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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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022



As we approach the season of Lent, Paul's first letter to the Corinthians gives us a sneak peek of Easter, waiting for us on the other side: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" Paul's conclusion, telling us to remain steadfast and devoted to the Lord's work, could serve as a Lenten motto. The reading from Sirach provides a series of adages regarding discipline of the tongue, and of our speech. Maybe not a bad Lenten practice to observe. Even Jesus in Luke's Gospel gets into the act, encouraging a cleansing of the heart ("A clean heart create for me, God" we will sing in Psalm 51 during Lent), so that from the goodness of our heart we will bring good into the world. Of course, these insights from Sirach, Paul, and Luke serve us quite well year-round. What we truly do "in the Lord" is never done in vain.

IS THIS ON THE TEST? Today's reading from Sirach reminds us not to praise others before they speak, "for it is then that people are tested." Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, takes it a step further, reminding us that we are also known by the fruit borne in our lives. It doesn't take long to think of a person or group of people who speak beautiful, praiseworthy words, and yet their lives are unfruitful, or their lives outright contradict their speech. This is the class of people we call "hypocrites," and it's clear in all the Gospels that Jesus has no time for them. Our speech does test us, but the test is really to demonstrate that there is a connection between what we say and how we live. Expressed another way, this is the age-old discussion about faith and works. A truly deep-rooted faith will bear fruit in the works, in the actions of our lives. As happens so often in discipleship, we are dealing with the both/and, not either/or.

TALKING HEARTS As disciples who follow Jesus, we believe that we are following God's very Word-made-Flesh. The theological term for this is In-carn-ation, the "in-flesh-made" second person of the Trinity. As followers of the Word, our words are truly important. Our hearts and mouths are wired together, as Jesus tells us today: "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." This is yet another echo of the wisdom of Sirach: "Speech discloses the bent of a person's heart." Eventually, our words--and the other actions of our lives--will convey what is truly in our hearts. Perhaps the ultimate test of our discipleship is not merely our words, or even our actions, but on a deeper level the test is whether or not others will find in us God's word "in-flesh-made." Our mission is to be the Word-made-flesh, in the flesh again in our own place and time.

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Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, a day of fast and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

7am - Mass & Distribution of Ashes
12 Noon - Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
6pm - Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Lenten Weekday Schedule:

Tuesday - 6pm Mass
6:30pm 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)

Fasting & 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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)

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.



Divine Mercy Novena

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena will continue every Tuesday during Lent after 6pm Mass leading up to the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 24.

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms

Baptism Seminars
Monday, March 7, 2022
Monday, April 4, 2022
Monday, May 2, 2022



Baptisms
Saturday, February 26, 2022
Saturday, April 23, 2022
Saturday, May 28, 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.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1217
Entrance: This Is the Feast of Victory #618
Preparation: **Instrumental**
Communion: The Servant Song #861
Sending Forth: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #693



Our office will be closed Monday, February 28 and Tuesday, March 1.

Happy Mardi Gras!

Help Seminarians with a Mission Experience



The Louisiana Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets this 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.



"The Lord called me before I was born." Do you pray to know your vocation which was given to you before you were born? Could it be a priest, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Daily Scripture Readings February 28-March 6, 2022

Monday, February 28:
1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday, March 1:
1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday, March 2:
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, March 3:
Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday, March 4:
Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday, March 5:
Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday, March 6:
Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

St. Joseph Altar Preparations

The St. Joseph Altar will be held Sunday, March 20, 2022. Preparations for the altar is in progress at the K. C. Home. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join us at 9am Monday through Saturday. Contact Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685 or Rosemary Cox at 225.687.6160 for more information.



The St. John Altar Society

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

MARCH

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE CLOSED   6pm Divine Mercy Chaplet	2  7am Mass & Distribution of Ashes Noon - Liturgy of the Word & Ashes 6pm Mass & Ashes	3 1:30-3pm & 6:15-7:45pm Bible Study Conference Room	4  Noon Way of the Cross 6pm Mass & Way of the Cross	5  Maintenance & Repairs Collection
6  Maintenance & Repairs Collection	7 6-7:30pm Bible Study Church Office 7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room	8  6pm Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet	9	10  6-8pm SJS Spring Concert Church	11  Noon Way of the Cross 6pm Mass & Way of the Cross	12
13 ^{11am}  1st Holy Communion 2pm Ladies of Peter Claver Meeting Parish Hall 4-6pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church	14  2pm Catholic Daughters Meeting Parish Hall 6-7:30pm Bible Study Church Office	15  6pm Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet	16  6-7pm The Light is On for You! Reconciliation	17  7pm K. C. Meeting K. C. Home	18  Noon Way of the Cross 6pm Mass & Way of the Cross	19 4pm Mass Honoring St. Joseph 5pm Blessing St. Joseph Altar K. C. Home
20  Noon-1:30pm St. Joseph Altar K. C. Home	21 6-7:30pm Bible Study Church Office	22  9:30am Altar Society Mtg. Conference Room  6pm Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet	23  6-7pm The Light is On for You! Reconciliation	24	25  Noon Way of the Cross 6pm Mass & Way of the Cross	26
27	28 6-7:30pm Bible Study Church Office	29  6pm Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet	30  6-7pm The Light is On for You! Reconciliation	31		

Mass Intentions — March 5-11, 2022

Saturday, March 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 Rinaudo; Dorothy “Nona” Hebert; The Currier Family; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Flatau & Orcino Families; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Michael Claus, Mary Jo Primeaux; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Ronnie Palermo, William, Eyoula & Carl Brown, Mary & Dominick Palermo; Philomena & Joseph Rosso, Addie & Michael Cangro; Brandon & Eddie Schouest, Jr., Josie & Eddie Vicknair, Jr.; Viki Lene Waggenspack; Bertha & Dempsey Carline; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families, M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecelia Laurent; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Alfred, Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, Reid & Jerry Rainey, Edmund & Louise Bujol; 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 Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camile Tempanaro; Cecil Comeaux; Tommy Blanchard; Harry & Faye Martinez; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Coletti, Ferachi & Landry Families, A Special Intention; Frances D. “Cookie” Durand, Achee Family, Carrington Family, Hollye Annette Comeaux, Dale Miller; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Colby Gomez

Sunday, March 6-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 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; Scott Jude Marino; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., Scott Marino, M/M Alger Rodriguez, Sr.; George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc, Fred Hebert; Bill Touts, Jr.; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Kathy Ourso; M/M Albert & Odile Guillot; Thomas H. Daigre; Victor Crescionne, Theresa Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family; Robert Jude Grace; Pete & Mary Ann Miranda, J. W. Bryant Family; Roth & Family; Maggie & Joe Gullotto, George Gullotto, Lola & A. J. Adams; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; Henry J. Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; Burman & Vera Guidry

Sunday, March 6-11am Mass

Ed, Myrna & Sonny Hargrove; Brenda Fremin; Rodney Bourgeois; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families; Margaret, William, Honora & Patrick Purcell; Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Distefano; Sweet Wilbert; Isaac, Jr., & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn Sr., George “Brother” Michel, Kerry E. Daigle, M/M Anatole Michel, Victor Joseph Canella

Tuesday, March 8-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Ruth & Bill Ostergren, Emma & George Grass; Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Pat Sanchez

Wednesday, March 9-7am Mass

William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III

Thursday, March 10-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Nicolosi & Schexnaildre Families



Friday, March 11-6pm

Beverly & Fred Allain, Angela & J. E. Dupont

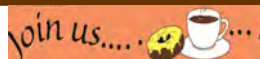


Sanctuary Candle
February 27, 2022

St. John the Evangelist
Frances Santangelo LeBlanc

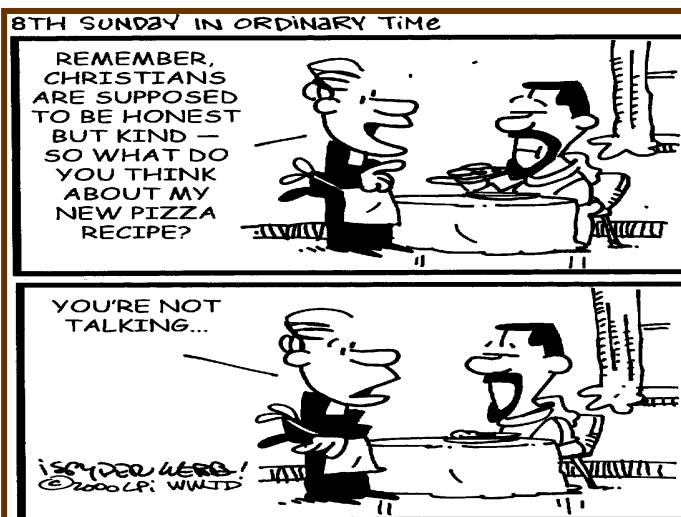
St. Clement of Rome
Alex & Alice Nolan

Coffee & Donuts
February 27, 2022



Derryl Comeaux, Bobbie Cavalier & Janis Rockforte (7:30am Mass)

Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)





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