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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



### Christmas

December 25, 2022

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:14)

When John speaks of Jesus as “the Word,” he isn’t referring to the close to thirty thousands words that the average person hears each day. Most of these words go in one ear and out the other. But some stick with us and shape the way we think and the choices we make. These are the words that matter.

On this Christmas Day, St. John tells us of one Word that matters more than any other word we’ll ever hear. It’s Jesus, the living Word of God, who gives life to everything in the universe (John 1:3). He is the divine Word who imparts God’s “grace and truth” to us (1:14). He is the holy Word who “shines in the darkness” to deliver us from sin and death (1:5). He is the eternal Word who “became flesh” and who has “made his dwelling among us” (1:14).

Today can be a noisy day. We’ll be making a joyful noise as we sing “Glory to God in the Highest” and “Joy to the World” at Mass. Many of us will be part of the controlled chaos involved in unwrapping gifts and coming together for family celebrations. Who knows? We may hear as many as forty or fifty thousand words today! Of course, this is right and good. But at the center of it all is Jesus, the Word of God who came to speak life, healing, joy, and peace into our world.

As noisy as today may be, make sure you set aside time to sit quietly and listen for Jesus’ voice. Welcome him into your heart. Let him share the good news of salvation with you. Let him tell you again that he loves you.

*“Jesus, Word of the Father, come and speak your words of grace and peace to my heart.”*

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## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24**

**4pm Children's Mass**

**6pm Mass & Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day - Sunday December 25**

**9am Mass**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**Saturday - December 31**

**4pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

**7:30am Mass, 9am Mass & 11am Mass**

## 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.



## Nativity Scene in Church

Our beautiful crèche with life-size Fontanini figures will be available for viewing for anyone who would like an opportunity to make a prayerful visit to our Lord and Savior.

The church will be open and the lights will be on daily from 7am-3:30pm through Sunday, January 8, 2023.

## Knights of Columbus Fireworks Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling fireworks at the K.C. Home, 58715 Price Street in Plaquemine Monday through Friday, December 26-30 from 5 until 8:30pm and New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31 from noon until the fireworks run out.

Please support the Knights of Columbus in all the good works they do for our church and community.



## 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.

## RITUALSONG

**(Readings and Songs this Weekend)**

**Readings: Christmas Vigil Mass #1102,**

**Midnight #1103, During the Day #1105**

**Entrance: O Come, All Ye Faithful #521**

**Preparation: Angels We Have Heard on High #524**

**Communion: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #520**

**Silent Night #527**

**Sending Forth: Joy to the World #518**



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

**The St. John Church Office will be closed until Tuesday, January 3, 2023.**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**An Invitation to Prayer  
Before the Blessed Sacrament**

*"Lord in the face of such constant love, what else can I do but fall on my knees and worship you?"*

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.

## Daily Scripture Reading December 25-31, 2022

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

**Sunday, December 25:**

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14; Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12;

Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Monday, December 26:**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;

Mt 10:17-22

**Tuesday, December 27:**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Wednesday, December 28:**

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday, December 29:**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Friday, December 30:**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17;

Ps 128: 1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday, December 31:**

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

## A Vocation View

By Baptism, we are God's family today. Priests, sisters and brothers are called by God to minister in a special way to His holy family.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).





## Santa's Helpers



Our faithful men from First Baptist Church, Jack Franklin, Chester Curry and Donald Curry, assist Dr. Katie Berthelot (far right) by loading and delivering Giving Tree gifts to area students. Accepting gifts are Iberville Elementary School staff.



## JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!!

We gratefully acknowledge the following holiday helpers for spreading Christmas joy:

- ♦ **Parish Open House** — The St. John Altar Society for hosting the Parish Open House at the rectory and to all the parishioners who attended.
- ♦ **Cards for Inmates** — To all of our parishioners and Mrs. Kirkland's and Mrs. Murray's 2nd graders at St. John School who purchased and brought in Christmas cards for inmates.

Your generosity has made it possible for Deacon Alfred Ricard to take thousands of Christmas cards to the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

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- ♦ **GEMS** — To GEMS coordinators, Lorraine Hidalgo, Sylvia Erwin, and partners who brought dishes, set up, and served Christmas joy to our parishioners at the Annual GEMS Christmas Social.

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- ♦ **Giving Tree** — To the Giving Tree volunteers, under the supervision of Dr. Katie Berthelot, who strive to provide the less fortunate children of our area with a happy Christmas every year.

We are grateful to our parishioners who provided almost 400 gifts.

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- ♦ **Visits to the Homebound** — To Joann Landry and the volunteers who brought poinsettias to the homebound and nursing home residents.

St. John students, supervised by Donna Purpera, made and delivered sweets to the homebound to brighten their day!

## In Loving Memory...

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

**Laura Lynn Grass**

Donated by:  
Barbara Coreil

## Christmas Flowers and Decorations 2022

### In Loving Memory

Patricia Ann Bahry LeBlanc  
Mr. & Mrs. Gasper Pizzolato, Sr. & Family  
Charles Clough, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Creoli  
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Middy Bourgeois  
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My Momma  
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Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Brown  
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A. J. and Nera Rodriguez  
Anthony & Mary Marino  
Kids of St. Jude  
Marvin, Doris & Guy Allen  
Matthew, Nora & Ernest Allen  
Mary, Manuel & Dolores Diamond  
Elzora & Clayton Verret  
Shirley & Hoover Carline

(to be continued in future bulletins)

## Mass Intentions — December 31, 2022-Januray 6, 2023

### Saturday, December 31-4pm 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; Jaynell Lopez, Albert Lopez, Jr., Johnson & Lopez Families; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Sadie Thibodeaux; George Gullotto; Buté Richard; Virginia Ryes; Flo Ourso; Randy Morales; Liz Adams; Bret Thompson; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; The Jesclard, Simmons & Dupuy Families, The Poor Souls in Purgatory; Ignace & Vivian Tullier; Gloria Landry

### Sunday, January 1-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, January 1-9am 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; Kristina Mellema; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, M/M Vives Vicknair, M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott Marino; Karen Banta; Edmond Gomez, Jr.; Jaynell Lopez, Albert Lopez, Jr., Johnson & Lopez Families; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr.; Kynlee Bueche; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Ruth Pitre; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jane & Jerry, Kirsch Kember; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot, M/M Edmond Berthelot; M/M Earl Breaux, Sr., John D. Bourg; Patrick Cook; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Gladys "Butsy" Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Douglas Brewer; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Agnes & Sam Colletti & Family, Vincent M. Ferachi & Family; Jules, Mary Victoria & Devin Michael Durand, Edwin & Emily Melancon, Catherine Melancon Wilbert, Anthony M. Wilbert, Jr.

#### Sunday, January 1-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Arnold Fourroux; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin. Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Distefano; T. N., Ray & Stephen Patin; Rose Hernandez Boudreaux; Dorothy Grass; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Dominic Engolio, Frances & Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste; Buck Fourroux; Roy A. Hebert, David G. Hebert; Murphy Blanchard, Lance Blanchard; Denise Miranda; George "Brother" Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot

#### Tuesday, January 3-6pm Mass

Sue S. Landry; Case, Gum & Schuler Families

#### Wednesday, January 4-7am Mass

Beverly & Fred Allain, Angela & J. E. Dupont

#### Thursday, January 5-7am Mass

Margaret Simms Smith

#### Friday, January 6-7am Mass

Barbara A. Himel



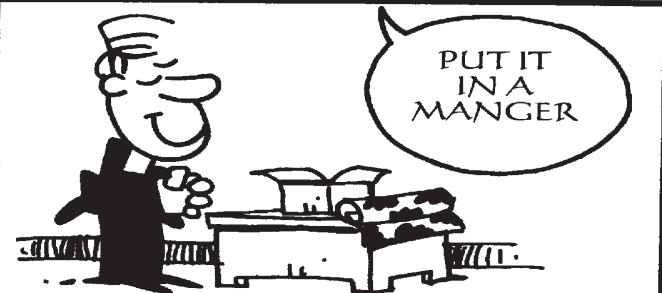
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THE BEST WAY  
TO WRAP A  
CHRISTMAS  
PRESENT?

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IN A  
MANGER



**Sanctuary Candle**  
**December 25, 2022**

**St. John the Evangelist**  
**Marie Marionneaux**

**St. Clement of Rome**  
**Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr.**

**There will be no Coffee & Donuts**  
**on Christmas, December 25, 2022.**



#### **Altar Society**

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, December 28 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



For today in  
the city of  
David a savior  
has been born  
for you who  
is Messiah  
and Lord.  
Luke 2:11



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