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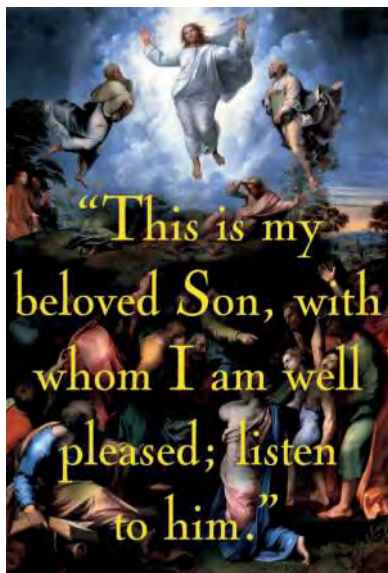
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Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
 Sunday...7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday..... 6:00 pm
 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
 Saturday3:00-3:30 pm



Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Transfiguration Manifestation

It may seem odd to hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus during Lent. Wouldn't it fit better after Easter? An answer is found a few verses after our Gospel selection. Jesus tells the disciples that he will suffer (Matthew 17:12). The vision of Jesus' glory shared by Peter, James, and John was meant to help them not to become discouraged by Jesus' death on the cross. Some of the details in the Gospel can help us understand how Lent leads to Easter.

First, we hear about Jesus' appearance, that "his face shone like the sun" (Matthew 17:2). If the disciples didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God before, they surely did now. For us this can be a reminder that God is with us during this season of Lent, helping our faith to grow.

Next, the three disciples see Moses and Elijah, symbols of the Old Testament. Peter wants them to stay, but the voice of God interrupts and tells them that

now they should listen to Jesus. The Gospel tells us to keep our eyes on Jesus throughout Lent. Do I grumble about Lent, seeing it is as another set of laws to be obeyed? Perhaps I'm forgetting that Lent is not about how much I do for God, but a time to reflect on what God has done for me.

The last line of the Gospel has Jesus telling the three not to tell anyone about their vision until after his resurrection. Maybe the disciples were tempted to brag that they were better than the other followers of Jesus. This reminds us that the sacrifices of Lent don't just make us look holy; they lead us to the new life of Easter. Tom Schmidt

Reparation to the Holy Face



“O My Jesus! Cast upon us a look of mercy; turn Thy Face upon each one of us, even as Thou didst upon Veronica; not that we may see It with the eyes of our body, for we do not deserve this; but turn IT towards our hearts, that being sustained by Thee, we may draw from that powerful source strength for the combats we must ever wage on earth. Eternal Father, we offer Thee the Adorable Face of Thy Well-Beloved Son for the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name and for the salvation of all men.”

- Prayer of Pope Pius IX

Fr. Martin made a shrine to the Holy Face on the side altar in church for Shrovetide and the Feast of the Holy Face on Carnival Day. It will remain up for the veneration of the faithful throughout Lent until Holy Thursday morning. On Fridays of Lent and Passiontide, Father will expose the relic of the True Cross in front of it where the small cloth is seen.

The image of the Holy Face is an artistic representation of the Veil of Veronica kept in St Peter's Basilica of the Vatican.

Ritualsong

Second Sunday of Lent #1119

Entrance: Forty Days and Forty Nights #565

Preparation: ****Instrumental****

Communion: Jerusalem, My Destiny #568

Sending Forth: Parce Domine/Spare Us, Gracious Lord #567

Lenten Weekday Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass

Tuesday - 6pm Mass

6:30pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

Friday - Noon - Stations of the Cross

5:30pm - Confessions

6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross

(No 7am Mass during Lent)



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. He is waiting for YOU.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-11pm.

To schedule an hour as a committed adorer or a substitute, please contact Susan at 225.687.2402, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, March 2, 2026

****Monday, April 13, 2026**

Monday, May 4, 2026

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Saturday, May 23, 2026

During the early stages of pregnancy, please register online at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under the FORMATION tab or call the church office at 225.687.2402. Confirm with Lily Skidmore at the church office as dates are subject to change.

****Note Change**

Confirmation 2026



Bishop Michael Duca sealed these young people with the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, February 6, 2026 at St. John the Evangelist Church. Additional 2026 Confirmation students will be confirmed by Bishop Duca on March 22.

If anyone would like to order pictures, please do so within the next 2 weeks using this link:

<https://donnakirkland.smugmug.com/2026-SJE-Confirmation>.

Photo credit Donna Kirkland

Scripture Readings

Week of March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13;
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21,
23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Third Sunday of Lent

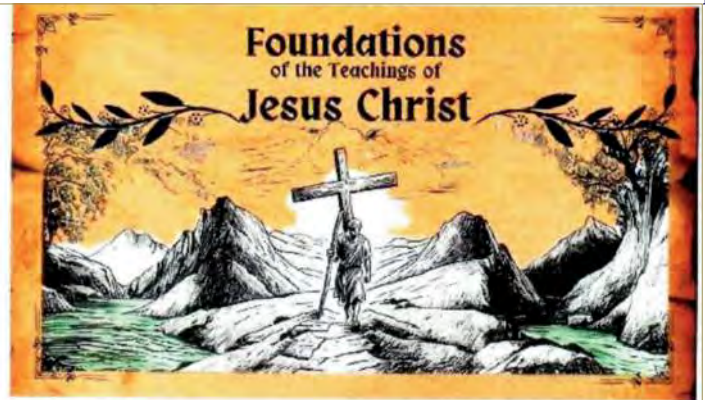
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,
40-42

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 4 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

Women's Silent Retreat Rescheduled



GOD creates
and lays a Foundation
that man builds upon.

RETREAT

Lead By: the Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes

When: Saturday, March 7, 2026, 10:30 – 2:30pm

Light lunch provided

Where: St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Hall

Register today by calling (225) 687-2402



Pope's Prayer Intention for March
For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

St. Joseph Altar
Honoring St. Joseph

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Noon - 1:30pm

Knights of Columbus Hall
58715 Price Street, Plaquemine

Blessing and viewing of the altar takes place at the K. C. Hall following 4pm Mass Saturday, March 14. Sunday, March 15 serving from the altar begins immediately following 11am Mass from noon until 1:30pm. Preparations for the St. Joseph Altar are ongoing at the K.C. Hall. All volunteers are welcome to join us daily beginning at 9am. Anyone wishing to donate a cake and students wanting to earn service hours are asked to call Betty Aucoin at 225.687.2111.

A homemade quilt was donated by Maxine Marino and is being raffled for \$2 a chance.



Altar Server Training & Pizza Party

Father Martin is holding an altar server training on **Saturday, April 18** from 9 to 11am in the parish hall. Anyone who has received their First Communion and is interested in this ministry is invited to attend, get training, and get scheduled to start serving at Holy Mass. Pizza will be served after the training.



Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Roch

Built in fulfillment of a Vow in 1867

Campo Santo #1 + 1725 Saint Roch Avenue + New Orleans

Monday, March 23rd

Leaving St. John Church, Plaquemine 8:00 a.m. by carpool

At first, St. Roch Campo Santo Cemetery #1 doesn't look like anything out of the ordinary for a New Orleans graveyard. However, this quiet old cemetery is home to one of the most religious of settings in the Crescent City: the National Shrine of St. Roch, Mendicant Saint of Montpellier, France, patron of those suffering during pestilence and diseases, and heavenly patron of dogs. The neighborhood previously known as Faubourg Franklin became the St. Roch Neighborhood in the 1850's. In the times of the yellow fever epidemics which ravaged the Crescent City, the Pastor of Holy Trinity Church for German Catholics on St. Ferdinand Street, the Reverend Peter Leonard Thevis, prayed to St. Roch for his parishioners' health. St. Roch was believed to be a healer and protector of health by his congregation. Father Thevis made a vow that he would build a chapel in honor of St. Roch in the first parish cemetery (Campo Santo #1) if no one from his parish died from the yellow fever. Sure enough, no one in his parish died from yellow fever in over a decade. This meant that it was time to go through with his part of the deal. So, soon a chapel was built in honor of St. Roch.

The Shrine lies in a tall, two-room building, one of which contains an altar and a statue of St. Roch and his beloved dog. The other room is filled with *ex votos*, plaques of gratitude from the faithful who were cured through St. Roch's intercession from 1867 through the middle of the 20th century. Some of these *ex votos* are in the form of body part (representing the part of the body which suffered) and crutches and leg braces used by the faithful and no longer needed after they were cured. Until the late 1960's, novenas, devotions and Holy Masses were celebrated regularly at the Shrine, especially around the feast of St. Roch on August 16th. The Stations of the Cross are still popular at the Campo Santo on Good Friday.

Itinerary of the Day:

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass shortly after we arrive (around 10:00 am);

Veneration of the 1st Class Holy Relic of St. Roch following Holy Mass;

Stations of the Cross around the Campo Santo #1 (bring a jacket);

LUNCH to follow at the nearby, historic

ST. ROCH MARKET (established 1875), 2381 St. Claude Avenue;

Check out the menu: www.strochmarket.com

Excursion On the Way Home (for those who wish):

We will make a stop at THE CHURCH SUPPLY HOUSE (J. Prestes & Co, Inc)

3605 Division Street, Metairie, LA

For those who would like to purchase religious articles for gifts and for home: Father Martin will bless religious articles if you'd like

Right now, we are planning on carpooling for transportation. However, if enough people are interested in going, Father Martin will work on securing a chartered bus. He will then figure the price per person and let individuals know who want to ride the bus.

Bus transportation would be first come, first served.

Please email Father Martin if you are interested in going and if you want to drive yourself to the pilgrimage or ride the bus. He will contact you. His email address is:

mlawrence@diobr.org

Parish Activities — March 2026

Monday, March 2, 9

Bible Study Conference Room
1-2:30pm

Baptism Seminar Conference Room
7pm

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Confessions/Mass/Divine Mercy Novena/Benediction
5:30pm/6pm Church

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Way of the Cross Church
Noon

Confession/Mass/Way of the Cross Church
5:30/6pm

Saturday, March 7

Women’s Retreat Parish Hall
10:30am-2:30pm

Sunday, March 8

Confirmation Candidates/Sponsors Church
11am Mass

Ladies of Peter Claver Meeting Parish Hall
2-4pm

Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church
3-5pm

Monday, March 9

Catholic Daughter Meeting Parish Hall
6pm

Wednesday, March 11

Mandatory 1st Eucharist Practice Church
6pm

Saturday, March 14

Blessing of the St. Joseph Altar K. C. Hall
Following 4pm Mass

Sunday, March 15

St. Joseph Altar K. C. Hall
Noon –1:30pm

**First Eucharist Mass Church
4pm**

Thursday, March 19

Feast of St. Joseph Mass Church
6pm (no morning Mass)

Sunday, March 22

**Confirmation Church
7pm**

Confirmation Reception Parish Hall
Following Mass

Tuesday, March 24

Altar Society Meeting Conference Room
9:30am

Thursday, March 26

Lenten Penance Service/Confessions Church
7pm

Friday, March 27

Guest Speaker Jesse Romero Church
Following 6pm Mass

Lenten Penance Service and Confessions

Thursday, March 26, 2026 — 7pm

Father Martin with 5 other priests from our deanery will be hearing confessions following a 7pm penance service on Thursday, March 26. Father will also be hearing confessions before Masses at 5:30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent and during the Easter Triduum during Holy Week.



“We cannot love sin during life and begin to love virtue at death. The joys of heaven are the continuance of the Christ-like joys of earth. We do not develop a new set of loves with our last breath. We shall reap in eternity only what we sowed on earth. Then let not our presuming moderns who pile sin on sin think that they can insult God until their lease on life has run out and then expect an eternal lease on one of the Father’s mansions. Did He who went to Heaven by a Cross intend that you should go there by sinning?”

~Archbishop Fulton Sheen (The Seven Virtues)

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

“This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: ablount@diobr.org.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 7-4pm 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; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Papa, Momma, Moe, Joan, Mickey J., Brown & Duhon Families; Sylvia Rivet, Shane Smith, Rivet Family; Louise & Edmund Bujol, Alfred, Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey, Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Derley Barbier; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Corinne Hebert; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Sr., Scott Jude Marino; Henry J. & Joann R. Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; Maude & Percy Blanchard, Norbert & Chase Prejean; Amelia, Gayle & Wheel Badeaux; Isaac J. Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; Pam Blanchard, Joy Ledet

Sunday, March 8-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 8-9am 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; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; James Roucher, Rusty Roucher; George, Maggie & Joe Gullotto, A. J. & Lola Adams; Jason Guidry, Burman & Vera Guidry; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Sue Landry Dugas; Rose Marie Canella, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Michael Clause, Mary Jo Primeaux; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee

Sunday, March 8-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; O. J., Buster, Pearl Hidalgo & Songy Families; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Bobby & Janice Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr.; Colby Gomez

Tuesday, March 10-6pm Mass

Mickey J. Brown; Case, Gum & Schuler Families; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Cloutre & Middleton Families; J. H. Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; M/M Dalfay Cavalier, M/M Joseph C. LeBlanc; Dave & Eleanor Schnebelen, John Orcino, Sr.; Patrick Gaudet, V. A. & Birdie Daigle, Irvin "Pajo" Settoon III; Russell, Gloria & Fal Naquin

Wednesday, March 11-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, March 12-7am Mass

Margaret Bynum

Friday, March 13-6pm Mass

Emily Loubiere



Sanctuary Candle

March 1, 2026

St. John the Evangelist
Scott Jude Marino

St. Clement of Rome
The Mazone Family

Coffee & Donuts

March 8, 2026

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero
(7:30 Mass)



Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)

Children's Church-March 2026

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Sunday	Mass	Teacher
March 1	11am	Alexis Schlatre
March 8	9am	Tracy Cox
March 15	11am	Taylor Campbell
March 22	9am	Tracy Cox
March 29	11am	Alexis Schlatre

Kids Corner

2nd Sunday of Lent

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