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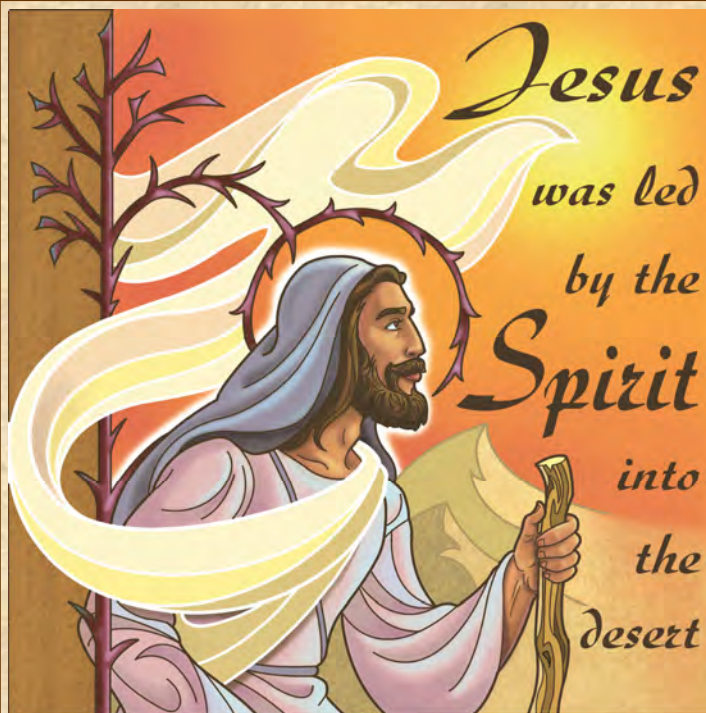
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

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



## First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

### Putting God to the Test

I always thought today's Gospel shows how Jesus was tempted to be a Messiah in a way that matched human expectations--those of Jews waiting for a messiah--instead of doing what his Father wanted. But I also wonder if these temptations are what we expect of God.

Do we expect God to provide for our needs by turning stones into money? God does help us with our troubles, but usually by giving us the strength to get through them with our God-given abilities. This might mean finding a better job that uses more of our talents. It might be forgiving us, if we are the cause of our own troubles, and giving us the courage to start over.

Or do we expect God to bring peace to the world by instantly removing all nuclear weapons or capturing all terrorists? When we pray for peace, we could pray that God shows us what we can do to bring that

peace. We could be generous in giving to the poor, especially where poverty is the cause of war.

Maybe we expect God to be a superhero for us, strengthening our faith with spectacular miracles. Jesus would tell us the same thing he told the devil: "Don't put the Lord your God to the test" (see Luke 4:12). Instead, as we take time to pray over the scriptures, read spiritual books, and share our faith with others, we will find our faith growing and know that the Lord has been with us all along the way.

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### Lenten Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - 6pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena  
Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass  
Friday - Noon Stations of the Cross  
6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross

### Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated special anniversaries and were honored Saturday, February 19 at 4pm Mass followed by a lovely reception in the parish hall hosted by the altar society.

25<sup>th</sup>

Becky & Stephen Dupont, Jr.

50<sup>th</sup>

Donna & Stephen Dupont, Sr.  
Gail & Sherlin "Dutt" LeJeune  
Denny & Michael Marino  
Margaret & Adam Martinez

60<sup>th</sup>

Rosemary & Jim Cox  
Olivia & Tommy Persick

65<sup>th</sup>

Shirley & Jack Franklin

72<sup>nd</sup>

Mary & Louis Clement

*May God continue to bless these couples with continued love, joy and happiness.*

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention March 2022

For a Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



### 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, 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.

### RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: First Sunday of Lent #1118  
Entrance: Led by the Spirit #576  
Communion: Grant to Us, O Lord #578  
Sending Forth: \*\*Silence\*\*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Are you retired? Have you ever thought about giving one hour a week in the Adoration Chapel? What a great way to serve our parish through the powerful witness of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity to grow in your own personal prayer life.

Being an Adorer costs nothing but the gift of your time before the Lord. If these years of retirement don't have you busier than when you were working full time, why not become an Adorer in the Adoration Chapel. You'll be surprised how quickly the hour passes — and the Lord will bless you.

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.

### St. Joseph Altar Preparations

The St. Joseph Altar will be held Sunday, March 20, 2022.

Preparations for the St. Joseph 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.

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### March — The Month of St. Joseph

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'"

Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.



Jesus was led into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting by the Holy Spirit. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you, 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).

## A Grateful Acknowledgement

On Thursday, February 17, 2022, Bishop Michael Duca sealed 38 of our young parishioners with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John the Evangelist Church.

We gratefully acknowledge Confirmation preparation catechists Jennifer Adams, Mercedes Curry and Ashley Elisar for their assistance to the Director of Religious Education, Wanda Ashley.

A special thank you to the St. John Altar Society for hosting the reception following Confirmation.

## You are Covered in Prayer

*May you feel His presence-  
Experience His Peace-  
Draw from His strength-  
Rest in His love-*



*May God bless and keep you in His loving care.*

If someone you know is having major surgery or has been diagnosed with cancer or any other grave illness, please let us bring you a prayer blanket to help get you through this tough time. It matters not the age, all who need it will receive it.

Contact Jane Gauthreaux at 225.413.7157.

## Daily Scripture Readings March 7-13, 2022

### Monday, March 7:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday, March 8:

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday, March 9:

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday, March 10:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

### Friday, March 11:

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday, March 12:

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday, March 13:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 13 at 2am. Don't forget to move clocks forward one hour before retiring Saturday night March 12.

## Michelangelo: A Different View Raising Canes River Center March 18-April 17, 2022

Rome comes to Baton Rouge! Using state-of-the-art technology, the ceiling paintings from the Sistine Chapel have been replicated for you to experience up close. Tickets are available from Ticketmaster.

For more information, visit

<https://raisingcanesrivercenter.com/michelangelo-a-different-view>



## St. John School News

### Spring Concert

Grades 1-12 will present their Annual Spring Concert Thursday, March 10 from 6-8pm at St. John the Evangelist Church. Everyone is invited! Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

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### Grandparents' Masses

8am at St. John the Evangelist Church  
PreK3-5th Grade — Wednesday, March 16  
5th-12th Grades — Wednesday, March 30

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### Auction

The St. John Fest will be held Saturday, March 19 at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center. This is St. John School's largest fundraising event!

- Silent auction begins at 5pm
- Live auction begins at 7pm
- Live music immediately following the auction

Come out and support this worthy cause and enjoy a great time. If anyone would like to donate items for either the silent or live auction, please contact Kristi Parnell at 225.776.5305 or [gracekristi@gmail.com](mailto:gracekristi@gmail.com).

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### Maintenance Position Available

St. John School is looking to fill a full-time maintenance position. Anyone interested can send résumé or inquiries to Byron Braud, [bbraud7@gmail.com](mailto:bbraud7@gmail.com).

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### Alumni Association

Show your Eagle pride! Graduate or not, join the St. John Alumni Association; the organization that supports the whole St. John community.

For more information, email [torcino@stjohnschool.org](mailto:torcino@stjohnschool.org) or stop by our Facebook page, St. John Alumni Association (Plaquemine), for level options and pricing. Payments can be made via Venmo @stjohnalumniassociation.

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### Fund Raisers

Remember to save Box Tops for Education and Coke Rewards bottle tops in addition to the UPC labels from all Community Coffee products.

St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through these programs. You may bring your labels to church in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or drop the labels and bottle tops off at our church parish office. We will see that the school receives them.

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### BINGO

Bingo is held three nights each week at the St. John Fathers' Club Bingo Hall, 24837 Hwy. 1, South.

The following is the Bingo schedule:  
Sunday—7pm—Knights of Columbus Bingo  
Tuesday—7pm—Fathers' Club Bingo  
Thursday—7pm—Fathers' Club Bingo

Come out and play Bingo while supporting St. John School and the Knights of Columbus.

**Mass Intentions — March 12-18, 2022**

**Saturday, March 12-4pm 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; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family; Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi; Aubry Quebedeaux, Mit, Aline & Wally Comeaux; J. W. Bryant, Sue Bryant; May & David Currier; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Anthony “Tonto” Pizzolato; Annie Daigle; M/M Edmond Gomez, Sr., Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez; Joseph A. Palermo, Gary & Margaret Hernandez; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Jim Gerace, Flor, Stella & Sonny Rills, Kye & Darrel Boudreaux; John W. Wilbert, Jr.; Dr. James A. & Frances D. “Cookie” Durand

**Sunday, March 13-7:30am Mass**

St. John Parishioners

**Sunday, March 13-9am 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; George & Carol Allain, Gi Gi Allain, Barbara Bajon; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Mary Ann Gregoire; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; J. C. & Hetta Hebert, Gilmore & Cleora Couvillion; Scott Marino

**Sunday, March 13-11am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Edward Hargrove, Jr.; T. N. & Ray Patin, Steve Patin; Brenda Fremin; Rodney Bourgeois; Fourroux & Simoneaux Families; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Janice Brown; Isaac, Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; George “Brother” Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. “Peta” Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot

**Tuesday, March 15-6pm Mass**

Cat & Gloria Ramirez; Alfred & Mercedese Carville

**Wednesday, March 16-7am Mass**

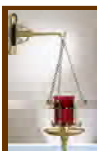
Marie Theresa P. Schafer

**Thursday, March 17-7am Mass**

Dr. Micah Day & Gary Day

**Friday, March 18-6pm Mass**

Myron Hebert & Jane Hebert



**Sanctuary Candle**

**March 6, 2022**

**St. John the Evangelist**

**Brennan Bujol**

**Pim & NuNu Clebert**

**Louise & Edmund Bujol**

**St. Clement of Rome**

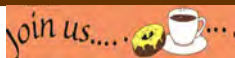
**Colby Gomez**

**Coffee & Donuts**

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

**June Pinsonat & Sandra Bizette (7:30am Mass)**

**Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford (9am Mass)**



**The St. John Altar Society**

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 9 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.





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