

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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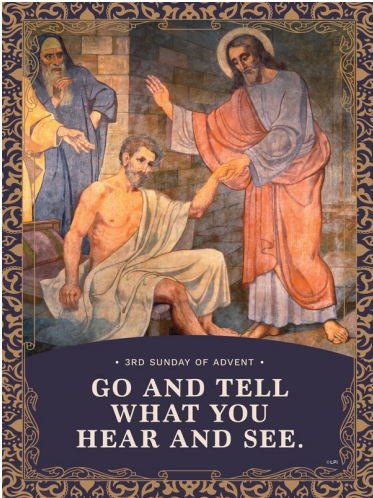
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December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent



Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's re-

turn, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." "Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

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Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

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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
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 - Jan. 15, 2026



Finance Council

Diane Cheney
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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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Sunday Giving!



Dec. 7/8, 2025

Due to early bulletin deadline,
Mass attendance & offerings will
be reported next week.

Thank you!

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<https://www.givecentral.org/pew-card/941>

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Upcoming Second Collections

TODAY! December 14 - Retired Religious Men & Women

Christmas Masses - Assumption Seminary



Mass Intentions

December 15-21, 2025

Monday - December 15 - No Mass

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday - December 16 - 8am - Chapel

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

- 1) † Maria Treviño Harmon by Treviño Family
- 2) † Sister Ann and Jerry by Linda

Wednesday - December 17 - 8am - Chapel

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

- 1) † Vicente Ybarra by Charles & Concha Saathoff

Wednesday - December 17 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel

Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17/Mt 1, 1-17

- 1) † Albert Lopez, Sr. by Family

Thursday - December 18 - 8am - Chapel

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

- 1) † Hopie Quintanilla by Treviño Family

Friday - December 19 - 8am - Church

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

- 1) † Paul Lutz by Donnie & Donna Blue
- 2) † C.T. & Elvira Palomo by Daughter, Jeanie P. Gomez
- 3) Living & Deceased Members of Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday - December 20 - 6pm - Church

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

- 1) † Olin Gilliam by Theresa Gilliam
- 2) † Isaac Morin by Family
- 3) Living & Deceased Members of Altar Society

Sunday - December 21 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church

Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (7. 10)/Rom 1, 1-7/Mt 1, 18-24

- 1) † Angelita Lozano by Lozano Family
- 2) † Pascual Alcaraz by Family
- 3) † Agapito Contreras by Agapito Contreras

Sunday - December 21 - 10am - Church

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-2

- 1) St. John's Parish

December 18, 2025

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday after 8am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet 10am followed by

anointing of sick and benediction.

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

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 14:

- *8:45 - Faith Formation - RE Building
- *10am Mass - Children's Liturgy
- *11:15 - Christmas Pageant Practice - Church

Monday, December 15: Offices Closed after noon

- *7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall
- *6pm - Adult Confirmation Class - RE Building

Tuesday, December 16:

- *10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance
- *6pm - Posadas - Church grounds

Wednesday, December 17:

- *12 noon - Altar Society Meeting - Parish Hall
- *6pm - Faith Formation - RE Building
- *6:30pm - Living Nativity - Prayer Garden

Thursday, December 18:

- *6pm - Posadas - Church grounds

Friday, December 19:

Saturday, December 20:

- *5pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, December 21:

- *11:15 - Christmas Pageant Practice - Church
- *2pm - Baptism Prep Class - RE Bldg.
- *5:30pm - Posadas - Church grounds

Fourth Sunday of Advent



\$20 each

Honor your loved one, living or deceased,
with a poinsettia to decorate the altar
during the Christmas season.

Sponsored by St. John's Altar Society
Place your order at the Parish Office.



At St. John's recently
At rest - Travis Pursley
May he rest in peace.

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday, December 20, 2025 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Diane Mann

Ministers of Hospitality: Randy Graff,

Charlie Arcos, James Schoellman,

Commentator: Karen Moos

Lector: Patti Graff

Sacristan: Russ Renaud

Extraordinary Ministers: Yvonne Stein,

Jovita Aguilar, Paul Tschirhart

Altar Servers: Anthony Knight, R.J. Knight,

Levi Smith

Sunday, December 21, 2025 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Yolanda Requena

Ministers of Hospitality: Augustine De Leon,

Jerry Lopez, Raul Carrillo

Commentator: Maria Fernandez

Lector: Refugio Herrera

Sacristan: Lorraine Garza

Extraordinary Ministers: Charlie Martinez,

Eva Cortez, Dolores Carrillo

Altar Servers: Cooper Pittman, Ava De Leon

Kaylianna Martinez

Sunday, December 21, 2025 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Roberto Sanchez

Ministers of Hospitality: Blake Halbardier,

Daniel Guedea, Keith Howard

Commentator: Kelly Howard

Lector: & Responsorial Psalm: Cindy Jones

Sacristan: Judy Williams

Extraordinary Ministers: Lisa Lilie, Lindsey Campbell

Edgar Camacho, Rhonda Camacho

Altar Servers: Amy Roberts, Liana Rios

Victoria Bustos

Thank You to our Volunteers!

December Altar Care:

Ellen Schueling, Janet Bradley, Nancy Beck
Small Linens: Rose Scholtz, Denise Oefinger
Bingo: **Marcelyn Botello, Randy & Patti Graff**
Hospital Visitation: Karen Moos, Paulette Eades

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 tells us that the good news can be seen,
touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now
charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to
take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

**Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in
Jesus' ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.**

Thank you for your continued support!

St. John's Living Nativity

Wednesday, December 17th

6:30pm

In the Prayer Garden



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Bible Study

JANUARY 7-MARCH 25, 2026

Wednesdays 4-5:30 PM Parish Hall Mtg Rm

Book \$10 Book w/workbook \$25

PLEASE JOIN US for a study on our Catholic Faith

Written by Marcellino D'Ambrosio and Andrew Swafford,
What We Believe presents and explains the essential teachings of
the Catholic Faith in a readable, approachable way.



Angel Tree Gifts Due Dec. 15th

Please bring gifts

—NOT WRAPPED and WITH ANGEL TAG—

to the parish office (Mon.-Thurs. 9am – 4pm).

Thank you for spreading joy to others this Christmas!

St. John's/Holy Cross ACTS Core 2024-2025 OFFICERS

Lorraine Lopez - Facilitator Tony Ortiz - Co-Facilitator
Audrey Garza - Finance Coord. Laura Gonzales- Communications Coord.
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Please, call the parish office if you can help.

Happy Birthday!

12/15 Skylar Andreozzi, Natallie Ottum

12/16 Alexis Martinez

12/17 Luna Correa, Steban Flores, Grace Hernandez,
Katherine Maldonado, Yolanda Requena, Cielo Salas,
Linda Tschirhart, Donna Velasquez

12/18 Christopher Barrientes, Julianna Campbell, Arthur
Rothe, Rose Scholtz

12/19 Noey Alvarez, Rudy Cantu, Andrea Dominguez,
Justice Luna, Patsy Melton, Aebony Mendoza, Catherine
Vega

12/20 Laloni Correa, Jose Covarrabias, Jayven Gallardo,
Calista Hernandez, Gabriela Richardson, Cesar Riojas,
Jalynn Ruis, Jackie Ruiz

12/21 Alfred Garcia, Jr., Paul Tschirhart, Sylvia Urby

St. John's Advent/Christmas Events

Dec. 17 Living Nativity

6:30pm in the Prayer Garden

Dec. 22 Reconciliation Service 6pm

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

4:30pm Children's Christmas Pageant in the church

5:00pm Children's Mass

11:30pm Carols in the Church

Dec. 25 12am Midnight Mass

The Nativity of the Lord

8:45am Christmas Carols

9am (Bilingual) Mass

Dec. 31 5:30pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity
of Mary Holy Mother of God

Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God
10am Mass

Altar Society Christmas Lunch Wednesday, December 17, 2025 12 noon - Parish Hall

Wine Tasting Event

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Save the Date

February 13, 2026

