

St John Neumann, C. S. S.R.
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Welcome to ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH

102 W. Hillside Rd. Laredo, Texas 78041

Parish Website: <http://www.sjneumannlaredo.org> Facebook: Sjn Laredo

Rev. Fr. Salvador Pedroza, Pastor
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Rev. Fr. Jose Luis Balderas, Retired, Priest in Residence
Rev. Deacon Gerardo Morales

Office: (956) 726-9488 Fax 726-0540 Office Hours: Mondays 10AM-6PM Tues. - Fri. 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 PM Vigil (Español)

Sunday: 9:00 AM (English)
12:00 Noon (English)
2:30 PM (Español)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tues. & Thurs - 12:15PM (Spanish)

Weds. & Fri. - 12:15 PM (English)

Reconciliation (Confesiones)

Saturday: 4:00 – 5:30 PM & by appt.

Parents, please be sensitive to the other parishioners. If your baby or child becomes restless, is speaking loudly or is noisy during the Mass, please take them outside to the hallway or to the Chapel.

Padres, por favor sean sensibles a los demás feligreses. Si su bebé o niño (a) se pone inquieto o hace ruido durante la Santa Misa, por favor llévelo afuera al pasillo o a la capilla.

Attention: Please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones & media devices before entering the church.

Parish Office Staff

Admin. Assistant-Nina Valdez Ext. 15
sec@sjnlaredo.org

Bookkeeper- Nedina Morales Ext. 11
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Faith Formation (CCD) Ext. 13
Linda Villarreal
cre@sjnlaredo.org

Bulletin and Announcements

Deadline is the Tuesday, prior to publication date.
Send to: sec@sjnlaredo.org

Weddings

Arrangements need to be made with the pastor 6 months prior to the planned wedding date. *Do not make any wedding arrangements prior.*

Baptisms

Prior to scheduling a Baptism, parents must schedule an appointment for an interview with Fr. Pedroza with the parish office.

Parish Mission Statement

We, the community of St. John Neumann, desire to guide all souls toward God. This we accomplish by evangelizing through our ministries. Our liturgical celebrations center around the Eucharist.

Our Vision

We seek to become a spiritual home where God's love for us and our love for Him abounds freely and within an atmosphere of brotherhood and good will.

Nuestra Misión Parroquial

Nosotros, la comunidad de St. John Neumann, deseamos guiar a todas las almas a Dios. Logramos esto evangelizando a través de nuestros ministerios. Nuestras celebraciones litúrgicas están centradas en La Eucaristía.

Nuestra Visión

Deseamos convertirnos en un hogar espiritual donde el amor de Dios por nosotros y nuestro amor por El abunde libremente dentro de un ambiente de buena voluntad y de hermandad.

*Welcome to our
Parish!*

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers

Alejandra Garza (956) 236-3885
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Altar Society

Annalinda Davila (956) 740-2921

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Miguel Angel Rios (956) 236-1248

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URGENT MESSAGE FROM FR. PEDROZA TO ALL MINISTRIES!

If you wish to use the parish halls, classrooms and or kitchen for your events and meetings, please contact the parish office to see if the date and room is available. I ask that you assign someone to ensure that the air conditioners and lights have been turned off and that the doors are LOCKED when you leave. If the kitchen was used, that it be left clean and the trash thrown. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND NEEDS OF:

Olga Alvarado	Jose S. Avila	Teresita Cantu
J. J. Castillo	Jose Luis Castro	Judy D. Castro
Albert Cortez	Albert I. Cortez	Juanita S. Cortez
Carmen Delgado	S. Ewing	Lyndal Flores
Diana S. Garza	Sara S. Garza	Ana Laura Gonzalez
C.J. Guevara	Kendra Gutierrez	Juan Hernandez
Ruby Hernandez	Sandra Hernandez	Karina Herrera
Agustin Maldonado	Marta Maldonado	
Freddy & Yoli Martinez	Norma & Arturo Martinez	
Jeannie C. Ochoa	Alfredo Ortiz	Magdalena Perez
Gilberto Piñon	Lucero Rangel	Socorro Rangel
Nora Reyes	Irma Reyna	Karina Rios
Julio Rivera		
Teresita Sifuentes	Desiree Silva & Fam.	Vitor Teniente
Diana Torres	Ma.Josefina Torres	Leti Valdez

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Show your mercy to your flock, by your healing grace, make them whole again. Grant them the gift of faith and hope so that they may always believe in you and your Word. Teach us to take time to thank you every day and ask for your guidance. Amen



The Altar Flowers this weekend are for the special intentions of the *Montemayor Family*



The Sanctuary Candle this weekend is for for the restored health of *Freddy and Yoli Martinez* by George Wirsching



Late Registration for 2023-2024 CCD Year
Faith Formation Office
Mon-Thurs, 1:30pm-6:30pm

Please note that the parent packets must be filled out, completed and signed. All required documents must be turned in, and the required fee of \$50.00 per child must be paid upon registering the student. Parents are responsible for collecting and turning in the required forms.

Classes this year will be held on Sundays!

Miss Linda Lucila Villarreal

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, September 2, 2023, 6:00 PM

Eliazar C. Morales - Birthday Blessings
Freddy and Yoli Martinez - Salud
† Dra. Yolanda Mata Rios

Sunday, September 3, 2023

9:00 a.m. Freddy & Yoli Martinez - Health
† Marco G. Castillo

12:00 p.m. † Sylvina Molina
† Amelia A. Molina
† Ramon and † Hortencia Ortiz

2:30 p.m. Pueblo de Dios

Monday, September 4, 2023 - No Mass

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

12:15 p.m. Maricela Molina - Int Especial
† Benditas Animas del Purgatorio
† Maria Antonia Herrera Gonzalez

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

12:15 p.m. Marisol Medina - Special Int
† Javier Montemayor Sr.
Thursday, September 7, 2023
12:15 p.m. Familia Caballero - Intención Esp.
† Benditas Animas del Purgatorio
† Elias and † Alicia Martinez

Friday, September 8, 2023

12:15 p.m. † Frank Miller
† Marco G. Castillo
† Trinidad Cano and † Ramon Lomas Jr.

ADULT SACRAMENT CLASS

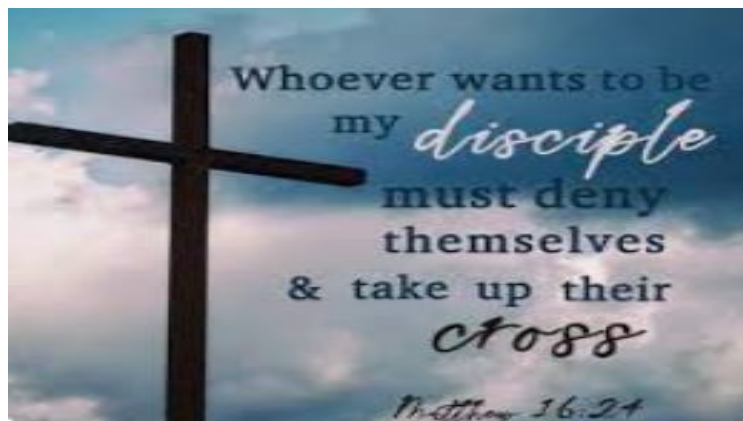
STARTS: September 21, 2023
TIME: 6:00PM — 7:00 PM
MUST BE: 18 years old and older

Class will be in English

For more information, and to register, please call Miss Linda Villarreal at 726-9488 ext: 13
2PM - 6PM, Monday to Friday



♦ LAST	WEEK'S OFFERING	
Daily	\$ 181.11	Sat. 6:00 PM \$ 1,349.00
		Sun. 9:00 AM \$ 1,248.00
		Sun. 12:00 PM \$ 871.00
Online Giving	\$ 570.00	Sun. 2:30 PM \$ 830.00
EXPENSES THIS WEEK	\$ 8,890.14	TOTAL \$ 5,049.11



Today's Gospel Reflection – Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in [last week's Gospel](#). Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

Reflexión del Evangelio de hoy – Mateo 16, 21-27

Jesús habla de su Pasión y reprende a Pedro por su objeción.

El Evangelio de hoy continúa la historia que comenzó en [el Evangelio de la semana pasada](#). Simón Pedro fue llamado la "roca" sobre la cual Jesús construiría su Iglesia y, sin embargo, Pedro continúa mostrando las limitaciones de su comprensión de la identidad de Jesús. Ahora que los discípulos han reconocido que Jesús es el Mesías, Jesús les confía el resultado de su ministerio: debe sufrir y morir en Jerusalén para resucitar al tercer día. Pedro rechaza esta predicción y Jesús lo reprende severamente, llamándolo "Satanás". Al oponerse a este aspecto de la misión de Jesús, Pedro muestra que ya no habla basándose en la revelación de Dios sino como un ser humano. Luego, Jesús enseña a todos los discípulos sobre el difícil camino del discipulado: ser discípulo de Cristo es seguir su camino de la cruz.

Pedro aún no podía entender lo que significaba llamar a Jesús el Mesías. Es poco probable que los otros discípulos entendieran mejor. Las expectativas mesiánicas eran un aspecto común del judaísmo del primer siglo. Bajo la ocupación romana, muchos en Israel esperaban y oraban para que Dios enviara un Mesías para liberar a los judíos de la opresión romana. La opinión común era que el Mesías sería una figura política, un rey que liberaría a Israel del dominio romano. Esto es quizás lo que Pedro imaginó cuando fue inducido a reconocer a Jesús como el Mesías. En este pasaje, sin embargo, Jesús comienza a enseñar a sus discípulos que él sería el Mesías de una manera diferente.

Jesús se parecería más al siervo sufriente descrito por el profeta Isaías que al libertador político. Aquellos que fueran discípulos de Jesús serían llamados a una vida de servicio similar. Quizás esto sea lo que más temía Pedro en la predicción de Jesús sobre su Pasión. Aquel a quien Jesús había llamado "roca" también sería llamado a ofrecerse en sacrificio y servicio a los demás. Los líderes cristianos de hoy todavía están llamados a sacrificarse y servir a los demás como lo hizo Jesús.



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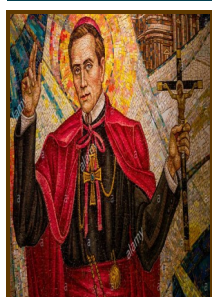
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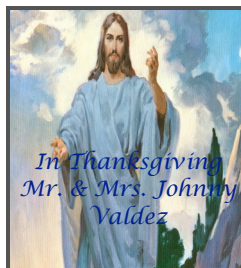
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ST. JOHN NEUMANN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Parishioners, starting next weekend, we will be distrib-
uting ticket books for our upcoming annual fundraiser
raffle to be held on Sunday, November 5th, after our
noon Mass. We have raffle prizes of \$3,500 in gift cards,
a ready to cook cabrito, a weekend getaway, a parril-
lada, a pearl necklace, a ladies handbag plus several
other prizes. The tickets are \$5.00 each.

We need everyone to help us make this fundraiser a suc-
cess. Our SJN Parish needs your support and coopera-
tion. All proceeds will benefit our parish due to the gen-
erosity of parishioners that have donated all the prizes.

Thank you in advance. Who knows, you could be
holding the winning ticket!

Catholic Sharing Appeal
As of July 2023

Saint John Neumann
Church

Parish Goal: \$34,333.00

Total Amount Pledged: \$28,594.00

Total Amount Received: \$15,119.00

Total Number of Pledges: 113

*“El que quiera venir
detrás de mí, que
renuncie a sí mismo,
que cargue con su
cruz y me siga”*



Mateo 16, 24

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