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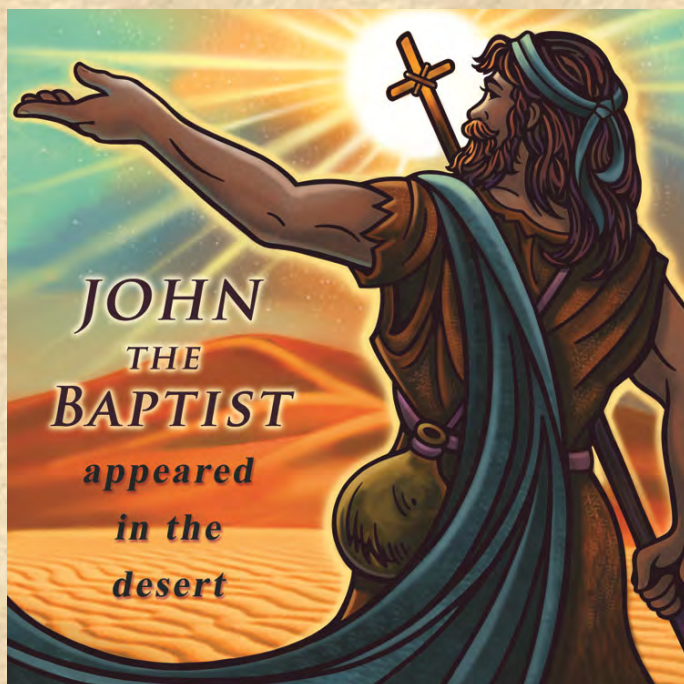
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

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



Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Saint Peter shows us a characteristic of God that we normally do not think about. He tells us that for God, "a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (1 Peter 3:8). Because early Christians sometimes complained that Jesus' second coming had been delayed, Peter is trying to tell us that what seems like a long time to us is nothing to God.

Like the early Christians, we may wonder how long it will take for God to answer our prayers. We may be praying for someone who is looking for a job, a sick relative, an end to abortion, or world peace. Some prayers require us to change, and we may not be ready.

What Peter means is that a thousand years is not too long for God if someone needs that long to repent. God is far more patient than we are. God has been "waiting" over two thousand years for us to preach the gospel to all

nations. God has been waiting for millennia for people to give up war as a means for solving our problems. God has been waiting since the beginning of the human race for us to learn how to love our neighbor.

We might not be as patient as God, but we can help. Saint Peter says that we are not just waiting for the Lord's return, we are hastening it. When we make a choice that is based on faith rather than selfishness, we make it a little easier for people to believe in God. Jesus is the light of the world; he asks us to let our light shine, so that people can see Jesus in us. May our light "prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3).

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Immaculate Conception Observance

Masses on Tuesday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be at 7am and 6pm at St. John and 8am at St. Clement.

Our office will be closed December 8 in observance of this Feast Day.

Month of the Immaculate Conception

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars



Baptism Seminars

Monday, December 7, 2020

Monday, January 11, 2021

Monday, March 1, 2021

Baptisms

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.

Daily Scripture Reading December 7-13, 2020

Monday, December 7:

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 8:

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9:

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10:

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13b; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 11:

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bc, 19;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the

Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday, December 13:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24;

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

The Advent Wreath Candle for the
2nd Sunday of Advent burns in
loving memory of:



Roland "Dougie" Rivet

D. Landry Families

S. Coletti Families

M. Ferachi Families



Advent Giving Tree

Giving Tree gifts are now due. We will be sorting the gifts in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, December 13 at 9am** if anyone would like to help. This will be a great opportunity for students to receive service hours.

Holiday Visits to Homebound

We will be visiting the homebound, the sick and elderly parishioners during the holidays beginning **Monday, December 14.**

Students will be baking goodies **Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12.** If any student is interested in bringing joy to the homebound by helping bake, please call Donna Purpera at 225.716.0450. (Service hours will be given).

If anyone would like to help in any way, please call JoAnn Landry at 2258.776.0782.

Nativity Scene in Church

Our beautiful crèche with life-size Fontanini figures will be available for viewing for anyone who would like an opportunity to make a prayerful visit to our Lord and Savior.



The church will be open and the lights will be on daily from 7am-3:30pm beginning **Friday, December 18, 2020 until Sunday, January 10, 2021.**

Christmas Flower Envelopes



The envelope for Christmas flowers has been placed in the December packet of envelopes. The names of loved ones remembered with Christmas flowers will be published in future bulletins.

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests and religious especially to prepare the people to receive His Son.



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.



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Maintenance & Repairs 2nd Collection
6 Maintenance & Repairs 2nd Collection Giving Tree Gifts Due	7 7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room	8 OFFICE CLOSED Masses: 7am 8am - St. Clement 6pm		10	11	12
13 9am Sorting of Giving Tree Gifts Parish Hall 3-5pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church	14 8am Decorating Church for Christmas 7pm Catholic Daughter Meeting Parish Hall	15 8am Decorating Church for Christmas	16 8am Altar Society cleaning the Church for Christmas	17 7pm K.C. Meeting K. C. Home	18 Viewing of Crèche begins (through January 10)	19
20	21	22	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm 6pm Midnight	25 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Mass 9am 	26 Following 4pm Mass Baptisms
27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 OFFICE CLOSED 		

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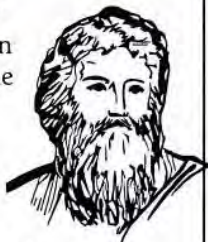
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One Minute Meditations

Holiday advice

The holiday season is an important time in the Church

but, in the midst of a pandemic, it can also be a time when health worries, money worries, family worries, and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8).



Unborn joy

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb ..." (Luke 1:40). Even in the womb, John was filled with joy to serve God. With the coming of Christmas, look for ways to do God's will and then leap for joy as you fulfill His plan.

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).



God is love

We call God "Creator," "Savior," "Father," yet when we really want to understand who He is, one word is enough. God is love.

"Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love."

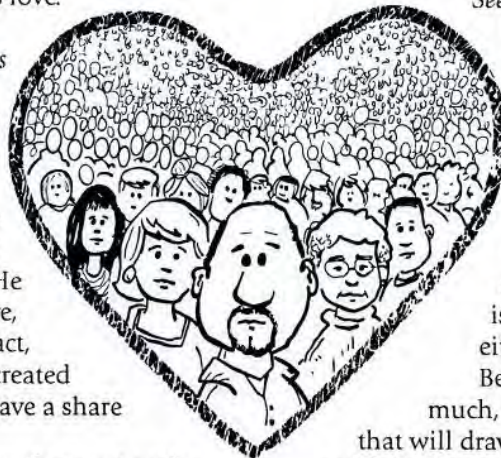
(1 John 4:7-8). Love is the very nature and essence of God Himself. He doesn't just love, He is love. In fact, that's why He created us, so we can have a share in that love.

We are not simply swept up in the good will God has toward all his creations. He loves each of us as individuals and that love is never-ending and unconditional. "Can

a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name" (Isaiah 49:15-16). This is not necessarily because we are good; we can't possibly earn the vast love He has for us. But the good news is we can't lose it either.

Because He loves us so much, He denies us nothing that will draw us closer to him and to life in Heaven. "For God so loved the world," Jesus declared, "that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe in a "virgin birth?"

Before Jesus was born, Isaiah was told, "the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). The virgin birth was documented in Luke 1:34.

Had Jesus been conceived like the rest of

us, He could not have been a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).



Awaken to the presence of God on Christmas morning

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). An amazing truth occurred at the first Christmas; God came and lived among us. Even more amazing, He continues to live among us. During Advent, take steps to become more aware of His presence.

Begin each day in his presence. Before you get out of bed in the morning, place yourself in His presence. Take a few minutes to focus on a sacred picture or an image that will help you to



"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Seek God's Word. Start your day with Scripture such as the daily Mass readings (found on www.usccb.org) or another reading you choose. Ask God to teach you during the day from that selection.

Speak to him throughout the day. Picture the Lord next to you throughout your day and talk with Him as you experience the day together. Brother Lawrence, a 17th century monk, suggested prayer shouldn't be confined to formal times.

from Scripture

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, God chooses each of us in a special way.

Mary and Joseph were forced to travel in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem. On foot or donkey, it was a dirty and exhausting journey. Once there, they had no option for decent housing and had to stay in a stable with animals. Young Mary gave birth in crude conditions with no friend or family to help.



were no friendly faces to greet the family once they arrived and they had to make their own way in an unfamiliar land.

Refugees all over the world flee violence like the Holy Family. Catholics have a special charge to protect them and those who are vulnerable: children, elderly, and poor.

Like Mary's and Joseph's, God has a special place for each of us in his plan of salvation. Prayerfully ask God what he wants you to do for him and his kingdom.

Q & A How do Catholics benefit from praying the Rosary?

The Rosary is a simple prayer adapted from the complex prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary—whose prayers are never refused—to pray for us. In addition, the



mysteries of the Rosary introduce us to the lives of Jesus and Mary. Each mystery is associated with a fruit. For example, the fruit of the mystery of the Annunciation is humility. Praying the

Rosary opens us to the graces to be more Christ-like.

A prayer with roots in Scripture, the Rosary begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic Faith. The Our Father that introduces each mystery is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary that follows is from the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 14 – St. John of the Cross (1591). As a Carmelite, St. John led a reform in the Order to encourage more prayer and simplicity. Briefly jailed over a misunderstanding, some of his best spiritual writing came from this experience.

Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius (1597). Born in Holland, he was ordained into the Society of Jesus and vigorously safeguarded the Catholic faith through writings and teaching. His work, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, is still used today.

Dec. 26 – St. Stephen (first century). A deacon of the early Church, St. Stephen preached that God can be found everywhere, not just in one place like the temple. He angered the Jewish authorities and became the first martyr of the Catholic Church.

Dec. 27 – The Holy Family (1st century). On the feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. By their love and support of one another the Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.



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Mass Intentions — December 12-18, 2020

Saturday, December 12-4pm 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; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Jack Jackson, Thomas Morales Family; John Sr., John Jr, Madeleine & James Roth; Adolph Sr., Adolph Jr., Ida Mae Jumonville, Freddie Hebert; Connor J. Brown, Theresa R. Hebert; Michael “Boo” Santangelo, Mike & Rita Santangelo, Clay & Julette Bourg; Douglas Breaux & Family, Salvadore F. Spano & Family; M/M Edmond Gomez, Sr., Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez; Harry “Bro” Simpson; Colby Gomez, Barry Gomez; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, Irene & Lo Gulotta; Randolph Willis; Shirley Settoon; John, Krystal, Justin & Josh Donaldson; Jules, Mary Victoria & Devin Michael Durand, Edwin & Emily Melancon, Catherine Melancon Wilbert, Anthony M. Wilbert, Jr.



Sunday, December 13-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, December 13-9am 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; Connor Brown; Jean Scarsone; John H. Businelle; Linda Seneca Rafflee, Norman J. Morales, Cathy B. Dupont; Ruel J. Seneca, Sr.; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Marion Mascarella; Bridget Smith Mann, Medric Smith, Sr., Margaret Smith; The Currier Family; Virginia Simon; Olga Hymel

Sunday, December 13-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Betty Gongre; Brenda Fremin; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Rusty Haydel

Tuesday, December 15-6pm Mass

Brenda Comeaux

Wednesday, December 16-7am Mass

Brenda Fremin

Thursday, December 17-7am Mass

A Special Intention to St. Jude

Friday, December 18-7am Mass

Jimmy & Jeannie Martinez

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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.



Sanctuary Candle

December 6, 2020

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Andrew & Josephine Canova

Jerry & Cutsy Blanchard

St. Clement of Rome Church

Michael Laurent

Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Laurent, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. Owen Miller, Sr.

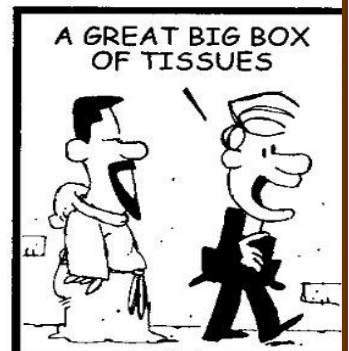
St. John Altar Society



The St. John Altar Society cookbooks, “Recipes Old and New, Tried and True” (\$20), are being sold from the church office from 9am–12 noon, M-F. The Little Blue Advent books (\$1) and the 4-book Gospel sets (\$5) are also available.

**Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church
Wednesday, December 9 at 8am. Volunteers are
welcome.**

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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