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Welcome to ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH

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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

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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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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:

Jose S. Avila	Rev. Jose Luis Balderas	Teresita Cantu
J. J. Castillo	Jose Luis Castro	Judy D. Castro
Albert Cortez	Albert I. Cortez	Carmen Delgado
Rosa Ma. De Llano		Sara S. Garza
Ana Laura Gonzalez	C.J. Guevara	
Juan Hernandez	Sandra Hernandez	Karina Herrera
Fr. Luis Mares	Freddy & Yoli Martinez	
Patricia Martinez	Jeannie C. Ochoa	Fr. Jacinto Olguin
Alfredo Ortiz	Magdalena Perez	Gilberto Piñon
Gilberto Poinset	Lucero Rangel	Socorro Rangel
Nora Reyes	Irma Reyna	Karina Rios
Carolina Saavedra	Teresita Sifuentes	Desiree Silva & Fam.
Ma. Josefina Torres	Leti Valdez	Tina Worcester

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 Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Honor of the 31st Wedding Anniversary of Juan and Nedina Morales



The Altar Flowers this weekend are in honor of the 31st Wedding Anniversary of Juan and Nedina Morales

Faith Formation

The catechists and staff at SJN Faith Formation wish to thank you for your cooperation and support. We invite you and your family to join the rest of the SJN Community at our annual Posada. Attendance will count for 2 community hours of the required 10 for parents, and two community hours for the Confirmation students. Please sign in with the CCD Director at our meal.

Wishing you a wonderful love filled holiday. We will return to class on January 7, 2024.

Blessings,

Coordinator Linda Lucila Villarreal

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, December 16, 6:00 PM

†Paciano, †Majella y †Cresencia

Hontanar

† JFreya Jaca

† Dra. Yolanda Rios

Sunday, December 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. Nina Valdez - Blessed Birthday

†Raul R. Martinez, Jr.

†Marco G. Castillo

12:00 p.m. People of God

2:30 p.m. Bianca Vega –Bendito Cumpleaños

Elida Espinoza - Bendito Cumpleaños

† Ruby Hernandez

† Olga L. Alvarado

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023

12:15 p.m. Juan y Nedina Morales—Feliz Aniversario de Bodas

†Jorge M. Cantu

†Benditas Ánimas del Purgatorio

†Dra. Yolanda Rios

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

12:15 p.m. . † Javier Montemayor Sr.

† Ruby Hernandez

† Olga L. Alvarado

Thursday, December 21, 2023

12:15 p.m. † Manuel B. Bravo, Jr..

† Ruby Hernandez † Olga L. Alvarado

Friday, December 22, 2023

12:15 p.m. † Marco G. Castillo

† Ruby Hernandez

† Olga L. Alvarado

Formación en La Fe

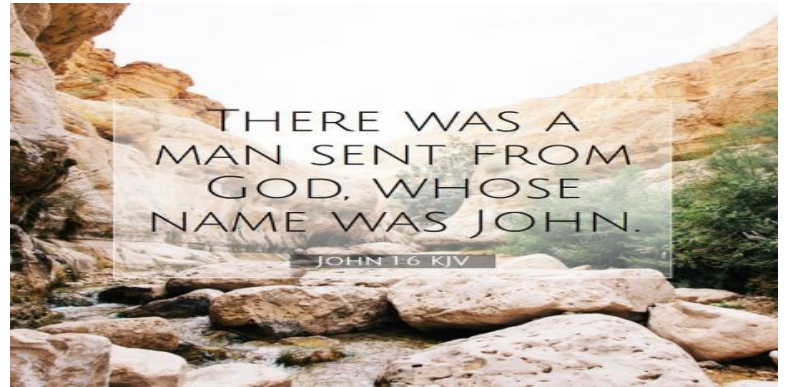
Los catequistas y el personal de Formación en la Fe de SJN desean agradecerle por su cooperación y apoyo. Te invitamos a ti y a tu familia a unirse al resto de la comunidad SJN en Nuestra Posada anual. La asistencia contará como dos horas comunitarias de las 10 requeridas para los padres y dos horas comunitarias para los estudiantes de Confirmación. Regístrese con la directora del CCD durante nuestra cena.

Les deseo unas maravillosas vacaciones llenas de amor. Regresaremos a clases el 7 de enero de 2024.

Bendiciones,

Cordinadora Linda Lucila Villarreal

◆ LAST	WEEK'S OFFERING			
Daily	\$ 304.45	Sat. 6:00 PM	\$ 909.00	
Nocturnal Ador.	\$ 393.00	Sun. 9:00 AM	\$1140.00	
Online Bldg.Fund	\$ 60.00	Sun.12:00 PM	\$ 1170.00	
Online Giving	\$ 440.00	Sun. 2:30 PM	\$ 460.00	
Immac. Conc.	\$ 1405.00	TOTAL	\$ 6281.45	
Expenses	\$ 6703.94			



Today's Gospel Reflection - JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

John speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

Additional readings and reflections at www.loyolapress.com

Reflexión del Evangelio de Hoy - Juan 1,6-8,19-28

Juan da testimonio de que está predicando y bautizando para prepararse para la venida de otro.

Juan habla de la existencia de Jesús con Dios desde el principio de los tiempos. En el evangelio de Juan, Jesús es presentado como el cumplimiento del Antiguo Testamento y la culminación de la Palabra, la luz que viene a las tinieblas del mundo.

Después de este prólogo, Juan informa sobre el ministerio de Juan el Bautista. Aprendemos sobre la atención que recibió Juan el Bautista por parte de las autoridades judías. Mensajeros de los sacerdotes judíos, de los levitas y de los fariseos interrogan a Juan sobre su identidad y el significado de los bautismos que realiza. El Evangelio de Juan utiliza estas preguntas para establecer la relación entre Jesús y Juan el Bautista. Juan el Bautista no es el Mesías, ni Elías ni el Profeta. En las negaciones de Juan, escuchamos ecos del tipo de expectativas mesiánicas que eran comunes en la Palestina del siglo I.

La única respuesta afirmativa que da Juan Bautista es cuando cita al profeta Isaías. Al responder la siguiente pregunta, Juan anuncia que el salvador que buscan ya está entre ellos, pero aún no reconocido. La respuesta de Juan resalta para nosotros un tema importante del Adviento: Jesús ya vino al mundo como nuestro salvador. Durante el Adviento, oramos para que podamos reconocer la presencia de Jesús entre nosotros. El Adviento también nos recuerda que Jesús vendrá nuevamente para cumplir la promesa de salvación. Oramos para que sigamos atentos mientras anticipamos ese gran día.

El tercer domingo de Adviento también se llama Domingo de Gaudete. Gaudete, una palabra latina que significa "alegría", está tomada de la antifona de entrada a la misa del domingo. Este tema se repite en la segunda lectura de hoy de la primera Carta a los Tesalonicenses. Es un recordatorio de que el Adviento es una temporada de alegría porque nuestra salvación ya está cerca.

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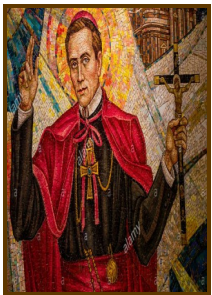
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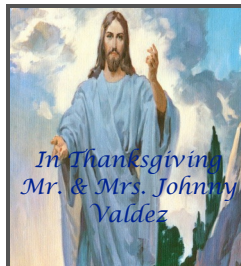


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In Thanksgiving
Mr. & Mrs. Johnny
Valdez



Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 24—Regular Mass Schedule
9:00 AM, 12 Noon and 2:30PM

6 PM Christmas Vigil Mass DOES NOT count for
Sunday Mass attendance!

Monday, Dec. 25th - Christmas Day
10AM - English Mass
12 PM Misa en Español

NEW YEARS EVE - Sunday, Dec. 31st
Regular Mass schedule! 9AM, 12PM & 2:30PM

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less fortunate. We
know in our hearts that
those gifts will bring a
smile to a child or
youth this Christmas.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

May God bless you richly
throughout this holiday season!



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