

*People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south. (Luke 13:29)*

Going to a Catholic church in another country can be a real eye-opener. The language or accent might be different. The liturgy might have a different flair. And the people in the pews might not look like your fellow parishioners. That's part of the beauty of the Church!

In today's Gospel, when someone asks Jesus whether only a few will be saved, Jesus is quick to broaden his perspective. The heavenly banquet table is very large, he says! Yes, the gate is narrow, and it takes effort to enter. But that doesn't mean heaven will be empty. History tells us that many, many people have been more than willing to enter through that narrow gate. The result? All the great saints and heroes of the faith will be reclining at table with a multitude of people: men, women, and children from every race and nation, from every cultural and economic background. The Lord is not stingy when it comes to drawing people to himself. In fact, the more the merrier!

The key is entry through the narrow gate. That's the action of faith that unites us. Whether you're from the north, south, east, or west, a prince or a peasant, it doesn't matter. If you've entered through that narrow door if you've turned to the Lord in faith and Baptism you belong in God's kingdom. You have a place reserved for you at the banquet table of the Lord.

Now, just as you are a part of the people of God, so are the people in your community, everyone who serves side-by-side with you at your parish. But so are people who speak a different language or whose culture or economic status is very unlike your own. So are people in prison cells and in homeless shelters. So is the annoying neighbor down the street whose faith is known to God alone. In God's eyes, everyone is equally deserving of his love. Because God wants everyone in his kingdom. So let's make space next to ourselves at the Lord's banquet table.

*"Lord, help me to welcome anyone who comes to you in faith."*

*Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalm 117:1-2 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

*The Word Among Us..*

In observance of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2nd, St. John's Parish Office will be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd at 8am.

En observancia del Día del Trabajo, la oficina de la parroquia de San Juan estará cerrado el lunes, 2 de septiembre. Volveremos a abrir el martes, 3 de septiembre a las 8am.



Holy Hour Adoration every Monday's from 7pm to 8pm in St. John's Church.

Adoración de la Hora Santa cada Lunes de las 7pm a las 8pm en la iglesia de San Juan.

**The Archdiocese of San Antonio Office of Development**

Invites you to a Final Affairs Seminar Series

- **Sept. 5** - "Companions on the Journey: Hospice and Compassionate End of Life Care": Ms. Patricia Williams RN.
- **Sept. 12** - Funeral Planning 101: Puente & Sons Funeral Chapels.
- **Sept. 19** - "Now, and at the Hour of Death: Catholic Social Teaching of End of Life Issues": Fr. Larry Christian, EV, Archdiocese of San Antonio.
- **Sept. 26** - "Legacy Stewardship: The Gift of Sustainability": Mrs. Jennifer Rodriguez, Development Associate, Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Joe Cosby and Family, Pat Tally, Sarah Martinez, Teresa Brezenski, Josefina Gomez, Magdalena Urrabazo, Maria Villarreal, Elisa Casanova, Socorro Pastrano, Laura Pena, Mary Aguillon, Irene Breedon, Jessica Lozano, Laura Moreno, George Menjares, Maria Luisa Rodriguez, Susana Ruiz Velasco, Agnes Kubesch, Maria del Carmen Morales, Tanya Marie Paveglio, Rome Escobedo, Sister Cecilia Rodriguez, Mayra Maricela Martinez, Roselie Marquez Gonzales, Richard Gonzales, Rudy Reyes, Andy Bonham, Julio Villarreal, Cassey Cosby, Graciela Bernal, Quinn Nash, Amalia Villarreal, Juliana Villarreal, Paula Montalbo, Oralía Ortiz, Christian Vasquez, George Garcia, Melva Macias, Tony Garza III, Carmen Flores, Melissa Sanchez Lara, Viola Sanchez, Ruben Sanchez, Dalia Morales, Michael Morales, Rene Hernandez, Pablo Flores, Luciano Soto, Sue Lira, Hector C. Alvarez, and Valdomero Carrizales.

**To Add or Remove names please call the Parish office at 738-2201**

**Parish Support: Weekend of August 17 and 18th, 2019**

**Church Support Envelope**

**5:00pm Mass:.....\$1,861.50**  
**8:00am Mass:.....\$584.86**  
**9:30am Mass:.....\$781.00**  
**12:00pm Mass:.....\$667.00**  
**7:30pm Mass:.....\$1,103.52**

**2nd Collection - Building Fund**

**5:00pm Mass:.....\$519.00**  
**8:00am Mass:.....\$201.00**  
**9:30am Mass:.....\$174.10**  
**12:00pm Mass:.....\$137.47**  
**7:30pm Mass:.....\$496.45**

**Feast of Assumption Holy Day:.....\$960.24**

**TOTAL:.....\$7,486.14**

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 26th ~ 11:30am

Manuel Valdez (Happy 75th Birthday)

† Rosie Glaze

Tuesday, August 27th ~ 11:30am

Esperanza Granados (Happy Birthday)

† Ray Sistos

*St. Monica*

Wednesday, August 28th ~ 11:30am

† Yolanda Edwards

† Gloria Arriaga

*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Thursday, August 29th ~ 11:30am

† Anselmo Garza Jr.

Diane Ruiz Villarreal

*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

Friday, August 30th ~ 11:30am

† Virgilio Gonzalez

† Gloria Arriaga

Saturday, August 31st ~ 5:00pm

† Audrey Phillips

Frances K. Coffey (In Thanksgiving)

Sunday, September 1st

8:00am Rosie Apolinar (Happy Birthday)

9:30am † Diane Ruiz Villarreal

† David Camacho

12:00pm † Edith Merla

† Grace Merla Menchaca

7:30pm † Gloria Arriaga

People of the Parish

The St. John Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate the following men who made their 1st Degree on August 13th: Johnny Carmona, Mario Casas, Christopher Montalvo, Refugio Renovato, and JJ Torres. The Knights would also like to congratulate the following men who made their 2nd & 3rd Degree on August 17th: Zackry Hernandez, Isaac Guillemette, and Refugio Renovato. We welcome you and look forward to your service to the parish.

St. John Council # 8302 is always looking for a few good men. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support our parish, give back to the community, grow in your faith. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. If you are interested, please reach out to a Knights of Columbus member.

Sunday, October 6, 2019

LOTERIA (Mexican Bingo)

Altar Society Fundraiser

St. John's Parish Hall 1:30pm to 4:30pm

\$10 per person for 10 games

Door Prizes, Raffle, Food, and Silent Auction

For tickets please call Evelyn Casillas at 210-213-3853 or  
Rosie Martinez at 210-875-8837

Limited Seating/ Cash or Checks ONLY  
NO OUTSIDE FOOD or DRINKS PERMITTED

RESERVA LA FECHA

Domingo, 6 de Octubre de 2019

LOTERIA

Recaudación de fondos de la Sociedad del Altar  
en el Salon de la Parroquia de San Juan de las  
1:30am a hasta 4:30pm.

\$10.00 por carta, cada carta juegas 10 juegos  
Abran premios en la Puerta, Rifa, Comida y unas  
subasta silenciosa.

Para boletos por favor llama a Evelyn Casillas al  
210-213-3853 o Rosie Martinez al 210-875-8837

Asientos limitados/ SOLAMENTE Dinero efectivo o  
cheques. NO SE PERMITEN NINGUNA  
COMIDA o BEBIDAS

### WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Legion of Mary: Tuesday's at 5:20pm in the Parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday's 7pm-8pm (St. John's Church).

Men's Prayer Group: Saturday's in Casa de Juan from 7:30am-9:00am. Contact Kevin Collins - 210-685-2735 or Rafael Martinez - 210-782-6313

### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Guadalupanas: Recites the Rosary on the 12th day of each month. Contact Maria Gomez at 210-268-7760

Knights of Columbus: Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Contact Mike Constantino- 210-415-7278.

Women's Fellowship: Every third Thursday of the Month at Casa de Juan from 6pm till 9pm.

Altar Society: Third Sunday of the month after the 12:00pm Mass. Contact Parish Office 210-738-2201

Men's ACTS: 3rd Monday of the month in Hall at 7pm.

Youth Group: Contact Marisol Ramirez at 210-723-1355.

ACTS: Contact Tony Ybarra at 210-430-9028.

Adult Religious Education (RCIA) & Faith Formation Classes (CCD): Parish Office at 210-738-2201ext 13.

Young Adults Ministry: Second Thursday of each month from 7pm to 9pm at Casa de Juan. Contact Anna Gomez at 210-331-3044