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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: www.stjohnchurchplaq.org 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: Saturday 3:00 pm

March 26, 2017 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

A touching video that is often shared on social media shows a man receiving special glasses to correct his colordeficient sight. As he puts on the glasses, he grows emotional as he sees vibrant hues for the first time. Flowers, tissue paper, and clothing overwhelm him with their brilliance. He takes one look into his daughter's vivid eyes and throws his arms around her. Today's readings inspire similar reactions as we imagine being able to see the world the way God sees it. In our Old Testament reading, the Lord shows Samuel how to see like God, into the heart. Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians urges us to be "children of light," seeing what pleases the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus restores sight to a man born blind, declaring, "I am the light of the world." To see like God, we fix our gaze on Jesus.

I DO BELIEVE, LORD Today's statement of faith in Jesus comes from a depressing source. "The man blind from birth," who professes faith in Jesus as savior, doesn't even have a name in the account. His neighbors who have known him all his life refer to him casually as "the one who used to sit and beg." Jesus' own disciples immediately form a bad opinion of the man, assuming that his blindness results from sin. His community might have celebrated and rejoiced in his cure, but instead the Pharisees seize the opportunity to ridicule him. This nameless, penniless, friendless outcast becomes our model today. He alone worships Jesus. We should want to be like him. But do we? Last week's Gospel recounted another bold profession of faith in Jesus, that of the woman at the well. A Samaritan, she too is despicable in the eyes of the Israelites. Yet she inspires the conversion of her entire village. We are astonished, almost scandalized, that Jesus allows people we might call losers to profess faith in him as the Messiah. Is it really such an honor to be counted as Christians alongside these misfits?

SEEING AS GOD SEES Today's readings encourage us to set aside our own assumptions and ask God to help us see as God sees. While our sights are set on happiness and success, God's vision of these blessings often differs greatly from ours. Though we are instinctively uncomfortable with the "losers" in our midst, God chooses them as our guides. In God's eyes, blindness becomes strength, misfits become champions, and dying with Christ becomes the path to everlasting life. We profess faith in Jesus not because doing so will enhance our prestige or increase our wealth, but simply because following Christ pleases God. God's vision for the Kingdom challenges us to seek humility. With God's help, we can resist the temptation to seek preferential treatment and live as children of light, servants to God's people.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



### **First Holy Communion** 11:00 am Mass Sunday, March 26, 2017



Please join us as we proudly welcome our 50 young children to the Table of the Lord as they receive the Eucharist for the first time.

# Lenten Weekday Schedule for March 27-31

Lenten weekday schedule: Monday - 7:00 am - Liturgy of the Word Tuesday - 6:00 pm - Mass 6:30 pm - Divine Mercy Novena Wednesday - 7:00 am - Mass 6:00 pm-7:00 pm **Confessions—The Light is on for YOU!** Thursday - 7:00 am - Liturgy of the Word 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)

# St. Joseph Altar

A great big "Grazie" is given to all those St. Joseph workers who created such a beautiful labor of love in celebrating the traditional St. Joseph Altar.



God blessed us with such a beautiful day and so many people came out to share the wonderful pasta and sugo, cookies, and goodies in honor of St. Joseph.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall, the altar coordinators, Betty Aucoin and Rosemary Cox, and to all the workers and benefactors.

# St. Joseph, pray for us.

### **Patriotic Rosary**



You are invited to join us in praying for our country. The rosary is said at 8:00 pm every Monday. Everyone can participate by

calling 1.720.820.1558.

A script for the Patriotic Rosary is available. You may pick up your copy from the church office or the Adoration Chapel.

# GOD BLESS AMERICA

### **Students Needed for Holy Thursday**

We are looking for 3rd and 4th grade students who have made their First Communion and would like to participate in the Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00 pm on April 13.



Young girls will process as flower girls with young boys. Sunday attire is acceptable.



If your child would like to participate, please call the Church parish office at 225.687.2402.

# St. John School News .....



The St. John School family invites you to celebrate the Eucharist with them on Wednesday, March 29 at 8:00 am in St. Clement Church.

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# WAY OF THE CROSS

St. John High School students will pray the Way of the Cross during the weeks of Lent at St. John the Evangelist Church at 12 noon on Fridays along with other parishioners.

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# MOTHER SETON AWARD RECIPIENT

**Congratulations to Mrs. Lovee Rodriguez, this year's** Mother Seton Award recipient from St. John School. Every year, each school of the diocese recognizes outstanding volunteer service to their school with this award.

Lovee has served in various board positions on St. John's Home and School Association and is currently serving her second year as the group's president. She has helped with many school events including the Penny Party, Open House, Grandparents' Mass, and Maypole. She was instrumental in starting the group's Krawfish Krawl and their sale of spirit items. She will be honored by the diocese at a banquet in April.

Congratulations Lovee and thanks for your service to St. John School!

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### **KRAWFISH KRAWL TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

The St. John Home and School Association will host its "2nd Annual Krawfish Krawl" fundraising dinner on Friday, April 7 from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. The dinner will consist of a 3 pound tray of boiled crawfish, corn and potatoes, boiled by Josh **O'Dwyer**.

Tickets (\$16) will be sold after all Masses on April 1 & 2 or can be purchased by contacting Lovee Rodrigue (225.776.2903), Ann Albarado (225.776.0219) or Andrea Young (225.964.6152). Dinners will be available for pick up at the elementary school's circle drive.

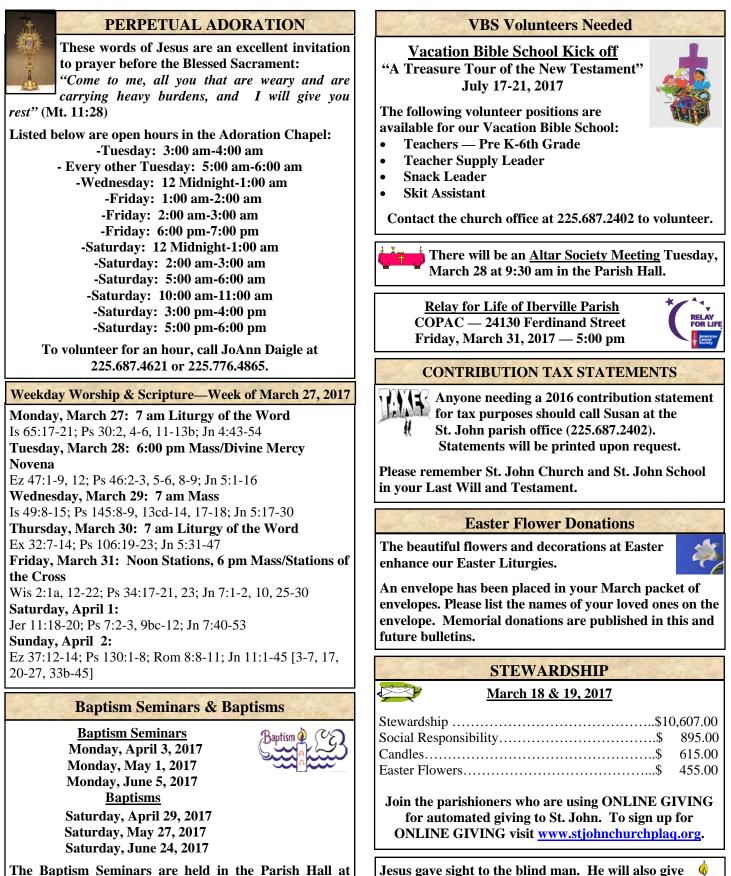
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The St. John Father's Club Super Bingo was held on Saturday, March 4. The Father's Club expresses appreciation to all the volunteer workers for a successful Super Bingo.

Thanks to all the participants and supporters of St. John School.

**Our Hymn Selections this weekend are: Entrance:** There is a Balm in Gilead **Music Issue 454 Communion:** Christ, Be our Light **Music Issue 591** 





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

"insight" on what to do with our lives ... if we ask

VOCATIONS



# St. John the Evangelist Easter Flower Donations In Loving Memory



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# **GOD BLESS OUR DEAD**



# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Building & Maintenance 2nd Collection 11 am-noon Rosary for Priests every Saturday Adoration Chapel
2 Building & Maintenance 2nd Collection 11 am Mass RCIA	<b>3</b> <b>7 pm</b> Baptism Seminar Parish Hall	<b>6 pm Mass</b> followed by Divine Mercy Novena	5 Tww Deate or New Leafe or	6	7 10 am Comm. Service Legacy 12 Noon Stations of the Cross 6 pm Mass Stations of the Cross	8 Mandatory Holy Week Rehearsal following 4 pm Mass
9 am Mass-RCIA 2 pm-Ladies of P. Claver-Parish Hall 4-6 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group-Church 6 pm-SJS students "Walk with Jesus" St. Clement	10 7 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting Parish Hall	11 8 am Altar Society cleans Church for Easter 6 pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Novena	<b>12</b> <b>8:00 am</b> SJS "Walk with Jesus" St. Clement	<b>13</b> OFFICE CLOSED 1/2 DAY 2 pm Living Way of the Cross-SJH Seniors St. Clement 7 pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	14 OFFICE CLOSED 10 am Comm. Service Plaq. Manor 12 Noon-Stations of the Cross 3 pm Veneration of the Cross	15 Retirement fund for Religious 2nd Collection 7:30 pm Easter Vigil
16 Retirement fund for Religious 2nd Collection Easter Sunday Masses: 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	17 office closed	18 6 pm Mass followed by Divine Mercy Novena	19	20 7 pm KC Meeting KC Hall	21 10 am Comm. Service Legacy	22 Spring Art Fest Viewing after 4 pm Mass Parish Hall
23 11am Outdoor Mass Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park 30 Spring Art Fest Viewing after all Masses-P Hall	24	25	26	27	28 10 am Comm. Service Plaq. Manor	29 Baptisms following 4 pm Mass

### MASS INTENTIONS — April 1-7, 2017

### Saturday, April 1-4:00 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; M/M Anthony Palermo, Peter Palermo, Vincent Palermo; DeNoux, Dugas, Durand & Panepinto Families; Clarence & Mary Berthelot; John E. & Cecile D. Brown, Brown & Duhon Families; Aileen Richard & Tickie & Dete Michel; Dot Favaron, Louis Favaron; C. Z. Breaux, Jr. & J. H. Bourgeois; Bobbie Falcon Clouatre; Claiborne J. & Lula T. LeBlanc & Sidney J. & Coralie Breaux, Sr.; Camille Tempanaro; M/M Tony Falcon; Doris Murray; M/M Curtis Gourgues; M/M Frank Tempanaro; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecila Laurent; Clarence Devillier & Larry Melancon; Ida Ortis, M/M Paul J. Hebert & Grayland Allen; Frank Michelle Family, Victor Crescionne Family & Joe Michelle; Lena Gerage Corrent, Peter J. Corrent; Aline, Mit, Dub & Wallace Comeaux, Aubrey Quebedeaux; Cheryl Courtade, Marie & Herman Courtade & Family; Lynn Callegan; Kearney Thibodeaux, Kearney Thibodeaux, Jr., Sadie Thibodeaux, Vernon Suggs, Joe Suggs, Kyle Landon Ourso, Chester Landry, Jr.; A Special Intention

#### Sunday, April 2-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners



#### Sunday, April 2-9:00 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; Alfred & Mercedese Carville, Mary & Lester Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey, Edmund & Louise Bujol; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Glynn T. Hebert & A Special Intention; Simpson & Vicknair Families; Walter Marionneaux, Jr., Sylvia P. Marionneaux, Lidwin Patureau, Patricia Nelson, Robert Marionneaux, Paul J. Boudreaux, Jr., Paul & Lena F. Boudreaux; Wilma & Harris LeBlanc; Barry Gomez

#### Sunday, April 2-11:00 am Mass

John Ruiz, Anthony & Frances Palermo, Daisy Palermo King; Cindy Dickerson; Joe Passantino Family; 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; Dom Engolio, Pauline & Joseph Engolio, Charles Engolio

#### Tuesday, April 4-6:00 pm Mass

M/M Tony Falcon; M/M Earl Quatrevingt; M/M C. J. Saurage; Doris Murry; Ronald L. Gary; Camille Tempanaro; Randy, Brian & Brandy Quatrevingt, Tommy Quatrevingt; Max "Bubba" Taylor; O. J. Songy; Kearney Thibodeaux, Jr., Vernon Suggs

### Wednesday, April 5-7:00 am Mass-

A. J. & Margie Doiron, Robert Mooney, Bola Gascon

Thursday, April 6-7:00 am Mass Lawrence Seymour

Friday, April 7-7:00 am Mass Harry & Winnie Gallagher



<u>Children's Liturgy</u> April 2, 2017

Diana Seneca (9:00 am Mass)

Mary Hamilton (11:00 am Mass)

<u>Coffee (during Lent)</u> April 2, 2017



Gordon & Marianne Gregoire (7:30 am Mass)

Kevin & Kelly Gourgues (9:00 am Mass)



The Bereavement Support Group will meet in the Parish Hall from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm on <u>Wednesday, April 5</u>.

The purpose of this ministry is to comfort those who have experienced the loss of someone important (recent or in the past). There will be prayer, fellowship, and the opportunity to share our struggles with grief in a safe place. Please join us.

> <u>Sanctuary Candle</u> <u>April 2, 2017</u>

<u>St. John the Evangelist Church</u> Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio



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