

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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**October 8, 2023**

*27th Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone...?  
Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will  
be taken away from you and given to a  
people that will produce its fruit."  
- Mt 21:42ab, 43

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
In today's Gospel, we have the parable of the vineyard and the wicked tenants. Jesus tells this story to his opponents, namely the Chief Priests and the Elders of the people, to show them that even though they are God's chosen people from the beginning, they have forfeited any claim to the new Kingdom of God because of their disloyalty and disobedience to him.

They were given a vineyard to cultivate, but they claimed it as their own and refused not only to give any return to the owner but murdered his son, who had come to them on behalf of his father. We could reflect on two thoughts from the parable. First, we see God's infinite goodness, patience, and mercy, and second, the depth of wickedness and ingratitude to which man can sink. Many prophets were

sent to them as his messengers, and they refused to accept them and did not listen to their warnings. Finally, the landowner, God, sent His only beloved Son, Jesus, to them, saying, "They will respect my Son." Rather than believing and accepting the teachings of Jesus as the Son of God and the promised Messiah, the chief priests and the Pharisees plotted against Him and killed Him.

Today's Gospel concludes the Kingdom of God will be given to a people that produce the fruits of the Kingdom. The fruits of the Kingdom are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. As Paul tells the Galatians, they are "love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Let us embrace His Kingdom and live its values. May the Lord bless you and your family.

Fr. Babychan MSFS

*"If, when stung by slander or ill-nature, we wax proud and swell with anger, it is a proof that our gentleness and humility are unreal, and mere artificial show."* ~ Francis de Sales

## Pastoral Council

Genevieve Flores Katie Haby  
Keith Howard Brett Hutto  
Ryan Lessing Rose Mary Mares  
Michele Mechler

Next Pastoral Council  
Meeting Oct. 19, 2023 6pm

Next Finance Council  
Meeting Dec. 14, 2023 5pm

## Finance Council

Diane Cheney  
Rey Bernal  
Robert Knight  
Stephen Long  
Connie Shullanberger

## ADORATION with the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Thursday - Chapel - 8:30am  
Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am  
Followed by Benediction

On the last Thursday of the  
month, anointing of the sick will  
follow the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

THANK  
you

Attendance Sept. 30/Oct.1 576  
CONTRIBUTIONS Weekly Parish Goal: \$7,000  
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Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff  
Bookkeeper Annabel Deibler  
Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman  
Custodian Tony Ortiz  
Part-time Custodian Eufasio Castillo  
Religious Ed Office open M-F 9:30am-4pm  
DRE Sylvia Fernandez (Tues 10am-4pm)  
Office Clerk Kris Cardenaz  
RCIA Director Mary Jo Peters

## Masses

Saturday 6:00 pm  
Sunday (Spanish Mass) 7:45 am  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am  
Wed. (Spanish Mass) 6:00 pm  
Rosary is prayed 1/2 hr. before each Mass.

## Confession

Saturday at 5:00 pm or by appointment  
After morning Mass on Thursday

## PRE-BAPTISM Classes:

3rd Sunday of the Month  
2 pm Religious Education Building  
Must pre-register for class  
Contact Parish Office to schedule Baptism.

## MARRIAGES:

Contact Pastor six months in advance.

## QUINCEAÑERAS:

Student must be enrolled and attending  
RE classes and meet with Pastor.

## FUNERALS:

Contact Parish Office.

## In our Thoughts & Prayers

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Patrick Adamietz             | Rene Aguirre         |
| Heather Ahr                  | Steven Avila         |
| Genaro Avila                 | Tommie Bragdon       |
| Chris Cole                   | Valerie Cole         |
| Riley Cole                   | Thomas Cuellar       |
| Trina Cuellar                | Salvador Dominguez   |
| Kimberly Escamilla           | Tim Favor            |
| Leila Fuentes                | Rosa Garcia          |
| Lupe Gauna                   | Marissa Ibarra       |
| Vincent Garza Loretta Lozano | Lucy Herrera         |
| Alleen Koch                  | John Henry Martinez  |
| Tony Mendoza                 | Jerry Mullans        |
| Rosalinda Alvarado           | Jerry Neal           |
| Milo Quintanilla             | Lorenzo Ortiz        |
| Roy Ramirez                  | Anna Reyes           |
| Mark Reus                    | Jerry Robles         |
| Lupe Sanchez                 | Mary Rose Sanchez    |
| Diane Torres                 | Gonzalo Torres       |
| Joe Ventura, Jr.             | Darlene Wiemers      |
| Daniel Willman               | Juan & Fannir Ybarra |

Call 741-2236 to add or remove someone from the list. Names will be kept on the list a minimum of 3 weeks.

Upcoming Second Collection

October 15, 2023 - Hope for the Future, Tuition Assistance

October 22, 2023 - World Mission Sunday

# MASS Intentions

**October 9 - 15, 2023**

**MONDAY - October 9 - (no Mass):**

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

**TUESDAY - October 10 - 8am - Chapel:**

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY - October 11 - 8am - Chapel:**

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY - October 11 - 6pm - Chapel:**

Neh 2:1-8/Sal 136, 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lc 9, 57-62

1) † Rosa Galvan by Ernie & Eva Cortez

**THURSDAY - October 12 - 8am - Chapel:**

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

1) † Jhn Melton by Theresa Gilliam

2) † Gail Rohrbach by Kay & Family

**FRIDAY - October 13 - 8am - Chapel:**

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

1) † Olin Gilliam by Theresa Gilliam

2) † Robert & Patsy Graff by Bill & Bonnie Moos

**SATURDAY - October 14 - 6pm - Church:**

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

1) † Rudy Guedea

2) For St. John's Parish

**SUNDAY - October 15 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church**

Is 5, 1-7/Sal 79, 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 /Flp 4, 6-9/Mt 21, 33-43

1) † Rosa Corona by Corona Family

2) † Felice Garcia by Family

3) † Joe Barrios, Jr. by Family

**SUNDAY - October 15 - 10am - Church**

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 /Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-4

1) † Abran Galvan Mendoza by Maternal Grandparents

2) † Kenneth Bendele by Terry & Maxine Dudley

3) † Bobby Graff by Garland & Sally Bader

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

All parishioners are invited to spend some time with our Lord Jesus in Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 10am followed by the benediction at 10:30am.

*Everyone is welcome!*

Send bulletin items to:  
parishsecretary@stjohnnevangelist.org  
Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

## St. John's Calendar of Events

**Sunday, October 8:**

\*8:45 Faith Formation Classes

\*10am Mass - Children's Liturgy

\*2pm - Baptism Prep Class - RE Bldg

**Monday, October 9:**

\*6pm - Adult Confirmation Class - RE Bldg.

\*7pm - BINGO - Parish Hall

**Tuesday, October 10:**

\*10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance - RE Building

**Wednesday, October 11:**

\*5:30pm - Rosary - Prayer Garden

**Thursday, October 12:**

\*9am - Saturday evening Choir Practice - Church

\*8:30am - Adoration - Chapel

\*10am - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

\*10:45am - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - RE Bldg

Women's ACTS Retreat begins

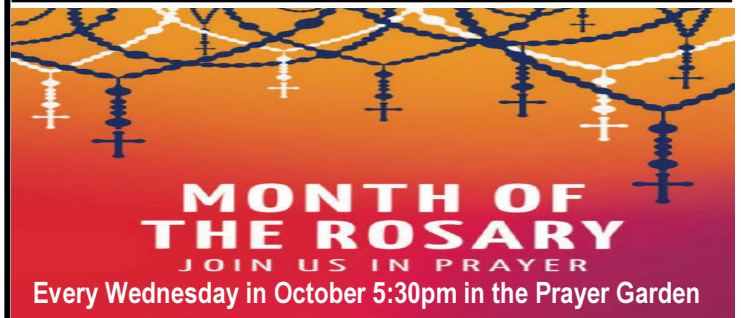
**Friday, October 13:**

**Saturday, October 14:**

\*5pm - Confessions - Church

**Sunday, October 15:**

\*10am Mass - Women's ACTS Homecoming



## Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday October 14, 2023 6pm

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Randy Graff,  
Luis Ramos, Marcy Zerr

Commentator: Wayne Stein

Lector: Tennille Lessing

Sacristan: Patti Graff

Extraordinary Ministers: Rose Mary Mares,  
Yvonne Stein, Paul Tschirhart

Altar Servers: R. J. Knight, Marinda Knights

Sunday Oct. 15, 2023 7:45am

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Ruben Medina

Ministers of Hospitality: Henry Torres  
Gabriel Rodriguez, Ray Ybarra

Commentator: Ruben Medina

Lector: Refugio Herrera

Sacristan: Efrain Rodriguez

Extraordinary Ministers: Carolina Trujillo  
Eva Cortez, Diane Ybarra

Altar Servers: Gabriel Rodriguez,  
Isabella Rodriguez, Cooper Pittman

Sunday Oct. 15, 2023 10am

(Mark Urby) Rosary Leader: Renae McNeil  
Ministers of Hospitality: Jack & Michele Rothe,  
Daniel Guedea

Commentator: Aurora Crooks

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: Cindy Jones

Sacristan: Judy Williams

Extraordinary Ministers: Elaine Melton,  
Diane Cheney, Michelle Hutto, Mary Jo Peters

Altar Servers: Hilario Garcia, Isabella Rodriguez,  
Bryson Howard, Brynlee Howard



**Thank You to our Volunteers!**

September Altar Care: Aurora Crooks, Gloria Bendele  
 Linens: Rita Vance, Patti Graff

**BINGO - Linda Fillinger, Gizmo Freeman  
 Ernest & Lorraine Garza**

**Hospital Visitation: Marlene King & Karen Koch**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest. Help us bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will see clients "in person" only (no phone calls) at their office in the Religious Ed Building on Tuesdays 10am—12 noon.

Medina County Food Pantry will have food distribution each Monday from 10am - 12pm (or while supplies last) — no vouchers needed. Closed Tuesday.

They will also continue with the Voucher Food Box Distribution on the last Friday of each month.

The Medina County Food Pantry could use donations of canned goods, jelly, peanut butter and cereal. *Thank you!*



**ASSEMBLY 2023**

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**Register at:**

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## Youth Ministry

Youth Meet on Wednesday, Oct. 18

Praise and Worship/Choir Practice At 7:00 pm

Youth Ministry invites all Youth grades 9-12

Check us out on Facebook at St. John's Youth Group Page

Teen ACTS January 4 -7, 2024

Join us for Youth Mass on October 22, 2023



Junior High grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Meet on Wednesday October 11

At 7:00 pm in the Youth Annex

For an evening of fun faith filled activities with friends.

## Happy Birthday!

**10/9** Jaryn Hernandez, Joseph Huesser, Annabelle Lopez, Alma Puente, Joshua Sumy, Darlene Wiemers

**10/10** Kiara Gutierrez, Norma Jasso, Belinda Resendez

**10/11** Jalyce Aguirre, Gabriel Brooks, Jonathan Flores, Herbert Guevara, Osmat Lopez, Dora Rodriguez, Paula Ybarra

**10/12** Danielle Alvarez, Lamar Cabrera, Jose Covarrabias, Tiffany Garcia, Emma Log, Andrea Luna-Martinez, Rosa Moreno-Garcia, Tanya Olivarez, Humberto Rocha, Jonathan Rodriguez

**10/13** Ava De Leon, William Freeman, Jonathan Garcia, Lucy Lara, Koehler Ruiz, Senida Torres, Stephanie Ybarra, Laura Zuniga Ramirez

**10/14** Sarah Brooks, April Carmona, Richard Correa, Robert Cuellar, Mariah Flores, Rafail Hinojos, Brady Hutto, Marlene King, Javier Lopez, Oralia Martinez, Lindzy Rincon

**10/15** Vicente Camacho, Tristan Hernandez, Wilbur Sierra, Frances Tapia, Roselyn Villarreal

### St. John's/Holy Cross ACTS Core 2023 OFFICERS

Lorraine Lopez - Facilitator

Tony Ortiz - Co-Facilitator

Pat Gonzales - Finance Coord.

Lorraine Lopez/Pat Gonzales - Communications Coord.

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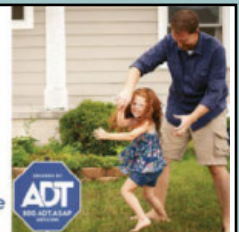
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