

# St. John the Evangelist

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## Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Spanish Mass: 2:00 PM

Weekday Masses:

Monday—Friday 7:00 AM

Weekday Adoration:

Every Friday following Mass

7:30 AM-8:30 AM

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Confession:

30 minutes before Vigil Mass

And anytime by request

all the other Masses

First Friday Adoration

7 AM - 5 PM

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:

8:30 AM—10:30 AM

Confession, Mass, Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,  
Meditation and Benediction



FEBRUARY 28, 2021

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was transfigured before them,  
and his clothes became dazzling white.

Mark 9:2-3

Pray  
For Peace



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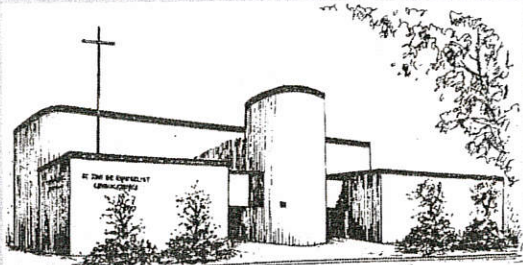
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If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday



Wednesday / January 13

6:00 PM

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: 4:00 PM +Maria Nguyen Ngoc Dien

Sunday: 8:00 AM + Mackie Fayard (Special Intention)

10:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM +Mary Borzik

Monday: 7:00 AM +Dale Hoda

12:00 PM +Martita Pierce

Tuesday: 7:00 AM +Waynette Smith

12:00 PM +Poor souls in purgatory

Wednesday: 7:00 AM +James Garrett

12:00 PM +Willidora Kremer

Thursday: 7:00 AM Paulette Garton (Special Intention)

12:00 PM Fr Satish (Special Intention)

Friday: 7:00 AM +Kaleel Salloum, Sr.

12:00 PM +James Kaigler, Sr.

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Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or other life challenges.

John Atwood	Dan Goad	Bernard Papania
Mary Ann Bishop	Jordan Hoang	Colette Quigley
Andy Borga	Werner Huber	Colette Marissa
Dean Bowles	Kory Hudson	Quigley
Harriett Bowles	Bill Jones	Peggy Ryland
Suzanne Bowles	Kent Killegrew	Skip Ryland
Garry Cooper	Suzanne King	Joan Sample
Ed Croal	Doug Kirk	Peg Saxon
Ronnie Cuevas	John Knight	Don Schiffrer
Mimi Davis	Linda Langenbach	Vicki Smith
Carolyn Fayard	Betty Martin	Charlie Underwood
Marcia Flag	Rhonda Mires	Erma Wilson
Julie Foster	Carolyn McClellan	
Angel Garcia	Helena Nichols	Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist
Alan Goad	Judy Northrup	

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

### Happy Birthday blessings are extended to:

Zach Larkin, Jane McDaniel, Jaliyah Sumrall March 1, Don Enroth March 2, Clara Voisin March 3, Paul Manuel, Charles Smith, David Robinson March 6.

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!



The 2021 Offering Envelopes are now available for pick up. They are located on the table in the Memorial Room and are listed alphabetically by family name. If you would like envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

### Children's Activity Guides

These guides go along with the Sunday readings. If you have children, please see an usher to obtain a

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Church Renovation \$560

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### Notice for Contributions

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Your support is graciously appreciated!



### Adult Faith Formation

Credo sessions are open to all parishioners and are held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in Presentation Hall.



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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

## A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the "history of salvation" narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today's story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week's Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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## FEAST OF FAITH

### The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words "Let us pray," followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a "collect" because it gathers or "collects" the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or "Let us pray"; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, "yes," "may it be so," making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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### Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

"Come together in common, one and all without exception in charity, in one faith and in one Jesus Christ, who is of the race of David according to the flesh, the son of man, and the Son of God, so that with undivided mind you may obey the bishop and the priests, and break one Bread which is the medicine of immortality and the antidote against death, enabling us to live forever in Jesus Christ."

—"Letter to the Ephesians", paragraph 20, c. 80-110 A.D.

### CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENT

If you would like a charitable contributions statement for filing your taxes, please contact the Parish Office by telephone or email.



### Did You Know?

Over 50% of all adults neglect to make out a Last Will and Testament; and of those who have one, many do not keep it up to date. Think about getting your will made or having it reviewed – it provides a plan for distributing your hard-earned estate. And while you're at it, please consider helping St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church through a bequest. In addition, stocks and bonds, especially if appreciated in value over the years, can cost you or your heirs a lot of capital gains taxes, but they can also make substantial gifts to St. John. Please

## YEAR of ST. JOSEPH

### A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]" he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph," on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



### 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal--

#### "Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us"

In today's Scripture, the Lord tests Abraham's faith by asking a great sacrifice from him. Abraham prepares to offer his son to God out of complete love and faith. For his faith, he is rewarded as the father of a great nation being blessed and protected, becoming a blessing to others with great kings among his descendants. Many of our brothers and sisters in our diocese suffer the hardships of homelessness, hunger, depression, and despair. Although we cannot always minister to them directly, we can, in faith, be a blessing to them by supporting the programs that minister to them through the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Please consider helping us "Witness to the Eucharist Within Us" by giving a generous gift to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. Pledge envelopes are available in the pew or in the back of the church. Thank you!

## YEAR of the EUCHARIST

### Prayer over the Offerings

After the presentation of the gifts, the priest bows towards the altar and says an inaudible prayer. There are various moments when the priest says inaudible prayers during the Mass. In this occasion he says, "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God." **It is an important moment because it manifests that when the priest celebrates the Mass, he is praying, not just repeating mechanical gestures, but rather speaking with God.**

Eucharistic Prayer ( *Preface, Eucharistic prayer, Acclamation, Memorial Acclamation, Anamnesis-remembering, Oblations, Intercession, Doxology* )  
Communion rite (The Lord's prayer, The rite of Peace, Breaking of the Bread, Commingling rite, Communion, Prayer after Communion)

This word comes from two Latin words "pre" "factum", which literally means "before the act". It is called this because it is immediately before the most important act of the whole Mass: the Eucharistic Prayer, all the prayers which surround the moment of consecration. In the preface, there is a dialogue with the priest, "Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." In the preface we give thanks to God, we recognize his acts of love and we praise him. All of this truly elevates our hearts. **That is the interior attitude to which the liturgy guides us, elevating the heart to be ready for the most important moment: when Christ makes himself present with his Body and Blood.** This is why Pope Benedict said: "We ought to lift our hearts up to the Lord not just as a ritual response, but rather as an expression of that which succeeds in a heart which lifts itself and draws others with it."



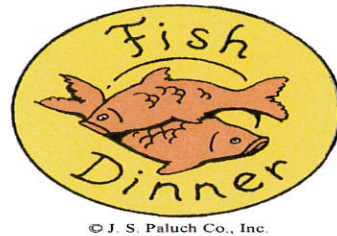


## Lenten Schedule of Activities and Opportunities for Grace

**Daily Mass:** Monday- Friday at 7:00 am & 12:00 noon

**Stations of the Cross** - (English) Fridays at 6:00 pm

**Stations of the Cross** (Spanish) - Fridays at 7:00 pm



**Fish Fry - Fridays during Lent from 5:00 - 7:30 PM (Presentation Hall)**

**Penance Service** – Monday, March 29 at 6:00 pm

**Holy Thursday**, April 1 at 7:00 pm



**Good Friday Stations of Cross** – April 2 at 2:00 pm in the church

**Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion** – April 2 at 3:00 pm

**Easter Vigil** - Saturday, April 3, 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass, (whole liturgy with 12 readings)

**Easter** - Sun, Apr. 4 - Masses at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and Spanish Mass at 2:00 pm 5:00 pm



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