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Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am
11:00 am

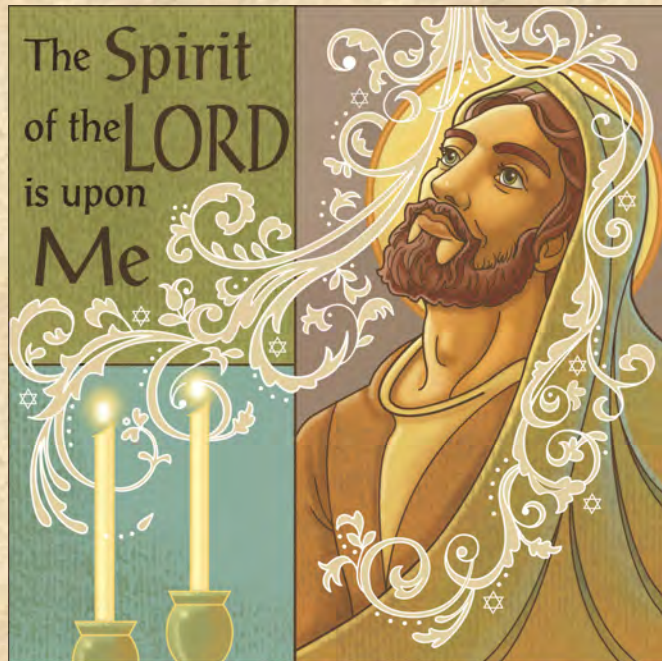
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 am

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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 2022 Rejoicing in the Lord

In the first reading, Ezra gets a strange reaction from the people to whom he reads the book of the law. First they lie down, with faces to the ground, and then they all are weeping. Remember the background of this reading. The people of Israel had returned from exile and needed to become a unified nation. Many probably didn't know that they had been breaking the law. Others might have been overwhelmed with all the requirements of the law.

Ezra and Nehemiah console the people by reminding them that their return makes this a day "holy to the LORD" (Nehemiah 8:10). He adds that they would get strength from "rejoicing in the LORD." That may be good advice for us also.

We might find ourselves so trapped in sin that we think we could never be forgiven. We need to remember that Jesus loved sinners so much, he gave his life on the cross to free us from sin. No sin can be so bad that God's love cannot

forgive it. In fact, the more I have to repent, the more God wants to forgive. So we can rejoice in the Lord's forgiveness and the Spirit will give us the strength to change our lives.

And what about those who find the law overwhelming? That can be because we have forgotten Jesus' saying that all of God's laws are contained in the command to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The more we come to accept God's presence in our lives and see God in others, the easier it becomes to keep the law of love.

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Epiphany Concert

St. John School held its annual Epiphany Concert on Sunday, January 9 at St. John the Evangelist Church. The Epiphany Concert featured sacred music and songs from Broadway and the big band era performed by Father Greg Daigle as vocalist, accompanied by the Bill Grimes Orchestra. One of the performing flutists with the orchestra was Paige Hoffman, a St. John student. The concert, which raises money for St. John School's music program, was a huge success!

We gratefully acknowledge the following Epiphany Concert benefactors:

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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.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time #1202

Entrance: All Are Welcome #925

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: We Are Many Parts #918

Sending Forth: Sing a New Church #848

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms



Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Church Office Third Floor
Monday, February 7, 2022
Monday, March 7, 2022
Monday, April 4, 2022

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass
Saturday, January 22, 2022
Saturday, February 26, 2022
Saturday, April 23, 2022

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.

Daily Scripture Readings — January 24-30, 2022

Monday, January 24:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 25:

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday, January 26:

2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 27:

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 28:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 29:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 30:

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13
[13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



Coffee & Donuts are Back!!

Looking to join a ministry and meet new people? The parish will once again be offering coffee and donuts every Sunday morning following the 7:30am and 9am Masses in the parish hall beginning Sunday, February 6, 2022. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist us in this ministry.

If you would like more detailed information and could help out once every 8-10 weeks or so, please contact Marsha Dupont in the parish office at 225.687.2402.



Deanery Synod Discussion Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge will be hosting a discussion on Catholic life in the parish and surrounding parishes in our deanery on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 6:30pm in the parish hall. This meeting is open to all parishioners of our deanery. Light snacks will be served.

Christmas Flowers and Decorations 2021

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(continued in future bulletins)

Mass Intentions — January 29-February 4, 2022

Saturday, January 29-4pm 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; Dorothy “Nona” Hebert; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; M/M Andrew Tullier, M/M Richard Guerin, M/M J. C. Berthelot; Stephen A. & Joseph C. LeBlanc, Sr., Charlotte May & Caroline Carville; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Connor J. Brown, Theresa R. Hebert; Jim Gerace, Flor, Stella & Sonny Rills, Kye Boudreaux

Sunday, January 30-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, January 30-9am 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; Virginia Simon; Dwight Marix, Michael Clause; Roth & Mars Families; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breau; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso

Sunday, January 30-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Steve Patin, T. N. & Ray Patin; Brenda Fremin; Anthony & Frances Palermo, Daisy P. King, Jim Cashiola, Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Nellie Pascal, Leon Graffeo & Jimmy Barbee; Joseph A. Palermo, Clay & Bessie Hernandez; Christopher Stassi; Isaac, Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges

Tuesday, February 1-6pm Mass

Buddy Parnell, Edna Broussard Parnell; Mary Ann Gregoire, Anthony Gregoire; Alfred & Mercedese Carville

Wednesday, February 2-7am Mass

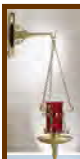
Tommy Griffon

Thursday, February 3-7am Mass

Ed, Myrna & Sonny Hargrove

Friday, February 4-7am Mass

Roland “Doug” Rivet



Sanctuary Candle January 23, 2022

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Bill Middleton III
William H. Middleton

St. Clement of Rome
Ralph Rivet, Sr.

St. John Altar Society

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, January 26. Volunteers are welcome.



Job Opportunity

St. John School is looking to fill a full-time maintenance manager position. Anyone interested can send résumé or inquiries to Byron Braud, Bbraud7@gmail.com.

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly.

If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



STEWARDSHIP

Offerings/Contributions/Collections—December 2021 (Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other)

Stewardship.....	\$61,083.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	\$ 6,147.00
Other Collections.....	\$ 9,601.00

Contribution Tax Statements

Anyone needing a 2021 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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