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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

March 12, 2017 — Second Sunday of Lent

"Lord, it is good that we are here," says Peter to Jesus. Amen. We begin this second week of Lent here at the liturgy, in word and sacrament. It is truly good that we are here. And yet, as we see in today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration, Peter isn't quite sure what to do up there on that mountain. He knows it's good to accompany Jesus; at the same time, he feels confused and afraid. Perhaps Abram experienced something similar when God commanded him to uproot himself from his ancestral home and strike out for a new land of God's choosing. In this Lenten season, we know how good it is to be with God. Yet we struggle with our own doubts and fears. Our second reading encourages us to persevere in trust: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? The Old Testament reading and the Gospel provide two examples of God speaking in plain words that God's listeners can understand. In Genesis, Abram hears God tell him to leave his family's land. God makes majestic declarations about Abram's future and promises to lead him to a new home. Without comment, Abram picks up and goes "as the LORD directed him." God speaks; Abram listens and obeys. In the Gospel, God's voice booms from a shining cloud: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Peter, James, and John hear God's words loud and clear, and the experience overwhelms them. But how often do we hear God's voice so distinctly? While we admire the religious experiences of Abram and of Jesus' disciples, we might be tempted to think that they have it easy. We imagine that we too would obey God's direct orders, if only we could hear them as unmistakably as Abram did. We suspect it would be irresistible to live as modern disciples if glowing clouds hovered above our heads and revealed divine truths. Saint Paul's Letter to Timothy proposes another way.

THIS IS HOW I LOVE YOU Saint Paul reminds us that God has "saved us and called us to a holy life." God never forgets about us, but knew before the creation of the world exactly when, where, and how we would live out our faith. God's wondrous plan includes visions and voices for some. For the rest of us, we rely on the Word of God and its witnesses who testify that Jesus truly lived on earth among us and sacrificed his life for our salvation. Jesus and his Church are all the revelation we need. We draw close to him in word and sacrament, in prayer, in service to others, and in countless acts of sacrifice each day this Lent. We ask the Lord to help us trust, with all our hearts, that God will always provide exactly what we need. If we are faithful to our prayer this Lent, God will speak to useven if not through a cloud.

Today's Readings: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



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 <u>donate a cake</u> 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.

<u>St. Joseph candles</u> (\$4) may be ordered by calling Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685 and <u>students needing service hours</u> may call Betty Aucoin.

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!

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 remaining Wednesday night confessions are scheduled for March 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.

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

We welcome the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, March 12 at 9:00 am Mass as they celebrate their quarterly Communion with us.



First Holy Communion Important Dates



There will be a mandatory First Holy Communion practice on Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm. Parents may drop their children off at St. John Church.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, March 26 — 11:00 a.m. Mass Meet in the Parish Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of March 13, 2017

Monday, March 13: 7 am Liturgy of the Word Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 14: 6:00 pm Mass/Divine Mercy Novena Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 15: 7 am Mass

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 16: 7 am Mass Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 17: Noon Stations, 6 pm Mass/Stations of the Cross-Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 18: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 19: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2,

5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

PERPETUAL ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: "Could you not keep watch for one hour?"



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

-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.

A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Lynn Landry Callegan would like to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers.

The St. John School family is having a Mass for fathers in honor of St. Joseph on Wednesday, March 15. Join us for 8:00 am Mass in this joyful celebration of fathers at St. Clement Church.

St. John School Auction

St. John School's Annual Auction Saturday, March 11, 2017 Carl F. Grant Civic Center



Doors open at 5:00 pm; silent auction begins at 5:30 pm.

BLOOD DRIVE



BLOOD The K.C. Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, GIVE LIFE March 14 at the K.C. Hall, 58715 Price Street from 3:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

Alzheimer's Services Lunch-N-Learn

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Wednesday, March 15, 2017 St. John Parish Hall



"Aromatherapy and Dementia" Essential oils have been proven to soothe a variety of ailments. This presentation focuses on the many different uses of essential oils and how they can be beneficial to an individual with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Registration is required. Contact Molly Benbrook at 225.334.7494, or email programs@alzbr.org.



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.

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms

Baptism Seminars Monday, April 3, 2017

Monday, May 1, 2017 Monday, June 5, 2017



Saturday, April 29, 2017 Saturday, May 27, 2017

on the last weekend of the month.

Saturday, June 24, 2017 The Baptism Seminars are held in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. Baptisms are usually held after 4:00 pm Mass

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.

Ladies of Peter Claver



The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 18 recently celebrated their quarterly Mass held at St. John the Evangelist Church. In attendance were members pictured above, left to right, front row: Ladv Lilv Skidmore, Lady Jean Powell, Lady Nadine Carlin, Lady Delouris Manchester, Lady Catherine Murray, Lady Eva Mellieon, Grand Lady Priscilla Taylor, and Lady Gwendolyn Hall. Back row: Deacon Alfred Ricard, Lady Mattie Hall and Father Pat Mascarella with Pace.

Members not in attendance are: Lady Lydia Broussard, Lady Teresa Broussard, Lady Inez Carlin, Lady Wilda Guerin, Lady Shirley Jordan, and Lady Geraldine Kelly.

Photo credit Eva Mellieon

SAVE THE DATE

Our children will be taking "A Treasure Tour of The New Testament" this year at Vacation Bible School, July 17-21, 2017.

If you are interested in filling one of the many volunteer roles needed, please call the church office at 225.687.2402.



Additional information to come.

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.

Our Brother's Keeper Food Bank

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 Baptistery in Church. We appreciate whatever you can give.



MASS INTENTIONS — March 18-24, 2017

Saturday, March 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; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Curtis, Denise & Brian Breaux; Trista Claire Parro, Julie Lively Chaisson; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Jaynell Lopez; M/M Gasper Pizzolato, Sr. & Family, In Honor of St. Joseph; Dace K. Hahn, Sr., Earline Rivet Hahn, Kim & Luke Baggett; Andrew, Josephine, Carlo & Kurt Canova; Michael Laurent; M/M John Caffarel, Sr. & M/M G. E. Marix & Family; "Pim" & "Nu Nu" Clebert; Deborah "Penny" Clifton; Gomez & Clebert Families; Lytle & Kathryn Chustz; Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Familes; Mary & Chuchie Flatau; Alcee & Pauline Becnel; Evans & Virgie Dugas; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, Harold Marionneaux; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio; Pauline E. deVerges, Edward N. Engolio, Jr.; M/M Oleus Blanchard & Family, Lance Blanchard; May W. Currier; Victor Pollage, Dell Pollage; Johnny Zito, Johnny Zito, Jr., Andrew & Josephine Canova; Yves & Vera Ramirez & Family; Mary F. Ourso; Larry Melancon, "Ronnee" Roussell; Frank Clement, Sr. & Family; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Harry & Winnie Gallagher; Earl & Mary Devillier; Dalbert Varnell, Sr.; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Ragusa Family, Lapeze Family; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, Irene Gulotta; M/M Edmond Gomez, Chris Gomez, Kathleen Garrene; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly; Willis & Maxine Berthelot, Mack & Lucy Guillot

Sunday, March 19-7:30 am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 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; M/M Ernest Hernandez, Margaret Hernandez, Gary Hernandez, M/M Clay Hernandez; Linda Seneca Rafflee, Norman Morales, Cathy Dupont; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Selma Vicknair, Eva Simpson; Kelly, Cody & Clint Navarre; Anthony & Tootsie Cardinal, Josie & Nunzie Cardinal

Sunday, March 19-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Brendon, Ronald & Dudley Landry, Coletti Family; Marie & Linden Waggenspack; Bourgoyne & Dupuy Families; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Carol Ann Jarreau; Victor Joseph Canella

Tuesday, March 21-6:00 pm Mass

Beverly & Fred Allain

Wednesday, March 22-7:00 am Mass

Rosalie Bueche, Dorothy Deviller & Norma Ann Belleo

Thursday, March 23-7:00 am Mass

John Ruiz

Friday, March 24-12 Noon Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm Mass & Stations of the Cross

Brenda Comeaux



Children's Liturgy March 19, 2017

Tracy Cox (9:00 am Mass)

Carol Marionneaux (11:00 am Mass)

Coffee (during Lent)
March 19, 2017



Jim & Catherine Etier (7:30 am Mass)

Bute' Richard, BeverlyPercle & Bobby Blanchard (9:00 am Mass)



Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:

Entrance: Save Us, O Lord Music Issue 665

Communion: The Lord is My Light

Music Issue 677



Sanctuary Candle March 19, 2017

St. John the Evangelist Church
Chris Gomez & Kathleen Garrene

St. Clement of Rome Church Michael Laurent

STEWARDSHIP

<u>February 25 & 26, 2017</u>	
Stewardship	\$ 9,420.00
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EASTER DECORATIONS

The beautiful flowers and decorations at Easter enhance our Easter Liturgies. A second collection will be taken March 11 & 12 for Easter decorations.

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