

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CATHOLIC CHURCH • NEW TAITON  
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS**

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**Week of  
December 20, 2020**

Today is the  
Fourth Sunday  
of Advent.

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 a.m.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

~ PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION ~

**Sacrament of Baptism:** If you are in need of a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples planning marriage should contact the Parish Office six months prior to the desired date at (979) 543-6985.

**Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:** If a family member is sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at (979) 543-6985.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to St. John's Church. Please fill out our census form located at the main entrance and return to the Parish Office.

**Mass Intentions for this Week:**

<b>Monday, 12/21</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday, 12/22</b>	7:00 a.m.	Joy King †
<b>Wednesday, 12/23</b>	7:00 a.m.	Georgie Duyka †
<b>Thursday, 12/24</b>	4:00 p.m.	Donald Nohavitza †
	9:00 p.m.	Gary Cerny † Gus Sohrt †
<b>Friday, 12/25</b>	7:00 a.m.	Evelyn Korenek †
	8:30 a.m.	Jerome Dorotik †
<b>Saturday, 12/26</b>	4:00 p.m.	Joann Schwartzloopt † Mildred Trcka † Jennie Mae Treumer †
<b>Sunday, 12/27</b>	7:00 a.m.	Agnes Kahanek † Chopper Kahanek †
	8:30 a.m.	Parish Family Josh Supak †

**Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Trey Clark, Haley Tupa  
**Lector:** Cassie Clark  
**Ushers:** Lawrence Labay, Jr., Volunteer  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Tommy Drapela, Volunteer  
**Rosary** prayed before Mass.

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Dylan Srubar, Cole Srubar, Kade Srubar  
**Lector:** Jean Merck  
**Ushers:** Brad Tupa, Volunteer  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Keith Kresta, Lori Tupa  
**Rosary** prayed before Mass.

***Our Harvest Collection  
for this week  
\$2650.00***

**Offertory Collection**  
Loose: \$1391.00  
Envelopes: \$2388.00  
\$3779.00

**BULLETIN SPONSORS** this week are Ronnie & Margaret Leopold.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** this week is in memory of Father Joe Koebel.

**STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** will be in the home of Ben & Lena Tupa for the months of November & December.

**CRUCIFIX AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** will be in the home of Karen Zapalac for the months of November & December. Please pray for vocations.

**DECEMBER ALTAR DECORATORS:** Connie Hlavaty, Kathy Bubela, Megan Bubela, Dorothy Fiala, Jeanette Socha, Donna Korenek, Lena Tupa, Elizabeth Tupa, Rose Ann Mitchell, Lori Tupa, Judy Venglar, Sarah Venglar, Alicia Stary and Robin Hensley. Your offering is due.

**No CCD CLASSES** until January 6, 2021.

**2021 PARISH CALENDARS AND SUPPORT ENVELOPES** can be found at the main entrance.

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOLARSHIP GAMES PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS** can be found at each entrance.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Volunteers are still needed for Christmas and New Year Masses. If you are able to help, please place your name on the schedules provided at the main entrance.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB IN THE CHURCH** will be put up on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Come when you can. Any help is greatly appreciated.

**PARISH FAMILY TREE:** If you are new to our Parish, we have a large tree in the Sanctuary called the Parish Family Tree. All ornaments on the tree are from members of our Parish. Please be a part of our Parish Family and place your ornament on the tree.

**THE PARISH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>.**

**DID I PAY MY 2020  
ALTAR SOCIETY DUES, HARVEST COLLECTION, DSA,  
NO BAKE CAKE SALE DONATION  
AND MY \$25 FOR ALTAR FLOWERS  
FOR THE MONTH I AM ASSIGNED?**

**Meditation for the Week**

"Our season of fervent anticipation is nearly over. The promise of these four weeks, the coming of our Lord and Savior, will soon be reaching its fulfillment. Have we prepared a place in our hearts for him even as we have made preparations for the holiday? Once more we hear Mary accept the invitation to bear the Son of God. Let her response be a model for us to accept God's invitation to bear Christ to one another." (Pastoral Patterns)

*Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 The kingdom of David shall endure for ever before the Lord.*

*Psalms 89 "For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."*

*Romans 16:25-27 The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.*

*Luke 1:26-38 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.*

"As we begin our last week of preparation for the coming of our Lord, we listen to the preparations three others took during earlier eras. King David intended to prepare a house for the ark of God, but God revealed a more important house to prepare. Saint Paul completed his letter to the Romans, a church he'd helped prepare for the mystery of Christ. In the Gospel, Mary agreed to prepare a place in her womb for the Son of God. Let us prepare a place in our hearts now for the word of God." (Pastoral Patterns)

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE  
FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m.  
Mass during the Night - 9:00 p.m.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Mass at Dawn - 7:00 a.m.  
Mass during the Day - 8:30 a.m.

The projector in the Parish Hall will be on for the overflow of people.