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Masses:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

Watch Out!



In Advent, we celebrate our hope that the Lord might come more fully into our lives. The first reading from Isaiah voices the hope of sinners for a redeemer. Unlike Isaiah, we know that God has come to bring us back, when the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us. Our faith in Jesus leads us to a new way of looking at the world. We can see what God is doing as well as remembering what God has done.

Like the gatekeepers in Jesus' Gospel parable, we need to keep our eyes open for him. When we only look out for ourselves, we may miss the signs of God's presence around us. Instead of looking at the difficulties of life as obstacles, we can watch for them as opportunities to stretch our faith, to rely on God, or to show God's love to a friend. The recent re-translation of the prayers of the

Mass can be an opportunity to stretch our faith and our understanding of the Eucharist.

The Corinthians were also watching for the Lord to come. They were thinking of Jesus as coming in glory. Though we don't see the full glory of the Lord, part of that glory is his presence in the sacraments. In them we celebrate not just the coming of the Lord, but his working in the world. He shares his life with us in baptism, gives us his Spirit in confirmation and himself in the Eucharist, heals us in reconciliation and the anointing of the sick, and calls us to make him present to others in holy orders and matrimony. You could almost say his second coming is taking place now. Watch for it.

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RCIA

On Saturday, November 14, 2020, the first Rite of RCIA was completed for the 8 candidates that are seeking full communion in the Catholic Church. They and their sponsors are:

Lauren Adibyzdi
sponsor Jo Ann Adams

Princess Beethe and her son Ryan Manual
sponsor Bernie Beethe

Takaira Bennett
sponsor and mom Lakiecha London

Courtney Morales and her daughter Madelyn
sponsor Jacob Morales

Barry Roberts
sponsor Dea Adams Roberts

Raegan Sibley
sponsor Thomas Bourg

The candidates received a cross and a Catholic Bible to help them continue their faith journey. Their sponsors signed them with the cross on their eyes, ears, mouth, shoulders, hands, heart and feet with the blessings and prayers of Fr. Greg and the congregation.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars



Baptism Seminars

Monday, December 7, 2020
Monday, January 11, 2021
Monday, March 1, 2021

Baptisms

Saturday, November 28, 2020
Saturday, December 26, 2020
Saturday, January 23, 2021

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 Lily Skidmore at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

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)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. Adorers will be limited to two at a time in the chapel. We regret that because of the current restrictions, some may have to be turned away.

There are many available hours. To volunteer, please contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

HONORING OUR BELOVED DEAD

The Mass Intention Book is now open for the scheduling of Masses for next year (2021). Forms are on the bookshelves at the back of Church and on our church website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMS.

If you wish to schedule a Mass, please fill out a Mass Intention form. Include your name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions about your intentions and need to contact you. We will try to schedule Masses in the order in which the forms are received to the best of our ability.

Please return the form and your check to the St. John church office or drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

Book of Remembrance: During the month of November, parishioners are encouraged to list the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance. This book is near the devotional candles and will remain during the month of November. You may write the names of loved ones in the book at your convenience.

NOTE: Each year, our parish remembers in a special way all those who died within the past year and who were buried from St. John Church. Candles are burned at the altar during All Saints Day Masses for the deceased parishioners who died within the last year.

If you were unable to attend Mass to get your candle, you may come to church and pick up an unlit candle from the devotional candles to burn at home in memory of your deceased loved one.

Daily Scripture Reading November 30-December 6, 2020

Monday, November 30:

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1:

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

Wednesday, December 2:

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

Thursday, December 3:

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

Friday, December 4:

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

Saturday, December 5:

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

Sunday, December 6:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



A Grateful Acknowledgement

The Knights of Columbus gratefully acknowledges the St. John parishioners who donated blood at their recent blood drive.



The Advent Wreath Candle for the
1st Sunday of Advent burns in
loving memory of:
Myrna Hargrove



BRINGING CHRISTMAS JOY

Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is set up in 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 Sunday, December 6.

Christmas Cards for Inmates

The Catholic Community at Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Chaplain's Department are again inviting our parish to participate in the Christmas card program. Their goal is to provide each inmate with at least 5 cards and envelopes.



Anyone interested in donating new religious Christmas cards should drop them off at the St. John Church office between 9am and noon by Friday, December 4. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison. We can accept Birthday and Get Well cards also. Religious cards are preferred.



St. John Altar Society

The St. John Altar Society cookbooks, "Recipes Old and New, Tried and True" (\$20), are available in the church office weekdays from 9am–noon. The Little Blue Advent books (\$1) and the 4-book Gospel set (\$5) will also be sold while supplies last.

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, December 2 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

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Pope's Prayer Intention — December 2020 For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Anointing of the Sick



Every First Tuesday following 6pm Mass, our parish celebrates the SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK for those who are seriously ill, experiencing depression, battling cancer treatments, disabled in any way, the elderly and those who are to undergo surgery in the near future. Father Greg will administer the Anointing of the Sick, December 1, 2020. Four to six months is recommended between anointing unless otherwise urgent.



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.

Registering is easy. Simply choose one of the following methods:

- Call the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402 and we will mail a census form to you.
- Pick up a census form from the church office or the bookshelves in the back of church.
- Access FORMS via our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

Registration Forms

Additional printable registration forms may be accessed from the St. John Church website for Baptism, First Eucharist & Reconciliation, Confirmation, PSR, RCIA and Altar Server. Mass Intention forms are also available.

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the



teachings of Christ. Some are called to teach, preach and witness those teachings as priests and religious. God may be calling you to a Church vocation. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, we, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart and obtain peace, healing, rescue, and timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

Mass Intentions — December 5-11, 2020

Saturday, December 5-4pm 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; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Michael Laurent, M/M Owen Miller, Sr.; Trista Parro, Judy Priester, August Shaski; Denoux, Dugas, Durand & Panepinto Families; Connor J. Brown; Theresa R. Hebert; Ruth & C. Z. Breaux, Jr., J. H. Bourgeois Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; M/M Tony Falcon, Ray & Doris Murry, C. J. & Margie Saurage, Ronald & Catherine Gary, Earl & Marion Quatrevingt, Thomas & Jay Quatrevingt, Camile & M/M Frank Tempanaro, Brandi Quatrevingt, Randy & Brian Quatrevingt, Anthony Falcon; Herman, Marie, Cheryl & Rita Mae Courtade, Shelby & Barbara Cedotal, Frank Granier, Jr.; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Brown & Duhon Families; Deceased Members of CDA Court 1214; Joe Rockforte; Jackie Callegan; Faye Martinez, Bodie Suggs; Brian, Ashley, Adeline & Brinley Donaldson

Sunday, December 6-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, December 6-9 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; Connor Brown; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Gladys & Frank Hidalgo; E. J. Settoon; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, James & Agnes LeBlanc; Alfred & Mercedese, Mary & Lester Carville, Edmond & Louise Bujol, Gerry & Reid Rainey; Vicknair & Simpson Families; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Mary Johnston; J. P., Anna & Patrick Gaudet; Larry Troxclair, Sr., Janice Marchand Altazan; Lorraine "Catty" Hebert; Mary Kay Marchand; Virginia Simon; Olga Hymel

Sunday, December 6-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Wayne & Ailene Lishman, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin, Chuck & Gert Tuminello; Ralph Stassi, Jr., Steve, T. N. & Ray Patin; Leo Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee, M/M P. C. Graffeo; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Geraldine Glynn; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; Alvin Gibson; Dom Engolio, Pauline & Joseph Engolio, Charles Engolio

Tuesday, December 8-6pm Mass

Victor Kurzweg Case; Brenda Fremin; Marvin Allen, Nora & Ernest Sr. & Jr. Allen; Tina Ferachi Loyacano Families, Agnes Ferachi Coletti Families, Vincent M. Ferachi Families, All Souls in Purgatory; Lloyd Comeaux, Jr., Firmin & Cloudette Tullier, Kernie Richard; Rusty Haydel

Wednesday, December 9-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, December 10-7am Mass

Carl Brown

Friday, December 11-7am Mass

Tommy Griffon

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JESUS SAID
WE MUST
STAY AWAKE!



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THOSE SITTING IN
THE BACK OF THE
CHURCH AS WELL...



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November 29, 2020

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