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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., Ťhurs., Fri.	7:00 am
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Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

<u>Marriage</u>: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u> Tuesdav

Saturday

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 21, 2021 What is Truth?

Our first two readings describe in poetic terms what Christ's kingdom is like: a priestly kingdom of glory and power that will never end. Pilate wanted to know if Jesus claimed to be a king, or if the Jews who wanted Jesus destroyed were behind the rumors of kingship. Jesus does not deny his kingship; after all, he says his purpose in life is the Truth. If you were reading this in the Bible, you would see Pilate's response, "What is truth?"

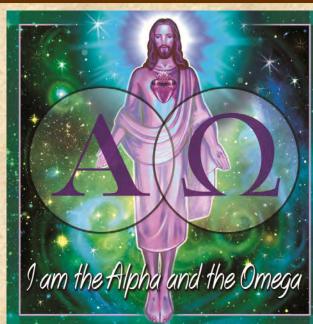
For Jesus (and for us) truth is that God is the source of the universe, the source of all life. Jesus came to show us the truth of God's love for all people. The divine kingdom is simply the way that we relate to God and each other. We join that kingdom, not by signing a membership list, but by living a life of love: Love for God and for each other.

So why doesn't Jesus use all that power and glory to make

everyone follow him? God asks us to be humble like Jesus. God doesn't force people to believe. That is another side of Truth: who God is and who we are. If you believe in God, you begin to see God in people who you love, people who need our help. We even see God in the beauty and majesty of creation.

Today Jesus invites us to accept the truth and become members of his kingdom. The tax is what we freely choose to give; the army are those who freely give themselves in service to the poor, the sick, and those who are seeking God. And the laws of this Kingdom are simple--Love God with all your being and love your neighbor as yourself. And that's the Truth.

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Please join us in welcoming our RCIA candidate Brian Nosacka to 9am Mass Sunday, November 21 for the Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

The Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Wednesday, November 24 at 6pm.

Please consider bringing non-perishable items to Mass that will be placed in the sanctuary to be blessed and consumed by your family on Thanksgiving.



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Our office will be closed after noon Wednesday November 24, and Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 25.

> Happy Thanksgiving from Father Greg, Deacon Ricard and The Staff of St. John the Evangelist Church.



In Loving Memory

The beautiful floral arrangement at the Blessed Mother statue for Thanksgiving was given in loving memory of

Devin Michael Durand.

Join the Choir!!



We welcome the beautiful voices of the Add Your Vo St. John choir to 9am Mass, Sunday, November 21.

Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? Now is the time to join. Meet us at 9am Mass on Sundays in the choir loft to add your voice to the choir. All are welcome!!

HONORING OUR BELOVED DEAD

The Mass Intention Book is open for the scheduling of Masses for next year (2022). Forms are on the bookshelves at the back of Church and in the church office. Digital forms may be submitted ONLINE on our 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, mail it to 57805 Main Street 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.

RITUALSONG (Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe #1294 Entrance: To Jesus Chris, Our Sovereign King #671 Preparation: **Instrumental** Communion: All Who Hunger #1032 Sending Forth: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #711

First Reconciliation



We celebrate God's forgiveness and the new life in Christ for the following 36 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time Thursday, November 17, 2021 at St. John Church.

> **Olivia Gene Anderson** Nixon Angelloz Anzaldua **Jackson Louis Barbay** Michael Paul Dupont, Jr. **Rilyn Marie Dupont Elise Marie Fabre Emma Grace Fabre Sadie Fontenot Kasen Frame Madison Blair Gauthier Analeigh Grace Gulotta Annelise Olympe Hart** Nadia Ania Hebert **Parker Lee Hunt Emmalyn Joffrion Colt Joseph Kellev** Ava Marie Laprairie **Kade Matthew Martinez Addison Kate Morales** Liam Colby Osmer Landon James Parker **Preston Parnell Blakely Jill Passantino Reid Michael Pruitt Brantley Joseph Quebedeaux** Jase Michael Reeves **Jolee Claire Riera Aiden Michael Roberts Connor Robinson Maximus John Sanders Tripp** Thibodeaux Karson Michael Troxclair **Caroline Rose Watson Elizabeth Grace Wilbert Ella Katherine Wille** Waylon Paul Wille

A grateful acknowledgement is made to First Reconciliation preparation catechists Allison Kirkland, Susan Murray and Wanda Ashley.

May God continue to pour out His blessings on the members of these families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.

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

Pray Today we hail Christ as our King, the victor over the power of death. This Je

victor over the power of death. This Jesus, who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His God and Father. He who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, so that all that He has won for us might be continually taught and celebrated through His Church so that the faithful may know Him, love Him, and serve Him as well.

If you feel God is calling you to such a Church vocation, contact Father Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Daily Scripture Reading — November 22-28, 2021

Monday, November 22: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday, November 23: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday, November 24: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19 Thursday, November 25: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28; Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138:1-5; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19 Friday, November 26: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33 Saturday, November 27: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36 Sunday, November 28: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms



Baptism Seminars — 7pm **Church Office Third Floor** Monday, December 6, 2021 Monday, January 10, 2022 Monday, February 7, 2022

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass Saturday, November 27, 2021 Saturday, December 18, 2021 Saturday, January 22, 2022 Saturday February 26, 2022

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.



Catholic Daughters Sweet Sale

The Catholic Daughters will be selling goodies outside the doors of the church following all Masses Saturday & Sunday, November 20 & 21.

Support the Catholic Daughters while enjoying something sweet.

Women's Advent Silent Retreat

When: Saturday, November 27, 2021 10:30am-3pm Where: St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Hall

Lead by: The Holy Spirit & Gwen Haves

A light lunch will be provided. Register today by calling 225.687.2402.

Knights of Columbus Calendars

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!!**

2022 drawings begin the first week of February.

Calendars can be purchased by contacting Ruel Seneca at 225.385.0930.

Please support KC 970 and all the good works they do for our Community.

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 by Friday, December 3. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison.

We can accept Birthday and Get Well cards also. **Religious cards are preferred.** ******

Advent Giving Tree

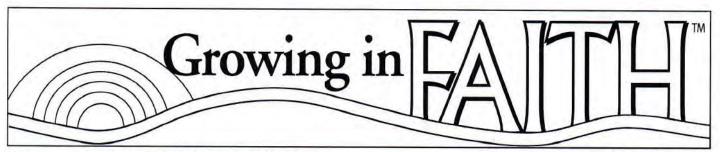


The Giving Tree will be set up in church Saturday, November 27, 2021 for you to take a candy cane with a child's name. Please buy your gifts and share the joy of Jesus' birth with them. Gifts are due Sunday, December 5.

Save the Date!!

St. John Parish Open House Saturday, December 4, 2021 5-7pm (Following 4pm Mass) St. John Rectory





Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

November 2021

St. John the Evangelist Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

One Minute Meditations

Happiness

As a loving Father, God wants us to be happy. True happiness is: "Joy and beatitude over receiving the

fulfillment of our vocation as creatures: a sharing in the divine nature and the vision of God. God put us into the world to know, love, and serve Him, and so come to the happiness of paradise" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 1720). The happiness the world offers doesn't last, but the happiness God offers is forever.

Nurture faith Spiritual growth doesn't stop with formal religious education. To know God better, start with the Bible and consider adding spiritual reading. (Hint: ask a priest for recommendations.) Read so that you may learn more about God's ways.

Patience makes sense

Don't be tempted to compare yourself to others. God's plan for you is unique. "Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way" (Psalm 37:7).

Prepare for an amazing truth

At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God came and lived among us. What's even more

amazing is that He will come again at our death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. To help us prepare, the Church created the season of Advent, beginning this year on November 28. It is a watchful time during which we can ...

Live intentionally. If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would devote the day to asking and granting forgiveness, spending time with loved ones, and preparing your heart for your Savior. Try to live each day that way. Pack light. Acquire graces rather than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. "But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" (Luke 12:20).

> Straighten up. If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would need to be in a state of grace to go with Him. Prepare now by never missing Mass, going to Confession regularly, performing heartfelt

penance, and avoiding sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime. The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!

Do That Canonization is the process through which the Church acknowledges that, after an extensive investigation, a person demonstrated extraordinary virtue and is now in Heaven, face-to-face with God. Saints are offered to us

Why Do Catholics

Why do Catholics honor saints?

as spiritual guides to lead us to God. The saints were real people who faced problems similar to our own. They allowed God's grace to transform them. When we are facing difficulties, trials, and temptations, we can look to the saints and be encouraged by their faithfulness.

Growing in Faith™

Thankfulness is good for the health

Studies show that people who are thankful are less likely to be depressed or unhappy, and find they enjoy simple pleasures like sunsets and good health. Here is how you can join them ...

Calculate your ratio. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be.

Gather inspiration. Ask others what inspires their gratitude. You will probably discover something for which



The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life

overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. We can forget our ultimate goal is Heaven. Knowing this, Jesus warned His followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complaisance.

Imagine the terrifying scene Jesus described – the shaking of the earth, sea, and sky and people dying of fright. In the midst of that terror, though, people living

Feasts & **#** Celebrations

November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231). The daughter of the King of Hungary, she married at the age of 14. Her beloved husband was killed after only six years of marriage. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order and spent her life caring for the poor.

November 21 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. God promised his people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, the Advent of hope

in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, He said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly

pleasure.

Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to Him, we will be rewarded. This is a time when we must pray for patience and

perseverance to keep us ready for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.

November 22 – St. Cecilia (230). A native of Rome, St. Cecilia was forced to marry although she wanted to consecrate herself to God. She eventually converted her husband and both were martyred for the faith.

November 28 - First Sunday in Advent. During Advent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. For four weeks, we light candles in an Advent wreath and recall that Jesus is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12).

you can also be thankful but haven't thought of.

Fast. Forgo something you like such as food, TV, the internet. It will make you thankful for it when you get it back.

Guard the company you keep. Attitudes are contagious. Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing your environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Detach. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest? Take stock of your

possessions. Keep only what you need.

Q Is our belief in& Purgatory rootedA in the Bible?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish leader Judas Maccabee required his soldiers to offer prayers and sacrifices for dead comrades who died wearing "magic" amulets in service of pagan



gods – a serious violation of the covenant. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out"

(Maccabees 12:42). By offering prayers on their behalf after their death, Judas Maccabee demonstrated his faith that the prayers could still benefit the dead.

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit that won't be forgiven in this life or in the next (Matthew 12:32). We conclude that other sins are forgiven in the next life.

If we die in God's friendship but still have attachment to venial sin, purification will be necessary. It is difficult to see a beautiful landscape through a dirty window. To enjoy the view, the window must be cleaned. Likewise, Purgatory cleans us up so we can enjoy the view, in this case, the beatific vision of God.

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Mass Intentions — November 27-December 3, 2021

Saturday, November 27-4pm 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 Seth Williamson & Family, Father William Dodd & Sister Claude; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jane & Jerry, Kirsh Kember; Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr., Joseph & Lena Zito, Andrew & Josephine Canova, Carlo & Kurt Canova; Ione Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Bill Middleton; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, M/M Lawrence Gulotto; Mary Ann Gregoire; Rebecca T. Albert; Dorothy "Nona" Hebert; Joyce Hernandez

Sunday, November 28-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, November 28-9am 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; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Lawrence Seymour; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; Johnette & Sam Pizzolato; Vivian & Leonard Kelly; Ida Lee "Sis" Bourgeois; Mitchell Dufour; Jules, Mary Victoria & Devin Michael Durand, Edwin & Emily Melancon, Catherine Melancon Wilbert, Anthony M. Wilbert, Jr.

Sunday, November-28-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Colby Gomez; Brenda Fremin; Frank, Josie, Victor & Anthony Canella; Leon, Collen & Neil Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Jr., The Family of Sidney Hedges, Sr.; Steve Patin, T. N. & Ray Patin; George "Brother" Michel; Henry "Deas" Simpson; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Distefano; Christopher Stassi; Shelia & Carol Jarreau; Rodney Bourgeois

Tuesday, November 30-6pm Mass

Ethel Blanchard; Willis Berthelot; Mary Ann Gregoire; Lonnie Michel

Wednesday, December 1-7am Mass M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.

Thursday, December 2-7am Mass Myrtle M. Dill

Friday, December 3-7am Mass Ashley & Brian Donaldson





Sanctuary Candle November 21, 2021

St. John the Evangelist Church Colby Gomez

St. Clement of Rome Church Brennan Eugene Bujol Pim & Nu Nu Clebert Louise & Edmund Bujol

Altar Society



Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, November 24 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



2022 Church Calendars

The 2022 church calendars are available to our parishioners at the entrances to the church. You may pick up your calendar after any weekend Mass.

Special thanks to Wilbert Funeral Services.





