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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 of Lent

March 20, 2022
Overconfident?

As we get to the halfway point of Lent, we may be tempted to overconfidence: "The first three weeks weren't so hard. I can go a few more weeks without the things I gave up. And I've only committed a few sins; maybe I'll go to confession right before Easter." If so, it might be a good idea to look at the second reading and the Gospel.

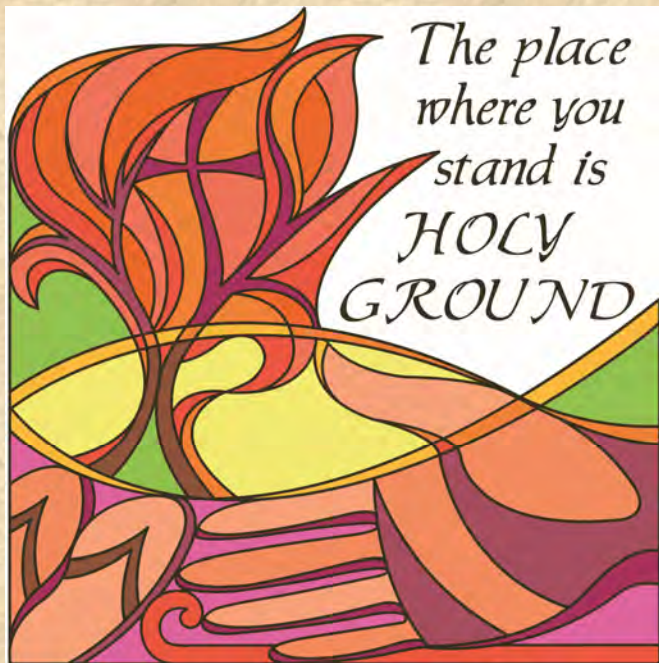
St. Paul says that anyone who is overconfident about their lack of sin "should take care not to fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). He compares those people to the ones Moses brought through the desert. In fact, many were punished because they were tempted to follow false gods or to complain about the food and drink God provided them. Could the same thing happen to us?

One form of overconfidence is rejecting what we learned as children. We may think, "I'm old enough to decide if I should go to church" or "I can take care of myself now; I don't need God's help." If these sound familiar because you have thought that way yourself, Paul has a warning. His

analogy of the Rock following the Hebrews in the desert refers to God's constant presence to the people. In the same way, God is present to us today. But just as God was not pleased with those in the desert, God may not be pleased with us if we continue to ignore the Lord.

That brings us to the Gospel. In the parable of the fig tree, the owner is not pleased--the tree has not produced any fruit. Unlike the fig tree, God would be happy with any fruit we produce. We could be generous to the poor, we could fight for the unborn child's right to life, or we could simply teach our children how to pray. Like the owner of the fig tree, God is patient, but we only have so much time. So when do you plan to bear fruit?

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First Holy Eucharist

On Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 11am Mass, we welcomed 37 children to the Table of the Lord as they received the Eucharist for the first time.

- Olivia Gene Anderson
- Nixon Angelloz Anzaldua
- Jackson Louis Barbay
- Michael Paul Dupont, Jr.
- Rilyn Marie Dupont
- Elise Marie Fabre
- Emma Grace Fabre
- Sadie Fontenot
- Kasen Frame
- Madison Blair Gauthier
- Analeigh Grace Gulotta
- Annelise Olympe Hart
- Nadia Ania Hebert
- Parker Lee Hunt
- Emmalyn Joffrion
- Jace Wilbert Jumonville
- Colt Joseph Kelley
- Ava Marie Laprairie
- Kade Matthew Martinez
- Addison Kate Morales
- Liam Colby Osmer
- Landon James Parker
- Preston Parnell
- Blakely Jill Passantino
- Reid Michael Pruitt
- Brantley Joseph Quebedeaux
- Jase Michael Reeves
- Jolee Claire Riera
- Aiden Michael Roberts
- Connor Robinson
- Maximus John Sanders
- Nathan Blake Thibodeaux
- Karson Michael Troxclair
- Caroline Rose Watson
- Elizabeth Grace Wilbert
- Ella Katherine Wille
- Waylon Paul Wille

A grateful acknowledgement is made to our First Eucharist preparation catechists, Jennifer Adams, Allison Kirkland and Susan Murray who assisted our DRE, Wanda Ashley.

May God continue to pour out His blessings on the members of these families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.



St. Joseph Altar
Sunday, March 20, 2022
12 Noon - 1:30pm
Knights of Columbus Home
58715 Price Street
Plaquemine, LA

Blessing and viewing of the altar takes place at the K. C. Home following 4pm Mass Saturday, March 19.

Sunday, March 20, serving from the altar begins immediately following 11am Mass at 12 Noon until 1:30pm.

St. Joseph, pray for us.



The Light is On for You! Lenten Confession

St. John, along with other churches in our Diocese, will open for confession at night during Lent.

Father Greg will be hearing confessions Wednesday March 23 and Wednesday, March 30 from 6-7pm.

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



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.

Daily Scripture Readings — March 21-27, 2022

- Monday, March 21:**
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday, March 22:**
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday, March 23:**
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday, March 24:**
Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday, March 25:**
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday, March 26:**
Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday, March 27:**
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Children's Church Resumes — Volunteers Needed

Children's Church will start again Sunday, April 3, 2022. We need volunteers. I will begin the cycle with the 1st Sunday of each month. I will be available for 9am Mass and 11am Mass. As volunteers come forward we shall expand the Sundays within the month. If you are interested, contact me, Wanda Ashley, DRE, through the Church Office (225.687.2402). To qualify you must be certified online through the Diocese and a background check will be initiated by the Diocese. It is a painless process and I will be more than happy to walk you through it. Thank you for your support.
Wanda Ashley, DRE

In Loving Memory...

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

**Frances Durand &
John W. Wilbert, Jr.**

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Betty & Lloyd Bouchereau

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. —Psalm 95:6-7

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.

Krawfish Krawl

What? Boiled crawfish with corn & potatoes cooked by Josh O'Dwyer

When? Friday, April 1 — 5-7pm

Where? Pick up at St. John Elementary circle drive

Who? For tickets, contact Michelle Rivet (775-5958) or Anagelle Son (571-1923)

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Altar Servers



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 to fill out and submit a digital form (under the FORMS tab). Someone will contact you regarding a brief training.

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms

Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Church Office Third Floor

Monday, April 4, 2022

Monday, May 2, 2022

Monday, June 6, 2022



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Saturday, May 28, 2022

Saturday, June 25, 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: Third Sunday of Lent #1124

Entrance: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #821

Communion: O God, You Search Me #688

Sending Forth: **Silence**

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

By Pope Frances

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms.

How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced?

How much blood has been shed?

How many lives have been shattered?

How many hopes have been buried?

But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid!

Grant us peace, teach us peace;

guide our steps in the way of peace.

Open our eyes and our hearts,

and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!";

"With war everything is lost".

Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love,

You created us and You call us to live as brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister.

Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens

who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into

implements of peace,

our trepidation into confident trust,

and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with

patience and perseverance

we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation.

In this way may peace triumph at last,

and may the words "division," "hatred," and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman.

Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands.

Renew our hearts and minds,

so that the word which always brings us together will

be "brother," and our way of life will always be that

of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

When called by the Lord, Moses' immediate response was "Here I am." If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, contact Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



Mass Intentions — March 26-April 1, 2022

Saturday, March 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; Jimmy & Gloria Hebert, Bryan Hebert & Daughter, James Hebert & Daughters, Robert Mooney, Eva & Tony Doiron, Sylvia Gascon; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Roland “Dougie” Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Sam & Johnette Pizzolato, Alma Pizzolato, Orian Gulotta; Paul & Jenise Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Quentin & Annabel Buquoi; Angelo Mancuso; Andrew & Josephine Canova, Caliste Landry, Jr. & Kimberly, Josh Landry; John W. Wilbert, Jr.; In Thanksgiving; Michael “Mike” Alleman

Sunday, March 27-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 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; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr.; Kynlee Bueche; M/M Andrew Tullier, M/M Richard Guerin, M/M J. C. Berthelot; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; V. J. Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Claytus Falcon, Jr.

Sunday, March 27-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; Rodney Bourgeois; Dominic Engolio, Frances & Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Nellie, Pascal & Leon Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; Isaac, Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; George “Brother” Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. “Peta” Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot

Tuesday, March 29-6pm Mass

Ethel P. Businelle

Wednesday, March 30-7am Mass

William & Lucinda Mazone



Thursday, March 31-7am Mass

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

Friday, April 1-6pm Mass

Brenda Comeaux



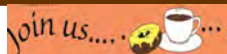
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March 20, 2022

St. John the Evangelist
William H. Middleton
Bill Middleton III

St. Clement of Rome
Joann Nolan

Coffee & Donuts
March 20, 2022



Lou Anna Canella & Lionel Schexnaildre
(7:30am Mass)

Patrick & Helen Pendley (9am Mass)



St. John Altar Society

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 23 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT





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