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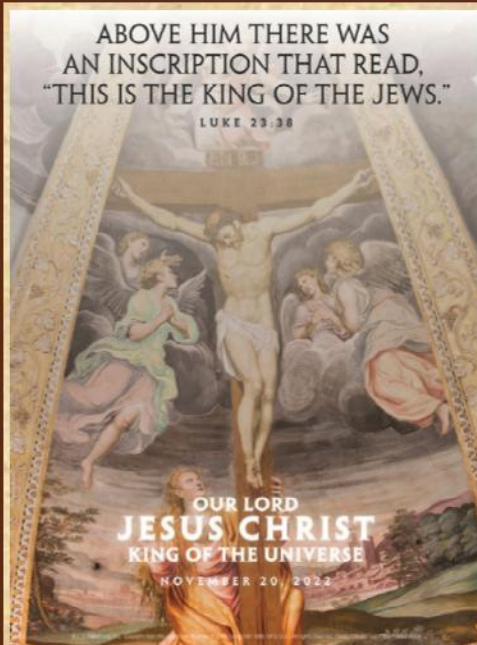
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

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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



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2022

This is the King of the Jews. (Luke 23:38)

What does the word “king” bring to mind? A man sitting on a throne with servants ready to do his every bidding? Someone with the power to move armies, eliminate enemies, make laws, tax citizens, and build palaces?

But look at Jesus, our King, in today’s Gospel. He is mocked and jeered at while he hangs on a cross. He seems about as far from the popular idea of a king as we can imagine.

So why did the Church choose this Gospel for today’s feast of Christ the King? Why not a passage that portrays Jesus like the popular image we described above? Because no such passage exists in the Bible. Because that’s not how Jesus exercises his kingly role. He doesn’t see power as a way to control people or ensure his wealth and comfort. He exercises his kingship when he serves his people, not himself.

That vision of a selfish, entitled ruler may be what the unbelieving criminal in today’s Gospel thought a king was all about. That may explain why he mocked Jesus as being powerless. The other criminal, however, grasped where Jesus’ power truly lay. He saw that Jesus was a humble Savior. And what he saw moved him to confess his sin with humility and

faith and to receive the promise of “Paradise” (Luke 23:43).

This is how Jesus exercises his power—by changing human hearts and minds, not by using brute force. He may have seemed the least kingly and the most powerless while on the cross, but that’s when he did the most powerful thing possible: he changed the course of human history. And today, he wants to continue his work by changing our hearts a little bit at a time.

So come and honor Jesus your King today. Come and bow down to him and let him reign in your heart through love!

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Letter to the Faithful of the Diocese of Baton Rouge

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the beginning of the pandemic two and a half years ago, as you remember, I created a series of directives for the celebration of the liturgy in our parishes so that we could continue to gather safely to receive the sacraments of the Church. This past week I sent a letter to the priests and deacons of the diocese confirming, “there are no remaining diocesan mandated COVID precautions in place for worship. I believe it is time, and I request that all our parishes return to a full ministry participation of the laity at Sunday Mass as we had before the COVID protocols were established.” I asked the pastors to move their parishes forward, now that there are no remaining COVID restrictions, with a sensitivity to the needs and concerns of their parishioners.

In order to make a full return to our normal celebration of the liturgy, I also announced to our pastors that, ***“I now encourage and allow parishes to restore the practice of distributing Communion under both kinds beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, if the ministers and congregation are prepared to do so.”*** Restoring this option at this time is still only voluntary, and the First Sunday of Advent is the earliest a parish can begin; however, it is not the required beginning date for all parishes. Each parish can move at its own pace, under the guidance of its pastor, taking into account the time needed to prepare the lay ministers and the current desires and willingness of the people to receive, once again, from the chalice. I remind the faithful that while receiving from the chalice is for many a spiritually meaningful experience, it is not necessary to receive the fullness of Christ in Holy Communion. As always, receiving from the chalice when offered is an optional choice for the individual communicant.

While there may be challenges, I do not think these will be insurmountable. It is my prayer that with this final restriction removed, we will begin to return to what were our spiritual and liturgical traditions before the pandemic. It may take us a while to accomplish this, but it is my hope to return to offering the chalice at Communion at all our parishes in the future. May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide us as we move forward.

+Bishop Michael G. Duca



LET US GIVE THANKS

The Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Wednesday, November 23 at 6pm. Please consider bringing non-perishable items to Mass that will be placed in the sanctuary to be blessed and consumed by your family at Thanksgiving.

Our office will be closed Wednesday, November 23 for a staff meeting and Thursday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed. Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing; however, it is anything but! Our world is in desperate need of hope, of renewal, of a 'turning back' to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture. Cultivating a Eucharistic life of adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, His peace. As we gaze upon Him face to face, we are transformed little by little into a closer reflection of His divine image." —An Excerpt from "Manual for Eucharistic Adoration", Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, p. 37-38

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.

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.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe #1295

Entrance: To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King #671

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: All Who Hunger #1032

Sending Forth: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #711

The beautiful floral arrangement placed at the Blessed Mother statue for Thanksgiving was given in loving memory of

Devin Michael Durand.



Catholic Daughters Fall Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters will be selling baked goods on Saturday & Sunday, November 19 & 20 before and after all Masses.

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

National Wreaths Across America Day December 17, 2022



Join us in our mission to remember, honor and teach. Help the John James Audubon chapter DAR honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath (\$15) today to be placed on a veteran's grave on December 17 at the St. John the Evangelist Cemetery, 23470 Federal Street. The goal of the St. John Cemetery is to raise enough funds to place 150 sponsored veterans' wreaths on the headstones of all the local heroes laid to rest there.

All orders will need to be placed before Thanksgiving to be received for the December 17 event. To make a donation online, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/LA0082P.

Questions? Contact jjadar1776@gmail.com.

Daily Scripture Reading November 20-26, 2022

Sunday, November 20:

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Monday, November 21:

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 22:

Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 23:

Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24:

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; Ps 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 25:

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 26:

Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7b; Lk 21:34-36

2022 Acadian Festival Parade Grand Marshall



Photo credit Donna Kirkland

Ruel Seneca was named Grand Marshall of the 2022 Acadian Festival Parade. Mrs. Joyce Hebert and son, Jerry Hebert presented him with the Gary J. Hebert, Sr. Grand Marshall plaque during recent Acadian Festival festivities at the Plaquemine Community Center.

Congratulations, Ruel!!

Thank You

Grateful Acknowledgements

St. John Fathers Club

A grateful acknowledgement is made to everyone who sold and/or purchased tickets for the 2022 \$10,000 Raffle sponsored by the St. John Fathers Club. This year's raffle was a huge success!!

Plaquemine Lions Club

The Plaquemine Lions Club members appreciate everyone who bought tickets and enjoyed their "World's Best Spaghetti" on November 6. The Lions members gratefully acknowledge the St. John community for their continued support in all of their fundraising endeavors.

Women's Silent Advent Retreat

When: Saturday, December 10, 2022
10:30am—3pm

Where: St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Hall
Lead by: The Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes

A light lunch will be provided. Register today by calling 225.687.2402.

The King is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. The King is a servant-leader, who let go of His life for our sake. Who will follow the example of Jesus and renounce worldly power for the chance to serve all as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



BRINGING CHRISTMAS JOY

Christmas Cards for Inmates



The Catholic Community at Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Chaplain's Department are again 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 **Thursday, December 1**. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison.

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

Advent Giving Tree



The Giving Tree will be set up in church Saturday, November 26, 2022 for you to take a candy cane with a child's name. Please buy gifts and share the joy of Jesus' birth with them.

Gifts are due **December 4**. Sorting will take place **December 11** in the Parish Hall with distribution on **December 12**.

Save the Date

St. John Parish Open House
Saturday, December 3, 2022
5-7pm (Following 4pm Mass)
St. John Rectory

Calling All Volunteers!!

Volunteers are needed to put up the crèche on **Friday, December 9** and to help decorate the church **Monday, December 12**. If you can help, please call Bruce Capone at 225.776.2169 or Donna Carville at 225.776.3205.

Monthly Offerings/Contributions/Collections (Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other)

August 2022

Stewardship.....	\$60,252.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	\$14,760.00
Other Collections/Income.....	\$ 4,471.00

September 2022

Stewardship.....	\$48,495.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	\$21,543.00
Other Collections/Income.....	\$22,397.00

October 2022

Stewardship.....	\$48,525.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	\$ 6,297.00
Other Collections/Income.....	\$ 7,159.00

ONLINE GIVING

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.

2022 International Acadian Festival Mass of Thanksgiving



The Acadian Festival Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church on Saturday, October 15, 2022. Pictured with Father Greg following Mass, l to r bottom row, are Anna Claire Campbell, Kassie Carville, Miss Evangeline 2022 Anna Catherine Bradford, Maddie Little and Mary Bradford. Second row: Emily Burleigh, Hallie Doiron, Emma Perry, Chloe Markins and Miss Evangeline 2021 Isabella LoBue. Top Row: Caroline Gilbert, Lila Haydel, Morgan LeBlanc and Claire Guerin. Photo credit Donna Kirkland

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars



Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Church Office Third Floor
 Monday, December 5, 2022
 Monday, January 9, 2023
 Monday, February 6, 2023

Baptism — Following 4pm Mass
 Saturday, November 26, 2022
 Saturday, January 21, 2023
 Saturday, February 18, 2023

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



Altar Servers

Any boy or girl in the 4th grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

Forms are located in the back of church or on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under the FORMS tab. Upon completion and submission of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.

You are always invited to encounter Jesus in the Mass.

Mass Intentions — November 26-December 2, 2022

Saturday, November 26-4pm 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; M/M Seth Williamson & Family, Father William Dodd & Sister Claude; Florence Colletti Pizzolato, Sam Pizzolato, Vincent J. Pizzolato, Sr., Johnny Pizzolato, Sr.; Joe Rockforte, Maurice Brown; Adam, Emily, J. C. & Connie Vercher; Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Sue & J. W. Bryant; Leroy Chenevert, Andrew & Josephine, Carlo & Kurt Canova; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Faye & Paul Trosclair, Kye Boudreaux; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; M/M Joseph Matassa, Jr., M/M Edwin M. Reeves, Sr.; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Emily & Adam Vercher, Harry Vercher, J. C. & Connie Vercher; T. N., Ray & Stephen Patin; Dot Canova; Flo Ourso; Buté Richard

Sunday, November 27-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, November 27-9am 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; Zita Patureau Schafer; Mary Ann Gregoire; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Roy A. Hebert Family; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Denise Miranda

Sunday, November 27-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Cloutre & Middleton Families; Brenda Fremin; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Nellie, Pascal & Leon Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; David E. Wendt, Jr., M/M Walter Marionneaux, Don Wendt; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn; Ezora & Sidney Hedges; George "Brother" Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Christopher Stassi

Tuesday, November 29-6pm Mass

Emma & George Grass, Ellen & Dalton Hergruder; Joseph A., Frances & Anthony Palermo; M/M Allen P. Callahan; Roy A. Hebert; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Willis & Maxine Berthelot

Wednesday, December 30-7am Mass

Tony & Frances Savariste, Dr. Micah Day

Thursday, December 1-7am Mass

M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.

Friday, December 2-7am Mass

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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.



Altar Society

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, November 23 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Coffee & Donuts November 20, 2022



Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero (7:30am Mass)

Patrick & Helen Pendley (9am Mass)



Sanctuary Candle November 20, 2022

St. John the Evangelist
Brennan Eugene Bujol,
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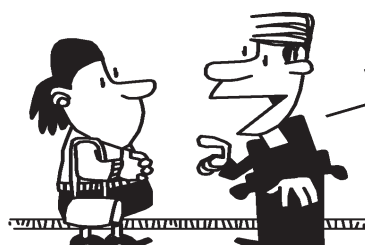
St. Clement of Rome
Colby Gomez

CHRIST THE KING

WHAT WE
NEED IS A
GOOD WORLD
LEADER!



WELL, THERE'S
THIS CERTAIN
PERSON WHO
WAS ORIGINALLY
FROM THE
MIDDLE EAST...



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