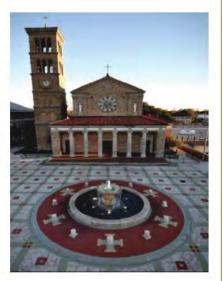
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Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday7:30am,	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

so that everyone who BELIEVES IN HIM may have eternal life JOHN 3:15

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

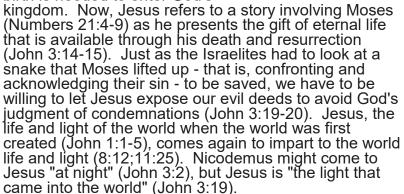
Saying, Doing, or Being

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that we are saved through grace: God's actions of sending his Son to die for us, and raising Jesus from the dead show the love God has for us. It comes entirely from God. When Paul says that no one can boast about being saved, he means that we can't add up our good deeds like reward points for heaven. He also means that we can't brag about our faith because we can recite the creed or answer an altar call. So if being saved is not a matter of saving the right things, or doing good deeds, what is it? matter of saying the right things, or doing good deeds, what is it? The answer comes from the gospel. Jesus tells us that he will be lifted up, or crucified, so that we can believe in him and have eternal life. When we "believe in" someone, we put our love and trust in that person. We know that we are loved and so respond by giving love. Our response of love inspires us to stop being selfish and start noticing that others need our help. Jesus describes it as living in the light: we are not ashamed to help someone, forgive someone, or comfort someone. That brings us back to the question about salvation: it is not something we do or say. It is what God does for us. Our response of faith is also his gift. So when we recognize all that God has done for us and believe in his Son Jesus, the Spirit will guide us to live that faith and share it with others. Tom Schmidt

Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

In the verses prior to today's reading from John 3, Jesus explains to Nicodemus that a different kind of birth is needed to enter God's



Jesus tells us concretely how much and in what manner God loves the world that God has created: God gives us God's only Son. God's gift of salvation is given to us even "when we were dead in our transgressions" (Ephesians 2:4-5). After all, it is "the sin of the world" that led to Jesus' incarnation and then crucifixion. In other words, the judgment of condemnation discussed by John is really a self-condemnation because one is not willing to look to Jesus and acknowledge one's own wrongdoing.

God sent Jesus out of love, but we have the choice to embrace the light to receive life or embrace our fears to hide in the night.

For reflection:

Read the beginning of John 3. There, Jesus speaks with an individual called Nicodemus, but a few of the second person pronouns ("you") are in the plural rather than the singular (John 3:7;11,12). Why?

What connections can you make between the Old Testament passages and the New Testament passages for this Sunday?

What might the light of Christ expose about our lives individually and collectively as a society that we would rather hidé?

As a parish family we will gather next weekend to celebrate our annual St. Joseph Altar. I am personally grateful for all those who have contributed their gifts of time, baking/cooking skills and treasure to make our tribute to St. Joseph such a unitive experience. Please come and join us Saturday for the Blessing of the Altar at the Knights of Columbus Hall and Sunday for our meal and fellowship at the KC Hall directly after 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Peace.

Fr. Greg

First Holy Eucharist
On Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 11am Mass, we welcomed 37 children to the Table of the Lord as they received the Eucharist for the first time.

Peyton Elizabeth Alleman Eli Jude Barker Bailey Grace Berthelot Maxwell James Braud Harry James Cavanaugh Andrew Joseph Coker Reese Alane Comeaux Paisley Ann Daigle Marie Louise Duhon Aliza Jane Dupuy Kate Elizabeth Edwards Fischer Luke Folse Addasin Marie Goodman Katherine Guillory Cy Beasley Hart Harris Joseph Himel Reed Paul Hudson Amrie Jenna Joubert Quinn Elizabeth Kelley Reine Wyatt Landry Elliott Urban LoBue Rylee Blair Martinez Rhett Joseph Morales Presley Morgan Molly Elizabeth Navarre Anna Marie Rhorer Bennett Anthony Rivet Waylon Paul Rodriguez Marczander Salcedo Sydney Grace Savoie Avery Claire Serio Haleigh Brooke Settoon Beau Eli Smothers Preslee Ann St. Romain Bennett Anderson Wille **Evelyn Kate Voorhies** Stella Ann Wisdom

A grateful acknowledgement is made to First Eucharist preparation catechists, Jennifer Adams, Allison Kirkland and Susan Murray who assisted our DRE, Wanda Ashley.

May God continue to pour out His blessings on the members of these families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.



The Light is On for You!

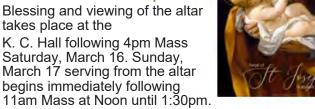
Lenten Confession

Father Greg will be hearing confessions on Wednesday, **March 13** from 5:30-7pm.

St. Joseph Altar

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Noon - 1:30pm **Knights of Columbus Hall 58715 Price Street Plaguemine** Blessing and viewing of the altar

K. C. Hall following 4pm Mass Saturday, March 16. Sunday, March 17 serving from the altar begins immediately following



Anyone wishing to donate a cake and students wanting to earn service hours are asked to call Betty Aucoin at 225.687.2111.

Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend Fourth Sunday of Lent #1126 Entrance: The Cross of Jesus #569 Communion: Return to God #563 Sending Forth: **Silence**

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)





Helpswe K. C. Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Blood Drive at the K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street, **Tuesday, March 12 from 3-8pm**.



Holy Spirit Prayer Group

A Community of Faith Praying for Others

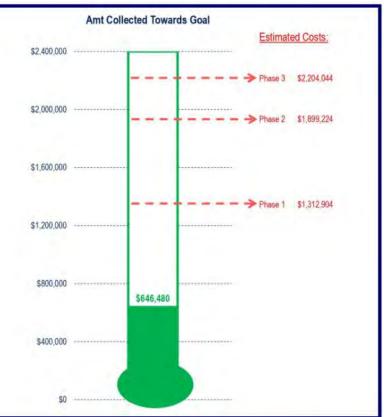
The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, March 10 from 3-5pm in church. The mission of the prayer group is to offer praise to God, and intercessory prayers for individuals, our community and the needs of the world. All are welcome. Come join us!

For more information, contact the church office at 225.687.2402.

St. John the Evangelist "100 Years Campaign" Progress

Become a part of the 100 Years Campaign and contribute to the funds essential for the restoration of our church building and Parish Hall. Your support, be it through a donation, pledge, or a heartfelt prayer for success, is invaluable. Join the 15% of parishioners that have pledged their commitment to the restoration of our beautiful church. Explore the visual graphs showcasing our progress towards the goal, and witness the impact of your involvement in shaping the next chapter for St. John the Evangelist. Please note that these phases are subject to change. Learn more and get involved at:

https://stiohnchurchplag.org/100-yearscampaign/details-on-restoration-process





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March 2024

St. John the Evangelist Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

One Minute Meditations

Pope St. Zachary

Born to a Greek family in Calabria, Italy, St. Zachary was deacon to Pope Gregory III before succeeding him as pope in 741. As pope, St. Zachary skillfully negotiated peace for Italy several times, most notably with the Lombards and the Franks. St. Zachary supported St. Boniface's German mission, ransomed slaves sold by Venetian merchants, and supported the restoration of churches. He carried the

Trust

St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta refused donations beyond the current needs of her community. Accepting such help would mean she didn't trust God to provide for their needs. When we rely on God, we demonstrate our faith, just as Mother Teresa did.

Church through troubled times

with charity, prudence, and

skillful leadership.

"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"

(1 Corinthians 10:13).

Finish Lent strong

The last weeks of Lent can feel like the last yards of a marathon. We're just pushing ourselves to reach the finish line of Easter. Instead, think of Lent as a time of silence,

simplicity, and sacrifice that helps us become the people God wants us to be. That's the real point of Lent.

Silence:
Prayer is oxygen
for the soul. It is
during prayer when
God speaks to our
hearts. Lent done right
removes distractions so
that our prayer is richer and
our focus more attentive. It is
critical to find time to be with
Him in attentive silence each day.

Simplicity: Avoid material clutter. Consider the six month rule – if you haven't worn it or used it in the last six months – give it away. Not only will you help those in need, decluttering creates room in our homes and hearts for God.

Sacrifice: Through
sacrifice we give back to
God what we owe
Him. While we can't
repay Him for His
gifts in equal
measure, we can
express gratitude with
small sacrifices that
show our return back
to Him in gratitude and
love.

Sacraments:

Sacraments are the fuel for fighting evil. During Lent, these spiritual battles intensify. Weekly

Mass and monthly Confession keep up our spiritual strength. Don't fight on fumes. Fuel up with the Sacraments.

Why Do Catholics Do That

Why do Catholics call Good Friday "good"?

Although it recalls a terribly sad event, Good Friday is "good" because it is the day when Jesus saved us from our sins, reconciled us with God, and reopened Heaven. Out of what seemed like defeat, God brought victory. By His

death, Jesus conquered sin and death. On Good Friday, we see more clearly God's goodness, justice, wisdom, power, and love. "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us"

(Romans 5:8).

Growing in Faith™

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"By this all men will know that you are my disciples..."

Each Triduum begins by recalling the Last Supper during which Jesus gave us the priesthood and the Eucharist as His means of remaining present to and in His Church. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate discipleship and are all asked to renew our commitment to following Jesus.

Disciples act with love. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). True followers of Jesus know that how we treat others proves that we know Him and follow Him.

Disciples answer the call. God chooses us first, but we must answer the call. If Peter had not dropped his nets and followed Jesus, he would not have been a disciple. Discipleship involves a choice to drop everything for Him.

Disciples make other disciples. Ultimately, we need to do what Jesus did, which is to make more disciples. This was His final command, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The Catholic Church's mission is to make disciples who make disciples.

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The Resurrection is the keystone of our Faith, making a claim no other faith can. When Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb, she expected to find a body. Instead, she found the stone rolled back, the grave clothes neatly folded, and the tomb empty. She concluded, wrongly, that

thieves had taken the Lord's body, and she ran to tell Peter and John. When Peter and John

arrived. Peter entered first and also saw that the grave clothes had been left behind, not left in a heap, but neatly arranged. No grave robber would have taken the

John 20:1-9, Jesus - not death - has the last word

body and left the clothes behind. John followed Peter and saw that the cloth covering Christ's face was neatly folded in a separate place, perhaps by Christ Himself. He saw and believed.

The Resurrection proves that Christ is who He says He is. Therefore, we must give Him our final allegiance. Because Jesus rose from the dead in glory, we also have the hope of rising

in glory with Him on the Last Day. Christ - not death, sin, or evil - has the last word.

Feasts & ***** (Celebrations

March 8 - John of God (1550). Moved to repentance by a homily of St. John of Ávila, St. John left his career in the Portuguese military to establish a hospital for the sick and poor. After his death, his assistants formed the Brothers Hospitallers.

March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. loseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by cheering crowds waving palms. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

March 26 - St. Margaret Clitherow (1586). St. Margaret converted to Catholicism soon after she married, when Catholicism was illegal in England. Margaret continued to practice her faith, even hiding priests in her house so they could say Mass. She remained joyful, faithful, and peaceful until her martyrdom.



What are & the Corporal Works of Mercy?

As followers of Christ, we're encouraged to care for each other. Jesus' parable of the judgment of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46) lists the ways we can care for those in physical need: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty

and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35).

These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry and give

drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to shelter the homeless and to bury the dead. Essentially, "it is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize His chosen ones" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2443).

The Corporal Works of Mercy are about being aware of others' needs and responding to them. Living the Corporal Works of Mercy is how we can make our love for God and others visible and effective. "Whatever you did for one of these ... you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16-4pm 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, Julie & Galen Chiasson, Lance Chiasson; John & Therese Ruiz, Raymond Ruiz, Theresa R. Morales; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Ferachi & Hebert Families; M/M John Caffarel, Sr., M/M G. E. Marix; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Billy Wright; Andrew, Josephine, Carlo & Kurt Canova; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot, M/M Edmond Berthelot, Sr., M/M Earl Breaux, Sr., John D. Bourg; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; M/M Joseph C. LeBlanc, M/M Dalfay Cavalier, Jean Claude Cavalier; Johnny Zito, Sr., Johnny Zito, Jr., Andrew & Josephine Canova; Bill Toups, Jr.; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Sr.; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Yvonne LeRay; Jake & Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Joe & Lucy Ferachi & Family, Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family; Pat Messina

Sunday, March 17-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 17-9am 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, Annie & Joseph Daigle; Fred Sanchez, Sr., Ann Hymel; Alvin Sr., Angelic & Alvin Jr. Barbier; Father Mark Beard, Leslie Font, Jr., Mary Font, Ross Campesi, Sr.; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Denise Miranda; Mack, Laura & Michael Lazzaro & Lawrence, Kolby Lorio, Butch & Sadie Tullier

Sunday, March 17-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "SeSe" Becnel, Pauline & Alcee Becnel, Jr.; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn

Tuesday, March 19-6pm Mass

Allen "Al" Cavalier; Murray & Dixie Suffrin, Wayne & Colby Gomez; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti Family; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Shannie Verret

Wednesday, March 20-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Thursday, March 21-7am Mass

Alfred & Mercedese Carville

Friday, March 22-6pm Mass

John "Sonny" Bunch

The St. John Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 13. Volunteers are welcome!



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore! He is Waiting for You!

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Luke 11:9-10) 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.

Sanctuary Candle

March 10, 2024

St. John the Evangelist John "Sonny" Bunch

St. Clement of Rome Larry Skidmore



Coffee & Donuts March 17, 2024

Gary & Dolores Pruitt (7:30am Mass)

Blane & Deryl Ourso (9am Mass)

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, April 8, 2024 Monday, May 6, 2024

Monday, June 3, 2024



Saturday, April 27, 2024 Saturday, May 18, 2024 Saturday, June 22, 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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Scripture Readings Week of March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;

Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a,

13b: Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14,

17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23;

Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21 23;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12;

Jn 7:40-53

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15;

Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



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Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light." Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next.

Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Easter Flower Donations

The beautiful flowers and decorations at Easter enhance our Easter worship. Please list the names of your loved ones on the envelopes provided in your March packet of envelopes or on a plain envelope. Memorial donations will be published in the bulletin.

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