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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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February 12, 2017 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today draw us into deep matters of the heart. First, Sirach teaches that although we experience many things beyond our control, we face essential choices in life. These choices have profound consequences, for good or for evil. God does not coerce our choices, but graciously accompanies us within them. God is always seeking to transform our heart, to orient our heart toward God and toward love for others. Saint Paul reminds us that God has been up to this heart-transforming work all along, from ages long ago, through Christ Jesus, and continuing now in the work of the Spirit. In the Gospel reading, Jesus raises the bar on our behavior, to get us to pay attention to our inner attitudes and values. By disturbing us in this way, Jesus helps us begin to see our hidden complacencies and compromises. Jesus shows us that deep within, God is always working on us, always inviting us into transformation.

HIDING FROM OURSELVES In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus seems pretty rough on religious people. In the Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5 through 7), Jesus frequently speaks to people who know the Law of Moses, and to those who hold positions of authority in the Jewish community. Jesus was shaking them up! In today's Gospel, when he interprets specific portions of the Law, he relates the Law to the deeper regions of the human heart. He challenges his listeners, and us, to see what we hide from ourselves. If we are not diligent, we can use a system of ethics or religious law to assure ourselves and others that we are morally upright. When this happens, we can think there is no need for us to reflect or to change, and we have no need for forgiveness. Jesus reminds us that we can sometimes use religion to distract us from the difficult, ongoing work of self-reflection and repentance.

LIFE IN THE REIGN OF GOD When Jesus challenges his listeners in today's Gospel, he does not seek to humiliate them or to trap them in guilt or shame. His challenges are part of his larger message of the graciousness of God. Jesus is describing life in the reign of God, which is at the heart of his teaching and ministry. He is describing those who flourish there: people who seek reconciliation, who honor both women and men, who speak truthfully. Jesus invites his listeners to live in the reign of God, on earth as in heaven. These are the meek, the poor, the merciful and pure-hearted, as described earlier in the Beatitudes. They are aware of their flaws, but they also know that God is with them, cherishing and guiding them. They are forgiving of others because they have been forgiven. They continually strive to listen to God in prayer. They are able to live with an open heart, and to live in trust in God. As Jesus' listeners today, we are called to live the same way.

Today's Readings: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Sacrament of Confirmation



We welcome Bishop Muench as he joins us on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm Mass.

Forty-nine candidates will be sealed with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

This Saturday, February 11, we will be honoring couples celebrating 25, 50, 55, 60, 65 or greater years of marriage at 4:00 pm Mass.



Everyone is invited to a reception following Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by the Altar Society.

Divine Mercy Mass & Novena



This year on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm, our parish will begin its nine-week Novena of Divine Mercy with Mass, followed immediately by the sung chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Novena prayers.

Jesus invites you to enter into the cloister of His Heart! This is the Message of Divine Mercy. He wants you to reside within His Heart and experience His Peace. Through His mediation, He wants you to come to know God the Father and the Holy Spirit, too. There is nothing that Our Lord withholds from the soul who sincerely seeks Him with humble repentance, generosity and trust. Jesus Christ loves you with all His Heart, and He wants to dwell within your heart, too.

You are invited to come on nine Tuesdays from February 21 through April 18, 2017, in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, the second Sunday of Easter, April 23.

Jesus, I trust in You!

In Loving Memory...

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

Lilith Delapasse

**Donated by:
Elizabeth Adams**

St. Joseph Altar

The St. Joseph Altar will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2017.

Preparations for the Altar will begin Monday, February 20 at 9:00 am at the Knights of Columbus Home, 58715 Price Street. If you are interested in helping with the Altar, please call Rosemary Cox at 225.687.6160 or Betty Aucoin at 225.687.2111.



PERPETUAL ADORATION



These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"

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: 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
- Friday: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
- Saturday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
- Saturday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 5:00 am-6:00 am
- Saturday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
- 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.

Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of Feb. 13, 2017

Monday, February 13: 7 am Liturgy of the Word

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 14: 6:00 pm Confessions/Mass/Anointing/Novena/Benediction

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 15: 7 am Mass

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 16: 7 am Mass

Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29; Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 17: 7 am Mass

Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1

Saturday, February 18:

Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday, February 19:

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23;

Mt 5:38-48

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms

Baptism Seminars

Monday, March 6, 2017

Monday, April 3, 2017

Monday, May 1, 2017



Baptisms

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Saturday, May 27, 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.

St. John School Fried Fish Dinner



St. John Athletics Spring Dinner
Sunday, March 5, 2017 — 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Fried Fish, Salad, Potatoes & Bread — \$10.00

Pickup: St. John Cafeteria

Prepared by: Lionel Stein

Contact: Donna Purpera at 225.776.4410.

Our Brothers Keeper Food Bank

Our Brothers Keeper Food Bank is in need of non-perishable food items. Especially needed are such items as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, soup and fruit juices.



Please place your contributions near the Baptistry in Church. We appreciate whatever you can give.

Wedding Preparations



Couples contemplating marriage should contact the Church 6 months prior to the wedding. Plans should not be made before contacting the Church office. Anyone previously married must have an annulment freeing them to marry in the Catholic Church. This includes members of other denominations seeking to marry Catholics in the Catholic Church.

For more information or to schedule a wedding, please call Susan Landry at the Church Office, 225.687.2402.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit Prayer group will meet Sunday, February 12 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm in Church. All parishioners are invited to attend.

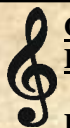


Contact the Church office, 225.687.2402, with questions.

Catechism Corner

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent. In this month we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in his death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind.

Saints who had a special devotion to Christ's Passion include St. Francis of Assisi, the first known to receive the stigmata, St. John of the Cross, St. Bridget of Sweden, and St. Catherine of Siena.



Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:

Entrance: Let Us Go to the Altar
Music Issue 315

Preparation: Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning
Music Issue 520

Communion: Your Words are Spirit and Life
Music Issue 591

Sending Forth: Lead Me, Guide Me
Music Issue 391



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 printing a census registration under FORMS from our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

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

STEWARDSHIP

February 4 & 5, 2017



Stewardship	\$15,191.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 3,706.00
Candles.....	\$ 487.00

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www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.



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.

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS — February 18 - 24, 2017

Saturday, February 18-4:00 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; Dace K. Hahn, Sr., Earline Rivet Hahn, Kim & Luke Baggett; Andrew, Josephine, Carlo & Kurt Canova; Alcee & Pauline Becnel; Evans & Virgie Dugas; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Patrick, David & Emily Doyle, Harry LaCasse; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio; Pauline E. deVerges & Edward N. Engolio, Jr.; May W. Currier; Johnny Zito, Johnny Zito, Jr., Andrew & Josephine Canova; Yves & Vera Ramirez & Family; Aline, Mit & Dub Comeaux, Aubrey Quebedeaux, Wallace Comeaux; Frank Clement, Sr. & Family; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Harry & Winnie Gallagher; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson Family, J. D. & Ella Collins Family; Peter Palermo, Benny Palermo, Rosa C. Granada, Saraphine Stein; Annie Materine, B. E. Matirne Family, Nick Mancuso Family, Tarek Smart; Carol Jarreau; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, Irene Gulotta; Thelma & Louis Abadie; M/M Edmond Gomez, Chris Gomez, Kathleen Garrene

Sunday, February 19-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, February 19-9:00 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; Kristina Mellema; M/M Fallon A. Trabeaux, M/M Alvin "Boog" Dugas, Ronald L. Dugas; John & Josephine Ringe, John C., Sr. & Peggy A. Ringe; M/m Jules J. Noel, Jr.; M/M Ernest Hernandez, Margaret Hernandez, Gary Hernandez, M/M Clay Hernandez; Linda Seneca Rafflee, Norman Morales, Cathy Dupont; Kelly, Cody & Clint Navarre; A Special Intention; The Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 19-11:00 am Mass

John Ruiz, Anthony & Frances Palermo, Lena Palermo Brooks; Cindy Dickerson; Guerin Family; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; William Middleton, William Lewis, Ann & Allen Cloutre; Joseph & Lillian Crescienne, Peter & Rosalie Crescienne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Pershing & Peggy Thompson; M/M Frank Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Victor J. Canella; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Bette Howard

Tuesday, February 21-6:00 pm Mass

George Edathil; Alma Pizzolato; Ethel Sciortino, Dominic & Michael; O. J. Songy

Wednesday, February 22-7:00 am Mass

Aley & Smily Mathew

Thursday, February 23-7:00 am Mass

Patricia LeBlanc

Friday, February 24-7:00 am Mass

Russell Adams



Children's Liturgy February 19, 2017

Diana Seneca (9:00 am Mass)
Mary Hamilton (11:00 am Mass)

Coffee, Donuts & King Cake February 19, 2017

Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30 am Mass)
Blane & Deryl Ourso (9:00 am Mass)



Anyone who will not take up his cross is not worthy to follow Jesus. Therefore, pray that many more generous men and women will be willing to embrace the cross and follow Jesus as a priest, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you, contact Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.



Sanctuary Candle February 19, 2017

St. John the Evangelist Church
Mary Ann Deckelman Quaid

St. Clement of Rome Church
Kappadak Kunnel Family

You are Covered in Prayer

*May you feel His presence-
Experience His Peace-
Draw from His strength-
Rest in His love-
May God bless and keep you in His loving care.*



If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time. It matters not the age, all who need it will receive it.

Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.



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