

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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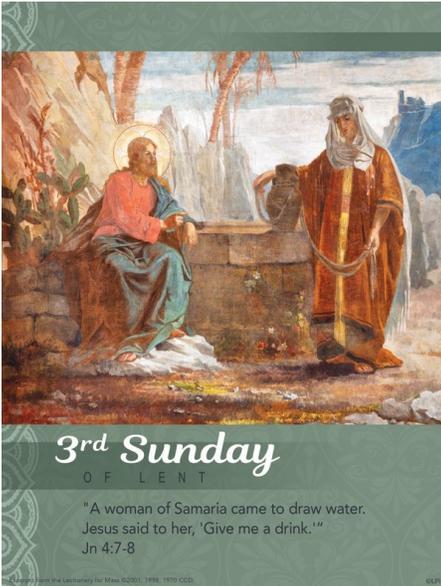
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**March 8, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Lent**



Today's readings for this Third Sunday of Lent center on the theme of thirst, reminding us that a stewardship way of life both satisfies our own longing for Christ and helps us respond to Christ's thirst for souls.

In our first reading from Exodus, the Israelites complain in their thirst for water, despite all God has done to free them from slavery. Yet when Moses cries out for help, God provides abundantly, bringing water from the rock to satisfy His people. The Lord's generosity did not end there. He continues to provide for us today, patiently meeting our needs again and again.

In today's Gospel, we hear the powerful encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, beginning with His simple request: "Give me a drink." He then tells her that He can offer living water — water that truly satisfies.

These words speak directly to us as well. Christ asks us to "give Him a drink" by sharing the gifts we have received with Him and with others for His sake. Yet it is Christ Himself who fills us, offering the living water of His grace.

God invites each of us to play a part in bringing others to Him through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, may we respond to that invitation with renewed commitment, offering our time, talent, and treasure so that many may come to know Christ. In doing so, we help to quench His thirst for souls. ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

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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

Marissa Ibarra Vincent Garza

Tereso O. Hernandez Lucy Herrera

Ignacia Hernandez Alleen Koch

Ramona Koch Cord Lassere

John Henry Martinez Tony Mendoza

Edda Tschirhart Jerry Neal

Milo Quintanilla Lorenzo Ortiz

Gloria Saucedo

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 - March 17, 2026

### 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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February 28/March 1, 2026

Mass Attendance 777

Regular Collection \$9,000.00

Children's Offering 180.00

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<https://www.givecentral.org/pew-card/941>

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### Upcoming Second Collections

**TODAY - March 8, 2026 - St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag Collection**

**March 15, 2026 - Catholic Relief Services**



## Mass Intentions

### March 9-15, 2026

#### Monday - March 9 - No Mass

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

#### Tuesday - March 10 - 7pm - Chapel

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

- 1) † Petra Garcia by Treviño Family
- 2) † Colby Heyen by Clay & Peggy Heyen
- 3) † Albert Morin by Mary Mendoza
- 4) Special Intention for Mitchell Louis Long in remembrance of his day of Baptism

#### Wednesday - March 11 - 8am - Chapel

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

- 1) In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Mary Mendoza

#### Wednesday - March 11 - 6pm(Spanish) - Chapel

Dt 4, 1. 5-9/Sal 146, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20/Mt 5, 17-19

- 1) † Albert Lopez, Sr. by Family

#### Thursday - March 12 - 8am - Chapel

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

- 1) St. John's Parish
- 2) **Friday - March 13 - 8am - Chapel**

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

- 1) † Millie Gonzales by Fred & Ellen Schueling

#### Saturday - March 14 - 6pm - Church

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

- 1) † Paul Lutz by Donnie & Donna Blue
- 2) † Santiago Rangel by his daughter Angelica
- 3) † Sergio Rodriguez by Jesus & Dalia Rodriguez&Fam
- 4) † Lillian Rios by Tonia Rios & Family
- 5) † Rosa & Candelaria Obregon by Tonia Rios& Fam

#### Sunday - March 15 - 7:45am(Spanish)- Church

1 Sm 16, 1. 6-7. 10-13/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Ef 5, 8-14/Jn 9, 1-41

- 1) † Ashley Cavazos by Family
- 2) † Guadalupe, Rosa & John Alvarez by Family
- 3) St. John's Parish

#### Sunday - March 15 - 10am - Church

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

- 1) † Rudy Moreno, Sr. by Siblings
- 2) † Barry Gear by Tim & Dorothy Favor
- 3) † Robert Anthony Flores 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, March 8:

- \*8:45am - Faith Formation - RE Building
- \*10am Mass - Children's Liturgy - Chapel

### Monday, March 9:

- \*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

### Tuesday, March 10:

- \*10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance
- \*7pm - Mass & Reflection with Fr. Babychan - Chapel

### Wednesday, March 11:

- \*4pm - Bible Study - Parish Hall Meeting Rm

### Thursday, March 12:

- Teen ACTS Retreat begins
- \*10:45am - St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. - RE Bldg
- \*7pm - Knights of Columbus - RE Bldg

### Friday, March 13:

- \*6pm - Stations of the Cross - Chapel

### Saturday, March 14:

- \*5pm - Confessions Church

### Sunday, March 15:

- Teen ACTS Homecoming
- 2pm - Baptism Prep Class - RE Bldg

### Adult Confirmation

St. John's will offer an Adult Confirmation class to prepare for Confirmation in May. The class is an intense 8-week study program that will begin **Monday, March 16 at 6 p.m in the Religious Education Building**. You can sign up at the first meeting. The class is for any Catholic adult who has been Baptized and received First Eucharist but still needs the third sacrament of Initiation – Confirmation.

For more information, please contact

Mary Jo Peters 830-426-1181 or the parish office.

## Schedule of Mass Ministry

### Saturday, March 14, 2026 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Randy Graff,  
Luis Ramos, James Schoellman

Commentator: Karen Moos

Lector: Patti Graff

Sacristan: Diane Mann

Extraordinary Ministers: Yvonne Stein,  
Jovita Aguilar, Theresa Gilliam

Altar Servers: Ann Wheaton,  
Charlotte Hubalik, Alicia Ramos

### Sunday, March 15, 2026 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Yolanda Requena

Ministers of Hospitality: Gabriel Rodriguez,  
Henry Torres, Jorge Rivera

Commentator: Maria Fernandez

Lector: Ruben Hernandez

Sacristan: Lorraine Garza

Extraordinary Ministers: Charlie Martinez,  
Janie Hernandez, Ephraim Rodriguez

Altar Servers: Cooper Pittman, Ava De Leon,  
Kenzlie Ytuarte

### Sunday, March 15, 2026 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Renae McNiel

Ministers of Hospitality: Steve Wilson, Joe Guajardo  
Paul Arredondo

Commentator: ACTS team

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: ACTS Team

Sacristan: Linda Fillingner

Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Beck, ACTS Team

Altar Servers: Amy Roberts, Ethan Campbell,  
Sarah Brooks

## Thank You to our Volunteers

March Altar Care:

Becky Garcia, Martha Tellez, Angie Gurrusqueta

Small Linens: Connie Muniz, Dolores Carrillo

Bingo: Lisa Barrios, Paul Tschirhart, Maria Rosales

Hospital Visitation: Becky Garcia, Lupe Ortega

### 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, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."  
*Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins donated by others.*  
 Thank you for your continued support!

## Lenten & Easter Services

### Stations of the Cross

each Friday of Lent at 6pm in the Chapel

### Lenten Reflections

March 10<sup>th</sup> During 7pm Mass - Chapel

March 18<sup>th</sup> During 6pm Mass in Spanish - Chapel

### Lenten Reconciliation Service

March 24, 2026 6:30pm

### Palm Sunday Weekend

Holy Mass & Blessing of Palms

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 7:45am (Spanish)

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00am

### Paschal Triduum

#### April 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Thursday

7:00pm Holy Mass

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

#### April 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday

1:45pm Way of the Cross led by Youth

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

#### April 4<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday

8:00pm Easter Vigil with Reception of the Elect

#### April 5<sup>th</sup>

Holy Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:45am (Spanish)

10:00am

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

## Happy Birthday!

- 3/9 Crystal Cameron, Colton Mann, Elaine Melton, Cyrena Ybarra
- 3/10 Sonya Alvarado, Leila Bader-Jones, Julianna Gonzales, Maricela Hernandez, Nathan Krawitz, Raquel Martinez, Rosie Mejia, Leslie Requena
- 3/11 Veronica Benavides, Eliana Bernal, Maria De Leon, Alani Gonzales, Javier Oranday, Louis Ruiz, Jared Ybarra
- 3/12 Cayden Laughlin, Roy Richardson, Alexia Rodriguez, Maurice Vine
- 3/13 Edgar Camacho, Annabel Deibler, Jon Micheal Garcia, Jeff Gonzales, Lilianna Mauleon, Michael Zambrano
- 3/14 Jovita Aguilar, Lorena Arcos, Nelda Garcia, Leonardo Lopez, James Wienecke
- 3/15 Camilla Alvarez, Rebecca Garcia, Rose Mary Mares, Christine Pedraza, Paul Rodriguez, Santos Ybarra

Reflexion de Cuaresma  
 Marzo 18<sup>th</sup> en la Capilla  
 a las  
 6 de la tarde.  
 "Confía en Dios... aun  
 cuando no entiendas"

El Padre Paul Melgarajo fue ordenado sacerdote el 15 de mayo de 2021. Sirvió en la Iglesia Católica St. Matthew en San Antonio por tres años bajo el liderazgo del Padre Eric Ritter. Proviene de una familia de tres hermanos; su hermana vive en Laredo y uno de sus hermanos en San Antonio. Su padre falleció hace tres años debido al COVID, y su mamá, Rosa, vive en San Antonio, a quien visita regularmente en su día libre.

Al Padre Paul le gusta correr cuatro millas tres veces por semana, hacer ejercicio y apoyar a los San Antonio Spurs. Sus devociones personales incluyen rezar el Santo Rosario—especialmente en latín a las 5:00 a.m.—y hacer novenas al Espíritu Santo. Su santo favorito es San Charbel, cuya vida de oración y soledad continúa inspirándolo a poner a Dios en el centro de la vida diaria.

### LENTEEN REFLECTION

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at

St. John the Evangelist Chapel at 6 pm

"Trust in God... even when you don't understand"

Return to the Lord:  
 Let Him Heal your heart.

Joel 2023

A Lenten Mass with Reflection from Fr. Babychan

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

7pm



Knights of Columbus Council 7163  
 Lenten Fish Fry

March 27, 2026 5:30pm - 6:30pm

\$10/plate St. John's Parish Hall

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