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Pastoral Team: Rev. Gregory J. Daigle, Pastor Alfred J. Ricard, II, Deacon Andrea Young, Coordinator of Religious Education Donna Carville, R. C. I. A. Website: www.stjohnchurchplaq.org Email: stjohnchurchplaq@sj.brcoxmail.com facebook.com/pages/St John the Evangelist Catholic Church **Parish Office Staff:** Medric Smith, Jr., Business Manager Marsha Dupont, Secretary Johnette Gourgues, Secretary Susan Landry, Secretary **Gary Perrault, Maintenance** Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm 7:30 am Sunday 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: 3:00 pm Saturday

January 15, 2017 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we enter Ordinary Time, following the Christmas season, our readings suggest that something extraordinary is going on. In the passage from Isaiah, during the time of their exile the people of Israel are terribly confused and lost, and they long desperately for the healing and renewing presence of God. A servant is chosen, called to remind God's people that God's promises to them will be fulfilled. In the Gospel, as we move to the ministry of John the Baptist, Israel is again aching for God to be present among them. John proclaims that Jesus is the real deal, the Lamb of God, the fulfillment of God's promises. The Holy Spirit remains with Jesus. And as John testifies, when Jesus baptizes with the Spirit, this is God healing and renewing the people.

CALLED TO TESTIFY All four Gospels speak of the baptism of Jesus, but the Gospel of John does so in a distinct way. The evangelist does not narrate the story, but instead provides the testimony of John the Baptist about the event. John simply reports the descent of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's continued presence in Jesus. John the Baptist is thus shown as an exemplary disciple of Jesus; one who not only does great deeds, but also always points to Jesus. John testifies to Jesus; he proclaims him as the Christ and his entire life gives evidence of the lordship of Jesus. We too are invited to testify in daily life, to give testimony and to be evidence of God's reign in our world.

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS From the beginning, the people of Israel understood themselves as a people who are gathered by God with a distinct purpose: to be so united with their God and with each other that they form a society filled with justice and mercy, and generously share with others. Imbued with God's graciousness and compassion, they are to be "a light to the nations," an example to all for how to live in community, and how to live in peace with all peoples. Our passage from Isaiah speaks to us today because all our parishes and Christian communities are similarly called to be such a light, to our neighbors and to our world. Every society struggles to find ways to live peaceably together. Bitterness in conflict and suspicion of strangers are all too common. The quality of our life together in Christian community thus matters a great deal. How we address conflict, how we forgive each other, and how we welcome strangers can be a source of light to our world. Put another way, as Paul wrote to the community in Corinth, we are called to holiness, to testify to God's graciousness in our life together.

Today's Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Nativity Scene in Church



Our beautiful crèche with life-size Fontanini figures will be available for viewing for anyone who would like to make a prayerful visit to our Lord and Savior.

The church will be open and lights will be on from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm through Sunday, January 15.

On Monday, January 16, 2017, volunteers are needed to help dismantle the crèche and take down Christmas decorations. Please meet us in Church at 9:00 am if you can lend a hand.

<u>Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:</u> <u>Entrance:</u> Glory and Praise to Our God <u>Music Issue 545</u> <u>Preparation:</u> Organ/Piano Selection <u>Communion</u>: You Are Mine <u>Music Issue 455</u> <u>Sending Forth</u>: All People That on Earth Do Dwell <u>Music Issue 309</u>

PERPETUAL ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: "<u>Could you not keep watch for one hour?</u>" Mark 14:37



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.



Our St. John School and Parish School of Religion students represented the characters of the Nativity Story at 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Angels, shepherds and the three wise men portrayed the birth of Our Lord as Joseph pulled Mary on a donkey carrying Baby Jesus.

The students participating were: Linward Barbier, Sarah Barbier, Jacob Barnhizer, Katie Bourgoyne, Landon Daigle, Analiese Doyle, Michael Edwards, Claire Guerin, Nicholas Guzzardo, Reese LaPrairie, Emma Marcantel, Jack Marcantel, Gavin Menard, Grace Mendoza, Grant Mendoza, Cameron Ricard, Emily Taylor and Jaxon Walker. Our office will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday.



The St. John School family invites you to share the Eucharist with them at St. Clement Church on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 8:00 am.

With Gratitude from the Deacon

To All the Generous Parishioners of St. John the **Evangelist Church Parish:**

I am so overwhelmed to have so many good friends remember me and my family at Christmas. You all remain in my daily prayers and I ask that you keep me and my family in yours. Happy New Year!

With Sincerest Appreciation, **Deacon Alfred Ricard**

A Grateful Acknowledgement

A special thanks to the Ladies Altar Society for cleaning the church for Christmas.

> The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, January 15 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm in Church. All are welcome! Please come join us!

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms

Baptism Seminars Monday, February 6, 2017 Monday, March 6, 2017 Monday, April 3, 2017



Baptisms Saturday, January 28, 2017 Saturday, February 25, 2017 Saturday, April 29, 2017

The Baptism Seminars are held in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. Baptisms are usually held after 4:00 pm Mass on the last weekend of the month.

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

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH

All are welcome to join in the 2017 Louisiana Life March happening in Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 21, 2017!



The mission of the Life March is to unite the pro-life people of Louisiana, across all denominational lines, to take a stand for life in our state's capital city, and mobilize them with resources to go make a difference in their community. Pre-Event remarks will begin at 9:30 am at Galvez Plaza (behind the Old State capital). The March will begin at 10:00 am and end at the State Capital. Activities will conclude by noon.

For more information, visit www.prolifelouisiana.org.

DIOCESAN WORLD MARRIAGE DAY



🛰 Sunday, February 12, 2017 — 3:00 pm **Our Lady of Mercy Church** Our Lady of Mercy Church 445 Marquette Ave., Baton Rouge 70806

Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or greater wedding anniversary. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center.

If you plan to attend, please fill out the form below. You may bring it to the church office, drop in the collection basket at Mass. or mail it to St. John Church. 57805 Main Street by January 31.

PLEASE PRINT or WRITE LEGIBLY *****NAMES WILL APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE AS INDICATED BELOW*****

Examples: Mary & John Jones; or Mary Brown and John Jones; or Mr. and Mrs. John Jones

Names:

Street Address:

Phone: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Wedding Date:

No. of years married: _____

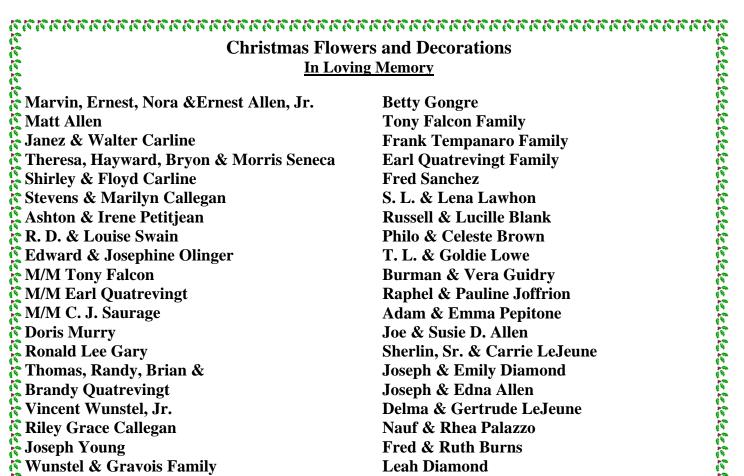
Estimated # of family members to attend besides couple:____

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*****PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS*****

"The love of Christ, which has blessed and sanctified the union of husband and wife, is able to sustain their love and to renew it when, humanly speaking, it becomes lost, wounded or worn out. The love of Christ can restore to spouses the joy of journeying together. This is what marriage is all about: man and woman walking together, wherein the husband helps his wife to become ever more a woman, and wherein the woman has the task of helping her husband to become ever more a man. This is the task that you both share. ... The path is not always a smooth one, free of disagreements, otherwise it would not be human. It is a demanding journey, at times difficult, and at times turbulent, but such is life! ... Marriage is a symbol of life, real life: it is not 'fiction'! It is the Sacrament of the love of Christ and the Church, a love which finds its proof and guarantee in the Cross. My desire for you is that you have a good journey, a fruitful one, growing in love. I wish you happiness. There will be crosses! But the Lord is always there to help us move forward." - Pope Francis



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MASS INTENTIONS — January 21 - 27, 2017

Saturday, January 21-4:00 pm 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; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Trista Claire Parro, Myrtle Lively; Dace K. Hahn, Sr., Earline Rivet Hahn, Kim & Luke Baggett; Chester Hernandez, Leonce Hernandez & Family, Henry Rayne, Sr. & Family; Alcee & Pauline Becnel; Evans & Virgie Dugas; Marilyn & Steve Callegan, Sam Gulotta; May W. Currier; Johnny Zito, Johnny Zito, Jr.; James "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; Aline, Mit & Dub Comeaux, Aubry Quebedeaux; Larry Melancon, Maude Fannin, Clarence & Melvina Devillier; Sylvia P. & Walter Marionneaux, Jr.; Frank Clement, Sr. & Family; Anthony F. Canella, M/M Aaron LeRay, Nora Vitale, Yvonne Curry, Shannie Verret, Camille Tempanaro; Quentin & Annabel Buquoi; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Johnny Zito; M/M Seth Williamson & Family, Father William Dodd & Sister Claude, M/M John S. Barbay, Sr. & Family, M/M John S. Barbay, Jr., Barbay & McKay Families; Emma B. Dupont, Joseph H. Dupont; Gary Gisler; M. Sanchez; Peter Palermo, Benny Palermo, Rosa C. Granada, Saraphine Stein

Sunday, January 22-7:30 am Mass - St. John Parishioners

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Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; James C. & Hetta R. Hebert; Michael Clause; Agnes D. Clement; Barbara & Frances Himel; M/M Ernest Hernandez, Margaret Hernandez, Gary Hernandez, M/M Clay Hernandez; Kelly, Cody & Clint Navarre; Walter Marionneaux, Jr., Sylvia P. Marionneaux, Lidwin Patureau, Patricia Nelson, Robert Marionneaux, Paul J. Boudreaux, Jr., Lena F. Boudreaux

Sunday, January 22-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; J. Farrell Bourgoyne, Louise Comeaux Bourgoyne; M/M Merrill Judice; Dudley Nicolosi, Linda Mae & "Boogie" Schexnaildre

Tuesday, January 24-6:00 pm Mass

M/M Mervin Gourgues; Brendon, Ronald & Dudley Landry, Coletti Family; Allen Thomas; Kuruvilla, Anja Kunnathu

Wednesday, January 25-7:00 am Mass Lawrence "Boo" Santangelo

Thursday, January 26-7:00 am Mass Margie Vitale

Friday, January 27-7:00 am Mass John Ruiz



<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> January 22, 2017

<u>St. John the Evangelist Church</u> Murray & Dixie Suffrin

St. Clement of Rome Church John Ruiz

<u>Coffee, Donuts & King Cake</u> January 22, 2017



Gordon & Marianne Gregoire (7:30 am Mass)

Ruel & Diana Seneca (9:00 am Mass)

<u>Children's Liturgy</u> January 22, 2017

Tracy Cox (9:00 am Mass)

Tammi Cheramie (11:00 am Mass)

| STEWARDSHIP | in the |
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| <u>January 7 & 8, 2017</u> | |
| Stewardship\$10 | ,739.00 |
| Building Fund\$ | |
| Candles\$ | 570.00 |
| ***Contribution Tax Statements*** Anyone needing a 2016 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan at the St. John parish office (225.687.2402). Statements will be printed upon request. | |

Please remember St. John Church and St. John School in your Last Will and Testament.

Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of Jan 16, 2017

Monday, January 16: 7 am Liturgy of the Word Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday, January 17: 6:00 pm Liturgy of the Word/ Novena Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday, January 18: 7 am Liturgy of the Word Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6 Thursday, January 19: 7 am Liturgy of the Word Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12 Friday, January 20: 7 am Liturgy of the Word Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19 Saturday, January 21: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21 Sunday, January 22: Is 8:23 -- 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]





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