

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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"You also must be prepared,
 for at an hour you do not expect,
 the Son of Man will come."
 MATTHEW 24:44

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we begin the journey of Advent and enter into a new liturgical year. In the church, Advent is a preparation period extending over four weeks before the feast of Christmas. Advent comes from the Latin word *advenio*, which means 'to come to' and refers to the coming of Christ. During this season, we reflect on Christ's historical coming to this world two thousand years ago and His second coming at the end of time. On this first Sunday of Advent, the readings speak of readiness for the coming of Jesus Christ. In the first reading, we hear that God will establish His kingdom, and we must be ready to walk in the light of God. In the second reading, Paul warns us to be awake. In the gospel, Jesus warns us not to be unprepared, as people were in the days of Noah. This is a time to prepare for our Lord to come into our hearts.

Advent has also been known as a "little Lent," as the church invites us to spend more time in prayer, fasting, and good works. For most of us, Advent is a period of hectic activities that often threaten to produce more hassle than delight. Let this advent period be an opportunity for us to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus who stepped down from Heaven and took the form of a human being to save us and restore us to God. While preparing our homes and hearts for Christmas, remember that the Lord is among us. And His image is imprinted on all those we meet, the poor who does not have enough, the homeless person who has nowhere to go for Christmas, the prisoner who feels sad and depressed, and the lonely who feels hopeless. Can I see Christ in the people around me, particularly the marginalized? As we light the first candle on our advent wreath, let us be filled with the Hope we have in Christ and resolve to bring Hope to those around us. ~ Fr. Babychan MSFS

Parish Office Open M-F 9am-4pm
 Office Manager Vangie Pimentel
 Secretary Patti Graff
 Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman
 Custodian Tony Ortiz
 Religious Ed Office open M-F 9:30am-4pm
 DRE Sylvia Fernandez (Tues 10am-4pm)
 Office Clerk Kris Cardenaz
 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	Chris Cole
Tommie Bragdon	Riley Cole
Trina Cuellar	Kimberly Escamilla
Leila Fuentes	Vincent Garza
	Greg Guerra
John Henry Martinez	Nash McFarland
	Tony Mendoza
Jerry Mullans	Jerry Neal
	Milo Quintanilla
Anna Reyes	Jerry Robles
	Elsie Rothe
Jennifer Rothe	Gonzalo Torres
	Joe Ventura, Jr.
Darlene Wiemers	Daniel Willman

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.).

CONTRIBUTIONS November 13, 2022

Weekly Parish Goal: \$7,000

Mass Offering	\$6,362.75
Children's Offering	185.00
Building Maintenance	215.00
St. Vincent de Paul	1,360.00



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
 December 4, 2022 - Black Bag for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 December 11, 2022 - Retired Men & Women Religious

Mass Intentions

November 28 - December 4, 2022

MONDAY - November 28 - no Mass

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY - November 29 - Chapel:

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

- 1) † Alfonso Treviño by Joe & Erna Balzen
- 2) † Wayne Cheney by Diane Cheney

WEDNESDAY - November 30 - 8 am - Chapel:

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

- 1) † Petra Garcia by Treviño Family
- 2) Special Intention for Randy Graff

WEDNESDAY - Nov. 30 - 6pm(Spanish) - Chapel:

Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22

- 1) † Guillermo Hernandez by Lupe Hernandez
- 2) † Carolina Perez by Cindilee Cordova

THURSDAY - December 1 - 8am - Chapel:

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

- 1) † Juanita & Tereso Hernandez by Lupe Hernandez
- 2) † Florentino Garcia by Family
- 3) Special Intention for Conrad McKaskle by Vacieanna Berry

FRIDAY - December 2 - 8am - Chapel:

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

- 1) † Eva Garcia by Connie Muñoz
- 2) Special Intention for Olin Gilliam

SATURDAY - December 3 - 6:00pm - Church:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

- 1) † Isaa Morin by Family
- 2) † Elton Lutz by Joe & Erna Balzen
- 3) † Frank Sandoval by Ed & Dina Gorgell

Sunday - December 4 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church:

Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

- 1) † Paublita Galindo by Family
- 2) † Hector Baez by Torres Family
- 3) Living & Deceased Members of Guadalupana Society

SUNDAY - December 4 - 10 am - Church:

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

- 1) † Neil Aaron by Charlotte Aaron
- 2) † Ronnie Ulbrich by 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, November 27:

- *No RE Classes
- *10am Youth Mass
- Jr. High Youth Gathering after Mass

Monday, November 28:

- *7pm - BINGO - Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 29:

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

Wednesday, November 30:

- *6pm - RE Classes

Thursday, December 1:

- *8:30am - Adoration - Chapel
- *10am - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

Saturday, December 3:

- *5pm - Confession - Church

Sunday, December 4:

- *8:45am - RE Classes
- *4pm - Parish Gathering & Dinner - Parish Hall

Week 1 Hope

Reminds us... Jesus is coming

Bible verse Romans 15:12-13

Week 2 Faith

Reminds us... To prepare the way of the Lord

Bible verse Luke 3:4-6

Week 3 Joy

Reminds us... The joy at the coming birth of Jesus

Bible verse Luke 2:10

Week 4 Peace

Reminds us... "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favours"

Bible verse Luke 2:14

What do we remember each week of Advent?

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Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday December 3, 2022 6pm

Rosary Leader: Mark Urby

Ministers of Hospitality: James Schoellman,
Luis Ramos, Charlie Arcos

Commentator: Tennille Lessing

Lector: Forrest Shannon

Sacristan: Mark Urby

Extraordinary Ministers: Julie Urby,

Veronica Valenzuela, Rose Mary Mares,
Russ Renaud

Altar Servers: Anthony Knight,

Victoria Fuentes, Julia Fuentes

Sunday December 4, 2022 7:45am

Rosary Leader: Frances Cordova

Ministers of Hospitality: Fernie Rodriguez
Henry Torres, Ray Ybarra

Commentator: Yolanda Requena

Lector: Frances Cordova

Sacristan: Diane Ybarra

Extraordinary Minister: Dolores Carrillo,
Diane Ybarra, Efrain Rodriguez

Altar Servers:

Sunday December 4, 2022 10am

Rosary Leader: Aurora Crooks

Ministers of Hospitality: Joe Guajardo,
Edgar Camacho, Roger Lopez

Commentator: Kelly Howard

Lector: Michele Mechler Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Theresa Gilliam

Extraordinary Ministers: Renae McNiel,

Elaine Melton, Dense Oefinger,
Kris Cardenaz, Linda Ulbrich

Altar Servers: Ava De Leon, Sarah Brooks,

Hilario Garcia

Thank You to our Volunteers!

Altar Care: Sylvia Dominguez, Oralia Martinez, Linda Martinez
 Linens: Janie Benavides, Dalia Rodriguez
 December Altar Care: Ellen Schueling, Janet Bradley, Nancy Beck
 Small Linens: Rose Scholtz, Kathy Bendele
 BINGO - Debra Graff, Luis Ramos,
 Patti Graff, Randy Graff



Youth Ministry will gather
Wednesday, November 30th at 7:30pm
 Come join friends in faith-filled activities,
 fellowship and fun!

Youth Mass November 27, 2022 10am



St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

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.

Opportunities to Share

St. John's Christmas Angel Tree 2022



Angels are on the Christmas Tree in the church entrance. If you would like to provide a gift for a child whose parents are unable to do so, please take an angel from the tree. You will find the name, age, clothing size of a child. Please give the child a nice, NEW toy or two, and new clothes if you wish. Bring the UNWRAPPED gift to the Parish Office with the Angel Tag attached. Gifts are due in the parish office by December 12th.

★ **Community Care Gift Project**

There are also a number of gold stars on the Christmas Tree. If you would like to help sponsor gifts for the residents at Community Care Center, you can take a star from the tree. All you need to do is return the star, along with \$20 to the Parish Office. This money will be used to provide gifts to all the residents at Community Care. These donations are due in the parish office by December 12th.

The Medina County Food Pantry

The Pantry will have a holiday food box distribution in December. Their greatest needs are boxed mashed potatoes, canned green beans, corn, yams and brown gravy packets. These or any other non-perishable items can be placed in the donation box in our church entrance.

Thank you for helping others to have a Happy Holiday!



A.C.T.S.

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat

February 2 - 5, 2023

Director Anthony Bernal

Co-Director Henry Lutz

\$50 non-refundable deposit Total fee \$185

Happy Birthday!

- 11/28 Amily Benavides, Claudia Dominguez, Randy Flores, Dora Guerra Perez, Aaryn Leyva, Julio Obregon, Krystal Tyus, Leonel Zambran
- 11/29 Gage Cross, Jose De La Cruz, Ryan Garza, Jonathan Gonzalez, Brandon Jasso, Luis Rivera, Eddie Tapia
- 11/30 Christopher Gonzales, Randy Graff, Veronica Trinidad Herrera, Delia Martinez, Makylie Pena, Rebecca Rodriguez, Sherlin Torres-Herrera,
- 12/1 Guillermo Gallegos, Rojelio Gonzales, David Guedea, Rosalee Moreno, Juan Peinado, Mindy Sanchez, Joe Valenzuela
- 12/2 Brittany Duplessis, Olivia-Bess Garza, Angel Hernandez, Jessica Luna, Robert Purvis, Jonathan Velasquez, Jaelee Villarreal
- 12/3 Javen Aguirre, Lindsey Campbell, Adam Lopez, Kaitlynn Mendez
- 12/4 Mailan Conchas, Victor Elizondo, Easton Graff, Norma Gutierrez, Fernando Herrera, Dulce Leyva, Kiara Montalvo, Gregory Muennink, Mirage Rodriguez, Trisha Salazar

All are invited . . .
 Come join your parish family at a
Parish Gathering and Dinner!
 Sunday, December 4, 2022 4pm Parish Hall
 Meal will be provided.
 Let's gather to share in the joy of the Advent Season.

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." ~ Pope Benedict XVI

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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.

