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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

Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021 Little Drummer Boy



Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? And these special gifts--gold, frankincense, and myrrh --tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus' time to worship God. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. So these gifts remind us of Jesus' kingship, divinity, and his dying for us.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. A better way than

burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

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Eucharistic Adoration

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:
"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Luke 11:9-10)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. Adorers will be limited to two at a time in the chapel. We regret that because of the current restrictions, some may have to be turned away.

There are many available hours. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, please contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.



Anointing of the Sick

Every First Tuesday following 6pm Mass, our parish celebrates the SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK for those who are seriously ill, experiencing depression, battling cancer treatments, disabled in any way, the elderly and those who are to undergo surgery in the near future. Father Greg will administer the Anointing of the Sick, Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

Four to six months is recommended between anointing unless otherwise urgent.

Daily Scripture Reading January 4-10, 2021

Monday, January 4:

1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 5:

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6:

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7:

1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 8:

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9:

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 10:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-2,3-4,9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

"They made known what had been told them about this Child."



If you may be one of those called to make the Christ child known to others as a priest or consecrated religious, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Baptisms and Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, January 11, 2021

Monday, March 1, 2021

Monday, April 12, 2021

Monday, May 3, 2021



Baptisms

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Saturday, May 22, 2021

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 Skidmore at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

Bible Study

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a 10-week video study program and book. Anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels, this study explores the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today.

Bible Study begins Thursday, January 14, 2021.

Thursday sessions are from 1:30-3pm OR 6:30-8pm OR beginning Monday, January 18 from 6-7:30pm. Sessions will be held in the Parish Hall.



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Charity Calendar Sales Drive has begun. Over \$15,000 in cash prizes! Buy a calendar for \$20.00 and participate in 365 drawings REGARDLESS OF HOW OFTEN YOU WIN!! 2021 drawings begin the first week of February. Calendars can be purchased by contacting Ruel Seneca at 225.385.0930.

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

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.

Spreading Christmas Joy



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 10, 2021.

With Gratitude from Deacon Alfred

To All the Generous Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church Parish:

I am so overwhelmed to have so many good friends remember me and my family at Christmas. You all remain in my daily prayers and I ask that you keep me and my family in yours. Happy New Year!

With Sincerest Appreciation,
Deacon Alfred Ricard



Giving Tree

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

Pictured above loading gifts to bring to area schools for distribution are Donald Curry, Ty Berthelot, Chester Curry, Dr. Berthelot and Jack Franklin.

We are grateful to all donors and to those who helped with the sorting and distribution of Giving Tree gifts.



Cleaning and Decorating Crew

Members of the Altar Society paused from their work on clean-up day for a quick picture. Shown above, left to right, front row, are Donna Carville, Liz Adams, and Jessie Billings. In back are Diane Allen, Derryl Comeaux, Kattie Nicolosi, Trish Ramirez, Janet Bryant, Pucky Laurent, Joyce Daigle, Sandra Smothers, Jackie Dugas and Beverly Kolder. Not pictured are Betty Aucoin, Rita Jean Mooney, Betty Rockforte, Sandra Bizette, Cyndi Bickham, Janet Bujol, Dianne Bujol, Dianne LeGrange, Kathy D'Albor and Melissa Hanks.

Altar Society members and others who helped decorate the church and rectory for Christmas are: Sallye Troxclair, Evelyn Varnell, Elizabeth Engolio, Jenny Troutman, Susan Thistlethwaite, Sarah Thompson, George Ramirez, Bruce Capone, Barry Lamothe, Pat Landry, Bart Schlatre, Billy Bujol, Joel Ducote, David LoBue, Tommy Bickham, Boonie Boudreaux, Jacob Wilbert, Punchy Daigle, Roy Kolder, Mark Suarez, Joey Culome and St. John Students.



Holiday Visits to the Homebound

Joann Landry and volunteers brought poinsettias to the homebound and nursing home residents. St. John students supervised by Donna Purpera, made sweets for the homebound to brighten their day. Those visited were extremely happy as the message of Christmas was brought to them.

Christmas Cards for Inmates

Parishioners and St. John School students 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 Louisiana State Penitentiary.



Mass Intentions — January 9-15, 2021

Saturday, January 9-4pm 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; Olga Hymel; Anthony Pizzolato; Sidney J. Quatrevingt, Gulotto & Quatrevingt Families; Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr.; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Jack Jackson, Thomas Morales Family; Carlo, Kurt, Andrew & Josephine Canova; M/M Edmond Gomez, Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez

Sunday, January 10-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, January 10-9am 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; Sam & Kathleen Anastasio; Rodney Pizzolato, LTC Craig T. Robinson, Marie Pizzolato Blanchard, M/M Gasper Pizzolato, Sr.; Joe & Maggie Gullotto, Lola & A. J. Adams; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard; George & Carol Allain, GiGi Allain, Barbara Bajon; William Toups, Jr.; Larry Troxclair, Sr., Janice Marchand Altazan; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Colletti Families; Donald Davis, Sr., George Becnel, Sr., Richard Becnel, Jr., Paul Becnel, Sr.; Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters Court 1214

Sunday, January 10-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Myrna Hargrove; Anthony & Frances Palermo, Daisy P. King, Jim Cashiola; Joseph & Lillian Crescienne, Peter & Rosalie Crescienne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Marcella & William Collet, Sr., William Collet, Jr.; Brenda Fremin; Virginia Simon

Tuesday, January 12-6pm Mass

M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Rita & Lyman Marchand, Sylvia & Bola Gascon; Ethel Blanchard

Wednesday, January 13-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnauldre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, January 14-7am Mass

Ruth Ostergren

Friday, January 15-7am Mass

Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson

EPIPHANY

IT'S MY BIRTHDAY AND THEY'RE COMING FROM ALL OVER TOWN TO GIVE ME PRESENTS HA HA HA!



I CAN'T IMAGINE THE BLESSED MOTHER EVER HAD TO PUT UP WITH THIS.



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Sanctuary Candle

January 3, 2020

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Agnes & Sam Colletti Families

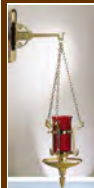
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