



# St John the Baptist

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 10, 2024 | 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

### Welcome!

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday 8:30am - English

#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 5:00pm - English

7:00pm - Spanish

Sunday 8:00am - English

10:00am - English

12:00pm - Spanish

#### CONFESSIONS

Friday 7:30am - 8:15am

Saturday 3:00pm - 4:45pm

Other: By Appointment

#### CLERGY

Rev. John Taosan, Pastor

David Bowman, Deacon

Allen Stanton, Deacon

Lupe Martinez, Deacon

#### PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday | 10:00am - 5:00pm

281-331-3751 stjohns110@gmail.com

#### Faith Formation (CCE) OFFICE

Sunday 10:00am - 12:00pm

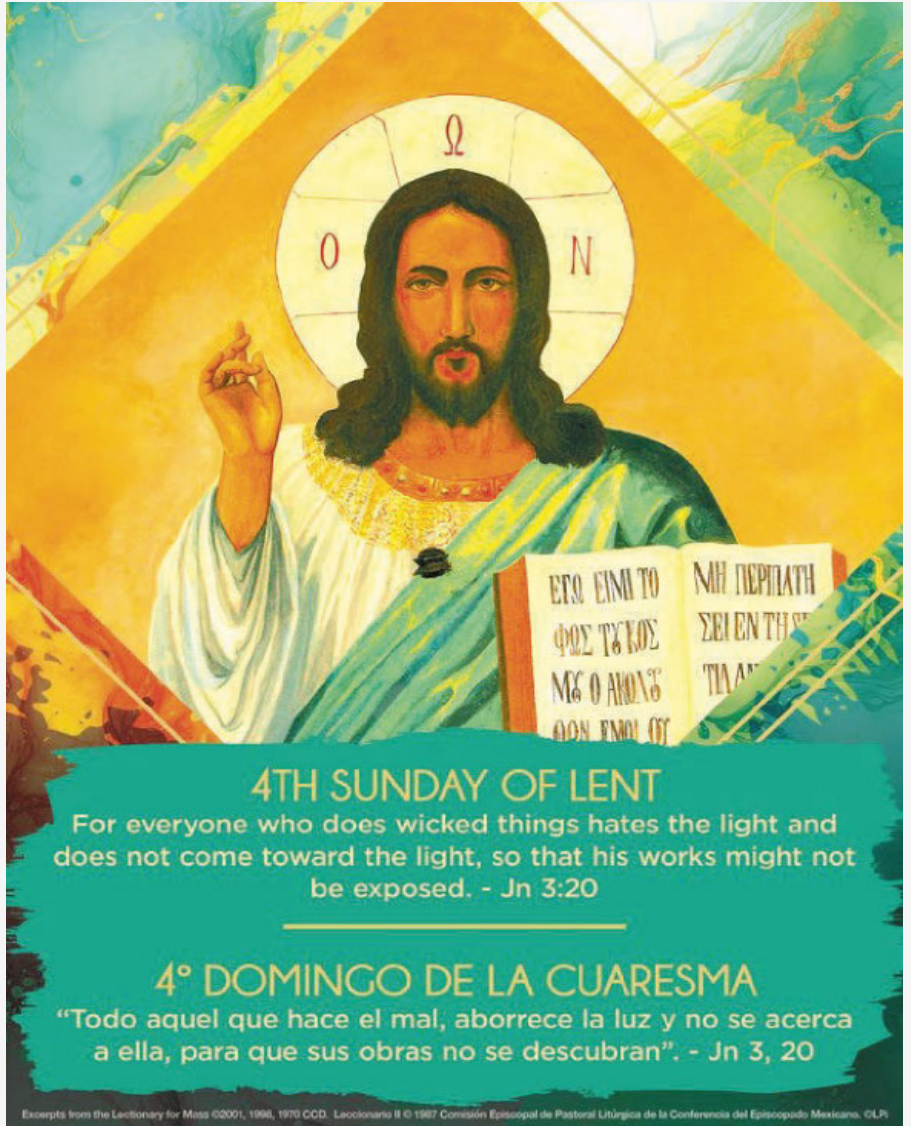
Monday & Tuesday 10am - 4pm

Wednesday 2pm - 7pm

Thursday 10am - 4pm

281-824-0877

### Bienvenidos!



### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

### 4º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

“Todo aquel que hace el mal, aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella, para que sus obras no se descubran”. - Jn 3, 20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1998, 1970 GCD, Leccionario II © 1987, Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano, OLP)

**PENANCE SERVICE / SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA : March 14 at 6:30pm**

### Monthly Youth Mass

1st Sunday of the month at 5pm:

April 7, 2024

### Misa en Español

Jueves 7:00 PM - Cuaresma

21 y 28 de Marzo, 2024



John Taosan, Pastor

# Welcome to Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

**ADDRESS:**

110 E. South Street  
Alvin, TX 77511  
Ph: 281-331-3751

**Office Hours:**

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

**FACEBOOK:** stjohalvin**EMAIL:** StJohns110@Gmail.com**WEBSITE:** www.StJohnAlvin.org**New Parishioners**

Welcome Home. To Register in our parish, you may pickup a registration form from the parish office or print one from our website. It can be dropped off at any collection Mass Basket or the office door slot if we are closed.

**Nuevos Feligreses**

Bienvenido a casa. Para registrarse en nuestra parroquia, puede recoger un formulario de registro en la oficina parroquial o imprimir uno de nuestro sitio web. Se puede dejar en cualquier canasta de colleccion durante la Misa o en la ranura de la puerta de la oficina, si estamos cerrados.

**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 March 28(1/2 day), 29, & April 1.

**IN OUR PRAYERS  
EN ORACION**

Billy & Ann Wynn  
Aric A. Rodriguez  
Gigi Stinson  
Atlin Gabler  
Ralph Meza  
Pat Gonzalez  
Anne Penner

**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.

**SATURDAY, SABADO MAR 9**

11:00AM Navarette Wedding  
11:40AM Salinas Wedding  
2:00PM Sosa Wedding  
5:00PM † Maria & † Ventura Romero  
7:00PM † Abraham Sigala & Junita Hermosillo

**SUNDAY, DOMINGO MAR 10**

8:00AM † Margorel Ornelas Youngblood  
10:00AM CDA Members Living & Deceased  
12:00PM For the People

**MONDAY, LUNES MAR 11**

8:30AM † James Morgan

**TUESDAY, MARTES MAR 12**

8:30AM Santo Cavallo

**WEDNESDAY, MIERCOLES MAR 13**

8:30AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, JUEVES MAR 14**

8:30AM Altar Society Living and Deceased  
6:30PM PENANCE SERVICE

**FRIDAY, VIERNES MAR 15**

8:30AM † Raymond Blanchard

**STEWARDSHIP**

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# MEDITACION / MEDITATION

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVAGELIO

10 de Marzo de 2024  
4º Domingo de la Cuaresma

Ya estamos muy cerca de la Semana Santa y la Iglesia, en su sabiduría, sigue invitándonos a caminar en la luz de Cristo. Nos sigue animando a creer en Jesús en estos tiempos tan difíciles que estamos viviendo, sin embargo, esto exige de nosotros una conversión continua. El signo de la cruz distingue al seguidor de Cristo. Para honrar la cruz, debemos de dar honor y gloria a Dios por ella: “Recuerden la serpiente que Moisés hizo levantar en el desierto; así también tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del Hombre, y entonces todo el que crea en él tendrá por él vida eterna” (Juan 3,14-15).

Siempre debemos de tener presente que el camino de la resurrección pasa primero por el sufrimiento por la cruz. Nuestra esperanza de cristianos debe ser el cielo. Con confianza, demos gracias a Dios por habernos dado a su Hijo: “¡Así amó Dios al mundo! Le dio su Hijo Único, para que quien cree en él no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna” (Juan 3,16). Tomemos en serio estas palabras del Evangelio, palabras del mismo Jesús especiales para nosotros. Para vivir con entusiasmo y alegría este Tiempo Santo de Cuaresma se necesita tener fe. Y una fe activa que dé fuerza desde el fondo del corazón. Pero, cómo medirla, cómo darme cuenta que voy por ese camino. Muy sencillo, haz la prueba y reflexiona. ¿Ha cambiado mi forma de vivir en este tiempo? ¿Soy más tolerable y generoso con los que me rodean? ¿Mi ayuno, oración y caridad han aumentado? ¿Es Dios mi recuerdo durante el día? Si es así, vas por la senda correcta.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

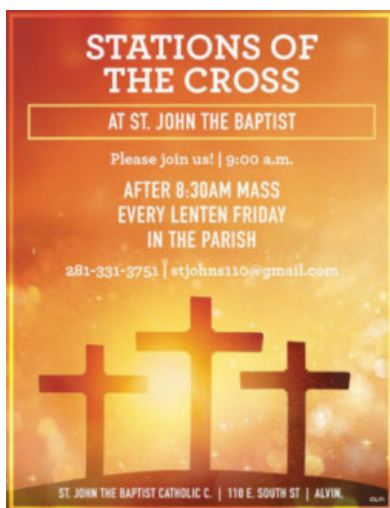
March 10, 2024  
4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

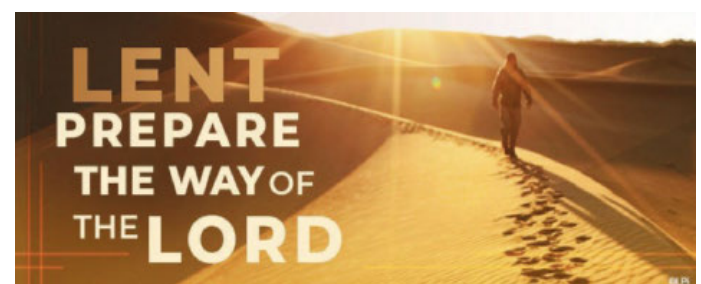
Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



## ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Durante la cuaresma te invitamos al rezo del Via Crucis todos los Viernes en la Parroquia. Los Viernes a las 6:30pm en Espanol.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANUNCIOS



## Retreat for Young Men

Andrew Dinner is an evening of prayer, group sharing, and dinner with Fr. Richard McNeillie, Vocations Director and Diocesan parish priests. For young men ages 14 - 18. *Optional - parents may attend.*  
Spring 2024 Dates & Locations

Register here - <https://archgh.swoogo.com/Andrew> or contact the Office of Vocations for any questions [vocations@archgh.org](mailto:vocations@archgh.org) | 713-652-8239

Friday, April 5, 2024  
St. Laurence  
3100 Sweetwater Blvd  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Friday, March 22, 2024  
St. Theresa  
705 St Theresa Blvd  
Sugar Land, TX 77498

## Altar Servers Practice & Training

**Who:** Any child/teen in grades 4th - 12th and who has completed the Sacrament of First Communion or any current altar server

**When:** Next training will be on April 1, 2024

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

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



**Questions? Contact:**

**Ramiro Mondragon**

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[rmondragon2006@yahoo.com](mailto:rmondragon2006@yahoo.com)

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## Altar Society News

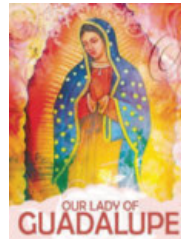
The Altar Society will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 9:30am in the Small Hall. New members are always welcomed- come join us!

Or feel free to contact Denise Platt, [platt-denise@gmail.com](mailto:platt-denise@gmail.com), to learn more about this ministry.

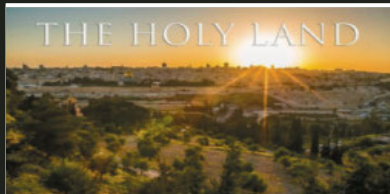
Men's (18yrs or older) prayer, scripture study, fellowship every Saturday of the month from 8am-9:30am in the Office Meeting Room. *Doughnuts and coffee provided.*

**Contact Mark**  
[331-9202](tel:331-9202)

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**GUADALUPANA MEETING!**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**  
**Office Meeting Room 6:30pm**  
**REUNIÓN GUADALUPANA!**  
**Martes, 12 de Marzo de 2024**  
**Sala de reuniones de la oficina 6:30pm**



***LORD, hear my prayer; let my cry come to you.***  
*Psalm 102:1*

**Suffering Christians in the Holy Land need our help.**

We have the opportunity to make a difference in these troubling times. Please join us in a special Stations of the Cross Sunday afternoon, followed by light refreshments in the hall where George Stephan, who has traveled from Israel, will give a talk on unraveling the spiritual tapestry of scripture with a focus on the gospel of St. John, the fifth gospel and its profound ties to Jesus' life. There will be an opportunity for questions after his talk. George has over 20 years of experience as a tour guide in the Holy Land and has a degree in Biblical History and Biblical Archeology. He will be the tour guide for our pilgrimage later this year, God willing.

Beautifully crafted olive wood items from Israel will be available for purchase, which will support those living among the turmoil in the Holy Land. As tourism is a major source of income, there is a need to alleviate the lack of income for these vendors so that future pilgrims may have the opportunity to benefit from their vast knowledge and experience as they travel in the footsteps of Our Lord.

**Place:** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 110 E. South St., Alvin, TX 77511

**Date:** **March 17, 2024**

**Time:** 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross (outside-weather permitting)

2:30 PM Reception and Talk given by George Stephan.

(Olive wood items will be available for purchase after all Sunday Masses and after his talk.)

For additional information please contact: Lori Candrian at 281-435-9631

# DEVOCIONES / DEVOTIONS

## 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 March and April in English and in Spanish. Sessions will begin on March 19th at 7:00 pm in the Activity Room in English and in the CCE Building in Spanish. Our Archdiocese offers Adult Confirmation celebrations at Pentecost (May 17). Confirmation completes your sacraments of initiation and is required if you want to be a Godparent. For more information, please contact Kathy Bowman: [kathybowman37@att.net](mailto:kathybowman37@att.net) or Carmen Arreola: [lcarmen9@yahoo.com](mailto:lcarmen9@yahoo.com) 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 Marzo y Abril en inglés y español. Las sesiones comenzarán el 19 de Marzo a las 7 pm en el Salón de Actividades en inglés y en el Edificio CCE en español. Nuestra Arquidiócesis ofrece celebraciones de Confirmación de Adultos en Pentecostés (17 de Mayo). La Confirmación completa tus sacramentos de iniciación y es necesaria si quieres ser padrino. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Kathy Bowman:

[kathybowman37@att.net](mailto:kathybowman37@att.net) o Carmen Arreola: [lcarmen9@yahoo.com](mailto:lcarmen9@yahoo.com)



## DEVOCIONES 9 de Marzo, 2024

### La Sagrada Familia

Familia: Juarez - Reyes

Coordinadora: Claudia Ibarra 713-401-7969

### Crucifijo de Vocaciones

Familia: Garcia

Coordinadora: Flor Castellán 832-729-7678

### Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

Familia: SanLucar

Coordinadora: Rosario Ibarra 832-277-7361

### Rosario a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Familia: Henriquez

Coordinadora: Esmeralda Olvera 832-336-1731



### Pray for Vocations Crucifix Schedule

5:00pm Mar 9 Lori & Curt Candrian

8:00am Mar 10 Frances Molina

10:00am Mar 10 Yolanda Falcon

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarships** Applications for scholarships are available in both church offices or by contacting Donna Schaffhausen, CDA Scholarship Chairman, at 281-968-7144 or email to [dschaffhausen@gmail.com](mailto:dschaffhausen@gmail.com).

For more scholarship information and details please visit the parish website at <https://www.stjohnalvin.org/>

**Becas ofrecidas de las Hijas Católicas de las Américas.** Las Aplicaciones para becas están disponibles en ambas oficinas de las iglesias o comunicándose con Donna Schaffhausen, Presidente de Becas por telefono 281-968-7144 o por correo electrónico a [dschaffhausen@gmail.com](mailto:dschaffhausen@gmail.com). Para mas información visite nuestro sitio <https://www.stjohnalvin.org/>



## Glory Hour

Wednesday's at 6:30PM

## Hora Santa en Espanol

Primer Viernes del Mes

Despues de la

Misa de 7:00PM



## The ACTS Core

team is still in need of volunteers. If you have served as an ACTS team member on a retreat, you are eligible to

join the team. The time requirement is minimal (meet once a month). If interested, please contact a Core Team member or attend a meeting. We meet the second Monday of every month. Contact David Costanzo 281-923-2444.

ACTS will hold an English Men's retreat

**August 15th—18th.**

We are looking for team members.

If you have been a retreatant on a past retreat and would like to be a part of team on this important retreat call or

email: **Steve Weatherford**

**713-553-0610**

## Monthly Youth Mass

1st Sunday of each month at 5pm:

April 7, 2024

*May 5 - Confirmation Mass @ 8am*

Relic of **St. Jude Thaddeus** to visit Archdiocese  
The arm of St. Jude Thaddeus, venerated in Rome  
from ancient times, is on pilgrimage in the United  
States will be at five parishes in the Houston area this  
March:

**Friday, March 15**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 6646 Addicks  
Satsuma Dr., Houston, TX 77084

- Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins at 2 p.m.
- Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor at 7 p.m.
  - Public veneration ends at 10 p.m.

**Saturday, March 16**

Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, 1530 Norwalk Dr.,  
Katy, TX 77450

- Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor at 1 p.m.
  - Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics  
begins immediately following the Mass
  - Public veneration ends at 8 p.m.

**Sunday, March 17**

Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Blvd., Houston,  
TX, 77023

- Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor at 3 p.m.
- Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins immediately  
following the Mass
  - Public veneration ends at 8 p.m.

**Monday, March 18**

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 7801 Bay Branch Dr.,  
The Woodlands, TX 77382

- Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins at 2 p.m.
- Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor at 7 p.m.
  - Public veneration ends at 10 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 19**

St. Theresa Catholic Church, 705 St. Theresa Blvd., Sugar  
Land, TX 77498

- Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins at 2 p.m.
- Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor at 7 p.m.
  - Public veneration ends at 10 p.m.

For more information about the tour, the relic and the his-  
tory, visit [ApostleoftheImpossible.com](http://ApostleoftheImpossible.com) or learn more from  
Fr. Carlos Martins: Youtube



**CHURCH RENOVATIONS 2023**

We are still in need of families or ministries to sponsor a pew. We have  
about 18 pews that need sponsors. Your help is greatly appreciated Other  
items currently waiting for contributors are:

**Upholstered Wooden Chairs \$200ea.  
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- (1) Processional Candle \$1,650 ea.**
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Please call the office for more information at 281-331-3751.

Todavía necesitamos familias o ministerios para patrocinar una banca.  
Solo faltan 18 bancas que se patrocinen. Su ayuda es muy apreciada. Otros  
artículos que actualmente esperan un patrocinador son:

**Sillas tapizadas de madera \$200cu.  
Bancas de la iglesia \$2,800 cu.**

- (1) Velas de Procesion \$1,650 c/u.**
- (3) Portavela para el altar \$750 c/u.**

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- May 8 - 10 : 2:00pm-8:30pm
- May 11, Saturday 10am-5pm

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### Nuevos procedimientos de seguridad

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### Evento de Conexiones Familiares

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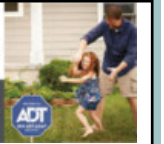
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