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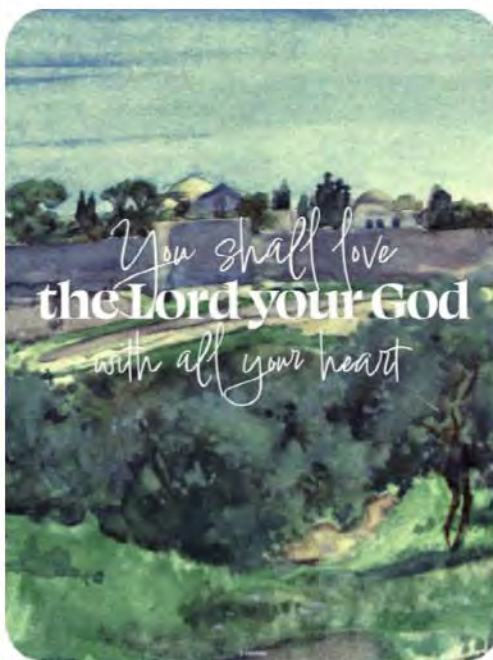
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Masses

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
 Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm



Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024

As we are now well into Lent, we can take a look at what it means to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. A good place to start would be the Ten Commandments. The reading from Exodus presents us with one of the first listings of the Commandments. In this passage, God explains some of the laws to show how serious they are. For the first one, God includes making images to be used for worship.

In the days of Moses, people of other cultures made images of their gods and declared that the image was the god, and so should be worshipped. The Lord wanted his people to remember that God cannot be limited to an image or idea. That is still true today. Our images and statues are meant to help us pray to God, not to that work of art.

On the other hand, some people give a superstitious meaning to religious articles. Burying a statue to help sell your house could be one example. If you want to ask for a favor from God, just ask Him. God is much more likely to listen to a sincere prayer than a superstitious action.

God also emphasizes some commands by duplicating them. He tells us not to steal from others, and also not to plan to steal from our neighbor. The same with adultery: Planning it is just as bad as doing it.

Jesus simplified all these commands when he reminds us to love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Let's remember

that as we turn away from sin to serving God better during Lent.

Tom Schmidt

Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

Jesus' cleansing of the temple in John's gospel is dramatic and violent after turning over the tables of the moneychangers, he makes a whip to drive out the sheep and the cattle. The animals are there to be sacrificed, and this necessitates money exchange because Jewish people would come to the temple from various parts of the Roman Empire to observe the Passover. Jesus' action is during a high season of the religion and a peak season for the business, so he is doing this at the worst possible time from the perspective of those in charge.

Jesus causes this commotion because God's house has been turned into a marketplace. What is supposed to be about faith in and commitment to God becomes a business. It's little wonder that Jesus would not entrust himself to those who say they believe. Although the religious leaders may allow, endorse, or even promote this activity, they cannot defend this malpractice from one who demands true worship.

Jesus is then asked to validate his actions with a sign which is not a viable basis according to both John and Paul (Jn 2:23-35; 1Cor 1:22-25). In response, Jesus talks about his upcoming death and resurrection, even though the people who hear his words have trouble understanding what he means.

Twice in this passage, John talks about the disciples remembering. They remember a verse from Psalm 69 and realize that Jesus is motivated by his "zeal for God's house." This verse in psalm 69 is surrounded by references to the psalmist's struggles because of enemies seeking to destroy and kill the psalmist. The zeal that "consumes" Jesus, as the following dialogue between Jesus and "the Jews" who oppose him shows, carries that sense of possession and destruction. ("The Jews" are in quotation marks to signify that opponents of Jesus should not be equated with the Jewish people."

Some questions for reflection:
 In what ways is faith commercialized?
 What memories strengthen your faith today?
 What conditions do you bring to your encounters with God?

Peace,
 Fr. Greg



Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

Second Sunday of Lent #1123

Entrance: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #821

Communion: O God, You Search Me #688

Sending Forth: **Silence**



First Holy Communion

Sunday, March 3, 2022

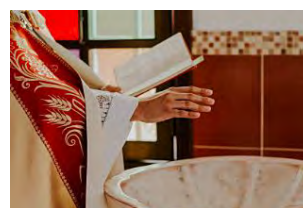
Please join us as we proudly welcome our 37 young children to the Table of the Lord as they receive the Eucharist for the first time Sunday, March 3 at 11am Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore! He is Waiting for You!

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. —Psalm 95:6-7

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 & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, March 4, 2024

Monday, April 8, 2024

Monday, May 6, 2024

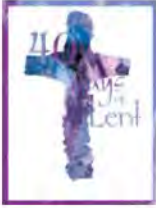
Baptisms

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Saturday, May 18, 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.



Lenten Weekday Schedule:

Tuesday - 6pm Mass
 6:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass
 Friday - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross
 6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross
 (No 7am Mass during Lent)

In Loving Memory...

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

Alvin Daigle & Sylvia Smith

Donated by:
 Kelly P. & John A. Alberado, Jr.



The Light is On for You!

Lenten Confession

St. John, along with other churches in our Diocese, will open for confession at night during Lent. Father Greg will be hearing confessions on Wednesday March 6 and Wednesday, March 13 from 5:30-7pm.

**St. John Church
 "100 Years Campaign"**

How can you help contribute to the St. John Church 100 Years Capital Campaign?

1. Your business can donate as a tax deduction. Please request it and we can help you with the transaction.
2. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from a traditional or Roth IRA by sending the amount you choose to be withdrawn directly to St. John the Evangelist Church "100 Years Capital Campaign." The QCD may be excluded annually from your taxable income which helps you and the church. Please consult with your tax preparer and/or financial advisor; they can process it for you.
3. When donating by check, please make separate checks for stewardship and another with the notation "100 Years Campaign." Online donations are also possible on the church's website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

**Honoring St. Joseph
 St. Joseph Altar**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024
 12 Noon - 1:30pm**

**Knights of Columbus Hall
 58715 Price Street, Plaquesmine**

Blessing and viewing of the altar takes place at the K. C. Hall following 4pm Mass Saturday, March 16. Sunday, March 17 serving from the altar begins immediately following 11am Mass at 12 Noon until 1:30pm.

Preparations for the St. Joseph Altar are ongoing at the K.C. Hall. All volunteers are welcome to join us daily beginning at 9am. Anyone wishing to donate a cake and students wanting to earn service hours are asked to call Betty Aucoin at 225.687.2111.



**March Devotion of the Month: St. Joseph
 Major Feast: The Feast of St. Joseph (March 19)**

Although not much is written in the Scriptures about the earthly father of Jesus and spouse of the Blessed Mother, we know that he was a holy and just man. He humbly accepts his role in salvation history and faithfully followed God's will for him and his family.

St. Alphonsus Liguori is one of many saints who encouraged devotion to this holy man. He said: "We should, indeed, honor St. Joseph, since the Son of God Himself was graciously pleased to honor him by calling him father...If, then, the King of Kings was pleased to raise Joseph to so high a dignity, it is right and obligatory on our part to endeavor to honor him as much as we can."



St. John Auction

St. John's Largest Fundraising Event

The St. John Auction will be held on Saturday, March 23 at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center. The doors open at 4pm. The silent auction starts at 5pm with the live auction at 7pm. The band will start immediately

following the conclusion of the live auction. Join the fun and help support St. John's largest fundraising event! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Kristi Parnell, Auction Chair, at 225.776.5303, gracekristi@gmail.com.

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

Destroy the temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9-4pm 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; Jake & Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Joe & Lucy Ferachi & Family, Dudley Landry Family, Joe Coletti, Sr. Family; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott Marino, M/M Vives Vicknair; Joseph & W. A. Graves Family, Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; William H. Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Special Intention, S.O.D.; Lorraine Achee Fourroux

Sunday, March 10-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 10-9am 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; Guy Hopkins & Family; J. W. Bryant Family; John "Sonny" Bunch; Anthony "Pet" Cilano; Cathie Blanchard; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; The Calvaruso Family; Denise Miranda; Jason Guidry

Sunday, March 10-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Anthony D. Capone; Milton Allen, Tommy A. Mosley, M/M Vivian Allain; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Ezora Hedges, Sidney Hedges, Sr.; Colby Gomez

Tuesday, March 12-6pm Mass

Patrick Gaudet, V. A. & Birdie Daigle

Wednesday, March 13-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, March 14-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, March 15-6pm Mass

Pat Dupont, Kathy Dupont Fulton



**The Pope's Prayer Intention
March 2024**

For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Sanctuary Candle

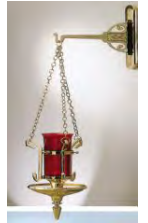
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St. John the Evangelist

Tina Ferachi Loyacano & Jake Vincent M. Ferachi & Family Dudley Landry Family

St. Clement of Rome

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Dupont, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Allain



Coffee & Donuts

March 10, 2024

Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30am Mass)

Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 6. Volunteers are welcome.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 10 at 2am. Don't forget to move clocks forward one hour before retiring Saturday night March 9.



3D SUNDAY OF LENT



Scripture Readings

Week of March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14,17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Monthly Offerings/Contributions/Collections
(Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other)
Repairs, Maintenance Expenses & Other Expenses

January 2024

Stewardship	\$ 66,796.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	11,717.00	
Other Collections/Income	<u>7,566.00</u>	\$ 86,079.00
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 33,283.00	
Parish Share	13,861.00	
Property Insurance	7,571.00	
Repairs/Maintenance Expenses	9,196.00	
Other Expenses	10,097.00	
Contracted Services	5,259.00	
Utilities	<u>3,540.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 82,807.00</u>
		<u>\$ 3,272.00</u>

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