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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

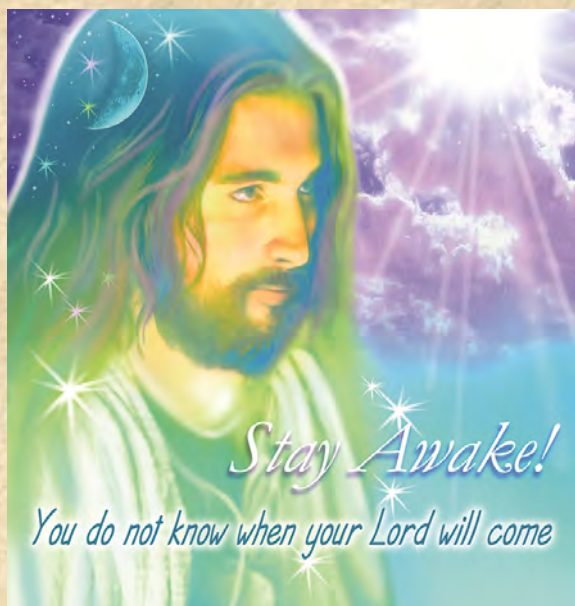
(Mass and Novena) 6:00 pm

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 Advent

December 1, 2019

Do What You Can

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction--the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). So why hasn't it been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us? Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. If we can just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

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Joyous Christmas

Advent Reconciliation

Fr. Greg will be hearing confessions Wednesday, December 4 from 6-8pm.

Open House



Father Greg would like to invite everyone to the St. John Parish Open House on Saturday, December 7, 2019 following 4pm Mass from 5-7pm.

Please join us at the St. John Rectory for food and fellowship.

Christmas Cards for Inmates

Please bring your Christmas cards for inmates to the St. John Church office by Friday, December 6. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison. Thank you for your donations.



Advent Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is set up in the back of church for you to take a candy cane with a child's name. Please buy a Christmas present (or presents) and share the joy of Jesus' birth with them. Gifts are due December 7.

The names of 300 children have been provided to us by the Plaquemine area schools. If you are aware of any needy families and children, please call the church office at 225.687.2402 so that we may include them in this season's ministry.

We will be sorting the gifts in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 15 if anyone would like to help. This will be a great opportunity for students to receive service hours.

Catholic Daughter Christmas Banquet

The Annual Christmas Banquet will be held Monday, December 2 at 7pm in the St. John Parish Hall. Members are reminded to bring toiletries for the Sisters of Charity and donations for the ARC Christmas party.

GEMS (50 years and older) Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Time: 11am-1pm

Place: St. John Parish Hall

Meats, soft drinks and bread will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and don't forget canned goods for Our Brother's Keeper Food Bank.



The Advent Wreath Candle for the 1st Sunday of Advent burns in loving memory of:
Fred Hebert

Daily Scripture Readings — December 2-8, 2019

Monday, December 2:

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3:

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4:

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5:

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6:

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 8:

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Christmas Music

The 8th Annual Cool Winter Nights, Hot Jazz



Tuesday & Wednesday, December 17 & 18, 2019
7:30pm

Shaw Center of the Arts Manship Theatre
100 Lafayette Street in Baton Rouge

Cool Winter Nights and Hot Jazz will feature Fr. Greg Daigle and others in a program of new arrangements and holiday favorites.

For more information and tickets, contact 225.344.0334,
www.manshiptheatre.org/events.

A Christmas Musicale

Friends of St. Paul Church, Inc. will be presenting their annual holiday fundraiser, "A Christmas Musicale" Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 4pm. The Baton Rouge Early Vocal Ensemble (BREVE) will present an *a cappella* evening of masterpieces at historic St. Paul Church in Bayou Goula, LA. Tickets (\$25) may be purchased at the door. For more information, call 225.315.7227.

Save the Date!!

Epiphany Concert — Epiphany Sunday, January 5
4pm-5:30pm — St. John the Evangelist Church

Epiphany concert tickets (\$25) make wonderful Christmas gifts and are available for purchase through St. John School (225.687.3056) and the St. John Church Office (225.687.2402). Make plans now to celebrate Christmas with your loved ones and help St. John School at the same time.



Plaquemine Garden Club members are pictured above gardening with members of the Plaquemine Garden Club Youth Program. Twenty-seven St. John School third graders planted cabbage, broccoli, kale and cauliflower at St. John School on October 23, 2019. Assisting the students are garden club members and St. John Church parishioners, Lydia Vadnais, Co-Chairwomen, Jennifer Markins and Kathleen Doyle, Project Chairwoman.



The St. John School Family invites everyone to share the Eucharist with them at their Advent Mass Wednesday, December 4 in St. Clement Church at 8am.

Women's Silent Advent Retreat

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019—10:30am-3pm
Where: St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Hall
Lead by: The Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes
 A light lunch will be provided. Register today by calling 225.687.2402.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, December 2, 2019
 Monday, January 6, 2020
 Monday, February 3, 2020



Baptisms

Saturday, December 28, 2019
 Saturday, January 25, 2020
 Saturday, February 22, 2020

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass.

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.

The beautiful floral arrangement for Thanksgiving at the statue of Our Blessed Mother was given in loving memory of
Devin Michael Durand.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2019

Universal: That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



Weekly Ministries



Altar Society

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the Church Wednesday, December 4 at 8am.

Children's Liturgy December 8, 2019

Diana Seneca (9am Mass)



Coffee and Donuts December 8, 2019

Lloyd & Betty Bouchereau (7:30am Mass)
 Patrick & Helen Pendley (9am Mass)

MASS INTENTIONS — December 7-13, 2019

Saturday, December 7-4pm 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; C. Z. Breaux, J. H. Bourgeois Family; Douglas Breaux & Family, Salvador F. Spano & Family; John E. & Cecil D. Brown, Maurice Brown, Brown & Duhon Families; M/M Tony Falcon, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camile Tempanaro, Tena Gourgues; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote, M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Gregory "Humphrey" Gulotta; Calvaruso Family; Winnie & Harry Gallagher; Frank Michelle Family, Victor Crescionne Family, Joe Michelle; William Middleton, William Lewis, Dempsey Short; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Brian Hebert, M/M Vives Vicknair; M/M Edmond Gomez, Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez; Thomas Lester Clouatre, Bobbie Falcon Clouatre

Sunday, December 8-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, December 8-9am 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; Larry Troxclair, Sydney & Laurie Troxclair, Lyman Marchand, Jr.; Frank & Gladys Hidalgo, Marvin & Doris Allen, Manuel & Mary Diamond; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Connor Brown; Anthony "Tony" Falcon; Virginia Simon

Sunday, December 8-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; T. N. & Ray Patin; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Kuruvilla Kuttatra; Laura Zito; Isaac Vaughn, Jr, M/M Sydney Hedges, Sr.

Tuesday, December 10-6pm Mass

Arthur & Ida Mae Ganaway, Frank & Maria Ebert; Jean Scarsone

Wednesday, December 11-7am Mass

Kuruvilla Koottatra

Thursday, December 12-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Friday, December 13-7am Mass

Harry "Bro" Simpson

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."

— Saint Therese of Lisieux

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

-Sunday: 4pm-5pm

-Thursday: 4pm-5pm

-Thursday: 10pm-11pm

-Saturday: 10am-11am

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



Sanctuary Candle December 8, 2019

St. John the Evangelist Church
Jerry & Cutsy Blanchard
Andrew & Josephine Canova

St. Clement of Rome Church
All Deceased in December

Our Hymn Selections this weekend: (Subject to change)

Entrance: Save Us, O Lord
Music Issue 646

Preparation: There is a Longing
Music Issue 401

Communion: Bread of Life
Today's Missal 56

Sending Forth: **Instrumental**



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JUST AS WE
WAIT IN
CONFIDENT
PATIENCE FOR
OUR LORD...



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THE OTHER
DRIVERS AS WE
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