

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024

Thunderbolts and Lightning

One of the most difficult duties of a disciple is to follow the command of Jesus to spread the gospel to all nations. (Lk 24:47, Mk 116:15, Mt 28:19) I think one reason may be that we don't feel we have the authority to tell someone else what to believe. Most of us don't think we know the gospel well enough to preach it. The gospel this Sunday mentions twice that Jesus taught with more authority than any of religious leaders of Israel. So how can we get such authority?

First, Jesus didn't threaten people with thunderbolts and lightning. He certainly didn't impress people by saying what they wanted to hear. He spoke the truth that he heard from his Father. His two main actions in his ministry were curing and forgiving people. Since the Jews thought sickness was a punishment for sins, by curing the sick and forgiving sins, Jesus showed that he got authority from his Father.

How do we get that authority?" We get it from the Holy Spirit, in Baptism and Confirmation. And like an athlete who has to work-out and practice to be any good, we still need to grow in that authority. One way is to read the scriptures

and pray with them, so that we get to know God through his Word and begin to listen to him in our prayers. We can consciously decide to see God in other people, not just those we love, but everyone, even the ones who annoy us. And of course, the Eucharist and other sacraments strengthen God's life in us. You'll know you have that authority when you can talk about your faith with confidence instead of hesitation, because you will be speaking from experience, not second hand knowledge.

Tom Schmidt



Sacrament of Confirmation

We welcome the Confirmation candidates with their sponsors to 11am Mass.

We will welcome Bishop Michael Duca Thursday, February 1 to 7pm Mass as he seals the Confirmation candidates with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Everyone is invited to the Confirmation Mass and reception immediately following in the parish hall. Join us in celebration of this joyous occasion hosted by the St. John Altar Society.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, February 5, 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024

Monday, April 8, 2024

Baptisms

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Saturday, April 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. There are no Baptisms during Lent.



Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1204

Entrance: Gather Us In #929

Preparation: ****Instrumental****

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #819

Sending Forth: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You #707

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore! He is Waiting for You!

An Invitation to Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament:

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.

—James 4:6-10

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.



Scripture Readings

Week of January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;

1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12d; Mk 6:7-13

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

Saturday 1Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-6;

1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Online Registration Forms

St. John the Evangelist provides digital forms on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org to streamline the registration process. Click the FORMATION tab for Baptism, First Eucharist & Reconciliation, Confirmation, PSR and RCIA registration forms. Altar Server registration and Mass Intention forms are available under FORMS.

If you are a newcomer to St. John the Evangelist Church Parish, have recently married, or no longer live with your parents, please remember to fill out a census form to register here. Simply choose one of the following methods:

- Fill out an ONLINE registration under FORMS via our website.
- Call the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402 and we will mail a census form to you.
- Pick up a census form from the church office or the bookshelves in the back of church.



Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

World Marriage Day On **Saturday, February 10** at St. John the Evangelist Church, couples celebrating 25, 50, 55, 60, 65 or greater years of marriage will be honored with reserved seating at 4pm Mass. Corsages and boutonnieres will be available in the parish hall for couples before Mass. Family and friends are invited to a reception following Mass in the parish hall hosted by the Altar Society.

If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries in the year 2024 and would like to celebrate with us, please email marshaadupont@sj.brcoxmail.com, call the Church office at 225.687.2402, or fill out the form below. You may drop the form in the collection basket at 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 _____

****Please respond by Monday, February 5.****

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

Sunday, March 3, 2024 — 2pm

Most Blessed Sacrament

15615 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70817

- ◇ Bishop Michael Duca, Celebrant of the Mass
- ◇ Honoring couples on their 25th, 50th & 65th or greater wedding anniversary.
- ◇ The families of the celebrating couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the reception afterward in the MBS Parish Hall.

Please call the St. John Church office at 225.687.2402 or fill out the form below and mail it to St. John Church, 57805 Main Street by **Thursday, February 1.**

**** Please print or write legibly. Names will appear on certificate as indicated below. ****

Examples: Mary & John Jones; or Mary Brown and John Jones; or Mr. and Mrs. John Jones

Names: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Wedding Date: _____

No. of years married: _____

Estimated # of family members to attend besides couple: _____

Current Church Parish & Phone #:

**St. John the Evangelist, Plaquemine, LA 70764
225.687.2402**

Parish Activities February 2024

Thursday, February 1

Confirmation St. John Church
7pm

Confirmation Reception Parish Hall
Following Confirmation

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Bible Study Conference Room
1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 3 & 4

Altar Society Selling Lenten Books Church
Following All Masses

Monday, February 5

Baptism Seminar Conference Room
7pm

Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, 26

Bible Study Conference Room
4-5:30pm

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27

Divine Mercy Novena Church
Following 6pm Mass

Wednesday, February 7

St. Joseph Altar Kickoff Meeting Parish Hall
2pm

Saturday, February 10

World Marriage Day Mass Church
4pm

World Marriage Day Reception Parish Hall
Following 4pm Mass

Sunday, February 11

Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church
3-5pm

Monday, February 12

Catholic Daughter Meeting Parish Hall
2pm

Monday & Tuesday— February 12 & 13

OFFICE CLOSED Mardi Gras Holidays

Ash Wednesday, February 14 — Masses:

7am - Mass and Distribution of Ashes

8:30am - St. Clement Mass and Ashes

Noon - Liturgy of the Word and Ashes

6pm - Mass & Ashes

Fridays, February 16 & 23

Way of the Cross Church
Noon

Mass & Way of the Cross Church
6pm

Sunday, February 18

PSR Mass Church
11am

Ladies of Peter Claver Parish Hall
4-6pm

Wednesday, February 21

First Eucharist Parent Meeting Parish Hall
6pm

Tuesday, February 27

Altar Society Meeting Conference Room
9:30am

Christmas Flowers and Decorations 2023

In Loving Memory of:

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A grateful acknowledgement is made to the parishioners who contributed to the flowers and decorations at Christmastime. Your generous donations helped enhance the beauty of our church and liturgical celebrations.



Catholic Schools Week
 January 28-February 4, 2024

St. John Open House

St. John School PreK - incoming 8th grade Open House will be held on Wednesday, January 31 at 6pm. Tours of the elementary/middle school campus will be provided. Families should visit the school website, www.stjohnschool.org and register to attend.

Young Apprentices



Assisting with the dismantling of the Christmas decorations recently in the rectory were our helpers Jackson LoBue, Andrew David, Maura Grace Schlatre, Addie Bea Schlatre and Clara Schlatre.

Altar Servers

Any boy or girl in the 3rd grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord. Access the registration form located on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under the FORMS tab. Upon completion of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.



Called By Name
Chosen for Consecrated Life

“I will raise up for them a prophet like you.” If you think that you may be set apart by

the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.



The Pope’s Prayer Intention
February 2024

For the Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



Divine Mercy Novena

On Tuesday, February 6 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.

The Novena of Divine Mercy will continue every Tuesday during Lent following 6pm Mass leading up to the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7.

Historical Tidbit About Catholicism in Iberville Parish and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Which priest served at St. John the Evangelist Church the longest?

Fr. Leonard Robin served from 1933-1964 which was his first assignment as a priest. During his tenure he greatly advanced Catholic education by merging the boys’ and girls’ schools and buying property where St. John Interparochial School is currently located. He also retired the debt of the new church, repaired its roof, installed the organ, refurbished the St. John cemetery and repaired the rectory. Pope Pius XII honored him by conferring the rank of Domestic Prelate, given only to priests of exemplary service.

Please support your church by donating to restore it before its 100 Year Anniversary. Envelopes labeled “100 Years” are located in the back of church; just drop it in the collection basket.

Contribution Tax Statements

Anyone needing a 2023 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.

Visit our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org and join the parishioners who are using Online Giving for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

Help Keep our Church Tidy

When leaving Mass, remember to tidy up your space. Please take your bulletin home with you or place it back in the receptacle at the door. Also, discard your used tissues. We appreciate your consideration.

St. Joseph Altar Kickoff Meeting

Honoring Jesus’ Earthly Father

When? Wednesday, February 7 — 2pm

Where? St. John Parish Hall

Who? All volunteers are welcome!

Questions? Contact Betty Aucoin at 225-776-1685.

You are Covered in Prayer

Prayer Blankets

May you feel His presence-

Experience His Peace-

Draw from His strength-

Rest in His love-

May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time. It matters not the age, all who need it will receive it. Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3-4pm 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; Trista Parro, Capt. John Lively, Diane & Jim Irwin; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent, Tina & Jack Loyacano, Dudley Landry Family, Joe Coletti, Sr. Family; Brennan Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier; John E., Cecil D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson; Alfred, Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey, Edmund & Louise Bujol.; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Faye & Harry Martinez; Lawrence J. Melancon; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Brandy Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camille Tempanaro, Paula Morales, M/M Ray Murry, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, Tommy, Jay, Brian & Randy Quatrevingt; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Staempfli; Aubry Quebedeaux, Mit, Aline & Dub Comeaux; Wayne Gary, Kaitlyn Carrell, Chase Carrell, Baby Hudnall

Sunday, February 4-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, February 4-9am 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; Gloria, Mark & Donald Cavalier; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr. & Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc; Guy Hopkins & Family; Roland "Doug" Rivet, J. W. Bryant Family; Rosemary Cox; J. C. & Hetta Hebert; Gilmore & Cleora Couvillion, Mary Ann Gregoire, Tony Gregoire; M/M A. J. Laurent, Jr.; J. D. Dupre; Robert Jude Grace; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Denise Miranda

Sunday, February 4-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Mary Font, Leslie Font, Jr., Ross Campesi, Sr., Marion Campesi; Nolan Bueche III; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn

Tuesday, February 6-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Christopher Stassi

Wednesday, February 7-7am Mass

Harold Raber

Thursday, February 8-7am Mass

A. J. & Margie Doiron, Sylvia & Bola Gascon

Friday, February 9-7am Mass

Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families

Sanctuary Candle

January 28, 2024



St. John the Evangelist

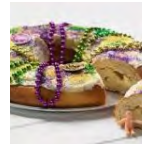
Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry
Joe Ferachi & Family
Joe Coletti, Sr. & Family

St. Clement of Rome

Brenda Comeaux

Coffee, Donuts & King Cake

February 4, 2024



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

Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)

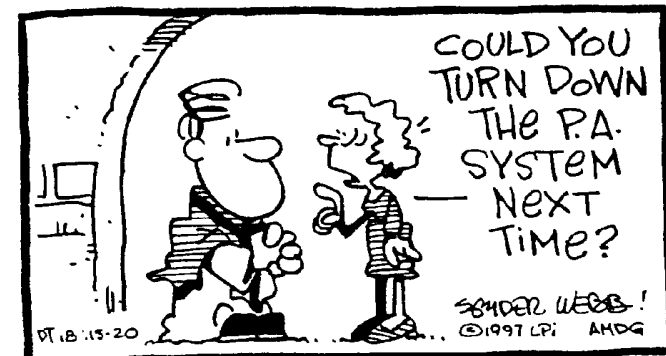
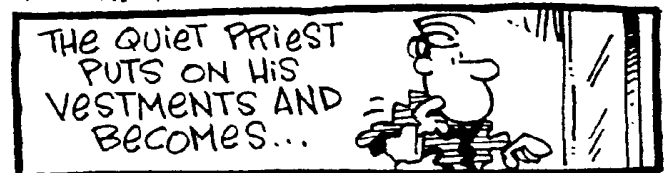
Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Extra Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, January 31 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

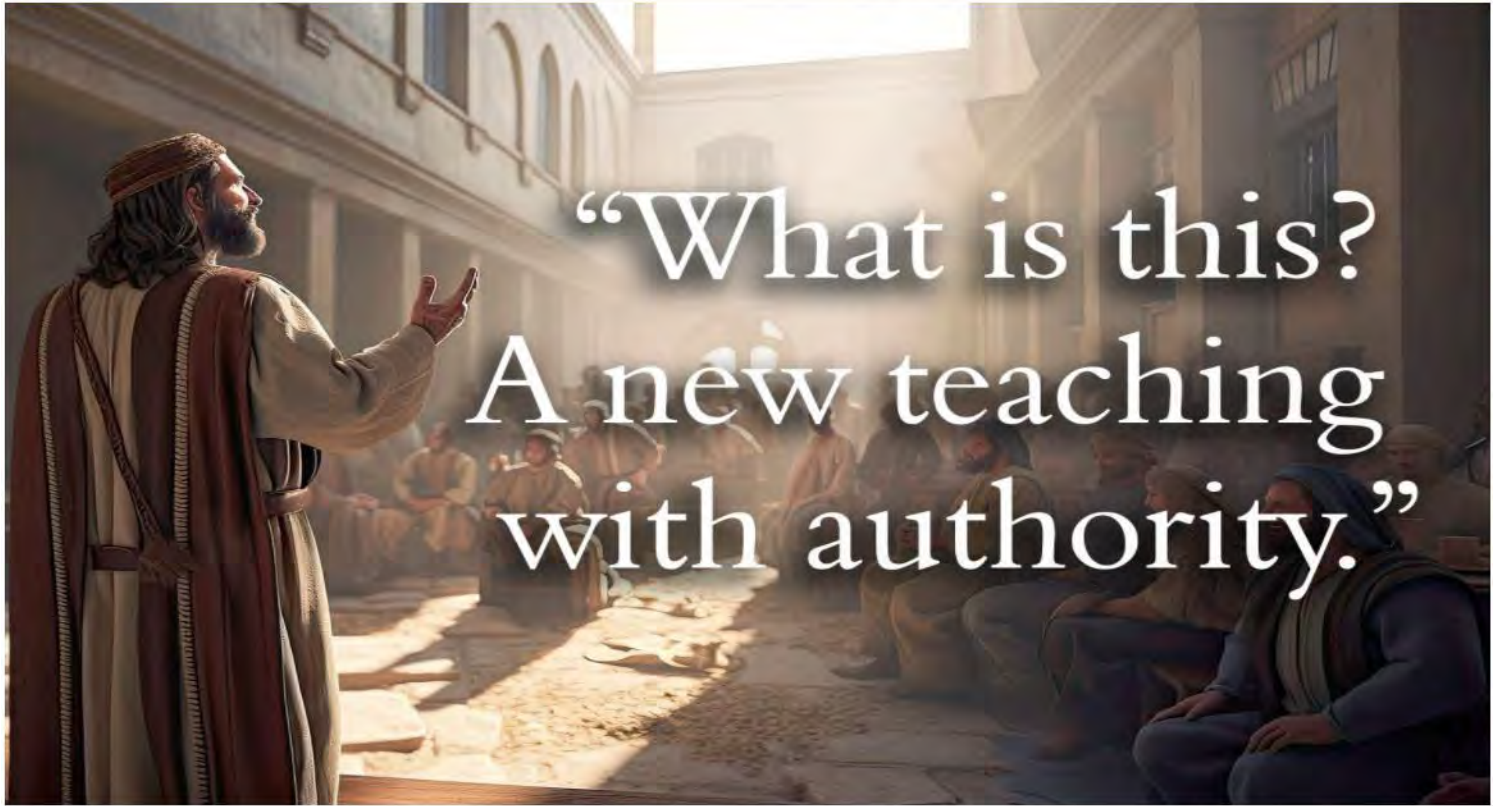
The Altar Society will be selling little Lenten Books Saturday and Sunday, February 3 & 4. The books (\$2) contain six-minute meditations on the Passion according to Luke.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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