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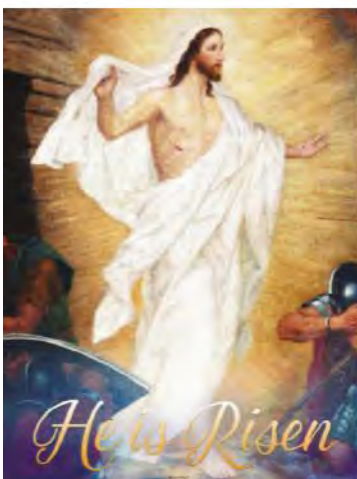
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## Masses

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm  
Sunday...7:30 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



## Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

### Childish of Child-like?

The Gospel for Easter this year reminds me of little children. Mary of Magdala runs from the tomb when she sees it has been opened. Then Peter and the other disciple race each other to the tomb. The other one wins the race but Peter goes in first (John 20:1-5). Besides running like excited kids, there is another way they are like children.

Remember the Gospel about St. Thomas, who would not believe Jesus' resurrection until he could see him? Compare that to the disciple in today's reading, who "saw [the empty tomb] and believed" (John 20:9). That is the kind of faith we find in a little child.

Children will believe in things they cannot see, especially if there is a good reason.

We "bribe" them into believing in Santa Claus or the tooth fairy by giving them Christmas presents or money under the pillow. If we teach them that God made them and loves them, if we love them ourselves and teach them to love others, they will have good reasons to believe in a real and loving God. As they get older, we can teach them how to pray, save money for the poor, visit the sick, or volunteer to help the homeless.

Jesus didn't say that only children could enter the Kingdom. He said we must become like children if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3). Becoming like children does not mean being selfish or stubborn, throwing tantrums when we don't get our way. Those are childish behaviors that we put aside. Instead, we can keep a child-like faith and trust in God. Teaching them about God is a great way to help our own faith to grow. By giving them real examples of God's love for them, they will continue to believe long after they have given up the fairy tales of childhood.

Tom Schmidt



## Pastor's Letter

Easter 2025

Dear Family:

**HAPPY EASTER. THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!**

Decon Ricard, myself, our parish and school staff extend our wishes for you and your families to enjoy a Blessed, Happy Easter. We have spent our Lent praying, doing penance, performing acts of mercy and more deeply following the Lord Jesus. May God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lift us all up in this new holy season of Easter.

New Testament writers speak of God as "able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine," as Paul says in one of his letters [Ephesians 3:20]. They derive this insight from the resurrection, which was an outcome vastly beyond what Christ's disciples expected. The readings this Sunday show New Testament writers coming to terms with God's ability to achieve from even the worst tragedy a glorious reversal.

This is obvious in the Gospel. The empty tomb is a source of confusion and anxiety for Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the beloved disciple. Mary and the beloved disciple do not even enter at first. Only Peter does, and what he finds there perplexes him utterly. But as the beloved disciple reflects, he finds reasons for hope. Anyone moving Jesus' body would have left it bound; it would have been much easier to transport fully wrapped. The discarded burial cloths signify that the one once bound by them was now free.

In today's second reading, Paul teaches that Jesus' resurrection gives us hope for a glorious end to our lives. Even as we live, death eats away at us through misfortunes such as illness, fear, injury, and persecution. Discipleship in Christ means that our life has somehow mystically merged with his. When we pray and perform acts of mercy, we rely on Christ's conquest of death to overcome our earthly misfortunes. When we die in faith, we rely on Christ to raise us as he himself rose. God can even subvert the universal dominion of death.

Although subtle, a reversal of sorts also appears in this Sunday's first reading. Peter, explaining the significance of Jesus' resurrection, describes the mission that Christ left the apostles. They are to preach forgiveness, even to the very people who killed him. No human mind could have conceived of such mercy. Only God, whose wisdom is beyond anything that can be asked or imagined, is capable of such love.

Some questions for reflection:

What evidence have you found that Christ is alive and at work?

How do you rely on Christ to overcome misfortune?

How can you strengthen your ability to forgive?

Many Thanks for all who assisted in making our Lent holy and our Easter Day joyful. Thanks to our liturgical ministers, Altar Society, Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, St. John School and Parish catechists, Gary Perrault and his many helpers, our OCIA team and sponsors, and all of you in the pew and in the vineyard who have sacrificed this Lent for the good of God's people. Your witnessing of our faith in the Risen Lord has been a great blessing for our community. Please know of our gratitude for all you have done to make us one family in Christ.

Peace in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Greg Daigle

## Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

**Baptism Seminars—7pm—Office Conference Room**

Monday, May 5, 2025

Monday, June 2, 2025

Monday, July 7, 2025

### Baptisms

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 — During 9am Mass

Saturday, May 31, 2025 — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, June 28, 2025 — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, July 26, 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.

## 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](mailto:susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com), 225.687.2402.

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## Adorer Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 — Following 6pm Mass

K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street

To show our gratitude to our committed adorers, the Appreciation Dinner will be held Tuesday, May 6 immediately following 6pm Mass. A sign-in tablet has been placed in the Adoration Chapel. Please indicate if you will be attending the dinner alone or with a guest.

## Welcome!!

We will welcome three new members into the Catholic Church at the **Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19.**

Everyone is invited to a reception to congratulate Anthony Agosta, Bret DeDual and Matthew Rowland following the 7:30pm Vigil Mass in the parish hall.

## Adult Confirmation

If you are 18 years of age or over and have not been confirmed in the Catholic Church for one reason or another, please call the church office at 225.687.2402, to attend 5 classes on Confirmation beginning Sunday, May 4 through Sunday, June 1. Classes will take place from 10-11am in the St. John Church Office Conference Room.

Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025 at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael Duca. You may call the St. John Church Office for more information.

## Ritualsong

**Easter Vigil #1152, Easter Sunday #1165**

Entrance: Jesus Christ is Risen Today #614

Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*

Communion: This is the Feast of Victory #618

Sending Forth: Sing with All the Saints in Glory #609

## Stewardship

**Easter Collection: Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests Special Appeal**

The Diocese of Baton Rouge has been blessed by the men who have given their lives to serve our communities since the diocese's inception in 1961. As the life of a priest changes, so does their needs. Join fellow Catholics in helping those who have blessed us so generously; make a meaningful gift to the Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests!



## Vacation Bible School — June 2-6, 2025

VBS IS BACK!! St. John the Evangelist Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer. The event will take place at St. John School Monday through Friday, June 2–June 6, from 8:30am-noon. The theme is "A Great Big Beautiful World!"

If you are interested in becoming an Adult Volunteer (18 years or older), please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office. Forms are also available in the church office, on the bookcases in the back of church, or on our website, [stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://stjohnchurchplaq.org) under RESOURCES. I will use this information to see who is active or inactive. If you are currently an active Volunteer

(certified), you are ready to go. If your file is inactive, you will have to re-certify. It is a painless process. DRE Laurie Barbier will assist in the completion of your certification.

We will need adult volunteers for handicrafts, assisting with treats, teachers and assistant teachers, and many other tasks. The set number of Ambassadors for Christ will be 40 students (Grades 6 through 12). We will need at least 25 Adult Volunteers to host VBS. I wanted to share the numbers so you would have some idea of what is needed for us to go forward.

I invite you to come on board with us; we have a wonderful group of students in our Church Parish. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jennifer Adams, VBS Coordinator

[moma2christa@gmail.com](mailto:moma2christa@gmail.com)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 — ADULT VOLUNTEER

(Please complete the form if you are interested in volunteering for VBS)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE/CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Once I receive this form, I will validate your records. I will contact you to inform you of your status. (Active or Inactive) If you are inactive, you will have to certify online and complete the process for certification. DRE Laurie Barbier will be more than happy to assist anyone who needs help in this process.

Jennifer Adams, VBS Coordinator

St. John the Evangelist Church



2025 St. Joseph Altar Saints



Kirsten Clebert



Gary Pruitt



Race Menard



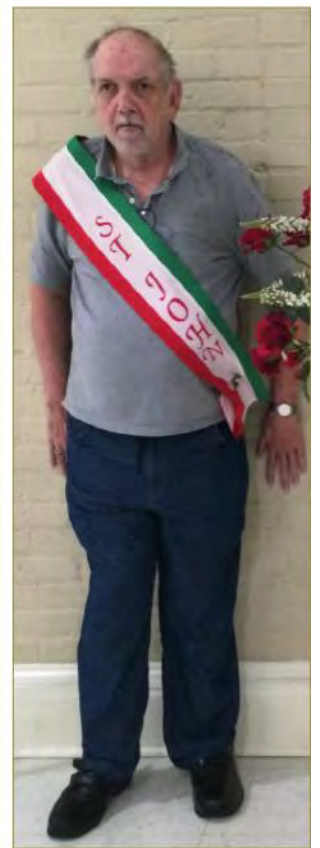
Addie Pellerin



Thomas Snearl



Eugene & Denny Bujol



Norman Grass



2025 St. Joseph Altar Saints



A. J. Dugas & Sue Dugas



Jimmy Ramirez & St. Joseph Altar  
Coordinator Betty Aucoin



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Timmy Martinez



Lynn Brown



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(continued in future bulletins)

**Our office will be closed Easter Monday, April 21.**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 26-4pm Mass**

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labour , Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry Sr. & Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Adam Rock Martinez; Jerry & Cutsy Blanchard, Victor & Olivia Blanchard; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; M/M Edmond Gomez & Family; Donna Suggs Conpi; Ulysse Theriot

**Sunday, April 27-7:30am Mass**

St. John Parishioners

**Sunday, April 27-9am Mass**

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labour , Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Roland "Doug " Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families, Alvin Sr., Angelic & Alvin Jr. Barbier; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breau; Paul & Emily Bourgeois; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Nolan "Country" Ruiz; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; John "Sonny" Bunch; Tracy Chapman, Jr.; Jessie Billings, Debra Billings; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Donald & Mary Cavalier, Gloria Cavalier, Mark Cavalier

**Sunday, April 27-11am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Charles Champagne, Jr.; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Ruth Keller; Crawford Howard; Urban & Jennie Andre; Anthony D. Capone; Leon, Nell & Pascal Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Wayne Gomez; Kevin Mellieon, Geraldine Kelly, Elsie Sam, Lena Delahoussaye

**Tuesday, April 29-6pm Mass**

Pat Messina

**Wednesday, April 30-7am Mass**

Larry Skidmore & Dorothy Skidmore

**Thursday, May 1-7am Mass**

Mr. & Mrs. Irby Gascon

**Friday, May 2-7am Mass**

Ed Bahry

**Altar Society**

**Essential Support System of the Church**

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, April 23 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.







## Sanctuary Candle

April 20, 2025

**Roland "Dougie" Rivet**

St. John the Evangelist

**Bret Thompson**

St. Clement of Rome

## Scripture Readings: Week of April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2a, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

## Children's Liturgy ~ April 27, 2025

9am Mass ~ Carrie Chiaravalle

## Coffee & Donuts

April 27, 2025

**Gary & Dolores Pruitt**

7:30 am Mass

**Lee Ann Howard**

9am Mass



## St. Francis of Assisi Food Fest — May 4, 2025

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