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9:00 am

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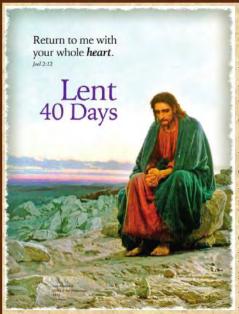
Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

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six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 5:30-5:45 pm Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm



First Sunday in Lent February 26, 2023

You will be like gods. (Genesis 3:5)

We know what the first sin was: Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit. But do you know what the first temptation was? "You will be like gods" (Genesis 3:5).

This is the temptation that has always plagued humanity. Like gods, we want to be in control. We want to decide what's right and wrong. We want the power, honor, and glory that belong only to the Lord.

This is the same temptation that Jesus conquered in his battle with Satan in the desert. In today's Gospel, the devil tries to tempt Jesus to rebel against his Father's plan. He taunts Jesus, saying, "If you are the Son of God ..." (Matthew 4:3, 6). In other words, If you are really who you claim to be, don't wait for your Father's permission. Go ahead and act like God!

But Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped" (Philippians 2:6). Though he was God incarnate, he submitted to his Father's will each and every day. Finally, he undid that first sin of Adam when he offered himself on the cross to save us (Romans 5:12, 15).

This Lent, ask the Spirit to help you recognize where you are being tempted to rebel against God. It may be something subtle, like persisting in a bad habit. Or it may be something more obvious, like resisting God's will in a difficult situation.

Don't get discouraged if you see signs of rebellion. Instead, let the words of St. Paul in today's second reading encourage you: through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have all received an "abundance of grace" (Romans 5:17). That grace can help you overcome any temptation—including the temptation to be your own god! This Lent, just keep asking for God's grace, and trust that it will never run out.

"Jesus, give me the grace to submit to you in all things."

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February 26, 2023

Dear Family:

As Lent begins, the readings invite us to meditate on two men. The first man, Adam, gave in to his mistrust or hunger for power and broke the one promise that he had made to God, who formed him from the dust and gave him life. The second man, Jesus, ushered in the dawn of the new creation by refusing to mistrust God or seize power for himself. Through a life of obedience, crowned by submitting even to the pain and darkness of earth, Jesus undid Adam's act of disobedience.

In Genesis, the serpent is one of God's creatures -- a cunning one, to be sure, but one of the "animals that the Lord God had made" (Genesis 3:1). Nothing in Genesis explains why the serpent chooses to trick or tempt the two humans to disobey their Creator. In Matthew, Jesus is tempted by the devil, a figure that later Christian traditions associate with the serpent in the garden. The test in the wilderness is administered by the devil but initiated by God, as Matthew writes: "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted". Perhaps God is testing to see if his Son will succeed where Adam failed.

Because Jesus stood firm against the devil's seductions, "acquittal (justification) and life came to all". Lent invites us to meditate on our participation in both Adam and Christ. As the psalmist writes, "I acknowledge my offense" (Psalm 51:3). We face honestly our guilt and the sins we have committed against God. But Lent also invites us into the joy of our guilt being washed away.

Some questions for reflection:

Did the serpent lie or tell the truth when he told Adam and Eve that they would die if they ate the fruit? Is it easy or difficult to acknowledge your offense before God?

Of all the temptations that the devil could have chosen, who do you think he chose those three?

On a personal note, I must inform you on a health issue I have been dealing with for two years. You may have noticed my limping about over the last six months. There is currently a lot of pain to deal with. A year ago, I was told by physicians that I was headed for hip replacement surgery. Unfortunately, the pain is a bit much and is affecting my ministry to and for you all. I am grateful for all the health care workers who have helped me to this point and continue to keep them in prayer as I will soon be having surgery. My hip replacement surgery is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th and my surgeon, Dr. Joseph Broyles, and his team will be using their hands to work God's healing in me. Please keep Dr. Broyles and his team in your prayers. I also ask for your prayers. I will be away for recovery at one of my tennis buddy's homes for two weeks and plan to return to the rectory on March 27th. Thanks to all of you for your concern for me. I am grateful, blessed and humbled by your support.

Fr. Greg

FIVE THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT FORGIVENESS

- THE FIRST PERSON WHO BENEFITS FROM ME FORGIVING SOMEONE ELSE --- IS ME? [WHY? BECAUSE IN FORGIVING ANOTHER I NO LONGER ALLOW THAT PERSON/EVENT TO HAVE POWER OVER ME.]
- 2. BEING A FORGIVER DOES NOT MAKE US FOOLS. [RIGHT IS RIGHT, WRONG IS WRONG. SOMETIMES, WHEN FOLKS HAVE A PATTERN OF HURTING US, WE STILL FORGIVE BUT KEEP A "HOLY DISTANCE". WE ARE STILL KIND/CIVIL.]
- 3. FORGIVING ANOTHER IS AN ACT OF OUR WILL. [WE WILL OFTEN HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE CHOSEN TO FORGIVE AND COMMIT OURSELVES TO THAT TRUTH WITHOUT HAVING THE "FEELING" OF HAVING FORGIVENESS. THE "FEELING" MAY TAKE A LONG TIME OR MAY NEVER COME, BUT I CAN ALWAYS COMMIT TO GOD AND TO MYSELF THAT I CHOOSE TO FORGIVE.]
- 4. WE DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE PERSON/INSTITUTION/SYSTEM TO ASK FOR FORGIVENESS BEFORE WE OFFER FORGIVENESS. [FRANKLY, A PERSON OR INSTITUTION/SYSTEM MAY NEVER ASK FOR FORGIVENESS. THERE ARE SOME FOLKS WHO THINK THEY HAVE NEVER DONE ANYTHING WRONG TO US.]
- 5. FORGIVENESS FOR US IS A JOURNEY. [JUST LIKE OUR BAPTISM IS A JOURNEY IN FAITH AS WE CONTINUALLY DEEPEN OUR LOVE OF GOD, THE SACRAMENTS, THE SCRIPTURES AND OUR GOOD WORKS SO GOES OUR PATH IN FORGIVENESS. WE ARE HUMAN AND WE STRIVE TO FORGIVE COMPLETELY AS GOD HAS FORGIVEN US. HOWEVER, I LIKE TO SAY THAT "GOD HAS HOLY AMNESIA". SOMETIMES, IT TAKES A WHILE FOR US ON THE JOURNEY BEFORE WE CAN FORGIVE LIKE JESUS. NONETHELESS, HE IS THE PERFECT IMAGE OF FORGIVNESS AS HE SUFFERED ON THE CROSS AND CRIED OUT TO HIS FATHER "FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO".] Rev. Gregory J. Daigle



Lent

Lenten Weekday Schedule:

Tuesday - 6pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine **Mercy Novena**

Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass Friday - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross 6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross (No 7am Mass during Lent)

EUCHARISTIC 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 doand you can do it every single day!
"The Word Among Us" Daily Meditation September 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.

St. Joseph Altar Preparations

The St. Joseph Altar will be held Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Preparations for the St. Joseph Altar is in progress at the K. C. Home. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join us at 9am Monday through Saturday. Contact Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685 for more information.

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the **Evangelist Church Building Fund in loving memory of:**

Lowry Andrews Lucy Griffon

Donated by: The Douglas Durand Family

Daily Scripture Readings February 26-March 4, 2023

Sunday, February 26:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday, February 27:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 28:

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 1:

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 2:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1--3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 3:

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 4:

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: First Sunday of Lent #1116 **Entrance: Led by the Spirit #576**

Communion: Grant to Us, O Lord #578

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.

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm **Church Office Third Floor** Monday, March 6, 2023 Monday, April 3, 2023 Monday, May 1, 2023



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass 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.

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.

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For more information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, (March 10-12) contact: Randall and Robin Bellard @ 225.571.4092 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org.



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	SEASON OF LENT		1	2 1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room	Noon Way of the Cross 6pm Mass & Way of the Cross	4 Maintenance & Repairs Collection 11am-Noon Pray the Rosary every Saturday for Vocations Adoration Chapel
5 Maintenance & Repairs Collection 11am Mass Landmark	7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room	6pm Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet	6pm Mandatory 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting Parish Hall	9 1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room	Noon Way of the Cross 6pm Mass & Way of the Cross	11
Daylight Savings Time Begins 3-5pm Holy Spirt Prayer Group	2pm Catholic Daughters Meeting Parish Hall	6pm Mass & Divine	6-7pm The Light is On for You! Reconciliation	1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room 7pm K. C. Meeting	Noon Way of the Cross 6pm Mass &	4pm Mass Honoring St. Joseph 5pm Blessing St. Joseph Altar
Noon-1:30pm St. Joseph Altar K. C. Home 2pm Ladies of Peter Claver Meeting Parish Hall	20 10am Communion Service Landmark	Mercy Chaplet 21 6pm Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church 22	1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room	Noon Way of the Cross Property of the Cross One of the Cross One of the Cross Way of the Cross Way of the Cross	K. C. Home 25 10:30am-2:30pm Women's Lenten Silent Retreat Parish Hall
26 11am Mass First Eucharist	27	9:30am Altar Society Mtg. Conference Room 6pm Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet	29	30	Noon Way of the Cross 6pm Mass & Way of the Cross	

Saturday, March 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 Rinaudo; Liz Adams; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Michael Laurent, M/M Owen Miller, Sr.; 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., Cecile 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; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle; Achee Family, Carringone Family, Hollye Annette Comeaux, Dale Miller; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelyn Staempfli

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

Sunday, March 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 Rinaudo; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott Marino; Mike "Fuzzy" Marino, Melissa Jarreau; Maggie David, Amadee David, Edwin "Peanut" Gras, Houston Blanchard, Lisa J. Sands, Adam Sands; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Roy A. Hebert, David G. Hebert; Mitchel Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Michael Clause, Mary Jo Primeaux; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; The Calvaruso Family; Burman & Vera Guidry

Sunday, March 5-11am Mass

O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; George "Brother" Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Lillie Engolio Distefano

Tuesday, March 7-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III; Ray, T. N. & Steve Patin; Colby Gomez

Wednesday, March 8-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, March 9-7am Mass

Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families

Friday, March 10-6pm Mass

Scott Jude Marino

A Vocation View

Vocations Jesus prayed and fasted for 40 days and nights. We can take His example, begging the Lord of the Harvest for an increase in Church vocations. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.



Attar TSociety

Sanctuary Candle February 26, 2023

St. John the Evangelist A. J. Laurent, Jr.

St. Clement of Rome Mr. & Mrs. Fred Allain Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Dupont, Jr.

Coffee, Donuts & King Cake March 5, 2023

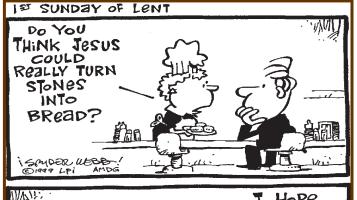


Lou Anna Canella & Lionel Schexnaildre (7:30am Mass)

Bobby Blanchard, Suzie Burns & Michelle Sharon (9am Mass)

Altar Society

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





One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'



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