

# St. John the Evangelist

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Office Hours: 2-5 pm – Wednesday & Thursday (Maggie Conder)

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 Rev. Victor Hernandez, Pastor 903-474-4382  
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 Baptism/Quinceañera Classes - David Nino 469-964-5032

**CONFESSION:** Before and after First Friday Mass or by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** By appointment

**MARRIAGE & QUINCEAÑERAS:** Consult Father Victor nine (9) months in advance

## Christmas Novena – Dec. 16-24

The novena commemorates Joseph and Mary's search for shelter in preparation of Mary giving birth to our Savior, Jesus. For nine days we move as pilgrims seeking shelter for Mary and Joseph so that the world in waiting might welcome Jesus Christ. At each place we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas through prayer, song, fellowship and dinner. The sign-up sheet to host a novena day is on the bulletin board. Questions? Maggie 972-679-9330.

## Ordination Anniversaries

**Dec 16** — 13th Anniversary of Fr. Victor's Ordination to the Priesthood

**Dec 21** — 6th Anniversary of Deacon Marcelino & Federico's Ordination to the Diaconate

Let us remember and give thanks for all the many ways God has touched us through their service to the Church.

**Mass on December 15th will be offered in thanksgiving for their service.**

## Faith Formation Reminders

**Dec 24 & Dec 31:** Christmas break — no classes

**Jan 7:** Faith Formation classes will resume.

Any questions call Tina Denny at 817-821-8530.

# ADVENT

**Christmas Novena – Dec. 16 – 24**

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Dec. 22**

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner — Dec 22 (Sun)

In recognition of service to God and the community of St. John the Evangelist, the Parish Council and Fr. Victor cordially invite volunteers and their family or a guest to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, December 22 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall.

**Reservations are required prior to Dec. 17.**

Contact: Maggie Conder

Call or Txt Msg: 972-679-9330

Email: st.johns3@verizon.net / mmconder@gmail.com

**ATTENTION Novena Attendees:** The Christmas Novena/ Las Posadas will be prayed prior to dinner.



## Christmas Season Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Dec 24)	10:00 pm
Christmas Day (Dec 25)	11:00 am & 12:30 pm
St John the Evangelist Feast Day (Dec 27)	6:00 pm
New Year's Eve (Dec 31)	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	8-10 pm
Benediction & Mass	10:00 pm
Solemnity Mother of God (Jan 1)	11:00 am & 12:30 pm

## Holy Hour with Bishop Strickland – Dec. 19 (Thu)

Bishop Strickland will begin the Diocesan "Year of the Eucharist: Fostering Reverence for the Real Presence" on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019. During this year, he will pilgrimage across the diocese visiting each parish for an hour of adoration. He will make an hour of adoration at St. John the Evangelist on December 19, 2019 at 5:00pm. All are invited to come and prayer with him.

## Parish Collections – December 8, 2019

Combined Mass Total

Attendance: ..... 263  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: ..... \$ 986  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Capital Campaign/Building Fund: ..... \$ 941

Capital Campaign Period.....11-2018 to 11-2020  
 Capital Campaign Pledges Received ..... 76  
 Capital Campaign Amount Pledged ..... \$ 227,264  
**Campaign Pledges Collected 11-30-2019.....\$ 147,819**

## PLEASE PRAY / POR FAVOR, ORAR

... for all who are sick, elderly or alone.

Susie Asbill, Adam Blount (*Deb Boyd's son*), Richard Chacon (*Leticia Chavez's brother*), Craig Comer (*Joseph Rodriguez Brother-in-Law*), Jim Hardy (*Dennis Wagner's cousin*), Jesse Sepeda (*Rosa Nino's brother*), Melvin Mann & Nick Sheperd (*Kathy Austin*), Sophie Downing, Nancy Edward, Maeanna (Dusty) Forette, Manuel Gonzalez, Janice Hays, Pat Holcomb, Willie Villanueva

... and for our military & first responder families / Y para la familia de nuestros militares y primeros rescatistas.

Michael E. Riordan (*son of Mark & Mary Riordan*)  
 Gary Robinson, Jr. (*son of Jeanette & Gary Robinson*)  
 Rene Espinosa (*son of Deacon Marcelino & Lupe Espinosa*)  
 Sergio Cadena, Jr. (*grandson of Marcelino & Lupe Espinosa*)  
 Ruben Olvera (*nephew of Deacon Federico & Clara Aguilar*)

## Christmas Flower Donations

Honor your loved ones (deceased or living) this Christmas season by donating to the flowers that will adorn the sanctuary during Christmas. Make a \$15 minimum donation on or before Monday, Dec.16. Envelopes are available on the table in the hall. Drop in the collection basket or in the parish office.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday/lunes, December 16

Mass 12:00pm  
 Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm  
 Adultos para Christo 7:00pm

### Tuesday/martes, December 17

Bible Study 11:00am  
 Faith Formation 6:15pm  
 Mass 6:30pm

### Wed/miércoles, December 18

Choir Practice - Spanish 6:30pm

### Thursday/jueves, December 19

Becoming Catholic (RCIA) 7:00pm

### Friday/viernes, December 20

Encuentro Matrimonial 7:00pm

### Saturday/sabado, December 21

### Sunday/domingo, December 22

Mass / Misa (English) 11:00am  
 Mass / Misa (Español) 12:30pm  
 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6:00pm

## COMING SOON

Dec 24 Christmas Eve (Tue)  
 Dec 25 Christmas Day (Wed)  
 Dec 27 St. John the Evangelist Feast Day (Fri)  
 Dec 30 Good Samaritan Food Pantry Service Day (Mon)  
 Dec 31 New Year's Eve Adoration & Mass (Tue)  
 Jan 01 Solemnity Mother of God

## WORSHIP MINISTER SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 22 – 11:00 AM

Readers: ..... 1R. Dale Vasil 2R. Deb Boyd  
 EMHC: ..... Mark Freund & Pat Giglio  
 Nursing Home: ..... Ronnie Parker  
 Altar Servers:.....Brandon B., Michaela E., Olivia M.  
 Greeters: ..... Leo Hollo & Roland Nouvel

