

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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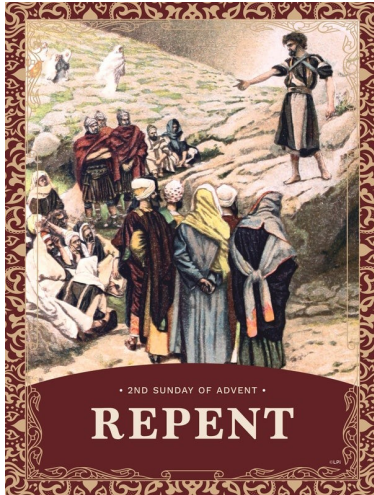
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Religious Ed Office: 830-741-2284



December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way:

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says,

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

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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 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	Allene 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	



Finance Council

Diane Cheney
 Rey Bernal Kim Schoellman
 Robert Knight Stephen Long
 Next Meeting:
 December 11, 2025 5pm

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.

Nov. 22/23, 2025

Nov. 29/30

Mass Attendance	596	572
Regular Collection	\$5,855.00	\$4,262.00
Children's Offering	108.00	123.00

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Upcoming Second Collections

TODAY! December 7 - Missionaries of St. Frances de Sales

December 14 - Retired Religious Men & Women



Mass Intentions

December 8-14, 2025

Monday - December 8 - 8am - Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

1) St. John's Parish

Monday - December 8 - 6pm - Church

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Tuesday - December 9 - 8am - Chapel

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

1) † Alfonso Treviño by Family

Wednesday - December 10 - 8am - Chapel

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

1) † Louis Saathoff by Charles & Concha Saathoff

Wednesday - December 10 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel

Is 40, 25-31/Sal 102, 1-2, 3-4, 8 y 10/Mt 11, 28-30

1) † Sergio Rodriguez by Jesus & Dalia Rodriguez & Family

Thursday - December 11 - 8am - Chapel

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

1) † Mike Huebner by Theresa Gilliam

Friday - December 12 - 6pm - Church

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38

1) † Lupe Mares by Ysidro & Rose Mary Mares

2) † Joe Aynesworth by Connie Aynesworth

Saturday - December 13 - 6pm - Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

1) † Mac Santillano by Family

2) † Cornelius Fischer by Margaret Fischer

3) † Paul Lutz by Family

Sunday - December 14 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church

Is 35, 1-6, 10/Sal 145, 6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (ver Is 35, 4)/Sant 5, 7-10/Mt 11, 2-11

1) St. John's Parish

Sunday - December 14 - 10am - Church

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

1) † Vanessa Robles by Family

2) † Johnny Morin Family by Lita Garcia & Family

3) † John C. Dudley by Terry & Maxine Dudley

4) † Rudy Moreno, Sr. by Siblings

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday after 8am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet 10am followed by 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 7:

*8:45 - Faith Formation - RE Building

*11:30 - Danza Practice - church

Monday, December 8: *Parish Offices Closed*

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

*6pm - Adult Confirmation Class - RE Building

Tuesday, December 9:

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

*6pm - Matachines Practice - Church

Wednesday, December 10:

*6pm - Faith Formation - RE Building

*7pm - Danza Practice - Church

Thursday, December 11:

*5pm - Finance Council Meeting - RE Building

*7pm - Knights of Columbus - Parish Hall Mtg. Rm.

Friday, December 12:

*5:30am - Mañanitas followed by refreshments

*6pm - Mass at Church with Matachines & Danzas

Saturday, December 13:

Adult Confirmation - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*5pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, December 14:

*8:45 - Faith Formation - RE Building

*10am Mass - Children's Liturgy

*11:15 - Christmas Pageant Practice - Church

Third 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
Baptisms ~ Hallie Kay Elyse Barrios
Marcus James Garcia II

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday, December 13, 2025 6pm

Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Randy Graff

Gizmo Freeman, Luis Ramos

Commentator: Diane Mann

Lector: Tennille Lessing

Sacristan: Rita Vance

Extraordinary Ministers: Julie Urby

Veronica Valenzuela, Rose Mary Mares

Altar Servers: Ann Wheaton, Dylan Tejada

Luke Smith

Sunday, December 14, 2025 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Genoveva Medina

Ministers of Hospitality: Gabriel Rodriguez,

Augustine De Leon, Jerry Lopez

Commentator: Genoveva Medina

Lector: Ruben Medina

Sacristan: Nora Escamilla

Extraordinary Ministers: Nora Escamilla,

Melinda Martinez, Eva Cortez

Altar Servers: Biankka Gonzales,

Marco Gonzales, Andre Guerrero

Sunday, December 14, 2025 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Renae McNiel

Ministers of Hospitality: Jack Rothe,

Roger Lopez, Pat Stein

Commentator: Edgar Camacho

Lector: Michele Mechler Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Lisa Lilie

Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Beck, Denise Oefinger

Renae McNiel, Blake Halbardier

Altar Servers: Bryson Howard, Brynlee Howard,

Andrea Guedea

Thank You to our Volunteers!

December Altar Care:

Ellen Schueling, Janet Bradley, Nancy Beck

Small Linens: Rose Scholtz, Denise Oefinger

Bingo: Lisa Barrios, Paul Tschirhart, Maria Rosales

Hospital Visitation: Selena Knight, Mary Jo Peters

Calling all Ushers, Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors & Commentators

Please call the office if you can help with any of the following Masses:

Christmas Eve Children's Mass 5pm, Christmas Midnight Mass,

Christmas Morning (Bilingual) 9am,

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass 5:30pm, New Year's Day 10am

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, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas. Thank you for your continued support!

Please consider helping those in need by donating to Medina County Food Pantry for the upcoming holidays!

These items are most needed for the holidays...

Stove Top Dressing Canned Corn Canned Green Beans

Evaporated Milk Turkey Gravy Packets Canned Yams

Canned Cranberry Sauce Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes

Cream of Mushroom Soup Fried Onions Canned Fruit Cocktail

Canned Pumpkin Boxed Brownie/Cake Mix Flour Oil Sugar

Thank you for supporting the Medina County Food Pantry with items to brighten your neighbors' holiday!



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

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

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so that children can attend classes at no cost.

Please consider helping just one Monday evening each month.

Please, call the parish office if you can help.

Happy Birthday!

12/8 Daniel Daigle, David De Leon, Jose De Leon, Zevren Gonzales, Jaymian Martinez, Jacob Posey, Patty Ramirez, Sue Woolls

12/9 Ricardo Flores, Jacob Garza, Henry Mejia, Sonia Richardson, Becky Saucedo

12/10 Felipe Cuellar

12/11 Cassandra Barrientes, Madison Bierra, Michel Cahue, Abel Cardenas, Madeline Connell, Ellijandra Corona, Jonathan Ottum

12/12 Jayden Gallardo, Aaron Ledesma, Dawson Luna, Kalani Manrique Greisi, Torres-Herrera

12/13 Bridget Botello, Jazmine Cabrera, Jeremiah Cardenaz, Brando Garcia, Lane Holt, Kerwin Muller, Santiago Nolasco, Alexis Palacios, Jorge Romo

12/14 Jeanie Gomez, Dylan Lutz, Zeyvier Palomo, Oliver Pedraza

St. John's

Advent/Christmas Events

Dec. 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses in the Church – 8am & 6pm

Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30am Mañanitas

followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

6pm Mass w/Matachines and Danzas

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



Wine Tasting Event

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Save the Date

February 13, 2026