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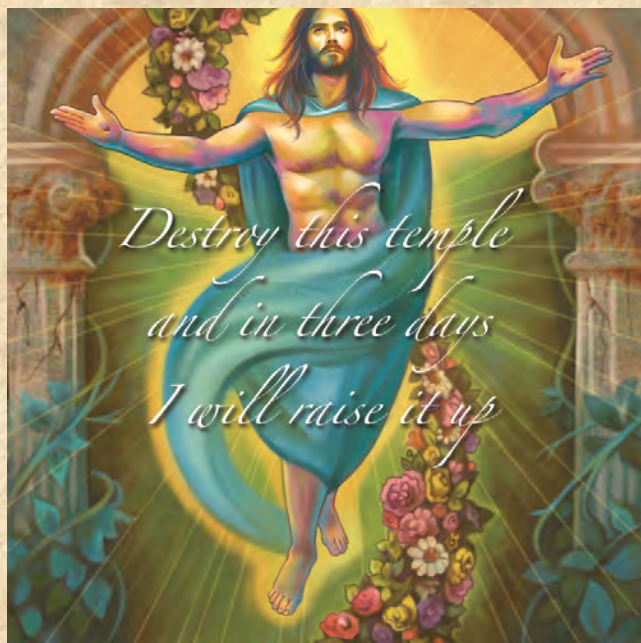
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

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



Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

As we are now well into Lent, we can take a look at what it means to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. A good place to start would be the Ten Commandments. The reading from Exodus presents us with one of the first listings of the Commandments. In this passage, God explains some of the laws to show how serious they are. For the first one, God includes making images to be used for worship.

In the days of Moses, people of other cultures made images of their gods and declared that the image was the god, and so should be worshipped. The LORD wanted his people to remember that God cannot be limited to an image or idea. That is still true today. Our images and statues are meant to help us pray to God, not to that work of art.


On the other hand, some people give a superstitious meaning to religious articles. Burying a statue to help sell your house could be one example. If you want to ask for a

favor from God, just ask Him. God is much more likely to listen to a sincere prayer than a superstitious action.

God also emphasizes some commands by duplicating them. He tells us not to steal from others, and also not to plan to steal from our neighbor. The same with adultery: Planning it is just as bad as doing it.

Jesus simplified all these commands when he reminds us to love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Let's remember that as we turn away from sin to serving God better during Lent.


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Lent

Lenten Weekday Schedule:
Tuesday - 6pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena
Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass
Friday - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross
6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross
(No 7am Mass during Lent)

The Light is On for You!
Lenten Confession



St. John, along with other churches in our Diocese, will open for confession at night during Lent. Father Greg will be hearing confessions Wednesday, March 10 and March 17 from 6-7pm in the church's baptistry.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
March 2021
Intention for Evangelization
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:
"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord." (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.

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

Daily Scripture Reading — March 8-14, 2021

Monday, March 8:
 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 9:
 Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5b, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10:
 Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 11:
 Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 12:
 Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34


Saturday, March 13:
 Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 14:
 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;
 Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14. Don't forget to move clocks forward one hour before retiring Saturday night, March 13.


Catholic Sisters Week
March 8-14



Nationally, we are celebrating Catholic Sisters Week during the week of March 8-14. Our long and rich history has been blessed by the service of religious order sisters.

On Monday, March 8, 2021, Bishop Duca will dedicate his 8am Mass from St. Joseph Chapel at the Tracy Center to these women. The Mass will be streamed on Catholic Life TV Baton Rouge.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious are dedicating Catholic Sisters Week to feeding the hungry in our congregation. Please consider making a donation to St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room or The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.



In Honor of St. Joseph

We will honor St. Joseph at 4pm Mass Saturday, March 20. The St. Joseph Altar will be a scaled-down version of our annual altar and will be available for viewing Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21 in Church.

Preparations for the St. Joseph Altar are ongoing. If you would like to bake a cake or cookies to donate to the altar, please call Betty Aucoin at 225.687.2111, Rosemary Cox at 225.687.6160 or Louise Dugas at 225.659.2371.

Drive-through meals will be available at the K.C. Home, 58715 Price Street, Sunday, March 21 from 11am-1pm. Please call one of the ladies listed above to place an order for your meals. St. Joseph candles may be purchased for \$4.25. If you would like to place an order for bread, please call by March 15.

Year of St. Joseph — 2021

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19. On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared the year of St. Joseph (December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021). This declaration came on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Blessed Pope Pius IX.

"He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'"

St. Joseph, pray for us.

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following person who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church in loving memory of:

Frank Pasqua

Donated by:
Kathy deGeneres



Divine Mercy Novena

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena will continue every Tuesday during Lent after 6pm Mass through Sunday, April 20.

K. C. Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 9
3pm-8:30pm

K. C. Home — 58715 Price Street

Jesus cleaned out the temple of moneychangers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church.



If you think God might be calling you to one, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Baptisms and Seminars



Baptism Seminars

Monday, April 12, 2021
Monday, May 3, 2021
Monday, June 7, 2021

Baptisms

Saturday, April 24, 2021
Saturday, May 22, 2021
Saturday, June 26, 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.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Coming June 5, 2021—4pm Mass
Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

We will welcome couples who are celebrating 25, 50, 55, 60, 65 or greater years of marriage at St. John. More information will become available as we approach the celebration date.

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A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church in loving memory of:

David E. Wendt, Jr.

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St. John Altar Society



The St. John Altar Society cookbooks, "Recipes Old and New Tried and True" are being sold for \$20.00 from the church office. The Little Lenten books are also available.

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 10 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



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.

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.

Mass Intentions — March 13-19, 2021

Saturday, March 13-4pm 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; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas, Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry Ferachi; Trista Parro, Julie & Galen Chiasson; Anthony Pizzolato; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Jack Jackson, Thomas Morales Family; M/M John Caffarel, Sr., M/M G. E. Marix; Maurice E. "Captain Moe" Brown; Hazel & Joseph Carol LeBlanc, Sr., Dalfay Cavalier; Pete & Mary Ann Miranda, J. W. & Sue Bryant; Faye & Paul Troxclair; Brent Paul Alexander, Brent Alexander, Mary Janice Hebert Ladner; Janice Brown; Frank, Josie, Victor & Anthony Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Yvonne Curry; Rev. Raphael Tran Xuan Nhan; Tina Ferachi Loyacano & Families

Sunday, March 14-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 14-9am 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; Sam & Kathleen Anastasio; Anthony & Margie Vitale, J. C. & Hetta Hebert; Clinton Fournerat, Wendell Fournerat; Laurence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony Sr. & Dee Marino, Kids of St. Jude; George & Carol Allain, GiGi Allain, Barbara Bajon; Benny & Annie Vaughn; The Currier Family; Virginia Simon; Larry Troxclair, Sr., Janice Marchand Altazan

Sunday, March 14-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Leana B. Brady; Annie & Joseph Daigle; Earl J. LeJeune, Jr.; Arnold "Buck" Fourroux, Alvin Simoneaux Family; Max Taylor, Angeron Family, Taylor Family; Brenda Fremin; Tarek Smart, Nick Mancuso Family, Roger Adams, Josh Barker; In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony; The Calvaruso Family; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Anna Belle Davis; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; Barry Leonard

Tuesday, March 16-6pm Mass

Harry & Winnie Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard



Wednesday, March 17-7am Mass

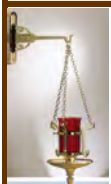
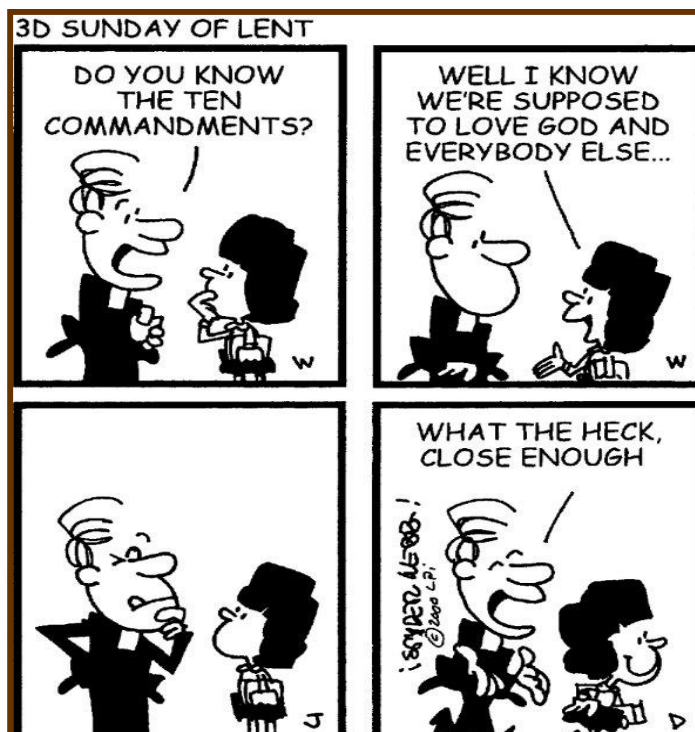
Agnes & Sam Coletti Family

Thursday, March 18-7am Mass

O. J. & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families

Friday, March 19-6pm Mass

Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale



Sanctuary Candle

March 7, 2021

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