

# FAITH DIRECT

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Saint John the Apostle with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our Church code: **TX534**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Hoa Nguyen  
Pastor

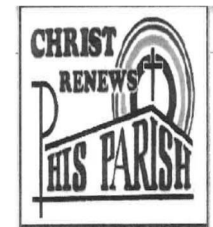


## St. John The Apostle Church **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**

As our way of giving thanks for your unwavering efforts week after week, St. Johns will honor our many volunteers with a dinner on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

**YOUR GIFT OF TIME IS PRICELESS!**

**RSVP**  
by February 20, 2017 (817) 284-4811



### Christ Renews His Parish Retreat

You are invited to attend a retreat weekend.

What if you received an invitation from Jesus, a personal invitation to be His guest?

What if He adds a little note telling you how much He loves you and hopes that you will come? What would your RSVP be? Sorry, I am too busy? I've got better things to do? I think not.

Please prayerfully consider His call? Come experience this spiritual renewal process. Put the worldly things on hold for just 36 hours, listen to your heart, and listen to the Lord calling you. Christ through the Holy Spirit is calling you. Do this for yourself.

**Women's weekend: April 29 & 30, 2017**

**Men's weekend: May 20 & 21, 2017**

**The Retreat is free.** All you have to do is Come Hungry, Stay Open, and Leave the rest to God.



*Valentine, I Give you My*



All couples from Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church are invited to our dinner and "Painting with a Catholic Twist" event to celebrate the month of love. Please join us for a night of fun, community and lots of memories. We will have DFW area Catholic artist John Andrew Sustaita teach us how to paint our own Catholic masterpiece.

When: Saturday February 18, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Resource Room

Cost: \$50.00/couple (includes: Dinner and each person will be doing their own painting)

Space is limited so please RSVP through My Parish App or by contacting Family Life Director Laura Murillo at (817) 284-4811 Ext. 202 or [lmurillo@sjtanrh.com](mailto:lmurillo@sjtanrh.com).

Babysitting will be available at no charge.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK/*EL NEGOCIO DE LA SEMANA*

*Mid Cities Dental*

*Please patronize our bulletin sponsors.*



Our Music Ministry is seeking additional voices and instruments for all our Masses in English. Your time commitment will be one hour before Mass, and the Mass itself. We occasionally have meetings to discuss significant liturgical events. All vocal ranges are needed, as is instrumentation suitable for our Mass. Please contact Stephanie or Deacon Kevin in the Parish Office at (817) 284-4811. Help us make a joyful noise [music] to the Lord!

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### RE<sup>IG</sup>IOUS EDUCA<sup>TION</sup>

February 14 Class

February 15 Class

February 19 Morning RCIA,  
Adapted for Children, but no afternoon  
Confirmation Class

February 21 Class

February 22 Class



*Thank you to the catechists and catechist  
aides who helped our children prepare for  
the Sacrament of Reconciliation!!*



Nolan Catholic High School  
MARDI GRAS 2017 "Boots & Beads"

February 25, 2017

River Ranch Stockyards Fort Worth

\$40 dinner tickets

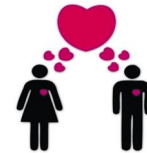
Phone in your reservations! (817) 395-0246

### WELCOME new members

Saint John the Apostle Parish welcomes recently registered new parishioners. If you have the opportunity to meet any new parishioners or visitors, please welcome them and make them feel at home in our parish.

Jorge Cruz  
Heather Whisenant  
Steven Padilla & Kathryn Perez  
Lucia Corzo  
Leslie Bradley  
Dolores Zamora  
Saul Ramirez  
Laura SeguraElizabeth Kopitzke  
Alexander Jarrad & Maria Valderrama  
Miguel & Maria Alfaro  
Yazmin Montiel  
Alejandra Campo  
Julio Murillo & Thelma Cruz  
Octavio Olvera & Guadalupe Andrade  
Efren Luna & Florina Patino  
Vanessa Melendez  
Richard & Asminda Albarran  
Daniela Posada  
Margarito & Mirada Albarran

La parroquia de Saint John the Apostle les da la bienvenida a nuevos feligreses recién registrados. Si tiene la oportunidad de conocer a nuevos parroquianos o visitantes, favor de darles la bienvenida y hacerlos sentir en casa en nuestra parroquia.



*Mi Valentín, Te Entrego mi*

*"ARTE"*

Todas las parejas de la Iglesia Católica Saint John the Apostle están invitados a nuestra cena y a "Pintar con un Toque Católico" para celebrar el mes del Amor y la Amistad. Por favor vengan y únanse a nosotros para una noche de comunidad, diversión, y para crear memorias. Tendremos a un Artista Católico reconocido en el área del Metroplex John Andrew Sustaita, él nos enseñara pintar nuestra propia obra maestra Católica.

Cuando: sábado 18 de febrero del 2017

Hora: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Dónde: Resource Room

Costo: \$50.00/pareja (Incluye la cena y cada persona hará su propia pintura)

El espacio es limitado por favor hacer su reservación a través de la aplicación *My Parish App* o contactándose con la Directora de Vida Familiar Laura Murillo al (817)284-4811 Ext. 202 o

[lmurillo@sjtanrh.com](mailto:lmurillo@sjtanrh.com).

Tendremos cuidado de niños disponible gratis.



Thank you to Sigma Iota Sorority for their financial donation to the Food Pantry. We truly appreciate community partners who help us provide resources to families in our community!



This week we have seen a more average number of clients. That helps us keep up the pace for the need for food. We continue to need food for about 80 bags of groceries a week. This week we are short on the following:

**Pasta            Dried Beans            Bread Mix            Peanut Butter**  
**Shampoo        Laundry Detergent      Toothpaste**



The team from Baby World has been spending extra hours to clean house and reorganize. We appreciate their dedication to Baby World and their clients!

**Patzun Mission Scholarships**

We are still short about 20 scholarships from our parish compared to last year. Over 200 students have enrolled in the Catholic elementary school in a village in our sister parish in Patzun, Guatemala. These students are provided a meal, school supplies and teacher's salaries. The future of Guatemala depends on children receiving a good education and we have an opportunity to help provide this. No child from our scholarship program has become an unaccompanied minor here in the United States, because they have hope that with an education they may be able to sustain a living wage in their own country. If you would like more information about how to help fund a child please contact Colleen at [ccargile@sjtanrh.com](mailto:ccargile@sjtanrh.com) or (817) 284-4811.



We have a couple more weeks of our program to provide a safe, warm place to spend the night, a couple of delicious home cooked meals and great Saint John's hospitality for ten homeless men. The guests tell us that Saint John's is one of their favorite sites for RITI and they express their gratitude often. If you would like to volunteer or help please contact Lupe at (817) 284-4811.

**Faith in Action:** This week a woman came to us because she was behind on all her bills. She has recently lost most of her eyesight and will need to take early Social Security. Unfortunately she has made some bad decisions with her limited finances. People were living in her home without contributing financially and she was donating her food to needy neighbors. We spent a lot of time counseling the client about her decisions and how she was unable to sustain these choices. As good hearted as she was, she needed to help herself first which was difficult for her. But at the end of the meeting she had a plan on how to change some of her behavior and she was more hopeful that she could manage her finances without assistance from outside agencies. Our financial assistance was one facet of the help she was given that day, thanks to the parishioners who tithe to our parish.

**Mentoring:** We have six parishioners who have volunteered an hour a week to befriend a middle school student. The time spent with these students has enriched the lives of the volunteers as well as provided a caring adult in the lives of children needing adult support. We are grateful to these volunteers for their dedication and caring spirit!



**Saint John the Apostle  
Catholic School**

**Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**(817) 284-2228    [www.stjs.org](http://www.stjs.org)**

**What Our Parents Have to Say about SJS**

"I know SJS provided me with the strong academics needed to succeed in business and in life. I know it gave me a strong charitable foundation. But most importantly, my time at SJS gave me the sense of family and community, and that is a gift I'd like to pass on to my daughter."

**Soar to Success Campaign**

Only three more weeks left to help us reach our goal of \$40,000. We have raised \$24,300 to date. Please consider making a donation: [www.stjs.org](http://www.stjs.org).

**Vocations Day**

On Wednesday, February 15, 2017 all the 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the Fort Worth Diocese will be attending Vocations Day. Please pray for them.

**Annual Auction**

Our Annual Auction and Dinner "Springtime in Paris" is Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the NRH Grand Hall at 6:00 p.m. We are accepting donations and sponsorships. You can visit us at: [www.stjs.org/auction](http://www.stjs.org/auction).

**Testimonio de Nuestros Padres acerca SJS**

"SJS me proporcionó una excelente educación para tener éxito en negocios y en mi vida personal, también creó buenos cimientos en caridad. Pero lo más importante ha sido el sentido de familia y comunidad, y es un regalo que me gustaría pasar a mi hija".

**Campana "Soar to Success"**

Sólo tres semanas más para ayudarnos a conseguir nuestra meta de \$40,000. Hasta la fecha hemos recaudado \$24,300. Por favor considere hacer una donación: [www.stjs.org](http://www.stjs.org).

**Día de Vocaciones**

El miércoles 15 de Febrero todos los alumnos de 5<sup>o</sup> grado en la Diócesis de Fort Worth estará participando en el Día de Vocaciones. Ayúdenos a rezar por ellos.

**Subasta Anual**

Nuestra Subasta y Cena Anual "Springtime in Paris" es el Sábado, 6 de mayo de 2017 en el Grand Hall de NRH a las 6:00 p.m. Ya estamos aceptando donaciones y patrocinadores. Nos puede visitar: [www.stjs.org/auction](http://www.stjs.org/auction).



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



"For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God." Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on March 31-April 2, 2017. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail to [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call (469) 444-0904. Para mas información de Encuentro Matrimonial en Español, escriba a [emmdfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmdfw@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>.



### St. John Paul II Institute Registration for 2016-2017

The St. John Paul II Institute, the diocesan lay ministry formation school, is accepting registrations for both its basic two-year program and its third-year "deepening program." For more information, contact Ms. Irma Jimenez (817) 945-9354, [ijimenez@fwdcio.org](mailto:ijimenez@fwdcio.org).



### Inscripción del Instituto Juan Pablo II para 2016-2017

El Instituto de San Juan Pablo II, la escuela diocesana de formación del ministerio laico, está aceptando inscripciones tanto para su programa básico de dos años como para su "programa de profundización" de tercer año. Para más información, comuníquese con la Sra. Irma Jiménez (817) 945-9354, [ijimenez@fwdcio.org](mailto:ijimenez@fwdcio.org).

### Rachel's Corner

Are you feeling pain and regret after an abortion?

Come to a Rachel Retreat and experience the mercy, forgiveness and healing love of God in the company of others who understand what you're going through. Break the chains of silence and isolation and be at peace.

Rachel Ministries  
817-923-4757

Next Retreat is March 3, 2017

### El Rincón de Raquel

¿Sientes dolor y arrepentimiento después del aborto?

Ven a un Retiro de Raquel y experimentarás la misericordia, perdón y la sanación en el amor de Dios en compañía de otros que entenderán por lo que estás pasando. Rompe las cadenas del silencio e insulación y vive la paz.

Ministerios de Raquel  
(817) 886-4760

Próximo Retiro 28 de Abril del 2017

### Stewardship

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

### Corresponsabilidad

La administración de nuestros dones implica más que solamente tráelos al altar. Las lecturas de hoy dicen claramente que es la fidelidad a la ley de Dios lo que hacen que nuestra ofrenda sea aceptable.



*Our Stewardship of Treasure ...  
Our giving Your gifts helps us to  
better serve our Parish.  
St. John the Apostle...  
A Full Stewardship Parish....*

**2016 – 2017**

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection February 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$	27,388.50
Month to Date Collection	\$	27,388.50
Monthly Offertory Collection Budget	\$	134,680.26
Social Service	\$	1,516.00

*"How shall I make a return to the Lord  
for all the good He has done for me?"  
Psalm 116:12*



Saint John welcomes you. If you come to mass and tithe but have not filled out a registration packet, you are not a member yet. Come by the Parish Office to fill one out or call (817) 284-4811 and have a packet mailed out to you. If you are just visiting, you are always welcome.

## Scripture Reflection

We have been given a gift from God – the ability to choose our path. It is called “Free Will.” Adam and Eve had free will and we know of the one serious occasion when they used it incorrectly. Our free will should be used to lead us to the Kingdom.

God’s wisdom far surpasses ours. Parents believe they know what is good for their children; God is sure of what is good for us. Saint Paul reminds the Corinthians that the wisdom of the day is not sufficient. The secular wisdom of today is no different – it is inadequate to understand God and the wonderful things he has planned for us.

Jesus came to help us understand and interpret for us the Ten Commandments. It is not good enough to do the minimum to get by, we must understand what Jesus is telling us – not fitting our deeds into our perception of right or wrong, but holding ourselves accountable to what God sees as right and wrong. It is a tough standard but one that will gain us eternal life.

## Reflexiones de Escrituras

Dios nos ha dado un regalo – la habilidad de escoger nuestro camino. Esto es conocido como “Libertad de Escoger.” Adán y Eva tenían libertad de escoger y sabemos de una seria ocasión donde utilizaron esa libertad incorrectamente. Nuestra libertad de escoger debe de ser utilizada para guiarnos al Reino de Dios.

La sabiduría de Dios nos sobrepasa. Los padres creen saber que es lo mejor para sus hijos, Dios está seguro de que es lo mejor para nosotros. San Pablo en la carta a los Corintios nos recuerda que la sabiduría del día de hoy no es suficiente. No hay mucha diferencia con la sabiduría secular – es inadecuada para lograr entender a Dios y los planes maravillosos que él tiene para nosotros.

Jesus vino a ayudarnos a entender y a interpretar los Diez Mandamientos. No es suficiente hacer lo mínimo para llenar los requisitos, debemos de entender lo que Jesus nos está diciendo – no debemos apropiarnos nuestras obras en nuestro precepto del bien y el mal, pero debemos de hacernos responsables a lo que Dios ve como bien y mal. Un nivel de vida difícil pero uno que nos garantiza la vida eterna.



## Readings for the Week of February 5, 2017

- Sunday** Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
- Monday** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday** Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday** Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34—9:1

## *✠ Mass Intentions for the Week*

<u>Mass</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
<b>Sat. 02/11</b>		
<b>5:00 PM</b>	✠Paul & Maria Teresa Nguyen	Anna Nguyen
<b>Sun. 02/12</b>		
<b>7:30AM</b>	✠Virgina A. Jasso	Diana G. Chester
<b>9:00AM</b>	Diana G. Chester (Sp. Int.)	Diana G. Chester
<b>11:00AM</b>	Faith of Children (Sp. Int.)	Susan Nguyen
<b>1:00 PM</b>	✠Antonio Hernandez Sr.	Antonio Hernandez Jr.
<b>3:00PM</b>	Isabel Quevedo	Guadalupe Padron
<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Mon. 02/13</b>		
<b>8:15AM</b>	✠Adalberto Payan	Familia Payan
<b>Tues. 02/14</b>		
<b>8:15 AM</b>	✠David Mandato	Betty Mandato
<b>Wed. 02/15</b>		
<b>8:15AM</b>	✠Joe Barbolla Jr.	Barbara Timmerman
<b>6:30PM</b>	✠Maria & Giokine Nguyen	Anna Nguyen
<b>Thur. 02/16</b>		
<b>8:15AM</b>	✠Peter Hai Le	Susan Nguyen
<b>7:00 PM</b>	✠Fr. Jack Vessels, SJ	Sr. Ines Diaz, SSMN
<b>Fri. 02/17</b>		
<b>8:15AM</b>	✠Anibal Pereira	Stan & Terri Evans
<b>Sat. 02/18</b>		
<b>5:00 PM</b>	✠Charlie Horak	Schneider Family
<b>Sun. 02/19</b>		
<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>9:00AM</b>	David & Valerie Alvarado Family	Diana G. Chester
<b>11:00AM</b>	✠Amparo Gonzalez	Connie Sanchez
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Casados Family (Sp. Int.)	Annette Velasquez
<b>3:00PM</b>	✠Candido Pasillas	Sal & Lola Pasillas
<b>5:00PM</b>	✠Basilisa Tercero	Leonardo de la Garza

Please remember in your prayers all those listed in our book of the sick located in the back of the Church. We pray for those who have died, especially ✠Maria Lopez, ✠Maria Rojas de Rodriguez, ✠Ennette Lugo Pagan, ✠ Sally Miles, ✠ Elvira Aguilar Gonzalez and ✠Ubaldo Niño.

