# St. John the Evangelist Church

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Masses:	
Saturday Vigil	<b>4:00 pm</b>
Sunday	7:30 am
	<b>9:00 am</b>
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Ťhurs., Fri.	7:00 âm

**<u>Baptism</u>**: 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>: Tuesday Saturday

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5:30-5:45 pm
3:00-3:30 pm
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#### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023 The Lamb of God. (John 1:29)

When you hear John the Baptist call Jesus the "Lamb of God," you might picture a cute baby sheep leaping in a pasture or happily resting on its shepherd's shoulders. But that can be confusing. How can Jesus be that kind of lamb?

Israelites in Jesus' time would have understood what John was getting at. They would likely have called to mind the feast of Passover. Each year during that feast, every Jewish family slaughtered and ate an unblemished lamb in remembrance of God bringing his people out of slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12).

They might also have thought about Isaiah's song of the Suffering Servant, who, like a lamb, silently allowed himself to be led to the slaughter while he bore the guilt of us all (Isaiah 53:6-7).

Finally, they might have remembered when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. As Isaac prepared the wood for the sacrifice, he asked why there was no sheep to offer. Abraham replied, "God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering" (Genesis 22:8).

John likely had all this in mind when he called Jesus the Lamb of God: Jesus was the sacrifice, provided by God, who would silently offer his life to redeem us all.

Contemplating Jesus as the Lamb of God gives us an infinite number of reasons to worship him. We can praise him for delivering us from enslavement to sin. We can ponder what he silently bore to redeem us. We can bow to him as the perfect sacrifice, provided for us by God himself. Jesus is so much bigger, so much more committed to us, so much more glorious in his mercy than we could ever imagine!

At Mass today, we will be invited to "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." How happy we are to be called to his supper, to behold him and to receive him in the Eucharist!

"Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, I worship you!"

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." *Join 129*  January 15, 2023

**Dear Family:** 

In today's readings, we hear about three people who were sent by God to proclaim God's Word: Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Paul. Each of us is also called to proclaim the good news and yet we can have trouble expressing our point of view. Friends raised in the Church who no longer practice can perceive judgment, while friends from other traditions or from no tradition might respond with defensiveness. The work of God in the world is one of healing all divisions. Our proclamation of what is both true and beautiful must aim at that as well. One way in which we can live out this call is to share our joy.

Some things to consider:

What about the Christian life makes you feel joyful?

Find a partner to read together Pope Francis' <u>The Joy of the Gospel</u>, reading and discussing a chapter a week until Lent.

Do you have a speech that tells why you are a Christian? Write two sentences that you could tell someone who asks.

Family, thanks so much for a beautiful Advent and Christmas Season. My personal gratitude for all who gave of themselves to make ready our hearts and our church for the coming of the Lord Jesus anew. I lift my prayers to God for you all.

I apologize for not writing sooner to you about these things. As part of my ongoing dealing with sudden death of my soul mate, Fr. Jimmy Jeanfreau, I share with you that it is still a struggle. However, your cards, kind words before and after Masses, and your great spirit of generosity have helped lighten this burden. All I have to offer is my life as your pastor in thanksgiving to God who heals the brokenhearted. I am also comforted by the last words Fr. Jimmy wrote in his bulletin article before his death - "...there is no love without the pain of loss."

Tomorrow our nation will celebrate a national holiday in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Let us continue to work to heal our divisions and truly serve as brothers and sisters to one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

# **Angels for Angels Ministry**

Angels for Angels is a new outreach program for St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church parishioners to actively participate. There are 3 main goals in mind:

1. Serving the Iberville school community with specific needs for specific children.

With the alarming rate of degradation of the family unit, many parents cannot or are not providing for their children as they once did. Daily neglect in basic care such as hygiene, clean clothing and necessary school items are now a normal occurrence in schools.

Teachers will contact our program with a specific need for a specific child in their classroom. For example, the teacher may contact us for a PreK student that needs a blanket for nap time, a child that wears tennis shoes being held together by duct tape and needs a new pair of tennis shoes, spare underwear or change of clothes, toothbrush or other need.

2. Providing an outreach program for us to use what God teaches us every day.

As a volunteer, you would be contacted to help fulfill that specific need by making/purchasing a blanket for nap time, hair brushes, tooth brushes, for example, to give to that child.

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the works of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Our faith compels us to move into action! We will impact a child's life in our local community and live out our faith by helping the innocent children in need.

**3.** To remove the burden on teachers who currently use their own monies to purchase much needed items for their students in need.

This program is much needed in our community. With people falling away from God and drugs ravishing our beautiful country, the children need a reminder that God is here and ever present for them and that people do care about them. We can lead by example and be the servant that God calls us to be by beginning with our local children. It will be an ongoing outreach to meet these needs continuously. Teachers and school personnel may contact Katie Berthelot at 225-776-2809 with specific needs for their students.

If you would like to be on a calling list to help these children, please call the church office at 687-2402.

## **RITUALSONG** (Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time #1197 Entrance: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #693 Preparation: \*Instrumental\* Communion: Eat This Bread #1033 Sending Forth: Sing A New Song #718



## Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration 2023

On Saturday, February 11 at St. John the Evangelist Church, couples celebrating 25, 50, 55, 60, 65 or greater years of marriage

will be honored at 4pm Mass. A reception hosted by the St. John Altar Society will follow in the parish hall for family and friends.

If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries this year and would like to celebrate with us, please email marshaadupont@sj.brcoxmail.com, call the Church office at 225.687.2402, or fill out the form below. You may drop the form in the collection basket at any weekend Mass or mail it to St. John Church, 57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764

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Ple	ase	circl	e an	niversary to be celebrated:
25	50	60	65	More than 65

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

Sunday, February 19, 2023 — 2pm St. Aloysius Church 2025 Stuart Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA

Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples reaching 25, 50, 65 or greater years of marriage anytime during 2023.

The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception following the liturgy in the St. Aloysius Parish Hall.

To register, you may call the church office at 225.687.2402 or fill out the form below and mail before <u>Wednesday, February 1, 2023</u> to St. John Church, 57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764.

**\*\*Please print or write legibly. Names will appear on certificate as indicated below. Please fill in all blanks.**\*\* Examples: Mary & John Jones; or Mary Brown and John

Jones; or Mr. and Mrs. John Jones

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_

Phone:

Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of years married: \_\_\_\_

Estimated # of family members to attend besides couple: \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_

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# Nativity Scene in Church

The church will remain open until 3:30pm Sunday, January 15 for anyone who would like to make a prayerful visit to our Lord and Savior in the crèche.

Volunteers are welcome Monday, January 16 at 8am to help dismantle the crèche.

# **Holy Spirit Prayer Group**



The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet in church Sunday, January 15 from 3-5pm.

The mission of the prayer group is to offer praise to God, and intercessory prayers for individuals, our community and the needs of the world. Come join us!

## GROWING IN FAITH St. Peter Bible Study January 19-March 23, 2023

The Study of St. Peter is subtitled "Cornerstone of Catholicism," and Peter is a vital and fundamental stone, but the more we study and understand the life of Peter, the better we will know the one Peter followed and professed, the true and absolute Cornerstone of the Church, Jesus Christ.

The 10-session Bible Study on St. Peter begins Thursday, January 19. Sessions are held in the church office conference room from 1:30-3pm and 6:15-7:45pm. You may attend either session and receive your study guide (\$10) at the first session.

# **Christmas Flowers and Decorations 2022**

## **In Loving Memory**

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Landry, Sr. **Carmen Landry** Mr. & Mrs. Louis M. Zeringue **Ray Zeringue** Louis Zeringue Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Landry, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Zeringue **Carmen Landry Marcia Landry Borne** Wyatt & Oliver Denoux **Ray & Louis Zeringue** Anthony & Margie Vitale J. C. & Hetta Hebert **Gilmore & Cleora Couvillion Roy Couvillion** Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau Milton Allen **Tommy Allen Mosley** Mr. & Mrs. Vivian Allain **Hawley Landry Phil Pettus** Max "Bubba" Taylor Mr. & Mrs. Max Taylor Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Angeron Mr. & Mrs. "T-sy" Landry **Mercedes & Raleigh Ohlmeyer** Raleigh Ohlmeyer, Jr. **Annelies Ohlmeyer Martinez David & Erline Carville Ruth Larpenteur Nancy Stevens** Mr. & Mrs. Jules J. Noel, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. Jules J. Noel, Jr. Frank, Sue & Philip Ragusa & Family **Placito Mancuso Family The Paul Nola Family The Norman Morales Family** J. D. & Ella Collins Family **Mose Gibson Family Bezet & Collins Families Fred Hebert Gloria Ramirez** George Ramirez, Sr. **Agnes** LeBlanc **Jimmy LeBlanc Mary Francis Sidney Francis Antoine Francis** Joe & Maggie Gullotto **George Gullotto** Lola & A. J. Adams **Fave & Paul Troxclair Alton & Jenny Boudreaux Darrel Boudreaux Carolyn Bordelon Kve Boudreaux** 

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Reeves, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Matassa, Jr. Virgil Reeves **Edee Templet Bob & Debbie Templet** Mary Alice Gautreaux Earl "Dut" Hymel Joseph P. "Jep" Daigle **Eddie & Virginia Clebert Ulger & Nilda Daigle** Guy, Doris & Matt Allen **Stuart & Ashlenn Goudeau Burman & Vera Guidry Clarence "Pete" & Mary Berthelot Guidry & Bourque Families** Mr. & Mrs. Kervin Olivier & K. P. Adam Sr. & Adam Jr. Berthelot **Chase Vaughn Eugene & Violet Vaughn Roland Fremin, Sr. Roland Fremin**, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Walton Landry Mr. & Mrs. Gus Falcon **Ruth & Archie Robertson Abigail Robertson** Lawrence & Winnie Miller **Edward Miller Paul & Myrtle Richard** Daigle, Roth, Zeringue & Landry Families Joseph Hubert Millet Milda Millet Mr. & Mrs. Harold Marionneaux Mr. & Mrs. Tony Louis Mr. & Mrs. John Medine Vincent Wunstel, Jr. **Curtis & Riley Callegan Gravois & Wunstel Families Gwen & Callegan Families** Joseph A. Young Pete & Mary Ann Miranda J. W. & Sue Bryant Jansen Pritchard, Jr. Boyce & Rosalie Sharon, Sr. Jansen & Gladys Pritchard, Sr. **Boyce Sharon**, Jr. **Leroy Pritchard Domonic, Ethel & Michael Sciortino** Benjamin Marshall, Jr. Wayne Gary Kaitlyn Correll **Chase Correll Baley Hudnall** 

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# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to praver before the Blessed Sacrament: "But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." - Mt. 6:6

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.



A Vocation servant and a light to others. With whom will you share your light? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

> **Baptisms and Baptism Seminars Baptism Seminars** — 7pm **Church Office Third Floor** Monday, February 6, 2023 Monday, March 6, 2023 Monday, April 3, 2023



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass Saturday, January 21, 2023 Saturday, February 18, 2023 Saturday, April 22, 2023

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

#### **Daily Scripture Reading** January 15-21, 2023

Sunday, January 15: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 Monday, January 16: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22 **Tuesday, January 17:** Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10c; Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday, January 18: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6 Thursday, January 19: Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12 Friday, January 20: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19 Saturday, January 21: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21



#### **Coffee & Donuts** January 15, 2023

Pete & Bonnie Blanchard (7:30am Mass) Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)

## **Altar Society**



Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, January 18 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

The St. John Church Office will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King. Jr. Dav.





## **Sanctuary Candle** January 15, 2023

St. John the Evangelist Trista C. Parro

**St. Clement of Rome** William H. Middleton & Bill Middleton III

# Monthly Offerings/Contributions/Collections (Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other)

#### November 2022

Stewardship	\$57,811.00
Repairs & Maintenance	
Other Collections/Income	
Special Donation	

#### December 2022

Stewardship	\$62,429.00
Repairs & Maintenance	
Other Collections/Income	\$24,463.00
Special Donations	\$37,000.00

#### To sign up for ONLINE GIVING,

visit www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

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# **Contribution Tax Statements**

Anyone needing a 2022 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan at the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402. Statements will be printed upon request.



Please remember St. John Church and St. John School in your Last Will and Testament.

# ZM SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### Mass Intentions — January 21-27, 2023

#### Saturday, January 21-4pm 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; Liz Adams; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Hebert & Ferachi Families; Catherine & Andrew Roucher, Ralph Sonnier: Stephen A. LeBlanc, J. C. LeBlanc, Sr., Caroline Elizabeth & Charlotte Mae Carville; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Darrel Boudreaux; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Camille Tempanaro, M/M Ray Murry, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, Tommy, Brian, Jay & Randy Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Brandi Quatrevingt, Sharkey Altazin; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family

Sunday, January 22-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, January 22-9am 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; Virginia Simon; Harold S., Barbara & Frances Himel; Joshua "Josh" Landry; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; James & Marie Miranda, Denise & Glenda Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Flo, Allen & Paco Ourso

#### Sunday, January 22-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Brenda Fremin; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Jr., Margaret Landry; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families

Tuesday, January 24-6pm Mass

Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges

<u>Wednesday, January 25-7am Mass</u> Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Colletti

<u>Thursday, January 26-7am Mass</u> Roy A. Hebert, David G. Hebert, Gloria Dupont, Clancy Ostergren

Friday, January 27-7am Mass Robert, Betty & Lee Mooney, A. J. Doiron





