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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:

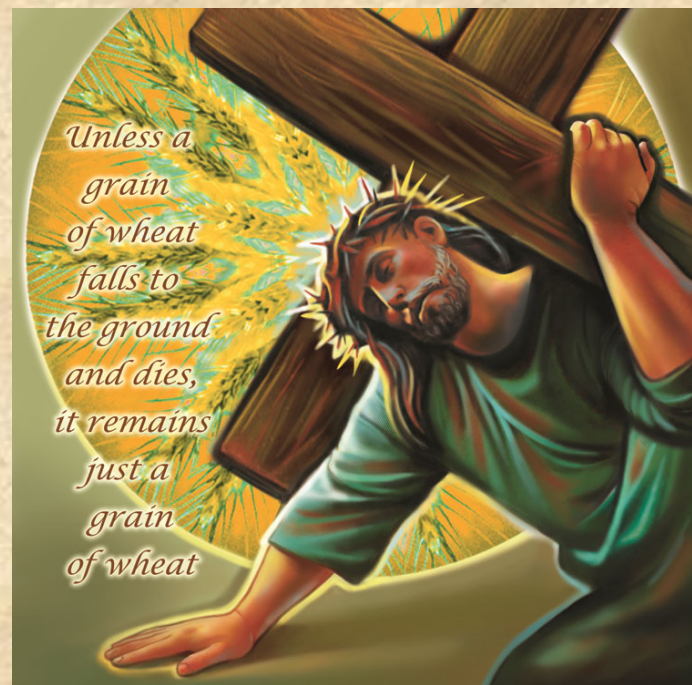
Saturday 3:00 pm

## Fifth Sunday of Lent — March 18, 2018

### Father, Forgive Them

The promise made by the LORD in the first reading is very bold. He says that all people shall know him, without having to be taught by others. The way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, he is speaking to the Israelites: When they broke a commandment or law, they were isolated from the community. So the promise that God would place his law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they want to, not because they feared punishment or rejection.

Jesus says something similar in today's gospel. He tells the disciples that his crucifixion would draw everyone to him. Now, Jesus' death showed that he took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, he shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love.



Getting back to the first reading, we experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. We also help others to know God when we share or experience of being forgiven. The sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the other sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts.

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## St. Joseph Altar

Sunday, March 18, 2018  
12 Noon - 1:30 pm  
Knights of Columbus Home  
58715 Price Street  
Plaquemine, LA




Sunday, March 18, serving from the altar begins immediately following 11:00 am Mass at 12 Noon until 1:30 pm.

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The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

## 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!

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



Confessions will be heard at St. John the Evangelist on March 21 from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

## Baptisms and Baptism Seminars



### Baptism Seminars

Monday, April 9, 2018  
Monday, May 7, 2018  
Monday, June 4, 2018

### Baptisms

Saturday, April 28, 2018  
Saturday, May 26, 2018  
Saturday, June 30, 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.

## Holy Week Schedule



Monday, March 26 - 7:00 am Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, March 27 - 7:00 pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday, March 28 - 7:00 am Mass

Holy Thursday, March 29 - 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 30 - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31 - 7:30 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1 - 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am Masses

## NOTICE!!

### Holy Week Practice

Father Greg will have rehearsal Saturday, March 24 at 5:00 pm for anyone participating in Holy Week services. Please meet in church immediately following 4:00 pm Mass.



### 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 March 29 at 7:00 pm. 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 office at 225.687.2402. We will practice Wednesday, March 28 at 6:00 pm in church.



### Walk with Jesus



The St. John 8th grade class will perform their annual "Walk with Jesus" presentation at St. Clement Church on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 6:00 pm.

The public is invited to attend this very special remembrance of Palm Sunday's entrance into Jerusalem to Easter Sunday's Resurrection.

What better way to begin Holy Week than to watch the students reenact Jesus' final days?

### Chrism Mass

On Wednesday, March 28 at 10:30 am, all parishioners are invited to the Diocese of Baton Rouge's Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, 401 Main Street in Baton Rouge.



### Adult Confirmation

If you are 18 years of age or over and have not been confirmed in the Catholic Church, please call the church office at 225.687.2402, to attend 6 classes on Confirmation beginning Sunday, April 8 (10:00 am-11:00 am) through Sunday, May 13, 2018. Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018 at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Muench.

You may call the St. John Church Office for more information.

### “Little White Book”

The Altar Society is selling “Little White Books.” Every year, during the seven weeks of the Easter season, the first reading is from the Act of the Apostles, which tells the story of the Church in its earliest days. The “Little White Book” (\$1.00) contains six-minute reflections on the Acts of the Apostles.

You may purchase your book from the church office. Supplies are limited.



### Our Brothers’ Keeper Food Bank

Our Brothers’ Keeper Food Bank is in need of non-perishable food items. Especially needed are such items as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, soup and fruit juices.

Lenten almsgiving to the food bank is in the spirit of this holy season. Please place your contributions in the baskets near the Baptistry in Church. We appreciate whatever you can give.

### St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy



In the Lenten spirit of almsgiving, please consider supporting the St. Vincent dePaul Community Pharmacy. Please place a monetary gift inside an empty prescription bottle and drop it in the container located in the rear of church near the stairwell.

### Weekday Worship & Scripture—March 19-25, 2018

**Monday, March 19:** Liturgy of the Word  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday, March 20:** 6 pm Mass  
Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday, March 21:** 7 am Mass  
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday, March 22:** 7 am Mass  
Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday, March 23:** 6 pm Mass  
Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday, March 24:**  
Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday, March 25:**  
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7;  
Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 -- 15:47  
[15:1-39]



We welcome the Knights of Columbus to 4:00 pm Mass as they celebrate their Quarterly Communion with us.

### A Grateful Acknowledgement



The kneelers in the Adoration Chapel have been reupholstered, compliments of the Catholic Daughters. The upholsterer was Lonnie Marchand who donated his time and talent for the improvement.

### NOTICE!!

THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL CLOSE ON HOLY THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM AND REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL EASTER SUNDAY AT 6:00 PM.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

*“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”*  
(Mt 7:7-9)

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
- 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.

### URGENT!!!

We are in need of USHERS to serve at any weekend Mass. Ushers serve by greeting people, assisting with seating, assisting disabled worshippers, receiving offerings, directing a smooth flow of the assembly for receiving Holy Communion and distributing the weekly church bulletin following Mass.

If you can help, please call Johnette at the church office at 225.687.2402.



Our Hymn Selections this weekend:  
(Subject to change)

Entrance: Stand By Me  
Music Issue 633

Responsorial Psalm: “Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. Be with me, Lord, I pray.”

Communion: You Are Mine  
Music Issue 457

**MASS INTENTIONS — March 24-March 29, 2018**

**Saturday, March 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; Michael Laurent, M/M C. L. Laurent, Sr.; Jaynell Lopez; Robert Mooney, A. J. & Margie Doiron, Lyman Marchand; Chester & Leonce Hernandez, Henry M. Rayne, Sr. & Family; M/M Norman Schlatre, M/M George Zeringue; Mac, Laura, Michael & Lawrence Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio, James “Butch” & Sadie Tullier; Vic Pollage; Quentin & Annabel Buquoi; Joe Messina, M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, Irene Gulotto

**Sunday, March 25-7:30 am Mass**

St. John Parishioners



**Sunday, March 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; Jannus & Gladys Robertson, Ernestine Robertson, Lester E. Hebert, Jr.; Betty Dupree; O. J. & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Family; Elmer Mahon; M/M Vito Calvaruso, M/M Phillip Calvaruso, Nick Calvaruso

**Sunday, March 25-11:00 am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Boyce Sharon, Jr.; Peter & Mary Palermo, Peter & Lena Palermo, Armond & Eloise Landry, Earl Tullier; M/M Merrill Judice; Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr. & Sons; Brendon, Ronald & Dudley Landry & Family, Sam Coletti Family; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; M/M Russell Rivet, Sr., Tommy Rivet; Ruth Babin; Marvin & Doris Allen, Mary & Manuel Diamond; Anthony & Tootsie Cardinal, Stella & Emile Oubre

**Tuesday, March 27-6:00 pm Mass**

Gloria Dupont, David G. Hebert; Myrtle Haydel

**Wednesday, March 28-7:00 am Mass**

Anthony & Frances Palermo

**Thursday, March 29-7:00 pm Mass-Holy Thursday**

Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry Ferachi; Ethel P. Businelle; Pim & NuNu Clebert, Gomez & Clebert Families, Kathryn & Lytle Chustz, Edmund & Louise Bujol, Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Joseph A. Palermo; Ernest & Josephine Lapez

**Stewardship**

**March 10 & 11, 2018**



Identified.....	\$ 7,269.00
Envelopes — 242	
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Easter Flowers.....	\$ 2,229.00

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**Easter Flower Donations**



The beautiful flowers and decorations at Easter enhance our Easter worship. Envelopes for Easter decorations have been placed in your March packet of envelopes. Please list the names of your loved ones on the envelopes. Memorial donations will be published in future bulletins.

**Sanctuary Candle**

*March 25, 2018*

**St. John the Evangelist Church**  
**Dugas, Trabeaux & Naquin Families**

**St. Clement of Rome Church**

**Anthony F. Canella**

**Weekly Ministries**

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

***Children’s Liturgy — March 25, 2018***

**Sabrina Ruggiero (9:00 am Mass)**

**Susan Persilver (11:00 am Mass)**



***Coffee only (during Lent) — March 25, 2018***

**Jim & Catherine Etier (7:30 am Mass)**

**Tommy & Diana LeBlanc (9:00 am Mass)**



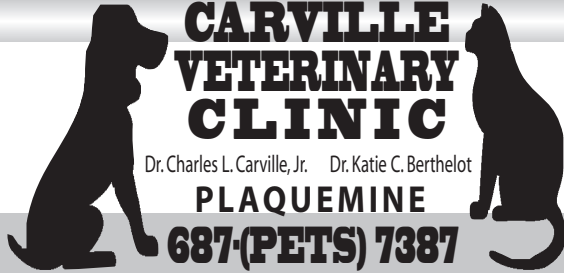


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