

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | 25 DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday | 8:30AM English

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 5 PM English  
7 PM Spanish

Sunday | 8 AM English  
10 AM English  
12 PM Spanish

#### Confessions

Friday | 7:30 AM - 8:15 AM

Saturday | 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Or by appointment

#### Monthly Youth Mass

1st Sunday of each month beginning on  
October 1, 2023 November 5, 2023  
December 3, 2023 January 7, 2024  
February 4, 2024 March 3, 2024  
April 7, 2024 May 5, 2024

#### Parish Counseling/Consejeras

For Appointment:

Para una Cita:

[MyParishCounseling.com/Alvin](http://MyParishCounseling.com/Alvin) or  
Call 844-295-3167

#### Faith Formation (CCE) Office

Monday - Thursday

(281) 824-0877

Sunday/ Domingo 10 am - 12 pm

Monday / Lunes 10 am - 4 pm

Tuesday / Martes 10 am - 4 pm

Wednesday / Miércoles 2 pm - 7 pm

Thursday / Jueves 10 am - 4 pm

#### Parish Office

Monday - Friday | 10AM - 5PM  
[StJohns110@gmail.com](mailto:StJohns110@gmail.com)  
(281) 331-3751 F(281) 331-5430



### 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

“¿O vas a tenerme rencor porque yo soy bueno?” De igual manera, los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos”. - Mt 20, 15-16

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#### DEACONS

**David Bowman**  
**Allen Stanton**  
**Lupe Martinez**

#### CLERGY

**Parish Priest**  
**Rev John Taosan**



# Welcome to Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church



## ADDRESS

110 E. South Street  
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## Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Facebook: stjohnalvin

## New Parishioners

Welcome Home. To Register in our parish you may pickup a registration form from the foyer and drop at any collection Mass Basket. You may also stop by the parish office to pick up a registration form and you may scan and email it back to us as well. Our Email is [stjohns110@gmail.com](mailto:stjohns110@gmail.com). If you are interested in joining a ministry please see our webpage or request a ministry book from the office.

## Nuevos Feligreses

Bienvenido a casa. Para registrarse en nuestra parroquia, puede recoger un formulario de registro en el vestíbulo y dejarlo en cualquier canasta de colección. También puede pasar por la oficina parroquial para recoger un formulario de registro y también puede escanearlo y enviárnoslo por correo electrónico. Nuestro correo electrónico es [stjohns110@gmail.com](mailto:stjohns110@gmail.com). Si está interesado en unirse a un ministerio, consulte nuestra página web o solicite un libro de ministerios en la oficina.

**Bulletin Announcements** must be received on Friday's by 5pm, 7 days prior to announcement, except during holidays. For any upcoming Holidays or holy days, it must be submitted as soon as possible. No PDF files please. Send to [stjohns110@gmail.com](mailto:stjohns110@gmail.com). Copies for inserts must be done in CCE Office during CCE Office hours! **Next office closed day is November 1; All Saints Day.**

Thank you!

## IN OUR PRAYERS EN ORACION

Steve Davenport	Brij Walia
Billy & Ann Wynn	Julian Flores
Mike Crawford	Julie A Rangel
Nancy Goodnight	Donald Poe
Nati Guerrero	Naydia Lopez



## SATURDAY, SABADO SEPT 23

5:00PM † Jack Sullivan  
7:00PM † Raymond Guzman

## SUNDAY, DOMINGO SEPT 24

8:00AM † Rick Doyle  
10:00AM † George & † Ruth Meyer  
12:00PM For the People

## MONDAY, LUNES SEPT 25

8:30AM Fernando DeLeon II

## TUESDAY, MARTES SEPT 26

8:30AM † Marcos Garcia

## WEDNESDAY, MIERCOLES SEPT 27

8:30AM † Madonna Ballard

## THURSDAY, JUEVES SEPT 28

8:30AM † Michael Linfield Godwin

## FRIDAY, VIERNES SEPT 29

8:30AM Reyes Rea

**2024 Mass Intention Calendar is now open. Please consider others; limit per family is 5 Masses per year. El Calendario de Intención de las Misas 2024 ya está abierto. Por favor, considere a los demás. Límite por familia es de 5 Misas por año.**

## STEWARSHIP

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection of: September 16 & 17 = \$ 8,784  
Southern Dominican Mission = \$3,417  
Building Fund = \$1,107

### This Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Parish Operating exps / Gastos Operativos de la Iglesia

### Next Weekend's Collection:

Maintenance & Repair / Reparaciones y Mantenimiento

## GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

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## HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Please call the parish office to add someone whom is sick to the prayer **list on the bulletin**. Their name will remain in the bulletin for 30 days from the date of request. Also request for a pastoral visit for anointing of the sick, call the office **(281) 331-3751**.

To place someone on the St John's (**online**) **prayer list**, please call Joyce Chiasson at **(713) 410-4247**.

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

24 de Septiembre de 2023

### 25º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Señor siempre es justo y es todo bondad. Esta es una invitación explícita para todos a trabajar en su

Viña. Todos, sin excusa ni pretexto, a cualquier tiempo, se debe acudir y buscar obreros para la Viña. Ese es el Dios bueno y justo que nos presenta

Jesús. Que paga lo mismo a todos sin discriminación ni egoísmos. Su bondad y generosidad no tienen medida. El reto es trabajar.

Somos llamados en distintos momentos y circunstancias a servir en sus ministerios. Las parroquias buscan siempre servidores voluntarios honestos y bondadosos para servir. Hay muchas personas que han servido por años. Pero hay otras que están esperando un lugar para también trabajar con Jesús.

“Recordemos quien fue el primer santo canonizado en la Iglesia: el Buen ladrón. Robó el cielo en el último momento de su vida. Esto es la Gracia, así es Dios también con todos nosotros. El que piensa en sus propios méritos, fracasa; quien confía con humildad a la misericordia del Padre, pasa de último--como el Buen Ladrón--a primero (Papa Francisco (09/20/2020). “Así sucederá: los últimos serán primeros, y los primeros serán últimos” (Mateo 20:16). La pregunta es: ¿Tú qué haces para que el Reino de Dios crezca? Dejemos

de quejarnos, y manos a la obra. Hay tantas personas que ofrecen su tiempo voluntario para ayudar y consolar siendo bondadosos. Gracias, Señor, por todas estas personas. Hay mucho que hacer. “La cosecha es abundante, pero los trabajadores pocos” (Mateo 9:37). ¡Vengan también ustedes a mi Viña!

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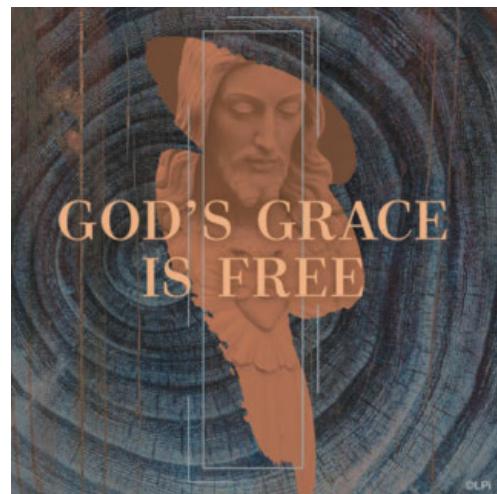
## GOSPEL MEDITATION A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE September 24, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: “That’s not fair! Why’d she get the jewelry, too?!” Let’s face it: there’s something about God’s grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others’ blessings and cry out: “That’s not fair!” Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God’s grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we’re good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the “not fair” quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, “Are you envious because I am generous?” Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don’t deserve it — namely, upon us.

— Father John Muir

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANUNCIOS

## Young Martyrs of Tlaxcala

Tlaxcala, Mexico, in the early 1500s, three indigenous boys embraced Catholicism after encountering Spanish Franciscan friars. Their names were Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan. Each was martyred for their faith, making them the first Catholic martyrs on the continent.

**Biography** In Tlaxcala, Mexico, in the early 1500s, three indigenous boys embraced Catholicism after encountering Spanish Franciscan friars who were working to convert the locals of the area. Their names were Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan. Each was martyred for their faith, making them the first Catholic martyrs on the continent.

Cristóbal was born around 1515, the eldest son of his community's chief. As the chief's first-born son, he was to inherit the chief's position, property, and the customs of his people. Cristóbal first encountered the Franciscan friars when he was 10 years old and soon desired to be baptized. After his baptism, he went to work trying to evangelize his family. The Spanish missionaries were attempting to stop the worship of idols among the native peoples. Knowing this, Cristóbal took it upon himself to destroy some public idols in his village. He also poured out the alcohol his family kept because he thought it was his father's dependence on alcohol that was keeping him from converting to Catholicism. Because of this destruction, his neighbors and family became enraged. They demanded the chief make an example of his son. His father, also furious, beat him with a wooden club and burned him alive. He died the following day of his injuries at age 12.

Antonio and Juan were born around 1516. Antonio was the grandson and heir of the prominent leader Xicoténcatl who was lord of the entire region. Juan was Antonio's servant. Both boys attend a Franciscan school for their education, and both converted to Catholicism at a young age. When they were around 12 years old, they endeavored, with the support of the local Franciscan friars, to travel their local region and evangelize their community.

While in the town of Tepeaca, the boys tried to convince some of the locals to destroy their idols. The local men resisted and retaliated by attacking Juan. Antonio, trying to defend him, also got caught in the attack and both children were killed. All three boys were canonized by Pope Francis on October 15, 2017, and are collectively remembered as the young Martyrs of Tlaxcala.

## Prayer

*Holy Trinity, I deeply venerate your generosity and infinite majesty, for the firmness that you granted to the children Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan, who, at the beginning of the evangelization of Mexico, and despite their young ages, were filled with immense love for carrying the word of your kingdom without stopping to think about the fear of suffering.*



C.C.E. sessions have started! Please keep our students and catechists in your prayers. Registrations for this year's Faith Formation sessions for grades K - 12th have been put on hold until Monday, September 25th in order to provide a more efficient, smoother beginning of the instructional year. There will be a late fee for anyone registering after this date. Please be courteous of our rules & regulations, we have been accepting registrations since early May.

*Las sesiones de C.C.E. han comenzado! Por favor, mantenga a nuestros estudiantes y catequistas en sus oraciones! Las inscripciones para las sesiones de Formación Religiosa de este año para los grados K - 12 se han suspendido desde el lunes, 25 de septiembre esto va ayudar el fin de proporcionar un comienzo más eficiente y más suave del año de instrucción. Habrá una tarifa de retraso para cualquiera que se registre después de esta fecha. Por favor sea cortés con nuestras reglas y regulaciones, hemos estado aceptando inscripciones desde principios de mayo.*

## Altar Servers

### Practice/Training/Pizza

**Who:** Any child/teen in grades 3rd through 12th and who has completed the Sacrament of First Communion or any current altar server

**When:** Next training will be on October 2, 2023

**Time:** 6:00-7:00 pm

**Where:** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Contact for questions:

Ramiro Mondragon - 832-580-1925

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Bonnie Mondragon - 832-457-8854

[busyb1876@yahoo.com](mailto:busyb1876@yahoo.com)

# EVENTS / EVENTOS

CONFERENCIA ARQUIDIÓCESANA DE MINISTERIO HISPANO

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**CONFERENCISTAS**

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<b>INVITAMOS A TODOS LOS LÍDERES PARROQUIALES, SACERDOTES, DIACÓNS, COMUNIDADES RELIGIOSAS, RÓVENES ADULTOS, GRUPOS LACOL, PERSONAL, PARROQUIAL, CONSOLIDOS PARROQUIALES Y TODOS ADULTOS QUE SE ENCUENTRAN HACIENDO MINISTERIO Y LLÉVANDO A CABO EL CURSO PRESTACIONAL Y ACOMPAÑAMIENTO DE LOS HISPANOS/LATINOS CATÓlicos EN LA ASESORÍAS DE BREVIARIO HISPANO. LA CONFÉRENCIA ARQUIDIÓCESANA DE MINISTERIO HISPANO ES UN DÍA DE FORMACIÓN Y RECINTOS DONDE LOS PARTICIPANTES OBTENDRÁN HERRAMIENTAS QUE LES AyUDARÁN EN EL ACOMPAÑAMIENTO Y TRABAJO PASTORAL QUE DESEMPEÑAN EN SU COMUNIDAD PARROQUIAL, INSTITUCIÓN, MINISTERIO O DRAMA.</b>						

**INICIANDO CON UNA**

**Noche de Adoración**  
VIERNES, 29 DE SEPTIEMBRE • 7PM • SACRED HEART CO-CATHEDRAL

INFORMES: 713-741-8727 DHM@ARCHH.org

## YOU ARE INVITED!!



### BABY SHOWER

OCTOBER 7, 2023

9 AM to 11 AM

Parish Office Meeting Room  
Light breakfast served  
- games-prizes

#### BENEFITTING

HER HEART PREGNANCY HELP CENTER - MANVEL, TEXAS

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(Note: Pro Life Rosary before the Shower at 8:30 at the Marian Shrine.)

Drop off in cradle in hall foyer, or bring to the shower!

8 new baby bath tubs have been donated to fill up for the Shower!

#### SUGGESTED GIFT ITEMS:

Infant nail kits

Both genders baby hooded bath towels

Both genders NB (new born) pajamas

Both genders onesies

Amazon or VISA Gift Cards (can be used for specific needs)

**Come to pray and to celebrate life!**

First Saturday Mass at 8 AM

October 7, 2023

Memorial Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary



## CHURCH RENOVATIONS 2023

If you would like to sponsor an item in the church during our church renovation project, please contact the office at 281-331-3751. Items currently available are:

**Upholstered Wood Bench \$1,000 ea.**

**Upholstered Wooden Chairs \$200ea.**

**Pew \$2,800 each**

**Altar Bench \$1,800**

Please note, payments can be made, call the office for details. Thank you for your patience and pray that all workers and contractors are safe during this project.

God is Good!

Si desea patrocinar un artículo en la iglesia durante nuestro proyecto de renovación, comuníquese con la oficina si está interesado al 281-331-3751. Artículos actualmente disponible:

**Banca tapizada de madera \$ 1,000 cu.**

**Sillas tapizadas de madera \$200cu.**

**Bancas de la iglesia \$2,800 cada una**

**Banca del Altar \$1,800**

Tenga en cuenta que pagos se pueden hacer, llame a la oficina para obtener más detalles. Gracias por su paciencia y oremos para que todos los trabajadores y contratistas estén seguros durante este proyecto.

Dios es Bueno!

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## 23 de Septiembre, 2023

La Sagrada Familia

**Familia: Juarez Rojas**

Coordinadora: Claudia Ybarra 713-401-7969

**Crucifijo de Vocaciones**

**Familia: Flores Reyes**

Coordinadora: Flor Castellan 832-729-7678

**Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia**

**Familia: Mata**

Coordinadora: Cristina Esquivel 832-455-1084

**Rosario a la Virgen de Guadalupe**

**Familia: Olvera Perez**

Coordinadora: Esmeralda Olvera 832-336-1731



### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Sept 23 Patty Stasky  
8:00 AM Sept 24 Paula Ramsey  
10:00 AM Sept 24 Blanca Carreon

Please call Mary Cortinas @ 409-789-9931  
if interested in participating.

IN LOVING  
MEMORY

Angela Krauskopf &  
Guadalupe Molina



**Glory Hour**

**Wednesday's at 6:30PM**

**Hora Santa en Espanol**

**Primer Viernes del Mes**

**Despues de la**

**Misa de 7:00PM**



### When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

September 26 - November 14

7 PM – 9 PM

Parish Office Meeting Room

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

This 7 sessions video presentation by author and presenter, Dr. Edward Sri, also features Fr. Jacques Philippe, Fr. Josh Johnson, Fr. Gregory Pine, Sister Josephine Garrett, Fr. Donald Haggerty, and Sister Maris Stella.

Registration will be after Masses on September 9 & 10.

Registration cost: \$25.00

### JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST

September 26 -

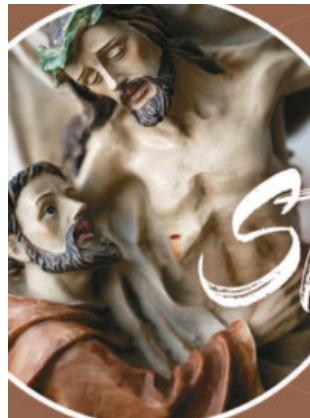
November 14

9 AM-11 AM

Parish Hall

Come explore deeper into the Catholic faith with this 7 part series which examines the roots of what we believe and why the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith.

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# FAMILY / FAMILIA

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

If you received Baptism and First Eucharist but did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and you are over the age of 18, our parish is going to offer classes in October and November in English and in Spanish. Sessions will begin on October 10th at 7:00 pm in the Activity Room in English and in the CCE Building in Spanish. Our Archdiocese offers Adult Confirmation celebrations in January and May. Confirmation completes your sacraments of initiation and is required if you want to be a Godparent. For more information, please contact Kathy Bowman at kathybowman37@att.net or Carmen Arreola at lcarmen9@yahoo.com



## SACRAMENTO DE CONFIRMACIÓN PARA ADULTOS

Si recibió el Bautismo y la Primera Eucaristía pero no recibió el Sacramento de la Confirmación y tiene más de 18 años, nuestra parroquia ofrecerá clases en octubre y noviembre en inglés y español. Las sesiones comenzarán el 10 de Octubre, cada Martes a las 7:00 pm en el Edificio de CCE en español. Clases serán de Octubre 10-31 y Noviembre 7-21. Nuestra Arquidiócesis ofrece celebraciones de Confirmación de Adultos en Enero y Mayo. La Confirmación completa tus sacramentos de iniciación y es necesaria si quieres ser padrino. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Carmen Arreola en lcarmen9@yahoo.com

## RICA

Clases de RICA son los Martes de 7:00pm - 9:00pm en Cuarto #4 de CCE.  
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We would like to thank all St. John the Baptist parishioners for the support they give to St. Helen Catholic School. Your prayers, donations and gifts are greatly appreciated and help our "Saints" grow in wisdom, age, and grace!



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