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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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April 30, 2017 — Third Sunday of Easter

Today's readings look back at both the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, remembering the promise given to David that Jesus would be raised from the dead. The Psalm and First Peter look forward to our lives as we await our resurrection and consider the sacrifice made by Jesus. Luke tells us the story of another experience of the risen Jesus. The disciples unknowingly walk with Jesus and tell him of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Jesus himself looks back with them to the promises made to Moses and all the prophets about his death and resurrection. Still they do not know who he is. It is only when he blesses and breaks bread and shares it with them that they realize it is Jesus. Then they race back to Jerusalem to tell the others.

SLOW OF HEART After the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, two of the disciples hit the road and try to escape all the uncertainty, fear, remorse, and guilt they feel. They feel the same regret that the disciples feel in Acts and First Peter. They meet another man traveling the same road and are astonished when he seems to know nothing about the events that so occupy their thoughts. These events have consumed them, have broken their hearts, have left them downcast and blind to the very person who joins them on their journey. Their companion, Jesus, takes them through their own tradition, through the Old Testament promise that someone just like him would come, be killed, and would rise from the dead. Though they do not recognize him by the words alone, they do not want him to leave. Lucky for them he stays.

IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD Despite all the hints, the disciples do not recognize Jesus. They remain consumed with their own confusion and fear and they cannot see who is right in front of them. It is only with the blessing, breaking, and sharing of the bread that they suddenly recognize Jesus. No words, however insightful, can penetrate the confusion and fear the disciples feel. Through the simple act of breaking and blessing bread they recognize Jesus. Even as their "hearts were burning," their minds did not know. How often do we not see what is right before us because we are so consumed with our own worries, regrets, concerns? Like the disciples it takes an action like the breaking of the bread, a reminder of the death of Jesus, his sacrifice, to get us to understand what our hearts already know.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

April 30, 2017

Dear Family:

Easter Season has begun with great experiences of faith and community life here at St. John. We have welcomed 5 new members to our St. John the Evangelist Family. Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals are being celebrated with the realized newness of Life in Christ Jesus our Risen Lord. As Jesus was raised, we have been raised to a deeper knowledge and love of God.

Today's readings focus on God's plan for human salvation that existed before "the foundation of the world" and came to fulfillment in the life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In the first Reading, Peter, preaching to Jews, reminds them that they had long waited for a Messiah who would be identified by signs and wonder that could only be from God. These signs and wonders, Peter tells them, have been realized in Jesus. He is the one they have waited for.

When the psalmist calls the Lord his "portion and cup," "portion" likely refers to the allotment of food given to the Israelites, and "cup" was often a metaphor for one's fate. These images expressed the psalmist's solid trust in and dependence on God.

Luke's story about the disciples' life-changing encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Emmaus is one of the great post-Resurrection stories in the Gospel. We can easily place ourselves in the story, walking with the disciples, sitting at table with them and the stranger, and then joining in the recognition of the Risen Lord. Recognizing Jesus in the "breaking of the bread" has become the foundation of our Eucharistic theology. Participating attentively in Mass - listening to the Word, joining in the Eucharistic Prayer, and receiving the Body and Blood can set "our hearts burning within us."

Some questions for reflection:

What do you think prevented the disciples from recognizing the Risen Lord?

How has your faith been handed on to you by others?

What helps you to really hear the Word of the Lord when it is proclaimed at Mass?

Many thanks to all who helped make our Annual Outdoor Mass a great event for all who were there. All volunteers, staff, local civic leaders and every person gathered enjoyed great fellowship in the Risen Christ.

Tomorrow, May of 2017, begins and our schools in the area are moving into a time of tests and graduations. We pray for all our students, teachers, administrators, and staff in our Public Schools and at our beloved St. John School.

This year our parish will celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday, May 6th, for our St. John High School Graduates at 4:00 p.m. Also, we are going to celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass the following weekend on Saturday, May 13th, for our Public High School and College Graduates at 4:00 p.m.

For those graduating from our Public Schools or from College, we ask that you call our office at 687-2402 so that we can reserve enough pews for you as we celebrate your great achievement in completion of your studies. Please call by May 10th if you plan to attend. Looking forward to honoring you!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Baccalaureate Mass for Public School and College Graduates

On Saturday, May 13, 2017 we will celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for all those parishioners who are students of our local Public Schools and for parishioners who are students graduating from College. We would love for those who can attend to join us to lift you up in prayers of thanksgiving for all you have achieved.

The deadline for letting us know you will attend is Wednesday, May 10th. Please join us. Please let us know if you are attending as we want to make sure we provide enough pews for graduates. Please call 687-2402.

RCIA



Pictured at a reception held in their honor in the parish hall following the Easter Vigil Mass are the five new members of the Catholic Church with their sponsors.

Seated, left to right:

Andrea Rivet, Amy Salvadras, Bridget Moore, Veronica LeGrange (sponsor)

Back row: Rebecca Devillier (sponsor), Brennan Dozier (sponsor), Nicholas Devillier, Kirk Taylor, Debbie Rivet (sponsor), Marcia Rivet (sponsor)

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the Catholic Daughters for hosting the reception and to the RCIA team members; Bernie Beethe, Donna Carville, Gwen Hayes, Phyllis LeJeune and Joe Roetker.

A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



A grateful acknowledgement is made to the children who participated in the Holy Thursday ceremony.

Thanks to coordinators, Marianne Freeman and Linda Chustz and to the moms and/or dads for bringing their children to the church for practice and participation.

Special thanks to Evelyn Varnell, Sallye Troxclair, Derryl Comeaux and Donna Carville for decorating the church so beautifully for Easter season.

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms

Baptism Seminars

7:00 pm—Parish Hall

Monday, May 1, 2017

Monday, June 5, 2017

Monday, July 10, 2017

Baptisms—After 4:00 pm Mass

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Saturday, July 29, 2017

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 Parish Family Outdoor Mass



Thanks to the many people for making our Annual Family Day Outdoor Mass a huge success! We are extremely grateful for the following donors and volunteers:

Iberville Parish Sheriff Brett Stassi, Iberville Parish President Mitchell Ourso, Clerk of Court Amy Patin, Iberville Parish Assessor Randy Sexton: Jambalaya Donors

Blackie Medlen, Blake Canella, Jimmy Migliacio, Blane Marino & Gary Bueche, Jr.: Jambalaya cooks

Marla Medlen & Shannon Guidry: Jambalaya servers

Knights of Columbus 970: Hot dogs, chili donors & cooks, use of the tables and chairs

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St. John Choir with Medric Smith, Jr. for the beautiful music, Rose Marino, Joyce Quebedeaux and the St. John Church staff for helping set up for Mass

Catholic Daughters #1214: Organizers of Desserts

Volunteers: Ed Clement, David LoBue, Antoine Landry, Vanessa Moore & Gary Perrault

Thanks to the following vendors:

David & Laura Daigle: Daigle Ice

Chris Pierce: Party Artist and Balloons

Mr. Otis Johnson: Musical Entertainment

And special thanks to coordinator, Susan Landry, and all the St. John Parishioners for bringing desserts and coming out to make this year another great success!

YARD ROSARY



"True devotion to Our Lady is holy; that is to say, it leads the soul to avoid sin and to imitate the virtues of the Blessed Virgin, particularly her profound humility, her lively faith, her blind obedience, her continual prayer, her universal mortification, her divine purity, her ardent charity, her heroic patience, her angelic sweetness and her divine wisdom. These are the ten principal virtues of the most holy Virgin."

— St. Louis De Montfort

An Excerpt from True Devotion to Mary

During the month of May, The Yard Rosary will be prayed at the homes of parishioners at 7:00 pm.

Monday, May 1: Chuck & Connie Brown
59245 Island Drive

Tuesday, May 2: Marianne Freeman
23515 Church Street

Wednesday, May 3: Derryl Comeaux
57820 Erwin Drive

Thursday, May 4: George & Patricia Ramirez
57741 Cardinal Street

Friday, May 5: Emily M. Brown
St. John Church Parking Lot

Saturday, May 6: Eugene & Denny Bujol
59475 Island Drive

Sunday, May 7: Larry & Jeanette Schlatter
25365 Magnolia Lane

Bring your lawn chair and your friends!

Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of May 1, 2017

Monday, May 1: 7:00 am Liturgy of the Word

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday, May 2: 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Word/Novena

Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, May 3: 7:00 am Mass

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday, May 4: 7:00 am Mass

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, May 5: 7 am Mass

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

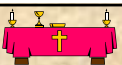
Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.



The Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, May 3 at 8:00 am.

Volunteers are welcome!

St. John Spring Art Fest

The community can view St. John student art in the St. John Parish Hall after all Masses this weekend, April 29 & 30. Come and experience the talent of our St. John School students.



2017 St. John School Year-End Ceremonies



The St. John School Family invites you to a special Mass for Mothers on

Wednesday, May 3 at St. Clement Church at 8:00 am.

Senior Baccalaureate Mass

Saturday, May 6 - 4:00 pm - St. John Church

May Pole

Sunday, May 7 - 5:00 pm - Carl F. Grant Civic Center

High School Honors Night

Wednesday, May 10- 6:30 pm - St. Clement

St. John Graduation

Saturday, May 11- 7:00 pm - St. John Church

Ring Ceremony

Saturday, May 20- 4:00 pm Mass - St. John Church

8th Grade Crossing Over

Wednesday, May 24 - 8:00 am - St. Clement

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School "A Treasure Tour of the New Testament" will be held July 11-17, 2017. We are now accepting registration forms. Forms may be found on the bookshelves in the rear of church, in the church office and on our website at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMS.



Volunteer positions are available for teachers (Pre K-6th grade), teacher supply leader and skit assistant. Please call the church office (225.687.2402) to volunteer.



NOTICE: An altar server is needed on Wednesdays for 7:00 am Mass. A substitute will be available on the days when you cannot serve. If anyone can assist in this Liturgical Ministry, please call the church office at 225.687.2402.

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, May 7, 2017



The Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets (\$8.00) outside the doors of the church after every Mass on April 29 & 30. The spaghetti dinner consists of meatballs, corn and a roll.

You may pick up your dinners at The First Bank parking lot next to our church or the Plaquemine Lions Club, 60255 Bayou Jacob Road.

For more information, contact Flash Howard at 225.776.6174.

GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION



A grateful acknowledgement is made to Dupont Nursery for donating the beautiful spring flowers for the flower beds around church and to the landscaping committee: Betty Aucoin, Sky Brown, Mary Jo Caffarel, Donna Carville, Derryl Comeaux, Joyce Daigle, June Pinsonat and Sandra Smothers.

Thanks to the members of the Knight of Columbus and Charlie Carville for trimming the hedges. Thanks also to the K.C. members for painting the bright blue curbs in the church parking lot.

Marianite Sister Serves Where God Leads

For the past six years, Plaquemine native, Sr. Elvira Brown has lived in Yalgo, Burkina Faso, Africa with three other Marianite Sisters. While there, they helped to open Holy Family Parish in the Diocese of Kaya and to establish a medical center in Yalgo named after Pope John Paul II.

Their medical staff consisted of three nurses, one doctor and one mid-wife, often treating 15 to 30 patients a day, both children and adults. Malnutrition and malaria are most common, and on-going education in nutrition and hygiene play a large part in treatment.

Recently, Sister Elvira's Congregational Administration asked her to return home and reside in Opelousas to help care for eleven elderly Sisters at Prompt Succor Convent. She will begin her duties there May 1, 2017.

Sister Elvira is shown, seated above, with her sisters, Miss Emily Brown and Mrs. Myrtle Chustz during a recent stay with Miss Emily.

If you would like to contact sister, you may call 504.982.1941 or use one of the following email addresses: elvirab43@yahoo.com, eabrownmsc@gmail.com or cecilebmsc@juno.com.



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GOD BLESS OUR DEAD

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
- 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

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



Catholic Community Radio: Catholic Man Night



Please join Catholic Community Radio and New Orleans Saints Quarterbacks Coach Joe Lombardi on Thursday, May 4, 2017 for Steak and Cigars at City Cafe, 4710 O'Neal Lane, Baton Rouge. This fundraiser will include char grilled oysters, grilled steak, croc potatoes and a sensation salad, followed by a Regina cigar and red wine while you relax in the company of Coach Lombardi and other Catholic men.

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For more information, visit www.catholiccommunityradio.org.



Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:

Entrance: Three Days

Today's Missal 79

Preparation: Two Were Bound for Emmaus

Today's Missal 65

Communion: In the Breaking of the Bread

Music Issue 325

Sending Forth: Join in the Dance

Music Issue 565

MASS INTENTIONS — May 6-12, 2017

Saturday, May 6-4:00 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; John E. & Cecile D. Brown, Brown & Duhon Families; Alfred & Mercedes Carville, Mary & Lester Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey, Edmund & Louise Bujol; Dot Favaron, Louis Favaron; 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; Henrietta & Gerald Berret; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; May W. Currier; Angelo Mancuso, Nick Mancuso Family, Tarek Smart, Roger Adams; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Ida Ortis, M/M Paul J. Hebert & Grayland Allen; Frank Michelle Family, Victor Crescienne Family, Joe Michelle; Lena Gerage Corrent, Peter J. Corrent; Aline, Mit, Dub & Wallace Comeaux, Aubrey Quebedeaux; Cheryl Courtade, Marie & Herman Courtade & Family; Kearney Thibodeaux, Kearney Thibodeaux, Jr., Sadie Thibodeaux, Vernon Suggs, Joe Suggs, Kyle Landon Ourso, Chester Landry, Jr.; Percy J. Blanchard, Maude A. Blanchard & Chase M. Prejean; In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

Sunday, May 7-9:00 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; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Harold Himel, Sr.; M/M Ernest Hernandez, Margaret Hernandez, Gary Hernandez, M/M Clay Hernandez; 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; Lena Canella; Wilma & Harris LeBlanc

Sunday, May 7-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Mary Belle & Paul D'Albor, Jr., Lee Canova; 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; Henry Vadnais, Jr. & Helen Vadnais Duplantis; Carol Ann Jarreau; Victor Joseph Canella; T. N. & Ray Patin; Brandon & Eddie J. Schouest, Jr., Josie Vicknair, M/M Joseph Rosso

Tuesday, May 9-6:00 pm Mass

Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Charles K. Case; Kearney Thibodeaux, Jr. & Vernon Suggs



Wednesday, May 10-7:00 am Mass

Robert Bourgeois


Thursday, May 11-7:00 am Mass

Ralph Sonier

Friday, May 12-7:00 am Mass

Vincent A. Ferachi & Dr. Larry Ferachi

STEWARDSHIP

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April 22 & 23, 2017

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NOTICE: The Bereavement Support Group will meet in the Parish Hall Wednesday, May 3 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Sanctuary Candle May 7, 2017

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St. Clement of Rome Church
Jaynell Lopez



Children's Liturgy May 7, 2017

Tracy Cox (7:30 am Mass)

Susan Persilver (9:00 am Mass)

Coffee and Donuts May 7, 2017

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Tom & Germaine Bradley (11:00 am Mass)





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