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Masses

Saturday Vigil4:	00	pm
Sunday7:30 am, 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



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

Arm the Photon Torpedoes

The book of Joshua tells of the Israelites coming into the Promised Land, where they no longer needed to be fed with manna as in the desert. They had been wandering much longer than expected because of their unfaithfulness. But now they are forgiven, and so celebrate the Passover with food from the land. Then we hear the Gospel parable about another feast. This one is also a celebration of forgiveness, for the prodigal son has returned to his father, and the father's forgiveness shows us how willing God is to forgive us. That's where we end the parable, right?

Wrong. The parable continues with the older son's complaint about a feast for his brother. That son cannot forgive his brother and is angry at the father for welcoming the prodigal back. This is where we come in. Most of us have no trouble

asking God's forgiveness. But we may have trouble forgiving others. We are so used to thinking in terms of justice that we are not satisfied with forgiveness. When I have been hurt, I feel like hitting back.

So we have to ask ourselves whose idea of justice we live by. Is it the human expectation of an eye for an eye? Or is it God's justice, which is mercy and forgiveness? When someone cuts you off in traffic, do you feel like firing the photon torpedoes, or offering forgiveness? The Golden Rule could be "Forgive others as you would be forgiven." Jesus gave his life for the sins of the world. Do we have the right to ask for more?

Tom Schmidt

Pastor's Letter

March 30, 2025 Dear Family:

As St. Paul notes in his letter to the Corinthians, Christians share their identity with Jesus Christ. This identity is more than a passing resemblance. Believers who share Jesus' faith and act with the same self-sacrificial love share Christ's Spirit, his very life. When God beholds them, God sees only Jesus. God responds to their prayers and actions as if they were Jesus himself still at work among humanity. This, for St. Paul, is reconciliation.

This reality was foreshadowed repeatedly in Israel's Scriptures. In this Sunday's first reading, the Israelites enter the promised land and live off its produce. God's ancient promise, that Israel would live in safety and abundance, is finally fulfilled. The passage symbolizes divine reconciliation spiritually through worship and tangibly through food.

Divine reconciliation is also the message of Jesus' parable of the prodigal son, in which food is also an important symbol. The younger son represents freedom without duty. He does whatever he wants, and almost destroys himself. The elder son represents duty without freedom. He does everything others expect, but in doing so he alienates himself completely from his father. The father acts with love toward both sons. He rejoices when the lost son returns, and he promises everything to the son who never left. The message for Christian disciples is to avoid the traps of the sons and, like the father, to reconcile with those who are lost to self-destruction or estrangement.

In St. Paul's mind, disciples reconciled to God become ministers of that gift to others. Whenever we share our faith or love, we reveal God working through us. Every one of these acts has the power to open someone's heart to the voice of the Spirit so that Christ might share his identity with someone new.

Some questions from reflection:

Are there any spiritual or tangible things that symbolize your reconciliation with God? How can you address love imbalances between freedom and responsibility in your life? How can you share the presence of God through acts of faith or love?

Many thanks to all who gave time, effort, prayer and artistry to the celebration of our annual St. Joseph Altar. The event was a time of great fellowship and brings people back home for a visit each year. May God Bless you all for your wonderful ministry.

Thanks as well for our 100 Year Campaign committee members who gave us the opportunity to celebrate the "Kick off" of our renovation. All the talent gathered to celebrate in the Plaza added to the great fellowship of our continuing goal to renew our church and our fellowship.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Outdoor Mass & Family Day

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Plans have begun for our Annual Outdoor Mass and Family Day. The 11am Mass followed by a full day of activities are scheduled for Sunday, April 6, 2025 at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park.

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.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm Church Office Conference Room

Monday, April 7, 2025 Monday, May 5, 2025 Monday, June 2, 2025

Baptisms

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 — During 9am Mass Saturday, May 31, 2025 — Following 4pm Mass Saturday, June 28, 2025 — Following 4pm Mass

Dates are subject to change. Contact Lily Skidmore at the church office, 225.687.2402, during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

First Holy Eucharist

On Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 11am Mass, we welcome 29 children to the Table of the Lord as they receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Nixen Lane Allen **Blaize Marie Blanchard** Raelyn Reece Blanchard Ellie Lynn Bourgoyne Vivian Leigh Brown **Amelia Grace Bueche Kavson James Carline Annelies Lawrence Comeaux Oliver David Courtage Jeanne Dorothy Deshotel Ruby Katherine Doiron Luke Anthony Engolio Kohen Michael Frame Emily Grace Francise** Isabelle Grace Landry Max Rene Guillot **Annie Beth Landry** Nicholas Ray Latiolas III **Aurora Therese Moore Lucas Michael Parker** Samuel Gregory Parnell **Cazes James Plauche** Mila Grace Poche **Adele Beatrix Schlatre** Cooper Paul Seneca Kamie Rae Theriot **Sydnee Marie Tullier Ruston Ralph Wille** Olivia Claire Zito

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.

A grateful acknowledgement is made to our First Eucharist preparation catechist Emily Taylor who assisted our PSR Coordinator, Wanda Ashley.

Ritualsong

Fourth Sunday of Lent #1127

Entrance: The Cross of Jesus #569

Preparation: **Instrumental**
Communion: Return to God #563

Sending Forth: **Silence**



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour, please email or call Susan Landry, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com, 225.687.2402.



The Light is On for You!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. John, along with other churches in our Diocese, will open for confession

at night during Lent. Father Greg will be hearing confessions from 6-7pm on **Wednesday, April 9.**

In Loving Memory...

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

Johnny Clebert

Donated by:
Eugene & Denny Bujol
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Lenten Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - 6pm Mass

6:30pm - Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass

Friday - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross 6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross

(No 7am Mass during Lent)

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church



Easter Flower Donations 2025

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All Souls in Purgatory who have no one to

pray for them

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(continued in future bulletins)

GOD BLESS OUR DEAD

Parish Activities — April 2025

Tuesday, April 1, 8, 15, 22

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena Church

Following 6pm Mass

Thursday, April 3, 10

Bible Study Conference Room

1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm

Friday, April 4, 11

Way of the Cross Church

Noor

Mass & Way of the Cross Church

6pm

Sunday, April 6

Outdoor Mass and Family Day Waterfront Park

11am

Monday, April 7

Baptism Seminar Conference Room

7pm

Wednesday, April 9

"The Light is on for You" (Reconciliation) Church

6-7pm

Sunday, April 13

Ladies of Peter Claver Parish Hall

2-4pm

Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church

4-6pm

Monday, April 14

Catholic Daughter Meeting Parish Hall

2pm

Tuesday, April 15

Alter Society Big Cleaning for Easter Church

8am

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper Church

7pm

Good Friday, April 18

Way of the Cross Church

Noor

Veneration of the Cross Church

3pm

Holy Saturday, April 19

Easter Vigil Church

7:30pm

OCIA Reception Parish Hall

Following Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 20

Easter Treats Piazza

Following 7:30am & 9am Masses

Easter Monday, April 21 OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, April 29

Altar Society Appreciation Luncheon Parish Hall

10:30am-1pm

St. Joseph Altar — March 16, 2025



A grateful acknowledgement is made to the many dedicated St. Joseph Alter workers for their labor of love in producing a magnificent alter every year. From left are: Charlotte Gulotta, Beverly Kolder, Gloria Boudreaux, Alice Prejean, Paula Adams, Jimmy Migliacio, Mickey Rivet, Anita Gilchrist, Joannette Gullotto, Katie Bee Spano, Jo Ann Landry, Shirley Daigle, Sherry Daigle, Beverly Fourroux, Lorraine Hidalgo, Linda Chustz, Marion Badeaux, Audrey Martinez, Addie Pelerin (hidden), Trish Ramirez, George Ramirez, Louise Dugas, Rose Lynn Hebert, Beverly Joffrion, Maxine Marino, BeBe Wintz, Audrey Schexnayder, Sissy Erwin, Joyce Daigle (hidden), Joann Carline, Derryl Comeaux, Dianne Allen, Donna Carville, and St. Joseph Altar Coordinator Betty Aucoin.





Chefs shown cooking the famous spaghetti sauce are, I to r, Hunter Boudreaux, Boonie Boudreaux, Peshu Richard, Scott Courtade, John Miller and Monty Dugas. Also helping out, at right, are brother-sister team Luke Ferachi and Laurie Ourso.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5, 2025-4pm 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; Charles Champagne, Jr.; Trista Parro, Teri & Buck Reynolds; Brennan Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier, Johnny Clebert; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Alfred & Mercedese, Lester & Mary Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; A. J. & Margie Doiron, Lee & Betty Mooney; John E. & Cecile D. Brown, Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, M/M Robert E. Brown & Families, M/M Maurice L. Duhon & Families, Wayne A. "Parin" Achord; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Alvin Dugas; Stag Gomez, Catherine Gomez, Bryce Gomez, Les Gomez, Lula LeBlanc; Henry J. Daigle, JoAnn Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Staempfli

Sunday, April 6-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, April 6-9am 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; Dianne Grace; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, James & Agnes LeBlanc; Burman & Vera Guidry; Mary Ann Gregoire; Rosemary Cox; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; May & David Currier; Brian Zito; Allen, Flo & Paco Ourso; Jessie Billings & Debra Billings

Sunday, April 6-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti Family; William Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Donald Duncan

Tuesday, April 8-6pm Mass

Patrick Gaudet, Dewey & Mable Callegan

Wednesday, April 9-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Nicolosi & Schexnaildre Families

Thursday, April 10-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, April 11-6pm Mass

Jerry Dugas



Sanctuary Candle

March 30, 2025

St. John the Evangelist
William Middleton
Bill Middleton III
St. Clement of Rome
Lois & Baco Romero

Coffee & Donuts

April 6, 2025

There will be no coffee and donuts Sunday, April 6. Join us at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Waterfront Park for 11am Mass and a full day of food, fellowship and fun!!

Children's Liturgy — April 2025

April 6, 2025

9am Mass

Tracy Cox

April 13, 2025

11am Mass

Alexis Schlatre

April 27, 2025

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9am Mass

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Carrie Chiaravalle

Kids' Corner

4th Sunday of Lent

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Blind Works Light World Clay Eyes Opened Signs Lord See



Scripture Readings

Week of March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or

Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a,13b; Monday

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 106:19-20-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10,

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53 Saturday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8;

Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17,

20-27, 33b-45

Stewardship

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.

Catholic Relief Services Special Appeal

Our diocese will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection this weekend. Your support of this collection serves Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

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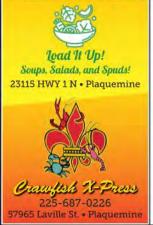
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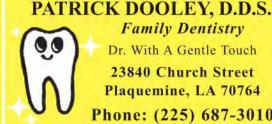
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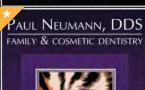
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