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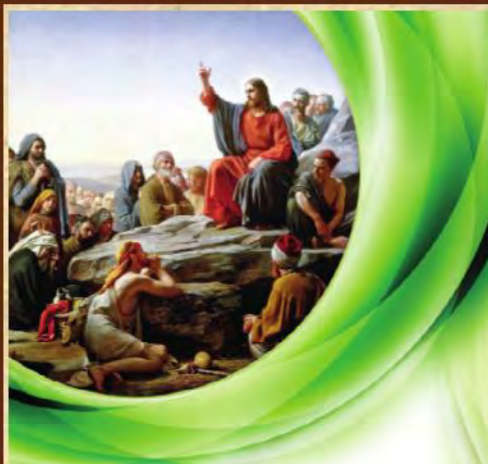
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

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



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 5:3-3*

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023

Blessed are the meek. (Matthew 5:5)

If someone called you meek, would you consider it a compliment or an insult? Are you being described as humble and patient or overly submissive and weak?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus called the meek "blessed," so clearly, he thought it was something worth striving for. He also called himself "meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). And he was: he was submissive, but only to the will of his heavenly Father.

This is what it means to be meek: to bend our will to God's. This kind of meekness requires strength, not weakness, and a willingness to trust and obey the Lord.

In today's first reading from the prophet Zephaniah, it seems that meekness was exactly what the people of Jerusalem were lacking. The northern kingdom of Israel had already been overrun by the Assyrians just a generation or two before Zephaniah wrote these words. A similar fate awaited the southern kingdom because they were worshipping other gods and breaking the Lord's commandments.

And who would survive the "day of the Lord's anger" (Zephaniah 2:3)? Only a "remnant" of people "humble and lowly," who would observe God's laws and seek "justice" and "humility" (2:3; 3:12). They would be blessed for their willingness to be meek before the Lord.

And so will we. When we follow God's commandments, even when our passions and desires push us in the opposite direction, we will enjoy freedom from sin. When we seek the Lord's will in all that we do—especially when we are faced with an important decision—we will feel peaceful and secure that we are following the right path.

Is there an area in your life that you are struggling to submit to the Lord? If so, repent and ask for the grace to give it to him. And even if you don't see the blessings right away, believe that they will come, just as Jesus promised.

"Lord, help me to be like you, meek and humble of heart."

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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 (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

Full Names: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Date of Marriage: _____
Please circle anniversary 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 Wednesday, February 1, 2023 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: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Wedding Date: _____ No. of years married: _____

Estimated # of family members to attend besides couple: _____

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RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1203
Entrance: Gather Us In #929
Preparation: *Instrumental*
Communion: All Who Hunger #1032
Sending Forth: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You #707

St. John School News Epiphany Concert 2023



St. John School held its annual Epiphany Concert on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at St. John the Evangelist Church. The Epiphany Concert featured songs from Broadway, big band and sacred music performed by Father Greg Daigle as vocalist, accompanied by Bill Grimes and the St. John Epiphany Orchestra. The concert, which raises money for the St. John School music program, was a huge success!

We gratefully acknowledge the following Epiphany Concert benefactors:

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Open House

St. John School PreK-8th grade Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 1 at 6pm. Tours of the elementary/middle school campus will be provided.

Register to attend by visiting the St. John School website, www.stjohnschool.org.



FEBRUARY

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room	3	4 Maintenance & Repairs Collection Following Mass Altar Society selling Lenten books
5 Maint. & Repairs Coll. Following all Masses Altar Soc. selling Lenten books 11am Mass Confirmation candidates & sponsors	6 4-5:30pm Bible Study Conference Room 7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room	7	8	9 1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room	10	11  4pm Anniversary Mass Followed by reception Parish Hall
12  3-5pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church	13  2pm Catholic Daughters Meeting Parish Hall 4-5:30pm Bible Study Conference Room	14  Happy Valentine's Day 6pm Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet	15  Confirmation 7pm Confirmation Church	16  1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room 7pm K. C. Meeting K. C. Home	17	18  Following 4pm Mass Baptisms
19  2pm Ladies of Peter Claver Conference Room	20 OFFICE CLOSED 10am Landmark Communion Service 4-5:30pm Bible Study Conference Room	21 OFFICE CLOSED  6pm Liturgy of the Word & Divine Mercy Chaplet	22  Ash Wednesday 7am Mass & Distribution of Ashes 8:30am Mass & Ashes St. Clement Noon Ashes only 6pm Mass & Ashes	23 1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room	24  Noon Way of the Cross 6pm Mass & Way of the Cross	25
26	27 4-5:30pm Bible Study Conference Room	28  9:30am Altar Society Mtg. Conference Room 6pm Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet				11am-Noon Pray the Rosary for Vocations Every Saturday Adoration Chapel

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Do not be afraid. —Luke 5:10

Let Jesus' words to Peter settle in your heart as well. Let them convince you that it's perfectly safe to come into the presence of God. On the contrary, it's the most rewarding, joyous, saving thing you could ever do—and you can do it every single day!

“The Word Among Us” Daily Meditation--Sept. 1, 2022

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.



Coffee & Donuts — January 29, 2023

George & Patricia Ramirez (7:30am Mass)

Patrick & Helen Pendley (9am Mass)

Coffee & Donuts — February 5, 2023

Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30am Mass)

Roger & Rosalind Sadden (9am Mass)



How blest with happiness are those who know they need God. Blest too are those who respond to God's invitation to announce His Good News as a priest, brother, or sister. 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, 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.

Mass Intentions — February 4-10, 2023

Saturday, February 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 Rinaldo; Liz Adams; Roland “Doug” Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Buté Richard; Sue S. Landry; Patrick Gaudet, Iris & Audrey Callegan; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; J. D. Dupre; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; John E., Cecil D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Alfred, Mercedese, Lester & Mary Carville, M/M Edmund Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; Faye & Harry Martinez; Angelo F. Mancuso, Connie Mancuso, Saraphine Stein; May Berta Olano, Robert C. Olano, Keith Edenfield; Paul Joffrion, Sr.;

Sunday, February 5-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners



Sunday, February 5-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaldo; Virginia Simon; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Douglas Bourgoyne, Artie Lyons, Lydia Mae Blanchard; Anthony “Tonto” Pizzolatto, Florence C. Pizzolatto, Josephine Pizzolatto Robinson, Vennie Gasper Pizzolatto; Lorraine “Catty” Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families; A. J. Laurent, Jr.; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle; The Calvaruso Family

Sunday, February 5-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Mike “Fuzzy” Marino, Melissa Jarreau, Maggie David, Amadee David, Edwin “Peanut” Gras, Houston Blanchard, Lisa J. Sands, Adam Sands; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; George “Brother” Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. “Peta” Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Harry Marionneaux, Charles, Doris & Paul Barbier; Amanda & Gus Himel, Murphy & Lance Blanchard; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Victor J. Canella, Carol & Sheila Jarreau; Sam A. Distefano, Sr.

Tuesday, February 7-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; J. A. Palermo, Clay & Bessie Hernandez, Rose Hernandez Boudreaux

Wednesday, February 8-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, February 9-7am Mass

Margie & A. J. Doiron

Friday, February 10-7am Mass

Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard



Sanctuary Candle January 29, 2023

St. John the Evangelist
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Marino, Sr.

St. Clement of Rome
Brenda Comeaux

Daily Scripture Reading January 29-February 4, 2023

Sunday, January 29:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday, January 30:

Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31:

Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 1:

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2:

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Friday, February 3:

Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 4:

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34



Altar Society

The St. John Altar Society will be selling "Little Lenten Books" for Lent on Saturday & Sunday, February 4 & 5 before and after all Masses.

The books (\$1) contain six-minute meditations on the Passion according to Matthew.

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, February 1 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



Contribution Tax Statements

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

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

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