

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

500 E. Travis Street

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All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27



Todos quedaron estupefactos y se preguntaban: "¿Qué es esto? ¿Qué nueva doctrina es ésta? Este hombre tiene autoridad para mandar hasta a los espíritus inmundos y lo obedecen". - Mc 1, 27

JANUARY 28, 2024 / 28 DE ENERO DE 2024

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am (Spanish) & 10:00 am

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 am

## RECONCILIATION/CONFESSON

Saturday 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm  
Wednesday after 8:00 am Mass

## THURSDAY ADORATION

begins with 8:00 am Daily Mass - concludes at 11 pm

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## OFFICE HOURS

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## FACEBOOK

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### Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me. "Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — *Why? How?* — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

*"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"*

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95:7*

### Reconoce a Dios en tus Momentos Ordinarios

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### ¿Qué Tienes que ver Conmigo, Jesús de Nazaret?

Inevitablemente, cuando leemos la historia del Jardín del Edén, mis hijos intentan imaginar cómo sería la vida si Adán y Eva no hubieran pecado contra Dios.

"¿Tendrás que ir a la escuela?" me preguntan. "¿Nos enfermaríamos? ¿Podríamos comer lo que quisieramos? ¿Nos haríamos mayores?"

Les digo que lo único que sé con seguridad acerca de un mundo sin pecado es que seríamos más felices. Puedo ver confusión en sus caras. ¿Por qué? ¿Cómo? — pero no tengo ninguna de las respuestas concretas que quieren. No sé cómo describir una felicidad que no ha sido tocada por el pecado.

En el momento en que el pecado entró en el mundo, estalló un abismo entre Dios y la humanidad. Ahora hay un espacio entre la humanidad y lo divino, un vacío cavernoso y aparentemente infranqueable al que Dios nos llama sin cesar. Y como estamos perdidos en la oscuridad y miserables, en lugar de seguir su voz cuando la escuchamos, respondemos: "¿Qué quieres?"

*"¿Qué tienes que ver con nosotros, Jesús de Nazaret?"*

¡Sabía el espíritu inmundo, cuando gritó hace miles de años en Cafarnaúm, que estaba dando voz a una pregunta que definía la condición humana! Son palabras de un demonio, sí, pero también son mis palabras. Mucho, mucho más a menudo de lo que quisiera admitir, cuando Dios me busca, miro Su mano con contemplación y confusión. Cuando estoy lidiando con un problema o un pecado que me abruma, una y otra vez olvido que ya conozco la solución.

La tragedia del pecado original no es que vivamos en un mundo donde no podemos comer lo que queremos, donde envejecemos, enfermamos y morimos. La tragedia del pecado es que hemos olvidado cómo ser felices. Miramos a la felicidad y pensamos: "¿Quéquieres de mí?"

*"Si oís hoy su voz, no endurezcáis vuestro corazón." —Salmo 95:7*

### DIOCESE OF AUSTIN PRIESTS' RETREAT

January 29 - February 2, 2024

Father Kurtis will be joining other Diocesan Priests at a Priests' Retreat, this week from January 29 thru February 2. Therefore there will NOT be any Daily Masses held nor will there be Thursday Adoration on Thursday, February 1st.

### SUNDAY BREAKFAST \* JANUARY SCHEDULE

1st Sunday, 1/07 - Catechists

2nd Sunday, 1/14 - Guadalupana Society

3rd Sunday, 1/21 - Knights of Columbus

**4th Sunday, 1/28 - St. Vincent de Paul**



### COME PRAY THE ROSARY

Every Monday

@ 5:30 pm in the Church

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Every Sunday @ 9:30 am before the 10 am Mass

(Recited by the Knights of Columbus)

### ST. JOHN YOUTH GROUP

The St. John Youth Group will be raising money for our Youth to attend the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) in Waco, TX on February 2 - 4, 2024.

### DCYC SUPER BOWL DRAWING

The Youth group will be sponsoring a Super Bowl Drawing starting December 30-31 through January until all 100 tickets are sold. The tickets are \$20 each and the payout for each quarter is \$150.

Come join St. John Youth Group for fun, faith, and fellowship on January 18, 2024, in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm. All youth in 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited.

### CRE NEWS & UPDATE

First Penance Retreat

Saturday, January 27, 2024

9 am - 12 noon

### ST. MONICA'S GROUP

Do you have someone in your family who has left the faith? Do you worry about those loved ones?

Come Join St. Monica's Group, and pray for those who need to Come Home to the Catholic Church.

We will meet every other month on the last Sunday after the 10 am Mass.

All Ladies of the Parish are invited to come join us this Sunday, January 28th for prayer and fellowship.



**Saturday, January 27 "St. Angela Merici"**

Rdgs: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Mass: 5:30 pm** Earl Moore† (Joyce Franke)**Sunday, January 28 "4th Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

Rdgs: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**Mass: 8:00 am** Elizabeth Bustamante† (Beatrice Campos Longoria)  
 Jacinto Mendez Palacio† (Jaime Mendez Oreon)  
**10:00 am** James Miller† (BD) (Anneliese Miller)  
 James E.† & Janelle Reed† (Randy & Connie Thomas)

**Monday, January 29**

Rdgs: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

**No Mass**

\* No Daily Mass will be held January 30 - February 2 \*  
 Father Kurtis will be attending a Priests' Retreat

**Tuesday, January 30**

Rdgs: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday, January 31 "St. John Bosco"**

Rdgs: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 1**

Rdgs: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday, February 2 "The Presentation of the Lord" (World Day for Consecrated Life")**

Rdgs: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Saturday, February 3 "Saint Blaise; St. Ansgar"**

Rdgs: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

**Mass: 8:00 am** Earl Moore† (Family)**Sunday, February 4 "5th Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

Rdgs: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Mass: 8:00 am** Todas las almas (Family Hernandez)**10:00 am** For the Parish

(Masses are subject to change to a later date)



**BURNING OF SANCTUARY LIGHT  
JANUARY 2024**  
**PARA LA FAMILIA LOPEZ-ROQUE**

Offered By: Seferino y Maria Lopez

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT****January 9 - 22****Collections**

1st Collection (01/14).....	\$2,851.00
1st Collection (01/21).....	\$4,038.00

**Other Income**

Sunday Breakfast (Guadalupanas).....	\$434.00
Candles.....	\$101.00
DCYC Fundraiser.....	\$933.75
Coke Machine.....	\$204.00

**With God All Things Are Possible!****February 3 & 4****Lectors****Sat. 5:30 pm** Robert Hochstein**Eucharistic Ministers**

Cody Kutack

**Sun. 8:00 am** Lucy Chapman

Armando Perales

**Sun. 10:00 am** Evelyn Hernandez

Maria Aguayo

**Acolytes****Sat. 5:30 pm** Cody Kutac**Altar Servers**John Kutac  
Lucas Reyes**Sun. 8:00 am** Armando PeralesLizette Castillo  
Jeanette Castillo**Sun. 10:00 am** Juan RiosRyan Bujnoch  
Addison Bujnoch**Hospitality Ministers****Sat. 5:30 pm** Stephen Netardus / Maggie Netardus**Sun. 8:00 am** Sixto Estrada / Manuel Tello**Sun. 10:00 am** Michael & Amanda Ramirez**\*\*FOR YOUR INFORMATION\*\*****Baptisms / Bautizos:**

One class is required for parents and sponsors! The next English Baptismal Class will be Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 11:30 am in CRE Classroom 3. Limited seating, no children.

**¡Se requiere una clase para los padres y patrocinadores! La próxima Clase de Bautismo es domingo 7 de enero de 2024, a 11:30 am en el Salón. Asientos limitados, sin niños.**

**Marriage/Bodas**

A six-months to one-year notice is required, please call the Church office to meet with the Pastor.

**De 6-meses a un año de antemano. Llama a la Oficina.**

**Quinceañera Celebration / Celebrando Tus XV Años**

A six months to one-year notice is required, for a Quinceañera the family must be registered in the parish and the 14 year old must be already enrolled and attending CRE Classes the year before and the year of, to be eligible to celebrate in the church. Please call the Church Office to meet with the Pastor.

**Se requiere un aviso de seis meses a un año, para una quinceañera la familia debe registrarse en la parroquia y los 14 años de edad deben estar ya inscritos y asistir a las clases de CRE el año anterior y el año de, para ser elegibles para celebrar en la iglesia. Por favor llame a la oficina de la iglesia para reunirse con el pastor.**

**St. John's Website & Facebook**

Please visit our website: [www.stjohnluling.com](http://www.stjohnluling.com) & Facebook, Church: StJohn TheEvangelist CRE: St. John's Catholic Religious Education-Luling



Kirby Adams & Family, Johnny Alvarez, Connie Avant, Luke Branyon, Nicole Bujnoch, David Cardenas, Belinda Castilleja, Robert Cavanagh, Keith Conley, Lincoln Contreras, Donna Culton, Richard Dittrich, Reina Flores, Juanita Gonzales, Johnny Gonzales, Patrick Hebert, John Houeye, Joni Krueger, Alex Lopez, Mario Lopez, III, Paul Lopez, Mary Helen Magallanez, Fr. Adam Martinez, Daniel Medina, Janie Meraz, Valerie Moore, Daniel Morales, Gabriel Mujica, Cris & Lucy Oliva, Janice Page, Irma Rios, Cassandra Rios, Alex Rodriguez, Antonia Rodriguez, Isidra Rodriguez, Elijah Rodriguez, Della Salazar, Otilia Santos, Mary Schuh, Virginia Suarez, BriAnne VanBalen Helen Vara and Margaret Yarborough.

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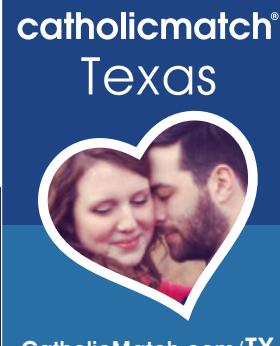
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