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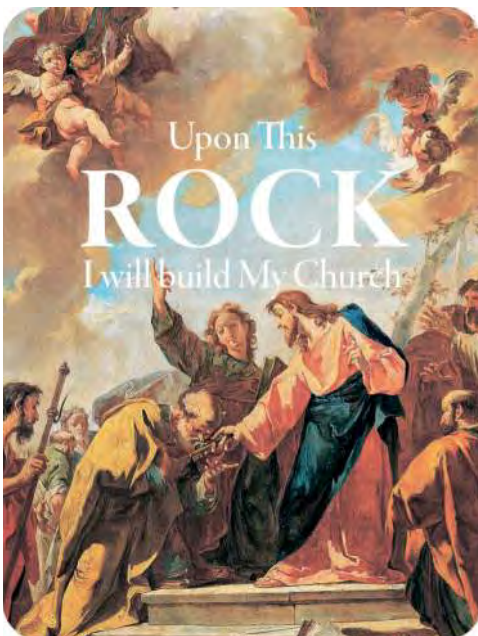
Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm
Sunday.....7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Monday.....7:00 am
Tuesday.....6:00 pm
Followed by Benediction & Novena
Wednesday.....7:00 am
Thursday.....7:00 am
First Friday.....7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Chapel Hours.....4am-11pm



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

Rocky

Jesus gave Simon a name based on the word for "rock." Peter had just acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of God and the Messiah (Christ). Jesus used that as an opportunity to teach us about the importance of faith as the foundation of the church.

There were many variations on what people thought the messiah would be. Some expected a political leader who would unite the Jews and maybe even overthrow their Roman masters. Others thought he would be a wonder-worker, a super-hero, who would use his power to make Israel a great and free nation. Some thought the messiah would provide food and riches in abundance. In faith we learn that Jesus has fulfilled all messianic hopes. He unites not just the Jews, but all people who believe in him. He sets us free from sin and death. He feeds our spiritual hunger with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

By commending Peter's faith, he shows us that faith is the foundation (rock) of the church. For the church is a family of people who believe all that Jesus taught because we believe in the person of Jesus. That is, we don't just believe that Jesus was real. We affirm that he is alive and important to our lives. We have experienced him in his words, in the sacraments, and in each other. May our faith always be solid as a rock. Tom Schmidt

Welcome!

We welcome the St. John School Homecoming Court to 9am Mass and Miss Evangeline 2026-2027 to 11am Mass. Congratulations!!



Source & Summit Missal

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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 Gum
Sandra "Coochie" Landry
Judy Lasseigne
Peter Migliacio

Donated by:
Betty & Lloyd Bouchereau, Jr.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 Landry at 225.687.2402, susan@stjohnchurchplaq.com.

September Children's Church

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

Children's Church will be on Sundays during 9am Mass.

Date:	Teacher:
September 6	Carrie Leonard
September 13	Tracy Cox
September 20	Carrie Leonard
September 27	Tracy Cox

Volunteer teachers are requested for Children's Church. Please contact Jennifer Adams at 225.385.8201, jenniferadams1816@gmail.com if you can help.

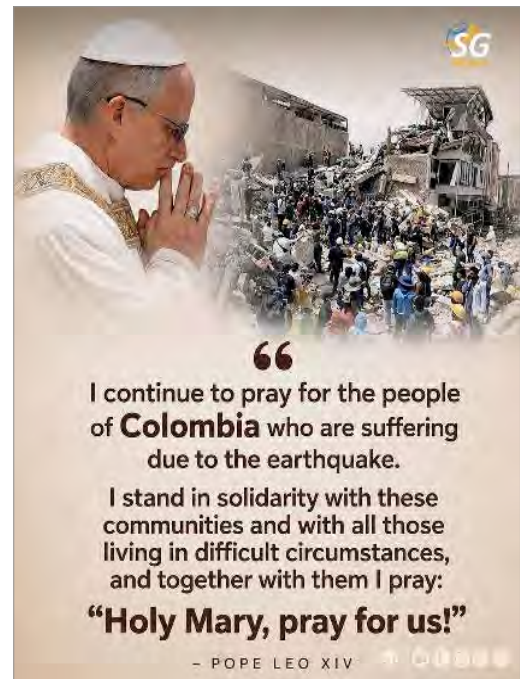
Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Registration Due

PSR registration and Sacramental Prep for 2nd and 7th grade students is open for the 2026-2027 school year. You may access registration forms on our church website, office@stjohnchurchplaq.com under the FORMATION tab.

The Confirmation parent meeting will be held August 24 at 6pm in the parish hall.

Volunteer teachers are requested for PSR Classes. Please contact Jennifer Adams (1-6) at 225.385.8201, jenniferadams1816@gmail.com or Chad Nelson (7-12) psrupper@stjohnchurchplaq.com for information.



OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA is a faith journey open to all unbaptized or baptized Christians who wish to explore more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of becoming Catholic. Current Catholics who may be looking for a refresher about their faith may also attend the inquiry classes. It's not too late to join us!

OCIA classes continue every Sunday from 9:30-11am in the church office conference room. During the Easter Vigil on March 27, 2027 the OCIA candidates will enter into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Donna Carville at 225.687.2402, dbcaville@gmail.com.

NOW HIRING!!

Saint John the Evangelist Parish is in need of at least a part time Secretary and Bulletin Editor. Candidate will need to be familiar with computer software, particularly Affinity or Canva, in order to produce the weekly bulletin. For more information and to apply, please contact Father Martin via email: pastor@stjohnchurchplaq.com

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Robbie “Soup” Kember

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Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, September 7, 2026

Monday, October 5, 2026

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Dates are subject to change. Please register during the early stages of pregnancy and submit online at office@stjohnchurchplaq.com under FORMATION.

For more information, contact Lily Skidmore at 225.687.2402, lily@stjohnchurchplaq.com.



Legion of Mary

Father Martin would like to start the Legion of Mary here at St. John Parish. Members would pray and assist Father Martin in reaching out to the many Catholic families in our community who aren't practicing the Faith by participating in Sunday Mass. Members who cannot be active can pray for the Legion's work of evangelization.

An informational meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

For more information, please see Father Martin or email him at: pastor@stjohnchurchplaq.com

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Conrad Joffrion

Donated by:

Beverly Joffrion



Historic Wood Flooring for Sale

The Historic old flooring removed from the church is available for purchase by square footage (\$5) or single by the foot (\$1). Also available are 10 ornate

brackets (\$200 each) which once suspended lights over the pews in St. John Church. All proceeds will be used for the next phase of our 100 Year Capital Campaign.

If interested, please contact the church office at 225.687.2402 for details.

Growing in Faith

Fall Bible Study

Our Fall Catholic Bible Study is titled “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible” by Ascension Press.

You have 3 options to attend “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.” The first of 8 sessions begins **Thursday, September 17**. You may attend from 1:30-3pm or 6:15-7:45pm; Monday classes of the same subject will begin **Monday, September 21** from 1-2:30pm.

Goals of the Study:

- ♦ Simplifying Scripture: Helps beginners overcome the intimidation of the Bible's size and complexity.
- ♦ Connecting Testaments: Shows how the Old and New Testaments fit together into a single, cohesive story of God's plan and love for humanity.

Using the groundbreaking color-coded Bible Timeline® system, the same system used in the Bible in a Year podcast, you will follow the major people, places, and events of the Bible across twelve time periods to understand the story of Scripture and discover your place within it.

Call the church office at 225.687.2402 to register. The study guides (\$30) are available in the church office. You may pick up your copy now or at the first class. Please make checks payable to Donna Carville.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29-4pm 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; Vincent A., Beulah H. & Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Wayne Gomez; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Orcino & Flatau Families; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot, William Callegan; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony "Boyce" Falcon, Brandi Quatrevingt, M/M Ray Murry, Mark Murry, Lil Earl Quatrevingt, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, Tommy & Jay Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, Brian & Randy Quatrevingt, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, M/M Gerald Morales, M/M Frank Tempanaro, M/M "Junior" Sanchez, Camile Tempanaro, M/M Alvin Altazan, Butch Altazan, M/M Clyde Favron, Shirley Favron; John N. Gum, Jr.; Corinne Hebert; Arlyn R. Rousseau, Huey Hebert

Sunday, August 30-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, August 30-9am 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; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Ethel P. Businelle; Mary Ann Gregoire, Alma Gregoire; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Mark Allain, Fred & Beverly Allain

Sunday, August 30-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Leon Graffeo, T. J. & Addie LaBiche, Ken Fernandez; Isaac J. Vaughn, Jr., Brent Issac Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Wendt Family, Barker Family, Marionneaux Family; Leo P. Canova; earl Alvin Gibson

Monday, August 31-7am Mass

Emily Loubiere

Tuesday, September 1-6pm Mass

Sylvia & Bola Gascon, Eva & Tony Doiron; George & Carol Allain, Barbara Allain Bajon, George A. "Gi Gi" Allain; Rodney & Betty LaBauve, Paul & Emily Bourgeois

Wednesday, September 2-7am Mass

Yvonne G. Melancon, Mary A. D. Quaid

Thursday, September 3-7am Mass

Larry Skidmore

Friday, September 4-7am Mass

Mark Allain, Fred & Beverly Allain



Sanctuary Candle

August 23, 2026

St. John the Evangelist
Mary Ann Gregoire

St. Clement of Rome

Mark Allain, Fred & Beverly Allain

Coffee & Donuts

August 30, 2026

George & Patricia Ramirez
(7:30 Mass)

Blane & Deryl Ourso (9am Mass)



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THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

End-of-Life Decision Making and the Dignity of Human Life

"Let us care for one another as Christ cared for us." - Romans 15:7

When: Saturday, October 31, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Lunch Provided)
Where: Tracy Center Auditorium, Catholic Life Center, 1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA

Registration is required

Use the QR Code or this link: <https://diobr.org/rlc-event>

The talks will include:

- Ordinary and extraordinary end-of-life care; Nutrition & hydration and pain medication
- Advance directives: Power of Attorney and living wills
- Catholic teaching on euthanasia and assisted suicide
- Ethical challenges w. palliative care and hospice

Meet our speaker:

Dr. Joe Zalot is a nationally recognized Catholic ethicist and the Director of Education at The NCBC. He lectures across the country, and has provided more than 2,200 ethics consultations, helping many make faithful medical decisions in accordance with Catholic teaching.

"The important thing is to give people good and faithful information so they can make good decisions in line with the teachings of the Church." - Dr. Zalot

Scripture Readings

Week of August 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
Monday	Rev 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Kids Corner

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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