

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 26, 2023

He cried out in a loud voice,  
"Lazarus, come out!"

John 11:43

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

An elderly Chinese philosopher was once approached by a young woman who was grief-stricken by losing her only Son. "I will be able to help you", he assured her, "if you bring me some mustard seed; but it must be obtained from a home where there has never been any sorrow." So, the woman started her search with hope and eagerness. In every place, she visited, however, there had been some trials and loss of loved ones. Returning disappointed, she exclaimed, "How selfish have I been? Sorrow is common to all." But, the sage said, "you have learned a valuable lesson and acquired a wealth of wisdom which has not only eased your grief but also helped you to sympathize with others."

God is the giver of life. He sent His Son so that we may have life through him. The Gospel story reminds us that Jesus, who called his friend Lazarus back to earthly life, can give eternal life, for he is the life and the resurrection. There lies the source of our hope. There we see the light in the darkness of death. The declaration of Jesus to Martha, I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die (Jn 11:25-26), which is an unambiguous divine assurance and promise for the believer in Jesus, life does not end with physical death. Death only opens for him/her the door to an eternal life of joy with God.

Today's Gospel tells us that through our faith in Jesus, we will be raised on the final day of resurrection. While we live, we are called to free ourselves from our sins to live a life of grace. For Christians, the Lenten season is a time of grace, and the church encourages us to approach the sacrament of reconciliation. It invites us to march forward faithfully in hope, knowing that those who believe in Jesus will live forever. In raising Lazarus, Jesus manifested his authority as the Son and his divine power. He is the master of life and death. Further, Jesus shows us what resurrection and life are. He wants us to recognize that resurrection and life are, more specifically, a relationship with a person, and that person is Christ Himself, who tells us that he is the resurrection and the life.

~ Fr. Babychan MSFS

Parish Office Open M-F 9am-4pm  
 Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff  
 Bookkeeper Annabel Deibler  
 Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman  
 Custodian Tony Ortiz  
 Part-time Custodian Eufasio Castillo  
 Religious Ed Office open M-F 9:30am-4pm  
 DRE Sylvia Fernandez (Tues 10am-4pm)  
 Office Clerk Kris Cardenas  
 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:

Third 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.



Patrick Adamietz	Heather Ahr
Steven Avila	Charlie Arcos
Tommie Bragdon	Chris Cole
Riley Cole	Trina Cuellar
Kimberly Escamilla	Leila Fuentes
Rosa Garcia	Vincent Garza
Joe Robert Gomez	John Henry Martinez
Tony Mendoza	Jerry Mullans
Terry Mendoza	Debbie Miranda
Jerry Neal	Milo Quintanilla
Lorenzo Ortiz	Anna Reyes
Mark Reus Jerry Robles	Jennifer Rothe
Lupe Sanchez	Diane Torres
Gonzalo Torres	Robert Van De Walle
Joe Ventura, Jr.	Darlene Wiemers
Daniel Willman	Marissa Ybarra

Call 741-2236 to add or remove someone from the list. Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Call office if additional time is needed (for serious problems, etc.).

748 people attended Masses on March 18 & 19

**CONTRIBUTIONS** Weekly Parish Goal: \$7,000  
 March 18 & 19, 2023

Regular Collection	\$6,166.00
Children's Collection	185.00
Building Fund Maintenance	115.00
Catholic Relief Fund	1,033.00



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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.

Upcoming Second Collections

April 2, 2023 - Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
 Good Friday, April 17, 2023 - for the Holy Land

# MASS Intentions

**March 27 - April 2, 2023**

**MONDAY - March 27 - no Mass**

[Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 \[41c-62\]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11](#)

**TUESDAY - March 28 - 8am - Chapel:**

[Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30](#)

- 1) † Petra Garcia by Treviño Family
- 2) † Marisa Esquibel by Pauline Avila

**WEDNESDAY - March 29 - 8am - Chapel:**

[Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42](#)

- 1) † Jacob Finger by Olin & Theresa Gilliam

**WEDNESDAY - March 29 - 6pm(Spanish)- Chapel:**

[Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42](#)

- Communion Service -

**THURSDAY - March 30 - 8am - Chapel:**

[Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59](#)

- 1) † Gloria Palacios by Family
- 2) † Hope Quintanilla by Pauline Avila

**FRIDAY - March 31 - 8am- Chapel:**

[Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42](#)

- 1) For St. John's Parish

**SATURDAY - April 1 - 6pm - Church:**

[Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56](#)

- 1) † Lydia Tapia by Lupe & Vangie Pimentel
- 2) † Hopic Quintanilla by Treviño Family
- 3) † Porfirio Allende by Family
- 4) † Maria De Refugio Genera by Family

**SUNDAY - April 2 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church:**

[Mt 21:1-11 \(procesión\); Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 \(21\):8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Fil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 \[27:11-54\]](#)

- 1) † Reymundo & Pablita Galindo by Family
- 2) † Francisca Hernandez by Ruben & Janie Hernandez & Family

- 2) Living & Deceased Members of Guadalupana Society

**SUNDAY - April 2 - 10 am - Church:**

[Mt 21:1-11 \(procession\); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 \[27:11-54\]](#)

- 1) † Ronnie Ulbrich by Family
- 2) † Greg Guerra by Guedea Family
- 3) For St. John's Parish

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

## St. John's Calendar of Events

**Sunday, March 26:**

\*8:45am - RE Classes

\*1pm - 6pm - Guadalupanas Retreat

**Monday, March 27:**

\*7pm - BINGO - Parish Hall

**Tuesday, March 28:**

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

**Wednesday, March 29:**

\*6pm - RE Classes

\*6pm - "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" - Parish Hall

\*7:30pm - Youth Gathering - at the Annex

**Thursday, March 30:**

\*9am - Saturday evening Choir Practice - Church

\*8:30am - Adoration - Chapel

\*10am - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

\*6pm - Lenten Reconciliation

**Friday, March 31:**

**Fish Fry!**

\*6pm - Stations of the Cross - led by Youth Ministry

**Saturday, April 1:**

\*5pm - Confessions - Church

**Sunday, April 2:**

\*8:45am - RE Classes

\*1pm - 6pm - Guadalupanas Retreat

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



**If you are involved in any of our Liturgical Ministries, you are needed for Triduum Services.**

Please call the parish office to let us know with which of the following you can help:

Holy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:30pm

Easter Sunday 7:45am

## Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday April 1, 2023 6pm

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Marcy Zerr,  
Luis Ramos, Randy Graff

Commentator: Patti Graff

Lector: Tennille Lessing

Sacristan: Rita Vance

Extraordinary Ministers: Julie Urby,

Rose Mary Mares, Diane Mann, Yvonne Stein

Altar Servers:

Sunday April 2, 2023 7:45am

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Frances Cordova

Ministers of Hospitality: Gabriel Rodriguez,  
Henry Torres, Ray Ybarra

Commentator: Norma Gutierrez

Lector: Frances Cordova

Sacristan: Diane Ybarra

Extraordinary Ministers: Diane Ybarra,

Mary Ann Garcia, Martha Garza

Sunday April 2, 2023 10am

(Mark Urby) Rosary Leader: Aurora Crooks

Ministers of Hospitality: Joe Guajardo,  
Daniel Guedea Steve Wilson

Commentator: Edgar Camacho

Lector: Kelly Howard Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Nancy Beck

Extraordinary Ministers: Charlotte Aaron,


Linda Ulbrich, Elaine Melton, Denise Oefinger

Altar Servers: A.J. Knight, Marinda Knight,

Amy Roberts, Juscilla Cuella, Liana Rios




**Thank You to our Volunteers!**  
 Altar Care: Anise Adamietz, Peggy Heyen Cathy Mechler  
 Linens: Selena Knight, Maureen Principe  
 BINGO - Randy Graff, Luis Ramos  
 Patti Graff, Debra Graff  
 Hospital Visitation: Rose Scholtz, Linda Fillinger

**St. Vincent de Paul**  

 Last month through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 6 families, providing \$978.51 in rent, utilities, etc. Donations to the Medina County Food Pantry totaled 52.25 pounds for a dollar amount of \$100.32. **THANK YOU!**  
 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.  
 Medina County Food Pantry will have food distribution each Monday from 10am - 1pm—no vouchers needed. They will also continue with the Voucher Food Box Distribution on the last Friday of each month.

**EASTER LILIES!**  
 Guadalupana Society members are taking orders for Easter Lily plants to decorate St. John's altars for the celebration of Easter. With a donation of \$15, an Easter Lily may be ordered "In Honor" or "In Memory" of a loved one. Order from any member of the Guadalupana Society or at the Parish Office.

**Join us for a TEXAS Wine Tasting Event!**  
 Friday, April 14, 2023  
 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
 at St. John's Parish Hall  
 \$50 per person  
 includes a selection of Texas wines paired with heavy hors d'oeuvres, sangria margarita machine, a variety of beer, music and fun!  
 Contact an ACTS Core Member for more information or to purchase your tickets!

**ACTS Core is now seeking nominations for Director of Men's Retreat.** This retreat is scheduled for Feb. 1-4, 2024.  
 ACTS Core Meeting  
 April 4, 2023  
 6pm in RE Bldg.

*Youth Ministry* Youth Meet on   
 Wednesday March 29, 2023  
 At 7:30 pm in the Youth Annex  
 If you or your ministry would like to provide a meal for our youth gatherings, please contact Christine Ortega. Come share your time, treasure, and talent.  
 Ephesians 5:8 "for you were once darkness, and now light in the LORD; walk as children of light"

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**  
**Applications for Guadalupana Society Scholarship and Catholic Life Senior Awards are available at the RE Office.**  
**Guadalupana Application due May 15, 2023**  
**Catholic Life Application due May 10, 2023**

**Happy Birthday!**  
 3/27 Thomas Foster, Jerry Ibarra, Bianca Trinidad, Adela Urrutia  
 3/28 Vanessa Amaya, Sandra E. Cortez, Dylan De Leon, Camille Dominguez  
 3/29 Tyler Barrios, Liam Heyen, Analia Huerta, Frances Peralta, Laila Perez, Michael Valdilles, Bradley Willman  
 3/30 Felix, Cuellar, Karen Koch, Kaleigh Lopez, Sabrina Morin, Alejandro Morin, Scott Morin, Mary Van Horn, Rudy Ytuarte  
 3/31 Kawika Kailipaka, Luke Lessing, John Shaver  
 4/1 Kaeylarae Brogden, Omani Corona, Isabella Garza, Felipe Manzanares, Dylan Mendoza, Chris Oefinger  
 4/2 Gilbert Bierra, Andrea Bravo, Judas Casillas, Carmen Hernandez, Luke Holt, Frank Rodriguez, Mary Jane Sanchez

 **Knights of Columbus Council 7163 Lenten Fish Fry**  
**1 more Friday During Lent!**  
 March 31st  
 5:00pm - 6:30pm St. John's Parish Hall  
 \$10/plate (March 10th to benefit the rectory renovation)

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**Catholic Faith Formation**  
 ♦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.

