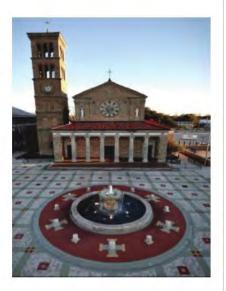
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Saturday Vigil	.4:00 pm
Sunday7:30am, 9:00 am,	11:00 am
Tuesday	.6:00 pm
Wednesday	
Thursday	.7:00 am
Friday	

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday.	5:30-5:45	pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30	pm



The Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024

Exalted in Glory

All three readings talk about Jesus being taken up into heaven or in a cloud or on high. These descriptions of the ascension actually tell us that Jesus is reunited with his Father and exalted in glory with the Father. Jesus not only has a new life that cannot be ended by death, he also is no longer limited by time or space as he was before he died. So what does that mean for us?

Because he is not limited, he can be with us everywhere. Through his Spirit, he gives us the power and the courage to act as Jesus and the vision of faith to see Jesus in others. Now this takes some practice. One way we learn is through the lives of the saints. We see how God works through them to do great things. We learn that they become more and more like Jesus, in how they treat others with love and respect.

But if the saints seem too distant, we can look at someone we love. Whether it is a parent, spouse, brother, sister or friend, the good that they do and the love they

show is from God. So we can learn about God's love for us by letting ourselves be loved by another.

The other side of the coin is seeing Jesus in ourselves. We may have to forgive ourselves for the bad choices we have made in the past, or the bad habits we still have. We also have to accept that God really does love us as his children. And we have to accept that sometimes, even when we do our best, we still seem to fail. But the God who brings life out of death also brings success out of failure. So trust his promise that we have Jesus in us. Then do your best to follow Jesus and you may lead someone else to him.

Pastor's Letter

May 12, 2024

Dear Family:

This weekend as we are celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord, our national culture pays tribute to the role of our Mothers in our lives. A most Happy Mothers Day to all of our Moms and those who are like Moms for us. There will be a special blessing of Mothers this weekend.

Many Thanks to Mrs. Jane Boudreaux and our St. John School Students who displayed their enlightening art work last weekend. So many parishioners and visitors expressed pride and gratitude at the students' creativity..

Thanks again to our Knights of Columbus Council for hosting, preparing and serving a banquet for those who spend time in the Adoration Chapel. This annual gathering strengthens our love of the Eucharist and provides a wonderful opportunity for reflection and fellowship.

The St. Joseph Altar Society gathered for an appreciation luncheon as well. As we gathered for that meal we heard from a woman who sent our leftover St. Joseph Altar cookies overseas to the members of our military. No grace of God goes wasted at St. John. The hard work of our Altar Society and St. Joseph Altar Committee is a blessing.

The next few weekends will be filled with end of school year activities at school and at church. We'll celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass for our St. John High School graduates, their graduation and the Ring Ceremony for Juniors.

Our Gospel passage is part of the farewell discourse of Jesus (Jn 13-17), as he prepares his disciples for his crucifixion and departure. More specifically, it is part of a prayer in which Jesus prays for his disciples, who will be left in the world without his physical presence.

The intercessory prayer of Jesus in John 17:11b-19 is a prayer for the disciples' protection, but it involves several specific elements. First, there is a specific concern for the disciples' unity (Jn 17:11b).

Second, the prayer specifies two reasons why protection is needed for the disciples: (1) "the evil one" and the presence of hate rob the disciples of a sense of belonging in this world (Jn 17:14-16); and (2) the disciples are sent into this world just as Jesus has been sent because the world is the object of God's ongoing love and mission (Jn 17:18).

Third, there is a specific request for God to set the disciples apart; namely, their sanctification in truth, which is equated with God's Word (Jn 17:17,19). Earlier in the prayer, Jesus has stated that he has already given to his disciples the word that he has received from God (Jn 17:8), so we know that the truth is none other than Jesus' word and, according to Jn 14:6, Jesus himself. After all, the Word has become flesh in Jesus, and this Word has "the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:69). Since the two references to sanctification enclose the sending of the disciples in God's mission of love, their sanctification does not mean their isolation or quarantine from the world, but rather, their loyalty to Jesus and to God.

Some questions for reflection:

What is the significance of this connection that is being repeatedly emphasized among Jesus, the Father, and the disciples?

It makes sense that love, mission, and protection appear in this passage, but what can we say about the somewhat sudden reference to joy in John 17:13?

How can we be a part of the world and yet be set apart from the world?

Peace.

Fr. Greg

Loving God,

As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

On behalf of Fr. Greg, Deacon Alfred Ricard and the entire St. John Parish Staff, we would like to wish all of our mothers a very "Happy Mother's Day."



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is waiting for You.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

St. John School Year End Ceremonies

Baccalaureate Mass

We welcome the St. John High School Class of 2024 to 9am Mass Sunday, May 12 in their honor. We pray for the graduates and their parents and congratulate them for a job well done.

Tuesday, May 14 - 10am: Graduation Practice

St. John Church

Tuesday, May 14 - 6:30pm: Honors Night

St. Clement

Wednesday, May 15 - 7pm: Graduation

St. John Church

Saturday, May 18 - 4pm Mass: Ring Ceremony

St. John Church

Friday, May 24 - 8am: 8th Grade Crossing Over

St. Clement

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm Parish Office Third Floor

Monday, June 3, 2024 Monday, July 8, 2024 Monday, August 5, 2024



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, May 18, 2024 Saturday, June 22, 2024 Saturday, July 27, 2024 Saturday, August 24, 2024

Dates are subject to change. Please contact Lily Skidmore during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

Ritualsong

The Ascension of the Lord #1180

Entrance: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise #640

Preparation: **Instrumental**
Communion: Open My Eyes #763

Sending Forth: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #806

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist "100 Year Capital Campaign" in loving memory of:

Frances A. Ferachi

Donated by: Eugene & Denny Bujol Brian & Linda Chustz



Children's Liturgy

May 12 — 11am — Alexis Schlatre May 19 — 9am Mass — Tracy Cox

Anyone interested in helping with Children's Liturgy ministry may call the church office at 225.687.2402.

May Devotion: The Blessed Virgin Mary

During the month of May, the Yard Rosary will be prayed at the homes of parishioners at 7pm.

Sunday, May 12: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Monday, May 13: Marla Bueche

59036 Postell Ave.

Tuesday, May 14: Marianne Freeman

23515 Church St.

Wednesday, May 15: Brad & Robin Hemenway

59330 Sexton Dr.

Thursday, May 16: Marion Badeaux

25875 Winter St.

Friday, May 17: Prentiss & Sarah Passantino

58415 Village Ct.

Saturday, May 18: Bern & Patricia Ebert

58416 Bayou Rd.

Sunday, May 19: Jimmy & Sheryl Ramirez

57830 Jumonville St.

Please join us. Bring your lawn chair and your friends!

The Cathedral on the Bayou

I am brick, mortar, and wood —

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I have seen countless baptisms, hearing the sweet protests of the infant as the holy water was poured upon his head, first communions, when white-clad children received the Holy Eucharist, with their hands clasped devoutly toward Heaven, and the confirmation of spiritually mature young Catholics, on fire for God.

At graduation I have felt the sense of accomplishment and thanksgiving of the students for their Catholic education, as they marched proudly down my long, long aisle to an awaiting world, and witnessed the nuptials of many idealistic couples, anticipating their future with boundless joy. At journey's end I have been part of the reverence and hope of the world to come as you grieved your loved ones. Incense, bells, and liturgical music have enhanced the life of the church throughout the

Many have entered my doors to find the peace they seek within. In your solitude, listen carefully and you might hear the echoes of schoolchildren at play, a Marianite with a handbell calling them inside after recess. Red-capped Holy Angels, blue-veiled Children of Mary, the beauty of the Maypole in Spring — all precious memories. Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus toiling tirelessly still. To Fr. Robin, Fr. Barbier, and those who went before and after — all good priests, nuns, and devoted workers in Our Lord's Vineyard — Unending gratitude is yours.

By God's grace I remain — a silent participant in the gift of each day and life's unforgettable milestones. I am grateful to be St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church — the "Cathedral on the Bayou".***

Then, now, and always, a testament to the abiding faith of this parish in Our Lord of Lords, Our King of Kings.

May you continue to travel the path of Goodness to the unimaginable riches, which He has prepared for all His faithful.

—-Ann Marix, July 23, 2013
***So named by Fr. Cleo Milano

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 "Cathedral on the Bayou" 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

From the Desk of the Business Manager

In your monthly packet of envelopes for the month of May is an ivory-colored envelope marked "The Catholic Commentator". As many of you know, the Catholic Commentator is no longer in publication. These envelopes were already in the 2024 annual production stage when we asked that they be cancelled. Therefore, they were included in your monthly packet. The envelope has been cancelled for the upcoming year 2025 and each subsequent year, thereafter. Some of you have already sent in a contribution for this envelope and those monies were deposited into the **General Fund** to help with our monthly financial obligations. If you wish to have your contribution reimbursed to you, please call me at 225.687.2402 so that I can begin that process.

As always, thank you for your generous financial support of St. John Church.

Medric

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

April 2024

Stewardship \$62,471.00
Repairs & Maintenance 11,113.00
Other Collections/Income 5,352.00

\$78,936.00

Salaries and Benefits	\$27,708.00
Utilities/Telephone/Internet/Email	4,012.00
Office Expense/Liturgy	3,055.00
Contracted services	5,889.00
Parish Share	13,861.00
Property Insurance	7,571.00
Repairs/Maintenance Expenses	1,341.00
Pastoral Services	2,223.00
Cemetery/Maintenance Supplies	3,568.00
School Subsidy	3,000.00

\$<u>72,228.00</u>

\$ 6,708.00



Important Acadian Festival Notice

Any 2024-2025 Senior girl attending Plaquemine High School, Iberville West Math, Science and Arts Academy or St. John High School or lives in Plaquemine and attends a school outside of Iberville

Parish is eligible to apply online at <u>acadianfestival.org</u> to be considered for the 2024 Acadian Festival Princess Court. Application period will be <u>June 1 - June 30, 2024</u>. You will receive confirmation when your application has been successfully submitted.

There will be no calling of members in the application process.

The Acadian Festival Committee and/or the Knights of Columbus are not responsible for contacting girls to apply.

Registration Open for St. John School Summer Camp. Register NOW!!



Join us for some summer fun!

Each session will have a different theme and a variety of activities including arts and crafts, STEM experiences, and a weekly water day.



Session one : June 3 - 7
Session Two : June 10 - 14
Session Three : June 24 - 28
Session Four : July 8 - 12

Time: 8:00 am - 11:30 am

Fee: \$150.00 per session/per camper

(covers all activities, supplies, and a daily snack)

Incoming Kindergarten and First Graders will be led by Mrs. Courtney (limit 10 campers per week). Incoming Second – Fifth Graders will be led by Mrs. Nugent (limit 12 campers per week).

Registration closes May 17, 2024.
(Please complete the attached registration form and return it to school with your payment.)

**Due to the need to pre-order supplies, full refunds will not be offered after May 24, 2024. If we do not have enough campers registered each week and/or camp is cancelled, you will receive a refund.

Please contact <u>afmuentastionschoulducation</u> with any questions or concerns.

2024 Summer Camp Registration Form

Please complete this form and return it along with your payment to school. Complete one form per camper.

Child's Name Current Grade Level

Please include your payment of \$150.00 per week. It is due at the time of registration. Make checks payable to St. John School.

Session 2: June 10 - 14

Session 4: July 8 - 12

- **By signing this registration, I understand and acknowledge the following policies and procedures.
- 1. Should my family's plans change, I may apply for a full refund before May 24, 2024. Since supplies and materials will be preordered based upon the number of campers registered for each camp, a full refund will not be available after May 24, 2024. Fifty percent (50 %) of the fee may be refunded after May 24, 2024 if canceled sometime between the dates of May 25, 2024 and the first day of my camper's session.
- 2. Campers may be dropped off beginning at 7:45 am and must be picked up no later than 11:40 am each day.
- 3. Campers will be expected to follow directions in order to provide a safe and fun experience for everyone.
- 4. Campers are to supply their own sunscreen, hats, water shoes, and/or sunglasses for weekly water day activities.
- 5. Campers may bring their own water bottle each day. If not, they will have access to the water fountains.

Parent's Signature Date

Please initial the appropriate choice.

Session 1: June 3 - 7

Session 3: June 24 - 28

____My child may be featured in social media posts on the school website, Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram.

My child may NOT be featured in any social media posts.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 18-4pm 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; John & Ann Ruiz, Anthony & Frances Palermo; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Ferachi & Hebert Families; Amelia, Wheel & Gayle Badeaux; Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families; Donald Stockman; Bill Toups, Jr.; Ed Bahry; Aubry Quebedeaux, Blanche & Saul Quebedeaux; Wayne Gary, Bernice & Cyprian Gary; Earl J. Settoon; Conrad Joffrion, John & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Sr.; Svlvia Rivet

Sunday, May 19-7:30am Mass St. John Parishioners

Sunday, May 19-9am 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; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Evelyn "Buté" Richard, Myrle Ostergren; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux, Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Ed Bahry; Denise Miranda; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Janice Brown, Mary Gulotta Brown, Ada Pinell Hebert; Victor J. Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Frank & Josie Canella

Sunday, May 19-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Cameron Edward Whatley

Tuesday, May 21-6pm Mass

Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson; John H. Businelle; Ruth Ostergren; Donald Persick, Sr.

Wednesday, May 22-7am Mass

Callahan, Clement & Mayon Families

Thursday, May 23-7am Mass

Patricia Nelson

Friday, May 24-7am Mass

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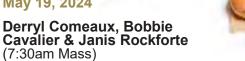


Sanctuary Candle May 12, 2024

St. John the Evangelist Frances Santangelo LeBlanc

St. Clement of Rome **Beverly Allain & Angela Dupont**

Coffee & Donuts May 19, 2024



Blane & Deryl Ourso (9am Mass)

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, May 15. Volunteers are welcome.



Easter Flower Donations 2024

In Loving Memory: Clifton J. Sanchez

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The Ascension of the Lord

Scripture Readings

Week of May 12, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or

4:1-7. 11-13: Mk 16:15-20

Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7b; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17 Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19 Wednesday Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26 Friday Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Pentecost Sunday

Vigil Mass: Gn 11:1-9, Ps 33:10-11,12-13,14-15; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b,

Dn 3:52,53,54,55,56 or Ps 19:8-11; Ez 37:1-14, Ps 107:2-3, 4-5,6-7, 8-9; JI 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30;

Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34;

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;Jn 20:19-23 or

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15





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