

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

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**Week of  
February 21, 2021**

Today is the  
First Sunday  
of Lent.

**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, 02/22</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday, 02/23</b>	7:00 a.m.	Selven Zapalac †
<b>Wednesday, 02/24</b>	7:00 a.m.	Leroy & Annie Supak †
<b>Thursday, 02/25</b>	7:00 a.m.	Henry Supak †
<b>Friday, 02/26</b>	7:00 a.m.	Father Jerry Caponi †
	6:15 p.m.	Mary Jane Lezak †
		Josh Supak †
<b>Saturday, 02/27</b>	4:00 p.m.	Jim Drastata †
		Donna Korenek †
		Bill Swoboda †
<b>Sunday, 02/28</b>	7:00 a.m.	Parish Family
		Betty Jo Livanec †
		Jarrel Nohavitza †
	8:30 a.m.	Stanley Blaha, Greg Bubela and Donald & JoAnn Willie †
		Doris Pfeil †

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

**Altar Servers:** Mason Bystrek, Jackson Bystrek, Carson Bystrek, Hudson Bystrek

**Lector:** Sandi Bystrek

**Ushers:** Lawrence Labay, Jr., Volunteer

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Leroy Kaspar, Karen Kaspar

**Rosary** prayed before Mass.

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

**Altar Servers:** Dylan Srubar, Cole Srubar, Kade Srubar

**Lector:** Keith Kresta

**Ushers:** John Merck, Volunteer

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Robert Hlavaty, Connie Hlavaty

**Rosary** prayed before Mass.

**Offertory Collection**

Loose: \$640.00  
Envelopes: \$1404.00  
\$2044.00

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** this week is St. John's Parish.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** this week is for the living & deceased members of the Parish.

**STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** will be in the home of Doug & Judy Lezak for the months of January & February.

**CRUCIFIX AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** will be in the home of Robert & Connie Hlavaty for the months of January & February. Please pray for vocations.

**PRAYER THIS WEEK:** Heavenly Father, if it is your divine will, inspire many of our youth to say "Yes" to your special calling to be priests, sisters and brothers. Amen. Serra International

**FEBRUARY ALTAR DECORATORS:** Yvonne Marcaurele, Megan Riha, Sara Kresta, Josie Marcaurele, Roxann Smith, Tanya Bunge, Lori Heard, Jeraldine Socha, Josephine Rucka, Jane Kubala, Kathy Helterbridle, Doris Priesmeyer and Tracy Braden. Your offering is due.

**CCD CLASSES** Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

**2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT** can be found on the table at the main entrance.

**OPERATION RICE BAG** continues thru Easter Sunday.

**ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER** will be held on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Taiton Community Center. Drive-thru plates to go or walk-in plates to go will be available but no dining in the hall. Due to Covid safety concerns, all other gathering activities (except for the Raffle) have been cancelled. Your \$10.00 annual dues and \$10.00 fryer donations can be paid by dropping in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office. Assignment cards will hopefully be mailed out this week. On Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall, we will be toasting bread and washing gizzards. Bring your toasters. Any help is appreciated. Come and help when you can. **Raffle tickets can be found at each entrance.**

**ATTENTION SENIORS!** Scholarship applications for the St. John's Games Party are available at the Parish Office or at [www.ecisd.org](http://www.ecisd.org). Applications are due in the Parish Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

Mass - 7:00 a.m.  
Stations of the Cross - 6:00 p.m.  
Mass - 6:15 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> ALTAR SERVERS**

Jackson Merck, Simone Riha

**CULTIVATING A DEEPER PRAYER LIFE - WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT, MARCH 19-21, 2021:** Learn how to deepen your own prayer and build a habit for the rest of your life. Flyers about this retreat can be found at the main entrance. This retreat is sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria Office of Family Evangelization.

**Meditation for the Week**

"Forty days from now we will find ourselves at the foot of the cross. How can we prepare ourselves for this? Jesus' words at the beginning of his ministry are apt: "Repent, and believe in the gospel." Let us ask ourselves how we have sinned. Let us feel remorse for those times we have fallen short. Let us resolve to turn back to God and live out the gospel in our day-to-day lives. Let us find ourselves able to approach the cross forty days from today with profound gratitude for what our Lord has done for us." (Pastoral Patterns)

*Genesis 9:8-15 God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood*

*Psalms 25 "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."*

*1 Peter 3:18-22 The water of the flood prefigured Baptism, which saves you now.*

*Mark 1:12-15 Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.*

"Our readings today revolve around the covenant God established with all of humanity, with all of us. It began with just the few people taking refuge on the ark, but after the flood Noah and his family were all of humanity. The First Letter of Peter identifies baptism as a sign of that covenant, saving us as the ark had saved Noah. Jesus, God's new covenant with humanity, calls us to repentance and faith. May we heed that call and renew our covenant with God by living out the gospel." (Pastoral Patterns)