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Masses:	
Saturday Vigil	<b>4:00 pm</b>
Sunday	7:30 am
·	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Ťhurs., Fri.	7:00 âm

**Baptism:** Please contact the Parish Office.

<u>Marriage</u>: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>: Tuesdav

Saturday

5:30-5:45 pm 3:00-3:30 pm

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 30, 2022 Love Never Fails

Of all the lines in the second reading, Paul's famous description of love, I think the one that says it all is "Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8). He shows that love is the greatest gift and the reason for all gifts.

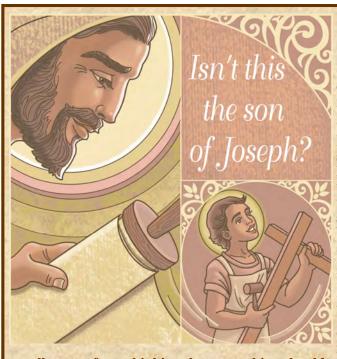
First, he speaks of gifts without love. If someone was a great speaker, but without love, it would be self-serving. We've all heard politicians who make stirring speeches, not to move us to become better citizens, but to convince us that they are the best choice in an election. The same goes for other gifts, such as prophecy, knowledge, or faith. Without love, they become spectacles that draw attention to the one with the gift. Even self-sacrifice, without love, becomes an attention grabber. Ever hear someone say, "I gave up everything to be with you and what thanks do I get?"

Next, Paul tells us everything that love is not (1 Corinthians 13:4-6). If the first part was gifts without love, this section could be called feelings without love. The feelings Paul mentions, such as jealousy, pride, brooding, and anger,

usually come from thinking that everything should go my way.

The last section is about the permanence of love. Human love at best is "till death do us part." But God's love is only partially experienced in this life. Even the gifts of the Spirit are meant to carry us forward and lead others to eternal life. When we are finally united completely with God, faith will be unnecessary and hope will be realized. What remains is perfect love.

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January 30, 2022

**Dear Family:** 

Today's readings speak to the vocation of the prophet. In contemporary speech, a "prophet" is often identified with a future seer, a "fortune teller." This is not the case in the biblical tradition. Here, the Greek word "prophets" means to "speak for." A true prophet is one who speaks for God. Prophets are mediators between God and humankind, a calling that encompasses great glory but also intense suffering.

Jeremiah, our model of the reluctant prophet who suffers for his vocation, is no less staunch in sharing God's Word. He embodies the Lord's strength and fortitude. The apostle Paul characterizes prophecy as a spiritual gift. He grounds every gift of the Holy Spirit in love. Sharpening and implementing such gifts must be, not in pursuit of selfish ambition, but for the good of all. In our time, we often meditate on Paul's hymn to love in the context of romantic engagement, but in his original context, Paul is concerned with the proper foundation of our inspiration and work in the community; faith, hope, and love. If love, steadfast and true, is the heart of our embodiment of the gifts of the Spirit, then they and we are properly oriented to the other and the good of all.

Jesus, as he embodies the Word of God professed by Isaiah, becomes a prophet in his own right as he challenges his audience's comfortable notions of being "chosen." He reminds them that God has traditionally looked beyond expectations and the status quo to work his will and implement his plan. Our challenge, likewise, is to be open to the very God in whom we profess to believe, that God who works in anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, custom, or convention.

Some questions for reflection:

Are you open to God's call, no matter the form it might take? What steps could invigorate the openness to which God calls you?

Reflect on the reading from Jeremiah. How has God called you to something more? How have you considered Paul's hymn to love in 1 Corinthians 13 in the past? How does integration in today's readings impact your understanding?

Peace,

Fr. Greg



Before you were formed in your mothers' womb, God knew you. Before you were Vocations born, you were dedicated to the Lord. Do not be afraid to respond to God's call.

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

**Catholic Schools Week** January 30-February 4, 2022



# **Elementary & Middle Open House**

Welcome! Come visit and see what we're all about! We are inviting all families of prospective PreK through 8th grade students to come meet us. Open House will start in our gym at 6pm on Thursday, February 3.



## **Deanery Synod Discussion** Wednesday, February 16, 2022

The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue between all members of the Church which began in October. 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."

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.

If you are unable to attend but would like to share your thoughts, go to diobr.org/synod.

# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The following reflection is an invitation to prayer before Our Lord and Savior in the Adoration Chapel. Beloved Jesus, may I ever be conscious of the fact that I am in Your adorable presence—I am in the presence of You who by Your life, death and resurrection, paid the price of my sins and the sins of the world. May I always be open to receive this gift by a life of continual faith and love. — "Reflections and Prayers for Visits with Our Eucharistic Lord" page 19

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.

## **Daily Scripture Readings** January 31-February 6, 2022

Monday, January 31: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20 **Tuesday, February 1:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43 Wednesday, February 2: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32] Thursday, February 3: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12; Mk 6:7-13 Friday, February 4: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29 Saturday, February 5: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34 Sunday, February 6: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

# **Baptism Seminars and Baptisms**



**Baptism Seminars** Monday, February 7, 2022 Monday, March 7, 2022 Monday, April 4, 2022

**Baptisms** Saturday, February 26, 2022 Saturday, April 23, 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.

# **Fishes & Loaves Ministry Resumes**



The Fishes and Loaves Committee assists the families who have lost a loved one and need the parish hall after a funeral. This committee provides assistance to the family by setting up, receiving the food. serving the food and cleaning up afterwards. There are monthly teams with a team captain.

If you would like to join this ministry, call Beverly Percle at 225.776.0458. Also if you are currently on this committee, please call Beverly with your cell phone number. Thanks

# **RITUALSONG** (Readings and Songs this Weekend)

**Readings:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1205 Entrance: Where Charity and Love Prevail #809 Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\* Communion: Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels #818 Sending Forth: God Has Chosen Me #867

# In Loving Memory...

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

# Winona Boudreaux

**Donated by:** Kim B. Hardman

Doug & Niomi Krzvstowczyk

Coffee & Donuts are Back! win us ....

Are you looking for a fun and

easy way to volunteer at church? Look no further as we continue our ever popular Coffee and Donuts ministry on Sundays after the 7:30am and 9am Masses! Grab a family member or friend and make a team!

If you could help out once every 8-10 weeks or so, please call Marsha Dupont at 225.687.2402.

> **Coffee & Donuts Teams February 6, 2022**

George & Patricia Ramirez (7:30am Mass)

Blane & Dervl Ourso (9am Mass)



**Contribution Tax Statements** 

Anyone needing a 2021 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan Landry at the 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.

# **Sanctuary Candle January 30, 2022**

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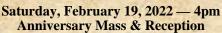
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St. John Altar Society

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, February 2 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

# Save the Date!!



# Christmas Flowers and Decorations 2021

**In Loving Memory: Patricia Ann Bahry LeBlanc** Felix F. Fernandez, Jr. Eddie & Virginia Clebert & Family **Ulger & Nilda Daigle & Family** NuNu & Pim Clebert **Carmella Albares Mary Flatau Eddie & Virginia Clebert** J. P. Daigle Ulger & Nilda Daigle **Stewart Goudeau Royce Leonard** Alfred & Mercedese Carville Lester & Mary Carville **Reid & Gerry Rainey** Edmund & Louise Bujol Zalmire Oufnac Lena & Antro Scavone Ursa & Joe Coletti Ulysse & Anita Theriot Jasper & Doris Colletti Ulvsse Theriot, Jr. Joe & Gretta Rockforte **Rockforte, Alleman, Gonzales & Brown Families** Paula Glaser **Charlene H. Howe** Mack & Laura Lazzaro Michael Lazzaro **Kolby Lorio** Sadie & Butch Tullier **Aubry Quebedeaux Blanche Quebedeaux Aline Comeaux Dub-Wally Comeaux** Saul Ouebedeaux J. H. Millet Ms. Milda Millet M/M Harold Marionneaux M/M Tony Louis Kevin R. Mellieon

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## A Grateful Acknowledgement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the parishioners who contributed to the flowers and decorations at Christmastime. Your generous donations helped enhance the beauty of our church and liturgical celebrations.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	<b>3</b> <b>1:30-3pm &amp;</b> <b>6:15-7:45pm</b> Bible Study Conference Room	4	5 Maintenance & Repairs Collection
6 Maintenance & Repairs Collection	<b>7</b> <b>6-7:30pm</b> Bible Study Church Office <b>7nm</b>	8	9	<b>10</b> <b>1:30-3pm &amp;</b> <b>6:15-7:45pm</b> Bible Study Conference Room	11	12
<b>13</b> 11am Mass Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors <b>2pm</b> Ladies of Peter Claver Meeting Parish Hall <b>3-5pm</b> Holy Spirit Prayer Group	7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room 14 Mappy Valentines Dag 6-7:30pm Bible Study Church Office 7pm Catholic Daughters	15	<b>16</b> 6:30pm	17 1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room 7pm Confirmation Church 7pm K. C. Meeting	18	19 Mariage Ouy Apm World Marriage Day Mass followed by
Prayer Group Church 20	Meeting Parish Hall 21 6-7:30pm Bible Study Church Office	22 9:30am Altar Society Mtg. Conference Room	Deanery Synod Parish Hall 23 6pm Mandatory First Communion Meeting with Fr. Greg Parish Hall	K. C. Meeting K. C. Home 24 1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room	25	Reception Parish Hall 26 Second Second Secon
27	28 OFFICE CLOSED 6-7:30pm Bible Study Church Office					

# Mass Intentions — February 5-11, 2022

Saturday, February 5-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaldo; Dorothy "Nona" Hebert; The Currier Family; Trista Parro, Capt. J. E. Lively; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & NuNu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Billy Wright; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Flatau & Orcino Family; Andrew & Catherine Roucher; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr.; Kynlee Bueche; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Ronnie Palermo, William, Eyoula & Carl Brown, Mary & Dominick Palermo, J. D. Dupre; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Alfred & Mercedese, Lester & Mary Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey, Edmund & Louise Bujol; M/M Anthony Orcino, Sr. & Family, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly, Josh Landry; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Brandi Quatrevingt, M/M Ray Murry, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Gary, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, Tommy, Jay, Randy & Brian Ouatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camille Tempanaro; Patrick Gaudet, Iris & Audry Callegan; Tommy Blanchard; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Harry & Faye Martinez; Angelo F. Mancuso; M/M Joseph Matassa, Jr., M/M Edwin M. Reeves, Sr.; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Coletti, Ferachi & Landry Families; Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families; The Calvaruso Family

## Sunday, February 6-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

## Sunday, February 6-9am 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; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato, Florence C. Pizzolato, Josephine Pizzolato Robinson, Vennie Gasper Pizzolato; Douglas Bourgoyne, Artie Lyons, Lydia Mae Blanchard; Anthony Laurent, Jr.; George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc, Fred Hebert; Bill Toups, Jr.; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Kathy Ourso; Sam & Johnette Pizzolato, Alma Pizzolato, Orian Gulotta; Victor Crescionne, Theresa Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family; Robert Jude Grace; Lola & A. J. Adams, Maggie & Joe Gullotto, George Gullotto; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon

### Sunday, February 6-11amMass

Cindy Dickerson, Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Rodney Bourgeois; Marie, Joseph, Bill & George Collet; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Leggio Distefano, Samuel & Lillie Engolio Distefano; Michael, Mack & Laura Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio, James "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; Christopher Stassi; Isaac, Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Jr., Margaret Landry; George "Brother" Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot

## Tuesday, February 8-6pm Mass

Ed, Myrna & Sonny Hargrove; A. J. & Margie Doiron, Eva & Tony Doiron; Case, Gum & Schuller Families; Christopher Stassi

## Wednesday, February 9-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Nicolosi & Schexnaildre Families

### Thursday, February 10-7am Mass

Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry Families, Agnes & Sam Coletti Families

### Friday, February 11-7am Mass

Matt Berthelot Family, M/M Charles Griffon, Jr.





