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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

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

Childish or Child-like?

The Gospel for Easter this year reminds me of little children. Mary of Magdala runs from the tomb when she sees it has been opened. Then Peter and the other disciple race each other to the tomb. The other one wins the race but Peter goes in first (John 20:1-5). Besides running like excited kids, there is another way they are like children.

Remember the Gospel about St. Thomas, who would not believe Jesus' resurrection until he could see him? Compare that to the disciple in today's reading, who "saw [the empty tomb] and believed" (John 20:9). That is the kind of faith we find in a little child.

Children will believe in things they cannot see, especially if there is a good reason. We "bribe" them into believing in Santa Claus or the tooth fairy by giving them Christmas presents or money under the pillow. If we teach them that God made them and loves them, if we love them ourselves and teach them to love others, they will have good reasons to

believe in a real and loving God. As they get older, we can teach them how to pray, save money for the poor, visit the sick, or volunteer to help the homeless.

Jesus didn't say that only children could enter the Kingdom. He said we must become like children if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3). Becoming like children does not mean being selfish or stubborn, throwing tantrums when we don't get our way. Those are childish behaviors that we put aside. Instead, we can keep a child-like faith and trust in God. Teaching them about God is a great way to help our own faith to grow. By giving them real examples of God's love for them, they will continue to believe long after they have given up the fairy tales of childhood.

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April 17, 2022

Dear Family

Happy Easter! The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

In our Patron's Gospel account of the Resurrection, Mary of Magdala comes to Jesus' tomb on the week's first day. We are told that Mary is alone and "it was still dark." For John, darkness can indicate lack of faith, and this is the case with Mary. She will come into the light but has a journey to travel. Seeing the stone removed, she rushes to Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple to report the tomb emptied. Where is the executed Jesus? We know that God is the one involved, but they must still catch on.

Peter and the Beloved Disciple run to the tomb. Peter leads, but the other disciple passes him, sees that the signs of death are absent, but doesn't go into the tomb first. Peter has emerged as the leader, while the Beloved is the model disciple who both gives access and defers to his leader. We see the burial cloths rolled to one side, contrasting Jesus' raising of Lazarus, who was still bound. This is a clear distinction. Following into the empty tomb, the Beloved Disciple sees further evidence of death overcome by God. The burial cloths are folded and laid at opposite ends of the tomb. He believes (John 20:8) Peter and Mary's responses are not recorded; their faith journeys need more time.

The disciples return home, as yet unaware of the Scripture of Jesus' resurrection. The Scripture is John's Gospel, and we eventually learn that we are blessed to have it (John 20:30-31). They witnessed, but we are summoned to believe because of that witness, to believe without seeing. Paul summons us likewise in his letter to the Colossians, as does Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. To find our place, we must "seek what is above" (Colossians 3:1)

Some questions for reflection:

John claims that, despite our fear, death is not the end of Jesus' story. How does this offer you hope?

Reflect on Jesus' summons to believe without seeing. How does this climax in the Easter story?

In Acts, Peter comes to believe that all are accepted in the new covenant. How might Christ appear in your life, even unexpectedly?

After two years of celebrating our holiest of days diminished by the pandemic, we come to this Easter. Truly, we are able to sense resurrection in our own lives. Like Jesus, we come out of our tombs of fear and division and seek a new life more deeply in union with our God and one another. What a great Easter!

On behalf of Deacon Ricard, myself, and our Parish Staff, I offer you my fervent prayers for a blessed Easter Season. The disciplines we have endured have enriched the joy of our Easter with the Risen Lord Jesus. Thank you all for being witnesses today to the Resurrection of Christ. Holding and fostering that belief in the power of God to bless our lives, continues to enable the Kingdom Jesus began to unfold. Thanks to all of our organizations who helped us to keep our Lent holy so our joy can truly be expressed today. A special thanks as well to Donna Carville and our RCIA Team as we welcome Brian Nasaka and his family into our family of faith at St. John. We also want to thank Mrs. Wanda Ashley and her team of catechists who help foster faith in the Resurrected Jesus through their ministry of education and evangelization. Thanks to Mrs. Schlatre, Mrs. Morel, Mrs. Dupont and all of our school staff, support organizations and student body for the generous gift of sharing their faith with us in our traditional "Walk with Jesus" and "Living Way of the Cross".

Have a Blessed Easter Day and Season!

Peace,

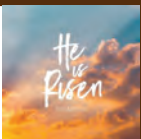
Fr. Greg

Holy Saturday, April 16

7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:30am, 9am, 11am Masses



Our office will be closed Easter Monday, April 18.



We welcome Brian Nosacka into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

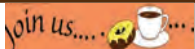
Everyone is invited to a reception in his honor immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass in the parish hall. Special thanks to the Catholic Daughters for hosting the reception.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

NOTE: THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6PM ON HOLY THURSDAY UNTIL 6PM ON EASTER SUNDAY.

Join us in celebration of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, following 7:30am and 9am Masses for balloons, coffee, donuts and other sweet treats at the piazza.



Coffee & Donuts
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Ed & Anne Reeves
Gary & Dolores Pruitt (7:30 am Mass)

Bobby Blanchard & Susie Burns
Kevin & Kelly Gourgues (9:00 am Mass)



St. John Altar Society

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, April 20 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms

Baptism Seminars

Monday, May 2, 2022
Monday, June 6, 2022
Monday, July 11, 2022



Baptisms

Saturday, April 23, 2022
Saturday, May 28, 2022
Saturday, June 25, 2022
Saturday, July 23, 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.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Easter Sunday #1165
Entrance: Jesus Christ is Risen Today #614
Communion: This Is the Feast of Victory #618
Sending Forth: Sing with All the Saints in Glory #609



Outdoor Mass & Family Day
Sunday, April 24, 2022

Plans have begun for our Annual Outdoor Mass and Family Day. The 11am Mass followed by a full day of activities are scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park. An added attraction this year will be the creativity of the St. John art students on display.

The Catholic Daughters will be assisting in the "sweets room" and asks for donations for dessert, preferable single serve treats.

Many volunteers are needed and we hope you can help. Please contact Susan at the church office, 225.687.2402, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com.

Adult Confirmation



If you are 18 years of age or over and have not been confirmed in the Catholic Church, please call the church office at 225.687.2402, to attend 5 classes on Confirmation beginning Sunday, May 1 (10-11am) through Sunday, May 29.

Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022 at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael Duca. You may call the St. John Church Office for more information.



Retirement Fund for Priests

An envelope has been placed in the April stewardship packet for the **Retirement Fund for our Diocesan Priests**. Please give generously to those who have given so much.

The Lord is risen it is true! Through our Baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters.

If God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest or religious, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

May Yard Rosary
May 1-31, 2022 — 7pm

In celebration of the month of Mary, all families are invited to join us during May for the recitation of the Rosary at the homes of parishioners.

If anyone is interested in hosting an evening to pray the Rosary on your lawn, please call the church office at 225.687.2402.



Fill a Prescription for the Needy

The St. Vincent de Paul community Pharmacy is a beacon of hope that our Church provides to those in need of life-sustaining medical prescriptions. We ask individuals this Lenten season to consider supporting the pharmacy through prayer, volunteerism and financial support, if possible.

We invite our parishioners to use the bottles provided or remove the label from any empty prescription bottle at home and bring it to church with a monetary gift inside. This bottle can be placed in either container located at the rear or side doors of church which will remain through Easter Sunday.

For more information, contact Lisa Hubble at 225.383.7837, extension 204. Thank you for your support of this important community endeavor.

BR Soldier Outreach

Shipping Comfort Items to Deployed Soldiers Four Times a Year

Our St. Joseph Altar workers teamed up with BR Soldier Outreach (BRSO) to ship goodies to deployed soldiers. While BRSO is shipping to one specific soldier, every troop in the soldier's unit will be blessed with items from home. More than 750 zip lock bags, each containing assorted St. Joseph cookies, were packed and donated from our altar.

The goal of BRSO is to make the troop's deployment just a little easier and to let them know we appreciate the sacrifice they are making.

For more information, visit www.brsoldieroutreach.com.

VBS (Vacation Bible School) 2022

St. John the Evangelist Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer. The dates we have set for the event are July 5, 2022 (Tuesday) through July 8, 2022 (Friday). It is a four day camp this year. The theme is "SURPRISE!" DISCOVERING JESUS.

Before I start to plan extensively, I need to have an idea of how many Adult Volunteers we will have. If we don't have enough Adult Volunteers, we will not be able to gather for VBS. If you are interested in becoming an Adult Volunteer (18 years or older), please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office. Forms are also available in the church office, on the bookcases in the back of church, or on our website, stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMS. I will use this information to see who is active or inactive. If you are currently an active Volunteer (certified), you are ready to go. If your file is inactive, you will have to re-certify. It is a painless process. I will assist in the completion of your certification.

We will have a set number of students for each grade. For Pre K - 20 students, K - 20 students, 1st grade - 20 students, 2nd grade - 15 students, 3rd grade - 15 students, 4th grade - 15 students, and 5th grade - 15 students. We will need adult volunteers for handicrafts, assisting with treats, teachers and assistant teachers, and many other tasks. The set number of Ambassadors for Christ will be 40 students (Grades 6 through 12). We will need at least 25 Adult Volunteers to host VBS. I wanted to share the numbers so you would have some idea of what is needed for us to go forward.

I invite you to come on board with us, we have a wonderful group of students in our Church Parish. I look forward to hearing from you.

Wanda Ashley, DRE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022 ADULT VOLUNTEER

(Please complete the form if you are interested in volunteering for VBS)

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PARISH: _____

HOME PHONE/CELL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Once I receive this form, I will validate your records. I will contact you to inform you of your status. (Active or Inactive) If you are inactive, you will have to certify online and complete the process for certification. I will be more than happy to assist anyone who needs help in this process.

Wanda Ashley, DRE
St. John the Evangelist Church

4pm Mass Honoring St. Joseph
Saturday, March 19, 2022



Mass Intentions — April 23-29, 2022

Saturday, April 23-4pm 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; Andrew & Catherine Roucher; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., Scott Marino, M/M Alger Rodriguez, Sr.; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Emily & Adam Vercher, Harry Vercher, J. C. & Connie Vercher; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Mary Ann Gregoire

Sunday, April 24-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, April 24-9am 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; Kristina Mellema; Charlene Marix, Dwight Marix, Mary Jo Primeaux, Allen & Alberta Buquoi; M/M Andrew Tullier, M/M Richard Guerin, M/M J. C. Berthelot; Larry Roark; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux, Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; V. J. Vicknair, M/M Vives Vicknair; Virginia Simon; Claytus Falcon, Jr.; Patsy Lauve Grace

Sunday, April 24-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Cloutre & Middleton Families; Sam "Butte" & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry & Families, Agnes & Sam Coletti Families; Crawford Howard; Nellie, Pascal & Leon Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; George "Brother" Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; Christopher Stassi

Tuesday, April 26-6pm Mass

Marie Ragusa LeBlanc; Robert Jude Grace; Bobby & Bootsie Dupont

Wednesday, April 27-7am Mass

Audrey, Ava, Cecelia & Kimberly Kora

Thursday, April 28-7am Mass

Roland "Dougie" Rivet

Friday, April 29-7am Mass

Dr. Michael Day, Tony & Frances Savariste



Sanctuary Candle April 17, 2022

St. John the Evangelist
J. Hubert Millet

St. Clement of Rome
Albert Lopez, Jr., Jaynell Lopez,
Lopez & Johnson Families

Daily Scripture Readings — April 18-24, 2022

Monday, April 18:

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 19:

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 20:

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 21:

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 22:

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 23:

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 24:

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Divine Mercy Novena

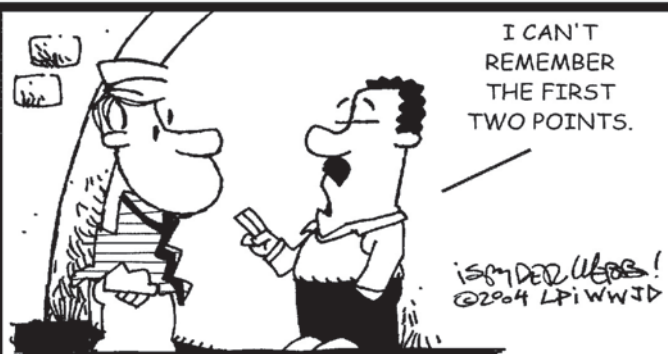


The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena will continue every Tuesday during Lent after 6pm Mass leading up to the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 24.

EASTER

FOR THOSE WHO
COMPLAIN THAT
THEY CAN'T
REMEMBER MY
SERMONS, HERE
IS THE ENTIRE
EASTER MESSAGE
IN THREE POINTS:

1. JESUS DIED
2. JESUS ROSE
3. HELL FROZE



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