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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: <u>www.stjohnchurchplaq.org</u> 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 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: 3:00 pm Saturday

February 26, 2017 — Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the beginning of the Bible to its end, as the story of God and God's people is told, the question is asked in many ways. Can God be trusted? This question keeps popping up because we human beings have a hard time understanding and accepting the faithfulness of God. The Bible, of course, affirms God's trustworthiness, as today's readings make clear. Isaiah proclaims that God is more trustworthy than anyone or anything, because we are God's beloved. What might living in this trust look like? Jesus tells us we can let go of our exaggerated worries, even about our basic needs for food and clothing. We can trust God to provide what we need most. Saint Paul goes further to ask: knowing that we can trust God, how might we become trustworthy to God? How might we live so as to honor God's trust in us?

A QUESTION OF ALLEGIANCE Powerful imagery about God is presented in today's readings: a tender mother (Isaiah); a rock and stronghold (Psalm 62); a father who feeds (Matthew). These images remind us that God first promises love and loyalty to us, God's children. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to "seek first the kingdom" within God's promise. When Jesus describes the Kingdom, he invokes a term not only from scripture, but from daily life. For many in this part of the ancient world, the term "kingdom" was not used strictly as a matter of geography, as when someone crosses a border from one kingdom to another. Kingdom was a matter of primary loyalty to the person acknowledged as king (or queen). One "inhabits" a kingdom by remaining loyal to the king or queen, regardless of geographic location. The stark choice presented by Jesus in today's Gospel, between mammon and God, is a question of allegiance. Who or what receives your primary loyalty? For whose purposes will you commit your life?

ANXIETY OR HOPE Throughout the Gospels, Jesus touches upon deep matters of the heart. In today's Gospel passage, he names the hidden fears and anxieties of his listeners. It's likely that many of his listeners lived in poverty, with extremely limited and uncertain supplies of food and clothing. Jesus did not trivialize their physical needs. With tenderness, he invited them to trust their needs to God's care. We are all aware that the future is uncertain. What seems solid today can evaporate tomorrow. Jesus knows of our anxieties, about what or who is trustworthy. We can build elaborate physical, financial, or emotional defenses to protect ourselves against future harm. Or, trusting in God and reaching out in vulnerability, we can build relationships of mutual care with others. We can choose to live in anxiety or in hope. As Jesus put it, we can choose to serve mammon or to serve God. Today's Readings: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

#### Lenten Weekday Schedule

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, a day of fast and abstinence.

Masses and distribution of Ashes are as follows:

- 7:00 am St. John
- 8:30 am St. Clement (School Mass)
- 12 Noon St. John Liturgy of the Word (Not a Holy Day of Obligation) and Distribution of Ashes 6:00 pm - St. John

Lenten weekday schedule:

Monday - 7:00 am Liturgy of the Word Tuesday - 6:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday & Thursday - 7:00 am Mass

Friday - 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm - Mass & Stations of the Cross

(No 7:00 am Mass on Friday during Lent)

### FAST AND ABSTINENCE

**<u>FASTING</u>**: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 59 are allowed only one full meal. Two small meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



<u>ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT</u>: Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. The Church no longer attempts to prescribe our Lenten practices in detail.

The above regulations simply highlight Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and other Fridays in Lent. Our more fundamental obligation is to make Lent a penitential season, choosing practices that are adapted to our own needs.

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Divine Mercy Mass & Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena continues every Tuesday during Lent following 6:00 pm Mass leading up to the Feast of Divine Mercy on the second Sunday of Easter, April 23.

Please join us for the sung chaplet of Divine Mercy, Novena prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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**Confessions** 

On Wednesdays during Lent, confessions are heard in church from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm.



St. John Church along with other churches in our Diocese, will be open for confessions every Wednesday night for 4 consecutive Wednesdays.

The Wednesday night confessions are scheduled for March 8, 15, 22 and 29.

The Light is On For YOU!!

Our Church office will be closed Monday, February 27 and Tuesday, February 28.



**HAPPY MARDI GRAS!** 

# **First Holy Communion Preparation**



In preparation for First Holy Communion on March 26, 2017, there will be a mandatory First Holy Communion parent meeting with Father & Greg on Thursday, March 2.

We will meet in the Parish Hall from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm.

#### **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 <u>register</u> for the seminar.

# **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my

yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

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: 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: 10:00 am-11:00 am -Saturday: 5:00 pm-4:00 pm -Saturday: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm -Saturday: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

To volunteer for an hour, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

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Congratulations to the forty-nine young people who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Robert Muench at 7:00 pm Mass, Thursday, February 16. Pictured above with the newly confirmed are Deacon Alfred Ricard, far left, Bishop Muench, center, and Father Greg Daigle, far right.

A grateful acknowledgment is made to the St. John Altar Society for providing refreshments for both the reception following Confirmation and during the Confirmation candidate and sponsor day on February 5.

# St. John School Fundraisers

SUPER BINGO St. John Fathers Club Super Bingo Saturday, March 4, 2017 Carl F. Grant Civic Center Doors open at 5:30 pm Over \$15,000 in Bingo prizes \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### 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 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### **AUCTION**

St. John School's Annual Auction will be Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center. Doors open at 5:00 pm, silent auction begins at 5:30 pm. St. John students are currently selling raffle tickets. Donations and volunteers are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact our auction chair, Jennifer Landry, at jenlandry1122@yahoo.com.

We hope to see everyone at the AUCTION.

Thank you for supporting St. John School!!

# St. Joseph Altar

Photo credit Andrea Young

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

Preparations for the Altar have begun 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.

Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of Feb. 27, 2017

Monday, February 27: 7 am Liturgy of the Word Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27 Tuesday, February 28: 6:00 pm Confessions/Mass/ **Divine Mercy Novena** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31 Wednesday, March 1: 7 am Mass Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday, March 2: 7 am Mass Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25 Friday, March 3: 7 am Mass Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15 Saturday, March 4: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32 Sunday, March 5: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	for we ha	ord, ave	1 Wedneeday 7 am Mass St. John 8:30 am Mass St. Clement Noon Ashes only St. John 6 pm Mass St. John	<b>2</b> <b>6-7:30 pm</b> Mandatory First Communion Parent (only) Meeting with Father Greg Parish Hall	<b>3</b> 10 am Comm. Service Legacy <b>12 Noon</b> Stations of the Cross <b>6 pm Mass</b> Stations of the Cross	4 Building & Maintenance 2nd Collection 10 am-3 pm First Communion Retreat Parish Hall
5 Building & Maintenance 2nd Collection 9 am RCIA Rite of Sending	<b>7 pm</b> Baptism Seminar Parish Hall	7 6 pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Novena	8 5:15-7 pm PSR St. Clement 6-7 pm Confessions	9	10 10 am Comm. Service Plaq. Manor 12 Noon Stations of the Cross 6 pm Mass Stations of the Cross	11 10 am-3 pm First Communion Retreat Parish Hall 5:00 St. John Auction Civic Center
12 9 am RCIA K.C. Quarterly Communion 2 pm Ladies of P Claver Parish Hall 4-6 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church	13 <b>7 pm</b> Catholic Daughters Meeting Parish Hall	14 <b>6 pm Mass</b> followed by Divine Mercy Novena	15 12 Noon Alzheimer's Svs. Lunch-P. Hall 5:15-7 pm PSR St. Clement 6-7 pm Confessions	<b>16</b> <b>7 pm</b> KC Meeting KC Hall	<b>17</b> 10 am Comm. Service Legacy <b>12 Noon</b> Stations of the Cross <b>6 pm Mass</b> Stations of the Cross	<b>18</b> 10:30 am- 3 pm-Women's Retreat–P. Hall <b>4 pm-Mass</b> Honoring St. Joseph <b>5 pm-</b> Blessing St. Joseph Altar K. C. Home
<b>19</b> 9 am RCIA <b>12 Noon-1:30 pm</b> St. Joseph Altar K. C. Home	20	21 <b>6 pm Mass</b> followed by Divine Mercy Novena	22. 5:15-7 pm PSR St. Clement 6-7 pm Confessions	23	24 10 am Comm. Service Plaq. Manor 12 Noon Stations of the Cross 6 pm Mass Stations of the Cross	25 10 am-12:30 pm First Holy Communion Practice Church 4 pm Mass RCIA
26 11 am Mass First Holy Communion	27	28 9:30 am Altar Soc. Meeting Parish Hall 6 pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Novena	29 6-7 pm Confessions THELGHT IS ON FOR YOU	<b>30</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> St. John School Spring Concert Church	31 12 Noon Stations of the Cross 6 pm Mass Stations of the Cross	<b>11 am-noon</b> Rosary for Priests every Saturday Adoration Chapel

March

# The Pope's Prayer Intention for March, 2017

<u>Support for Persecuted Christians</u> That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



Every <u>First Tuesday</u> following 6:00 pm

of the Sick A Mass, our parish celebrates the SACREMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK for those who are seriously ill, experiencing depression, battling cancer treatments, disabled in any way, the elderly and those who are to undergo surgery in the near future.

Four to six months is recommended between anointing unless otherwise urgent.

# **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 Baptistery in Church. We appreciate whatever you can give.

The Bereavement Support Group will not meet

There will be no Altar Society Meeting in February.

#### STEWARDSHIP

#### February 18 & 19, 2017

Stewardship	\$8	,790.00
Social Responsibility		
Candles	\$	490.00

To sign up for ONLING GIVING, visit <u>www.stjohnchurchplaq.org</u>.

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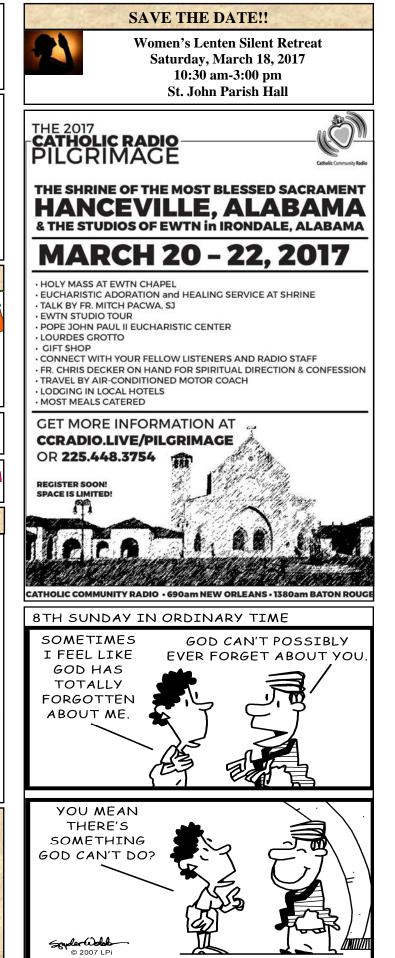
# **CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS**

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 — March 4-9, 2017

#### Saturday, March 4-4:00 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; Mike "Fuzzy" Marino, Melissa Jarreau, David, Gros & Blanchard Families; DeNoux, Dugas, Durand & Panepinto Families; Clarence & Mary Berthelot; John E. & Cecile D. Brown, Brown & Duhon Families; Alfred & Mercedese Carville, Mary & Lester Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey, Edmund & Louise Bujol; C. Z. Breaux, Jr., J. H. Bourgeois Family; Bobbie Falcon Clouatre; Camille Tempanaro; M/M Tony Falcon; Doris Murry; M/M Curtis Gourgues; M/M Frank Tempanaro; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Angelo Mancuso, Nick Mancuso Family, Tarek Smart, Roger Adams; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi; Candence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Cecil Comeaux & Family; Michael "Boo" & Mike & Rita Santangelo; Clay & Juette Bourg; Ida Ortis, M/M Paul J. Hebert, Grayland Allen; "Ronnee" Roussell; Percy J. Blanchard, Maude A. Blanchard, Chase M. Prejean, Pearl B. Aucoin; Lillie Engolio Distefano; Frank Michelle Family, Victor Crescionne Family, Joe Michelle; Rosa & Oliver Songy, Sr., O. J. Songy, Joseph Songy; Lena Gerage Corrent, Peter J. Corrent; M/M Edmond Gomez, Chris Gomez, Kathleen Garrene; Cheryl Courtade, Marie & Herman Courtade & Family; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly

#### Sunday, March 5-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, March 5-9:00 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; Vera & Burman Guidry; Edwin Alois, Angeline D. Heine; Edwin Anthony Heine; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle, Clebert & Daigle Families; Calvin Wilbert III, C. M. Cazes, C. W. Wilbert Families; Michael Clause; Maggie & Joe Gulotta, Lola & A. J. Adams; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Madeline, John, Sr., John, Jr. & James Roth, Adolph, Sr., Adolph, Jr. & Ida Mae Jumonville, Freddie Hebert; Glynn T. Hebert, A Special Intention; Walter Marionneaux, Jr., Sylvia P. Marionneaux, Lidwin Patureau, Patricia Nelson, Robert Marionneaux, Paul J. Boudreaux, Jr., Paul & Lena F. Boudreaux; A Special Intention; Wilma & Harris LeBlanc; The Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday, March 5-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Harriet Simpson Mitchell; Luke & Mary Fremin, Wayne & Ailene Lishman, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Nell & Collin Graffeo; Evan & Elizabeth Delahaye; M/M Phillip Calvaruso, M/M Vito Calvaruso; Timothy Coupel; Lawrence Seymour; Dudley Nicolosi, Linda Mae & "Boogie" Schexnaildre; Alfred Roth Family, Henry J. Daigle & Family, Bourgoyne & Dupuy Families; Pershing Thompson; Sweet Wilbert

#### Tuesday, March 7-6:00 pm Mass

Scott Jude Marino; M/M Tony Falcon; M/M Earl Quatrevingt; M/M C. J. Saurage; Doris Murry; Ronald L. Gary; Camille Tempanaro; Randy, Brian & Brandi Quatrevingt, Tommy Quatrevingt; Tu Cherian; Anthony F. Canella, M/M Aaron LeRay, Nora Vitale

Wednesday, March 8-7:00 am Mass Harry Lacasse, Patrick Doyle

Thursday, March 10-7:00 am Mass William Middleton, William Lewis, Nancy & Bill Middleton

Friday, March 11-7:00 am Mass M/M C. E. Schuler

Sanctuary Candle March 5, 2017

St. John the Evangelist Church John E. & Cecile D. Brown

**St. Clement of Rome Church** Harriet Simpson Mitchell



Children's Liturgy March 5, 2017

Sabrina Ruggiero (9:00 am Mass)

Tami Cheramie (11:00 am Mass)

Coffee (during Lent) March 5, 2017



Connie Clement & Derryl Comeaux (7:30 am Mass)

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero (9:00 am Mass)







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