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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am

Monday (Liturgy of the Word)	7:00 am
Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Mass)	7:00 am
First Tuesday of the Month	6:00 pm
(Mass, Novena, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick)	
All other Tuesdays - Confessions	5:30 pm
(Mass and Novena)	6:00 pm

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday	3:00 pm
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December 4, 2016 — Second Sunday of Advent

Don't we all, when asked what we want for Christmas, at some time or another answer, "World peace?" As we look at our world, we still see the ongoing refugee crisis and the problem of desperate people immigrating to our country illegally. We see the ongoing war and the horror of bombing and starvation in the Middle East, and the attacks of terrorists in formerly "safe" Western countries, including our own. Don't we wish it would all stop? We can take some comfort in today's readings, for in them is the promise of God's justice and care for the poor and the downtrodden. There is the promise of justice meted out to those who do evil, and the future vision of the Peaceable Kingdom, where all are safe and cared for.

WITH ONE ACCORD We are confronted today by the problem of division: our divided world, our divided country, our divided Church. Anger and hostility pit brothers and sisters against one another, each sure that their ideas are right and the others are doomed to hell. Not since the Civil War have we seen our country so divided, nor since World War II have we seen such problems and strife over refugees in Europe and in our own country. Christians are divided and view each other with suspicion and hostility. Yet this is not the way of God. John the Baptist is quite hard on the Pharisees and Sadducees who showed up at his baptism. "Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? . . . Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matthew 3:7, 10). He announces the coming of Christ, that "He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire" (Matthew 3:12). This is quite an explicit warning.

WITH A LITTLE CHILD TO GUIDE THEM The words of peace and salvation are here in this time of Advent. Jews and Gentiles alike will glorify God for the mercy that God has shown. Those who are oppressed shall find hope and love. "For [God] shall rescue the poor when he cries out, / and the afflicted when he has no one to help . . . / [God] shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; / the lives of the poor [God] shall save" (Psalm 72:12-13). The poor have hope in God, while the wicked who oppress them should fear God's judgment. "[God] shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, / and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked." And, "[God] shall judge the poor with justice, / and decide aright for the land's afflicted" (Isaiah 11:4). Yes, this Advent season we await the coming of a little child who will be the savior of the world. "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another...that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6).

Today's Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Thursday, December 8, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses on the Feast Day are as follows:

7 am Mass

8:30 am - St. John School Mass - St. Clement

6:00 pm Mass

A Grateful Acknowledgement

A very special thank you to all our parishioners who generously donated Christmas cards for the prisoners at Louisiana State Penitentiary.



Epiphany Concert for St. John School



Once again, Fr. Greg Daigle will crown the Christmas season with songs of faith and other music as well on Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2017 in St. John Church.

Tickets (\$25) make wonderful Christmas gifts and may be purchased from the St. John Church and St. John School offices. Make plans now to celebrate Christmas with your loved ones and help St. John School at the same time.

Thank You for Your Generous Support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal



More than thirty years ago, Bishop Stanley Ott established the Bishop's Annual Appeal with a desire to expand ministry and increase Catholic influence in each city and rural community in the diocese. As we begin a new era of ministry support, we honor a commitment shared by thousands of generous parishioners whose gifts have helped fund essential programs and projects throughout the Diocese of Baton Rouge. To everyone who has contributed to make that vision so successful, thank you. It is a privilege to advance that legacy of faithfulness.

You may have submitted your valuable contribution this year already, and we are very grateful for your gift. If you've not yet made your commitment, we invite you to do so this weekend, as offertory envelopes will be available on the bookshelves in the back of church for your convenience.

Please invest in the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and *Be Merciful*. "*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful*" (Lk 6:36). Consider the many essential ministry efforts supported through each campaign, and celebrate God's blessing and your parish's generous involvement. For additional information concerning the impact of your gracious gifts, please visit www.baabr.org and read about the great work you make possible through the BAA.

The Light is on for YOU!



Father Greg will be hearing confessions after 6:00 pm Mass on Tuesday, December 13 & Tuesday, December 20 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



The words of Jesus, "*Could you not spend one hour with me?*" are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Listed below are open hours in the Adoration Chapel:

- Tuesday: 3:00 am-4:00 am
- Every other Tuesday: 5:00 am-6:00 am
- Wednesday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight
- Wednesday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
- Thursday: 5:00 am-6:00 am
- Friday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
- Friday: 1:00 am-2:00 am
- Friday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
- Saturday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
- Saturday: 5:00 am-6:00 am
- Saturday: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

To volunteer, call Mickey Rivet at 225.687.6549 or JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms



Baptism Seminars — 7:00 pm

Monday, December 5, 2016

Monday, January 2, 2017

Monday, February 6, 2017

Baptisms — 5:00 pm (After 4:00 pm Mass)

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Dates are subject to change. Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the date of the seminar.

Elderly Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests need your help.



For years, these selfless women and men ministered for little, if any, compensation — educating the young, nursing the sick, promoting justice and peace. Their sacrifices now leave a substantial gap in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for prescription medications, nursing care, and more.

Please Share in the Care and give generously in the second collection next weekend, December 10 & 11 to those who have given a lifetime.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

St. John Parish Open House



On Saturday, December 10, spend the afternoon with us at the St. John Rectory for our Parish Open House.

Everyone is invited to join Fr. Greg for an afternoon of refreshments and fellowship directly following 4:00 pm Mass from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm.

The Catholic Daughters will have their Christmas dinner at the K. C. Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 5.



Father Greg in Concert



COOL WINTER NIGHTS AND HOT JAZZ

Tuesday, December 6 & Wednesday, December 7
7:30 pm

Manship Theatre, Shaw Center for the Arts
100 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, LA

Cool Winter Nights and Hot Jazz will feature Father Gregory Daigle, Brian Shaw, Willis Delony, and Bill Grimes in a program of new arrangements and holiday favorites, including the classic Duke Ellington arrangement of The Nutcracker Suite.

For tickets, visit the Manship Theatre website at www.manshiptheater.org or call 225.344.0334.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree is now in church.

The tree, decorated with candy canes with the names of needy children in our area (ages infant to 12 years), is located near the stairs to the choir loft. Parishioners are asked to please choose a candy cane, purchase a gift (\$10-\$15) and return the gift wrapped with the candy cane and name attached. The deadline to return gifts to church is Sunday, December 11.

Sorting and distribution of gifts will take place Sunday, December 18 in the Parish Hall. This will be a good opportunity for students to earn service hours.



Nativity Scene in Church



We will begin decorating the church and setting up the Nativity Scene for Christmas on Monday, December 12 at 8:00 am.

Volunteers are needed! Please call Bruce Capone at 225.687.6625 or 225.776.2169 if you can help.

The Nativity Scene will be available for viewing from Saturday, December 17, 2016 through Monday, January 16, 2017.



The Advent Wreath Candle for the 2nd Sunday of Advent burns in loving memory of:

Roland "Dougie" Rivet

**Mac, Laura & Michael Lazzaro and
Kolby Lorio**

ST. JOHN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. John School's annual Christmas concert will be held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 pm.



The concert will include performances from St. John's first through fifth grade students, as well as the middle school music class and the high school theater class.

Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

Holiday Visits to Homebound



We would like to visit the homebound, the sick and elderly parishioners during the holidays beginning Wednesday, December 14.

Students will be baking goodies Saturday & Sunday, December 10 & 11, to bring to the parishioners. If any student is interested in bringing joy to the homebound, please call Donna Purpera at 225.776.4410.

If anyone would like to help in any way, please call JoAnn Landry at 225.776.0782.

Caroling at Area Nursing Homes

Join us in bringing Christmas joy to the residents of the local nursing homes. We will be Christmas caroling Tuesday, December 14 at 1:00 pm at Legacy (formerly Plaquemine Caring), 59215 River West Drive, followed by Plaquemine Manor.



Contact Pat Ray at 225.659.7223 for more information.

GEMS Christmas Social



GEMS (Anyone 50 and older)

Date: Wednesday, December 14

Time: 11:00 am

Place: St. John Parish Hall

Please bring a side dish or dessert and can goods for Our Brother's Keeper.

Help Clean the Church for Christmas

The St. John Altar Society needs help in giving the church a general cleaning for the Christmas season.



We will be meeting in church on Monday, December 19 at 8:00 am.

MASS INTENTIONS — December 10-16, 2016

Saturday, December 10-4:00 p.m. Mass - Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Louis Favaron; Peter Palermo, Benny Palermo, Saraphine Stein, Gaudin Family; Leigh Woolie, David, Emily & Patrick Doyle; May W. Currier; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Jack Jackson, Thomas Morales Family; Ashley Gueho, Thomas & Betty Boudreaux; Douglas Breaux & Family; Salvador F. Spano & Family; Maude Fannin; Thelma & Louis Abadie; J. P. "Joe" Messina, M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, LoLo & Irene Gulotta; Bobbie F. Clouatre; Lena & Peter Corrent; Jaynell Lopez; Lawrence "Boo" Santangelo; Leo Gill; Aline, Mit & Dub Comeaux, Aubrey J. Quebedeaux; In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Sunday, December 11-7:30 a.m. Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, December 11-9:00 a.m. Mass - Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Barbara & Harold Himel, Sr. & Frances Himel; T. N. & Ray Patin; Josie Vicknair; Carroll Badeaux; Brandon Schouest

Sunday, December 11-11:00 a.m. Mass - Marshall & Virginia Peavy; Cleo & Ella Dupont; Betty Gongre; Cindy Dickerson; Dr. James E. Touns, Sr. & Lydia Sue Touns; Mary Louise Hidalgo; Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr. & Sons, Jackie Seneca; Russell & Enola Rivet, Tommy Rivet; Tomy Mathew; The Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 13-6:00 p.m. Mass - Linda Mae Schexnauldre; John H. Businelle; Ray P. Zeringue & Family; Charles K. Case; June Devillier Berthelot; Emily Mathew

Wednesday, December 14-7:00 a.m. Mass - Betty, Lee & Robert Mooney

Thursday, December 15-7:00 a.m. Mass - Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families

Friday, December 16-7:00 a.m. Mass - Frances & Tony Savariste & Dr. Micah Day



Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of Dec. 5, 2016

Monday, December 5: 7 am Liturgy of the Word

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 6: 6:00 pm Liturgy of the Word/ Novena

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 7: 7 am Mass

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 8: 7 am Mass

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday, December 9: 7 am Mass

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 10:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 11:

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



NOTICE: The Bereavement Support Group
will meet in the Parish Hall Wednesday,
December 7, from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Sanctuary Candle December 11, 2016

St. John the Evangelist Church
Elmire Caffarel

St. Clement of Rome Church
Curtis, Denise & Brian Breaux



Children's Liturgy — December 11, 2016

Tracy Cox (9:00 am)

Mary Hamilton (11:00 am)

STEWARDSHIP



November 19 & 20, 2016

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November 26 & 27, 2016

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visit www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

Coffee & Donuts — December 11, 2016

Connie Clement & Derryl Comeaux (7:30 am)

Ricky & Anna Breaux (9:00 am)



Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:

Entrance: Ready the Way

Today's Missal 44

Preparation: There is a Longing

Music Issue 399

Communion: To Be Your Bread

Music Issue 323

Sending Forth: Organ Solo



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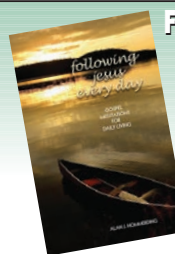
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