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Pastoral Team: Rev. Gregory J. Daigle, Pastor Alfred J. Ricard, II, Deacon Andrea Young, Coordinator of Religious Education Donna Carville, R. C. I. A. Website: <u>www.stjohnchurchplaq.org</u> Email: stjohnchurchplaq@sj.brcoxmail.com facebook.com/pages/St John the Evangelist Catholic Church **Parish Office Staff:** Medric Smith, Jr., Business Manager Marsha Dupont, Secretary Johnette Gourgues, Secretary Susan Landry, Secretary **Gary Perrault, Maintenance** Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm 7:30 am Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am Monday (Liturgy of the Word) 7:00 am Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Mass) 7:00 am First Tuesday of the Month 6:00 pm (Mass, Novena, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick) All other Tuesdays - Confessions 5:30 pm (Mass and Novena) 6:00 pm **Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office** Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 pm

November 20, 2016 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be--a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

KING OF MERCY This is the last day of the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy that began on December 8, 2015. Now is the perfect time to reflect on the year. What was the Year of Mercy like? How did God's forgiveness surprise and strengthen us? In what ways did Jesus' example enlighten our hearts and actions? Today's Gospel can guide our reflection.

Jesus hangs on the cross in agony. What pain have we endured for others?

People of all sorts sneer at Jesus, mocking him. Have we felt the sting of dishonor or hatred?

Keeping his eye on Paradise, Jesus forgives his persecutors. Have we forgiven others, even if they didn't (or won't) apologize?

Jesus uses some of his last breaths to comfort another dying man. Have we tried to tend to others' needs, even when we don't feel up to the task?

NIGHTLY REVIEW This kind of examination helps us not only at the end of a jubilee year, but also at the end of every single day. When Saint Ignatius of Loyola began his nightly reviews, he always began in gratitude, thanking God for specific gifts from the day. If we've had a particularly rotten day, we might look to Saint Paul for inspiration. His words to the Colossians remind us that all fullness ''was pleased to dwell'' in Jesus, who died to reconcile us to God and to open the gates of Paradise. Truly, we can always give thanks for that! With grateful hearts, then, we proceed with our review. How did we cooperate with God as sons and daughters of the Kingdom? How did we bring a little bit of Paradise to others today? How did we stand in God's way, becoming obstacles to others' journey to Paradise? Asking the Lord to have mercy on our weakness, we give hearty thanks for allowing us to work for the Kingdom. All praise to Christ the King!

Today's Readings: 2 Sam 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

LET US GIVE THANKS



The Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Wednesday, November 23 at 6:00 pm.

Please consider bringing non-perishable food items to Mass that will be placed in the sanctuary to be blessed and consumed by your family on Thanksgiving.

Our Brother's Keeper Food Bank is in need of nonperishable food items. Especially needed are such items as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, soup and fruit juices.

Please place your contributions in the Thanksgiving baskets near the Baptistery in church. We appreciate whatever you can give.

The St. John Church office will be closed 1/2 day Wednesday, November 23, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

"Happy Thanksgiving"

from Father Greg, Deacon Ricard and the Staff of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Honoring Our Beloved Deceased

<u>The Mass Intention Book</u> is open for the scheduling of Masses for the next year (2017). Forms are located on the bookshelves at the back of Church and on our church website, <u>www.stjohnchurchplaq.org</u> under FORMS.

If you wish to schedule a Mass, please fill out a Mass Intention form. Please 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.

Please return the form and your check to the St. John Parish Office 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 has been placed near the stairs to the choir loft in church 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



Save the Date!!!

EPIPHANY CONCERT FOR ST. JOHN SCHOOL

Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 4:00 pm in St. John Church. Tickets (\$25) may be purchased from the church office.

FIRST RECONCILIATION



We celebrate God's forgiveness and the new life in Christ for the 51 children who received their first Sacrament of Reconciliation on November 10, 2016 at St. John the Evangelist.

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following First Reconciliation preparation catechists: Lisa Babin Jamie Bouquet Patricia Hergruder Cindy Rodrigue Sallye Troxcalir Evelyn Varnell Andrea Young

PERPETUAL ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Mt. 11:28)



Listed below are open hours in the Adoration Chapel: -Tuesday: 3:00 am-4:00 am

Every other Tuesday: 5:00 am-6:00 am
Wednesday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight
Wednesday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
Thursday: 5:00 am-6:00 am
Friday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
Friday: 1:00 am-2:00 am
Friday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
Friday: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Saturday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
Saturday: 2:00 am-3:00 am

-Saturday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

-Saturday: 5:00 am-6:00 am

-Saturday: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

-Saturday: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

To volunteer, call Mickey Rivet at 225.687.6549 or JoAnn Daigle at 225.776.4865.



<u>Catholic Daughters Fall Bake Sale</u> Saturday & Sunday, November 19 & 20

The sweets will be sold outside the doors of the church after all Masses. Please support the Catholic Daughters for all the good things they do for our Church and Community.

> Altar Society Meeting Tuesday, November 22 — 9:30 am St. John Parish Hall



ATTENTION LECTORS:

The 2017 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistery. You may pick up your copy at your convenience.

Merciful to a World in Need, We Serve Others Together

Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Bishop Robert Muench directs a unique Catholic effort, ensuring special projects and ministry programs receive essential funding, and extending the mercy of Jesus Christ to parishioners and parishes that need the Lord's mercy most of all. As a Diocese, we begin our fourth decade of ministry support, thankful for the many thousands whose contributions have helped to fund vital work throughout the capital region over the years.

As we begin a new era of ministry support, this may be the year you decide to increase your gift. If so, we invite you to consider membership in The Crosier Society (for those whose gifts total \$500 or more), or The Bishop Stanley Joseph Ott Society (a tribute to the BAA's visionary founder, for parishioners whose gifts total \$1,000 or more). We encourage you to *Be Merciful*. *"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"* (Lk 6:36).

Remember, the Lord blesses the Diocese of Baton Rouge through the BAA because of the shared commitment of every participant. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift by donating online at <u>www.baabr.org</u> or responding to the recent mailing from Bishop Muench. Together, we can accomplish much, and that is the legacy of the BAA.

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms

Baptism Seminars—7:00 pm Monday, December 5, 2016 Monday, January 2, 2017 Monday, February 6, 2017



Baptisms—5:00 pm Saturday, November 26, 2016 Saturday, December 17, 2016 Saturday, January 28, 2017 Saturday, February 25, 2017

Dates are subject to change. Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the date of the seminar.

Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of Nov. 21, 2016

Monday, November 21: 7 am Liturgy of the Word Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday, November 22: 5:30 pm Confessions/Mass/ Novena Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday, November 23: 6 pm Thanksgiving Mass Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19 Thursday, November 24: No Mass Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day (suggested): Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138:1-5; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19 Friday, November 25: 7 am Mass Rv 20:1-4, 11 -- 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33 Saturday, November 26: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36 Sunday, November 27: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

 Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:

 Entrance:
 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King Music Issue 729

 Preparation:
 Crown Him with Many Crowns Music Issue 738

 Communion:
 Behold the Lamb Music Issue 333

 Sending Forth:
 Hail, Redeemer, King Divine Music Issue 730

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be set up in church starting Saturday, November 26, 2016 for you to take a candy cane with a child's



name. Please buy a Christmas gift and share the joy of Jesus' birth with them.

The names of the children have been provided to us by the Plaquemine area schools. If you are aware of any needy families and children, please call the church office at 225.687.2402 so that we may include them in this season's ministry.

Christmas Cards for Inmates

The Catholic Community at Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Chaplain's Department are inviting our parish to participate in the Christmas card program. Their goal is to provide each inmate with at least 5 cards and envelopes.

Anyone interested in donating new religious Christmas cards should drop them off at the St. John Church office by <u>Friday, December 2</u>. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison.

We will accept Birthday and Get Well cards also. Religious cards are preferred.

STEWARDSHIP

November 12 & 13, 2016

Stewardship\$10,795.00 Candles....\$546.00

Join the parishioners who are using ONLINE GIVING for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

> To sign up for ONLINE GIVING visit www.stjohnchurchplaq.org

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us—and He has given us everything." Thomas Merton

MASS INTENTIONS — November 26, 2016-December 02, 2016

Saturday, November 26-4:00 p.m. Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure', Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Aileen Richard & Barbier Family; Emily, David & Patrick Doyle, Leigh Woolie; Cheryl, Marie & Herman Courtade & Family; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Edward N. Engolio, Jr.; Victor & Dell Pollage; Kelly Dugas; Ashton & Magdalen Neubig Family; May W. Currier; Carlo, Kurt, Andrew & Josephine Canova; Johnny Zito; DeNoux, Dugas, Durand & Panepinto Families; M/M John Caffarel, Sr. & M/M G. E. Marix & Family; M/M L. J. Raymond; M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Trista Parro; M/M Edmond J. Gomez, Sr. & Chris Gomez, Kathleen Garrene; Curtis, Denise & Brian Breaux; Ashley Gueho, Thomas & Betty Boudreaux; M/M Elson Babin, Libby & Allison Clement; Larry Melancon; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, M/M James Miller, M/M John Coupel; Mac, Laura & Michael Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio; Claiborne J. & Lula T. LeBlanc, Sidney J. & Coralie M. Breaux, Sr.; J. P. "Joe "Messina, M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, LoLo & Irene Gulotta; Bobbie F. Clouatre; Aubrey Quebedeaux; Lena & Peter Corrent; Jaynell Lopez; Lawrence "Boo" Santangelo; Leo Gill; Emily Vercher; Sadie Tullier; Brandon Schouest

Sunday, November 27-7:30 a.m. Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, November 27-9:00 a.m. Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure', Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Tom Joffrion; Charles & Hazel Repp, Repp Family, Landry Family; J. W. Bryant Family; Allen & Alberta Buquoi; Michael Clause; Dwight Marix; Ronald L. Dugas, M/M Fallon A. Trabeaux, M/M Alvin "Boog" Dugas; JoAnn Loubiere; Kristina Mellema: T. N. & Ray Patin; Josie Vicknair; Jules, Mary Victoria & Devin Michael Durand, Edwin & Emily Melancon, Anthony M. Wilbert, Jr.

Sunday, November 27-11:00 a.m. Mass

M/M Frank Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Victor J. Canella; Cindy Dickerson; Arnold "Buck" Fourroux; Brendon, Ronald & Dudlely Landry, Coletti Family; Betty Dugas; Pershing Thompson, Peggy Thompson; Dr. James E. Toups, Sr., Lydia Sue Toups; Roy A. Hebert, David G. Hebert; Mary Louise Hidalgo; Russell & Enola Rivet, Tommy Rivet; Patricia Nelson; Bobbie F. Clouatre; Dom Engolio, Pauline & Joseph Engolio, Charles Engolio; Bobby Freeman; Chantel Livingston Choina; Emily Vercher

Tuesday, November 29-6:00 p.m. Mass

Tony & Frances Savariste & Dr. Micah Day; Anthony F. Canella, M/M Aaron LeRay, Nora Vitale, Shannie Verret, Yvonne Curry

<u>Wedndsday, November 30-7:00 a.m. Mass</u> William Middleton, Nancy & Bill Middleton, William Lewis

Thursday, December 1-7:00 a.m. Mass M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.

Friday, December 2-7:00 a.m. Mass Ronnie Palermo

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CALENDARS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling "Charity Calendars" before and after all Masses Saturday & Sunday, November 26 & 27 outside the doors of church.

Buy a calendar for \$20.00 and be in 365 drawings. Over \$15,000 in Cash Prizes! A Prize a Day! Win as often as your name is drawn.

Questions? Call 225.385.0930.

All proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus and their charities. Please support the Knights and all the good works they do for our Church and Community. <u>Sanctuary Candle</u> November 27, 2016

<u>St. John the Evangelist Church</u> Aileen Richard

St. Clement of Rome Church Michael Laurent

<u>Children's Liturgy</u> November 27, 2016



Sabrina Ruggiero (9:00 am)

Carol Marionneaux (11:00 am)

<u>Coffee & Donuts</u> November 27, 2016

Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30 am)

Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford (9:00 am)





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