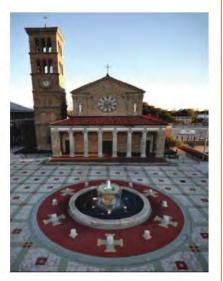
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Masses

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	<i>'</i>	3:00-3:30 pm



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 24, 2024

With Friends Like These

This year, we hear the Passion from the gospel of Mark. One thing unique about this reading is the emphasis on Jesus being abandoned by his disciples. First, the leaders of the disciples cannot even support Jesus in his agony in the garden: They fall asleep, three times. Then there is Judas, who seeks out the chief priests to make a deal with them, Peter, who denies Jesus three times, and the crowds who cried, "Hosanna!" a few days before, now call for him to be crucified.

What does this tell us? With friends like these, who needs enemies? No, the point is that Jesus died specifically for these people, not because they were once friends, but because they were sinners, who needed Jesus. When we find ourselves in sin, when we think that everything we do is wrong, or when we think we can't possibly deserve to be loved by God—that is when God can help us, if we just stop hating ourselves and start loving and trusting the Lord. It is not the time to pretend we have avoided the big sins, or to brag about some of the good we may have done. Instead simply agree that you need his help. God loves sinners who know they need his forgiveness and don't deserve it.

But maybe you have already been forgiven and wonder what's next. Remember the ones you would not expect to support Jesus: the centurion proclaiming him Son of God, Joseph giving him a burial place, the women who followed Jesus. These were people who did not claim to be worthy, just did what they could to show their love. Ask Jesus each morning when you wake up, "What can I do for you today?" and do what you can. Tom Schmidt



Holy Week Schedule

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

Welcome!!

We will welcome 5 new members into the Catholic Church through the RCIA process at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30. Everyone is invited to a reception in their honor following 7:30pm Mass in the St. John Parish Hall. Special thanks to the RCIA team and the Catholic Daughters for hosting the reception.

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?

St. John Altar Society

The St. John Altar Society will be selling The Little Lenten Books (\$2) Saturday & Sunday, March 23 & 24, after all Masses outside of church. These books contain six-minute reflections on the Resurrection Narrative according to Matthew. Altar Society cookbooks, "Recipes Old and New Tried and True" (\$20) will also be available for purchase. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 27** following the big cleaning of the church for Easter at 8am.

Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

Palm Sunday #1140

Entrance: All Glory, Laud, and Honor #585 Preparation: Organ Selection - "Bach-Passion

Chorale"

Communion: What Wondrous Love Is This #807

Sending Forth: **Silence**



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.



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

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office 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. Joseph Altar - March 17, 2024



Father Greg blesses the St. Joseph Altar Saturday, March 16, 2024 following 4pm Mass. Seated (I to r) are participants Gail Saurage as The Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew David as Jesus and Larry Schlatre, Sr. as St. Joseph.

A Grateful Acknowledgement

A great big "Grazie" is given to all the St. Joseph workers with Betty Aucoin as Altar Coordinator who created such a beautiful labor of love in celebrating the traditional St. Joseph Altar.

We are grateful that we were able to share the wonderful pasta and sugo, cookies and goodies, enough to feed the 600 folks who attended in honor of St. Joseph.

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall, the K. C. members, Chef Scott Courtade and his crew, and our generous benefactors.

A grateful acknowledgement is made to Fr. Greg and the representatives who served as saints.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Serving as the 2024 St. Joseph Altar Saints:

Jesus — Andrew David

The Blessed Virgin Mary — Gail Saurage

St. Joseph - Joseph "Larry" Schlatre, Sr.

St. Ann — Sandra Gourgues

St. Bridget — Debra Marie Mancuso

St. Catherine — Katie B. Spano

St. Cecile — Dorothy "Boot" Blanchard

St. Lucy — Virginia Richard

St. Margaret — Joyce Daigle

St. Maria — Elizabeth "Boo" Collins

St. Rita — Paula Adams

St. Rosalie — Fannie Rivet

St. Theresa — Shirley Daigle

St. John — Hayden Boudreaux

St. Jude — Damon Landry

St. Patrick — Mervin Gourgues

Angels — Maddison David

Jemma Riera

Kenleigh St. Romain

Preslee St. Romain

Maura Grace Schlatre



Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a

vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Attend Sunday Mass While Away

Going out of town? Want to attend Mass? No problem. Visit discovermass.com to find a Catholic Church in the area.

Scripture Readings

Week of March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; ls 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

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11 Monday Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17;

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31,

33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday Chrism Mass

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25,

27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;

Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13,

15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;

Jn 18:1—19:42

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gn1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or

Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Ps 16:5, 8-11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14;

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12-13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;

5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or ls 12:2-3, 4bcd,

Mk 16:1-7

Easter Sunday — The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2,

16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or

1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk16:1-7

Outdoor Mass & Family Day

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Plans have begun for our



The Catholic Daughters will be assisting in the "sweets room" and ask for donations for dessert, preferably single serve treats.

Many volunteers are needed and we hope you can help. Please contact Susan at the church office, 225.687.2402, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com.

A Grateful Acknowledgement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the 53 people who donated blood to the K. C. Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 12.

Become a Prayer Warrior

St. John the Evangelist has an automated prayer line (225.687.1554) for those who need prayer; whether they are facing surgery, are ill or need prayer for another. We have a team who pray for all prayer line intentions. If you would like to join our team of Prayer Warriors, call the church office at 225.687.2402.



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.

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. To sign up for Online Giving, visit <u>www.stjohnchurchplag.org</u>.

Fill a Prescription for the Needy

The St. Vincent de Paul community Pharmacy is a beacon of hope that our Church provides to those in need of life-sustaining medical prescriptions.

We invite our parishioners to use the bottles provided or remove the label from any empty prescription bottle at home and bring it to church with a monetary gift inside. This bottle can be placed in the containers located at the rear and west side doors of the church.

Thank you for your support of this important community endeavor.

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

How well do you know the history of our church? Let's have some fun with a trivia question! Can you guess which priest holds the record for the longest service at St. John the Evangelist Church? If you guessed Rev. Msgr. Leonard Robin, you're absolutely right! Rev. Msgr. Robin made a lasting impact during his tenure from 1933 to 1964. Serving as a pivotal figure, he successfully merged the boys' and girls' schools and secured the property where St. John School stands today. Recognizing his exceptional service, Pope Pius XII bestowed upon him the prestigious rank of Domestic Prelate.

As we celebrate our church's history, we invite you to join the 100 Years Campaign. Your support is crucial for the restoration of our church building and our Parish Hall. Whether it's a donation, a pledge, or a prayer for success, we encourage you to be part of this new chapter for St. John the Evangelist. Together, let's ensure our church continues to thrive for generations to come.

Learn more and get involved at: https://stjohnchurchplaq.org/100-years-campaign/details-on-restoration-process



Pictured at far left is Rev. Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux with Rev. Msgr. Robin (holding shovel). If anyone can identify the others and the event, please call the church office at 225.687.2402.

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!

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St. John the Evangelist Women's Retreat



The Women's Retreat, held March 2, was attended by 30 women who came from St. John the Evangelist, St. John the Baptist (Brusly), OLPS (White Castle), St. Joseph (Grosse Tete) and Most Blessed Sacrament (Baton Rouge). The Retreat began as an inspiration of Gwen Hayes (inset) in 2016. This is where women gather to pray together, reflect and meditate on Sacred Scripture and evangelize with their sisters in Christ. We are all sisters and friends in Christ. All are welcome!!

Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday, March 30-7:30pm 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; Ambrose Tullier & Sons; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Huey Hebert, Alden Hebert; Babies Wyatt & Oliver Denoux, Henry Daigle, Sr., M/M Dave Gourgues & Mary Ann, Adam Vercher Family; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadance & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; Donald Stockman; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Jenny & Alton Boudreaux, Darrel & Kye Boudreaux; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale; M/M Edmond Gomez & Family; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Jerry Crifasi

Easter Sunday, March 31-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Easter Sunday, March 31-9am 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; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr. & Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Jaynell Lopez, Albert Lopez, Jr., Johnson & Lopez Families; Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Vergie Dugas; Andrew & Josephine Canova, Jerry & Cutsy Blanchard; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family; Hollye A. Comeaux, Edward & Rosina Achee, Carringone Family, Emile & Irene Achee; Anthony & Margie Vitale; Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau; Tommy Griffon; Mary Ann Gregoire; Joe & Maggie Gullotto, A. J. & Lola Adams, George Gullotto, Frances & George Calcagno; Clinton & Wendell Fournerat; Anthony "Tonto "Pizzolato; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Cathie Blanchard; Robert Jude Grace; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Gladys "Butsy" Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Douglas Brewer; Kenneth "Klu" Brown; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Janice Brown; Faye & Harry Martinez; Dr. Jessie & Pat DeLee; Denise Miranda; Josie & Tony Palermo: Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families: Allen Cavalier: Josie, Frank, Victor & Anthony Canella; Robert & May Berta Olano, Paul Joffrion, Sr., Keith Edenfield, Linda Hebert; Donald Olano; Caliste "Joe" Landry, Gloria Orcino Landry, Josh Landry, Kimberly Landry, Anthony Orcino, Sr., Carmella Orcino, Elden Flatau, Mary Orcino Flatau

Easter Sunday, March 31-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family; Corinne Hebert; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & "Joe" Landry; Edward Kocke, Jr., Kathy Oliver; M/M Harry Kember, Joshua Barker, Kirsch Kember, Nancy Rodriguez, M/M Harry Kember, Sr., M/M Earl Bourgeois; Marie Olano; Nolan Bueche III; Dom & Rachael Engolio, M/M Joseph Engolio, Charles Engolio, M/M Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Ezora Hedges, Sidney Hedges, Sr.; George O. Michel, Alvin Joseph Daigle, Sr. Family, Anatole Nestor Michel Family; Leon, Nell & Pascal Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; Kevin Mellieon, Geraldine Kelly, Elsie Sam, Lena Delahoussaye; Paul, Pat & Raymond Kindrick, T. E. & Audrey Bickham, Sam & Inez Denoux, Jr., All Holy Souls of Purgatory; The Currier Families, Betty Keith & Family

Tuesday, April 2-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Lawrence J. Melancon

Wednesday, April 3-7am Mass

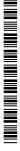
Ed Bahry

Thursday, April 4-7am Mass

Crossland/Francis Family

Friday, April 5-7am Mass

A. J. & Margie Doiron, Eva & Tony Doiron



March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Sanctuary Candle March 24, 2024

St. John the Evangelist Brennan Bujol, Derley Barbier, **Bujol & Clebert Families**

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Coffee & Donuts

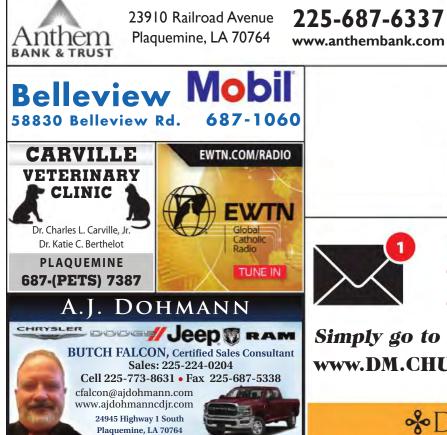
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

June Pinsonat, Sandra Bizette, Mary Jo Caffarel, Lou Anna Canella & Lionel Schexnaildre (7:30am Mass)



Kevin & Kelly Gourgues, Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)

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