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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

7:30 am Sunday

9:00 am

11:00 am Tuesday 6:00 pm

Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 am

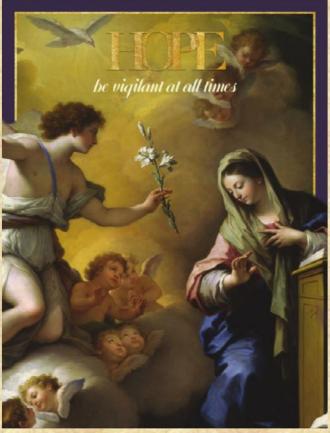
Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

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



First Sunday of Advent **November 27, 2022** Do What You Can

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction-the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). So why hasn't it been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us? Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. If we can just be patient with other people's faults and

weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

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#### **Parish Open House**

On Saturday, December 3, 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 4pm Mass from 5pm until 7pm.

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



Landry, Ferachi and Coletti Families, **Ronald & Brendon** 

#### 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 set up in church is 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.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* **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.

Vocations St. Paul tells us that the love we received from the Lord must increase and be shared with those around us and 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 Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

#### RITUALSONG

#### (Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: First Sunday of Advent #1090 **Entrance: Gather Your People #940** 

Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*

Communion: Christ, Be Our Light #692 Sending Forth: People, Look East #501

#### In Loving Memory...

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

#### Buté Richard, Paul Landry, **Dorothy & Laura Lynn Grass**

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#### **Baptisms and Baptism Seminars**

**Baptism Seminars** Monday, December 5, 2022

Monday, January 9, 2023 Monday, February 6, 2023



**Baptism** Saturday, November 26, 2022 Saturday, January 21, 2023 Saturday, February 18, 2023

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass.

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.

#### 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.stjohnchurchplag.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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." (Mt. 7:7-9)

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.

#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention December 2022

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations

THANK YOU

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

#### A Grateful Acknowledgement

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Daughters sweet sale November 19 & 20 and for your continued support in all the good works the Catholic Daughters do for our Church and Community.

# Did you know there is another Way to give financially to the church and school? "Donating Your IRA Distribution to a Nonprofit"

If you are 70½ or older and are required to withdraw from your traditional or Roth IRA account(s) annually, rather than putting the withdrawal into your checking or savings account or spending it, you can direct that withdrawal (all or part of it) to a nonprofit or charity of your choice such as St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or St. John Interparochial School without incurring taxation on that amount. It is a "win-win" opportunity for both you and the charity of your choice.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will be 100 years old in 2027 and needs major structural repair and renovation to sustain it for us and generations to come after us. This opportunity may be a way for you as a parishioner to be a part of its history.

St. John Interparochial School is 169 years old, providing a Christian education to many students and currently has an enrollment of 453 students in preK3 to 12th grade. Graduates are among many successful businessmen and women who continued their education to higher levels, some entrepreneurs that created their own businesses and also have solidly Christian families.

Please consult with your financial adviser for what may be the best option(s) for you. Whatever you decide, we are very grateful for what you do for St. John Church and School through your time, talent and treasure.

Thanks,

**Father Greg** 

#### **Altar Society Ministry**



Members of the St. John Altar Society recently met in the Parish Hall to polish the Communion vessels used at Mass. Clockwise are Joyce Daigle, Betty Aucoin, Trish Ramirez, Angela Frasca, Derryl Comeaux, Audrey Martinez and Beverly Kolder. Also helping were Donna Carville, Beverly Fourroux, Gail Gasquet, Pookie Laurent, Nettie Michel and Rita Jean Mooney.

#### **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.



#### Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion weekly to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes, care facilities or in the hospital. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify the church parish office at 225.687.2402.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are willing to help with this important ministry, please call the church office.

#### Daily Scripture Reading November 27-December 3, 2022

Sunday, November 27:

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday, November 28:

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 29:

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

Wednesday, November 30:

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

Thursday, December 1:

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

Friday, December 2:

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



# 2022 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 November Buy or make an Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle for Hope.	28 Decide how to prepare for Jesus' birth during Advent: deeper prayer, acts of charity, fasting.	29 Make a playlist of music appropriate for Advent that anticipates Christ's birth. Listen and meditate to it until Christmas.	30St. Andrew the Apostle St. Andrew answered Jesus' call and led others to Him. Pray for those discerning the priesthood or religious life.	Ask God to reveal Ask God to reveal what's keeping you from fully experiencing His love. Resolve to deal with it by Christmas.	Z First Friday Devotion Attend Mass or visit Jesus in the Eucharist in church (find the red candle). Give thanks for His blessings.	Set up a nativity.  Leave it empty and add the figures slowly through the weeks.
Read Matthew 3:1- 12. Tonight, light one violet candle and a second one for Faith.	Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Ask Mary, who received Christ perfectly, to help you welcome Him.	St. Nicholas of Myra O Perform a simple act of kindness in honor of this generous saint.	TSinging is praying twice. Play some Advent hymns to get into the season and sing along.	S Conception of Mary To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, attend Mass and pray for the Church in the United States.	9 Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help.	1 O Attend Confession and experience God's mercy. Find an examination of conscience here, under "Prayers": https://www.usccb.org
1 Gaudete Sunday Read Matthew 11:2-11. Light two violet candles and the rose one for Joy.	1 2 Guadalupe Display flowers at home to honor Mary. Pray for expectant mothers and their babies.	13 At the half-way point of Advent, renew your resolutions for change.	A Set out an empty box. Add gently used clothes, starting today. When it's full, bring it to a clothing drive.	Stop by your parishes. Stop by your parish office and offer your services.	and you	They one of the seven "O Antiphons" daily, found in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."
1 8 Read Matthew 1:18-24. Light all the candles and the last one for Peace.	19 Visit your parish and light a candle for anyone traveling this week.	20 Write down all your worries and entrust them to God, "Jesus, I trust in You."	2 I Straighten up the house and make any final preparations. The King is coming!	22 Read Luke 2:1-7 and place yourself in the scene. Imagine how you'd react if you were there.	23 Think of the you want to keep yearround.	24 Christmas Eve! Tonight, place Jesus in the manger and rejoice! Offer thanks to God for sending His Son for us.



# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room	2	Maintenance & Repairs Collection  5-7pm Parish Open House Rectory
Maintenance & Repairs Collection  Giving Giving Gifts due in Church.	5pm Bible Study Conference Room 7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room	6	7 6-7pm Advent Confessions	8 OFFICE CLOSED  Immiculate conception  Masses: 7am & 6pm	9	10:30am-3pm Women's Advent Silent Retreat Parish Hall
9am-Noon Sorting of Giving Tree Gifts Parish Hall  3-5pm Holy Spirt Prayer Group Church	5pm Bible Study Conference Room	13	14 11am-1pm GEMS Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon Parish Hall 6-7:15pm SJS Christmas Concert Church	1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room  7pm K. C. Meeting K. C. Home	16	17
18	19 10am Landmark Communion Service	20	21  6-7pm Advent Confessions	1:30-3pm 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room	23	Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm - Children's Mass 6pm Midnight
25 9am Christmas Mass	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED  Feast of St. John the Evangelist	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30	11am-noon Pray the Rosary every Saturday for Vocations Adoration Chapel

#### Saturday, December 3-4pm 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; Trista Parro; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Alfred, Mercedese, Lester & Mary Carville, Edmund & Louise Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; Tina Ferachi Loyacano; Coletti, Ferachi & Landry Families; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Darrel Boudreaux, Kye Boudreaux; Bobby & Bootsie Dupont; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; The Currier Family, Betty Keith & Family

#### Sunday, December 4-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, December 4-9am 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; George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc, Fred Hebert; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Sam & Johnette Pizzolato, Alma Pizzolato, Orian Gulotta; Pete & Mary Ann Miranda, J. W. Bryant Family; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, M/M Vives Vicknair; Henry J. Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families, Valerie, Edward & Windy Simpson; Flo Ourso

#### Sunday, December 4-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Distefano; Patrick Gaudet, J. P. & Anna Gaudet; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Robert & Leana Brady; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Jr., Margaret Landry; George "Brother" Michel, Kerry E. Daigle, M/M Anatole Michel; Christopher Stassi; Denise Miranda; Dorothy Grass, Laura Lynn Grass

#### Tuesday, December 6-6pm Mass

Sylvia & Bola Gascon, Rita & Lyman Marchand, Case, Gum & Schuler Families; T. N., Ray & Stephen Patin

#### Wednesday, December 7-6am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Nicolosi & Schexnaildre Families

#### Feast of Immaculate Conception — Thursday, December 8-6pm Mass

Brenda Fremin

#### Friday, December 9-7am Mass

Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Coletti Family, Ferachi Family, Landry Families



#### Sanctuary Candle November 27, 2022

St. John the Evangelist
Ronnie Dugas, Mr. & Mrs. Fallon Trabeaux,
Mr. & Mrs. "Boog" Dugas,
Russell Naquin, Jr. & Fal Naquin

St. Clement of Rome Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi, Coletti & Landry Families

#### **Altar Society**

Altar Society Extra Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, November 30 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.





#### Coffee & Donuts November 27, 2022

George & Patricia Ramirez (7:30am Mass)

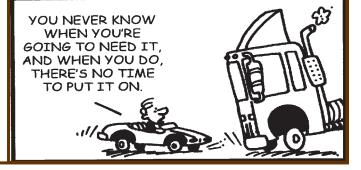
Roger & Rosalind Sadden (9am Mass)

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