

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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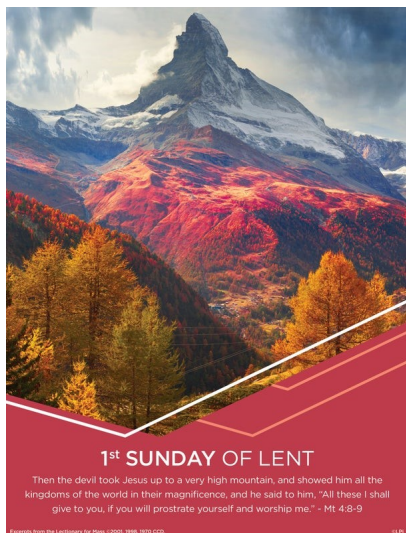
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**February 22, 2026**

**First Sunday of Lent**



Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and a way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day? Our first reading, from the Book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us the freedom to make this choice — "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."

The concept of stewardship helps us live out this fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise that we participate in on an occasional basis. It is meant to

be embraced as a way of life — a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, "You have heard that it was said ... you shall not kill ... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts and ask whether we have allowed stewardship to shape the way we live each day. When we do, we open ourselves to its deeper meaning and its power to change our hearts. The choice is ours.

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Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper Joanne Bowker

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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 Ida Arcos

Steven Avila Genaro Avila

Rosa Barragan Ramon Barragon Ruby Cantu

Amador Carrillo, Jr. Rosie Carranza

James Carmona Riley Cole

Alfredo Camacho Thomas Cuellar

Trine Cuellar Grace De Leon

Tommy Delgado Gloria Espinosa

Marissa Ibarra Vincent Garza

Tereso O. Hernandez Lucy Herrera

Ignacia Hernandez Alleen Koch

John Henry Martinez Tony Mendoza

Terry Mendoza Edda Tschirhart

Jerry Neal Milo Quintanilla Lorenzo Ortiz

Gloria Saucedo

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

Jonathan Velasquez David Hubalik, Jr.

Marie Zeal

Next meeting - TBD



## Finance Council

Diane Cheney

Rey Bernal Kim Schoellman

Robert Knight Stephen Long

Next meeting - March 17, 2026

## 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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Feb. 7/8, 2026

Mass Attendance 642

Regular Collection \$6,360.00

Children's Offering 146.25

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## Upcoming Second Collections

February 22, 2026 - Catholic Missions among Black & Native Americans

March 8, 2026 - St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag Collection



## Mass Intentions

### February 23 - March 1, 2026

#### Monday - February 23 - No Mass

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday - February 24 - 8am - Chapel

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

- 1) † Maria Treviño Harmon by Treviño Family
- 2) Special Intention for Landon Jacob Lanier in Remembrance of his day of Baptism

#### Wednesday - February 25 - 8am - Chapel

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

- 1) St. John's Parish

#### Wednesday - Feb. 25 - 6pm(Spanish) - Chapel

Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 50, 3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lc 11, 29-32

- 1) † Albert Lopez, Sr. by Family

#### Thursday - February 26 - 8am - Chapel

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

- 1) † Jessica Pope by Treviño Family

#### Friday - February 27 - 8am - Chapel

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

- 1) † Millie Gonzales by Alma G. Santos
- 2) Living & Deceased Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

#### Saturday - February 28 - 6pm - Church

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

- 1) † Isaac Morin by Family
- 2) St. John's Parish

#### Sunday - March 1 - 7:45am(Spanish)- Church

Gn 12, 1-4/Sal 32, 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1, 8-10/Mt 17, 1-9

- 1) † Lucia Alcaraz by Children
- 2) † Candy Saldavar by Family
- 3) † Lupe Hernandez by Treviño Family
- 4) Living & Deceased Members of Guadalupe Society

#### Sunday - March 1 - 10am - Church

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

- 1) † Ronnie Ulbrich by Linda Ulbrich
- 2) † Barry Gear by Delwin & Darlene Wiemers
- 3) † Millie Gonzales by Dorothy Favor

Send bulletin items to:

parishsecretary@stjohnsevangelist.org

Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

## St. John's Calendar of Events

### Sunday, February 22:

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

### Monday, February 23:

\*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

### Tuesday, February 24:

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

\*5pm - Guadalupe Meeting - RE Building

### Wednesday, February 25:

\*4pm - Bible Study - Parish Hall Meeting Rm

\*6pm - Faith Formation - RE Building

### Thursday, February 26:

\*Men's ACTS Retreat Begins

### Friday, February 27:

\*6pm - Stations of the Cross - Chapel

\*6:30 - El Grupo de Oración en Español - La Capilla

### Saturday, February 28:

\*5pm - Confessions Church

### Sunday, March 1:

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

\*10am Mass - Men's ACTS Retreat Homecoming

## Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord,  
as we enter these 40 Days of Lent.

Use this time to call, anoint, bind,  
strengthen, and inspire us anew.

Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice,  
and give us the strength to follow. Amen.

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## 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, February 28, 2026 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Charlie Arcos  
James Schoellman, Marcy Zerr

Commentator: Theresa Gilliam

Lector: Rose Aelvoet

Sacristan: Rita Vance

Extraordinary Ministers: Julie Urby

Jovita Aguilar, Paul Tschirhart

Altar Servers: A.J. Knight, R.J. Knight,  
Kieran Hubalik

Sunday, March 1, 2026 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Lupe Ortega

Ministers of Hospitality: Ray Ybarra,  
Raul Carrillo, Jerry Lopez

Commentator: Frances Cordova

Lector: Norma Gutierrez

Sacristan: Diane Ybarra

Extraordinary Ministers: Diane Ybarra,  
Melinda Martinez, Caroline Trujillo

Altar Servers: Isabella Rodriguez,  
Gabriel Rodriguez, Julie Cahue

Sunday, March 1, 2026 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Judy Williams

Ministers of Hospitality: Daniel Guedea, Glenn Sturm  
Roger Lopez

Commentator: Edgar Camacho

Lector: Lisa Miller Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Michele Rothe

Extraordinary Ministers: Lisa Lillie, Ashton Rogers  
Mary Jo Peters, Diane Cheney

Altar Servers: Juscilla Cuellar, Olivia Flores  
Eduardo Flores

## Thank You to our Volunteers!

March Altar Care: Connie Muniz, Dolores Carrillo  
 Small Linens: Becky Garcia, Martha Tellez, Angie Gurrusquieta  
 Bingo: Randy Graff, Patti Graff  
 Hospital Visitation: Selan Knight, Mary Jo Peters

### 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.



Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live  
 in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance  
 of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They  
 are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

*Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please  
 call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we  
 can help the suffering and poor.*

Thank you for your continued support!

## Lenten & Easter Services

### Stations of the Cross

each Friday of Lent at 6pm in the Chapel

### Lenten Reflections

March 10<sup>th</sup> During 7pm Mass - Chapel

March 18<sup>th</sup> During 6pm Mass in Spanish - Chapel

### Lenten Reconciliation Service

March 24, 2026 6:30pm

### Palm Sunday Weekend

Holy Mass & Blessing of Palms

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 7:45am (Spanish)

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00am

### Paschal Triduum

### April 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Thursday

7:00pm Holy Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30pm in the chapel

### April 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday

1:45pm Way of the Cross led by Youth

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

### April 4<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday

8:00pm Easter Vigil with Reception of the Elect

### April 5<sup>th</sup>

Holy Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:45am (Spanish)

10:00am



*Youth Ministry*

Youth Mass ~ February 22, 2026 ~ 10am

Adoration ~ February 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 7-8:30pm

## Happy Birthday!

2/23 Jesilyn Flores, Margaret Garcia, Maria Gomez,  
 Leanna Morin, Tessa Taylor

2/24 Laura Hansen, Albert Hernandez, Christina Martinez,  
 Guadalupe Pimentel

2/25 Thomas Deibler, Aubrie Martinez, Ashton Rogers,  
 Joel Tapia

2/26 Rose Aelvoet, Justine Correa, Karina De La Cruz,  
 Linda Fillingier, Meranda Guajardo, Ann Lutz, James  
 Oranday

2/27 Eva Arcos, Maxine Dudley, Anthony Furnish, Julius  
 Lewis

2/28 Sofia Ayala-Garcia, Leeana Gutierrez, Ronnie  
 Mechler, Linda Miranda Zane Robertucci, Adriana Romo,  
 Ana Sandoval, Linsy Villa

3/1 Emily Backor, Marina Dominguez, David Edison,  
 Araceli Fernandez, Sarah Garcia, Abelino Nira, Jennifer  
 Rivera, Maria Rosales, Jaylyn Villarreal

Have you considered serving your parish as  
**Lector or Extraordinary Minister?**

We will have a training for each of these ministries  
 very soon. If you would like to join St. John's Mass  
 Ministry please call the  
 parish office so that you can be included.

## St. John's Altar Society presents

### A Lenten Retreat

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

**Featuring David Rittiman**

Topic: Photos and stories of Holy Sites around the world.



7:30am Rosary in the Chapel

8am Mass in the Chapel

followed by registration & continental breakfast in the Parish Hall.

9am Guest Speaker - David Rittiman

EVERYONE is invited!



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**Lenten Fish Fry**

**March 27, 2026 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**\$10/plate St. John's Parish Hall**

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## Diaconate Questions & Answers

If you've ever wondered about the Diaconate or have felt a special call-  
 ing, and would like to learn more, the Viva Vocations team and St. Louis  
 Deacons are hosting a Diaconate Q&A on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from  
 6pm to 7:30pm at the Braden Keller Community Center.

The meeting is for men who have experienced a call or are interested to  
 learn more about the vocation to the permanent diaconate. If married,  
 we encourage you to attend with your wife.

The plan is to cover: The life of a Deacon, the application process and  
 deadlines, and other details on the Diaconate Formation Program.