



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

The First Sunday of Lent—March 9th

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. John the Apostle Parish commits to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in prayer. Together we continue the mission of Christ through Evangelization, Discipleship and Charity.

La Comunidad Católica de la Parroquia San Juan Apóstol se compromete a vivir las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, alimentada por la Eucaristía, guiados por el Espíritu Santo y con raíces en la oración. Juntos continuamos la misión de Cristo a través de la evangelización, discipulado y Caridad.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST. As a parish family, we at St. John the Apostle pray for all the members of our parish. We especially pray for our parishioners and their relatives who are currently on active duty in the military:

- Staff Sgt, DeWitt
- Staff Sgt. Adam Griswold
- Pvt. Aren Menor
- Pvt. Joseph Aguayo-Ludvik
- USMC Joseph Ciesla
- 2nd Lt. Colleen Corcoran
- Spc. Thomas
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- A1C Ryan Pemberton
- Sgt. Andrew J. Peterson
- Sgt. Donald J. Peterson
- A1C Anthony Pieroni—USAF
- Pvt. Jeremy Schumacher
- Spc. MP Catherin R. Stover/Peterson
- Corp. Robert Stover
- Pfc. Stephen Winter.
- E3-Yesenia Vivero
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(submit name and branch of service so that he or she can be

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OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Friday: 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Saturday 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday: 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM en Español

Weekdays: 7:45 AM except Thursday at 7:00 PM

Baptisms / Bautizos

Baptism Preparation / Preparación para el bautismo

Contact the parish office to register.

Contacte la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

Confessions / Confesiones

Mondays 5 - 6:00 PM—or by appointment / o con cita.

Weddings / Bodas / Quinceañeras

Contact the parish office to schedule.

Contacte la oficina parroquial para programar.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK:

If you would like your name added to or removed from this list for prayers, please call the parish office.

Ginger Herring
Leslie Huzak
Mary Szabo Linder
Liz May
Pat Murrin
Hannah Medow
Tom Schuch

All names will remain on this list for 60 days then the name will be removed. If you want to continue on this list please call the office.

Collections

Sunday, February 23rd-\$2,860.00
Mail-\$812.00

TOTAL: \$3,672.00

Thank you for supporting the good work
of St. John the Apostle Parish!

Events For The Week

Monday, March 10th

Reconciliation-5:00-6:00 PM/Church
RE 6/C1/C2-6:45-8:15 PM/RE Classrooms
Adult Formation Study-7:00-8:30 PM/Library

Tuesday, March 11th

CCW Game Night-7:00-9:00 PM/Library

Wednesday, March 12th

Spanish Legion of Mary-7:00-9:00 PM/Library

Thursday, March 13th

Spanish Bible Study-5:00-6:45 PM/Library

Friday, March 14th

Seton Stations of the Cross-11:00-11:30 AM/Church
Family Rosary-6:00-7:00 PM/Church

Saturday, March 15th

CCW Lenten day of Reflexion-8:30-2:30 PM
Church/Library

Sunday, March 16th

RE Eucharist Class-11:00-12:30 PM/Library

FASTING

Fasting, a spiritual discipline by which food is voluntarily given up for a defined period. With clear warrant in the Bible, especially the example of Jesus who fasted in the desert, fasting has a long history in the Catholic tradition.

Various religious communities have institutionalized full or partial fasts as part of their weekly regime. It is common in the Catholic tradition to fast the evening before the reception of Holy Communion as the word breakfast indicates. Today however, only a partial fast (for one hour before communion) is demanded. In the contemporary Church, fasting (with the meaning of only one full meal in a day) is enjoined on adult Catholics on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by the Canon Law (can. 1251), although the practice is encouraged as a private devotion whenever appropriate (can. 1249). The practice of a day long fast in solidarity with the poor of the world has been an informal custom in many areas of the Catholic world.

Harper Collins Encyclopedia of Catholicism

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

2025 HOLY WEEK SERVICES SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

MONDAY, April 7..... 5:00-7:00 PM
OMONDAY, April 14..... 5:00-7:00 PM

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17 AT ST. John the Apostle

Bi-lingual Mass of the Lord's Supper. 7:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until
10:00 PM at St. John the Apostle

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS April 18 AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

English Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM
Spanish Stations of the Cross 4:00 PM

Bi-lingual Celebration of the Lord's Passion
At St. Alexander 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19 At St. Alexander

Blessing of Food at St. John the Apostle 11:00 AM
Bi-lingual Easter Vigil Mass at St Alexander. . . 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20 At St. John the Apostle

English Masses 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Spanish Mass. 1:00 PM

MARIAN REFLECTION

Wisdom is sweet for your soul, if you find it, you will have hope, and your hope will not perish.



-Prov 24:14

Mary is both the Mother of the Shepherd and the Mother of the Lamb.
That is why she is all our confidence and all our opel!

-St. Germanus

The Sign of the Cross

Mini Explanation — *Great for social media or in your bulletin*

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times. It is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

The Sign of the Cross, Explained

“I claim you for Christ by the sign of his cross.” These words from the Rite of Baptism, spoken as the priest traces a cross on the infant’s forehead, perfectly communicate the significance of that simple, familiar action. In signing the cross, we claim ourselves again and again for Christ, unite ourselves with His sacrifice on Calvary, and confess his victory over death.

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times, as evidenced by writings from Tertullian, Hippolytus and St. Cyprian. The ritual action is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

In the Latin rite, it is made either with a movement of the full hand from one’s forehead, breast and shoulders (going right to left) or with the thumb tracing the cross on the forehead, lips and breast.

Women’s Day of Reflection

Be Not Afraid” / Saturday, March 15

8:00am Mass (optional); 8:30am light continental breakfast; 9:00am program begins; \$5 per person. Sign up sheets in vestibule on March 8/9 or call or text Terry Bode to register / 630-235-2966.

St. John and St. Alexander Unity Prayer Group

As we all know, St. John’s and St. Alexander’s will come together this summer as one parish family.

In an attempt to make the transition smoother and easier for both parishes, we are forming a “Unity Prayer Group”. We want to come together as one family to ask God to help guide us, lead us and bring unity as we become one parish. This will also give members of both parishes a chance to get to know each other. All parishioners from both parishes are invited.

We will meet weekly at 7:00 on Wednesdays. We will be alternating between St. John’s church and St. Alexander’s gathering space.

St. John’s

+ 3/12
+ 3/26
+ 4/9
+ 4/23
+ 5/7
+ 5/21
+ 6/4
+ 6/18

St. Alexander’s

+ 3/19
+ 4/2
+ 4/16 TBD
+ 4/30
+ 5/14
+ 5/28
+ 6/11
+ 6/25

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments. Among the most vulnerable of migrants are the victims of human trafficking.

Millions of men, women, and children worldwide are coerced or forced through human trafficking into commercial sex activities, labor, and slavery—abuses which the Holy Father has called “a crime against humanity.” As part of its mission to proclaim Christ’s salvation and to restore and promote the dignity of all persons, the Church is called to combat trafficking and to bring comfort and healing to its victims.

The Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops carries out this mission through two anti-trafficking, anti-slavery programs. The Become a Shepherd program is a parish-based awareness campaign that educates lay and religious leaders to recognize human trafficking and combat it through public engagement and advocacy at the community level. The second initiative, COM-PASS (Coalition of Organizations and Ministries Promoting the Abolition of Slavery at Sea), is a global effort in which international Catholic and non-Catholic partners coordinate to identify and assist victims of modern slavery encountered in the commercial fishing and seafood-processing industries.

The invaluable work to assist these victims of abuse and injustice is supported by funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your participation helps MRS and five other Catholic ministries to reveal Christ’s love to victims of trafficking, war, and natural disaster both around the world and here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Thank you for your generous support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

With best wishes, I ask God to bless you always.

As I remain –Sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Hicks

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH—VILLA PARK

Date	Intention	Requested by
Sunday, March 9th 9:00 AM	1. Conrad & Rose Cilella	The Cilella Family
11:00 AM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
12:30 PM	1. Jose Zevmerd (+) 2. Jorge Alejandro Silva-Birthday Blessings	Rosend Micdela Grau
Monday, March 10th 7:45 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Tuesday, March 11th 7:45 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Wed. March 12th 7:45 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Thur. March 13th 7:00 PM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Friday, March 14th 7:45 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Saturday, March 15th 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	1. Carmen Cruz 1. Carol Colby (+)	The Tan Family The Colby Family
Sunday, March 16th 9:00 AM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
11:00 AM	1. Bill Manners	The Manners Family
12:30 PM	1. Javier Silva-Anniversary of Death	Micdela Grau

9 de marzo de 2025

1^{er} Domingo de Cuaresma

Preparados o no preparados, la Cuaresma ha llegado a nuestra vida. Y, el Papa Francisco nos invita a reflexionar en lo siguiente: *“Al comienzo de la Cuaresma nos hará bien a todos nosotros pedir la gracia de conservar la memoria de todo lo que el Señor ha hecho en mi vida: cómo me ha querido, cómo me ha amado. He aquí, pues, el significado de las expresiones: Mira hacia atrás - ¡que no es lo mismo que vuelve hacia atrás – el camino que has hecho. Y el bienestar, incluso espiritual, conlleva el peligro de caer en una cierta amnesia. Es precisamente en este momento cuando el corazón comienza a retroceder, porque no escucha la voz de su propio corazón: la memoria”*. La Iglesia también nos ayuda a llevar este tiempo Santo de Cuaresma invitándonos a la penitencia, a la purificación y de compartir lo que tenemos y somos con los necesitados. Es por eso que el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia. Todos los viernes de Cuaresma, como todos los viernes del año, somos invitados a practicar nuestra fe con actos de penitencia. Tan sencillos como visitar algún enfermo, ayudarnos en familia, hacer oración y asistir a actos de piedad a la Iglesia local. (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, numeral 1438). Y lo principal, acercarnos a la Eucaristía dominical para refugiarnos en la Palabra de Dios, que es lo que nos da vida y nos hará llegar a la Pascua resucitados.

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