

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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**August 25, 2024**



The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood.

His followers hear this and say, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either. ©LPi  
*"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." ~ Joshua 24:15*

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-Th 9:30am-4pm

DRE Sylvia Fernandez

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

Frankie Alvarez

Genaro Avila

Ruby Cantu

Chris Cole

Riley Cole

Trine Cuellar

Tommy Delgado

Tim Favor

Sawyer Gilly

Vincent Garza

Alleen Koch

Tony Mendoza

Jerry Neal

Lorenzo Ortiz

Jerry Robles

Mary Rose Sanchez

Gonzalo Torres

Joe Ventura, Jr.

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.

Heather Ahr

Steven Avila

Brian Bader

Rosie Carranza

Valerie Cole

Thomas Cuellar

Grace De Leon

Kimberly Escamilla

Leila Fuentes

Marissa Ibarra

Lucy Herrera

John Henry Martinez

Milo Quintanilla

Anna Reyes

Lupe Sanchez

Juan Ybarra

A.J. Vallez

Darlene Wiemers

Carmen Ybarra

## Pastoral Council

Rhonda Camacho Genevieve Flores

Keith Howard Dave Hubalik, Sr.

Rose Mary Mares Michele Mechler

Jonathan Velasquez

Next Pastoral Council

Meeting Oct. 17, 2024 6pm

Next Finance Council

Meeting Sept. 19, 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.**

**August 18/19**

Mass attendance: 461

CONTRIBUTIONS ~ Weekly Parish Goal: \$7,000

Regular Offering \$4,642.00

Children's Offering 25.00

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**Upcoming Second Collections**

September 8, 2024 - Black Bag for St. Vincent de Paul

# MASS Intentions

## August 26 - September 1, 2024

### **MONDAY - August 26 - No Mass**

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

### **TUESDAY - August 27- 8am - Chapel:**

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

1) † Floy Fontaine Jordan by Margaret Fischer

### **WEDNESDAY- August 28 - 8am - Chapel:**

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

1) † Gail Meyer by Felic Treviño & Family

### **WEDNESDAY - August 28 - 6pm (Spanish)- Chapel**

2 Tes 3, 6-10. 16-18/Sal 127, 1-2. 4-5/Mt 23, 27-32

1) St. John's Parish

### **THURSDAY - August 29 - 8am - Chapel:**

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

1) † Ronnie Robert Ruiz by Family

### **FRIDAY - August 30 - 8am - Chapel:**

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

1) Living & Deceased Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### **SATURDAY - August 31 - 6pm - Church:**

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

1) St. John's Parish

### **SUNDAY - September 1 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church**

Dt 4, 1-2. 6-8/Sal 14, 2-3. 3-4. 4-5 1/Sant 2, 1-5/Sant 1, 17-18. 21-22. 27/Mc 7, 1-8. 14-15. 21-23

1) † Reymundo & Paulita Galindo by Family

2) Living & Deceased Members of Guadalupeana Society

### **SUNDAY - September 1 - 10am Church**

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

1) † Ronnie Ulbrich by Family

2) † Nicholas Garcia Family by Lita Garcia

3) † Fannie Ybarra by Lita Garcia

### **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.

*Everyone is welcome!*

Send bulletin items to:

parishsecretary@stjohnnevangelist.org

Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

## St. John's Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, August 25:**

\*11:30am - RCIA Class - RE Bldg

### **Monday, August 26:**

\*6pm - Daughters of the King - RE Bldg.

\*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

### **Tuesday, August 27:**

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

### **Wednesday, August 28:**

### **Thursday, August 22:**

\*8:30am - Adoration - Chapel

\*10am - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

### **Friday, August 23:**

\*6:30 - El Grupo de Oración en Español - la capilla

### **Saturday, August 24:**

\*5pm -Confessions - Church

### **Sunday, August 25:**

\*11:30am - RCIA Class - RE Bldg

### **St. John's/Holy Cross 2024 Women's ACTS...**

invite you to attend the Women's ACTS Retreat that will take place on October 17th through 20th, 2024 at the Moyo Center in Castroville. We have a limited number of women we can take, so we invite you to sign up at your earliest convenience. There is a \$185 fee, which includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Applications are available at St. John's Parish Office, Holy Cross Parish Office, in the church entrance and on our website: stjohnshondo.com

Contact Amanda Guedea ~ 830-741-0503

ACTS Core is requesting anyone interested in being on team for the Men's Retreat

Feb. 27 - March 2, 2025 to fill out a form that is available in back of church.

Call Stephen Wilson for more info: 210-331-6851  
Completed forms can be dropped off at the parish office.

## Schedule of Mass Ministry

### Saturday August 31, 2024 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Randy Graff,  
Luis Ramos, Charlie Arcos

Commentator: Patti Graff

Lector: Rose Scholtz

Sacristan: Rita Vance

Extraordinary Ministers: Rose Mary Mares  
Russ Renaud, Julie Urby

Altar Servers: Ann Wheaton, Cyley Lopez,  
Charlotte Hubalik, Alicia Ramos Music: David B

### Sunday September 1, 2024 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Lupe Ortega

Ministers of Hospitality: Henry Torres,  
Augustine De Leon, Raul Carrillo

Commentator: Norma Gutierrez

Lector: Frances Cordova

Sacristan: Nora Escamilla

Extraordinary Ministers: Nora Escamilla,  
Carolina Trujillo, Dolores Carrillo

Altar Servers: Isabella Rodriguez,  
Gabriel Rodriguez, Kenzie Ytuarte

### Sunday September 1, 2024 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Aurora Crooks  
Ministers of Hospitality:

Commentator:

Lector : Responsorial Psalm: Choir

Sacristan:

Extraordinary Ministers:

Altar Servers: Sky Naputi, Victoria Busto  
Juan Garcia, Samuel Gonzales

## Thank You to our Volunteers!

Altar Care for Sept.: Rebecca Garcia, Martha Tellez  
 Small Linens: Dolores Carrillo, Angie Gurrusqueta  
 Bingo: Randy Graff, Patti Graff  
 Debra Graff, Luis Ramos  
 Hospital Visitation: Diane Mann, Judy Williams

### 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 today's Gospel, Jesus asks, "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to hear the cries of the poor by assisting 5 families, providing \$66 in utility and other bills. A total of 35 pounds of food, valued at \$67.20 was donated to the Medina County Food Pantry. God Bless You!

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

### St. John the Evangelist Fall Bible Study

Title: Mercy - A Bible Study for Catholics  
 Thursday's from 4:00 -5:00 PM Cost \$5 for used book  
 September 12 - October 24, 2024

St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall

*Fr. Mitch Pacwa leads us to a deeper understanding of mercy through the study of Israel's long slow struggle to experience mercy. By looking carefully at their experience of turning away and returning to God, we begin to understand that God's love, shown through His mercy, is more powerful than sin.*

*The six sessions will help us rediscover the incredible history of God's mercy in our own lives, which in turn will lead us to an understanding of the importance of extending mercy to others.*

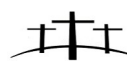
For more info, call: Theresa Gilliam 830 426-1414

**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. Babychan at the parish office at 830-741-2236.

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## Youth Ministry

**Youth Mass August 25, 2024, at 10 am.**

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THE REMIND APP:

Send a text to 81010,

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### Faith Formation registration is ongoing.

If you didn't register at the end of last year call or come by this Religious Ed Office. Or find a registration form on our website: stjohnshondo.com

Classes on

Sundays 8:45-9:45am

(beginning Sept. 15)

or on

Wednesdays 6-7pm

(beginning Sept. 18)

Kindergarten classes now available on Sundays only.



"Let the little children come to me..."

### El Grupo de Oración en Español

**30 de Agosto 2024**

Hay un grupo de oración el último viernes de cada mes en español en la capilla. Todos estan invitados a reunirse en alabanza y oracion. Empesamos a las 6:30 de la tarde. Este viernes, el Diácono Mark será nuestro orador invitado.

## Happy Birthday!

**8/26** Abigail Brooks, Dylan Correa, Eric Escobar, Juan Garcia, Nicole Garza, Elvia Guerrero, Alianna Lopez, Leyson Palomo, Jack Van Horn

**8/27** Kaitlyn Benavides, Aden Carrero, Petra Cuellar, Eli De Los Santos, Esmeralda Fernandez, Jasmin Hernandez, Lisa Miller, Steve Navarro, Jeffrey Sanchez, James Schoellman, Jasmine Sumy

**8/28** Audrey Garza, Daniella Guedea, Alliana Guedea, Emma Lessing, Breana Perez, Diamond Sanchez

**8/29** Karson Cross, Amanda Guedea, Norma Martinez, Daisy Salina,

**8/30** Lane Becker, Maura Callahan, Daniel Contreras, Ashley Flythe, Roy Richardson

**8/31** Jesse Amaya, Selestina Bustos, Brandon Garcia, Raymundo Guajardo, Wayne Stein, Kenneth Wilson

**9/1** Andrew Anvarez, Andrew De Leon, Alexie Galeas, Juan Gonzales

### 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.

