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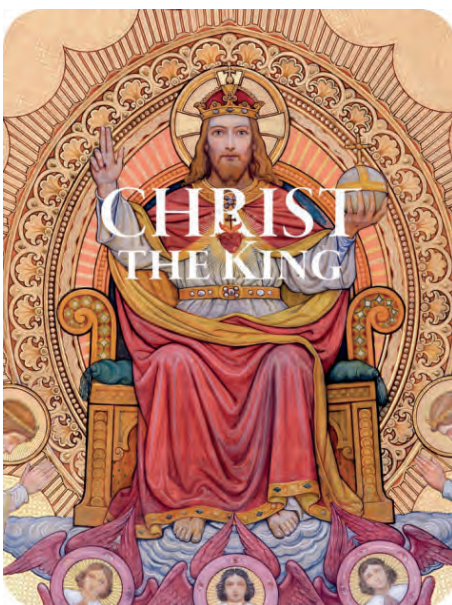
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Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday....7:30am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday..... 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 am
Thursday 7:00 am
Friday 7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday.....5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday3:00-3:30 pm



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 26, 2023

Leap of Faith

Today's Gospel could be seen as an example of what St. Paul is explaining in the second reading. Since death came into the world with the sin of Adam, Christ's death saved us from sin and his resurrection saves us from death. And since Christ had to die before he could rise, the last enemy to be subjected is death; so too do we have to die before we can rise.

When all this happens, God will be seen in all of creation. Jesus will be seen as equal to God, not just a man, but the Son of God. The Gospel gives us the image of a king on his throne, surrounded by his subjects. And then comes the final judgment.

I always thought the point of this parable was that we recognize God in the poor, the sick, the homeless, prisoners, etc. But the people in the parable who helped all those in need did not recognize Christ in the needy. That's why he tells them that whatever we do for "these least ones," we do for Christ.

That is actually good news, because it is not always easy to recognize Christ in others. I used to think that once I start seeing Christ in all people, I'll be more willing to help them. But it also works the other way. When you help someone in need, you begin to see Christ there, too. Whether it is a

death-row prisoner or a homeless family, we take that leap of faith to help, not because we see Christ in them but just because they need help. Remember, God forgives and saves us because we need God, not because we deserve it.

Tom Schmidt

Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we reflect on the day when we will meet Christ face to face. Our reflection began two Sundays ago when the readings encouraged us to be prepared. Last week, the readings invited us to consider how we have spent the time waiting for Christ. This week's readings add another nuance: Did we recognize that Christ was always with us, especially in the poor?

As the first reading and psalm reveal, the God of Israel always had special interest in the needs of the poor. Time and again, God instructed Israel not to let the poor suffer, to render just judgments for widows and orphans, to feed the hungry, and - as the prophet Ezekiel writes in this Sunday's first reading - to seek out the lost and heal the injured. As this Sunday's psalm shows, biblical literature turns repeatedly to images of God as shepherd. People recognized the care that shepherds provided their flocks, and many people experienced a similar care in the love of God.

Paul reminds Christians that those who belong to Christ must follow his example with their actions. The church as a body leads us in caring for the poor and tending the sick, but individual Christians have a responsibility to do the same as far as their means allow. It is easy to think that concern for the least is merely one good way to symbolize interior salvation, but that is not what this Sunday's Gospel teaches. Matthew insists that care for the least is an encounter with Christ himself, and that it prepares us for the day when we meet Christ face to face.

In Matthew's mind, only those who seek Christ in gritty and painful realities like homelessness, hunger, illness, and imprisonment will be recognized by him when he comes in glory.

Some questions for reflection:

How have you encountered Christ in the poor?

How have you sought out the lost?

In the Gospel reading, neither group recognized Christ in the poor. Who do you suppose the righteous continued to serve the needs of the poor?

At our Vigil Mass on Saturday we will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance. This simple ritual within our Eucharistic celebration is for those seeking full communion in our Catholic Church. Here they take their first steps advancing to their goal of being one with us at the Table of the Lord Jesus. Please remember to keep them and our RCIA Team in your prayers.

Please don't forget that directly after our Vigil Mass next Saturday you are all invited to our Annual Open House at the Rectory. A BIG thanks to all those who helped decorate the Rectory for the Holy Season. Hope to see you there.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, December 4, 2023

Monday, January 15, 2024

Baptisms

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Saturday, January 27, 2024



Baptism Seminars are held in the third floor church office conference room 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore! He is Waiting for You!

"At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

—Phil 2:10-11

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.



Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

Readings: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe #1293
 Entrance All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! #672
 Preparation *Instrumental*
 Communion Eat This Bread #1033
 Sending Forth Crown Him with Many Crowns #669

Bringing Christmas Joy

On Saturday, December 2, 2023, spend the afternoon with us at the St. John Rectory for our Parish Open House. Everyone is invited to join Fr. Greg for an afternoon of refreshments and fellowship directly following 4pm Mass from 5pm until 7pm.

Christmas Cards for Inmates

The Catholic Community at Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Chaplain's Department are again inviting our parish to participate in the Christmas card program. Their goal is to provide each inmate with at least 5 cards and envelopes.

Anyone interested in donating new religious Christmas cards should drop them off at the St. John Church office by Thursday, November 30. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison.

We can accept Birthday and Get Well cards also.

Religious cards are preferred.

Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be set up in church Saturday, November 25, 2023 for you to take a candy cane with a child's name. If anyone pulls #142-271 and wants to buy clothing, you may text Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 for sizes which have been provided by Iberville Elementary. Gifts are due Sunday, December 10. Please buy gifts and share the joy of Jesus' birth with the children.

Sorting will take place December 17 in the Parish Hall with distribution on December 18.

St. Joseph Altar Worker Potluck Christmas Party

A Potluck Christmas Party will be held in the Parish Hall Friday, December 1 for the St. Joseph Altar workers. Bring your favorite dish and join us for fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, you may call Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685.

Parish Activities December 2023

Friday, December 1

St. Joseph Altar Worker Christmas Party ... P. Hall
 11am-2pm

Saturday, December 2

Parish Open House.....St. John Rectory
 5-7pm

Monday, December 4

Baptism Seminar Conference Room
 7pm

Friday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Masses:

7am, 8:30am (school) & 6pm

Creche will be set up

Saturday, December 9

Ladies Silent Advent Retreat Parish Hall
 10:30am-3pm

Sunday, December 10

Ladies of Peter Claver Parish Hall
 2-4pm

Holy Spirit Prayer Group St. John Church
 3-5pm

Monday, December 11

Decorating for Christmas Church
 8am

Catholic Daughter Meeting and Christmas
 Potluck Dinner Parish Hall

2pm

Wednesday, December 13

Altar Society Big Cleaning for Christmas Church
 8am

GEMS Pot Luck Luncheon Parish Hall
 11am-1pm

Thursday, December 14

SJS Christmas Concert Church
 6-7:15pm

Saturday, December 16

Baptisms Church
 5pm

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses:

4pm (Children's Mass), 6pm & Midnight

Monday, December 25

9am Mass

Women's Advent Silent Retreat

Worship and Fellowship

When: Saturday, December 9, 2023
 10:30am-3pm

Where: St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Hall

Lead by: The Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes

A light lunch will be provided. Register today by calling 225.687.2402.



A Vocation View

Called to Religious Life?

Tending to the needs of others is a gift of service to God as well as to those in need. Choose to serve in

every instance. Listen for a call to service 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Patrick Gaudet, Iris & Audrey Callegan; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Carol Brandt; Raymond & Amanda Ducote; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecelia Laurent; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Alfred, Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, Rose Marie LeBlanc, LeBlanc & Canella Families; M/M Edmund Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; John "Shane" David Smith; John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry; Michael Laurent, Jack Laurent; Myria Andre-Martin; Gerald "Lil Jerry" Mire; Allen Cavalier

Sunday, December 3-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, December 3-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Andrew & Josephine Canova; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Marvin, Doris, Guy & Matthew Allen; The Calvaruso Family; Missy Hopkins; James Roucher; Dr. Vincent Leggio, The Tony Leggio Families; M/M Dudley LeBlanc

Sunday, December 3-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Bobby & Bootsie Dupont; Buck Fourroux; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; The Currier Families; Timothy Ishmael

Tuesday, December 5-6pm Mass

Fr. Karl Heesh, SM; A Special Intention through the Intercession of St. Peregrine, St. Jude, St. Joseph & Mother Mary

Wednesday, December 6-7am Mass

Roland "Dougie" Rivet

Thursday, December 7-7am Mass

Rosemary Cox

Friday, December 8-6pm Mass

Feast of Immaculate Conception

Brenda Fremin; A Special Intention through the Intercession of St. Peregrine, St. Jude, St. Joseph & Mother Mary; Helen Raber, Beatrice Repp

Workbooks for Lectors

Proclaiming the Word

The 2024 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistry. Lectors, you may pick up your copy at your convenience.



Sanctuary Candle

November 26, 2023

St. John the Evangelist
Bobby Wilson

St. Clement of Rome
Michael Laurent

Coffee & Donuts

December 3, 2023

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

Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford (9am Mass)



Altar Society

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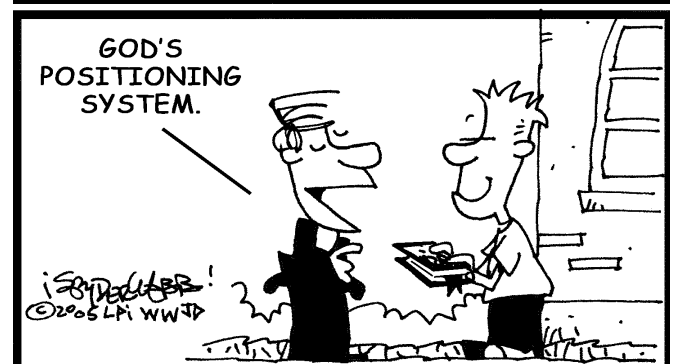
Altar Society Extra Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, November 29 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

2024 Church Calendars

The 2024 church calendars are available to our parishioners at the entrances to the church. You may pick up your calendar after any weekend Mass.

Special thanks to Wilbert Funeral Services.

CHRIST THE KING



November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Scripture Readings

Week of November 26

Sunday	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 12:33-37

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion weekly to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes or care facilities. Families of the sick are encouraged to call the church office to request a Eucharistic Minister.



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