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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

Whoever serves Me
MUST FOLLOW ME



Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024

Father Forgive Them

The promise made by the Lord in the first reading is very bold. He says that all people shall know him, without having to be taught by others. The way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, he is speaking to the Israelites: When they broke a commandment or law, they were isolated from the community. So the promise that God would place his law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they want to, not because they feared punishment or rejection.

Jesus says something similar in today's gospel. He tells the disciples that his crucifixion would draw everyone to him. Now, Jesus' death showed that he took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, he shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love.

Getting back to the first reading, we experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. We also help others to know God when we share or experience of being forgiven. The sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the

other sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts.

Tom Schmidt

Pastor's Letter

Dear Family:

Right after the religious leaders' comment that "the world has gone after him [Jesus], some Greeks who have come to Jerusalem for the Passover want to see Jesus. Earlier in the gospel of John some have wondered if Jesus intends to go to the "dispersion among the Greeks to teach the Greeks."

It is unclear if the Greeks get to see Jesus. Philip and Andrew inform Jesus of the Greeks' desire to see him, and then Jesus speaks to "them," which may or may not include the Greeks.

Jesus focuses on his imminent death by crucifixion, which brings about eternal salvation. Moreover, he states that death will be inevitable for his true followers so they must repudiate their self-preservation and self-interest (John 12:24-26). Setting an example for his followers, he says that he won't ask God to spare him from death (John 12:27) Death is inevitable because Jesus comes, as Jeremiah 31 suggests, to inaugurate a new age of God's reign that challenges and drives out the ruler of this world. This understandably provokes the most desperate and violent reaction from those who represent and support the ruler of this world. The deaths of Jesus, and his followers will become a judgment of - and paradoxically, a victory over - this worldly ruler.

When a voice from heaven interrupts Jesus' speech, Jesus says that the voice is not for him but for those to whom he is speaking (John 12:28-30). Perhaps that is why the audience to whom Jesus is speaking remains ambiguous, because it includes readers of John's Gospel. If we lose the one who is the source of life, we will surely be losing our lives.

Some questions for reflection:

What other significance may be implied by the coming of the Greeks in this passage (see John 11:32 and Isaiah 56:3-8)?

What is the significance that the statement by the heavenly voice is not for Jesus, but for those to whom Jesus is speaking (John 12:28-30)?

In what ways are we supporting or resisting the ruler of this world today?

CALLING FOR MORE ALTAR SERVERS

With the approach of Holy Week and Easter Season, I'm reaching out to parishioners from 4th grade through 12th Grade who would be willing to serve at the Altar with Fr. Greg at Masses. A new team of coordinators, Justin and Amanda Bourque, have volunteered to prepare our young people for service at the Altar. Fr. Greg would also be interested in finding some older adults to serve at the 4pm Vigil Mass and 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. There will be sign up sheets near the Main Doors of the church for all who are interested. Please pray about this ministry and ask the Lord to guide you.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CELEBRATION

We look forward to being together as a Parish Community of Faith this weekend as we honor St. Joseph with our traditional altar. As patron of the Universal Church we celebrate with our altar of many gifts, the life of St. Joseph, and call upon his intercessory protection. Please join us today for this event fostering unity in Christ. Many thanks to the St. Joseph Altar Committee and all the loving hands that gave their special gifts to preparing such a wonderful meal for all to enjoy. Thanks for another year of dedication to the good of the people of our St. John the Evangelist Church Family. Thanks to our Knights of Columbus and all who assisted our committee that makes this a great event each year.



St. Joseph Altar

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Noon - 1:30pm

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

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 from Noon until 1:30pm.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Lenten Weekday & Holy Week Schedules

Tuesday, March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph - 6pm Mass
6:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday & Thursday, March 20 & 21 - 7am Mass

Friday, March 22 - Noon Stations of the Cross

6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23 - 4pm Mass

Palm Sunday, March 24 - 7:30am, 9am & 11am Masses

Tuesday, March 26 - 7pm Mass & Chaplet of
Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday, March 27 - 7am Mass

Holy Thursday, March 28 - 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29 - Noon Stations of the Cross

3pm Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 30 - 7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31 - 7:30am, 9am, 11am Masses



Did You Know?

The Schlatre Connection to the origin of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Starting at the beginning of the creation of St. John the Evangelist Church parish in the 1840's, there was a Schlatre involved. Serving as the charter members of the Catholic Association of St. John's Church were: J. Beck, P. Bevin, Thomas Billings, Charles Brusle, Valsin Comeaux, Honore Deblieux, Louis Desobry, Sr., Louis Desobry, Jr., B. Dupuy, Fustin Dupuy, Judge John Dutton, Michel Hebert, Treville Hebert, Jean Dardenne, B. Keller, Charles Kleinpeter, Zenon Labauve, Louis Martin, Louis Orillion, Theodore Orillion, Louis Petit, Jean Baptiste Rils, J. B. Roth, I. Roth, Gustave Rousseau, Gervais Schlatre, John Schlatre and Michel Schlatre. Louis Desobry, Sr., Theodore Orillion and Michel Schlatre were elected by the Association to petition for the creation of St. John as a church parish in the diocese of New Orleans.

Only by transferring the ownership of the church land to the New Orleans diocese could the parish be established. After 10 long years of negotiation, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Parish was finally established in 1850. It was named St. John the Evangelist for the patron saint of Judge John Dutton who donated the land for the church as well as the land for St. John cemetery in 1840. Michael Schlatre and Louis Desobry donated the land for St. Basil Catholic Academy.

So how are the charter member

Schlatres who were instrumental in bringing the church parish into existence related to the current Schlatre family in Plaquemine? John Schlatre, Sr. and Michael Schlatre were two of the seven children of Jacob Schlatre, the forefather of the family who immigrated from Germany.

John Schlatre, Sr. was the father of Sebastian Urban Schlatre (nicknamed Suds). Sebastian's parents unfortunately died in the yellow fever epidemic leaving his grandmother to raise a large family. Judge John Dutton and his wife volunteered to raise Sebastian to help the family since they could have no children of their own.

Sebastian had twelve children of which two sons were named Marcus and Leonidas. Leonidas is Larry Schlatre's grandfather.

Another interesting connection besides the Schlatre family is that Marcus Schlatre is Joe Roetker's mother's father. Joe Roetker came to Louisiana from Oklahoma for work and wanted to find his ancestors who were from Plaquemine.

These families continue to be an integral part of our church community in giving of their time, talent and treasure to the building up of our faith community for generations to come after them.



Marcus Tullis Schlatre — Leonidas Lucien Schlatre

Marcus and Leonidas Schlatre

How can you help?

Participate in the 100 Years Campaign for the restoration of our church building and parish hall. Join with the **15% of parishioners** who have already donated. To learn more and become actively engaged, visit:

<https://stjohnchurchplaq.org/100-years-campaign/details-on-restoration-process>



From the desk of the Business Manager/Bookkeeper

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the "100 Years Capital Campaign" program. Your support is greatly appreciated! Many of you are including your donations in one check along with your other monthly donations (stewardship, maintenance and repairs, etc.).

Please remember that your donation to the Capital Campaign should be made by **separate check** and **not** included with any other donation. This helps me to keep financial records of the parish "neat and tidy".

Again, thank you for your support!

Medric

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 23-4pm 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; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry & Jane Ramirez, Kirsch Kember; Michael Laurent, Jack Laurent; Bret Thompson; Sidney “Benny”, Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta Family; Patricia Nelson; Lance Blanchard, John Himel, Sterling Himel, Louis Himel; Peggy Scalise; Wayne Gary, Thelma & Jim Mitchell

Sunday, March 24-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 24-9am 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; Kristina Mellema; Guy Hopkins & Family; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Denise Miranda; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; A Special Intention for Brenda Zito

Sunday, March 24-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Joshua “Josh” Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & “Joe” Landry

Tuesday, March 26-6pm Mass

Robert, Betty & Lee Mooney, Lyman Marchand; Gloria Dupont, Myrle Hebert, Hamilton Lemoine, Bobby Howell; Dom Engolio, M/M Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste

Wednesday, March 27-7am Mass

Trabeaux, Dugas & Naquin Families

Holy Thursday, March 28-7pm Mass

Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Bro Bujol; Dom Engolio; Mrs. Ethel P. Businell



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.

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 20. Volunteers are welcome.

Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

Fifth Sunday of Lent #1129

Entrance: O God beyond All Praising #725

Communion: We Shall Rise Again #962

Sending Forth: **Silence**



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore! He is Waiting for You!

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

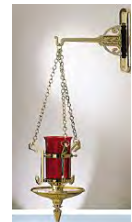
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St. John the Evangelist

Ralph Rivet, Sr.

St. Clement of Rome

Brenda Comeaux



Coffee & Donuts

March 24, 2024

Derryl Comeaux, Bobbie Cavalier & Janis Rockforte
(7:30am Mass)

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

Scripture Readings

Week of March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Solemnity of Saint Joseph 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

We welcome the PSR students and their families who are celebrating the Eucharist with us Sunday, March 17 at 11am.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, April 8, 2024

Monday, May 6, 2024

Monday, June 3, 2024

Baptisms

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.



St. John School News Walk with Jesus

The St. John 8th grade class will perform their annual "Walk with Jesus" presentation at the St. John High School gym on **Palm Sunday, March 24 at 7pm**. The public is invited to attend this very special remembrance of Palm Sunday's entrance into Jerusalem to Easter Sunday's Resurrection. What better way to begin Holy Week than to watch the students reenact Jesus' final days?

Auction

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, AM/FM acoustic (Justin McCoy and Hana Hart), 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.

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