

# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Masses

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 pm  
Sunday...7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday ..... 6:00 pm  
Followed by Benediction & Novena  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 am  
Thursday ..... 7:00 am  
Friday ..... 7:00 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday ..... 5:30-5:45 pm  
First Friday..... 6:30 am  
Saturday ..... 3:00-3:30 pm



## The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9, 2025

### Why All the Fuss About Buildings?

What's all the fuss about buildings? Doesn't the Bible tell us over and over again not to focus on material things but rather on the heart? Aren't we supposed to focus on the Church rather than a church?

Well, if the Church has proclaimed this day a feast, then it must have some great significance, so let's find it. The Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. His cathedra, his bishop's seat, is found at St. John Lateran. This basilica was built on terrain donated by Emperor Constantine himself and celebrated the freedom of worship granted by the Edict of Milan. Wow.

Ok, so maybe this isn't just any old church. It holds special significance, reminding Catholics of the courage of the early Christians who fought for freedom of religion and the unity of the universal Church with the Holy See.

This feast can serve as a reminder to us of the respect due our own parish church. Do we see it as a place of honor, reverence and community worship? Do we dress and act appropriately, considering we are in God's presence? Do we offer ourselves together with Christ in the Eucharistic sacrifice, uniting ourselves with Catholics throughout the world?

May we celebrate our universal Church today and may we thank God for all of the churches that have been built and dedicated to allow us a space to worship freely. Maybe we should make a fuss about these beautiful buildings after all. Tami Urcia



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Come and Adore. Jesus is waiting for YOU.**

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."

—Saint Therese of Lisieux

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour as a committed adorer or a substitute, please contact Susan at 225.687.2402, [susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com](mailto:susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com).

## Ushers Meeting

Fr. Martin asks that all current Ushers and anyone who would like to become an Usher attend a meeting **Wednesday, November 12 at 6pm** in the parish hall.

## 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:

**Angie & Joe Palazzo  
Dot & Angelo Borruano, Sr.**

**Donated by:  
Susie & Angelo Borruano, Jr.**

## Called By Name

**Chosen for Consecrated Life**

You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).



## Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, November 9 from 3-5pm in church. The purpose of the prayer group is to offer prayers for our church and special intentions. All are welcome!

## Ritualsong

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica #1312**

Entrance: All Are Welcome #925

Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*

Communion: I Am the Bread of Life #1029

Sending Forth: We Shall Rise Again #962

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**Charles Ray Champagne, Jr.**

**Donated by:  
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## SAVE A LIFE K. C. Blood Drive



The Knights of Columbus Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, November 11 from 3 until 8:30 pm at the K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street.

## Honoring Our Deceased Loved Ones

**2026 Mass Intentions**

The Mass Intention Book is open for the scheduling of Masses for next year (2026). Printed forms may be found on the bookshelves at the back of church and in the church office. Digital forms may be submitted online via our website, [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org) under the RESOURCES tab.

If you wish to schedule a Mass, please fill out a Mass Intention form. Include your name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions about your intentions and need to contact you. We will try to schedule Masses in the order in which the forms are received to the best of our ability. You may return the form and your check to the St. John Church Office, mail it to 57805 Main Street or drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

**Book of Remembrance**

During the month of November, parishioners are encouraged to list the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance. This book is located on the side altar and will remain during the month of November. You may write the names of loved ones in the book at your convenience.

**God Bless Our Dead.**



## St. John School News

### Fathers Club \$10,000 Raffle

The 28th Annual Fathers Club \$10,000 raffle tickets are \$100 each and are available for purchase by contacting Patrick Edwards (225.776.7108), Dwayne Boudreaux (225.776.7522) or Joel Ducote (225.776.0761).

The \$10,000 raffle drawing will be on Wednesday, **November 19** at 6pm via Facebook Live.

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### St. John Students Remember Our Veterans

For the twelfth year, St. John School's 4th and 5th grade students are participating in their annual service project by making care packages for our troops. If you would like to make donations, please bring them to St. John School before Monday, November 11. We will send these items to the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana. Students will also be on hand at Iberville's Salute to Veterans Monday, November 11.

These are some of the items they need:

Lip balm, medicated foot powder, shoe inserts, antibiotic ointment, anti-itch ointment, muscle pain ointment, eye drops, eyeglass wipes, toothpaste, sunscreen lotion (in tube), insect repellent (non aerosol), hand warmers, trail mix, popcorn, Cracker Jacks, hot chocolate, powdered drink mix packets, mouthwash, powdered Gatorade, deodorant (non aerosol), miniature toilet paper rolls, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, disposable razors, baby wipes, body wash/soap, shampoo, scrubbies, beef jerky (no pork), Slim Jims, chewing gum, DVDs, crossword puzzles, skin lotions, room fresheners, pencil/pens, small notebooks, hand sanitizer.

**Join us for a Veterans Day Prayer Service Tuesday, November 11 at 8am in St. Clement Church.**



## Iberville Salute to Veterans

### Honoring our Soldiers

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025 ~ 10am-12pm**

**Iberville Veterans Memorial ~ 23640 Railroad Ave**

Each Veteran's Day since 2008, Iberville Parish has continued the tradition of honoring veterans at the Iberville Veterans Memorial site through Iberville's Salute To Veterans event. Pre-ceremony entertainment begins at 9:30am. We will have the always popular Victory Belles performing! Don't miss it!

## First Reconciliation

St. John Church

Thursday, November 13 — 6pm

***Jesus, You make all things new!***



## Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

### Baptism Seminars — 7pm

#### Church Office Conference Room

\*Monday, November 10, 2025

Monday, December 1, 2025

Monday, January 5, 2026

### Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Saturday, January 24, 2026

During the early stages of pregnancy, please register online at [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org) under FORMATION or call the church office at 225.687.2402. Baptism preparation may be done at a seminar or online. For online information, email [wandaashley681@gmail.com](mailto:wandaashley681@gmail.com). Confirm with Lily Skidmore at the church office as dates are subject to change.

\*Note change.

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**Barbara H. Coreil**

**Mary Susan L. Dugas**

**Mrs. Dorothy D'Albor LeBlanc**

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**Donated by:**

**Dr. & Mrs. Charles L. Carville, Jr.**

## Workbooks for Lectors

The 2026 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistry. Lectors, please pick up your copy at your convenience.



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November 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Rev. Martin Lawrence

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Albert the Great

Possibly one of the Church's greatest intellectuals, St. Albert was the eldest son of a powerful German military official. Despite opposition from his family, he joined the Dominican Order. Being well educated, St. Albert desired to make all the learning of the East available to the Latin-speaking West. He earned his doctorate at the University of Paris in 1245 and taught at Paris and Cologne. He is best known as the master of St. Thomas Aquinas.

### Praying for the dead

Catholics see Purgatory as an expression of God's mercy — a place where souls who die in His grace, but need further purification, are prepared for Heaven. This month, we pray for our departed loved ones, asking God to bring them quickly into His presence.

One tradition is to request a Mass on the anniversary of a loved one's death. If that soul is already in Heaven, the graces benefit others still in need. In God's mercy, nothing is ever wasted.

"Forgiveness comes...through the soul's desire to be united to me [i.e., to God], the infinite Good, according to the measure of love attained by the recipient's desire and prayer. A person receives as much of my goodness as he gives to me." St. Catherine of Siena, *The Dialogue*

## Christ as King of our hearts

When we proclaim, "Christ is King," we're not making a poetic or symbolic statement. We're declaring a truth that shapes every part of our lives. To live under Christ's rule is to give Him authority over what we believe, how we worship, how we act, and how we spend our time.

**What we believe:** At the center of our faith is a relationship. Knowing Jesus personally — through the Gospels, through prayer, through the lives of the saints — transforms abstract belief into living faith. When someone asks, "Why are you Catholic?" our answer should come from experience, not just theology.

**How we worship:** Imagine a king hosting a free, lavish banquet every week for all his subjects. Every Sunday, we're invited to a banquet — not of food, but of grace. To say, "Christ is King" is to obey His words: "*Do this in remembrance of me*" (Luke 22:19). The

Mass is not just a weekly routine; it's a divine encounter.

**How we act:** Our actions, especially the small ones, speak volumes. Reverence, patience, honesty, integrity,

*"You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth."*  
John 18:37

and generosity are everyday ways of making Christ visible through us. These aren't just virtues — they're signs of loyalty to our true King.

**How we spend our time:** Daily prayer proclaims that Christ reigns not only over Sunday, but over our entire lives. Whether prayer feels powerful or dry, it anchors us in Him. No time given to Christ is ever wasted.

To say "Christ is King" is to surrender everything to Him. It's a declaration that He reigns not just in Heaven, but here, now, in us.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why does the Church offer indulgences?

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). This "temporal punishment" refers to the purification the soul undergoes before entering Heaven.

The power of indulgences flows from Christ's sacrifice and is applied through

the merits of the saints and prayers of the Church. Indulgences are not shortcuts to Heaven or "free passes"; they require repentance and conversion of heart.

To obtain an indulgence, conditions must be met: sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, and performance of the indulgenced act.



## ***"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"*** **(Matthew 6:21)**

There's a common lesson in driver's education: "Your vehicle goes where your eyes go." Spiritually, the same is true — our lives follow what we focus on. What we treasure most lays claim to our hearts. The challenge is to set our hearts on what truly lasts.

*"You cannot serve two masters"* (Matthew 6:24). What treasure do you set your heart on? A desire for holiness requires us to examine how we live day to day. Are we cultivating trust in God, or grasping for control? Realignment often begins with small, intentional acts: spending time in prayer instead of mindless scrolling; reading the Gospel before the news; choosing simplicity over indulgence and

giving generously to those in need. These are daily decisions that reflect where our heart truly lies.

**Trust instead of worrying.** Jesus does not condemn wealth, hard work, or responsible planning. Instead, He calls us to live as sons and daughters of God. That means trusting His love, accepting His timing, and offering our lives in service to His Kingdom. Ask yourself: Do I invite God into my decisions, or do I act alone? Am I content to wait on His timing, or do I insist on my own?

When we prioritize the things of God, we invest in a treasure that does not fade — one that shapes who we are now, and endures into eternity.

### from **S**cripture

### **Matthew 24:37-44, Preparing hearts for Christ's coming**

In this Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour when He will come for us. *"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."* His message is clear: live each day prepared to meet Him.

Next month, we celebrate His first coming at Christmas. But Christ will come again — at our death, and at the end of time. Advent invites us to ask: "What must I do to be ready?"

Begin by striving to remain in a state of grace. If you are aware of having committed mortal sin, seek God's mercy without delay through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you are not conscious of serious sin,

aim to go to Confession regularly — every four to six weeks, if possible. Examine your conscience honestly, and choose one or two areas of sin to actively work on.

Attend Sunday Mass faithfully, make more time for prayer, and look for opportunities to serve others with love and humility. These practices not only prepare us to welcome Christ when we finally meet Him face-to-face, but they also draw us closer to Him now.

When Christmas arrives, may you greet the Lord not with fear, but with joy — knowing your heart is open, your hands are ready, and your soul is at peace.

### **Feasts & Celebrations**

**November 2 – All Souls Day.** On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

**November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584).** Born into a wealthy family in 1538 in Lombardy, Italy, St. Charles was chosen for the priesthood to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Giovanni Angelo de Medici, the future Pope Pius IV. After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, Charles was named cardinal and bishop of Milan. He worked to reform his diocese of

corruption and cared for the poor and sick when a plague struck Milan.

**November 23 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.** God promised his people a king who would be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King, who triumphed over the enemies of sin and death. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

**November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent.** During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth, remembering the time when He was awaited. During Advent we also look forward to Christ's reign and His coming on the Last Day. We light candles in an Advent wreath each night of the season to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.

### **Q & A** **Do Catholics practice tithing?**

Tithing is the practice of giving ten percent of your income to the Church. In fact, the word itself comes from an Old English word meaning, "one-tenth." It was based on Jewish tradition in the Old Testament and its first recorded practice was Abraham's offering of a tenth of all he had as a "thank offering" to God for his victory in battle (Genesis 14:18-20). It's still practiced by the Mormon Church.

The Catholic Church does not require tithing; there is no "fixed sum" that God requires of us. Catholics are, however, required to support the material needs of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2043). How much — or little — is between you and God and in light of the needs of your state in life.

Money isn't the only way to support your parish, diocese, or the Church. Giving of your time to volunteer in your parish, donating some of what you don't need to the poor, and even devoting prayers specifically for the needs of your parish priests are all praiseworthy ways to give back.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 15-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Charles Champagne, Jr.; Trista Parro, John & Joey Hussy, Kelly Robinson; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry, Jane & Kirsch; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; "Dottie" Rivere, Julius & Neva Bolotte; Richard J. Businelle; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Joseph Graves, Sr., W. A. Graves Family, Michael & Kandy Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Bill Touns, Jr.; Dayna Elizabeth Hidalgo Lopez; Janice Brown; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Josie & Tony Palermo; Lois & Baco Romero, Lonnie Michel; Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Conrad Joffrion, Roy Landry, Jr. & Sr.; Sue Blanchard; M/M Kearney Thibodeaux & Family, The Suggs Family, Micah Matthew Theriot

### Sunday, November 16-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

### Sunday, November 16-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott J. Marino; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Denise Miranda; The Calvaruso Family; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; John "Sonny" Bunch; Delores, Doris & Mary Manuel & Sarah; Jessie Billings; The Currier Families; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Sue Landry Dugas

### Sunday, November 16-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "SeSe" Becnel, Pauline & Alcee Becnel, Jr.; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Victor Joseph Canella

### Tuesday, November 18-6pm Mass

Rodney & Betty LaBauve, Paul & Emily Bourgeois; Deborah Clifton, Earl Schexnaildre, Maragaret Hernandez, Michael Edwards; Gail Gourgues Engolio, Jon Wallace, Mary Ann Gourgues & Gourgues Family

### Wednesday, November 19-7am Mass

David T. Dupont

### Thursday, November 20-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

### Friday, November 21-7am Mass

Tommy Griffon



## Sanctuary Candle

**November 9, 2025**

St. John the Evangelist  
**Yves & Vera Ramirez**

St. Clement of Rome  
**Mickey J. Brown,  
Maurice E. Brown &  
The USMC**

## A Grateful Acknowledgement

The Plaquemine Lions Club gratefully acknowledges everyone who purchased spaghetti dinners to make their recent fundraiser a huge success.

## Coffee & Donuts

**November 16, 2025**

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

**Ruel & Diana Seneca** (9am Mass)



## Children's Church

**A safe and nurturing environment for children to participate in the Mass at an age-appropriate level**

Sunday	Mass	Teacher
November 9	11am	Taylor Campbell
November 16	9am	Tracy Cox
November 23	11am	Alexis Schlatre

## St. John Altar Society

**Essential Support System of the Church**

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, November 12 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

## Lost & Found

A small predominately blue purse was left in church and a rosary was found in the church parking lot. If anyone has any knowledge of either of these items, please call the church office at 225.687.2402.



## Scripture Readings

### Week of November 9, 2025

Sunday	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Monday	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Wis 2:23—3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5b; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



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