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Weekend Masses:

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

9:00 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

January 22, 2017 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today speak of the arrival of a great light in the midst of darkness. The Gospel passage from Matthew, quoting from Isaiah, identifies this light as the person of Jesus. God's new day is dawning as Jesus begins his ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing. God's new day also begins as Jesus calls his disciples and forms a community. These disciples begin a journey together, learning how to reflect the light of Christ in their own life and ministry. We know, however, that the first disciples, like the church in Corinth described by Paul, sometimes obscured this light, especially when disagreements drew them to forget their unity in Christ. We are reminded to watch, in our individual lives and in our community life, that we do not hide our light under a bushel, but instead shine light for all to see.

A NEW DAWN Darkness is a very common human experience. Have you recently been in pitch darkness? When it is really dark, not only can't you see where to take the next steps, you can't see any activity around you, whether good or bad. This is the kind of darkness Isaiah speaks of in our reading. In this darkness, the people of Israel, and all humanity, can't see how God is working on their behalf. So when Jesus arrives on the scene in our Gospel passage, it is like the first rays of sunlight from the dawn, giving clarity and hope. In Jesus we can begin to see how God is active on behalf of all people, and in fact has been working during the earlier darkness. We can begin to see where to take our next steps, and to learn how to reflect this light to others.

FROM THE ORDINARY When Matthew turns to the call of the first disciples of Jesus, it is striking how ordinary these men were. Jesus does not recruit "the best and the brightest" as his core team. The four disciples named here had little or no education, no special breeding, no influence in high places. They had ordinary jobs in ordinary places. But this is often how God works, throughout the story of God and the Chosen People in the Bible. Remember the call of ordinary folks like Abraham, Moses, David, Mary, and many others. Today we are reminded that God loves us and calls us just as we are, where we are, in the present. God doesn't ask us to become somehow more acceptable ahead of time, in order to draw near to God. We are called by God to be partners and disciples, and God will teach us along the way. Wherever we are in our lives, God calls us from our ordinariness, to join our hearts with the divine Heart, and to join God in the work that must be done.

Today's Readings: Is 8:23 -- 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]



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

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

-Saturday: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

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.

Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of Jan. 23, 2017

Monday, January 23: 7 am Liturgy of the Word Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday, January 24: 6:00 pm Liturgy of the Word/ Novena

Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35 Wednesday, January 25: 7 am Liturgy of the Wor d Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 Thursday, January 26: 7 am Liturgy of the Word 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday, January 27: 7 am Liturgy of the Word Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 28:

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 29:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

A Grateful Acknowledgement



A grateful acknowledgement is made to our St. John parishioners for the overwhelming donations of food given during the holiday season to Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank.

A special thanks to all the volunteers for their many hours of service collecting, shelving and distributing food to the needy of our community.

The Altar Society meeting will be Tuesday, January 24 at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.



DIOCESAN WORLD MARRIAGE DAY



Sunday, February 12, 2017 3:00 pm **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. Please fill in all blanks.

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:
Current Church Parish & Ph.# St. John the Evangelist,

Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:

Entrance: Sing a New Song

Music Issue 543

Preparation: Organ/Piano Selection Communion: One Bread, One Body

Music Issue 339

Sending Forth: He is The Lord Music Issue 551



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK — JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4, 2017



Catholic Schools Week Showcase takes place on Thursday, February 2, at 6:00 pm in the St. John gym to recognize students and alumni. Various student work from all grade levels will be on display in the gallery walk. There will be food and drinks provided by supporting organizations, and members of those organizations will also be available to discuss ways to be more involved at St. John School.

Open House for prospective families of students in grades PreK through 8 will be hosted before the Showcase. Open House begins at 5:00 pm in St. Clement Chapel, and features tours of the elementary and middle school buildings, as well as an opportunity to meet the faculty. Prospective families will also be invited to stay for the Showcase and see more student work. If anyone knows a great family in search of a great school, be sure to invite them!

"Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

St. John Father's Club Bingo



Bingo is held five nights each week at the St. John Father's Club Bingo Hall, 24837 Ky 1, South, Plaquemine.

The Bingo sessions are as follows:

Sunday—7:00 pm—Knights of Columbus Bingo Tuesday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo Wednesday—7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus **Bingo**

Friday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo Saturday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo

Come out and play Bingo and support St. John School and the Knights of Columbus.

BOX TOPS, COFFEE LABELS AND COKE REWARDS



St. John is accepting Box Tops for **Education, Community Coffee Labels,** and Coke Rewards bottle tops this year!

St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through these fundraisers, so please send in your labels and bottle tops.

You may drop your coupons in a sealed envelope into the collection basket at Mass, or bring the coupons and bottle tops to our church parish office. We will see that the school receives them.

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The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood or religious life?

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778. amerrick@diobr.org.

Please note...

If you are a newcomer to St. John the **Evangelist Church Parish, have recently** married, or no longer live with your parents, please remember to fill out a Census Form to register here.

Anyone who does not receive Church Contribution Envelopes is not registered. Some assume that if they live in this church's jurisdiction that they are automatically registered. This information must come from you by filling out a census form.

You may register by calling the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402 or by visiting our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org and printing a census registration form.

Additional printable registration forms may be accessed from the St. John Church website under FORMS for Baptism, First Holy Communion & Reconciliation, Confirmation, PSR (with schedule), RCIA and Altar Server. Mass Intention forms are also available.

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS — January 28 - February 3, 2017

Saturday, January 28-4:00 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; Lawrence "Boo" Santangelo; Robert Mooney, A. J. & Margie Doiron, David Chaloux; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Oniel Favron, Sr., Oniel Favron, Jr., Randy Favron, Sr., Patricia Savoie Hebert; Roy A. Hebert, David G. Hebert; Dorothy "Dot" Devillier, Rosalie Bueche; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, M/M James Miller, M/M John Coupel, Edward Miller; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; M. Sanchez; Tory Sanchez, Beverly Marionneaux, Mercedes Garlington, Gary Gisler, Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 29-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, January 29-9:00 am 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; CDA Court St. John #1214 Deceased Members; Aileen Richard, Pam Diamond

Sunday, January 29-11:00 am Mass

John Ruiz, Vincent Palermo, Lena Palermo Brooks, Jimmy Cashiola; Cindy Dickerson; Leggio Family, Tony, Annie, Anthony & Maria; Timothy Coupel; Dudley Nicolosi

Tuesday, January 31-6:00 pm Mass

Alfred & Mercedese Carville

Wednesday, February 1-7:00 am Mass

Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry Ferachi

Thursday, February 2-7:00 am Mass

Adam H. Vercher, Emily Vercher, Donald R. Vercher

Friday, February 3-7:00 am Mass

Harry & Winnie Gallagher



Sanctuary Candle January 29, 2017

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<u>Coffee, Donuts & King Cake</u> <u>January 29, 2017</u>



Pete & Bonnie Blanchard (7:30 am Mass)

Kotchie & Joann Tullier (9:00 am Mass)



Children's Liturgy January 29, 2017

Tracy Cox (9:00 am Mass)

Bervl Burruss (11:00 am Mass)

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