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Masses:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

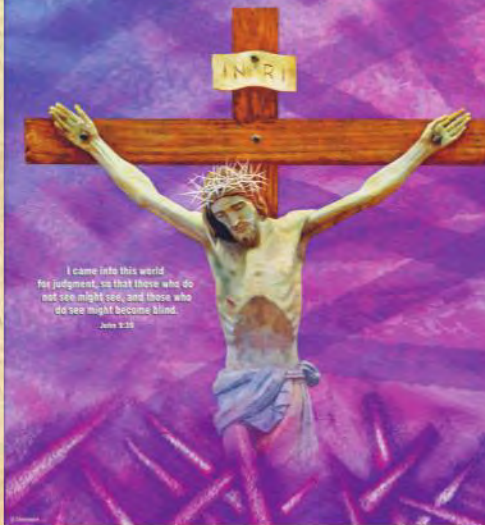
Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm

Fourth Sunday of LENT



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March 19, 2023

He opened my eyes. (John 9:30)

Today's Gospel seems to be a simple miracle story. But it contains rich insight for us if we, like the blind man, allow Jesus to open our eyes.

Notice that this man was born blind. He had never been able to see his mother's face or the light of a sunrise. For his entire life, he saw only darkness, and his condition was considered incurable.

Since we were born with the blindness of original sin, we can all identify with the challenges this man faced. Just as his physical blindness made it difficult for him to live in freedom and independence, so our spiritual blindness causes us to struggle to find our way to God. We lack the light to walk in love and holiness, and God can seem distant to us.

Jesus spotted the man in his isolation and suffering and reached out to him (John 9:1). He applied mud to his eyes and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. Suddenly, this man, who had never seen anything before, "came back able to see" (9:7). He could see his parents and the streets of Jerusalem—as well as the mockers who disputed his healing. Best of all, he saw Jesus! And although it took time, he came to recognize Jesus as the Lord and worshipped him (9:38).

Just as Jesus healed this man of his blindness, he has washed you clean of sin and healed your spiritual blindness in the waters of Baptism. No more stumbling in darkness—you have Jesus, the Light of the World, to guide you! No more hiding in shame over your sin—you are forgiven! No more isolation—you are a child of God and a member of his family! You may experience some lingering effects of sin, but Jesus offers you an opportunity to see more clearly each and every day. In time, he will overcome all your darkness.

Rejoice: Jesus has opened your eyes!

"Thank you, Lord, for your grace. I was blind, but now I see."

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**St. Joseph Altar
Saturday March 18 &
Sunday, March 19, 2023**



We will honor St. Joseph Saturday, March 18 at 4pm Mass. Deacon Ricard will bless the altar immediately following Mass at the K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street. Meals will be served from the K. C. Hall Sunday, March 19. Saints will be served at 11am and meals for the public will be served from Noon-1:30pm at no charge.

Church Dedication for March: St. Joseph

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'"

Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

Lent

Lenten Weekday Schedule:

Tuesday - 6pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass

**Friday - 12 Noon - Stations of the Cross
6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross
(No 7am Mass during Lent)**



**The Light is On for You!
Lenten Confession**

St. John, along with other churches in our Diocese, will open for confession at night during Lent.

Father Greg will be hearing confessions from 6-7pm
Wednesday, March 29.

St. John the Baptist Church, 402 S. Kirkland St. in Brusly will have confessions every Wednesday in Lent from 6:30-7:30pm.

NOTICE

The Women's Lenten Silent Retreat scheduled for Saturday, March 25 has been cancelled.

Save the Date!!

**Annual Outdoor Mass & Family Day
Sunday, April 16, 2023 — 11am**

**Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine
Waterfront Park**



RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Fourth Sunday of Lent #1125

Entrance: Amazing Grace! #757

Communion: Return to God #563

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 11:28-30)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

**Daily Scripture Readings
March 19-25, 2023**

Sunday, March 19:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday, March 20:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday, March 21:

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 22:

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 23:

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 24:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 25:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38



We are participating again this Lenten Season to help raise funds to provide prescription services for those in need. Donation canisters are located in the back of church. By putting a cash donation in the prescription bottle, you can directly contribute to the St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy. For more information, contact Lisa Hubble at 225.383.7837, extension 204.

Thank you for your support of this important community endeavor.

St. Jude Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage to St. Jude in New Orleans is planned for Monday, April 24, 2023. It's a beautiful day of getting together, relaxing with friends and our Lord in prayer. There are a few seats available on the bus. The cost of the trip is \$39.00.

For more information and if you would like to join us, please call Cecilia Blanchard at 985.513.2252.



Saint Joseph's Seminary College
25376 River Road, Saint Benedict, LA
Vocations Weekend Retreat
March 31-April 2, 2023

Thought about the priesthood lately? Been on your mind a lot? Come and see what God has to say about it.

This weekend is about how to discern God's call for your life. No cost to you. Meals provided, beds provided (bring bed linens, pillow, towels and personal items), prayer provided. All men 16 years and older are eligible to attend.

Contact your local Diocesan Vocations Director, Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org for more information.

A Vocation View



Jesus gave sight to the blind man. He will also give us "insight" into what to do with our lives ... if we ask Him.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Easter Flower Donations

The beautiful flowers and decorations at Easter enhance our Easter worship. Envelopes for Easter decorations have been placed in your March packet of envelopes. Please list the names of your loved ones on the envelopes. Memorial donations will be published in the bulletin.

Contribution Tax Statements

Anyone needing a 2022 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan at the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402. Statements will be printed upon request. Please remember St. John Church and St. John School in your Last Will and Testament.



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- **Manage gifts.** Another easy way to manage your church giving is with Online Giving. You can manage your giving or give a one-time gift right from your phone.

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Your support during the year helps sustain our church.

NEED SACRAMENTS?

If you are interested in receiving any of the Sacraments, visit our St. John Church website www.stjohnchurchplaq.org or contact the church office at 225.687.2402 for more information.

Adult Confirmation

If you are 18 years of age or over and have not been confirmed in the Catholic Church, please call the church office to attend 6 classes on Confirmation beginning Sunday, April 16 (10-11am) through Sunday, May 21. Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023 at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael Duca.

Register by filling out the RCIA form found under the FORMATION tab.

Holy Matrimony

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the Church 6 months prior to the wedding. Plans should not be made before contacting the church office. Anyone previously married must have an annulment freeing them to marry in the Catholic Church. This includes members of other denominations seeking to marry Catholics in the Catholic Church.

For more information or to schedule a wedding, please ask for Susan Landry.

Baptism Seminars

Monday, April 3, 2023
Monday, May 1, 2023
Monday, June 5, 2023

Baptisms

Saturday, April 22, 2023
Saturday, May 20, 2023
Saturday, June 24, 2023

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass.

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily Skidmore during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist & Confirmation

For 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation, please contact Wanda Ashley, Director of Religious Education to fill out the registration forms and attend the required classes.

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion weekly to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes or care facilities. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify Marsha Dupont to request a Eucharistic Minister.

Mass Intentions — March 25-31, 2023

Saturday, March 25-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Liz Adams; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Robert, Betty & Lee Mooney, David Chaloux; Andrew & Josephine Canova; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Agnes & Sam Colletti & Family, Vincent M. Ferachi & Family; Ambrose, Barry, Bruno & Brad; Michael Laurent; Wayne Gary, Jeanette & Thomas Woolam, Jerry Fontenot; Ione Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Randy, Lucy, Peter & Florence Morales; Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Caliste “Joe” & Gloria Landry, Josh & Kimberly, M/M Eldon Flatau; M/M Thomas Keith & Family

Sunday, March 26-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 26-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Angelo F. Mancuso, Seraphine Stein

Sunday, March 26-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Dominic Engolio, Frances & Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste; Laura Lynn & Dorothy Grass; Sidney “Benny”, Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta Family; Brenda Fremin; James & Marie Miranda, Denise & Glenda Miranda

Tuesday, March 28-6pm Mass

Murray & Dixie Suffrin

Wednesday, March 29-7am Mass

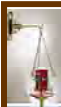
Ethel P. Businelle

Thursday, March 30-7am Mass

Roy A. Hebert, David G. Hebert, Gloria A. Dupont, Clancy Ostergren

Friday, March 31-6pm Mass

Roland “Doug” Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families



Sanctuary Candle March 19, 2023

St. John the Evangelist

**Ronnie Dugas, Mr. & Mrs. Fallon Trabeaux,
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Dugas,
Russell Naquin, Jr. & Fal Naquin**

**St. Clement of Rome
Michael Laurent**

Coffee & Donuts March 26, 2023



George & Patricia Ramirez (7:30am Mass)

Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford (9am Mass)



Altar Society

The St. John Altar Society cleans the church, assists the sacristans and provides assistance as needed for parish receptions. Monthly meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month in the office conference room. Join us for our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 28 at 9:30am.

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 22 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Passion, Praise, & Paschal Mystery



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as we prepare to enter Holy Week.



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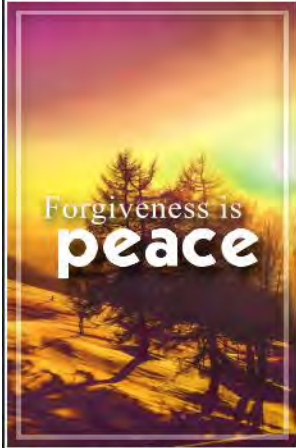


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