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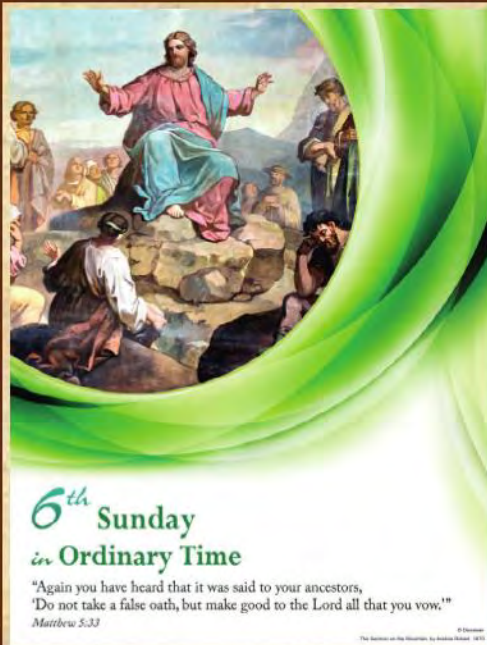
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2023

Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:19)

What would our world be like if everyone lived out the teachings that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel? It would be a world where people work out their differences peacefully. Where husbands and wives are always faithful to one another. Where no one tells a lie or engages in dishonest deals.

Such a world might seem impossible, but this is the world that God has always intended for his people. It's the kingdom that Jesus announced was "at hand" at the beginning of his ministry (Matthew 3:2). It's the kingdom that he ushered in by his death and resurrection. If it seems hidden in some ways, that's because it's still under construction! We won't experience it fully until Jesus comes again.

But that doesn't mean we can't at least begin to experience God's kingdom today. In fact, God is calling us to build the kingdom. How? We can begin by taking Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as a blueprint for our lives. He calls us to pray and not worry about our daily needs. To care for the poor. To forgive as God has forgiven us. To love our enemies. To turn the other cheek. When we do these things, we make God's kingdom visible.

Because Jesus' teachings can be challenging, we might try to make excuses for ourselves or think that only the saints can obey them. But the more we try to live out Jesus' words, the more his Spirit fills our efforts with his divine grace—and the more we come to realize that it doesn't depend only on us, but also on God's power within us.

Today at Mass, ask the Lord how you might bring God's kingdom to the places where you live and work. Rely on his teachings to guide you and the Spirit to empower you. Above all, stay alert, because opportunities to build the kingdom of God will surely come your way!

"Jesus, may your kingdom come through me and all your people!"

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**STATEMENT OF BISHOP MICHAEL G. DUCA OF BATON ROUGE
ON THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP MARIO DORSONVILLE AS
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAU**

Congratulations to Bishop Mario Dorsonville on his appointment as Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux. He will find in the Diocese a rich deposit of the Catholic faith, a people united by a strong sense of family and community, a vibrant and diverse culture, and exquisite cuisine! I know the faithful of Houma-Thibodaux will embrace their new shepherd as quickly as he is certain to embrace them.

Bishop Michael G. Duca
Bishop of Baton Rouge

At the Chancery,
February 1, 2023

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DECLARACION DEL OBISPO MIGUEL G. DUCA DE BATON ROUGE
SOBRE EL NOMBRAMIENTO DEL OBISPO MARIO DORSONVILLE
COMO OBISPO DE LA DIOCESIS DE HOUMA THIBODAU.

Felicitaciones al Obispo Mario Dorsonville por su nombramiento como Obispo de Houma Thibodaux. ¡Encontrara en la Diócesis un rico depósito de la fe católica, un pueblo unido por un fuerte sentido de familia y comunidad, un pueblo vibrante y diverso en cultura, y exquisita gastronomía! Se que los fieles de Houma-Thibodaux estarán abrazando a su nuevo pastor y el los abrazara a todos tan pronto como llegue.

Obispo Michael G. Duca
Obispo de Baton Rouge

En la Cancillería,
Febrero 01, 2028

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Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration 2023



Saturday, February 11 at 4pm Mass we welcome couples who are celebrating their special wedding anniversaries at St. John.

Everyone is invited to a reception in their honor following Mass in the parish hall hosted by the St. John Altar Society.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We will welcome Bishop Michael Duca Wednesday, February 15 to 7pm Mass as he seals the following candidates with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Lilla Aucoin
Hunter Blair
Gage Blanchard
Meghan Brandau
Ellis Braud
Layla Brown
Caroline Bueche
Leslie Bueche
Bradleigh Canella
Chandler Courtade
Annfairleigh Davison
Lakelyn Devillier
Michael Edwards
Chloe Edwards-Fontenot
Hilton Hartman
Braylon Hebert
Meg Hedges
Alyse Landry
Gage Landry
Kennedy Landry
Ava Leger
Dylan Lopez
Jack Marcantel
Mackenzie Janet
Blaise Mendoza
Brode Miller
Genevieve Prejean
Isabella Rawlinson
Gage Ramagost
Clayton Repp
Kohen Sanchez
Ethan Seneca
Annaleise Simpson
Cinclair Simpson
Chloe Smith
Caleb Weber

Everyone is invited to a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following Confirmation hosted by the St. John Altar Society.

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.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1209
Entrance: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #714
Preparation: *Instrumental*
Communion: Blest are They #839
Sending Forth: Lead Me, Guide Me #759

Catholic Daughters



We welcome the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1214 to 11am Mass as they celebrate their Quarterly Communion with us.

Lent



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, a day of fast and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

7am - Mass & Distribution of Ashes
8:30am - St. John School Mass & Distribution of Ashes
St. Clement Church
Noon - Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
6pm - Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Fast & Abstinence:

Fasting: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18, but not yet 59, are allowed only one full meal. Two small meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from Meat: Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. The Church no longer attempts to prescribe our Lenten practices in detail. The above regulations simply highlight Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and other Fridays in Lent.

Christmas Flowers and Decorations 2022

In Loving Memory

Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert,
Louise & Edmund Bujol
Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Alcee & Irene Hebert &
Family, Dego & Violet Rivet & Family

Daily Scripture Readings February 12-18, 2023

Sunday, February 12:

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10;
Mt 5:17-37

Monday, February 13:

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 14:

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 9c-10; Mk 8:41-21

Wednesday, February 15:

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 16:

Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29; Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 17:

Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday, February 18:

Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13



Divine Mercy Novena Mass and Chaplet

This year on Tuesday, February 14 at 6pm our parish will begin its nine-week Novena of Divine Mercy with Mass, followed immediately by the sung chaplet of Divine Mercy and Novena prayers.

Divine Mercy is a prominent theme of the Scriptures, in both the New Testament and the Old. In our own time, devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ has spread throughout the world in an extraordinary way through the grace of a private revelation given to a humble Polish nun, St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-38). Our Lord Himself appeared to St. Faustina and instructed her to act as His "Apostle of Divine Mercy," giving her the following commission: *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy!* He also instructed her to have an image of His Divine Mercy painted, just as He had appeared to her, so that veneration of this image would lead a great number of souls to Him. At the foundation of that image is the simple message, Jesus, I trust in You. Our Lord likewise instructed Faustina to let it be known that He wished the Sunday after Easter to be instituted in the Church as a universal Feast of Divine Mercy. Concerning the feast, Jesus made the following promise: *On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. The souls that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion on this day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. This incomparable grace has been described as a kind of "second baptism," including the remission of all sin and temporal punishment due to sin. (N.B. confession within a proximate time before the feast, e.g., during the season of Lent, is sufficient. One must receive the Eucharist worthily on the feast, this is, in the state of sanctifying grace.)*

Jesus invites you to enter into the cloister of His Heart! This is the Message of Divine Mercy. He wants you to reside within His Heart and experience His Peace. Through His mediation, He wants you to come to know God the Father and the Holy Spirit, too. There is nothing that Our Lord withholds from the soul who sincerely seeks Him with humble repentance, generosity and trust. Jesus Christ loves you with all His Heart, and He wants to dwell within your heart, too. If there is a need for healing there (and indeed, there is always need for healing there), you can be sure that He knows just what to do.

You are invited to come on the nine Tuesdays from February 14 through April 11, 2023 in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday April 16 (the second Sunday of Easter).

Cor ad Cor Loquitur. Heart speaks to heart. The Heart of Christ speaks to the heart of man — to your heart — if you will but open the door and listen to Him.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

An Invitation to Prayer
Before the Blessed Sacrament

A Reading from the letter of St. James 4:6-10:
Be subject therefore to God, but resist the devil and he will flee from you ... Be sorrowful and mourn and weep ... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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.

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars at St. John the Evangelist Church



Baptism Seminar

Monday, March 6, 2023
Monday, April 3, 2023
Monday, May 1, 2023

Baptisms

Saturday, February 18, 2023
Saturday, April 22, 2023
Saturday, May 20, 2023

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 at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.



A Vocation View

Anyone who will not take up his cross is not worthy to follow Jesus. Therefore, pray that many more generous men and women will be willing to embrace the cross and follow Jesus 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.

Manresa Retreat Convent, Louisiana February 23-26, 2023

A Manresa Retreat will be held Thursday, February 23 through Sunday, February 26, 2023. Spots are available and open to men 18 years of age or older. All religions are welcome.

If you are interested in attending, contact David LoBue at 225.776.6473 or Punchy Daigle at 225.413.4685. For more information visit manresala.org.

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.

Mass Intentions — February 18-24, 2023

Saturday, February 18-4pm 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; Ronnie Dugas, M/M Falon Trabeaux, Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Hebert & Ferachi Families; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jane & Jerry, Kirsch Kember; M/M John Caffarel, M/M G. E. Marix; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Kerne M. Coreil, Sr.; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; J. W. & Sue Bryant, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr., Andrew & Josephine Canova, Faye & Paul Troxclair, Alton & Jenny 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; Wayne Gary, Kaitlyn Correll, Chase Correll, Baley Hudnall; Evelyn Varnell

Sunday, February 19-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, February 19-9am 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; M/M Jules J. Noel, Sr.; Alvin Sr., Marion & Trisha Hebert; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn. Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Ray, T. N. & Steve Patin

Sunday, February 19-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Cannella, Dominic Engolio, Pauline & Joseph Engolio, Charles Engolio; Brenda Fremin; Father Robert Byrne, Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Jr., Margaret Landry; Victor J. Canella

Tuesday, February 21-6pm Mass

Sue S. Landry & Ozma Salvadras, Ida Salvadras; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Cloutre & Middleton Families; Pim Clebert

Ash Wednesday, February 22-7am Mass

Jaynell Lopez, Albert Lopez, Jr., Johnson & Lopez Families; Joshua "Josh" Landry; Edmund Gomez, Jr.

Thursday, February 23-7am Mass

Dominic Engolio

Friday, February 24-7am Mass

Margaret, Gary & M/M Ernest Hernandez



Sanctuary Candle February 12, 2023

St. John the Evangelist
Bobby Wilson

St. Clement of Rome
Mr. & Mrs. Allen P. Callahan

Coffee, Donuts & King Cake February 19, 2023



**Derryl Comeaux, Bobbie Cavalier &
Janis Rockforte (7:30am Mass)**

Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)



Altar Society

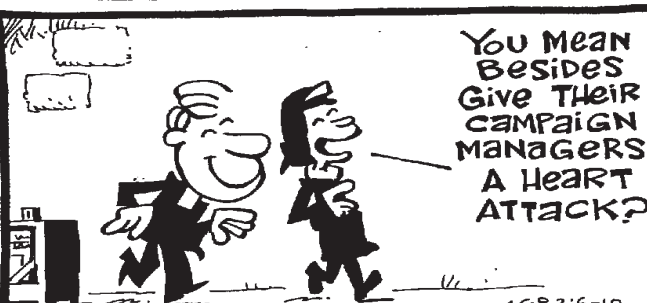
Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, February 15 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I WONDER
WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF
POLITICIANS
RAN THEIR
CAMPAIGNS
BY GOD'S
RULES?



SYDNEY LEEB!
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YOU MEAN
BESIDES
GIVE THEIR
CAMPAIGN
MANAGERS
A HEART
ATTACK?

1 COR 2:6-10

Blessed are they who follow the law of the LORD.



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