

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Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

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Custodian Tony Ortiz

Religious Ed Office Hours:

M,T,TH 10am-6pm Wed. 10am-7pm

Closed Daily 12pm-1pm

RE Coord: Julie Urby ~ 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	Alfredo Camacho
Thomas Cuellar	Trine Cuellar
Grace De Leon	Tommy Delgado
Gloria Espinosa	Tim Favor
Jacqueline Garcia	Barry Gear
Marissa Ibarra	Vincent Garza
Tereso O. Hernandez	Lucy Herrera
Ignacia Hernandez	Ellie Kelsey
Alleen Koch	
John Henry Martinez	Tony Mendoza
Terry Mendoza	Edda Tschirhart
Jerry Neal	Milo Quintanilla
Lorenzo Ortiz	
Gloria Saucedo	Maureen Principe
Melissa Puentes	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
 Dave Hubalik, Sr. Rose Mary Mares
 Michele Mechler Jonathan Velasquez
 Marie Zeal Next Meeting:
 November 20, 2025 6pm



Finance Council

Diane Cheney
 Rey Bernal Kim Schoellman
 Robert Knight Stephen Long
 Next Meeting:
 December 11, 2025 5pm

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.

October 18/19, 2025

Mass Attendance 570

Regular Collection \$ 6,379.00

Children's Offering 151.00

World Mission Sunday 755.00

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Upcoming Second Collections

November 2 - Black Bag Collection for St. Vincent de Paul



Mass Intentions

October 27 - November 2, 2025

Monday - October 27 - 8am - No Mass

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday - October 28 - 8am - Chapel

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

- 1) † Richard Moos by Rita Moos
- 2) † Antonio & Otila Flores by Family
- 3) † Ernesto "Chico" Garcia by his wife, Sylvia

Wednesday - October 29 - 8am - Chapel

Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

- 1) † Lupe Mares by Ysidro & Rose Mary Mares

Wednesday - October 29 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel

Rom 8, 26-30/Sal 12, 4-5, 6/Lc 13, 22-30

- 1) St. John's Parish

Thursday - October 30 - 8am - Chapel

Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

- 1) † Alfonso Treviño by Family

Friday - October 31 - 8am - Chapel

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

- 1) † Sergio Rodriguez by Ernie & Eva Cortez

Saturday - November 1 - 8am - Chapel

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

- 1) St. John's Parish

Saturday - November 1 - 6pm - Church

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

- 1) † Kenneth Fischer by Margaret Fisher
- 2) † Paul Lutz by Catholic Life Branch 80
- 3) † Grace Schmidt by Fred & Ellen Schueling

Sunday - November 2 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church

Sab 3, 1-9/Sal 22, 1-3, 3-4, 5, 6/Rom 5, 5-11 o Rom 6, 3-9/Jn 6, 37-40

- 1) St. John's Parish
- 2) Living & Deceased Members of Guadalupanas
- 3) Living & Deceased Members of Galindo Family

Sunday - November 2 - 10am - Church

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

- 1) † Ronnie Ulbrich by Linda Ulbrich
- 2) † Frank Guedea Family by Lita Garcia Family
- 3) Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Branch 80

Send bulletin items to:

parishsecretary@stjohnsevangelist.org

Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 26:

- *8:45am - Faith Formation Classes - RE Bldg
- *10am - Youth Mass
- *11:30am - Danza Practice - Church

Monday, October 27:

- *7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 28:

- *10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance
- *6pm - Matachines Practice - Church

Wednesday, October 29:

- *5:30pm - Rosary in the Prayer Garden
- *6pm - Faith Formation Classes - RE Bldg

Thursday, October 30:

Friday, October 31:

Saturday, November 1:

- *5pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, November 2:

- *8:45am - Faith Formation Classes - RE Bldg
- *11:30am - Danza Practice - Church
- *11:30am - Sr. Citizen Turkey Dinner - Parish Hall
- *4:30pm - Blessing of Graves - Hondo Cemetery
- *5:30pm - Luminary Service - Hondo Cemetery



Lumen Gentium Award

This award will be bestowed upon an individual Catholic member, or couple, of our parish who has demonstrated by their life, service and ministry a participation in the mission of Christ Jesus and the Church.

If you know a deserving parishioner or couple from St. John's, please complete a nomination form from the back of church or at the Parish Office & return the completed form to the Parish Office by Nov.23, 2025.

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.

Anointing of the sick Last Thursday after Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday, November 1, 2025 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Randy Graff

Ministers of Hospitality: James Schoellman, Fred Schueling, Marcy Zerr

Commentator: Tennille Lessing

Lector: Patti Graff

Sacristan: Patti Graff

Extraordinary Ministers: Ellen Schueling
Jovita Aguilar, Rose Mary Mares

Altar Servers:

Music: David B

Sunday, November 2, 2025 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Lupe Ortega

Ministers of Hospitality: Jorge Rivera, Ray Ybarra, Augustine De Leon

Commentator: Norma Gutierrez

Lector: Frances Cordova

Sacristan: Diane Ybarra

Extraordinary Ministers: Eva Cortez, Dora Ojeda, Diane Ybarra

Altar Servers: Isabella Rodriguez,

Gabriel Rodriguez, Kaylianna Martinez

Sunday, November 2, 2025 10am

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Roberto Sanchez

Ministers of Hospitality: Paul Arredondo, Roger Lopez
Kyle Roberts

Commentator: Michele Mechler

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: Rose Aelvoet

Sacristan: Lisa Lilie

Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Fillinger, Ashton Rogers
Diane Cheney, Kris Cardenaz

Altar Servers: Sky Naputi, Olivia Flores,
Eduardo Flores

Thank You to our Volunteers!

November Altar Care: SYLVIA Dominguez,
Dalia Rodriguez

Bingo: Randy Graff, Patti Graff

Hospital Visitation: Nancy Beck, Karen Koch

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 this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows
God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his
heart. When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow
God's mercy to be poured into their hearts.

*In the month of October, through your gifts, the Society of St.
Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to
eight families, providing \$1,200 for utility and rent bills, etc.
Thirty-three pounds of food was donated to the Medina
County Food Pantry valued at \$65.01.*

Thank you for your continued support!

Get a head start donating food to the
Medina County Food Pantry for the upcoming holidays!

These items are most needed for the holidays...

Stove Top Dressing Canned Corn Canned Green Beans

Evaporated Milk Turkey Gravy Packets Canned Yams

Canned Cranberry Sauce Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes

Cream of Mushroom Soup Fried Onions Canned Fruit Cocktail

Canned Pumpkin Boxed Brownie/Cake Mix Flour Oil Sugar

Thank you for supporting the Medina County Food Pantry with items to brighten
your neighbor's holiday!

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

Join us for Rosary in the Prayer Garden

every Wednesday in October at 5:30pm (Bring your own chair)

Invite a friend & use this as a way to foster a
deeper love for the Rosary & inspire hearts to
embrace its timeless power.

Historical Association Jubilee Pilgrimage

Reconciliation - Wednesday, November 5th

5pm-6pm at St. John's Chapel with Fr. John

Adoration - Thursday, November 6th, anytime

From 8:30am-10:30am at St. John's Chapel

After Benediction we'll carpool to

Mass at 11:30am at to Our Lady of Grace

Catholic Church in La Coste

Lunch after Mass at La Coste Hotel

St. John the Evangelist Senior Citizen Turkey Dinner
Sunday, November 2, 2025 St. John's Parish Hall
11:30 am

This meal is for those who are
at least 65 years of age.
Dine-in
or Delivery for Homebound
NO Drive-up Service



Sign-up Forms are available
at the back of church or
the Parish Office.
Please sign-up no later than
October 28th

**St. John's Youth Ministry**

Youth Mass Sunday, October 26th at 10 am

Happy Birthday!

10/27 Evarista Bermea, Jasmine Covarubias, Steljamoe

Reyes, Patricia Tapia, Marie Tschirhart

10/28 Joe Gonzalez, Tim Huesser, Diane Mann, Ryan

Nira, Roy Ramirez, Elizabeth Rodriguez

10/29 Jessie Alvarez, Jose Marquez, Jason Ortiz, Camilla

Ortiz, Christopher Perez

10/30 Bess Barrios, Alva Camacho, Yolanda Lopez,

Dustin Schneider, Maelie Sopel, Stephen Wilson

10/31 Jacquelin Alvarez Gonzales, Pamela Biering,

Janyce Flores, Benjamin Lopez, Michael Mann

11/1 Andrew Aelvoet, Isabella De Leon, Daniel Naputi,

Lydia Ontiveros, Yareli Oranday

11/2 Patricia Foster, Susan Freeman, Marquise Gonzales

Ruben Ortiz, Lizbeth Zuniga

Adult Confirmation

St. John's will offer an Adult Confirmation class to prepare for Confirmation
in December at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Selma, TX. The
class is an intense 8-week study program that will begin **Monday,**
October 27 at 6 pm in the Religious Education Building. You can
sign up at the first meeting.

The class is for any Catholic adult who has been Baptized and received
First Eucharist but still needs the third sacrament of Initiation –
Confirmation. There will be another Adult Confirmation class offered in
the Spring. These participants will be confirmed when the Bishop visits
St. John's in Hondo.

For more information, please contact
Mary Jo Peters 830-426-1181 or call the parish office.

All Souls Day Photo Display in Church

We are preparing for All Souls Day photo display. Bring photos
of your departed loved ones to the Parish Office. Make sure your
name and phone number are on the back of the photo so that
they can be returned to you at the end of November.

**All Souls Day
Mass Intention
Envelopes**

Available in the
church entrance or
Parish Office.

Please return them by
October 27, 2025

These will stay on the
altar throughout the
month of November.

**Luminary Service at
the Cemetery
November 2, 2025**

Blessing of Graves 4:30pm
Service 5:30pm

Purchase luminaries using
the forms at the back of
church.

Return forms to
RE Office

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