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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	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
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November 27, 2016 — First Sunday of Advent


Here we are again, beginning a new church year, and looking ahead to Christmas. We have been through a long period of Ordinary Time, with several secular holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. We celebrated all of these, and now it is time to prepare for the great feast of Christmas. As Christians, we are not preparing only to celebrate the secular Christmas that has crept into our year for the last hundred years or more. We are celebrating the coming of Christ, both into our world at the Nativity and again at the end of time. It is time to awaken from our sleepy ordinary time and await the coming of Christ.

NO TIME FOR INSOMNIA We can get very busy and preoccupied with preparations for Christmas, both secular and sacred. Often, at the bombardment of advertising and "holiday specials" of every kind, from store and Internet sales to Christmas specials on TV and "holiday" parties, we push the peaceful and reflective preparations of Advent to a back burner. Then we get exhausted and sometimes resentful of all that has somehow piled on top of our usual busy lives. We need to slow down, and perhaps we can eliminate some of the more extraneous parts of this celebration. Do we really need to put lights on our houses, which is time-consuming and will require taking down again, sometimes too long after the Christmas season has passed? Do we really need all the decorations we put around the house, or would a lovely Christmas tree, a crèche, and some poinsettias do? Do we need hundreds of cookies, or would a few dozen do? Does everyone really need multiple presents, or would one per person do? Think about how much better this time would be if we could slow down, read, and ponder a scripture reading each day, and not be in such a tizzy that we cannot get a good night's rest. Today's urging to "stay awake" does not mean to toss and turn all night pondering the "to do" list and wondering if and how we will get it all done.

THE LIGHT OF THE LORD What a relief it would be if we had time to ponder the miracle of God-with-us. In our troubled world, we very much need to pray for peace. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares / and their spears into pruning hooks; / one nation shall not raise the sword against another, / nor shall they train for war again" (Isaiah 2:4). If only we could make it so by wishing, but Jesus has said that if we ask for anything in his name, it will be granted. Perhaps we can find time for even a small prayer for our war-torn, weary world. "O house of Jacob, come, / let us walk in the light of the LORD!" (Isaiah 2:5).

Today's Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

 Please join us in welcoming our RCIA candidates who will be receiving the Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming Sunday, November 27, at 9:00 am Mass.

**Nicholas Devillier
Bridget Moore
Andrea Rivet
Amy Salvadras
Kirk Taylor**

Honoring Our Beloved Deceased

The Mass Intention Book 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, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org 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

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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Thursday, December 8, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses on the Feast Day are as follows:

7 am Mass

8:30 am - St. John School Mass at St. Clement

6:00 pm Mass

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
- 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.

Baptism Seminars & Baptisms at St. John the Evangelist

Baptism Seminars

Monday, December 5, 2016

Monday, January 2, 2017

Monday, February 6, 2017



Baptisms

Saturday, November 26, 2016

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Saturday, February 25, 2017

The Baptism Seminars are held in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. Baptisms are usually held after 4:00 pm Mass on the last weekend of the month.

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.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS



On Saturday, December 10, spend the afternoon with us at the St. John Rectory for our Parish Open House.

Everyone is invited to join Fr. Greg for an afternoon of refreshments and fellowship directly following 4:00 pm Mass from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm.

The Light is on for YOU!

In addition to 5:30 pm confessions, Father Greg will be hearing confessions after 6:00 pm Mass from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm on the following Tuesdays of Advent:
November 29, December 13 & December 20



ADVENT GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree will be set up in church this Saturday, November 26 for you to take a candy cane with a child's name. The names of the children have been provided to us by the Plaquemine area schools.

Parishioners are asked to please choose a candy cane, purchase a gift (\$10-\$15) and return the gift wrapped with the candy cane and name attached. The deadline to return gifts to church is Sunday, December 11.

Sorting and distribution of gifts will take place Sunday, December 18 in the Parish Hall. This will be a good opportunity for students to earn service hours.

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

Christmas Cards for Inmates

We will continue to accept Christmas cards for the Louisiana State Penitentiary inmates. Please send religious Christmas cards to the church office by Friday, December 2. Deacon Ricard will be taking the cards to the prisoners to send to their loved ones.



COOL WINTER NIGHTS AND HOT JAZZ

Tuesday, December 6 ~ 7:30 pm
Manship Theatre, Shaw Center for the Arts
100 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, LA

Cool Winter Nights and Hot Jazz will feature Father Gregory Daigle, Brian Shaw, Willis Delony, and Bill Grimes in a program of new arrangements and holiday favorites, including the classic Duke Ellington arrangement of The Nutcracker Suite.

For tickets, visit the Manship Theatre website at www.manshiptheater.org or call 225.344.0334.



The Advent Wreath Candle for the 1st Sunday of Advent burns in loving memory of:

M/M Gasper Pizzolato, Sr. & Family

A Grateful Acknowledgement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the team who decorated the rectory for Christmas.



**Dickie Lee Boudreaux
Jim Cox
Rosemary Cox
Joyce Daigle
Derryl Comeaux
Gary Perrault
Sallye Troxclair
Evelyn Varnell**

Nativity Scene in Church



We will begin decorating the church and setting up the Nativity Scene for Christmas on Monday, December 12 at 8:00 am.

Volunteers are needed!

Call Bruce Capone at 225.687.6625 or 225.776.2169 if you can help.

The Nativity Scene will be available for viewing from Saturday, December 17, 2016 through Monday, January 16, 2017.

Holiday Visits to Homebound

We would like to visit the homebound, the sick and elderly parishioners during the holidays beginning Wednesday, December 14.



Students will be baking goodies Saturday & Sunday, December 10 & 11, to bring to the parishioners. If any student is interested in bringing joy to the homebound, please call Donna Purpera at 225.776.4410.

If anyone would like to help in any way, please call JoAnn Landry at 225.776.0782.

GEMS Christmas Social



GEMS (Anyone 50 and older)
Date: Wednesday, December 14
Time: 11:00 am
Place: St. John Parish Hall

Meats, soft drinks and bread will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and don't forget canned goods for Our Brother's Keeper Food Bank.

The beautiful floral arrangement at the altar for Thanksgiving was given in loving memory of
Devin Michael Durand.

Epiphany Concert for St. John School



Once again, Fr. Greg Daigle will crown the Christmas season with songs of faith and other music as well on Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 4:00 pm in St. John Church.

These tickets (\$25) make wonderful Christmas gifts and may be purchased from the church office. Make plans now to celebrate Christmas with your loved ones and help St. John School at the same time.

ATTENTION LECTORS:

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



Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of Nov. 28, 2016

Monday, November 28: 7 am Liturgy of the Word
Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 29: 5:30 pm Confessions/Mass/
Novena

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 30: 7 am Mass

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday, December 1: 7 am Mass

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 2: 7 am Mass

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 3:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 4:

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9;

Mt 3:1-12

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December 2016

- **Universal: End to Child-Soldiers**

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

- **Evangelization: Europe**

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.



St. Paul tells us that the love we received from the Lord must increase and be shared with those around us, that we need to be holy before God.

Are you willing to teach the Gospel to others and to help prepare them for the coming of the Lord? If yes, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778 or americk@diobr.org.



NOTICE: The Bereavement Support Group will meet in the Parish Hall from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm every 1st Wednesday of the month.

The purpose of this ministry is to comfort those who have experienced the loss of someone important (recent or in the past). There will be prayer, fellowship, and the opportunity to share our struggles with grief in a safe place. Please join us.

You are Covered in Prayer

*May you feel His presence-
Experience His Peace-
Draw from His strength-
Rest in His love-*



May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time. It matters not the age, all who need it will receive it.

Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.

BINGO!!!



Bingo is held five nights each week at the St. John Father's Club Bingo Hall, 24837 Hwy 1 South, Plaquemine.

The Bingo sessions are as follows:

Sunday—7:00 pm —Knights of Columbus Bingo

Tuesday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo

Wednesday—7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus Bingo

Friday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo

Saturday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo

Come out and play Bingo and support St. John School and the Knights of Columbus.

Save Your Coupons

Box Tops, Coffee Labels & Coke Rewards

St. John is accepting Box Tops for Education, Community Coffee Labels, and Coke Rewards bottle tops this year! St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through these fundraisers, so please send your labels and bottle tops.



You may bring your coupons to church in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or drop the coupons and bottle tops off at our church parish office. We will see that the school receives them.

Thank you for supporting St. John School.



The Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm in Church.

Everyone is welcome.

December

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 10 am Comm. Service Legacy (Plaq. Caring)	3 Building & Maintenance 2nd Collection 11 am-noon Rosary for Priests every Saturday Adoration Chapel 
4 Building & Maintenance 2nd Collection 	5 7-8:30 pm Catholic Daughter Banquet K.C. Hall 7 pm Baptism Seminar Parish Hall 	6 6 pm RCIA candidates at Mass 6:45-8:15 pm RCIA Parish Hall	7 OFFICE CLOSED 1/2 DAY 5:15-7 pm PSR St. Clement 6:30-7:30 pm Bereavement Support Group Parish Hall	8 OFFICE CLOSED  <u>Immaculate Conception</u> Masses 7 am 8:30 am St. Clement 6 pm	9 10 am Comm. Service Plaq. Manor	10 Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection 5-9 pm Christmas Open House Rectory 
11 Retirement Fund for Religious-2nd Coll. 11 am Mass Ladies of P Claver  Gifts due in church 4-6 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group in Church 	12 8 am Decorating Church for Christmas	13 6:30-7:30 pm "The Light is on for You" Confessions	14 11 am GEMS Pot Luck Luncheon Parish Hall  5:15-7 pm PSR St. Clement	15 6 pm St. John School Christmas Concert Church  7 pm KC Meeting KC Hall 	16 10 am Comm. Service Legacy (Plaq. Caring)	17 Nativity scene in Church (through Jan 16)  Baptisms following 4 pm Mass
18  8:30 am Sorting of Gifts Parish Hall	19 8 am Cleaning church for Christmas	20 6:30-7:30 pm "The Light is on for You" Confessions	21	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED 10 am Comm. Service Plaq. Manor	24 <u>Christmas Eve Mass Schedule</u> 4 pm 6 pm (Children's Liturgy) 11:15 Choir Concert Midnight
25 <u>Christmas Mass</u> 9 am 	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 Building & Maintenance 2nd Collection 

MASS INTENTIONS — December 3-9, 2016

Saturday, December 3-4:00 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; M/M Seth Williamson & Family, Father William Dodd & Sister Claude, M/M John S. Barbay, Sr. & Family, M/M John S. Barbay, Jr., Barbay & McKay Families; Emma B. Dupont & Joseph H. Dupont; Michael Laurent; Mike "Fuzzy" Marino, Melissa Jarreau, David, Gras & Blanchard Families; Raymond & Gertrude Thibodeaux, Jr.; Annie Matirne, Bossier Matirne Family, Nick Mancuso Family, Tarek Smart; John E. & Cecile D. Brown, Brown & Duhon Families; M/M Tony Falcon, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camile Tempanaro, Anthony F. Canella, Tena T. Gourgues, Curtis Gourgues; Lena & Peter Corrent; Ida Ortis, William Ortis, Birdie Ortis, Adrena Hebert; Leonce & Beulah Cedotal & Family; Raymond & Amanda Ducote, Carol Brandt; M/M Frank Clement, Cecile & Frankie; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Winnie & Harry Gallagher; Bobbie F. Clouatre; Jaynell Lopez; Leo Gill; Aline, Mit & Dub Comeaux, Aubrey J. Quebedeaux; In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Sunday, December 4-7:30 a.m. Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, December 4-9:00 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; Glynn T. Hebert & Special Intention; Alfred & Mercedes Carville, Lester & Mary Carville, Louise Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; Trista Parro, Angela Dupont; Bruce Haydel; Calvin Wilbert, III; Frank & Gladys Hidalgo; H. Roosevelt Kirkland; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Kye Boudreaux, Alton & Jenny, Jimmy Gerace; Fred Hebert, "Cat" & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Douglas Bourgoynne; Josie Vicknair; Carroll & Kenneth Badeaux; Teresa Nguyen Thi Co`; Mary Badeaux Cavalier; Brandon Schouest

Sunday, December 4-11:00 a.m. Mass

Lillie Distefano; Luke & Mary Fremin, Wayne & Ailene Lishman, Charles & Rosa Drago; Ellis & Enola Fremin; Melanie Rodriguez; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Cindy Dickerson; Marvin Allen; William Brooks Higdon, Sr.; M/M Phillip Calvaruso, M/M Vito Calvaruso; Ross Giles Zito, Anna Mae & Zeke Zito, Michael Zito; Dolly Kuruvilla

Tuesday, December 6-6:00 p.m. Mass

Sylvia & Bola Gascon; Van & Thelma Junot; Elvis & Mamie Rabalais; Roland "Dougie" Rivet; M/M Tony Falcon, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, Camile Tempanaro, Ronald Gary, Randy Quatrevingt, Brian Quatrevingt, Brandi Quatrevingt; Calvin W. Wilbert, III; Victor Case

Wednesday, December 7-6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Andrew, Della, Vincent & Bob Ferachi; Leonard B. & Mary G. Savoie, James "Puddin" & Brenda Devillier; Loretta Faye Delaney, Verna Kay Clark, Wayne Neal Clark & James Dunsworth; Marvin Allen; Brendon, Ronald & Dudley Landry, Coletti Family; Lester E. Hebert, Robertson Family; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr., Caliste "Joe" Landry & Kimberly; Alma Pizzolato & Esther Shexnayder

Thursday, December 8-7:00 a.m. Mass

Lawrence Seymour

Friday, December 9-7:00 a.m. Mass

Harold & Helen Raber



Children's Liturgy-December 4, 2016

Sabrina Ruggiero (9:00 am)

Susan Persilver (11:00 am)

Coffee & Donuts-December 4

Dolores & Gary Pruitt (7:30 am)

Tom & Germaine Bradley (9:00 am)



Our Hymn Selections this weekend are:

Entrance: The King of Glory

Music Issue 725

Preparation: Come, Lord Jesus

Today's Missal 41

Communion: Bread of Life

Music Issue 319

Sending Forth: Organ Solo



Sanctuary Candle

December 4, 2016

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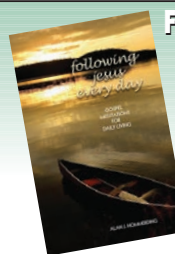
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