

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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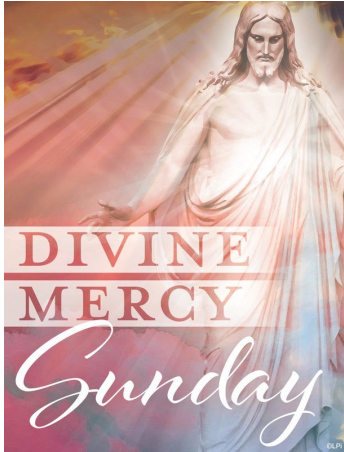
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Religious Ed Office: 830-741-2284



April 27, 2025

Sunday of Divine Mercy



Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of “Doubting Thomas” but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ’s mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let’s commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ’s mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a “shout out” during His encounter with Thomas: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” — in His merciful love.

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Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper Joanne Bowker

Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman

Custodian Tony Ortiz

Religious Ed Office Hours: M,T,TH 10:30am-6pm
Wed. 11:30am-7:30pm

RE Coord: Sylvia Fernandez ~ 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
Marissa Ibarra	Vincent Garza
Tereso O. Hernandez	Lucy Herrera
Ellie Kelsey	Alleen Koch
Henry Martinez	Tony Mendoza
Terry Mendoza	Edda Tschirhart
Jerry Neal	Milo Quintanilla
Lorenzo Ortiz	Gloria Saucedo
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
Keith Howard	Dave Hubalik, Sr.
Rose Mary Mares	Michele Mechler
Jonathan Velasquez	

Next Pastoral Council Meeting May 6, 2025

Next Finance Council Meeting June 2025

Finance Council

Diane Cheney
Rey Bernal
Robert Knight
Stephen Long
Kim Schoellman

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.

	April 12/13	17th	18th	19/20
Mass Attendance:	625	129	166	722
Regular Offering	\$6,430.00			\$7,214.00
Children's Offering	85.00			198.00
Building Fund Maintenance	565.00			15.00
Holy Land			513.00	
Operation Rice Bowl				1,034.00

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Upcoming Second Collections

TODAY!! April 27 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal
May 3 - Black Bag for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Mass Intentions

April 28 - May 4, 2025

Monday - April 28 - 8am - No Mass

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday - April 29 - 8am - Chapel

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

- 1) † Jeanice Zinsmeyer by Randy & Patti Graff
- 2) † Kenneth Fischer by Margaret Fischer

Wednesday - April 30 - 8am - Chapel

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

- 1) † Richard Moos by John & Kim Rothe
- 2) † Thelma Cobos by Norma Gutierrez

Wednesday - April 30 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel

Hch 5, 17-26/Sal 33, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3, 16-21

- 1) St. John's Parish

Thursday - May 1 - 8am - Chapel

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

- 1) † Dorothy Graff by Bill & Bonnie Moos
- 2) † Pam Lutz by Bill & Judy Williams

Friday - May 2 - 8am - Chapel

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

- 1) † Ronnie Garcia by Andy & Eide Garcia

Saturday - May 3 - 6pm - Church

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

- 1) † Floy Fontaine Jordan by Margaret Fischer
- 2) † Gabriel Ybarra by Family
- 3) † Wilfreen Saathoff by Wayne & Yvonne Stein

Sunday - May 4 - 7:45am(Spanish) - Church

Hch 5, 27-32,40-41/Sal 29,2,4,5-6,11-12,13 (2)/Ap 5,11-14/Jn 21, 1-19

- 1) † Guadalupe Espino by Punky & Carolyn Trip
- 2) † Reymundo & Paulita Galindo by Galindo Family
- 3) Living & Deceased Members of Guadalupana Soc.

Sunday - May 4 - 10am - Church

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12,13(2a)/Rv5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

- 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.

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

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 27:

*5pm -Women's ACTS Team Meeting-PH Mtg. Rm.

Monday, April 28:

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 29:

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

Wednesday, April 30:

Thursday, May 1:

Friday, May 2:

Saturday, May 3:

*5pm - Confessions - Church

*6pm Mass - Confirmation with Archbishop Gustavo

Sunday, May 4:

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Please welcome and congratulate these adults who have been on a faith journey to become full members of the Catholic Church and part of the St. John the Evangelist Parish. They are a blessing to us. They received their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass Saturday.

Levi Armer, David Johnson, Chaston Garcia, Denise Flores, Larry Carroll, Eddie Flores, Kathie Sexton, Lee Pedraza, Joe Pedraza, Angelica Pedraza and Tony Pedraza

Special thanks to their sponsors, to the parish for their prayers and especially to Terry Dudley who shared his knowledge and faith journey with them throughout the year. Thanks also to Fr. John, Fr. Lajarus, Deacon Mark, Patti Graff, and RE Coordinator Sylvia Fernandez for their continued support of the OCIA program. ~ Mary Jo Peters, OCIA Coordinator



Baptism - Kyndall Shae Tapia
Marriage - Mary Beth Wheaton & Thomas Riker Hill
At rest ~ Paul Lutz, Gustavo Tellez,
Maria Steinmacher, Alberto Lopez, Rita Williams

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday May 3, 2025 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Confirmation w/Archbishop Gustavo

Ministers of Hospitality: Marcy Zerr,
James Schoellman, Luis Ramos

Commentator: Tennille Lessing

Lector: Confirmation Candidates

Sacristan: Diane Mann

Extraordinary Ministers: Paul Tschirhart
Diane Mann, Yvonne Stein

Altar Servers:

Music: Laurie V.

Sunday May 4, 2025 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader:
Ministers of Hospitality:

Commentator:

Lector:

Sacristan:

Extraordinary Ministers:

Altar Servers: Isabella Rodriguez,
Ava De Leon, Gabriel Rodriguez

Sunday May 4, 2025 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Aurora Crooks
Ministers of Hospitality: Pat Stein, Steve Wilson
Joe Guajardo

Commentator: Jonathan Campbell

Lector: Elaine Melton Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Nancy Beck

Extraordinary Ministers: Judy Williams,
Kris Cardenaz, Ashton Rogers, Diane Cheney

Altar Servers: Jesse Alvarado, Jett Gonzales,
Amy Roberts

Thank You to our Volunteers!

May Altar Care: Rosa Garcia, Dorothy Torres
 Small Linens: Marcelyn Botello, Diane Ybarra
 Bingo: Randy Graff, Patti Graff
 Hospital Visitation: Marie Tschirhart, Denise Oefinger

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 the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace.

Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter, by assisting 6 families, providing \$500.91 for utilities, rent, etc.

There was a total of 96 pounds of food donated to the Medina County Food Pantry valued at \$189.12.

If you have any questions about the Medina Co. Food Pantry donations or distributions, please contact Chris Arrey at 830-741-9291.

Thank you for your continued support!

Graduating High School Seniors

Senior Awards and Scholarships are available from
 *Catholic Life Branch 80—Due by May 5th
 *Guadalupe Society
 *Knights of Columbus
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Lorraine Lopez - Facilitator
 Tony Ortiz - Co-Facilitator
 Pat Gonzales - Finance Coord.
 Laura Gonzales- Communications Coord.

Currently seeking nominations for
 Men's Retreat Director for Feb. 26 - March 1, 2026

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. John at 830-741-2236.



Youth Ministry

Junior High Youth Ministry meet
 Wednesday, May 7th
 for friends, fun, faith filled activities and food.

High School Youth Ministry meet
 Wednesday May 21st
 Youth Mass Sunday, May 25, 2025



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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!

Happy Birthday!

- 4/28 Samira Barrientes
- 4/29 Jared Constante, Pedro Hernandez, Molly Roberts, Rowdy Ruiz, Alyssa Sopel, Mylah Valles
- 4/30 Kassandra Alarcon, Heather Connell, Anthony Knight, Joshua Miller, Maria Olivarez, Penelope Rivera, Nevaeh Rodriguez, Kimberly Schoellman, Luke Smith, Kenzie Ytuarte
- 5/1 Kathy Alarcon, David Fuentez, Avery Hernandez, Ethan Quintanilla, Julyssa Ramirez, Sean Shannon, Marcy Zerr
- 5/2 Blanca Cervantez, Yamileth Conchas, Kristen Contreras, Anna Rangel
- 5/3 Armano Fuentez, Devin Gonzales, Vangie Loera, Denise McWilliams, Daniel Mendoza, Mary Jo Peters, Diego Ytuarte
- 5/4 Joseph Correa

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- ◆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.