

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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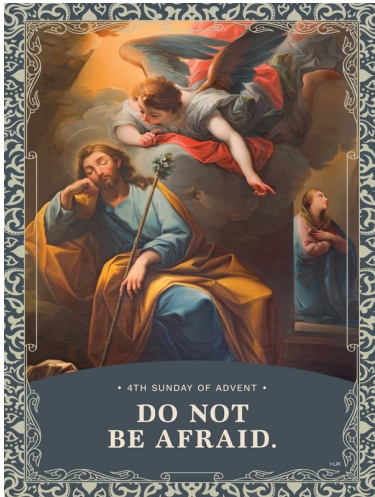
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December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



As our Advent preparations end and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel.

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God, who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

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Pastoral Council

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Next Meeting - Jan. 15, 2026



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Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

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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	Alleen 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.

Dec. 7/8, 2025

Mass Attendance 553

Regular Collection \$8,146.00

Children's Offering 135.00

Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales 1,582.50

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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

Christmas Masses - Assumption Seminary

January 4, 2026 - Black Bag for the Society of St. Vincent de Sales



Mass Intentions

December 22 - 28, 2025

Monday - December 22 - No Mass

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday - December 23 - 8am - Chapel

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

- 1) † Alfonso Treviño by Family

Wednesday - December 24 - 5pm - Church

Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

- 1) † Refugio Rios by Tonia Rios & Family
2) † Lupe Mares & Chilo Mares by Ysidro & Rose Mary Mares
3) † Gladys Stein by Wayne & Yvonne Stein
4) † Paul Lutz by Mary Ann Lutz

Midnight Mass - 12am - Church

Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

- 1) † Kenneth Fischer by Margaret Fischer

Thursday - December 25 - 9am (Bilingual) - Church

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

- 1) † Helen Vance by Zach & Amy Stein
2) † Tina Finger by Lorraine Lopez

Friday - December 26 - No Mass

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday - December 27 - 6pm - Church

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

- 1) † Larry Hermes by Aurline Tschirhart
2) Special Intention for Brady Clayton Hutto in Remembrance of his day of Baptism
3) St. John's Parish

Sunday - December 28 - 7:45am(Spanish)- Church

Ecl 3:2-6, 12-14/Sal 127, 1-2, 3, 4-5 /Col 3, 12-21o3, 12-17/Mt 2, 13-15, 19-23

- 1) † Agapito Contreras by Epifanio Contreras
2) † Rudy Moreno, Sr. by Siblings
3) † Jacqueline Garcia by Ernie & Eva Cortez

Sunday - December 28 - 10am - Church

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21o3, 12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

- 1) † Carlos Guedea by Lita Garcia
2) † Paul Lutz by Kay Heyen
3) † Deceased members of Cyril Van Damme by Cyril & Joyce Van Damme

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

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 21:

- *11:15 - Christmas Pageant Practice - Church
*2pm - Baptism Prep Class - RE Bldg.
*5:30pm - Posadas - Church grounds

Monday, December 22:

- *6pm Advent Penance Service
*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 23:

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

Wednesday, December 24:

Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 25:

Parish Offices Closed

Friday, December 26:

Saturday, December 27:

- *5pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, December 28:

- *After 10am Mass - Parish Family Gathering
"Potluck" at the Parish Hall

Prepare the way
for the Lord...



Advent
Penance Service

Monday, December 22, 2025 6pm in the church

We are pleased to announce that Assumption Seminary will be the beneficiary of the archdiocesan second collection at all Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day masses.

In preparation for this opportunity the Archdiocese has created a Christmas Appeal campaign, allowing parishioners the opportunity to make their second collection donation at any time during the month.

Assumption Seminary has formed priests for the Archdiocese of San Antonio and beyond for over 100 years. Help them keep the flame alive by your support to this special Christmas appeal campaign.

Thank you, Elaine Melton

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday, December 27, 2025 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud
Ministers of Hospitality: Fred Schueling,
Luis Ramos, Gizmo Freeman

Commentator: Theresa Gilliam

Lector: Rose Aelvoet

Sacristan: Diane Mann

Extraordinary Ministers: Ellen Schueling
Diane Mann, Tennille Lessing

Altar Servers: Cyley Lopez,

Penelope Rivera, Alicia Ramos

Sunday, December 28, 2025 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Yolanda Requena
Ministers of Hospitality: Henry Torres,
Gabriel Rodriguez, Augustine De Leon

Commentator: Ruben Hernandez

Lector: Yolanda Requena

Sacristan: Janie Hernandez

Extraordinary Ministers: Janie Hernandez,
Efrain Rodriguez, Mary Ann Garcia

Altar Servers: Lilliana Cahue, Julie Cahue

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Sunday, December 28, 2025 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Alda Barrera
Ministers of Hospitality: Glenn Sturm,
Clarence McNiel, Brett Hutto

Commentator: Rhonda Jolley

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: Aurora Crooks

Sacristan: Linda Fillinger

Extraordinary Ministers: Michelle Hutto, Judy Williams
Ashton Rogers, Kris Cardenaz

Altar Servers: Sky Naputi, A'Lizabeth Rogers,

Kinsey Rogers

Thank You to our Volunteers!

December Altar Care:

Ellen Schueling, Janet Bradley, Nancy Beck
Small Linens: Rose Scholtz, Denise Oefinger

Bingo: Randy & Patti Graff

Hospital Visitation: Aurline Tschirhart, Becky Garcia

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, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also come to know that "God is with us."

Thank you for your continued support!



Monday Night BINGO needs YOU!

All proceeds from BINGO go to our faith formation program

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!

12/22 Amanda Garcia, Vincent Garza, Jorday Hernandez, Antonio Leyva, Dustin Lilie, Jennifer Luna, Mario Monsivais, Elias Rios, Alazcie Vega

12/23 Heather Kirk, Garrett Van Damme

12/24 Theresa Aelvoet, Rosa Barrios, Anessa Garcia, Mary Ann Garcia, Joel Gonzales, Armando Martinez, Eva Rivera

12/25 Zachary Brooks, Mary Escamilla, Lionel Rodriguez, Donna Soliz

12/26 Jesse Alvarado, Arnulfa De Leon, Donna Soliz

12/27 Mickey Conde, Cassandra Frausto, David Frausto, Novarie Hernandez, Eric Torres, Yamileth Torres-Herrera

12/28 Maria Alaniz, David Bendele, Heidi Boehme, AJ Garza, Ariana Hernandez, Jose Requena, Maria Trujillo

St. John's Advent/Christmas Events

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

St. John's Holy Family Gathering

Please join us for a special parish gathering in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family.

The parish will provide the main course, and parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share as we come together in fellowship and community.

During the gathering, we will also be introducing an exciting new parish initiative: Circle of Faith. We look forward to sharing more about this effort to strengthen our parish family and deepen our spiritual connection. We hope you will join us for food, faith, and community!

AFTER 10 A.M. MASS
DECEMBER 28, 2025
Parish Hall



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.

If you are interested in serving on the Women's 2026 Acts Team

held on **August 6th-9th, 2026** please contact
St. John's Church office at 830-741-2236 or
Michele Rothe at 210-385-0206.

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