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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

Monday (Liturgy of the Word) 7:00 am

Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Mass) 7:00 am

First Tuesday of the Month 6:00 pm

(Mass, Novena, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick)

All other Tuesdays - Confessions 5:30 pm

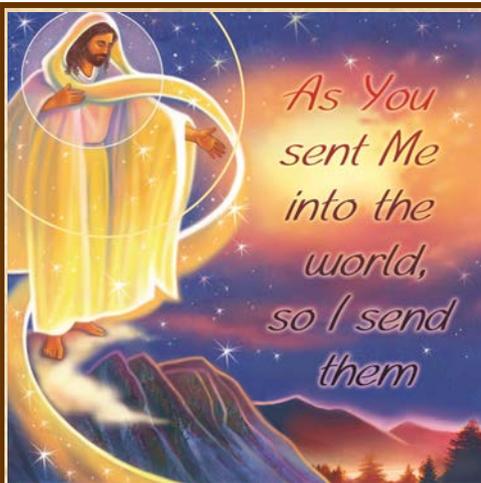
(Mass and Novena) 6:00 pm

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 pm



Seventh Sunday of Easter — The Ascension of the Lord May 13, 2018

All three readings talk about Jesus being taken up into heaven or in a cloud or on high. Remember that in the Old Testament, a cloud was a sign of God's presence. So these descriptions of the ascension actually tell us that Jesus is reunited with his Father and exalted in glory with the Father. Jesus not only has a new life that cannot be ended by death, he also is no longer limited by time or space as he was before he died. So what does that mean for us?

Because he is not limited, he can be with us everywhere. So everything we do for him (being patient with a child or elderly person, caring for the poor or the sick, forgiving someone who hurt us) is done with Jesus. Through his Spirit, he gives us the power and the courage to act as Jesus and the vision of faith to see Jesus in others.

Seeing Jesus in others takes some practice. Think of it as a learning process.

One way we learn is through the lives of the saints. They start out as ordinary people who give their lives to Jesus. As we read or hear about them, we see how God works through them to do great things. We learn that they become more and more like Jesus, in how they treat others with love and respect.

But if the saints seem too distant, we can look at someone we love. Whether it is a parent, spouse, brother, sister or friend, the good that they do and the love they show is from God. So we can learn about God's love for us by letting ourselves be loved by another. Take time to thank God for those who love you and ask him to open your eyes to see Jesus in them.

The other side of the coin is seeing Jesus in ourselves. We may have to forgive ourselves for the bad choices we have made in the past, or the bad habits we still have. We also have to accept that God really does love us as his children. And we have to accept that sometimes, even when we do our best, we still seem to fail. Remember, to the world of Jesus' time, he looked like a failure: He was executed as a criminal, his few followers all went into hiding, and the one he picked as his successor (Peter) denied even knowing him. But the God who brings life out of death also brings success out of failure. So trust his promise that we have Jesus in us. Then do your best to follow Jesus and you may lead someone else to him.

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Loving God,

As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

On behalf of Fr. Greg, Deacon Alfred Ricard and the entire St. John Parish Staff, we would like to wish all of our mothers a very "Happy Mother's Day."

Iberville Parish Baccalaureate Mass

We welcome members of Iberville Parish who are graduates of college or public schools to the 4pm Baccalaureate Mass Saturday, May 12 in their honor.



We pray for the graduates and their parents and congratulate them for a job well done.

MSA Graduation

Thursday, May 17 — 6:00 pm
Campus Performance Art Center

PHS Graduation

Friday, May 18— 7:00 pm
Carl F. Grant Civic Center

God Bless the 2018 Senior Classes

2018 St. John School Year-End Ceremonies

Saturday, May 19 - After 4pm Mass: Ring Ceremony
St. John Church
Monday, May 28 - 8am: Eighth Grade Crossing Over
St. Clement Church



Vacation Bible School "EarthKeepers" Kickoff Meeting

A Mandatory Kickoff Meeting for ALL Ambassadors for Christ and Adult Coordinators will be held Wednesday, May 16 in the St. John Parish Hall from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Pizza and Treats will be served!!!

Vacation Bible School will be held June 4-8, 2018. Registration forms are located on the bookshelves in the back of church, in the church office and are available online at www/stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMS.

Scheduled Meetings this Week

Sunday, May 13: 2pm Ladies of Peter Claver - P. Hall
Monday, May 14: 7pm Catholic Daughters - P. Hall
Wednesday, May 16: 6:30pm-7:30pm VBS Kick-off
Parish Hall
Thursday, May 17: 7pm Knights of Columbus
K.C. Home



Eucharistic Adoration

Available hours for scheduled visitation of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel are:

-Saturday: 5pm-6pm
-Sunday: 3pm-4pm

To volunteer for an hour in the Adoration Chapel, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Candle Price Increase



Due to the increase in candle costs, the Altar Society made the difficult decision to increase the price of the candles from \$3 to \$4 each. The current \$3 candle is not sufficient to cover their cost.

In addition, the purpose and duty of the Altar Society is to care for the liturgical needs of the church such as purchasing the hosts and communion wine, providing the altar cloths and other linens used for services and cleaning the sanctuary on a weekly basis. The candle fund helps to cover these additional necessary needs and is the only source of income for the Altar Society besides annual dues.

We appreciate your support of our church and please continue to light candles.



MAY DEVOTION

Each year in May, the Church encourages us to seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our St. John community honors this by offering the opportunity to pray the Rosary outdoors at the homes of parishioners.

The Rosary will begin at 7pm at the following homes:
Monday, May 14: Stacy Decuir

58220 Randolph's Drive

Tuesday, May 15: Marianne Freeman

23515 Church Street

Wednesday, May 16: Joyce Daigle

25340 Hackberry Lane

Thursday, May 17: St. John School Students

24250 Regina Street

Friday, May 18: Jose, Jr. & Danielle Gonzales

24000 Winter Street

Saturday, May 19: Bern & Patricia Ebert

58416 Bayou Road

Sunday, May 20: Butch & Sandra Gourgues

58370 Island Drive

Everyone is invited. Bring your lawn chair and a friend.

Ministry Fair

St. John the Evangelist will hold a Ministry Fair Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20 in church. If anyone is interested in joining a ministry, sign up sheets will be available at the respective tables.



Bell and Commemorative Plaque for Immaculate Conception Church (decommissioned)

In recognition of the Immaculate Conception Church that served its Plaquemine community from 1936 to 1987, the bell that rang at that church was relocated near the statue of Mary in St. John Church parking lot along with a commemorative plaque detailing the church's history. The bell stand was made and donated by Bayou Fabricators, the brass plaque was donated by the St. John Church Altar Society and the stand for the plaque was donated by Wilbert Funeral Home.

Immaculate Conception Church, a mission of St. Francis Xavier Church in Baton Rouge through the collaboration of Rev. Leonard Robin and the Josephites (Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart), opened its doors in 1936 at its location on Main Street in Plaquemine to serve the community primarily attending St. Augustine Catholic School which was also located there. The pastors that served the community of faith that gathered there each week were Josephite priests assigned part time to Immaculate Conception. It also served the needs of the parishioners, families and friends. Many Catholic residents in the Plaquemine area also attended, supported and cherished the closeness to God that they experienced at Immaculate Conception.

The last baptism was celebrated on February 12, 1984 before the doors of Immaculate Conception were officially closed in 1987. Through those 50 years, the pastors that served Immaculate Conception brought peace, comfort, a deep sense of family and faith sharing to its parishioners, families, friends and the surrounding community.



Please note...

If you are a newcomer to St. John the Evangelist Church Parish, have recently married, or no longer live with your parents, please remember to fill out a census form to register here.

Anyone who does not receive church contribution envelopes is not registered. You may register by calling the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402 and we will mail a census form to you, by picking up a census form from the bookshelves in the back of church, or by accessing FORMS via our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars



Baptism Seminars

Monday, June 4, 2018

Monday, July 9, 2018

Monday, August 6, 2018

Baptisms

Saturday, May 26, 2018

Saturday, June 30, 2018

Saturday, July 28, 2018

Saturday, August 25, 2018

The Baptism seminars are held at 7pm on the third floor of the church office. Baptisms are usually held after 4pm Mass on the last weekend of the month.

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

Plaquemine Lions Club "World's Best Spaghetti Dinner"



Sunday, May 20, 2018 — 10am-12:30pm

Pickup Locations: Plaquemine Lions Club or First Bank parking lot (located next to the church)

Benefit: Visually & Physically Handicapped Children

Weekday Worship & Scripture—May 14-20, 2018

Monday, May 14 : 7am Liturgy of the Word

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday, May 15: 5:30pm Confession/6pm Mass/Novena

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 16: 7am Mass

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 17: 7am Mass

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 18: 7am Mass

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 19:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 20:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39; Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Charismatic Pentecost Celebration

Sunday, May 20, 2018

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 15710 La. Hwy. 16,
French Settlement, LA

St. Joseph Catholic Church in French Settlement will be hosting a Charismatic Celebration on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Praise and worship begins at 1:30pm with Mass at 2pm followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

For more information, contact Guy at 225.287.0595.

MASS INTENTIONS — May 19-25, 2018

Saturday, May 19-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Trista Parro, Myrtle Lively; Dace K. Hahn, Sr., Earline Rivet Hahn, Kim H. Baggett, Luke Baggett; Aubrey Quebedeaux, Aline, Mit & Dub Comeaux; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Peter Palermo, Gaudin Family, Louviere Family, Chemin Family; Ruth Ostergren; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Andrew & Catherine Roucher; Eva Lopez; Margaret Smith

Sunday, May 20-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, May 20-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Anthony & Margie Vitale; M/M Gilmore Couvillion; M/M J. C. Hebert; Lloyd Bouchereau, Sr.; Gus Himel Family, Sterlin, Alvin, Clarence & Louis; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Percy Hebert; Margaret Smith

Sunday, May 20-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; John H. Businelle; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Frank, Josie, Victor J. & Anthony F. Canella; Ruth Babin; T. N. & Ray Patin; Victor J. Canella

Tuesday, May 22-6pm Mass

Patricia Marionneaux Nelson; Curtis, Denise & Brian Breaux

Wednesday, May 23-7am Mass

Alfred & Mercedes Carville

Thursday, May 24-7am Mass

Myrtle Haydel

Friday, May 25-7am Mass

Josie Gimbrone

Stewardship

May 5 & 6, 2018



Identified.....\$12,050.00
 Number — 317
 Unidentified.....\$ 1,495.00

ONLINE GIVING — APRIL, 2018

Stewardship.....\$ 4,511.00
 Other Collections.....\$ 1,468.00

**To sign up for ONLINE GIVING,
 visit www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.**

***Sanctuary Candle*
 May 20, 2018**

**St. John the Evangelist Church
 Gretta Rockforte
St. Clement of Rome Church
 Felecie Langlois**



Weekly Ministries

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, May 16 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



***Children's Liturgy*
 May 20, 2018**

**Tracy Cox (9am Mass)
 Tami Cheramie (11am Mass)**



***Coffee & Donuts*
 May 20, 2018**

**Dolores & Gary Pruitt (7:30am Mass)
 Ricky & Anna Breaux (9am Mass)**



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.

**Our Hymn Selections this weekend:
 (Subject to change)**

**Entrance: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
 Today's Missal 88**
**Preparation: We Walk by Faith
 Music Issue 497**
**Communion: Bread of Life
 Music Issue 322**
**Sending Forth: He is the Lord
 Music Issue 552**





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