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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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

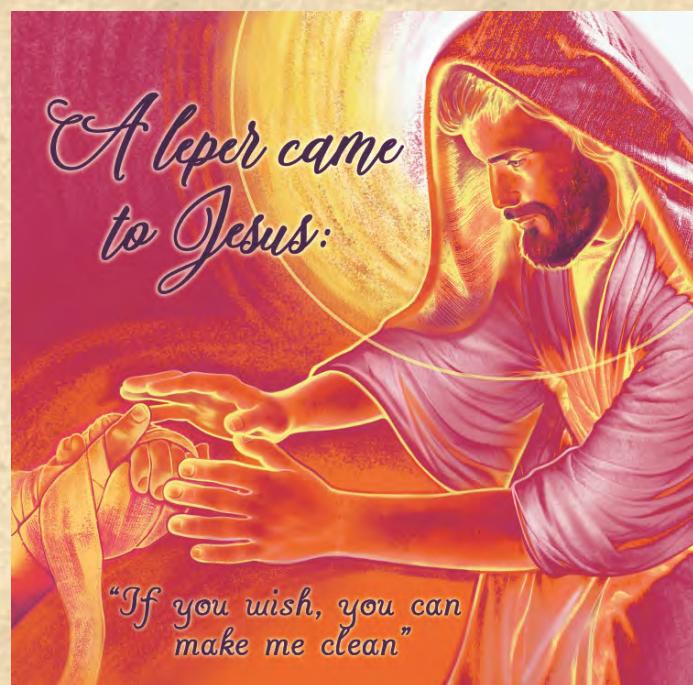
February 14, 2021

Paul the People Pleaser

Last week we heard St. Paul saying that he was all things to all people. This week, we hear that he tried to please everyone. To modern ears, that sounds more like a people-pleaser. But that wasn't what Paul meant. The key to Paul's way of life is the last line of the second reading: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Cor 11:1)

When Jesus spoke to Paul in his conversion, he asked why he was persecuting Jesus. Paul later began to understand that all Christians make up the body of Christ. As members of that body, we can show others what Jesus is like, by our example. That seems to be a two part process.

First, to show Christ, we have to know Christ. We can do that by reading the scriptures and praying with them. We can receive the sacraments regularly, especially



Reconciliation, where we experience his forgiveness and love, and the Eucharist, where Jesus unites himself with us, so that we can become more like him.

The second part is acting like Jesus. Forgive people who hurt us, care for the sick, the dying, the poor. Don't be afraid to tell people what God has done for you; encourage others to be grateful for what God has done for them. Paul obviously didn't please everyone, or he wouldn't have ended his life in prison. He was more interested in imitating Christ. If we can imitate Paul in that way, we can't go wrong.



## Sacrament of Confirmation

We welcome Bishop Michael Duca Sunday, February 14 to 11am Mass as he seals the following Confirmation candidates with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Brayden Paul Babin  
Anne Lauren Barbier  
Zachary Joseph Berthelot  
John Merritt Bueche  
Cassidy Lane Cannella  
John Dylan Clark  
Conner Jacob Crousillac  
Joshua Paul Daigle  
Tessa Gabrielle Eby  
Brady Patrick Gourgues  
Charles Anthony Guidry II  
Nikki Lynn Hanchett  
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Lilah Qufan Morgan  
Gracen Annelise Patin  
Benjamin James Robichaux  
Joseph Curtis Saizon  
Grace Marie Sanchez  
Sydney Elizabeth Sanchez  
Joseph Michael Schlatter  
Sebastian Josef-Benedito Stein  
Catherine Anne Vaughn  
Madelyn Kate Walker  
Nicole Sophia Warner**

*May God continue to pour out His blessings on the members of these families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.*

Today's Gospel says, "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper." Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcast of today's society? Today Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as He did.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



## Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, a day of fast and abstinence.

### Ash Wednesday Schedule:

7am Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
6pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

### Lenten Weekday Schedule:

Tuesday - 6pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena  
Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass  
Friday - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross  
6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross  
(No 7am Mass during Lent)

### Fast & Abstinence:

**Fasting:** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18, but not yet 59, are allowed only one full meal. Two small meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Abstinence from Meat:** Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. The Church no longer attempts to prescribe our Lenten practices in detail. The above regulations simply highlight Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and other Fridays in Lent.



## Month of the Passion of the Lord

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the liturgical season of

Lent. In this month, we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in His death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind. Saints who had a special devotion to Christ's passion include St. Francis of Assisi, who was the first known saint to receive the stigmata; St. John of the Cross; St. Bridget of Sweden; and St. Catherine of Siena.

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: "*So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?*" (Matthew 26:40)

Many people have a difficult time choosing an appropriate Lenten penance. This year, why not commit to making a Holy Hour at the Adoration Chapel once a week, for the six weeks of Lent? The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. There are many available hours. 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.

To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, please contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.



### Consecration to St. Joseph

The Holy Father declared the year 2021 “The Year of St. Joseph”. Fr. Greg has given permission to have a group meeting regarding the Consecration to St. Joseph.

We will meet in church at 6pm every Monday, beginning February 15 culminating on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The required book may be purchased for \$14.00 by contacting 1.800.462.7426, [fathercalloway.com](http://fathercalloway.com) or by calling JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Please join us for consecrating our marriages and families to St. Joseph, patron of fathers and the Universal Church.

### Divine Mercy Novena

On Tuesday, February 23, our parish will begin its Novena of Divine Mercy with Mass, followed immediately by the sung chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Novena Prayers.

The Novena will continue every Tuesday for nine weeks ending April 20.



### Black History

**Venerable Augustus Tolton** (1854-1897) was the first African-American Catholic priest to acknowledge his African heritage publicly.

Born into slavery, Tolton and his family escaped to Illinois, where he discerned a call to the priesthood, despite the racism he endured from white Catholics. But while his pastor supported his vocation, Tolton was rejected by every American seminary because of his race.

Finally, he was accepted at a seminary in Rome and prepared to serve in the African missions as the American bishops were quite sure that the American Church wasn't ready for black priests. But Rome saw differently, and Fr. Tolton was sent first to Quincy, Illinois, and then to Chicago where, despite constant struggles with prejudiced clergy and laity, he served his people tirelessly, dying of exhaustion at only 43.

### Holy Spirit Prayer Group



The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, February 14 from 3pm-5pm in church. The mission of the prayer group is to offer praise to God, and intercessory prayers for individuals, our community and the needs of the world. Prayers are offered for the success of our parish efforts through our many organizations that reach out to parishioners and the community at large. For more information, contact the church office at 225.687.2402. All are welcome!

Our office will be closed Monday, February 15 and Tuesday, February 16.

Happy Mardi Gras!!



### In Loving Memory...

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

**Lorraine C. “Catty” Hebert**

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### Daily Scripture Reading — February 15-21, 2021

**Monday, February 15:**

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 16:**

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10;  
Mk 8:14-21

**Ash Wednesday, February 17:**

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, February 18:**

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, February 19:**

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 20:**

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, February 21:**

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



### Stewardship

#### Contribution Tax Statements

Anyone needing a 2020 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan at the St. John Church Office (225.687.2402). Statements will be printed upon request.

Please remember St. John Church and St. John School in your Last Will and Testament.

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#### Online Giving

Join the parishioners who are using ONLINE GIVING for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

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visit [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org).

The Altar Society Cookbooks, “Recipes Old and New Tried and True” are available for \$20.00 in the church office. You may also purchase the Little Lenten Books from the church office or the Adoration Chapel for \$1.00.



Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, February 17 at 8am.

## Mass Intentions — February 20-26, 2021

### Saturday, February 20-4pm 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; Paul A. Lamothe, Sr.; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jane & Jerry, Kirsch Kember; Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr., Andrew & Josephine Canova; M/M John Caffarel, Sr., M/M G. E. Marix; Florence Blanchard; Brent Alexander, Brent Paul Alexander; Marie Marionneaux; The Calvaruso Family; Domonic Engolio, Pauline & Joseph Engolio, Charles Engolio; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay; Nora Vitale; Benny, Rose & Sid Quatrevingt; Raymond & Esther Schexnayder

### Sunday, February 21-7:30am Mass

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### Sunday, February 21-9am 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; Janice Marchand Altazan; Virginia Simon; William Toups, Jr.; Bill Middleton III; Benny & Annie Vaughn

### Sunday, February 21-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; John & Ann Ruiz, Mervin & Leona Gourgues; George R. Collet, Helena LeBlanc; Anna Belle Davis; Brenda Fremin; Harry Marionneaux; Barry Leonard; Bette Howard

### Tuesday, February 23-6pm Mass

Winnie & Harry Gallagher; Ethel & Harry Blanchard

### Wednesday, February 24-7am Mass

Russell Adams

### Thursday, February 25-7am Mass

Christine & Mark McMorris

### Friday, February 26-6pm Mass

Nera & A. J. Rodriguez



**Sanctuary Candle  
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### **Baptisms and Seminars**

#### **Baptism Seminars**

**Monday, March 1, 2021**

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

**Monday, May 3, 2021**



#### **Baptisms**

**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.

### **6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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UNCLEAN  
BECAUSE OF  
SIN IN YOUR  
LIFE...

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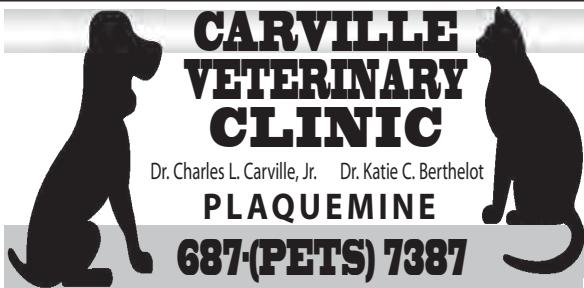


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