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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

April 7, 2019

God's Justice



The story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery is sometimes considered as a put-down of the scribes and Pharisees. They were hoping to get Jesus to cause a scandal by refuting the law, or, if he upheld the law, the woman would be killed with Jesus' approval. Jesus had a better idea. He shows that God's justice is mercy and forgiveness. He also knew that someone whose sins were forgiven would be willing to forgive the woman.

That's what St. Paul means in the second reading. He says he has given up the idea of making himself

righteous (right with God) by keeping the laws of his people. Now he depends on his faith in Christ and Christ's forgiveness, which was shown in his death and resurrection. Why did Paul come to this kind of faith? Because he had been forgiven for persecuting Christians. He had persecuted them, not because he was evil, but because he thought he was keeping the law.

So is keeping the law a bad thing? No, but the important thing is why we keep the law. We can do it like the Pharisees--keeping the law as a status symbol: "I'm too good (or too important) to break the law." Or we can choose to follow Jesus' way of love. Then we still keep the laws and commandments, only because they are examples of how to love God and love each other.

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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 from 6pm-7pm Wednesday, April 10.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 15 - 7am Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, April 16 - 7pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday, April 17 - 7am Mass

Holy Thursday, April 18 - 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19 - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross
3pm Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20 - 7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 21 - 7:30am, 9am, 11am Masses

Holy Week Practice

Father Greg will have rehearsal Saturday, April 13 at 5pm for anyone participating in Holy Week services. Please meet in church immediately following 4pm Mass.



St. John School Art Fest & Chicken Dinner Benefit

You are invited to view the artistic talents of the St. John art students on display following all Masses this weekend, Saturday, April 6 & Sunday, April 7, in the St. John Parish Hall.

To help support the Arts at St. John, there will be a BBQ chicken dinner sale on Sunday, April 7. Dinners may be picked up from 11am until 1pm at First Bank drive through next to church.

Thank you for supporting the arts at St. John School.

Altar Society Selling Easter Books



The Altar Society will be selling Little Easter Books (\$1) before and after all Masses this weekend outside the doors of the church.

These books contain six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of the 2019 Easter season.



Outdoor Mass & Parish Picnic Sunday, April 28, 2019

Plans have begun for our Annual Outdoor Mass. The 11am Mass and a full day of activities are scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park.

Many volunteers are needed and we hope you can help. Please contact Susan at the church office, 225.687.2402, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com.



Walk with Jesus

The St. John 8th grade class will perform their annual "Walk with Jesus" presentation at St. Clement Church on Palm Sunday, April 14 at 6pm.

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?

Weekday Worship & Scripture — April 8-14, 2019

Monday, April 8: 7am Liturgy of the Word

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday, April 9: 6pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 10: 7am Mass

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 11: 7am Mass

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 12: 6pm Mass

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

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

Palm Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 -- 23:56 [23:1-49]



Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

Available hours for scheduled visitation to the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel are:

-Friday: 9am-10am

-Saturday: 5am-6am

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

First Holy Communion 2019



On Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 11am Mass, we welcomed the 36 young children pictured above to the Table of the Lord as they received the Eucharist for the first time.

Special thanks to our Preparation Catechists: Patricia Hergruder, Patsy Lamothe, Melissa Marchand, Susan Murry and Cindy Rodrigue.

May God continue to pour out His blessings on the members of these families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.



Students Needed for Holy Thursday

We are looking for 2nd, 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 7pm on April 18. 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 (225.687.2402) or email marshaadupont@sj.brcoxmail.com. Practice will be Wednesday, April 17 at 5pm in church.



Altar Servers

Any boy or girl in the 4th grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join.

The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

Registration forms are available in the church office and on our website at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMS.



Vacation Bible School "Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed"

June 3 - 7, 2019

Registration is now open!!

Registration forms are available for students (incoming PK4 through 6th grade), Ambassadors for Christ (incoming 7th through 12th graders) and adult volunteers. Forms are located in the back of church, in the church office and on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMS.

NOTE: This year VBS will need only **40** Ambassadors for Christ. It is important that you return your completed registration form ASAP. Registration deadline is Thursday, April 25.



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 28 (10-11am) through Sunday, June 2, 2019. Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019 at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael Duca. You may call the St. John Church Office for more information.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Third Floor Church Office

- Monday, May 6, 2019
- Monday, June 3, 2019
- Monday, July 8, 2019



Baptisms

- Saturday, April 27, 2019
- Saturday, May 25, 2019
- Saturday, June 29, 2019
- Saturday, July 27, 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.



“Christ Jesus has made me His own.” Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life?

Contact Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Continuing Education

Ministry & Theology (MAT) Courses are now being offered online by the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The church parish will be paying the course fees.

If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Wanda Ashley through the St. John Church Parish Office, 225.687.2402.

Westside Master Gardeners Plant Sale



What? Locally grown plants, hanging baskets and container gardens

When? Saturday, April 13 — 8am-2pm
Sunday, April 14 — Noon-4pm

Where? LSU AgCenter, 25250 CM Mike Zito Lane

Rain or Shine, we're inside!



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.

Stewardship

March 23 & 24, 2019



Identified.....	\$8,795.00
Number — 285	
Unidentified.....	\$1,190.00
Other Collections.....	\$ 774.00
Number — 29	

ONLINE GIVING

Join the parishioners who are using ONLINE GIVING for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

To sign up for ONLINE GIVING, visit www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

Easter Flower Donations



The beautiful flowers and decorations at Easter enhance our Easter worship. Please list the names of your loved ones on the envelopes provided in your March packet of envelopes or on a plain envelope. Memorial donations will be published in the bulletin.

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Saturday, April 13 — 10am-Noon
Plaquemine Lock State Historic Site

Our Hymn Selections this weekend:
(Subject to change)

Entrance: Stand by Me
Music Issue 633

Communion: What Wondrous Love is This
Music Issue 480



St. Joseph Altar — March 17, 2019



MASS INTENTIONS — April 13-19, 2019

Saturday, April 13-4:00 pm 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; Michael “Boo” Santangelo, Mike & Rita Santangelo, Clay & Julette Bourg; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Joseph Graves, W.A. Graves Family, Jack Jackson; Thomas Morales Family; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry & Jane, Kirsch Kember; M/M Gus Himel & Family, Lance Blanchard; Aubrey, Blanche & Saul Quebedeaux, Aline Comeaux; Paul Ortis, Earl, & Mary Devillier; DeNoux, Dugas, Durand & Panepinto Families; Phillip Ragusa; Brian “Paco” Ourso; Debra Billings & Vincent Billings

Sunday, April 14-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, April 14-9:00 am 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; M/M Lawless Landry; Larry Troxclair, Sr., Sydney & Laurie Troxclair, Lyman Marchand, Jr.; Leigh Woolie, Doyle Family; D.J. Comeaux; Linda Seneca Raffle, Norman J. Morales, Cathy B. Dupont, Ruel J. Seneca, Sr.; Janice Brown; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Catherine Melancon Wilbert; Felix Berthelot; Fr. Joseph Hoang Trong Thu

Sunday, April 14-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Laura Zito; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Sam & Agnes Coletti; Betty Gongre; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Crawford Howard

Tuesday, April 16-6:00 pm Mass

Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert



Wednesday, April 17-7:00 am Mass

Andrew, Vincent, Bob & Della Ferachi

Holy Thursday, April 18-7:00 pm Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnauldre & Nicolosi Families; Mary & Chuchie Flatau; Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Pim & NuNu Clebert, Gomez & Clebert Families; Kathryn & Lytle Chustz, Edmund & Louise Bujol; M/M Alfred Roth & Family, M/M Leonard Daigle & Family, Henry J. Daigle & Family

Weekly Ministries



Children's Liturgy — April 14, 2019

Susie Murray (9am Mass)

Arlette Rodrigue (11am Mass)

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.

Coffee only (During Lent) — April 14, 2019



June Pinsonat & Sandra Bizette (7:30am Mass)

Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)



Altar Society

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, April 10. Volunteers are welcome!

Sanctuary Candle

April 14, 2019

St. John the Evangelist Church
Roland “Dougie” Rivet

St. Clement of Rome Church
Quentin & Annabel Buquoi



You are Covered in Prayer

May you feel His presence-

Experience His Peace-

Draw from His strength-

Rest in His love-

May God bless and keep you in His loving care.



If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time. It matters not the age, all who need it will receive it.

Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.



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