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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

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20, 2022



It's likely that some friends or followers of Jesus told him, from time to time, to "get real" when his teachings seemed too hard or impractical. John's Gospel, near the end of the Bread of Life discourse, reports that some disciples out and out turned away because it was too hard to continue following Jesus. When Jesus said to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, or do good for those who hate us, the response, "get real," wouldn't be surprising. And yet, the very life and witness of Jesus is filled with his prophetic examples of doing just that; of refusing to return harm for harm. The lives of the saints are likewise filled with such examples, especially those saints who were laborers in the field for justice and peace. Is this command of Jesus difficult? Yes. Is it impossible? No.

**ROLE REVERSAL** It could have come straight out of a Hollywood script: two enemies, former friends and admirers of each other now pitted against each other. So it is today with Saul and David. Saul had actually praised David for slaying Goliath, and rewarded him by placing him in charge of Israel's military force. David flourished, and was praised, admired for how clearly the hand of God was upon him. Of course, Saul became jealous, and soon hatched a plot to finish him off. In a turning of the tables, Saul actually becomes the vulnerable one, and David has more than one opportunity to kill him. But it is not a surprise ambush that keeps David from slaying Saul, but the realization that Saul is a meshiach (Messiah), God's anointed one, the first to bear this title in Israel. Twice David has an opportunity--the second time he even has a witness and accomplice--and yet he will not do what it seems like the script says he should.

**REWRITE!** Jesus is also a master of subverting our expectations of what the script is going to do. The scriptwriter we call Luke is even more detailed than Matthew in what "love your enemies" means. Luke spells out specific, active ways to counteract the deeds of those whom we would label "enemies." Beyond that, Luke's Jesus says not to lend merely the shirt off our back, but our coat as well; to lend money not only to those who can repay, but to those who can't. This is the script of God's Meshiach: do not perpetuate or escalate violence, but reply to it with love. What you think is sufficient generosity needs to be doubled, at the very least. Whenever it seems like the direction of the story needs to be changed--so that harm or sin or cruelty is overcome by love--change the story. Through God's goodness, we are free to change our story; through God's grace, we have Jesus to show us the way.



### Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

We welcome couples who are celebrating their special wedding anniversaries at St. John to 4pm Mass this weekend. Everyone is invited to a reception in their honor following Mass in the parish hall hosted by the St. John Altar Society.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. *“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”* (Mt. 7:7-9)

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.

### First Holy Communion Parent Meeting

There will be a mandatory First Holy Communion parent meeting Wednesday, February 23 with Father Greg at 6pm in the parish hall.



### Altar Servers

Any boy or girl in the 4th grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

To become an altar server visit our website, [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org) to fill out and submit a digital form (under the FORMS tab). Someone will contact you regarding a brief training.

### Daily Scripture Readings — February 21-27, 2022

- Monday, February 21:**  
Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday, February 22:**  
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday, February 23:**  
Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday, February 24:**  
Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday, February 25:**  
Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday, February 26:**  
Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday, February 27:**  
Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

“I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” Is Christ inviting you to let Him live in you through single-hearted service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



### RITUALSONG (Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time #1214  
Entrance: Gather Us In #929  
Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*  
Communion: Taste and See #1031  
Sending Forth: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #711

### In Loving Memory...

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

**John W. Wilbert, Jr.**

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### Baptism Seminars and Baptisms



Baptism Seminars — 7pm  
Church Office Third Floor  
Monday, March 7, 2022  
Monday, April 4, 2022  
Monday, May 2, 2022

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass  
Saturday, February 26, 2022  
Saturday, April 23, 2022  
Saturday, May 28, 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.

### Help Seminarians with a Mission Experience

The Louisiana Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets next weekend at all Masses. Ticket proceeds will go to cover the cost of sending Seminarians from Notre Dame in New Orleans to Mission territories, and the experience of serving in different cultures. Please consider being generous in the formation of our future priests.



### February — Black History Month

Josephine Bakhita was born around 1869 in Sudan. Kidnapped as a child by slave traders, she was given the name, “Bakhita,” meaning “lucky one.” She was sold to a number of owners until she was purchased around the age of twelve by the Italian Consul Callisto Legnani. He brought her to Italy and, while serving as a nanny, was sent to live with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. There she was formally introduced to the faith, baptized Giuseppina, and eventually granted her freedom. In 1896 she joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity, and for some fifty years served her sisters as cook, seamstress, and portress at their houses in Venice, Verona, and Schio. She was especially beloved by her students for her sweet nature and musical voice. After a long and painful illness she died in 1947. Pope John Paul II canonized this first Sudanese saint October 1, 2000 as a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom.



## Divine Mercy Novena Mass and Chaplet

This year on Tuesday, February 22 at 6pm our parish will begin its nine-week Novena of Divine Mercy with Mass, followed immediately by the sung chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Novena prayers.

Divine Mercy is a prominent theme of the Scriptures, in both the New Testament and the Old. In our own time, devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ has spread throughout the world in an extraordinary way through the grace of a private revelation given to a humble Polish nun, St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-38). Our Lord Himself appeared to St. Faustina and instructed her to act as His “Apostle of Divine Mercy,” giving her the following commission: *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy!* He also instructed her to have an image of His Divine Mercy painted, just as He had appeared to her, so that veneration of this image would lead a great number of souls to Him. At the foundation of that image is the simple message, Jesus, I trust in

You. Our Lord likewise instructed Faustina to let it be known that He wished the Sunday after Easter to be instituted in the Church as a universal Feast of Divine Mercy. Concerning the feast, Jesus made the following promise: *On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. The souls that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion on this day shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.* This incomparable grace has been described as a kind of “second baptism,” including the remission of all sin and temporal punishment due to sin. (N.B. confession within a proximate time before the feast, e.g., during the season of Lent, is sufficient. One must receive the Eucharist worthily on the feast, this is, in the state of sanctifying grace.)

Jesus invites you to enter into the cloister of His Heart! This is the Message of Divine Mercy. He wants you to reside within His Heart and experience His Peace. Through His mediation, He wants you to come to know God the Father and the Holy Spirit, too. There is nothing that Our Lord withholds from the soul who sincerely seeks Him with humble repentance, generosity and trust. Jesus Christ loves you with all His Heart, and He wants to dwell within your heart, too. If there is a need for healing there (and indeed, there is always need for healing there), you can be sure that He knows just what to do.

You are invited to come on the nine Tuesdays from February 22 through April 19, 2022, in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy (the second Sunday of Easter) on April 24.

*Cor ad Cor Loquitur. Heart speaks to heart. The Heart of Christ speaks to the heart of man — to your heart — if you will but open the door and listen to Him.*

### Digital Registration Forms

St. John the Evangelist has gone digital to help improve and streamline the registration process. Visit our website, [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org).



Click the **FORMATION** tab for Baptism, First Eucharist & Reconciliation, Confirmation, PSR and RCIA registration forms. Altar Server registration and Mass Intention forms are available under **FORMS**.

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. Simply choose one of the following methods:

- Fill out an ONLINE registration under **FORMS** via our website.
- 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.

### Offerings/Contributions/Collections (Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other) January 2022

Stewardship.....	\$51,272.00
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Other Collections.....	\$ 6,791.00

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### Coffee & Donuts February 20, 2022

Dolores & Gary Pruitt (7:30am Mass)

Kevin & Kelly Gourgues (9am Mass)



### Fishes & Loaves

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. If you are currently on this committee, please call Beverly with your cell phone number and email address.

**Mass Intentions — February 26-March 4, 2022**

**Saturday, February 26-4pm 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 Jimmy Hebert, Bryan Hebert, James Hebert; Douglas Breaux & Family, Salvadore F. Spano & Family; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; David E. Wendt, Jr., Don A. Wendt, M/M David E. Wendt, Sr.; Wayne Gary, Jeanette Woolam, Thelma & Jim Mitchell; In Thanksgiving

**Sunday, February 27-7:30am**

St. John Parishioners

**Sunday, February 27-9am 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; Scott Jude Marino; Marjorie B. Dill; Fr. Danny Roussel, Alzheimer Patients & Their Caregivers; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, M/M Vives Vicknair; Henry J. Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families

**Sunday, February 27-11am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; T. N. & Ray Patin, Steve Patin; Brenda Fremin; Rodney Bourgeois; Allen & Alberta Buquoi, Dwight Marix, Lois Marix; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Margaret Landry; J. D. Dupre; Nellie, Pascal & Leon Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; 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; Victor Joseph Canella; Darrel Boudreaux; Winona Boudreaux, Harry Marionneaux, Charles Barbier, Paul Barbier

**Tuesday, March 1-6pm Mass**

M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc

**Ash Wednesday, March 2-7am Mass**

M/M Edward Clement, Sr.

**Ash Wednesday, March 2-6pm Mass**

George “Brother” Michel, The Family of Alvin J. Daigle, Sr., Alvin J. “Peta” Daigle, Edith E. Guillot

**Thursday, March 3-7am Mass**

Samuel & Lillie Engolio Distefano

**Friday, March 4-6pm Mass**

William Brooks Lewis, William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III



**Sanctuary Candle  
February 20, 2022**

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**St. John Altar Society**



The St. John Altar Society will be selling The Little Lenten Books (\$1) this weekend, February 19 and 20, after all Masses outside of church. These books contain six-minute meditations on the parables of Jesus. Altar Society cookbooks, “Recipes Old and New Tried and True” (\$20) and the four-book sets of Gospels (\$5) will also be available for purchase.

The monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, February 22 at 9:30am in the church office conference room on the third floor. Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, February 23 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

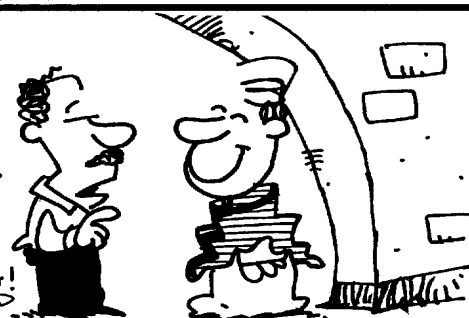
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