

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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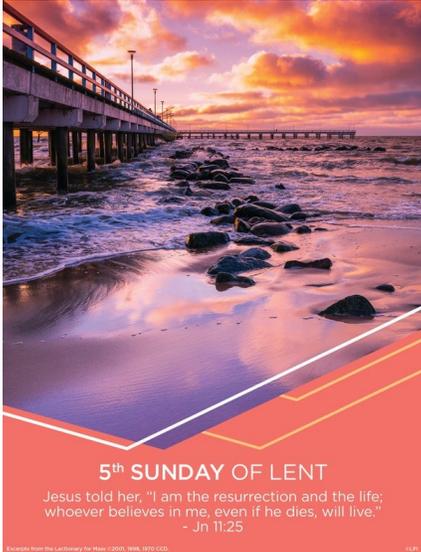
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March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.

In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we do this? Our second reading, from

Romans, tells us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

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Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper Joanne Bowker

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Custodial Staff: Tony Ortiz, Genoveva Medina,
Alma Garcia

Rel. Ed Office Hours: M,T,TH 10a-6p Wed. 10a-7p
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

Eva Arcos Steven Avila Genaro Avila

Rosa Barragan Ramon Barragon Ruby Cantu

Amador Carillo, Jr. Rosie Carranza

James Carmona Riley Cole

Alfredo Camacho Thomas Cuellar

Trine Cuellar Grace De Leon

Tommy Delgado Gloria Espinosa

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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 - April 9, 2026



Finance Council

Diane Cheney

Rey Bernal Kim Schoellman

Robert Knight Stephen Long

Next meeting - TBD

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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March 14-15, 2026

Mass Attendance 726

Regular Collection \$6,331.00

Children's Offering 116.00

Catholic Relief Services 1,040.00

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Upcoming Second Collections
Good Friday, April 3, 2026 - Holy Land



Mass Intentions

March 23-29, 2026

Monday - March 23 - No Mass

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday - March 24 - 8am - Chapel

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

- 1) † Maria Treviño Harmon by Family

Wednesday - March 25 - 8am - Chapel

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

- 1) † Becky Shannon by Theresa Gilliam

Wednesday - March 25 - 6pm(Spanish) - Chapel

Is 7, 10-14; 8, 10/Sal 39, 7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10, 4-10/Lc 1, 26-38

- 1) † Albert Lopez, Sr. by Family

Thursday - March 26 - 8am - Chapel

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

- 1) † Mike Huebner by Theresa Gilliam Family

Friday - March 27 - 8am - Chapel

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

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

Saturday - March 28 - 6pm - Church

Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13Jn 11:45-56

- 1) † Tina Finger by Norma Rothe
2) † John C. Dudley by Terry & Maxine Dudley
3) † Isaac Morin by Family

Sunday - March 29 - 7:45am(Spanish)- Church

Mt 21, 1-11 (37)/Sal 21:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50, 4-7/Flp 2, 6-11/Mt 26, 14-27, 66

- 1) † Lupe Hernandez by Family
2) † Juanita Cortez & Margarita Herrera by Herrera Family
3) † David Hernandez by Family

Sunday - March 29 - 10am - Church

Mt 21:1-11(37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

- 1) St. John's Parish

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.

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

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 22:

8:45am - Faith Formation - RE Bldg

Monday, March 23:

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

*6pm - Adult Confirmation Class - RE Bldg

Tuesday, March 24:

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

*6:30 pm - Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 25:

*4pm - Bible Study - Parish Hall Meeting Rm

*6pm - Faith Formation - RE Bldg

Thursday, March 26:

*10:45am - St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. - RE Bldg

*6pm - Guadalupana Lenten Retreat - Parish Hall

Friday, March 27:

*5pm - *Fish Fry*

*6pm - Stations of the Cross - Chapel

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

Saturday, March 28:

*5pm - Confessions Church

Sunday, March 29:

8:45am - Faith Formation - RE Bldg

All are invited to a retreat
Sponsored by the Guadalupana Society
March 26th 6-9pm in the Parish Hall
featuring Fr. Alberto Colín

El Grupo de Oración en Español

27 de marzo 6:30

Hay un grupo de oración el último viernes de cada mes en español en la capilla. Todos estan invitados.



At St. John's recently
At rest~ Deborah Rodriguez
Rene Rodriguez
May they rest in peace.

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday, March 28, 2026 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Charlie Arcos,

James Schoellman, Randy Graff

Commentator: Theresa Gilliam

Lector: Rose Aelvoet

Sacristan: Rita Vance

Extraordinary Ministers: Julie Urby

Jovita Aguilar, Paul Tschirhart

Altar Servers: Marinda Knight, Evelyn Knight,
Levi Smith

Sunday, March 29, 2026 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Frances Cordova

Ministers of Hospitality: Jorge Rivera,

Efrain Rodriguez, Henry Torres

Commentator: Refugio Herrera

Lector: Ruben Hernandez

Sacristan: Janie Hernandez

Extraordinary Ministers: Janie Hernandez,

Mary Ann Garcia, Melinda Martinez

Altar Servers: CharEllez Maxie,
Samuel Rosales, Cooper Pittman

Sunday, March 29, 2026 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Alda Barrera

Ministers of Hospitality: Blake Halbardier

Jack Rothe, Michele Rothe

Commentator: Rhonda Jolley

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: Renae McNiel

Sacristan: Amanda Guedea

Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Fillingier,

Lindsey Campbell, Ashton Rogers, Charlotte Aaron

Altar Servers: Juscilla Cuellar, Jett Gonzales,
Andrea Guedea

Thank You to our Volunteers

March Altar Care:

Becky Garcia, Martha Tellez, Angie Gurrusqueta
 Small Linens: Connie Muniz, Dolores Carrillo
 Bingo: Randy Graff, Patti Graff
 Hospital Visitation: Linda Fillinger, Cindy Woolfs

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.

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 4 families, providing \$596.57 for utility and rent bills, etc.

Thank you for your continued support!

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
March Youth Schedule
 St. John's Catholic Church | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

- Wednesday, March 4 Junior High Youth Night
- Wednesday, March 11 No Class - Spring Break
- Sunday, March 15 Return Mass for Teens
- Wednesday, March 18 Youth Night - Grades 6-12
- Sunday, March 22 Youth Mass
- Sunday, March 22 Youth Mass
- Wednesday, March 25 Adoration - High School
- Wednesday, March 25 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- Sunday, March 25 Youth Mass

All youth are welcome!
 Come grow in faith, fellowship, and fun together.

Lenten & Easter Services

Stations of the Cross

each Friday of Lent at 6pm in the Chapel

Lenten Reflections

March 10th During 7pm Mass - Chapel

March 18th During 6pm Mass in Spanish - Chapel

Lenten Reconciliation Service

March 24, 2026 6:30pm

Palm Sunday Weekend

Holy Mass & Blessing of Palms

Saturday March 28th 6pm

Sunday March 29th 7:45am (Spanish)

Sunday March 29th 10:00am

Paschal Triduum

April 2nd Holy Thursday

7:00pm Holy Mass

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

April 3rd Good Friday

1:45pm Way of the Cross led by Youth

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

April 4th Holy Saturday

8:00pm Easter Vigil with Reception of the Elect

April 5th

Holy Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:45am (Spanish)

10:00am



Students are encouraged to turn in their Rice Bowl Offering at any Mass on Easter Weekend during the Children's Offering.

Happy Birthday!

3/23 Jackson Halbardier, Madelyn Leyva, Juan Martinez, Jessie Powell, Victor Sanchez

3/24 Allyson Lutz, Jacob Perez, San Juanita Samaniego, Sonia Trevino

3/25 Brandon Hernandez, Zita Perez, Corinna Ramon, Marion Romano, Holden Ross, Elizabeth Valenzuela

3/26 Kaylynn Adams, James Carmona, Laylia Correa, A'lizabeth Rogers, Kinsly Rogers

3/27 Thomas Foster, Jerry Ibarra

3/28 Vanessa Amaya, Sandra E. Cortez, Dylan De Leon

3/29 Tyler Barrios, Liam Heyen, Analia Huerta, Frances Peralta, Laila Perez, Rachel Ramirez

Planning is underway for the 2026 St. John's Rosary Run/Walk 5K April 25, 2026



We are seeking sponsors for the five decades of the Rosary along the route. Participants will be encouraged to pray the Rosary as they run or walk, with signs marking each decade along the course. Sponsor fee \$350.

We need your support to make this event a success!

If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Rose Mary Mares (830-426-1542). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



EASTER LILIES!

St. John's Guadalupe Society is taking orders for Easter Lilies to decorate our altars for the celebration of Easter.

Order from any Guadalupe Society member for \$15.



Knights of Columbus Council 7163 Lenten Fish Fry

March 27, 2026 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 \$10/plate St. John's Parish Hall

Pre-sale tickets available after Masses & in the Parish Office

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