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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm 7:30 am Sunday

9:00 am

11:00 am Tuesday 6:00 pm Wed., Ťhurs., Fri. 7:00 am

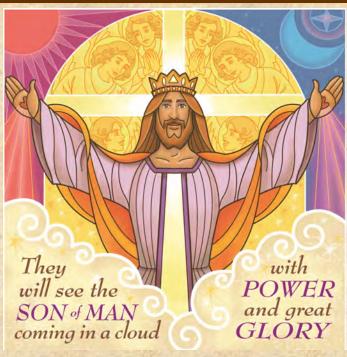
Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

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 28, 2021 Strengthen Your Hearts**

How good is good enough? Do you have to be perfect to get to heaven? In the second reading this Sunday, Paul seems to think so when he tells us to be "blameless in holiness" (1 Thess 3:13.) Now Paul never considered himself as perfect. But even with his weakness, Paul always did the best he could. So what should we strive for? Maybe we can take a hint from his phrase "strengthen your hearts."

Think of athletes who try to do their best. A great ball player takes batting practice every day to improve his average. Good athletes are always looking for ways to improve themselves. They keep in shape so they can be stronger, faster, smarter. That same attitude is what Paul means by "strengthen your hearts." And Advent is a good time to start.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord, we can get ourselves in spiritual shape. Spiritual reading

can give us a stronger prayer life. But if our spiritual reading just makes us feel good, we may be wasting our time. Hopefully, it will lead us to try praying more often and more seriously. Likewise, we can read about volunteering to feed the poor, but making the commitment and doing it is what strengthens the heart. Then as the Gospel says, we may have "the strength...to stand before the Son of Man." (Lk 21:36)

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

Fred Hebert

Joyous Christmas

Open House

Father Greg invites everyone to the St. John Parish Open House Saturday, December 4 following 4pm Mass from 5-7pm.





Christmas Cards for Inmates

Please bring your Christmas cards for inmates to the St. John Church office by Friday, December 3. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison. Thank

you for your donations.

Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is set up in the back of 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 5.

The names of 300 children have been provided to us by the Plaquemine area schools. If you are aware of any needy families and children, please call the church office at 225.687.2402 so that we may include them in this season's ministry.

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: First Sunday of Advent #1092

Entrance: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #806 Responsorial Psalm: My Soul in Stillness Waits #499

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Wait for the Lord #502 Sending Forth: Soon and Very Soon #954

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:

Tommy Blanchard

Donated by: Elizabeth Adams

The Pope's Prayer Intention December 2021

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms



<u>Baptism Seminars</u> Monday, December 6, 2021 Monday, January 10, 2022 Monday, February 7, 2022

Baptisms

Saturday, November 27, 2021 Saturday, December 18, 2021 Saturday, January 22, 2022 Saturday February 26, 2022

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 Readings November 29-December 5, 2021

Monday, November 29:

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 30:

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

Wednesday, December 1:

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

Thursday, December 2:

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

Friday, December 3:

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

Saturday, December 4:

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

Sunday, December 5:

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

EUCHARISTIC 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. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 11:28-30)

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.

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist



Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes, care facilities or in the hospital. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify the church parish office at 225.687.2402.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are willing to help with this important ministry, please contact Marsha Dupont at the church office.

You are Covered in Prayer

May you feel His presence-Experience His Peace-Draw from His strength-Rest in His love-

May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time. It matters not the age, all who need it will receive it.

Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.

Altar

Altar Servers

Any boy or girl in the 4th grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

To become an altar server visit our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org to fill out and submit a digital form (under the FORMS tab). Someone will contact you regarding a brief training.

St. Paul tells us that the love we received from the Lord must increase and be shared with those around us that we need to be holy before God. Are you willing to teach the Gospel to others and to help prepare them for the coming of the Lord? If yes, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

St. John School News Homecoming Royalty



Congratulations to 2021 St. John Homecoming Queen,
Cassidy Cannella,
daughter of Lani and Randy Cannella
and Homecoming King,
John Merritt Bueche,
son of Beth and Brandon Bueche.

St. John Legends Classic Basketball Tournament



The St. John Legends Classic Basketball Tournament will be held at the St. John Gym in support of the St. John girls' and boys' basketball teams. The tournament will be held Thursday, December 2 through Saturday, December 4.

The St. John Basketball Hall of Famers will be recognized Friday, December 3 at 7pm followed by the girls' game. Tickets, \$7 for the general public and \$5 for students, may be purchased at the door.

Come out and support the St. John Eagles and visit with some old friends!

Alumni Association

Graduate, awesome! Not a graduate - that's ok too! Show your Eagle pride! Become a member and join the St John Alumni Association; the organization that supports the whole St. John community.

For more information, email torcino@stjohnschool.org or stop by our Facebook page, St. John Alumni Association (Plaquemine), for level options and pricing. Payments can be made via Venmo @stjohnalumniassociation.

Fund Raisers

Remember to save Box Tops for Education and Coke Rewards bottle tops in addition to the UPC labels from all Community Coffee products.

St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through these programs. You may bring your labels to church in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or bring the labels and bottle tops to our church parish office. We will see that the school receives them.



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	Maintenance & Repairs Collection 5-7pm Parish Open House Rectory
Maintenance & Repairs Collection Giving Gifts due Church	7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room	7 OFFICE CLOSED ½ DAY 6pm Vigil Mass	SOFFICE CLOSED Feast of the Immaculate Conception 7am Mass 8:30am SJS Mass St. Clement	9	10	11
3-5pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church	6pm	14	15 11am-1pm GEMS	16	17	18
6pm Alhambra Christmas Party Parish Hall	Catholic Daughters Christmas Pot Luck Social Parish Hall		Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon Parish Hall	7pm K. C. Meeting K. C. Home		Following 4pm Mass Baptisms
19	20	21	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED 1/2 DAY	24 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm Children's Mass 6pm Midnight	9am Christmas Mass
	27 OFFICE CLOSED Feast of St. John the Evangelist	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 OFFICE CLOSED	yap Yap

Advent 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 28 Buy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first candle tonight and every night this week. Read Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.	Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a simple prayer of praise anytime you have to wait during Advent.	The presence of Jesus reminds us to hope in God's mercy. Make a list of reasons for your hope today.	Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Identify your "go-to sin" and resolve to conquer it during Advent.	Add 20 minutes of daily prayer during Advent. Set an alarm to remind you to pray for 10 minutes each morning and night this month.	In gratitude that God provides for your needs, set aside gently used clothing and give it to the poor. Add a piece you love as a special sacrifice.	Perform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.
At sundown tonight, light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Luke 3:1-6.	St. Nicholas was a generous man and a courageous bishop. Today, make at least one generous act of love in his honor.	In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings you received this year as a witness to God's love.	The feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's freedom from Original Sin. Attend Mass and pray a Rosary.	Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego. He never gave up, placing his trust in Jesus and His Mother.	Buy Christmas gifts from stores or online merchants that carry "fair trade" items to support workers in developing countries.	To honor the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe tomorrow, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.
Gaudete 1 2 Sunday-Joy! Celebrate the halfway point of Advent. Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read Luke 3:10-18.	Spend time in silence today. Say "no" to unnecessary distractions. In silence and peace, you will be open to God's will.	Think of Biblical accounts of God's mercy to sinners. Ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt and forgive those who wronged you.	In honor of the Holy Family's trek to Bethlehem, pray for all those who have been forced from home.	Send a card to someone who lost a loved one in the last year. Offer your thoughts and prayers for healing and comfort.	Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.	Pray the Angelus at 6:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00pm every day until Christmas.
Light all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week.	This can be a sad time for those who are alone. Include anyone in your own gatherings who might be otherwise forgotten.	As a gift to the coming Savior, repair a relationship with a friend or family member that needs healing.	Make an effort to share God's love today. Say a kind word or listen with compassion to someone who is suffering.	Cather friends and neighbors and Christmas carol (safely) at a nursing home or homeless shelter.	Even if you live alone, put up and decorate a Christmas tree. Light it as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World.	Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20 and focus on each detail. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.

Mass Intentions — December 4-10, 2021

Saturday, December 4-4pm 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; Leana & Robert Brady; Sylvia & Bola Gascon, Rita & Lyman Marchand; Trista Parro, Julie & Galen Chaisson, Jean David; Michael Laurent; Carl Brown; John E., Cecile D., Maurice E. Brown, Joan Brown Heath, Brown & Duhon Family; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Alfred & Mercedese Carville, Mary & Lester Carville, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Reid & Jerry Rainey, M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Aubrey Quebedeaux, Aline, Mit & Dub Comeaux; M/M Tony Falcon & Anthony "Boyee"; M/M Frank Tempanaro & Camile, M/M Ray Murray, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Gary, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, Tommy, Jay, Randy, Brian & Brandi Quatrevingt; Connor J. Brown, Theresa R. Hebert; Marvin Allen, The Allen Family, The Diamond Family; In Thanksgiving to St. Jude; Denoux, Dugas, Durand & Panepinto Families; Harry & Faye Martinez; Bobby & Bootsie Dupont, Ida Lee "Sis" Bourgeois; Dorothy "Nona" Hebert

Sunday, December 5-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, December 5-9 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; Olga Hymel; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc; Larry Troxclair, Sr., Lyman Marchand, Jr., Janice Marchand Altazan, Ralph Altazan; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Patrick Gaudet, Iris & Audry Callegan; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Johnette & Sam Pizzolato; Vivian & Leonard Kelly; Virginia Simon; Mary Ann Gourgues, Sharon Diamond Tyson; Henry "Deas" Simpson

Sunday, December 5-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Brenda Fremin; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; Harry Marionneaux, Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier; Steve Patin, T. N. & Ray Patin; Earl Alvin Gibson; George "Brother" Michel; Christopher Stassi; Henry "Deas" Simpson; Ed, Myrna & Sonny Hargrove; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Distefano; Shelia & Carol Jarreau; Rodney Bourgeois

Tuesday, December 7-6pm Vigil Mass

Mary Ann Gregoire: Edna "Buttons" Verret: Myron J. Hebert, Jane H. Hebert

Wednesday, December 8-7am Mass — The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

O. J. & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Marie Marionneaux; Christopher Stassi

Thursday, December 9-7am Mass

Harry Blanchard

Friday, December 10-7am Mass

Edward Hargrove, Jr.



Sanctuary Candle November 28, 2021

St. John the Evangelist Church Ronald L. Dugas Mr. & Mrs. Fallon Trabeaux Mr. & Mrs. Alvin L. Dugas Russell Naquin, Jr. & Fal Naquin

> St. Clement of Rome Church Marie Marionneaux

Altar Society

Team1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, December 1 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.







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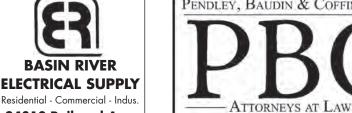
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