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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



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 27, 2020

On this feast of the Holy Family, we want to offer all families blessings. "Family" may have a lot of different connotations these days. In the United States, the "father, mother, child" family is less common now, and large Catholic families are not as common as they once were. The concept of family is more fluid with many forms of blended families due to second marriages, multigenerational households, and other living arrangements. In a recent survey by the Pew research center, four in ten babies are born to single mothers. Other children are being raised by grandparents or foster parents. In today's Genesis story, Abraham was ready to concede to another form of family, making the child of one of his servants his heir. The reading from Hebrews reiterates the story of Genesis, and "your descendants will be more numerous than the stars." The Gospel relates the story of the presentation in the temple.

POWER IN PRESCRIBED RITUALS Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple at eight days old, as was prescribed by Mosaic law. For many Catholic families, baptismal gowns were handed down through generations, and a baptism was a time of great celebration.

Sadly, in our culture, baptisms continue to decline. There are many reasons for this: fewer practicing Catholics, more interfaith marriages, more secular weddings, fewer weddings by clergy, and problems or misunderstandings that turn people away. Many have left the church altogether because of the way they were treated. For some the parish is not a welcoming place. For others baptism has become just a ritual they go through for the sake of the grandparents.

EXAMPLES IN OUR ELDERS When someone does present a child for baptism, it can become too easy for others to pass judgment because the parents don't know the rubrics well, or aren't dressed better, or "why is that single mother having her baby baptized during Mass?" Notice that the Gospel says nothing about the priests of the temple and how they received Jesus. Rather it talks about Simeon and Anna. They are worth a study in themselves. Simeon is a devout man who is there waiting for a particular sign, and it is fulfilled when he sees the Christ Child. Anna is just in the temple praying, as is her custom. After the presentation of Jesus, she does what she does best—she goes back to praying in the temple. Perhaps these readings teach us how we as a faith community can see the sacredness in those families presenting their children for baptism, and welcome them as did Anna and Simeon. May we all learn from their wisdom!

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We will celebrate The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Friday, January 1, 2021 at 9am Mass.

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 through 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.

Baptisms and Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Third Floor

Monday, January 11, 2021

Monday, March 1, 2021

Monday, April 12, 2021



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Saturday, April 24, 2021

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 28, 2020-January 3, 2021

Monday, December 28:

1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8; Mt:13-18

Tuesday, December 29:

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday, December 30:

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31:

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday, January 1:

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday, January 2:

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday, January 3:

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Save the Date

**“Jesus, The Way, the Truth and the Life”
Bible Study begins Thursday January 14, 2021.**

Eucharistic Adoration

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

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Mt. 11:28)

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 for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, please contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to the Building Fund in loving memory of:

William “Bill” Middleton

Donated by:

Mr. & Mrs. John A. Alberado, Jr.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention

January 2021

Evangelization — Human Fraternity



May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Knights of Columbus

Calendar Sale

The Knights of Columbus Charity Calendar Sales Drive has begun. Over \$15,000 in cash prizes! Buy a calendar for \$20.00 and participate in 365 drawings REGARDLESS OF HOW OFTEN YOU WIN!! 2021 drawings begin the first week of February. Calendars can be purchased by contacting Ruel Seneca at 225.385.0930.

Fireworks Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling fireworks at the K.C. Home, 58715 Price Street in Plaquemine.

Fireworks will be sold on the following dates & times:

Sunday, December 27 2-8:30pm

Monday, December 28 6-8:30pm

Tuesday, December 29 6-8:30pm

Wednesday, December 30 6-8:30pm

Thursday, December 31 noon-until

Please support the Knights of Columbus in all the good works they do for our church and community.

JANUARY

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 OFFICE CLOSED 9am Mass Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 	2  Maintenance & Repairs 2nd Collection
3  Maintenance & Repairs 2nd Collection	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 3-5pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church	11  7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room 7pm Catholic Daughter Meeting Parish Hall	12	13	14 1:30-3pm 6:30-8pm Bible Study Parish Hall	15	16
17	18 OFFICE CLOSED Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 6-7:30pm Bible Study	19	20	21  1:30-3pm 6:30-8pm Bible Study Parish Hall 7pm K.C. Meeting K. C. Home	22	23  Following 4pm Mass Baptisms
24 31 Catholic Schools Week Begins 	25 6-7:30pm Bible Study	26  9:30am Altar Society Meeting Conference Room	27	28 1:30-3pm 6:30-8pm Bible Study Parish Hall	29	30

Mass Intentions — January 2-8, 2021

Saturday, January 2-4pm 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; Edna Perrault; Debra Billings, Vincent Billings, Catherine & Ira Winkle, Wilson & Mary Fremin; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Edward Engolio, Jr.; Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; J. W. & Sue Bryant, Bill Bryant, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Arnold "Buck" Fourroux; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Brown & Duhon Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Alfred & Mercedese Carville, Mary & Lester Carville, Louise & Edmond Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Stephen A. LeBlanc, Dalfay Cavalier Families; Douglas Breaux & Family, Salvador F. Spano & Family; Aubrey Quebedeaux, Mit, Aline & Dub Comeaux; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P.W. Albert, Jr., M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony "Boyee", M/M Frank Tempanaro & Camile, M/M Ray Murry, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Gary, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, Tommy, Jay, Randy, Brian & Brandi Quatrevingt; Gus & Amanda Himel & Family; In Thanksgiving to St. Jude; Denoux, Dugas, Durand & Panepinto Families; Tina Ferachi Loyacano Families, Agnes & Sam Coletti Families, Vincent M. Ferachi Families

Sunday, January 3-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, January 3-9am 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; Annie & Benny Vaughn; Virginia Simon; Larry Troxclair, Sr., Janice Marchand Altazan; Lyman Marchand, Jr., Ralph Altazan; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony Sr. & Dee Marino, Kids of St Jude; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Pete & Mary Ann Miranda, J. W. & Sue Bryant; Joseph E. "Pat" Dupont III; Robert Jude Grace

Sunday, January 3-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Robert E. "Bob" Brady; Earl J. LeJeune, Jr.; Roy A. Hebert, David G. Hebert; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Anna Belle Davis

Tuesday, January 5-6pm Mass

Medric Smith, Sr., Margaret Smith, Bridgett Smith Mann; Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Case, Gum and Schuler Families; Van & Thelma Junot, Elvis & Mamie Rabalais

Wednesday, January 6-7am Mass

Lillian Bouchereau

Thursday, January 7-7am Mass

Robert Mooney

Friday, January 8-7am Mass

Lester & Hilda Haydel



Sanctuary Candle

December 27, 2020

St. John the Evangelist Church

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St. Clement of Rome Church

**Dr. Anthony Leggio, Tony Leggio,
Buttie Distefano, Sam & Lillie Distefano**

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