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Masses:

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.

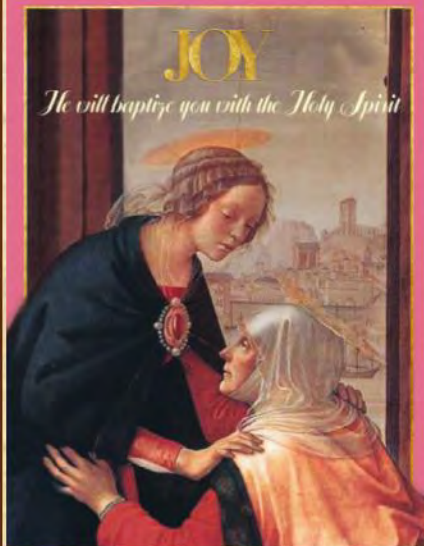
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

Are you the one who is to come? (Matthew 11:3)



Do you ever have doubts? Everyone does, even John the Baptist. Herod had thrown John into prison and kept the threat of execution hanging over him. Sitting in that cell, John began to wonder if he had labored for nothing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus a question: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (Matthew 11:3).

Why would John ask such a pointed question? Probably because Jesus’ ministry didn’t fit John’s idea of what God’s kingdom should look like. Unlike John, Jesus wasn’t a fire-and-brimstone preacher. He seemed more concerned with healing sick people than with overthrowing Herod. He wasn’t popular with many Jewish leaders either. So doubts about Jesus began to creep in.

Rather than rebuking John’s disciples, Jesus described his ministry: the sick are healed, the dead are raised, and the poor hear the good news (Matthew 11:5). John’s disciples would have recognized these as signs of the Messiah foretold by Isaiah (35:6).

Jesus wasn’t put off by John’s doubts. Quite the opposite, he praised John as the greatest of all those “born of women” (Matthew 11:11). Jesus knew John; he loved him and understood the trial he was enduring. Knowing what John was going through, he treated him with compassion. And he will do the same for you.

You may have doubts. Bring them to Jesus. Ask him to help you recall his work in your life: when you experienced his forgiveness, knew his love, or felt his presence. Let him reassure you that he knows you and loves you. Let him strengthen your faith. As Isaiah proclaims in another prophecy, “A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench” (Isaiah 42:3). With his love, Jesus can set your doubts to rest and fan your smoldering faith into a blazing fire.

“Jesus, help me to believe in you more and more each day.”

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BRINGING CHRISTMAS JOY

Advent Giving Tree



Giving Tree gifts sorting will take place Sunday, December 11 in the Parish Hall with distribution on Monday, December 12.

Calling All Volunteers!!

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church Monday, December 12. If you can help meet us in church at 9am.

St. John School Christmas Programs

- ♦ Pre-K & K ~ Monday, December 12 ~ 6pm
St. Clement Chapel
- ♦ Sounds of Christmas Featuring Grades 1-5
Wednesday, December 14 ~ 6pm
St. John Church

GEMS (50 years and older) Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Time: 11am-1pm

Place: St. John Parish Hall

Meats, soft drinks and bread will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Holiday Visits to Homebound

We will be visiting the homebound, the sick and elderly parishioners during the holidays beginning Friday, December 16.



Students will be baking goodies Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12. If any student is interested in bringing joy to the homebound by helping bake, please call Donna Purpera at 225.716.0450. (Service hours will be given).

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

Catholic Daughters Christmas Potluck Dinner

Sunday, December 18 — 4:30pm
St. John Parish Hall

Bring your favorite dish. We will be collecting toiletry items for the Battered Women's Shelter in Baton Rouge and monetary donations for the ARC Christmas party.

Christmas Flower Envelopes



The envelope for Christmas flowers has been placed in the December packet of envelopes. The names of loved ones remembered with Christmas flowers will be published in future bulletins.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously. Visit <https://retiredreligious.org> for more information.



RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Third Sunday of Advent #1096

Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #492

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Christ, Circle Round Us (next page)

Sending Forth: Savior of the Nations, Come #498



The Advent Wreath Candles for the 3rd Sunday of Advent burn in loving memory of:

Winnie & Harry Gallagher
Ethel & Harry Blanchard

Benny & Annie Vaughn
Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso

Roy A. Hebert

Epiphany Concert

St. John the Evangelist Church

Sunday, January 8, 2023 ~ 4pm-5:15pm



Tickets (\$25) are available for purchase for our Annual Epiphany Concert through St. John School (225.687.3056) and the St. John Church Office (225.687.2402).

Join us for songs from Broadway, big band and sacred music performed by Father Greg Daigle accompanied by Bill Grimes and the St. John Epiphany orchestra benefitting St. John School.

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:

Gloria "Nonna" Orcino Landry and
John James "Jerry" Thompson

Donated by:

The Douglas Durand Family



A Vocation View

As John was called by God to be a messenger of His Son, so Jesus still calls men and women today to be the messengers of His Good News. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

National Wreaths Across America



The John James Audubon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has partnered with the national organization "Wreaths Across America" and St. John the Evangelist Cemetery to place wreaths on the graves of every veteran buried at this cemetery.

Please join us at the St. John Cemetery, 23470 Federal Street, Saturday, December 17 at 11am as we honor our veterans during this heartfelt tribute.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. —Psalm 95:6-7

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.

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Marion & Douglas Flatau

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CHRIST, CIRCLE ROUND US

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Verses

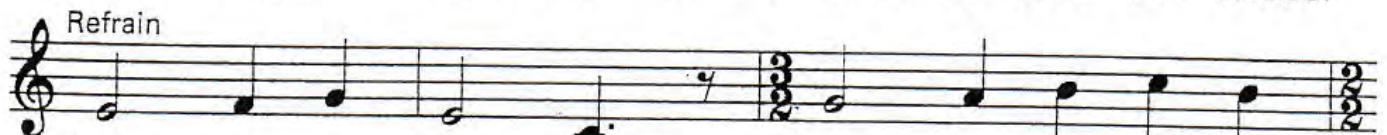


1. Come, O Ra-diant Dawn, splen-dor of the morn-ing light.
2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho-ly branch of Jes-se's tree.
3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know-ledge from on high.
4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho-ly door of heav-en's throne.
5. Come, O Might-y Lord, mas-ter of the stars of night.
6. Come, Em-man-u-el, cher-ished hope of Is-ra-el.
7. Come, Lord Je-sus Christ, long a-wait-ed Prince of Peace.



1. Come, Sun of Jus-tice, turn a-way the pow'r of night.
2. Come, Bough of Bless-ing, bloom for all the world to see.
3. Come, Ho-ly Wis-dom, be our faith-ful friend and guide.
4. Come, Key of Da-vid, o-pen wide the path-way home.
5. Come, Strength of Pil-grims, keep us in your lov-ing sight.
6. Come, live a-mong us, ev-er in our hearts to dwell.
7. Come, Hope of Na-tions, ev-er make our love in-crease.

Refrain



Christ, cir-cle round us. Christ, may your light sur-



round us. Shine in our liv-ing. Fill our hearts



with great thanks - giv-ing.

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Mass Intentions — December 17-23, 2022

Saturday, December 17-4pm 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; Percle & Keller Families, Michael Shepherd; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Coletti, Ferachi & Landry Families; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero

Sunday, December 18-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, December 18-9am 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; M/M Jimmy Hebert, Bryan Hebert, James Hebert, Leslie & Marie Rivet; Mary Janice Schexnayder; Roth & Mars Families; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, M/M Vives Vicknair; Valerie, Edward & Windy Simpson

Sunday, December 18-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Kayla & Micah Brungart, Keely & Josh Donaldson; Brenda Fremin; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Distefano; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; George “Brother” Michel, Kerry E. Daigle, M/M Anatole Michel; Christopher Stassi; Denise Miranda

Tuesday, December 20-6pm Mass

Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Billy Wright; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Willis & Maxine Berthelot

Wednesday, December 21-7am Mass

Lorraine “Catty” Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families

Thursday, December 22-7am Mass

Ronnie Palermo

Friday, December 23-7am Mass

David E. Wendt Jr., Dr. & Mrs. W. E. Barker, Jr.

Advent Reconciliation

Father Greg will be hearing confessions from 6-7pm
Wednesday, December 21.

Daily Scripture Reading December 11-17, 2022

Sunday, December 11:

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday, December 12:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 112:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday, December 13:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14:

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15:

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 16:

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17:

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**There will be NO Coffee & Donuts
Sunday, December 11, 2022.**



Sanctuary Candle December 11, 2022

St. John the Evangelist
Panepinto & Savariste Families

St. Clement of Rome
Walter Mazone

Altar Society



Altar Society “Big Clean” for Christmas will
take place Wednesday, December 14 at 8am.
Volunteers are welcome.

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm Church Office Third Floor



Monday, January 9, 2023
Monday, February 6, 2023
Monday, March 6, 2023
Monday, April 3, 2023

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, January 21, 2023
Saturday, February 18, 2023
Saturday, April 22, 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.

*Behold, I am
sending my
messenger ahead
of you; he will
prepare your way
before you.*



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