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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am
11:00 am

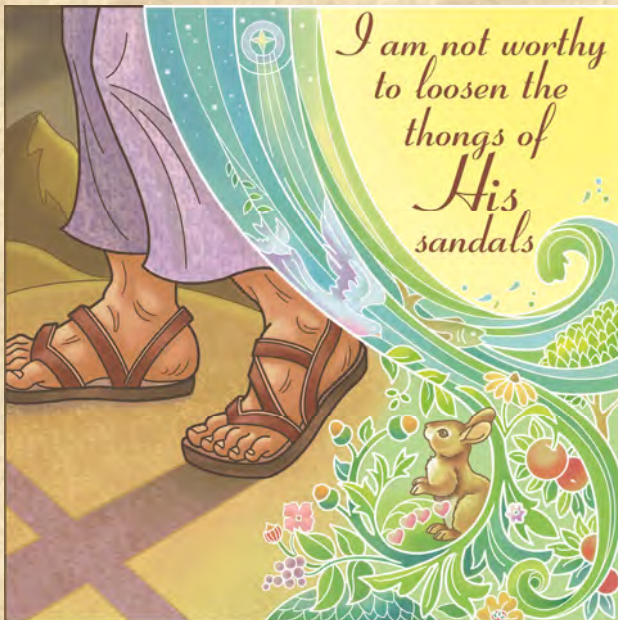
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 am

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 12, 2021

Not Ready? No Problem!

We often get so caught up in all the things we do to prepare for Christmas that we forget Advent all together. The readings remind us that in spite of the stress we may feel thinking about how close Christmas is, we are called to rejoice for the Lord is near.

The stress we feel may be from fear. But did you ever notice how much easier it is when you have someone to shop with you, or write the Christmas cards, or decorate the tree? "Shout for joy. . .fear not!" says the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading. (Zeph 3:14) He tells us the Lord is not coming to punish us for waiting till the last minute to put up the tree. The prophet says the Lord is in our midst, we are not alone. "He has turned away your enemies." (Zeph 3:15)

And as if that wasn't good enough, he says that the Lord rejoices over us! How many times have you wondered if you could ask the Lord for help? Zephaniah reminds us that the Lord is happy to help. And St. Paul says the same thing in the second reading: "Have no anxiety at all. . .make your requests known to God." (Phil 4:6) That is where Advent comes in. We can look forward to the Lord's presence in our lives. That is why faith and hope are central to the theme of Advent. Our faith in God's love for us gives us hope that he will support us in our weakness and fill us with the joy he has over us.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24, 2021
4pm Mass (Children's Liturgy)
6pm Mass
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25, 2021
9am Mass

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

Connor J. Brown, Colvin & Theresa Hebert

Colby Gomez

Tina Ferachi Loyacano & Family
Joe Ferachi & Family, D. Landry & Families,
Joe Colletti, Sr. & Families

BRINGING CHRISTMAS JOY!

A Grateful Acknowledgement



A grateful acknowledgement is made to the
following holiday helpers for decorating
the rectory for Christmas:

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Charlotte Gulotta
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Beverly Kolder
Thomas LeBlanc
Carolyn Loubiere
Cindy Michel
Nettie Michel
Rita Jean Mooney
Beverly Percle
Sallye Troxclair
Evelyn Varnell

GEMS (50 years and older) Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Time: 11am-1pm

Place: St. John Parish Hall

Meats, soft drinks and bread will be provided. Please
bring a side dish or dessert and enjoy the angelic voices
of the St. John School children.

Holiday Visits to Homebound

We will be visiting the homebound, the sick and elderly
parishioners during the holidays beginning Friday,
December 17. If anyone would like to help, please call
JoAnn Landry at 225.776.0782.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Third Sunday of Advent #1098
Entrance: O Come, O Come Emmanuel #492
Responsorial Psalm: My Soul in Stillness Waits #499
Preparation: **Instrumental**
Communion: Take and Eat #1025
Sending Forth: City of God #876

Holy Spirit Prayer Group



The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday,
December 12 from 3-5pm in church. We will
pray the Rosary at 3pm followed by the prayer
meeting. All are welcome! For more information,
contact the church office at 225.687.2402.

STEWARDSHIP

Retirement Fund for Religious



This weekend is the 2021 Retirement Fund
Collection for Religious men and women throughout
the United States. Your donation will help provide for
retirement needs, nursing care and medications for
retired religious whose lives have been spent in service
to others in schools, hospitals and parishes.

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.

Daily Scripture Readings—December 13-19 2021

Monday, December 13:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 14:

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

Wednesday, December 15:

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 16:

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 17:

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

Saturday, December 18:

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Sunday, December 19:

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10;

Lk 1:39-45



Could God be calling you to be a priest or
religious to announce the Good News to His
People as John the Baptist did? If God is
calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at
225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit
www.diobr.org/vocations.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Epiphany Concert
Sunday, January 9, 2022
4-5:15pm
St. John Church



Mass Intentions — December 18-24, 2021

Saturday, December 18-4pm 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; Connor J. Brown, Theresa R. Hebert; David Wendt; Lawrence Seymour; Wayne Gary, Jerry, Doris & Milton Fontenet; Ida Lee "Sis" Bourgeois; Dorothy "Nona" Hebert

Sunday, December 19-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, December 19-9am 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; Olga Hymel; Pete & Mary Ann Miranda, J. W. & Sue Bryant; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon

Sunday, December 19-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; Murray & Dixie Suffrin, Brennan Bujol; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, The Family of Sidney Hedges, Sr., Sidney Hedges, Jr., Nilda Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; Harry Marionneaux, Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier; George "Brother" Michel; Henry "Deas" Simpson; "Se Se" Becnel; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Distefano; Christopher Stassi; Rodney Bourgeois; Brennan Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol

Tuesday, December 21-6pm Mass,

Maxine Berthelot; "Se Se" Becnel, Rev. Stephen Mulkern

Wednesday, December 22-7am Mass

Alex & Alice Nolan



Thursday, December 23-7am Mass

Vivian & Leonard Kelly

Friday, December 24-4pm Mass

M/M Merrill Judice, Kay Brandau, Steve Pasqua; Matt Berthelot Family, Charles A. Griffon Family, Tommy Griffon; Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Anthony & Margie Vitale, Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau; James Gerace, Stella & Flor Rills, Sonny Rills, Kye Boudreaux; Leana & Bob Brady, Lucy & Cleveland Boudreaux; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Edward Engolio, Jr.; Albert Lopez, Jr., Jaynell Lopez; Alcee & Irene Hebert, Andrew & Della Ferachi, Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry Ferachi; Trista Parro; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Clebert & Daigle Families, Ulger & Nilda Daigle; J. W. Bryant Family, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Rose & Sidney J. Quatrevingt & Sid, Gulotta & Quatrevingt Families; Brandon & Eddie Schouest, Jr., Josie & Eddie Vicknair, Jr.; Philomena & Joseph Rosso, Addie & Michael Cangro; John & Ann Ruiz, Michael Gourgues, Shirley G. Zito; David G. Hebert; Joseph C. LeBlanc, Sr., Dalfay Cavalier Families; Douglas Breaux & Family, Salvadore F. Spano & Family, Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony Sr. & Dee Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Connor J. Brown, Theresa R. Hebert, Colvin Hebert; Marvin Allen, The Allen Family, The Diamond Family; Anna Belle Davis; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Alton & Kye Boudreaux; Robert Jude Grace; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, Mose Gibson Family, J. D. & Ella Collins Family; Frank, Josie, Victor & Anthony Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Yvonne Curry; Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Josie & Tony Palermo; Theresa Crescionne, Victor Crescionne, Michelle Family, Crescionne Family; Hollye Annette Comeaux, Dale R. & Daisy C. Miller, Jim & Ella Panepinto; George & Sarah Clement; Patrice Ann LeBlanc, Felix Fernandez, Jr.; Mack, Laura & Michael Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio, James "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; Jerry Dugas, Donald Dugas; Lonnie Michel; Angelo F. Mancuso; Christopher Stassi; Joyce Hernandez; George Gullotto; M/M Roy Ourso & Family, M/M Dolza Comeaux & Family; Larry Roark

Friday, December 24-6pm Mass

Russell Adams; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Vergie Dugas; M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Anthony Pizzolato; Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr., Joseph & Lena Zito; Carlo, Andrew & Josephine Canova, Jerry & Cutsy Blanchard; Dwight Marix, Allen & Alberta Buquoui, Michael Clause, Mary Jo Primeaux; Arnold "Buck" Fourroux; M/M Raymond Dugas, M/M Huey A. Roberts, Sr., Leona Boudreaux, Ramona LeCroy; Kenneth Ourso, Sr., Gina Ourso; Max Hoffman Family; Marie Marionneaux; The Calvaruso Family; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr.; Theresa Crescionne, Victor Crescionne, Michelle Family, Crescionne Family; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Annie Kiem; Victor J. Canella; Mary Ann Gregoire; Malcolm, Bobby & Bootsie Dupont; Henry "Deas" Simpson; Mary Ann Gourgues; Sharon Diamond Tyson; Shelia & Carol Jarreau; Rose Marie LeBlanc, Frances Gilchrist, Lucy & Sam Canella, Cyril Gilchrist, Lena Messina, Lillian & Thomas LeBlanc; Rodney Bourgeois; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families

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Mass Intentions — December 18-24, 2021 (continued)

Friday, December 24-Midnight Mass

Gaspar Pizzolato, Sr. Family, Alma, Roxanna, Carolyn & Shirley Pizzolato; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jane & Jerry, Kirsch Kember; M/M John Caffarel, G. E. Marix Family; Earl J. LeJeune, Jr.; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Distefano; Gretta & Joe Rockforte, Sr.; "Se Se" Becnel, Larry Percle, Ruth & Jimmy Keller

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

"If the heart wanders or is distracted, bring it back to the point quite gently and replace it tenderly in its Master's presence. And even if you did nothing during the whole of your hour but bring your heart back and place it again in Our Lord's presence, though it went away every time you brought it back, your hour would be very well employed."

—St. Francis de Sales

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.

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms



Baptism Seminars

Monday, January 10, 2022

Monday, February 7, 2022

Monday, March 7, 2022

Baptisms

Saturday, December 18, 2021

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Saturday February 26, 2022

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.

Digital Registration Forms Available!!

St. John the Evangelist registration is now digital! 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.



Registering is easy. Simply choose one of the following methods:

- Fill out an ONLINE registration under **FORMS** via our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.
- Call the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402 and we will mail a census form to you.
- Pick up a census form from the church office or the bookshelves in the back of church.

Altar Server registration and Mass Intention forms are also available under the FORMS tab.

Click the **FORMATION** tab for Baptism, First Eucharist & Reconciliation, Confirmation, PSR and RCIA registration forms. We are not able to accept payments ONLINE.



Sanctuary Candle December 12, 2021

St. John the Evangelist
Douglas Breaux, Salvatore F. Spano

St. Clement of Rome
Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn

St. John Altar Society



The St. John Altar Society has scheduled the "big cleaning" of the church Wednesday, December 15 in preparation of Christmas. Volunteers are welcome to join us at 8am followed by brunch.

The altar society is selling cookbooks, "Recipes - Old and New, Tried and True." This collection of recipes by parishioners and friends of St. John the Evangelist, former Immaculate Conception and St. Clement of Rome Catholic Churches make excellent Christmas and birthday gifts. Cookbooks may be purchased from the St. John Church Office for \$20.00.



ATTENTION LECTORS

The 2022 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistry. You may pick up your copy at your convenience.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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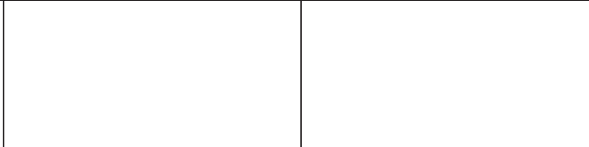
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