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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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Were not our hearts burning within us while he . . . opened the Scriptures to us? (Luke 24:32)

In today's familiar Gospel, a disciple named Cleopas and his companion walked the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were leaving Jerusalem, a place of disappointment and dashed hopes, where their Master had suffered and died. But on that path of sadness and doubt, Jesus spoke and "opened the Scriptures" to them, even though they failed to recognize him (Luke 24:32).

Patently, Jesus explained how all the Scriptures pointed to him. Step-by-step, the risen One brought their faith back to life. Perhaps the women's story of an empty tomb could be true! Could this have been God's plan all along? Slowly, their grief-stricken hearts grew warm; they hungered to hear more. "Stay with us," they pleaded (Luke 24:29). And once he broke the bread, their eyes were opened: they knew it was Jesus.

Today the same Jesus who walked the road to Emmaus will be speaking to you through the Scriptures at Mass. These aren't just wise words from a gifted teacher or an ancient book. It is Jesus himself, the living Word of God, speaking to you. He will meet you wherever you are: whether you're just starting out in your journey of faith or you've been following him for years. Whether you have questions or you're sure of what you believe, Jesus will still open his word to you. He loves to stir your heart!

Don't you want the hope that comes from hearing Jesus speak his words? Don't you want more confidence that he will speak to you through his words? And don't you want deeper faith that he is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, on the altar? Jesus wants this even more than you do!

Open your heart to the Lord; listen as he speaks through his word. He will not disappoint.

"Jesus, help me to hear you speak through the Scriptures today."

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Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration Chapel Adorers Dinner

The dinner for the Adoration Chapel Adorers will be held Tuesday, April 25 at the K. C. Hall at 6:45pm, immediately following 6pm Mass. All Adorers/Substitutes, Spouse or Guest are invited to attend.

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.

Altar Society



Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, April 26 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Note: The Altar Society Appreciation Dinner originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 25 has been changed to Wednesday, April 26 at 10:30am in the parish hall.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Third Sunday of Easter #1168

Entrance: Christ the Lord is Risen Today #608

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: At That First Eucharist #1024

Sending Forth: Join in the Dance CP 244/Sheet

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:

Douglas Durand

Donated by:

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A Grateful Acknowledgement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the individuals and organizations who are always eager to pitch in and help to make our Annual Outdoor Mass and Family Day a success. We are extremely grateful for the following donors and volunteers and everyone who came out to enjoy this special day of fellowship.

Jambalaya Dinners: Iberville Parish Sheriff Brett Stassi, Iberville Parish President J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Clerk of Court Amy Patin, Tax Assessor Randy Sexton, District Attorney Tony Clayton and District Court Judge Elizabeth Engolio

Jambalaya Chef: Josh O'Dwyer of Riverside Specialty Meats

Fried Fish: Lionel Stein of Top Notch Catering

Salad: St. John Altar Society

Hot dogs, chili and the use of tables & chairs: Knights of Columbus

Dessert Room: Catholic Daughters; Parishioners for contributing

Parking and Security: Mary Walls with the Plaquemine Police Department

Event setup & pickup: Mark Migliacio with the Iberville Parish Council

Acadian Ambulance: Kristy Vercher

Jump House: Trey & Taylar Rivet of All Star Inflatables

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, May 1, 2023

Monday, June 5, 2023

Monday, July 10, 2023



Baptisms

Saturday, April 22, 2023 (During Mass)

Saturday, May 20, 2023 (Following 4pm Mass)

Saturday, June 24, 2023 (Following 4pm Mass)

Saturday, July 22, 2023 (Following 4pm Mass)

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.

Daily Scripture Readings

April 23-30, 2023

Sunday, April 23

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21;

Lk 24:13-35

Monday, April 24

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday, April 26

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 27

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 28

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1-2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 29

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

RCIA — Right of Christian Initiation for Adults — 2023



We welcomed nine new members into our Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil Mass, April 8, 2023. The new members of the Church and their sponsors are (l to r) Nancy Taylor (sponsor), Wendy Reed, Hayley Smith, Joe Bryant (sponsor), Tayler Koretzky, Janet Bryant (sponsor), Luis Lazarus, Sue Felder (sponsor), David Felder, Clint Ourso (sponsor), Destiny Ourso, Jeannie Pitre (sponsor), Brittany Medine, Patrick Landry (sponsor), Evan Kirkwood, Michael Jones (sponsor) and Jacelyn Jones.

Special thanks to the RCIA team members, Laurie Barbier, Gwen Hayes, Phyllis Lejeune, Joe Roetker and Donna Carville who helped prepare the neophytes for entrance into the Catholic faith.

May God continue to pour out His blessings on the members of these families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.



A Grateful Acknowledgement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to those parishioners who gave to the Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests at Easter. Your generous donations helped those who have given so much.

A Vocation View

“They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.” Through the ministry of priesthood, brotherhood or sisterhood, people will continue to find Jesus.

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



Altar Servers

Any boy or girl in the 4th grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join.

Access the registration form located on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under the FORMS tab. Upon completion of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.



May Yard Rosary May 1-31, 2023

In celebration of the month of Mary, all families are invited to join us during May for the recitation of the Rosary at the homes of parishioners at 7pm. A rosary calendar will be included in the bulletin next week.

St. John School Art Fest

You are invited to view the artistic talents of the St. John art students on display following all Masses Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30 in the parish hall.



Angels for Angels

The Angels for Angels program has been able to help children in our local schools with much needed items. Teachers contact the Angels for Angels with a specific need for a specific child in their classroom.

Volunteers are needed to relieve the burden some teachers face who use their own monies to purchase these items. If you are able to impact a child's life in our community, please call Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 or the church office at 225.687.2402.



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(continued in future bulletins)

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Mass Intentions — April 29-May 5, 2023

Saturday, April 29-4pm 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; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Jerry & Cutsy Blanchard, Vic & Olivia Blanchard; Faye & Harry Martinez; Sam "Buttie & Lucille Distefano; Ione Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Evelyn Varnell; John "Shane" David Smith

Sunday, April 30-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, April 30-9am 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; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot, M/M Edmond Berthelot, Sr., M/M Earl Breaux, Sr., John D. Bourg; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Ray, T. N. & Steve Patin

Sunday, April 30-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Doris, Guy & Matthew Allen, Manuel Diamond

Tuesday, May 2-6pm Mass

Betty Dupuy; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family

Wednesday, May 3-7am Mass

Joshua Barker

Thursday, May 4-7am Mass

Samson & Boudreaux Families

Friday, May 5-7am Mass

Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families



Sanctuary Candle **April 23, 2023**

St. John the Evangelist
Roland "Dougie" Rivet

St. Clement of Rome

Paul A. Lamothe & Rose Marie N. Lamothe

Coffee & Donuts **April 30, 2023**

Lou Anna Canella & Lionel Schexnauldre
(7:30am Mass)

Blane & Deryl Ourso (9am Mass)



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JESUS YOU'D FALL
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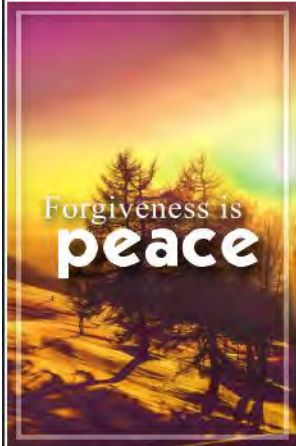


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