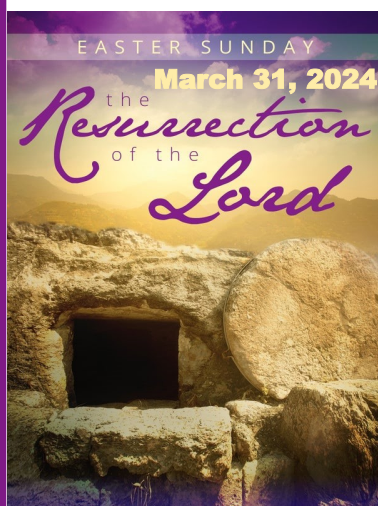


St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in our liturgical calendar. The word Easter literally means 'the feast of fresh flowers.' We celebrate with joy the resurrection of Christ as it's the basis of our Christian faith. It's the source of our hope to eternal life. At Easter Vigil, we read the story of the women of Galilee coming to visit the tomb of Jesus. The young men in white robes at the tomb of Jesus said to them: "He is not here, but he has been raised.....and they returned and announced all these things to the eleven and to all others" (Luke 24:4-9). **HE IS ALIVE!**

On Easter Sunday we read the moving story of Mary Magdala going to the tomb of Jesus early in the morning and running to Peter and John to tell them that the tomb was empty (John 20:1-9). Then the women are sent as the first witnesses to go and announce the resurrection to the disciples. This is the heart of the Christian proclamation on this Easter, and on every Sunday: "The crucified Jesus has been raised." Perhaps we arrive at this Easter with the feelings of these two women in the gospel, expecting to find mere emptiness, loss, grief. Easter invites us to grow in our relationship with Jesus. He will meet us where we are, in our own Galilee and we must meet him in life and in death, where we are! I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter. May the risen Lord bless you and your family.

~ Fr. Babychan MSFS

Pastoral Council

Genevieve Flores Katie Haby
Keith Howard Brett Hutto
Ryan Lessing Rose Mary Mares
Michele Mechler

Next Pastoral Council
Meeting Apr. 18, 2024 6pm

Next Finance Council
Meeting June 20, 2024 5pm

Finance Council

Diane Cheney
Rey Bernal
Robert Knight
Stephen Long
Connie Shullanberger

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.

Mass Attendance March 16/17 619
CONTRIBUTIONS Weekly Parish Goal: \$7,000
March 16/17
Regular Offering \$7,414.00
Building Fund/Maintenance 10.00
Children's Offering 81.50



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Parish Office Open M-F 9am-4pm
Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff
Bookkeeper Annabel Deibler
Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman
Custodian Tony Ortiz
Part-time Custodian Eufasio Castillo
Religious Ed Office open M-F 9:30am-4pm
DRE Sylvia Fernandez (Tues 10am-4pm)
Office Clerk Kris Cardenaz
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	Heather Ahr
Frankie Alvarez	Steven Avila
Genaro Avila	Brian Bader
Tommie Bragdon	John Bauer
Chris Cole	Valerie Cole
Riley Cole	Thomas Cuellar
Trina Cuellar	Grace De Leon
Tommy Delgado	Kimberly Escamilla
Tim Favor	Leila Fuentes
Rosa Garcia	Sawyer Gilly
Marissa Ibarra	Vincent Garza
Lucy Herrera	Alleen Koch
John Henry Martinez	Tony Mendoza
Jerry Neal	Milo Quintanilla
Lorenzo Ortiz	Anna Reyes
Jerry Robles	Lupe Sanchez
Mary Rose Sanchez	Juan Ybarra
Gonzalo Torres	A.J. Vallez
Joe Ventura, Jr.	Darlene Wiemers
Daniel Willman	

Call 741-2236 to add or remove someone from the list. Names will be kept on the list a minimum of 3 weeks.

Upcoming Second Collections
Today - Operation Rice Bowl
April 7, 2024 - St. John's Youth Building Fund

MASS Intentions

April 1 - 7-, 2024

MONDAY - April 1- No Mass

[Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15](#)

TUESDAY - April 2 - 8am - Chapel:

[Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18](#)

- 1) † Kenneth Bendele by Ellen Ayers & Family
- 2) † Carlos Gallardo by his wife, Adela, & children
- 3) † Hopie Quintanilla by Treviño Family

WEDNESDAY- April 3 - 8am - Chapel:

[Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35](#)

- 1) † Dorothy Graff by Randy & Patti Graff
- 2) † Anna Arakathara by Fred & Ellen Schueling

WEDNESDAY - April 3 - 6pm (Spanish)- Chapel:

[Hch 3, 1-10/Sal 104, 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lc 24, 13-35](#)

- 1) † Margarita De Leon by Susie Cruz

THURSDAY - April 4 - 8am - Chapel:

[Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48](#)

- 1) † Olin Gilliam by Rita Vance
- 2) † James Knight by Family
- 3) Special Intentions for Clay & Peggy Heyen

FRIDAY - April 5 - 8am - Chapel:

[Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14](#)

- 1) † Mary Treviño Harmon by Treviño Family
- 2) † Anna Arakathara by Connie Muñiz

SATURDAY - April 6 - 6pm - Church:

[Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15](#)

- 1) St. John's Parish

SUNDAY - April 7 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church

[Hch 4, 32-35/Sal 117, 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 \(1\)/1 Jn 5, 1-6/Jn 20, 19-31](#)

- 1) † Reymundo & Paulita Galindo by Family
- 2) † Manuel Vega by Family
- 3) Living & Deceased Members of Guadalupana Society

SUNDAY - April 7 - 10am Church

[Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 \(1\)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31](#)

- 1) † Mike Huebner by Theresa Gilliam
- 2) † Olin Gilliam by McWilliams Family
- 3) † Ronnie Ulbrich by Family

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.

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

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 31:

After 10am Mass - Easter Egg Hunt - Prayer Garden

Monday, April 1:

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 2:

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

*6pm - ACTS Core - RE Buildig

Wednesday, April 3:

*6pm - Faith Formation Classes

*6pm - Bible Study - Parish Hall Meeting Room

Thursday, April 4:

*9am - Saturday evening Choir Practice - Church

*8:30am - Adoration - Chapel

*10am - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

Friday, April 5:

*1:30pm - Way of the Cross by Youth - Prayer Garden

Saturday, April 6:

*5pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, April 7:

*8:45am - Faith Formation Classes

*11:00 - Altar Server Training - Church



Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday April 6, 2024 6pm

(Mark Urby) Rosary Leader: Randy Graff

Ministers of Hospitality: Marcy Zerr,
Charlie Arcos, Luis Ramos

Commentator: Patti Graff

Lector: Forrest Shannon

Sacristan: Mark Urby

Extraordinary Ministers: Rose Mary Mares,

Tennille Lessing, Julie Urby

Altar Servers: Anthony Knight, Marinda Knight,

Cyley Lopez, R.J. Knight

Sunday April 7, 2024 7:45am

Rosary Leader: Lupe Ortega

Ministers of Hospitality: Raul Carrillo,

Jerry Lopez, Augustine De Leon

Commentator: Maria Fernandez

Lector: Frances Cordova

Sacristan: Diane Ybarra

Extraordinary Ministers: Dolores Carrillo,

Diane Ybarra, Mary Ann Garcia, Nora Escamila

Altar Servers: Isabella Rodriguez,

Gabriel Rodriguez, Ava De Leon

Sunday April 7, 2024 10am

Rosary Leader: Aurora Crooks

Ministers of Hospitality: Edgar Camacho, Roger Lopez
Blake Halbardier

Commentator: Michele Mechler

Lector: Kelly Howard Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Michele Rothe

Extraordinary Ministers: Diane Cheney, Michelle Hutto

Lyndsey Campbell, Mary Jo Peters, Renae McNiel

Altar Servers: Sky Naputi, Liana Rios, Hilario Garcia,

Sarah Brooks

Thank You to our Volunteers!

Altar Care for April: Rita Vance, Cathy Mechler,
Irene Montgomery

Linens: Selena Knight, Maureen Principe

Bingo: Nancy Beck, Lisa Lilie, Jeanie Gomez

Hospital Visitation: Marlene King, Karen Koch

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair? What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body? I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that. But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb. When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma

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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

Thank you!

ACTS Core is now seeking nominations for Director of Men's Retreat.

This retreat is scheduled for
Feb. 27-Mar. 2, 2025.



St. John's/Holy Cross ACTS Core 2023-2024 OFFICERS

Lorraine Lopez - Facilitator

Tony Ortiz - Co-Facilitator

Pat Gonzales - Finance Coord.

Lorraine Lopez/Pat Gonzales - Communications Coord.

Happy Birthday!

4/1 Omani Corona, Isabella Garza, Felipe Manzanares, Dylan Mendoza, Chris Oefinger

4/2 Gilbert Bierra, Judas Casillas, Luke Holt, Frank Rodriguez, Mary Jane Sanchez

4/3 Derrick Alvarado, Erik Oefinger, Jarvis Ottum

4/4 Juan Corona, Fabian Dominguez, Luke Gilliam, Tilley Gilliam, Angela Law, DeeAnita Mena, Devon Wilcox, Terry Ybarra

4/5 Jaimon Arredondo, Madaya Dominguez, Jamie Fernandez, Brenda Lopez

4/6 Jane Callahan, Annette Diaz, Adalberto Elizondo, Selestina Gonzales, Natalie Mora, Michael Navarro

4/7 Laura Felan, Jose Garza, Adolfo Gonzales, Ryan Lies, Aaron Oefinger, Mary Tschirhart, Augustina Valdilles

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.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

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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.

Let's Sip!
St. John's Wine Tasting Event



Please join us
Friday, April 19, 2024
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
\$50 per person

Includes a selection of
wines paired with heavy
hors d'oeuvres, frozen
sangria, a variety of
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