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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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March 5, 2017 — First Sunday of Lent

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, the season of repentance, of turning back to the Lord's plan for us, of preparing for or recalling our baptismal commitment. We can ask God for the grace to see our lives afresh: "Who am I, Lord, and how can I praise, love, and serve you best?" Today's readings help us focus. Genesis reminds us of our origin: God created us out of clay, breathing life into us. Without God, we are nothing. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans consoles us. Although we have a tendency to ignore God, Jesus' sacrifice restores us as God's children. The Gospel of Matthew astonishes us by showing how God chose to become like us, even allowing the devil to tempt him with the very sins that we battle. Our gracious God knows exactly what our lives are like. God wants to accompany us and show us how to be happy forever.

THE ONE AND ONLY LENT No matter how many Lenten seasons we've experienced, we can embark on this year's journey as if it is the only Lent we will ever have. We can pray, fast, and offer sacrifices in specific, generous ways. Jesus is our model. Jesus spared nothing of himself when he went into the desert for forty days and forty nights. He didn't bring along computer games to divert himself or a stockpile of snacks for emergencies. No, Jesus was all in. The Gospel tells us that the devil waited till after the forty days of sacrifice to ambush Jesus. Just when our Lord was at his weakest, frail with hunger, the devil came to tempt him. Relying on the Word of God, Jesus resisted all temptations. Then, and only then, did angels come to minister to Jesus. If we imitate Jesus and go all in this Lent, we can expect to suffer. We can also depend upon God to send help just exactly when we need it.

WE'RE WORTH IT When we commit ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, we will encounter obstacles. The devil hates to see us grow closer to God. Even if our Lenten progress is microscopic, the devil wants to thwart us. We are God's beloved children, so we are valuable. We are worth the devil's time. Expect difficulty. Expect obstacles. Expect temptation. Above all, expect God's unfailing help. Staying close to God's Word will strengthen us, as it strengthened Jesus in the desert. Today's Gospel shows us that Jesus desires to accompany us, especially in our weakest and most difficult moments. Whatever temptations we face, Jesus understands. Whatever sacrifices we make, Jesus offers them with us. Whatever goodness we show to encourage others, our Lord rejoices with all the angels and saints. Let us approach this Lent as if it is the only Lent we will ever have. God wants to do great things for us in this holy season.

Today's Readings: 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

Lenten Weekday Schedule



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)

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!!

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.

St. Joseph Altar

Sunday, March 19, 2017

12:00 Noon

Knights of Columbus Hall

58715 Price Street, Plaquemine, LA



Blessing and viewing of the Altar takes place at the K.C. Hall following 4:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, March 18.

Sunday March 19, serving from the Altar begins immediately following 11:00 am Mass at 12 Noon until 1:30 pm.

Anyone wishing to donate a cake is asked to call Joyce Daigle at 225.687.6811.

Call Rosa Breaux at 225.687.4223 if you are interested in making a monetary donation.

St. Joseph candles (\$4) may be ordered by calling Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685.

Students needing service hours may call Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685.

Preparations are now in progress at the Knights of Columbus Home. If you are interested in helping, come to the K. C. Home at 9:00 am on weekdays and weekends. All volunteers are welcome!

RCIA

The Rite of Sending

March 5, 2017 — 9:00 am Mass



The following catechumens, who have been preparing for Sacraments of Initiation, will attend the Rite of Election at St. Joseph Cathedral. At this rite, upon the testimony of sponsors and catechists and the catechumens' affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church makes its "election" of these catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. In the presence of the bishop (or his delegate), they inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect at the cathedral as a pledge of fidelity. Now the catechumens are called "the elect".

Nicholas Devillier
Bridget Moore
Andrea Rivet
Amy Salvadras
Kirk Taylor

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms

Baptism Seminars

Monday, March 6, 2017

Monday, April 3, 2017

Monday, May 1, 2017



Baptisms

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.

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.

Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:

Entrance: Led by the Spirit

Today's Missal 104

Communion: In These Days of Lenten Journey

Today's Missal 109



A Grateful Acknowledgement



A grateful acknowledgement is made to the Catholic Daughters for providing sweets on February 5 for the Confirmation candidate and sponsor day.

St. John School News

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.

COMMUNITY COFFEE

"CASH FOR SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN"

We would like to thank everyone for their participation in this year's Community Coffee "Cash for Schools" program. With the help of the St. John Church and School communities, we collected 15,892 labels! These labels will earn cash for instructional materials and other student supplies.

Please continue to save the UPC labels from Community Coffee, Community Coffee creamer, sugar, coffee filters, tea mix, tea bags, canned tea, or any Community Coffee product. You may bring your coupons to Church in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or drop the coupons off at our church parish office.

****Thank you for supporting St. John School!!****



Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of March 6, 2017

Monday, March 6: 7 am Liturgy of the Word
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, March 7: 6:00 pm Mass/Divine Mercy Novena
Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, March 8: 7 am Mass
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, March 9: 7 am Mass
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday, March 10: Noon Stations, 6 pm Mass/Stations of the Cross - Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, March 11:
Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday, March 12:
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 12. Don't forget to move clocks forward one hour before retiring Saturday night, March 11.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

First Holy Communion Retreat
Saturday, March 11
10:00 am-3:00 pm
St. John Parish Hall



Women's Lenten Silent Retreat



Saturday, March 18, 2017
10:30 am-3:00 pm
St. John Parish Hall

A light lunch will be provided. Please register early by calling the church office at 225.687.2402.

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: 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: 3:00 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.

CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS



Anyone needing a 2016 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan Landry 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.

In the Lenten spirit of almsgiving, you are encouraged to bring non-perishable items for Our Brother's Keeper Food Bank. Especially needed are such items as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, soup and fruit juices.



Please place your contributions in the baskets located near the Baptistry in Church.

MASS INTENTIONS — March 11-17, 2017

Saturday, March 11-4:00 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; Ralph Rivet, Sr.; Aileen Richard & Langlois Family; J. W. Bryant Family, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves family, Jack Jackson, Thomas Morales Family; Leonard B. & Mary G. Savoie, James "Puddin" & Branda L. Deviller; Aline, Mit, Dub & Wallace Comeaux, Aubrey Quebedeaux; Dalfay Cavalier, Joseph Carol LeBlanc, Sr.; Dot Devillier, Rosalie Bueche; Palermo Family, Gaudin Family, Rosa C. Granada, Saraphine Stein; Annie Matirne, B. E. Materine Family, Nick Mancuso Family, Tarek Smart

Sunday, March 12-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, March 12-9:00 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; Calvin Wilbert III, C. M. Cazes & C. W. Wilbert Families; Harold, Sr. & Barbara B. Himel, Clelie D. & Lezin Himel; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Lena Canella

Sunday, March 12-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Pendleton Family; William Middleton, William Lewis, Nancy & Bill Middleton; Marshall & Virginia Peavy; Cleo & Ella Dupont; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Betty Gongre; Alvin Simoneaux Family; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; M/M Frank Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Victor J. Canella; Timothy Coupel

Tuesday, March 14-6:00 pm Mass

Calvin Wilbert III, Calvin & Betty Wilbert; Jimmy Barbee; Anthony F. Canella, M/M Aaron LeRay, Nora Vitale, Yvonne Curry, Shannie Verret & Camille Tempanaro

Wednesday, March 15-7:00 am Mass-

Alfred & Mercedes Carville

Thursday, March 16-7:00 am Mass

Vincent A. Ferachi & Dr. Larry Ferachi

Friday, March 17-7:00 am Mass

Patrick Collins

 **Jesus prayed and fasted for forty days and nights.**
We can take His example, begging the Lord of the Harvest for an increase of Church Vocations.

If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

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BUT HE STILL CAN'T HIRE A STUNT DOUBLE TO FACE TEMPTATION FOR HIM.



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Sanctuary Candle
March 12, 2017

St. John the Evangelist Church
M/M Gasper Pizzolato, Sr. & Family

St. Clement of Rome Church
Anthony F. Canella

Children's Liturgy
March 12, 2017



Tracy Cox (9:00 am Mass)

Beryl Burrus (11:00 am Mass)



Coffee (during Lent)
March 12, 2017

June Pinsonat & Sandra Bizette (7:30 am Mass)

Tommy & Diana LeBlanc (9:00 am Mass)



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