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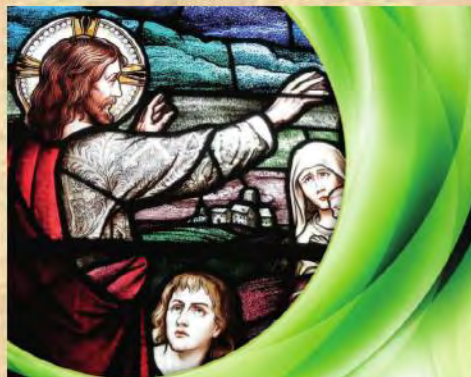
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

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



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

"Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."  
Matthew 5:44

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2023

*Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16)*

For Israel, the Temple at Jerusalem was the holiest place on earth. A beautiful, gilded structure, it stood as a testament to God's faithfulness. But its splendor and holiness didn't come from its ornate decoration. It came from God's presence within. There, almighty God showed his glory. From there, he blessed his people and offered them a share in his mercy and love.

So when St. Paul told the Corinthians that they were the temple of God, they would have recalled the physical Temple. But the idea that they were holy, like the Temple, must have seemed almost comical. Throughout his letter to them, Paul addresses the many weaknesses of the Corinthian church: their disordered worship, sexual immorality, immature faith, and failures to love. They didn't sound very holy at all. But Paul tells them that they aren't just like the Temple; they are the very temple of God—and God himself lives within them, by the Holy Spirit.

How can this be? How could the all-holy God dwell amid sinful people like the Corinthians—and us, for that matter? This is the mystery of the mercy and power of God. Through the waters of baptism, God cleanses us of our sins and makes us worthy to receive his Spirit. He fills us with his own presence and makes us holy "temples," set apart for him.

God so desires to be close to us that he chooses to inhabit imperfect groups of imperfect people. The treasure of his presence dwells in "earthen vessels" (2 Corinthians 4:7). And he dwells in you. You may not feel like a beautiful temple; you may feel more like a cracked clay pot. But what makes you holy is not your own goodness; it's Jesus himself, helping you every day, to be perfect, as he is perfect (Matthew 5:48).

*"Thank you, Holy Spirit, for living in me! Make me more like Jesus today."*

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# ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

## Lent

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

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.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."  
—Saint Therese of Lisieux

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

Baptism Seminars — 7pm  
Third Floor Conference Room

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



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

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

## Divine Mercy Novena

On Tuesday, February 14, our parish began its Novena of Divine Mercy with Mass, followed immediately by the sung chaplet of Divine Mercy and Novena Prayers. The Novena will continue every Tuesday for nine weeks ending April 20 leading to the Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16.

Our office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, January 20 and 21.

Happy Mardi Gras!!



## RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time #1212  
Entrance: All Are Welcome #925  
Preparation: \*Instrumental\*  
Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #819  
Sending Forth: O God beyond All Praising #725



## Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated special anniversaries and were honored Saturday, February 11 at 4pm Mass followed by a reception in the parish hall hosted by the Altar Society.

25<sup>th</sup>

Janée & Victor Blanchard IV  
Beth & Brandon Bueche

50<sup>th</sup>

Donna & Dr. Charles Carville  
Hedwig & Samuel Carville

55<sup>th</sup>

JoAnne & Dale Adams  
Sandra & Mervin "Butch" Gourgues

60<sup>th</sup>

Dorothy & Victor Blanchard III

65<sup>th</sup>

Margery & Charles LePere

66<sup>th</sup>

Shirley & Jack Franklin

73<sup>rd</sup>

Mary & Louis Clement

74<sup>th</sup>

Catherine "Catee" & Carl "Caboot" D'Albor

*May God continue to bless these couples with continued love, joy and happiness.*

## Daily Scripture Readings February 19-25, 2023

### Sunday, February 19:

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

### Monday, February 20:

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

### Tuesday, February 21:

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

### Ash Wednesday, February 22:

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday, February 23:

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

### Friday, February 24:

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday, February 25:

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32



# LENT 2023

St. John the Evangelist  
Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

— a day of abstinence  
from meat

— a day of fasting and  
abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church’s liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer” (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>						
<p><b>26</b> Imagine being responsible for all the souls in the world. Offer a Rosary for the intentions of the pope.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Ask God to show you what is keeping you from experiencing His love fully—worry, fears, sin. Resolve to deal with it by Easter.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Offer an extra small sacrifice for God, just for today - coffee without cream, lukewarm shower, no snacking, etc.</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>March</b> Enjoy pretzels -- a traditional Lenten snack. The “crossed” arms of the pretzel recalled monks at prayer.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Today, look for opportunities to practice the virtues humility, patience, and kindness.</p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>First Friday</i> Attend Mass or visit the Blessed Sacrament (find the red candle). Be present to Him who is present to you.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Set up an empty box or bin. Throughout Lent, fill it with gently used clothes. Bring it to a local charity at the end of Lent.</p>
<p><b>5</b> After Mass today, go out to eat with other parishioners from church.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Dive deeper into your faith. Skim the glossary in the Catechism for an unfamiliar term and learn the Church’s teaching about it.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Pick an issue in the news and pray over it today.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Figure out on which luxuries you spend the most money. Take a tenth of that amount and put it in the poor box at church.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for those who have no one to pray for them. Look here: <a href="https://www.usccb.org/prayers/divine-mercy-chaplet">https://www.usccb.org/prayers/divine-mercy-chaplet</a>.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Resist “idle curiosity.” Don’t research trivial questions or follow every browser thread. Unless it’s important, it’s okay not knowing.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Pray for pregnant mothers and their babies. Consider donating to pro-life charities that help women in crisis.</p>
<p><b>12</b> Reread John 4:5-30. How is Christ calling you closer to Him? What “jug” would you leave behind?</p>	<p><b>13</b> Refuse to gossip, either in person or on screen. Affirm every person or keep silent.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Write down your worries. Place the list under a statue or image of Jesus. Pray, “Jesus, I surrender this to You. Take care of everything.”</p>	<p><b>15</b> Attend Confession and experience God’s mercy. Resolve to make amends where you can.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Check out Catholic Relief Services to see how you can support their projects. Look here: <a href="https://www.crs.org">https://www.crs.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick’s Day</i> In honor of St. Patrick, evangelize silently by wearing a symbol of your faith (e.g. a cross, medal).</p>	<p><b>18</b> Contact local shelters and soup kitchens and ask if they need volunteers.</p>
<p><b>19</b> <i>Laelare Sunday</i> Unless it’s sinful, enjoy something you gave up for Lent in joyful anticipation of Easter!</p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>St. Joseph’s Day</i> St. Joseph silently, selflessly cared for Mary and Jesus. Pray for fathers and entrust them to St. Joseph’s care.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Do an act of kindness. Whether openly or secretly, do it for God’s glory. It’s really Him you’re serving.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Take the box of clothes you set up on March 4 to a clothing drive.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Pray for an increased faith throughout the Church in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Practice patience... patiently. “Be patient with everyone, but first of all with yourself” (St. Francis de Sales).</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i> Mary said “Yes!” to God’s plan. Pray three Hail Marys for the grace to give your “Yes” to Him, too.</p>
<p><b>26</b> Fast from unnecessary screen use today. Use the time to read a book, walk outside, pray.</p>	<p><b>27</b> This week, get up when the alarm goes off and offer your day to God’s service.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Send your parish priests a “spiritual bouquet” — listing the prayers you’ll offer for them (e.g. three Hail Marys, an Our Father).</p>	<p><b>29</b> Today, complete an errand or chore you’ve been putting off.</p>	<p><b>30</b> The Our Father is the prayer given to us by Jesus. Pray each line slowly. Really think about what you are saying.</p>	<p><b>31</b> Today, fast from complaining. Cultivate gratitude instead.</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>April</b> Declutter, dust, and clean the house in preparation for Holy Week — the holiest time of the year.</p>
<p><b>2</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> Display blessed palms around your home, “that the King of Glory may come in!” (Psalm 24:7)</p>	<p><b>3</b> Holy Week is a busy time for parishes. Stop by your parish office and ask how you can help.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Pray for those who are coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Judas betrayed Christ. Consider how our sins betray Jesus and make a sincere Act of Contrition.</p>	<p><b>6</b> <i>Holy Thursday</i> Visit the Blessed Sacrament. Offer Him your love for the “lost hour” of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:40).</p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>Good Friday</i> Read the Passion Narrative, John 18, 19. See Jesus’ offering of love for you. How will you respond?</p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i> Renew your baptismal vows and commit to living your faith more fully this year.</p>

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## Mass Intentions — February 25-March 3, 2023

### Saturday, February 25-4pm 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; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; J. D. Dupre; Michael Laurent, M/M C. L. Laurent, Sr.; Janice Brown; Paul & Jenise Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale; Patricia Ann LeBlanc; Ione Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Evelyn Varnell; The Currier Family; Randy, Lacy, Peter & Florence Morales; Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Caliste "Joe" & Gloria Landry, Kimberly & Josh Landry

### Sunday, February 26-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners



### Sunday, February 26-9am 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; Tommy Griffon; Margaret Landry; Allen & Alberta Buquoi, Dwight Marix, Lois Marix; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Tom Stuart

### Sunday, February 26-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; Ignace & Vivian Tullier; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn

### Tuesday, February 28-6pm Mass

Margie Dill

### Wednesday, March 1-7am Mass

Marie Ragusa LeBlanc

### Thursday, March 2-7am Mass

M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.

### Friday, March 3-7am Mass

Betty Dupuy



### **Sanctuary Candle February 19, 2023**

**St. John the Evangelist  
Jerry Ramirez**

**St. Clement of Rome  
Brennan Eugene Bujol,**

**Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol**

### **A Vocation View**

If you feel you are being called to the priesthood or religious life, take courage, the Lord is with you!

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).



### **Angels for Angels**

The Angels for Angels program has been able to help children in our local schools with much needed items such as socks, shorts and underwear (size 3T-6T). Teachers contact the Angels for Angels with a specific need for a specific child in their classroom.

Volunteers are needed to relieve the burden some teachers face who use their own monies to purchase these items. If you are willing to impact a child's life in our community, please call Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 or the church office at 225.687.2402.



### **Coffee, Donuts & King Cake February 26, 2023**

June Pinsonat, Sandra Bizette & Mary Jo Caffarel  
(7:30am Mass)

Blane & Deryl Ourso (9am Mass)

### **Altar Society**

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, February 22 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 at 225.687.2402. Statements will be printed upon request.

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For more information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, (March 10-12) contact: Randall and Robin Bellard @ 225.271.4092 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org).



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