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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

## Fifth Sunday of LENT



### Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023 Jesus wept. (John 11:35)

Kara's close friend had just passed away from cancer, leaving behind a husband and four young children. So many people had prayed for her to be healed, but it didn't happen. Kara was baffled. How could a good and loving God allow this?

Kara searched the Scriptures for answers. Nothing satisfied her until she read these words in today's Gospel: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). It didn't solve the mystery of why God allows suffering, but it did comfort her. She knew that the Lord was with her and with all the people who were grieving the death of this young woman. In fact, she sensed that he was weeping along with them.

Jesus' weeping at the tomb of Lazarus demonstrates how, as a human being, he experienced every emotion we experience, including grief. John writes that when Jesus arrived in Bethany and saw Lazarus' sister Mary weeping, he was "deeply troubled" (John 11:33). This shows us that Jesus understands exactly what we are going through when we lose a dear friend or loved one. Not only that, but he feels the pain and sorrow that we are feeling. That's why we can find so much solace in drawing near to him in those difficult times.

The reality of death was painful for Jesus even though he was planning to raise Lazarus. We might believe that a loved one is with God, and perhaps feel guilty about grieving because of the joy that they are now experiencing in heaven. But Jesus' example shows us that it's human to be sad, and that our faith isn't somehow deficient if we grieve.

If you are experiencing grief, know that Jesus is with you in your sorrow, not as a dispassionate bystander, but as a fellow mourner. He understands your pain, and in your darkest hour, he is with you to comfort and console you. *"Jesus, thank you for never abandoning me, in good times and in bad."*

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**First Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday, March 26, 2023**  
**11am Mass**

Please join us as we proudly welcome our 49 young children to the Table of the Lord as they receive the Eucharist for the first time Sunday, March 26 at 11am Mass .

**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.**

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

**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)

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Sunday, April 2** - Palm Sunday

**Tuesday, April 4** - 7pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena

**Wednesday, April 5** - 7am Mass

**Holy Thursday, April 6** - 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, April 7** - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross  
 3pm Veneration of the Cross

**Holy Saturday, April 8** - 7:30pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, April 9** - 7:30am, 9am, 11am Masses



**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 at 225.687.2402, 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 visiting [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org) and filling out the RCIA form found under the FORMATION tab. You may call the St. John Church Office for more information.

**Altar Society Selling Easter Books**

The Altar Society will be selling Little Easter Books (\$1) before and after all Masses Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2 outside the doors of the church. These books contain six-minute reflections on the Resurrection Narratives according to Luke. Altar Society cookbooks, "Recipes Old and New Tried and True" (\$20) will also be available.

**RITUALSONG**

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent #1128

Entrance: Grant to Us, O Lord #578

Communion: You Are Mine #822

**St. Joseph Altar — March 19, 2023**

A great big "Grazie" is given to all the St. Joseph workers who created such a beautiful labor of love in celebrating the traditional St. Joseph Altar and to the volunteers who participated as Saints.

Jesus.....Braylon Roussel  
 Mary.....Frances Tempanaro  
 Joseph.....Ronnie Rodrigue  
 St. Agnes.....Bee Bee Wintz  
 St. Ann.....Josephine Zito  
 St. Bridget.....Marla Touns  
 St. Catherine.....Alice Prejean  
 St. Cecile.....Cindy Rodrigue  
 St. Dymphna.....JoAnn Tullier  
 St. Lucy.....Mary Lee Ourso  
 St. Margaret.....Bernadette Quatrevingt  
 St. Maria.....Sissy Irwin  
 St. Rita.....Jo Ann Daigle  
 St. Rosalie.....Kathleen Clement  
 St. Theresa.....Evelyn Mancuso  
 St. Anthony.....Joe Mancuso  
 St. Clement.....Ed Clement  
 St. John.....John Wintz

God blessed us with such a beautiful day and so many people came out to share the wonderful pasta and sugo, cookies and goodies in honor of St. Joseph.

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall, the K. C. members, Chef Scott Courtade and his crew and our generous benefactors. A very special thank you to St. Joseph Altar chairwoman, Betty Aucoin and assistants, Jo Ann Landry and Donna Carville.



**Walk with Jesus**

The St. John 8th grade class will perform their annual "Walk with Jesus" presentation on Palm Sunday, April 2 at 6pm at St. John Church.

The public is invited to attend this very special remembrance of Palm Sunday's entrance into Jerusalem to Easter Sunday's Resurrection. What better way to begin Holy Week than to watch the students reenact Jesus' final days?

**Outdoor Mass & Family Day**



Plans have begun for our Annual Outdoor Mass. The 11am Mass and a full day of activities are scheduled for **Sunday, April 16, 2023** at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park.

Many volunteers are needed and we hope you can help. Please contact Susan Landry at the church office, 225.687.2402, [susanblandry@sj.brcocmail.com](mailto:susanblandry@sj.brcocmail.com).



## In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church Building Fund in loving memory of:

**Thomas Roth LeBlanc, Sr.**

Donated by:  
**Cindy & Harry Bickham**

## Daily Scripture Readings March 26-April 1, 2023

### Sunday, March 26:

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

### Monday, March 27:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-6;  
Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday, March 28:

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday, March 29:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday, March 30:

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

### Friday, March 31:

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday, April 1:

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

## STEWARDSHIP

### Monthly Offerings/Contributions/Collections (Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other)

#### January 2023

Stewardship.....\$66, 883.00  
Repairs & Maintenance.....\$ 10,139.00  
Other Collections/Income.....\$ 10,062.00

#### February 2023

Stewardship.....\$57,636.00  
Repairs & Maintenance.....\$ 5,386.00  
Other Collections/Income.....\$ 5,049.00  
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### 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.

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### 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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### Online Giving

Join the parishioners who are using Online Giving for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. To sign up for Online Giving, [visit www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org).

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Do not be afraid.* —Luke 5:10

Let Jesus' words to Peter settle in your heart as well. Let them convince you that it's perfectly safe to come into the presence of God. On the contrary, it's the most rewarding, joyous, saving thing you could ever do—and you can do it every single day!

"The Word Among Us" Daily Meditation  
September 1, 2022

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.

## Baptisms and Baptism Seminars



### Baptism Seminars

Monday, April 3, 2023

Monday, May 1, 2023

Monday, June 5, 2023

### Baptisms

Saturday, April 22, 2023 (During Mass)

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 at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

## In the Lenten Spirit of Almsgiving ...



Please consider supporting the St. Vincent dePaul Community Pharmacy. You may place a monetary gift in an empty prescription bottle and drop it in one of the containers located near the doors of the church.



## 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](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) for more information.

## A Vocation View



Out of love, Jesus gave Lazarus life. You too can offer God's love through ministry as a priest, sister or brother. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).

## Mass Intentions — April 1-7, 2023

### Saturday, April 1-4pm 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; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Alfred, Mercedese, Lester & Mary Carville, M/M Edmund Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; Nolan "Tat-too" Bueche; J. A., Anthony & Frances Palermo, Daisy P. King; M/M Victor Crescienne, Crescienne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Staempfli; Lois Tullier Falcon

### Sunday, April 2-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

### Sunday, April 2-9am 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; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Mary Ann Gregoire; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Edna & Willie Dupre; Joshua "Josh" Landry; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; The Calvaruso Family; Burman & Vera Guidry

### Sunday, April 2-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; George "Brother" Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Oleus & Enola Blanchard & Family; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn

### Tuesday, April 4-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; M/M Alvin Dugas, Jerry, Donald & Betty Dugas



### Wednesday, April 5-7am Mass

Margie & A. J. Doiron

### Holy Thursday, April 6-7pm Mass

Tommy Griffon, M/M C. A. Griffon & Family; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier; Dempsey Short, William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Rosemary Cox

### Good Friday, April 7 - No Mass



### **Sanctuary Candle March 26, 2023**

**St. John the Evangelist**  
**Domonic Engolio**

**St. Clement of Rome**  
**Brenda Comeaux**

### **Coffee & Donuts April 2, 2023**



**Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30am Mass)**  
**Patrick & Helen Pendley (9am Mass)**



### **Altar Society**

Altar Society Extra Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 29 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

### **St. Jude Pilgrimage**

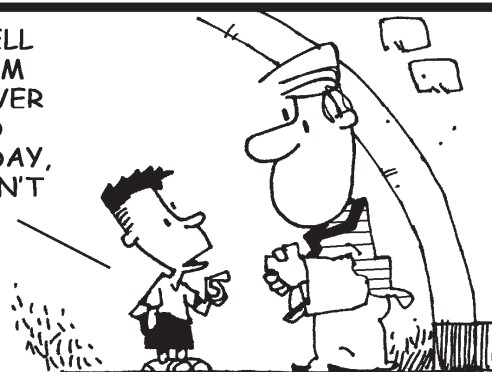
A pilgrimage to St. Jude in New Orleans is planned for Monday, April 24, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$39.00. There are a few seats available on the bus. If you would like more information and to join us, please call Cecilia Blanchard at 985.513.2252. Thank you.

### 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

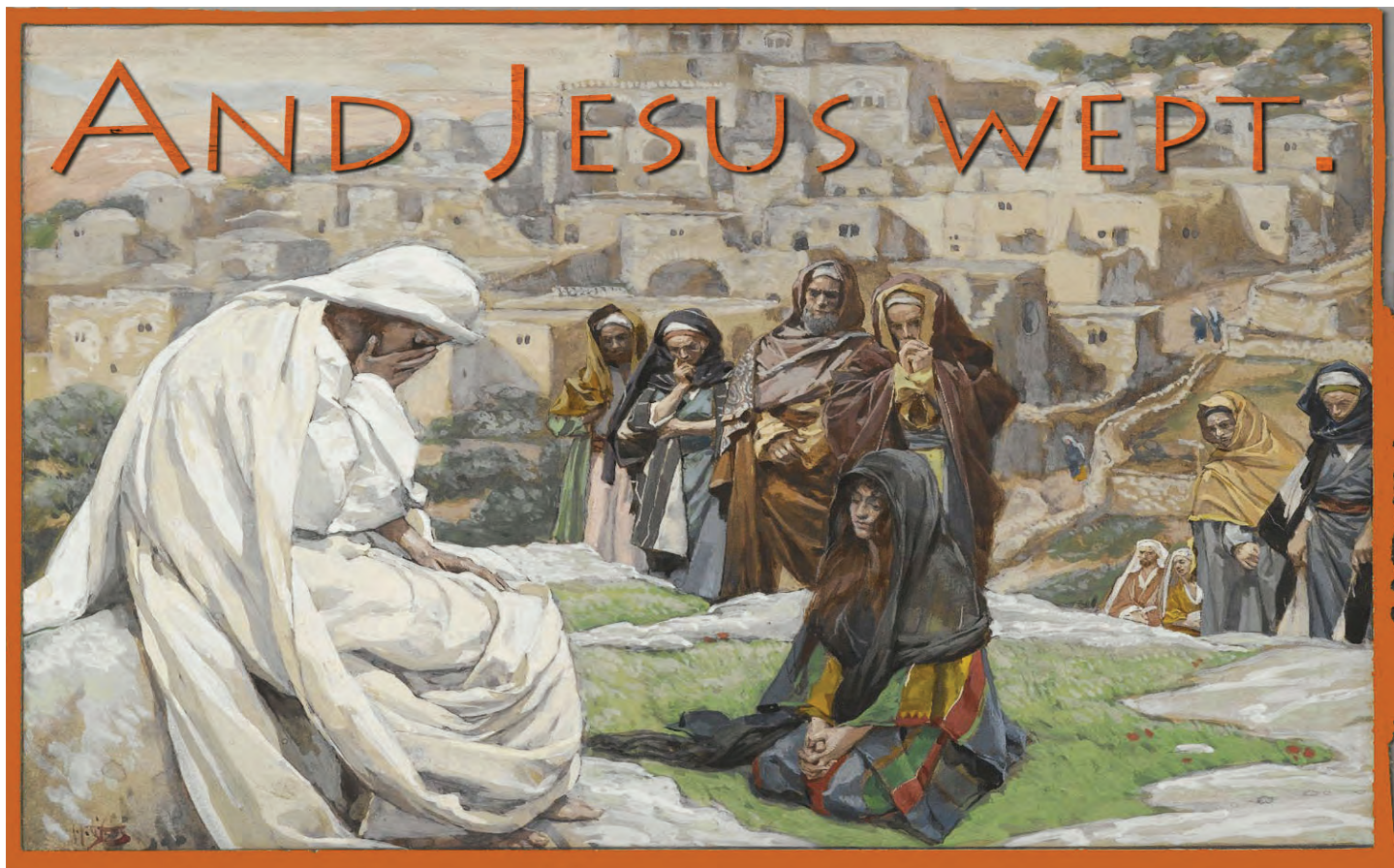
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IS DEAD -- YOU ARE  
A NEW CREATION  
IN CHRIST!



...SO TELL  
MY MOM  
WHATEVER  
I DID  
YESTERDAY,  
IT WASN'T  
ME.







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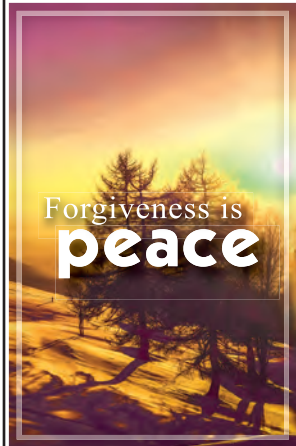


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