

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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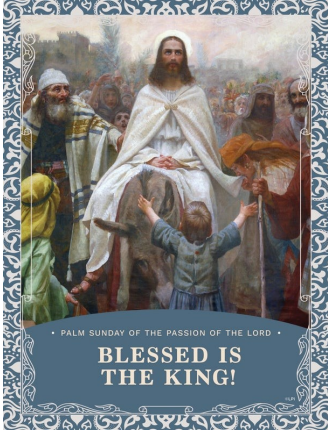
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Religious Ed Office: 830-741-2284



**April 13, 2025**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**



Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

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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
John	Terry Mendoza
Tony Mendoza	Jerry Neal
Edda Tschirhart	Lorenzo Ortiz
Milo Quintanilla	Anna Reyes
Gloria Saucedo	

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 April 24, 2025

### Finance Council

Diane Cheney  
Rey Bernal  
Robert Knight  
Stephen Long  
Kim Schoellman

April 5/6, 2025

Mass Attendance: 582

Regular Offering	\$ 10,294.00
Children's Offering	81.00
Building Fund Maintenance	153.00
Youth Center Building Fund	793.00



### 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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Upcoming Second Collections Good Friday, April 18 - Holy Land  
Easter Sunday, April 20 - Operation Rice Bowl  
April 27 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

## Mass Intentions

**April 14 - 20, 2025**

**Monday - April 14 - 8am - No Mass**

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday - April 15 - 8am - Chapel**

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

- 1) † Maria Treviño Harmon by Treviño Family
- 2) † Richard Moos by Erline Helms and Jay & Cindy Helou

**Wednesday - April 16 - 8am - Chapel**

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

- 1) † Mitzie Tondre by Clay & Peggy Heyen
- 2) † Cyril Van Damme by Fred & Ellen Schueling

**Wednesday - April 16- 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel**

Is 50, 4-9/Sal 68, 8-10. 21-22. 31 y 33-34/Mt 26, 14-25

- 1) St. John's Parish

**Holy Thursday - April 17 - 7pm - Church**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 / 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

- 1) † Gladys Stein by Wayne & Yvonne Stein
- 2) † Helen Vance by Zach & Amy Stein
- 3) † Grace Schmidt by Marie Tschirhart

**Good Friday - April 18 - 3pm - Church**

Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Communion Service

**Saturday - April 19 - 8pm - Church**

Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ /Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

- 1) St. John's Parish
- 2) Living & Deceased Members of St. John's Altar Society

**Sunday - April 20 - 7:45am(Spanish) - Church**

Hch 10, 34. 37-43/Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/Col 3, 1-4 Jn 20, 1-9

- 1) † Maria Elena Bermea by Nora Escamilla & Family
- 2) † Alex Trinidad by Family
- 3) † Angelita Lozano by Guadalupana Society

**Sunday - April 20 - 10am - Church**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

- 1) † Sacundio Rios Family by Rios Family
- 2) † Genevieve Aelvoet by Sylvia Tschirhart
- 3) † Pedro & Margarita Garza by Family

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

## St. John's Calendar of Events

**Sunday, April 13:**

- \*8:45am - Faith Formation Classes
- \*OCIA Retreat

**Monday, April 14:**

- \*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

**Tuesday, April 15:**

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

**Wednesday, April 16:**

- \*2pm - Altar Society Meeting - Parish Hall Mtg. Rm.

**Thursday, April 17:**

- \*7pm - Holy Thursday Mass/Adoration till 11:30pm

**Friday, April 18:**

- \*1:45 - Youth Way of the Cross - Prayer Garden

**Saturday, April 19:**

- \*8pm - Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday, April 20:**

- Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Mass



**Easter Egg Hunt**

Sponsored by  
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Easter Sunday  
after  
10am Mass  
in the  
Prayer Garden

Altar Society Meeting  
Wednesday, April 16, 2025  
2pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room



Baptisms - Leo Ronan Moskwa  
Avery Rae Taylor

Quinceañera - Natalie Mora

At rest ~ Pam Lutz ~ May she rest in peace.

## Schedule of Mass Ministry

**Saturday April 19, 2025 8pm**

(Deacon Mark)

Ministers of Hospitality: Randy Graff, \_\_\_\_\_

Commentator: \_\_\_\_\_

Lectors: Lisa Miller, Patti Graff

Ruben Medina, Genoveva Medina

Sacristan: Diane Mann

Extraordinary Ministers: Russ Renaud,

Yvonne Stein, Kris Cardenaz, \_\_\_\_\_

Altar Servers: Victoria Fuentes, Sky Naputi

CharEllez Maxie, Cyley Lopez, Biankka Gonzales

Music: David B.

**Sunday April 20, 2025 7:45am**

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Frances Cordova

Ministers of Hospitality: Jorge Rivera,

Efrain Rodriguez, Jerry Lopez

Commentator: Maria Fernandez

Lector: Yolanda Requena

Sacristan: Nora Escamilla

Extraordinary Ministers: Nora Escamilla,

Eva Cortez, Dora Ojeda

Altar Servers: Cooper Pittman,

Samuel Rosales, Kaylianna Martinez

**Sunday April 20, 2025 10am**

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Renae McNiel

Ministers of Hospitality: Jack Rothe, Michele Rothe

Clarence McNiel

Commentator: Renae McNiel

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: Aurora Crooks

Sacristan: Judy Williams

Extraordinary Ministers: Edgar & Rhonda Camacho

Lisa Lilie, Elaine Melton

Altar Servers: Xavier Guajardo, Liana Rios,

Andrea Guedea

## Thank You to our Volunteers!

April Altar Care: Cathy Mechler, Irene Montgomery  
 Small Linens: Maureen Principe, Selena Knight  
 Bingo: Linda Fillinger, Paul Tschirhart, Maria Rosales  
 Hospital Visitation: Felic Treviño, Santos Santillano

### 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 is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you make your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain. Thank you for your continued support!

### We are looking for new Altar Servers!

Anyone who has made their 1st Communion can be an altar server. If you are interested, please call Kris at the Religious Ed Office or just come to the first training in the church on April 22, 2025 at 5:30pm.



## Happy Birthday!

- 4/14 Hannah Campbell, Aubree Rangel, Devon Wilcox
- 4/15 Keanna Aremandariz, Amity Contreras, Kiara Gurrusquita, David Hernandez, Janet Maurer, Ismari Morales, Kadejha Rodriguez, Rodolfo Sanchez, Mary Lu Schoenfeld, Azriel Trevino
- 4/16 Marical Casas, Juniece Corona, Kyra Lopez, Dylan Muniz, Ariana Peinado, Lynnsie Vidal
- 4/17 Beatrice Campos, Juscilla Cuellar, Rachel Fuentez, Keith Lutz, Oneida Perez, Suzanne Tonne, Anna Vidrine, Jay Villarreal
- 4/18 Athena Acuna, Teresa Cuellar, Domingo Gallardo, Anthony Guedea, Joshua Kirk, Evalie Pena, Ximena Rocha
- 4/19 Ruben Garcia, Jessica Gomez, Mille Theis, Levi Villarreal
- 4/20 Felicia Alvarado, Julia Fuentez, Judith Ortiz, Brittany Ortiz, Gladys Samaniego, Leonard Zinsmeyer



During the month of April, The Medina County Food Pantry is in need of donations of **Boxed Cereal**. Your help is greatly appreciated!

### Graduating High School Seniors

Catholic Life Insurance Branch #80 has applications available at the Parish Office and at the Religious Ed Office for Senior Awards. Pick one up, fill it out and return to the office by May 5th. You do not need to be a Catholic Life member to apply.

Guadalupe Society has scholarship applications available at the Religious Ed Office.

#### Paschal Triduum

- April 17<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday**  
7:00pm Holy Mass  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30pm in the chapel
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**  
1:45pm Way of the Cross led by Youth  
3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday**  
8:00pm Easter Vigil  
Reception of the Elect
- April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Holy Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord  
7:45am (Spanish)  
10:00am  
April 20<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Mass, Prayer Garden

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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**

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- ◆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.

**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.