

# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Parish Office Staff:

Medric Smith, Jr., Business Manager

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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

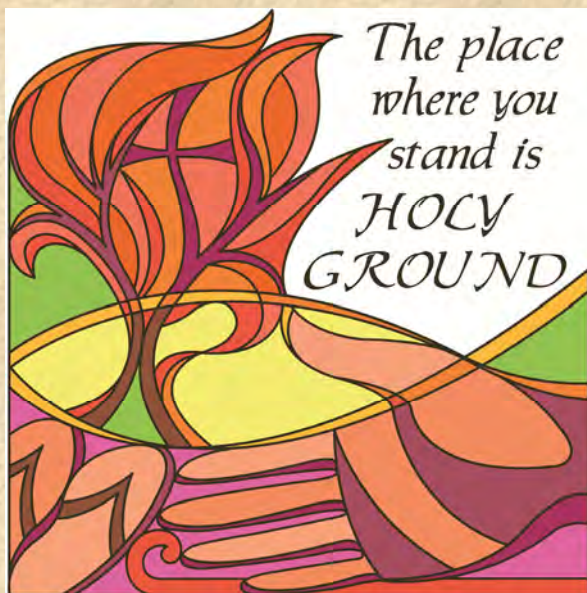
(Mass and Novena) 6:00 pm

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



## Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

Overconfident?


As we get to the halfway point of Lent, we may be tempted at overconfidence: "The first three weeks weren't so hard. I can go a few more weeks without the things I gave up. And I've only committed a few sins; maybe I'll go to confession right before Easter." If so, it might be a good idea to look at the second reading and the Gospel.

St. Paul says that anyone who is overconfident about their lack of sin "should take care not to fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). He compares those people to the ones Moses brought through the desert. In fact, many were punished because they were tempted to follow false gods or to complain about the food and drink God provided them. Could the same thing happen to us?

One form of overconfidence is rejecting what we learned as children. We may think, "I'm old enough to decide if I should go to church" or "I can take care of myself now; I don't need God's help." If these sound familiar because you have thought that way yourself, Paul has a warning. His analogy of the Rock following the Hebrews in the desert refers to God's constant presence to the people. In the same way, God is present to us today. But just as God was not pleased with those in the desert, God may not be pleased with us if we continue to ignore the Lord.

That brings us to the Gospel. In the parable of the fig tree, the owner is not pleased--the tree has not produced any fruit. Unlike the fig tree, God would be happy with any fruit we produce. We could be generous to the poor, we could fight for the unborn child's right to life, or we could simply teach our children how to pray. Like the owner of the fig tree, God is patient, but we only have so much time. So when do you plan to bear fruit?

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## Lenten Weekday Schedule

**Monday - 7am Liturgy of the Word**  
**Tuesday - 6pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena**  
**Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass**  
**Friday - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross**  
**6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross**  
 (No 7am Mass during Lent)

## Celebrating the Sacraments




### First Holy Communion

**Mandatory First Communion Practice**  
**Saturday, March 30 from 10am-12:30pm**  
**St. John the Evangelist Church**

**First Holy Communion**  
**Sunday, March 31 at 11am Mass**  
**St. John the Evangelist Church**

### Appreciation Dinner




An Appreciation Dinner for our catechists and helpers who assist with the PSR Program and the Confirmation Prep Program will be held **Sunday, March 24 at 6:30pm** in the parish hall.

### The Light is On for You! Lenten Confession



St. John, along with other churches in our Diocese, will open for confession on selected evenings during Lent. Father Greg will be hearing confessions on the following dates and times:

**Tuesday, March 26 — 6:30pm-7:30pm**  
**Wednesday, April 3 — 6pm-7pm**  
**Wednesday, April 10 — 6pm-7pm**



### Divine Mercy Novena

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena will continue every Tuesday during Lent after 6pm Mass leading up to the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 28.

### Wedding Preparations



Couples contemplating marriage should contact the Church 6 months prior to the wedding. Plans should not be made before contacting the Church office. Anyone previously married must have an annulment freeing them to marry in the Catholic Church. This includes members of other denominations seeking to marry Catholics in the Catholic Church.

For more information or to schedule a wedding, please call Susan Landry at 225.687.2402.

### Weekday Worship & Scripture — March 25-31

**Monday, March 25: 7am Liturgy of the Word**  
 Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday, March 26: 6pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena**  
 Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 27: 7am Mass**  
 Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 28: 7am Mass**  
 Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday, March 29: 6pm Mass**  
 Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:**  
 Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:**  
 Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 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]

### Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

**Baptism Seminars—7pm**  
**Third Floor Church Office**  
**Monday, April 1, 2019**  
**Monday, May 6, 2019**  
**Monday, June 3, 2019**



**Baptisms—Following 4pm Mass**  
**Saturday, April 27, 2019**  
**Saturday, May 25, 2019**  
**Saturday, June 29, 2019**

Dates are subject to change. Please call the Church office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.


### EUCHARISTIC 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 scheduled visitation to the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel are:

- Friday: 9am-10am
- Saturday: 5am-6am
- Sunday: 3pm-4pm

To volunteer as a scheduled adorer or substitute, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.



### Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Communion is brought weekly to the sick and homebound of our parish. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify the Church parish office at 225.687.2402.

# **“DIGGING FOR TREASURE” PARABLES REVEALED**

**Catholic Vacation Bible School at St. John School  
June 3 – June 7, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon**

**2019 VBS Registration Form  
For incoming PK4 through 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**REGISTRATION MUST BE IN BY APRIL 25, 2019**

**Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Next School Year \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Size Chart for Children: XS 2-4, S 6-8, M 10-12, L 14-18**

**Parent Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone (home, cell, or work): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Special Needs (medical, academic, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Registration Fee – ONE child including t-shirt - \$25.00 per child**

**Registration Fee – TWO children including t-shirt - \$20.00 per child**

**Registration Fee – THREE children or more \$15.00 per child**

**Enclose a check payable to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church VBS for total amount.**

**Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Total of payment \_\_\_\_\_**

**If your child attends St. John School, you may return completed registration form and fee to school in a sealed envelope marked: ATTN: Kellie Miller/VBS.**

**All others, please submit completed form and fees by:**

- 1. Placing your envelope in the collection basket at any Mass marked VBS**
- 2. Returning it to the Church Office by Hand**
- 3. Mail it to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, ATTN: Vacation Bible School, 57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764**

## In the Lenten Spirit of Almsgiving...



Please consider supporting the St. Vincent dePaul Community Pharmacy.

You may place a monetary gift inside an empty prescription bottle and drop it in the container located in the rear of church near the stairwell.

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Please consider supporting Our Brothers' Keeper Food Bank.



The Food Bank is in need of non-perishable food items; especially needed are such items as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, tuna, soup and fruit juices. You may place your contributions near the Baptistery in church. We appreciate whatever you can give.



When called by the Lord, Moses' immediate response was "Here I am." If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, contact Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

## Weekly Ministries

### Altar Society



Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 27. Volunteers are welcome!

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The St. John Altar Society cleans the church, assists the sacristans and provides assistance as needed for parish receptions. Monthly meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month in the office conference room. You are invited to our next meeting on March 26 at 9:30am.



### Coffee only (During Lent) March 31, 2019

Dolores & Gary Pruitt (7:30am Mass)

Buté Richard, Beverly Percle & Bobby Blanchard (9am Mass)

### Children's Liturgy March 31, 2019



There will be no Children's Liturgy Sunday, March 31 due to First Holy Communion.

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We are in need of volunteers for Children's Liturgy. As a catechist, you will share lessons with the children, ages 3-7, regarding Sacred Scripture readings and how they may apply to their lives today. MagnifiKID booklets are provided as aids in teaching.

If you are interested, please call the parish office at 225.687.2402 and ask for Wanda Ashley. Thank you for your support.

## St. John School News



### ST. JOHN SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

St. John the Evangelist Church  
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 ~ 6pm

Advance tickets on sale now! \$12/Adults ~ \$5/Students  
For more information, contact the school office at 225.687.6616.

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### AUCTION

The Annual St. John Auction, will be held Saturday, March 30 at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center, 24700 J. Gerald Berret Blvd.



Raffle tickets (\$2) are being sold now and will be sold auction night also. Winner need not be present.

- 1st prize: \$1,000
- 2nd prize: \$250
- 3rd prize: \$150

This has always been a fun filled ADULTS only evening. Doors open at 5pm beginning with the silent auction. Live auction is at 8pm. Food will be provided by Josh O'Dwyer of Riverside Specialty Meats. For more information, contact Jennifer Landry at [sjauction@yahoo.com](mailto:sjauction@yahoo.com).

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### KRAWFISH KRAWL TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!



The St. John Home and School Association will host its "4th Annual Krawfish Krawl" fundraising dinner Friday, April 5. Tickets (\$20) which may be purchased from the St. John High School office, will consist of a 3+ pound tray of boiled crawfish, corn and potatoes cooked by Josh O'Dwyer.

Pickup: Friday, April 5, 5pm-7pm, St. John Elementary circle drive.

Contact: Shari Landry, 225.933.8633, [scallais@cox.net](mailto:scallais@cox.net).

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### ART FEST & CHICKEN DINNER BENEFIT

The 2019 St. John Art Fest will be held on Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7 at the St. John Church Parish Hall. Viewing of Pre-K through high school student art will take place after all Masses.



To help support the Arts at St. John, there will be a BBQ chicken dinner sale on Sunday, April 7. Tickets for 1/2 BBQ chicken, rice dressing, green beans and roll are \$8.50. Tickets will be sold after all Masses Saturday & Sunday, March 23 & 24 and Saturday & Sunday, March 30 & 31 outside the doors of church. St. John families or students may earn service hours by helping sell tickets at those times.

Dinners may be picked up at First Bank drive through next to the church. You may call 225.687.6616 for more information.

Thank you for supporting St. John School.

**“DIGGING FOR TREASURE”**  
**CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — ST. JOHN SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 3 – 7, 2019 FROM 9:00AM TO NOON**  
**AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST**

For incoming 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**REGISTRATION DUE BY THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019**

Ambassador’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone or Cell Phone of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs (allergies, medications, food, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Next School Year \_\_\_\_\_

**AMBASSADORS WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR T-SHIRTS. A T-shirt will be provided for you.**

T-Shirt Size Chart:

Youth Sizes: YXS (2-4)	YS (6-8)	YM (10-12)	YL (14-16)	YXL (18-20)
Adult Sizes: AS (6-8)	AM (12-14)	AL (16-18)	AXL (18-20)	A2XL A3XL A4XL

Ambassadors for Christ are students (incoming 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades) who assist with Vacation Bible School during the summer. Being an Ambassador gives you the opportunity to grow in your own faith while ministering to the “little ones” in our community of faith. Ambassadors for Christ leaders will keep up with your hours and a certificate will be provided with the number of hours you have served for the week.

We have 7 Ambassador Teams: 1. Skit Team 2. Music Motions Team 3. Teacher Assistant Team 4. Craft Team 5. Snack/Runner Team 6. Setup Team and Cleanup Team 7. Carpool Team

**MANDATORY KICKOFF MEETING FOR ALL AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019, 6:30PM, ST JOHN PARISH HALL... PIZZA AND TREATS WILL BE SERVED!!!!!!**

**CHOOSE YOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> PREFERENCES (TEAMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Return your form to the Church office by mail to St. John, Attn: VBS, 57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764, by hand or place your envelope marked VBS in the Collection Basket at any Mass. If you attend St. John School, you may return completed form to school marked: ATTN: Kellie Miller/VBS

**THIS YEAR VBS WILL NEED ONLY 40 AMBASSADORS FOR CHIRST. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU RETURN YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM ASAP. “FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED”**

**“DIGGING FOR TREASURE” PARABLES REVEALED**  
**CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at St. John School**  
**June 3 – 7, 2019 from 9:00AM to Noon**  
**ADULT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 25, 2019**

Volunteer’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Name & Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Cost \_\_\_\_\_**

**T-Shirt size and Price Chart: Size: AS (34-36) \$9.00 AM (38-40) \$9.00 AL (42-44) \$9.00 AXL (46-48) \$9.00 A2XL (50-52) \$10.00 A3XL (54-56) \$10.00 A4XL (58-60) \$10.00**

**Please enclose a check payable to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church VBS for T-Shirt.**

**Please indicate which area you would prefer to work in: \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Areas Available: 1. Skit Team 2. Teacher 3. Teacher’s Aide 4. Craft Team 5. Snack Team 6. Setup and Cleanup Team 7. Morning Activity (Collecting registration forms and checks, preparing coffee...etc.) 8. Carpool**

**Return this form with check for T-Shirt to the St. John Parish Office.**

- You may place your envelope in the collection basket at any Mass marked VBS
- You may hand deliver to the St. John Church Parish Office
- You may mail to: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, ATTN: VBS, 57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764

**IF YOU SHOULD HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 225-687-2402.**

**MASS INTENTIONS — March 30-April 5, 2019**

**Saturday, March 30-4pm Mass**

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Roland “Dougie” Rivet; Michael “Boo” Santangelo, Mike & Rita Santangelo, Clay & Julette Bourg; Roy Ourso, Sr.; Mrs. Ethel P. Businelle; George “Cat” & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc; Sidney “Benny” Quatrevingt, Quatrevingt & Gulotta Families; Brian “Paco” Ourso; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze & Ragusa Families; M/M Edmond Gomez, Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez



**Sunday, March 31-7:30am Mass** — St. John Parishioners

**Sunday, March 31-9am Mass**

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; In Memory of Scott Jude Marino, Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Chase Vaughn, Violet & Eugene Vaughn, Jaynell Hebert, Felix Berthelot, George Randazzo

**Sunday, March 31-11am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Anthony & Frances Palermo, Vincent Palermo, Peter A. Palermo; Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier; Claude Millet

**Tuesday, April 2-6pm Mass**

Camile Tempanaro, M/M Tony Falcon, M/M Ray Murray, Marion & Earl Quatrevingt, Margie & C.J. Saurage, Catherine & Ronald Gary, Thomas, Anthony, Randy, Brian & Brandi Quatrevingt; Anthony “Cap” Scarsone, Fermin C. Tullier, Sr.

**Wednesday, April 3-7am Mass**


Alice & Alex Nolan

**Thursday, April 4-7am Mass**


M/M Fred Allain, M/M J. E. Dupont, Jr.

**Friday, April 5-6pm Mass**

William Middleton, William Lewis, Dempsey Short




**Widows and Widowers Support Group**  
 The Widows and Widowers Support Group will meet in the Parish Hall Wednesday, April 3 from 6pm to 7pm.  
 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. Everyone is welcome.



**Sanctuary Candle — March 31, 2019**  
**St. John the Evangelist Church**  
 Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio,  
 Pauline E. deVerges & Edward N. Engolio, Jr.  
**St. Clement of Rome Church**  
 Donald & Barbara David

**Fishes & Loaves Volunteers Needed**



The Fishes and Loaves Committee assists the families who have lost a loved one and need the parish hall after a funeral. This committee provides assistance to the family by setting up, receiving the food, serving the food and cleaning up afterwards. There are monthly teams with a team captain.


The Fishes and Loaves Committee is in need of additional volunteers. If you can assist in this welcoming ministry, please call the Church office at 225.687.2402.



**Our Hymn Selections this weekend:**  
 (Subject to change)  
 Entrance: I Heard the Voice of Jesus  
 Music Issue 463  
 Communion: Remember Your Love  
 Music Issue 662

**Stewardship**

**March 9 & 10, 2019**



Identified.....	\$9,591.00
Number — 276	
Unidentified.....	\$1,445.00
Other Collections.....	\$4,269.00
Number — 224	
Unidentified.....	\$ 332.00


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Anyone needing a 2018 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan at the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402. Statements will be printed upon request.



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