

St. John the Evangelist Church

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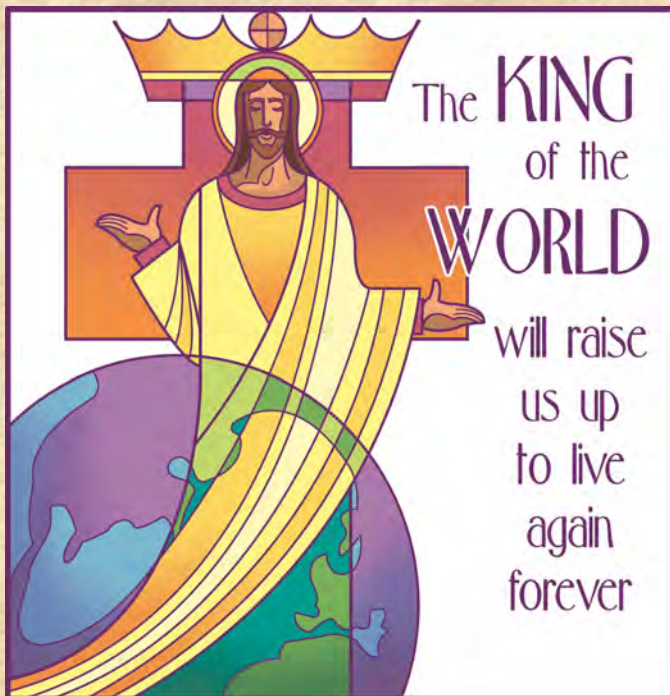
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2022

Spread the Word

I used to take Jesus' saying at the end of today's Gospel (Luke 20:38) as a proof that God was just as present to me in the twenty-first century as the LORD was to Abraham thousands of years before the time of Christ. But people in Jesus' era had no conception of time as a dimension. The phrase "God of the living" means that the dead are alive again in the Resurrection. Why was it easier for the Sadducees to imagine the impossible—a woman wondering who her spouse is in heaven—than to imagine the Resurrection?

Even today, some people find it easier to imagine a romantic vampire than to believe in someone rising from the dead. Think about how much money and effort go into advertising one of those vampire movies. Do we see many people put that kind of enthusiasm into their faith?

Let's take a hint from advertising. I get very annoyed with ads that go on and on about how good their

product is and how you can get two for \$10 (plus \$15 postage and handling). I'm more likely to buy a product a friend shows me that will do something useful. Why not spread the word like that? Be "useful" for God. Offer to help someone carry in their groceries or fill out their income tax forms. Be generous with your time. And if anyone asks why, you can tell them you are just grateful for what God has done for you. People aren't looking to be bored by another commercial. They are looking for signs of God's love that will lead them to faith.

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Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism



Father Greg raises Olivia Ann Landry as her proud parents, Trisha and Jonathan Landry look on. Olivia seems to be watching the Holy Spirit descend upon her following her Baptism. In addition to Olivia, five more babies became little Catholics on September 24, 2022. At left is Marian Badeaux, Baptism assistant.

HONORING OUR BELOVED DEAD

The Mass Intention Book is open for the scheduling of Masses for next year (2023). Forms are on the bookshelves at the back of Church, in the church office and on our church website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

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.

Please return the form and your check to the St. John church 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 will be in church during the month of November. You may write the names of loved ones in the book at your convenience.



First Reconciliation

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 — 6pm
St. John Church

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time #1289

Entrance: This is the Feast of Victory #618

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #819

Sending Forth: We Shall Rise Again #962

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"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 volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2am. On Saturday night, clocks are set back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to "fall back."

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Third Floor Church Office

Monday, November 7, 2022

Monday, December 5, 2022

Monday, January 9, 2023



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, November 26, 2022

Saturday, January 21, 2023

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



Let us pray that the Word of the Lord will make progress. Let us pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If God is calling you to serve Him, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

ATTENTION LECTORS

The 2023 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistry. You may pick up your copy at your convenience.



Plaquemine Lions Club
"World's Best" Spaghetti Dinners
Sunday, November 6, 2022

The Lions Club spaghetti dinners may be picked up Sunday, November 6 from 10am-12:30pm at the Lion's Club drive thru, 60255 Bayou Jacob Road.

The proceeds from the dinners will benefit vision impaired and special children.

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church Building Fund in loving memory of:

Rosemary Cox

Donated by:
Matthew & Julie Meehan

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Buté Richard

Donated by:
**The Wednesday Pokeno Group
&
The Douglas Durand Family**

Daily Scripture Reading November 7-13, 2022

Monday, November 7:

Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 8:

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 9:

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

Thursday, November 10:

Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 11:

2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 12:

3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, November 13:

Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



St. John Altar Society

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the Church Wednesday, November 9 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

The Altar Society will be selling the Little Advent Books (\$1) November 12 & 13 before and after all Masses or until sold out. These little books contain six-minute reflections on the First Readings for daily Mass during the 2022-2023 Advent & Christmas seasons. Cookbooks (\$20) and the four-book set of Gospel books (\$5) will also be available.

Catholic Daughters Fall Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters Court St. John #1214 will be selling baked goods on Saturday & Sunday, November 19 & 20 before and after all Masses. For special orders, call Anita Gilchrist at 225.659.2514 or 225.776.8087.

Please support the Catholic Daughters in all the good things they do for our Church and Community.



ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

Open House Tuesday, November 8

Considering where to enroll your child for school? Prospective families are invited to attend the annual St. John Open House for grades 7 - 11 on Tuesday, November 8 at 6pm starting in the St. John Gym.

St. John Interparochial School provides a disciplined, nurturing environment guided by Catholic values, where students grow through rigorous academic experiences, faith and moral formation, and opportunities for service and leadership. Come tour and learn more about us!

RSVP on our website at: <https://www.stjohnschool.org/news/st-john-2022-open-house>.

Operation Eagle Veterans Day Drive

For the ninth year, St. John School's 4th and 5th graders will collect supplies to send to U. S. Military troops overseas. Needed items will be collected and shipped by the students as their service project. The items will be collected at school and at the Iberville Salute to Veterans event on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022.

Please help our troops overseas by bringing any of the following items to St. John School by November 8:

Lip balm	Medicated foot powder
Shoe inserts	Antibiotic ointment
Anti-itch ointment	Muscle pain ointment
Eye drops	Eye-glass wipes
Toothpaste/Mouthwash	Powdered Gatorade
Deodorant (non aerosol)	Baby wipes
Disposable razors	Body wash/soap
Beef jerky (no pork)	Hand warmers
Scrubbies	Canned chicken/tuna
Hand sanitizer/skin lotions	DVDs
Sunscreen lotion (in tube)	Crossword puzzles
Trail mix	Q-tips
Cracker Jacks	Popcorn
Hot chocolate	Slim Jims
Coffee/tea	Shampoo
Candy	Chewing gum
Small notebooks	Pencils/pens
Small American flags	Room fresheners
Miniature toilet paper rolls	
Insect repellent (non aerosol)	
Peanut butter (individual servings)	

Fathers' Club \$10,000.00 Raffle 25th Silver Anniversary

1st Place — \$10,000.00 (Grand Prize)
2nd Place — \$1200.00
3rd Place — \$1000.00

The St. John Father's Club \$10,000.00 raffle tickets are \$100 each and are available for purchase by contacting:

- Dwayne Boudreaux - 225.776.7522
- Joel Ducote - 225.776.0761
- Mike Markins - 225.955.5276

The raffle drawing will be on Saturday, November 12 at 6pm at the St. John Fathers' Club Bingo Hall.



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November 2022

St. John the Evangelist

Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

One Minute Meditations

So many saints

In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate the saints and martyrs by assigning each a feast day. However, Christians had been so persecuted that there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day.



Happiness

As a loving Father, God wants us to be happy. True happiness is: "Joy and beatitude over receiving the fulfillment of our vocation as creatures: a sharing in the divine nature and the vision of God. God put us into the world to know, love, and serve him, and so come to the happiness of paradise" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 1720).

Patience makes sense

Don't be tempted to compare yourself to others. God's plan for each of us is unique. "Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way" (Psalm 37:7).



Effective prayer is humble, yet bold

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will" (Mark 11:24). The best prayers require the boldness to ask for what we want and the humility to surrender to God's will. Try these tips to pray with humility and boldness:

Seek reconciliation: The most common reason for ineffective prayer is unconfessed sin. Start with a thorough examination of conscience to see what needs confessing. Seek forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly. Ask for the grace to improve.

Step aside: Sometimes our prayers become lists of demands instead of

conversations with our beloved Father. Put the focus back on Him. Choose a Scripture verse, Biblical image, or a mystery of the Rosary, for example.

Meditate on it and talk with Him about it. We learn humility by lessening the focus on ourselves.

Give thanks: Each day, honor God as the source of all that is good in your life. Think of four or five of your favorite blessings and thank Him for them. Doing this daily strengthens our faith in His care.

Act in faith: "Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Asking God for help with all your concerns – which is different from demanding – is a sign of humility and bold faith.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray the Liturgy of the Hours?

The Liturgy of the Hours is a cycle of prayers said throughout the day. It's the highest form of prayer in the Church after the Mass. The Hours are a meditation on the psalms, canticles, and Scripture readings, and bring us closer to

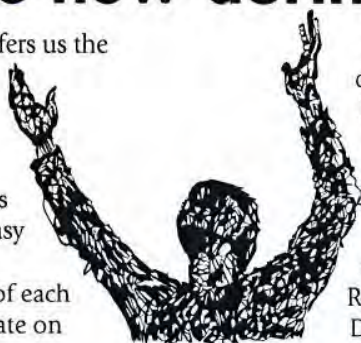


Christ, and to each other. The practice began in the monasteries, but has been extended to priests, deacons, religious orders and the lay faithful. At any given time, someone somewhere, is praying the Liturgy of the Hours.

Become new during Advent

During the Advent season, the Church offers us the chance to prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. It's our opportunity to become the people God intended us to be.

Be mindful. Fulfilling our responsibilities well is how we glorify God. Yet, it can be easy to get lost in the routine of daily life. St. Josemaria said, "Carry out the little duties of each moment: do what you ought and concentrate on what you are doing."



Resolve to do better. "I want to be more considerate," is a great start. Specifics will make it happen. "I'll give others my full attention when they're speaking to me," or "I will be on time to respect others' schedules."

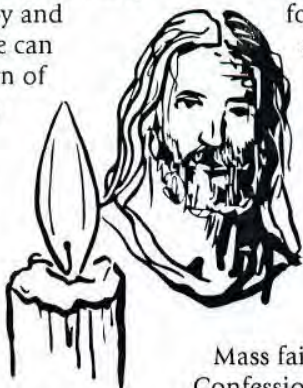
Be flexible. If you struggle to find 20 minutes to pray each day, try two 10-minute sessions morning and evening. If you lack time for an entire Rosary, pray one decade at a time throughout the day. Don't miss this chance to prepare well for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

from Scripture

Matthew 24:37-44, Don't be afraid, do be prepared

The Church calendar is a gift to help us mark the seasons of joy and sorrow, work and rest. We can withdraw from the pattern of the world and remember that we wait in joyful hope for Jesus to come.

Beginning at the end of this month, the season of Advent is a time of warning and a time of preparation. Next month we celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. But he will come twice more: at our own death, and at the end of time. This Gospel reading reminds us that we will never know ahead of



time just when he will come for us. Advent is the time to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

Start by examining your conscience and pick one or two sinful practices you want to eliminate.

Then try to spend more time in prayer, attend

Mass faithfully, and go to Confession.

Finally, spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer. Then when Christmas comes, you will know you are ready to greet the Lord with joy.

Q & A How does the Church decide who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and

determines whether someone has become a saint.



In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

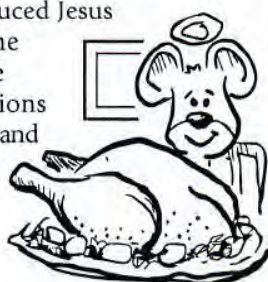
Feasts & Celebrations

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.

November 16 – St. Gertrude the Great (1301). Born in 1256 in Germany, St. Gertrude was raised by and later joined the Benedictine nuns. When she was about twenty-six, she began having visions of Christ. She was known for her personal holiness, her kindness to the rich and poor, and her prayers for the souls in Purgatory.

November 27 – First Sunday in Advent. We anticipate Christ's birth and his coming on the last day. Catholics around the world light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

November 30 – St. Andrew (1st Century). The son of a Galilean fisherman and brother of Simon Peter, he introduced Jesus to Peter. After the Resurrection, he conducted missions in Turkey, Greece and Macedonia. He was martyred on a X-shaped cross.



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Mass Intentions — November 12-18, 2022

Saturday, November 12-4pm 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; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Andrew & Catherine Roucher, Ralph Sonnier; M/M Jimmy Hebert, Bryan Hebert, James Hebert; J. H. Millet, Tony Lewis, Harold Marionneaux; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry & Families; Agnes & Sam Coletti & Families; Josie & Tony Palermo; Sidney "Benny", Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta Family; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Denise Miranda; Kearney Sr., Sadie & Kearney Jr. Thibodeaux, Vernon Suggs; Bobby Wilson; Paw Paw Max Prejean; Virginia Reyes; Rev. Eugene Ray Engels, Theon Charles Engels, Sr.

Sunday, November 13-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, November 13-9am 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; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Janice Brown; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Valerie, Edward & Windy Simpson, Eddie & Selma Vicknair, Eva Simpson; Denise Miranda; Flo Ourso

Sunday, November 13-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Patrick Gaudet, J. P. & Anna Gaudet; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Jr., Margaret Landry; George "Brother" Michel, Kerry E. Daigle; M/M Anatole Michel; Victor Joseph Canella; Bobby & Bootsie Dupont; Christopher Stassi; Jules, Mary Victoria & Devin Michael Durand, Edwin & Emily Melancon, Catherine Melancon Wilbert, Anthony Michael Wilbert, Jr.; Dorothy Grass

Tuesday, November 15-6pm Mass

Savariste Family, Ramirez Family; Kirsch Kember Anderson; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family: T. N., Ray & Stephen Patin

Wednesday, November 16-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Nicolosi & Schexnaildre Families

Thursday, November 17-7am Mass

Delores, Mary & Manuel Diamond

Friday, November 18-7am Mass

M/M J. C. Berthelot



Sanctuary Candle November 6, 2022

St. John the Evangelist
Robert Jude Grace

St. Clement of Rome
Maurice E. Brown & The U. S. M. C.

Coffee & Donuts November 6, 2022

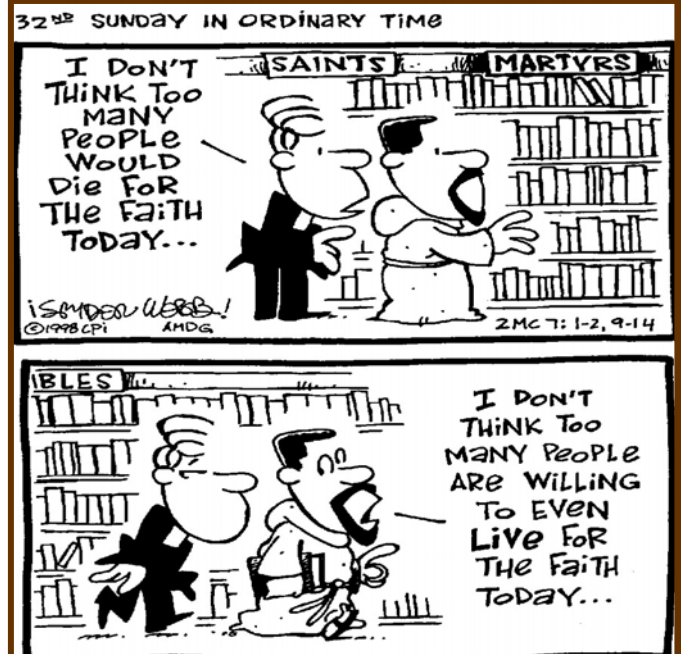
Lou Anna Canella & Lionel Schexnaildre
(7:30am Mass)

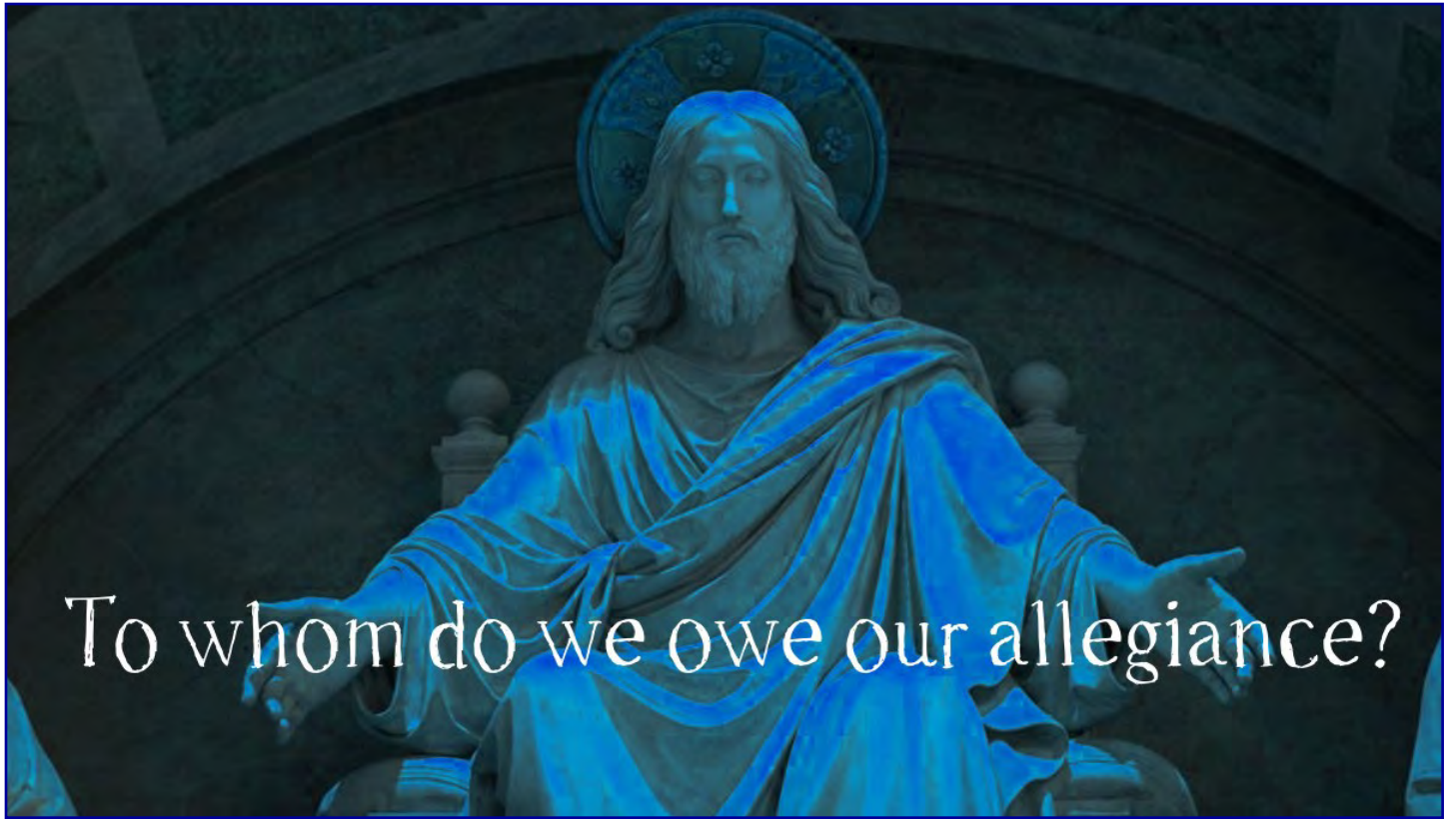
Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)



The 2023 church calendars are available to our parishioners at the entrances to the church. You may pick up your calendar after any weekend Mass.

Special thanks to Wilbert Funeral Services.





To whom do we owe our allegiance?