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### Parish Office Staff:

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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

## First Sunday of Lent — February 18, 2018

### Clear Conscience

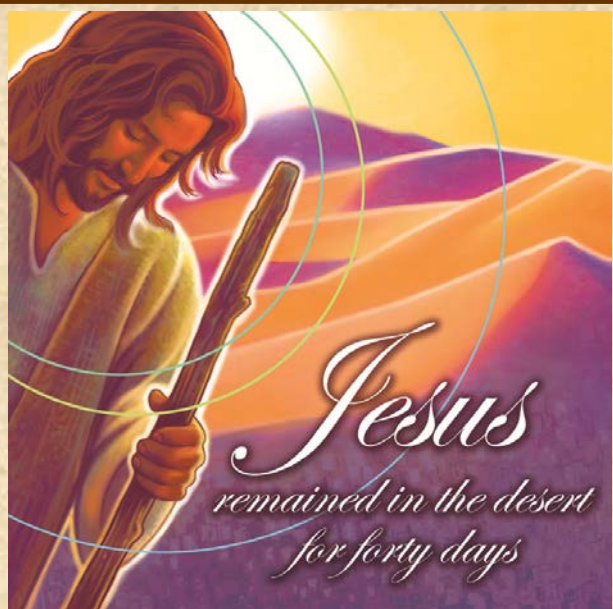
Usually, the first reading has something in common with the gospel. Today's however, has more in common with the second reading from St. Peter. They both talk about Noah and the ark, where the few good people were saved by going through the water. Peter compares that to the waters of Baptism, in which we are saved by God. Just as God washed away the evil of the world in the waters of the flood, so the waters of Baptism made us into a new people who have clear consciences, both because God has forgiven our sins and because we promise to follow only Him.

That leads to the Gospel, where Jesus is tempted by Satan. But unlike the people of Noah's time, Jesus does not fall to the temptations. Instead, he comes out of the desert, telling us to repent and believe in the good news.

That means we have a choice to make: Do we accept this kingdom and repent, or do we ignore our baptism and do what we want? Do we still have a clear conscience when we think of how much time we spend getting to know Jesus? Ever pray or read the bible outside of church? Do we spend near as much on the poor, as we do for our entertainment?

Next time you see a rainbow, think about the covenant that God made with Noah. Just as God's promises get better and better till the coming of Jesus, we are challenged to be more and more like Him. Are you satisfied with just a promise that God won't destroy us all in a flood? Or are you ready to live the New Covenant that Jesus promises to those who will follow him?

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**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 Noon Stations of the Cross  
           6:00 pm Mass & Stations of the Cross  
           (No 7:00 am Mass during Lent)  
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**The Light is On for You! - Lenten Confessions**

St. John Church along with other churches in our Diocese, will open for confession on Wednesday nights during Lent.



Father Greg will hear confessions February 21, 28, March 7 and 21 in church from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. The PSR students will be present for confessions on February 28 and March 7.

**A Grateful Acknowledgement**



On February 8, 2018, St. John the Evangelist Church Parish had forty-seven of our young people receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.


There are many people behind the scenes who help implement the Confirmation Program and I would like to take this opportunity to graciously extend a thank you to each of them. It begins with Father Greg, the office staff, the catechists, the volunteers, parents of the Candidates and the Candidates themselves. I dare not list names in fear of forgetting someone.

I would like to thank our local Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society for supporting the Confirmation Program through their generous donation of time and scrumptious food. All of you display true servants hearts.

I have been touched by the entire community of faith effort to bring forth forty-seven young men and women to receive this Sacrament. It has been a privilege and honor to work beside you to bring this task to full fruition. I will be eternally grateful.

Thank You!

Wanda Ashley, DRE



Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated special anniversaries and were honored February 10 at 4:00 pm Mass followed by a reception in the parish hall.

25<sup>th</sup>  
 Robert & Dawn Landry

50<sup>th</sup>  
 John & Margaret Businelle  
 Alvin & Dorothy Gibson  
 Butch & Sandra Gourgues  
 Ronnie & Debbie Hebert  
 Lonnie & Cindy Michel  
 Danny & Patsy Williams

55<sup>th</sup>  
 Victor & Dorothy Blanchard  
 Louis & Sally Guidry  
 George & Nettie Michel

60<sup>th</sup>  
 Gordon & Mary Ann Gregoire  
 Charles & Margery Lepere

68<sup>th</sup>  
 Louis & Mary Clement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the Altar Society for hosting the reception.

*“May God bless these couples with continued love, joy and happiness...”*




**Please note...**

If you are a newcomer to St. John the Evangelist Church Parish, have recently married, or no longer live with your parents, please remember to fill out a census form to register here.

Census forms are available in the church office, on the bookshelves in the back of church, or on our website, [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org) under FORMS. Feel free to call the church office at 225.687.2402 and we will be happy to mail a census form to you.

**St. Joseph Altar Preparations**

The St. Joseph Altar will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2018. Preparations for the St. Joseph Altar will begin Monday, February 19 at 9:00 am at the K.C. Home.



Anyone interested in helping is welcome. Contact Betty Aucoin (225.776.1685) for more information.

**Weekday Worship & Scripture-February 19-24, 2018**

**Monday, February 19:** Liturgy of the Word  
 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 20:** 6 pm Mass  
 Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday, February 21:** 7 am Mass  
 Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday, February 22:** 7 am Mass  
 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Friday, February 23:** 6 pm Mass  
 Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday, February 24:**  
 Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday, February 25:**  
 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19;  
 Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



We welcome the Catholic Daughters to 9:00 am Mass as they celebrate their Quarterly Communion with us.

### Altar Society

The St. John Altar Society are currently selling "The Little Black Book" and "History of St. John The Evangelist Church" booklets.

"The Little Black Book" (\$1.00) contains daily six minute meditations on the Passion according to Mark. "The History of St. John the Evangelist Church" booklet (\$10.00) details the inception of the building beginning in 1850 until currently and includes descriptions of the architecture, stained glass windows and some fun facts such as these:

- **Which priest served St. John Church the longest?**  
Fr. Leonard Robin served from 1933 - 1964 and St. John was his first assignment. During his tenure he greatly advanced Catholic education by merging the boys and girls schools and buying property where St. John School is today. He also retired the debt of the new church, repaired its roof, installed the organ, refurbished the cemetery and repaired the rectory. Pope Pius XII honored him by conferring the rank of Domestic Prelate, given only to priests of exemplary service.
- **What do the Latin words above the front door mean?**  
Genesis 28:17, Non est hic aliud nisi domus Dei et porta coeli ("This is nothing else but the house of God and the gateway to heaven.")
- **What do the Latin words above the altar mean?**  
Malachi 1:11, Offertur nomini meo oblatio munda ("And everywhere they bring sacrifice to my name, a pure offering.")
- **How long is the center aisle?**  
172" from the front doors to the altar

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### Learn More About Your Catholic Faith

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, Church History, the Sacraments, Catholic Scripture, and many more topics?

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To learn more, visit the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis website at [evangcatbr.org](http://evangcatbr.org) under the Certification tab. We would love to have you join us!

If you have any questions, reach out to our staff at 225.336.8760.



### St. John School News Registration

Registration for St. John School for the 2018-2019 school year will be February 21 through March 2.

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### Auction

The St. John Auction will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center.

For more information, call St. John at 225.687.3056 (High School) or 225.687.6616 (Elem./Middle School)

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### Vacation Bible School 2018

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 4-8, 2018 at St. John School.

More information is to come.

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### Box Tops, Coffee Labels & Coke Rewards

St. John is accepting Box Tops for Education, Community Coffee Labels, and Coke Rewards bottle tops. St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through these fundraisers, so please save your labels and bottle tops. You may bring your labels to Church in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or drop the labels and bottle tops off at our St. John Church Parish Office. We will see that the school receives them.

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### BINGO!!!

Bingo is held five nights each week at the St. John Father's Club Bingo Hall, 24837 Hwy 1, South.

The following is the Bingo schedule:

- Sunday—7:00 pm—Knights of Columbus Bingo
- Monday—7:00 pm—Fathers' Club Bingo
- Tuesday—7:00 pm—Fathers' Club Bingo
- Wednesday—7:00 pm—Knights of Columbus Bingo
- Friday—7:00 pm—Fathers' Club Bingo

Come out and play Bingo and support St. John School and the Knights of Columbus.

### Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

#### Baptism Seminars

Monday, March 5, 2018

Monday, April 9, 2018

Monday, May 7, 2018



#### Baptisms

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Saturday, May 26, 2018

The Baptism seminars are held at 7:00 pm on the third floor of the parish office. Baptisms are usually held after 4:00 pm Mass on the last weekend of the month.

Dates are subject to change. Please call the office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to register for the seminar.

## MASS INTENTIONS — February 24-March 2, 2018

### Saturday, February 24-4:00 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; Russell Adams; Chester & Leonce Hernandez, Henry M. Rayne, Sr. & Families; Douglas Breaux, Salvador Spano; Robert "Bobby" Dupont, Sr.; M/M W. L. Grace, Jr., Harold & Hayes Sparks, Chantel Livingston Choina; Monica Wille; A Special Intention; In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Sunday, February 25-7:30 am Mass - St. John Parishioners



### Sunday, February 25-9:00 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; Kristina Mellema; Richard Hudson; Allen Aillet; Betty Dupree; Dwight Marix, Allen & Alberta Buquoi, Lois Marix; Leggio Family & Distefano Family; Angelic & Alvin Barbier, Sr. & Alvin Barbier, Jr; Elmer Mahon: M/M Vito Calvaruso, M/M Phillip Calvaruso, Nick Calvaruso

### Sunday, February 25-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Boyce Sharon, Jr.; Peter & Mary Palermo, Peter & Lena Palermo, Armond & Eloise Landry, Earl Tullier; William E. Barker III, Dr. & Mrs. W. E. Barker, Jr.; Bette Howard; Barry Gomez

### Tuesday, February 27-6:00 pm Mass

Scott Jude Marino; Libby Flatau, Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay

### Wednesday, February 28-7:00 am Mass

Orian Gulotta

### Thursday, March 1-7:00 am Mass

M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.

### Friday, March 2-7:00 am Mass

Winnie & Harry Gallagher

### Sanctuary Candle

February 25, 2018

St. John the Evangelist Church  
Crossland Family

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Andrew & Catherine Roucher



### Weekly Ministries

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church  
Wednesday, February 21. Volunteers are welcome.



*Children's Liturgy*  
February 25, 2018

Francisca Comeaux (9:00 am Mass)  
Beryl Burruss (11:00 am Mass)

*Coffee only (during Lent)*  
February 25, 2018



Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30 am Mass)  
Larry & Jeanette Schlatre (9:00 am Mass)

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

*"Jesus said to the crowds: 'Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.'" Matthew 11:28-30*

Available hours for Eucharistic Adoration are:

- Sunday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
- Every other Monday: 8:00 am-9:00 am
- Monday: 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- Tuesday: 10:00 pm-11:00 pm
- Saturday: 5:00 am-6:00 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 in the Adoration Chapel, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

### Morning of Prayer at Our Lady of Mercy

Join us for a Baton Rouge Morning of Prayer on Saturday, February 24, 2018. The day begins with 8:00 am Mass celebrated by Fr. Cleo Milano, followed by a presentation in the Parish Activity Center on Cultivating Lenten Hope by Judy Klein. Registration begins at 8:45 am. Coffee and pastries will be available. Morning of Prayer concludes at 11:30 am. Cost is \$25.

Online registration is available at  
<https://retreats.arch-no.org/retreats/210/register>.

Our Hymn Selections this weekend:  
(Subject to change)

Entrance: Led by the Spirit  
Today's Missal 106  
Communion: In These Days of Lenten Journey  
Today's Missal 109





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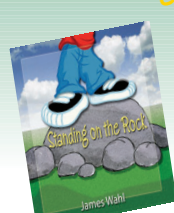


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