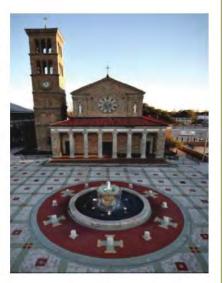
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Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday7:30am, 9:00 am,	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00 am
Thursday	7:00 am
Friday	7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

Watch Out!

into our lives. The first reading from Isaiah voices the hope of sinners for a redeemer. Unlike Isaiah, we know that God has come to bring us back, when the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us. Our faith in Jesus leads us to a new way of looking at the world. We can see what God is doing as well as remembering what God has done.

Like the gatekeepers in Jesus' Gospel parable, we need to keep our eyes open for him. When we only look out for ourselves, we may miss the signs of God's presence around us. Instead of looking at the difficulties of life as obstacles, we can watch for them as opportunities to stretch our faith, to rely on God, or to show God's love to a friend. The Corinthians were also watching for the Lord to come. They were thinking of Jesus as coming in glory. Though we don't see the full glory of the Lord, part of that glory is his presence in the sacraments. In them we celebrate not just the coming of the Lord, but his working in the world. He shares his life with us in baptism, gives us his Spirit in confirmation and himself in the Eucharist, heals us in reconciliation and the anointing of the sick, and calls us to make him present to others in holy orders and matrimony. You could almost say his second coming is taking place now. Watch for it.

Tom Schmidt

In Advent, we celebrate our hope that the Lord might come more fully

Rectory Open House

On Saturday, December 2, 2023, spend the afternoon with us at the St. John Rectory for our Parish Open House. Everyone is invited to join Fr. Greg for an afternoon of refreshments and fellowship directly following 4pm Mass from 5pm until 7pm.

Bringing Christmas Joy

Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree has been set up for you to take a candy cane with a child's name. If anyone pulls #142-271 and wants to buy clothing, you may text Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 for sizes which have been provided by Iberville Elementary. Gifts are due Sunday, December 10. Please buy gifts and share the joy of Jesus' birth with the children.

Sorting will take place <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 17</u> in the Parish Hall with distribution on <u>Monday</u>, <u>December 18</u>.

Catholic Daughter Christmas Potluck Dinner

Monday, December 11, 2023 St. John Parish Hall — 5:30pm Bring your favorite dish. ******

GEMS (50 years and older) Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Time: 11am-1pm

Place: St. John Parish Hall

Meats, soft drinks and bread will be provided. Please bring a

side dish or dessert.

Holiday Visits to Homebound

We will be visiting the homebound, the sick and elderly parishioners during the holidays beginning Friday, December 15.

Students will be baking goodies Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 8, 9 and 10. If any student is interested in bringing joy to the homebound by helping bake, please call Donna Purpera at 225.716.0450. (Service hours will be given).

If anyone would like to help in any way, please call JoAnn Landry at 225.776.0782.

Christmas Flower Envelopes

The envelope for Christmas flowers has been placed in the December packet of envelopes. The names of loved ones remembered with Christmas flowers will be published in future bulletins.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Donations to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. For more information, visit retiredreligious.org, or contact Robin Cabral, at 508.685.8899, robincabral@retiredreligious.org. Please give generously.

Save the Date!!

Epiphany Concert Sunday, January 7, 2024 — 4pm

Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

Readings: First Sunday of Advent #1091 Ready the Way (Bulletin) Entrance:

My Soul in Stillness Waits #499 Responsorial Psalm:

Preparation: Instrumental

Christ, Be Our Light #692 Communion: Sending Forth: People, Look East #501

Masses on Friday, December 8 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** 7am, 8:30am (SJS Gym) & 6pm

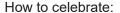
Church Dedication for December

The Immaculate Conception

Major Feast:

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Friday, December 8 The Blessed Mother was called "full of Grace" by the angel Gabriel because she was first conceived without

sin. As the Church prepares for the coming of Christ on Christmas day, meditating on the mystery of Mary's Immaculate Conception can remind us of the saving work Jesus came to do through His Incarnation.



Go to confession. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas and give you the grace to imitate Mary's virtues.



Baptisms & **Baptism Seminars**

Baptism Seminars

Monday, December 4, 2023 Monday, January 15, 2024 Monday, February 5, 2024

Saturday, December 16, 2023 Saturday, January 27, 2024 Saturday, April 27, 2024

Baptism Seminars are held in the third floor church office conference room 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 at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

*Note: There are no Baptisms during Lent.



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore! He is Waiting for You!

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.

The beautiful floral arrangement placed at the Blessed Mother statue for Thanksgiving was given in loving memory of:

Devin Michael Durand & Douglas Durand



The Advent Wreath Candle for the 1st Sunday of Advent burns in loving memory of:

Roland "Dougie" Rivet

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention December 2023

For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

2024 Church Calendars

The 2024 church calendars are available to our parishioners at the entrances to the church. You may pick up your calendar after any weekend Mass.

St. John School's 2024 Distinguished Graduate

Since graduating in 1975, Henry "Punchy" Daigle has been an example of hard work and steadfast service for our school, church, and community. He has been actively involved in the Iberville Parks and Recreation, St. John Fathers Club, Knights of Columbus Council 970, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Le Krewe du Roi, and Krewe of Comogo. He and his wife,

Maureen, have three children, all who graduated from St. John School, and four grandchildren. Punchy is tireless in his efforts to serve others and we are happy to recognize him as St. John School's 2024 Distinguished Graduate.







A Vocation View

Chosen to Consecrated Life

"Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the

Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org

100 Years Capital Campaign

Sustaining our Church Building

St. John the Evangelist Church Parish has embarked on a capital campaign to restore our beautiful church. The "100 Years Capital Campaign" will span 4 years from 2023-2027. Town Hall Meetings were held to discuss the upgrades needed. Please see the summary below for an explanation of the upcoming phases of the project.

When contributing to our 100 year campaign, please indicate on your check memo that the donation is for the "100 Year Capital Campaign" so it will go into that account. Thank You!

In 2027, we will celebrate 100 years in our church building. To restore our church building we have several maintenance priorities.

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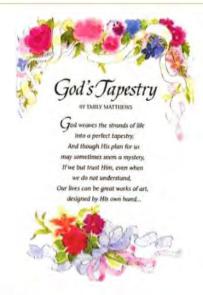
Phase 1	
Work Description	Cost
Roof Replacement	\$500,000
HVAC	300,000
Refurbish Doors and Hardware	
18,000	400.000
Window Caulking and Sills	100,000
Total Phase 1 Estimate	#4.470.000
(including fees/contingency)	\$1,170,000
Phase 2	Coot
Work Description	Cost
Asbestos Abatement and Flooring	\$275,000
Refinish Pews	225,000
New Interior Lighting Remove Stains on Interior Walls	125,000
200,000	
New Sound System	
Total Phase 2 Estimate	
(Including fees/contingency)	\$1,050,000
Phase 3	, , ,
Work Description	Cost
Recaulk 3rd Floor Windows and	
Parish Hall	\$22,000
Replace 1st Floor Windows in the	
Parish Hall	40,000
Install Bells in the Bell Tower	50,000
Miscellaneous Painting/Maintenance	15,000
Total Phase 3 Estimate	
(Including fees/contingency)	\$160,000
Total Estimate for Phases 1, 2 & 3	\$2,380,000

Historical Tidbit About Catholicism in Iberville Parish and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

When was St. John the Evangelist Church in Plaquemine established?

Our church was established in 1850, after 10 years of negotiations by the executive committee with the Bishop of the Diocese of New Orleans. The executive committee representing the congregation were: J. Beck, P. Bevin, Thomas L. Billings, Charles N. Brusle, Valsin Comeaux, Jean A. Dardenne, Honore F. Deblieux, Louis Desobry, L. Desobry, Jr., B. Dupuy, Fustin Dupuy, Judge John Dutton (who donated the land for the church), Treville Hebert, B. Keller, Charles Kleinpeter, Zenon Labauve, Louis Martin, Louis P. Orillion, Theodore Orillion, Louis Petit, Jean Baptiste Rils, Balthazar Rils, Gustave S. Rousseau, J. B. Roth, I. Roth, Gervais Schlatre and Michel Schlatre.

We would like parishioners to contact us (225.687.2402) if any of the original executive committee of St. John Church are members of your families. We would like to acknowledge you!



What: Advent Retreat

By: the Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes

When: Saturday, December 9, 2023

10:30 - 3:00pm

Light lunch provided

Where: St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Hall

"...that their hearts be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Colossians 2:2-3

Register today by calling (225) 687-2402

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9-4pm 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; Trista Parro, Justin Hussey, G. E. Lively, Buck Reynolds; Sylvia Gascon, Lyman & Rita Marchand, Robert Mooney; M/M Claude K. Cavalier; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Michael Rarick; Thomas Morales Family; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Colletti Family; Special Intention; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Camille Tempanaro, M/M Ray Murray, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, Tommy, Brian, Jay & Randy Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Brandi Quatrevingt, Sharkey Altazin; Charles & Marion Clement; M/ M Edmond Gomez & Family, Jack Laurent; M/M Thomas Keith & Family; John Hawley Landry, Kathleen Landry; Gerald "Lil Jerry" Mire; Allen Cavalier

Sunday, December 10-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, December 10-9am 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; Mary Ann Gregoire; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Evelyn Varnell; Ray, T. N. & Steve Patin; Rose Marie LeBlanc & Canella Families; Anthony Cilano; Missy Hopkins; Guy "Scooter" Comeaux; Dr. Vincent Leggio, The Tony Leggio Families; M/M Dudley LeBlanc; Fr. Cornelius Crowley

Sunday, December 10-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson: Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Brenda Fremin; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Ann Bryant Wilbert Arbour; David Borden Tidmore; Betty Keith; Nolan Bueche III; Mary Font, Leslie Font, Jr., Ross Campesi, Sr., Marion Campesi; Fr. Mark Beard

Tuesday, December 12-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Ignace & Vivian Tullier; Van & Thelma Junot, Elvis & Mamie Rabalais

Wednesday, December 13-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, December 14-7am Mass

Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families;

Friday, December 15-7am Mass

Tommy Griffon



Workbooks for Lectors

Proclaiming the Word

The 2024 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistery. Lectors, you may pick up your copy at your convénience.



Sanctuary Candle

December 3, 2023

St. John the Evangelist Ernest & Josephine Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family

St. Clement of Rome Donald G. Persick, Sr.

Coffee & Donuts

December 10, 2023

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

Patrick & Helen Pendley (9am Mass)



Altar Society

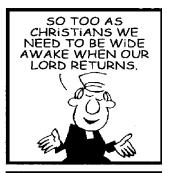
Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Extra Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, December 6 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT









St. John the Evangelist Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

2023 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 December Light the first violet candle in your Advent wreath and pray with today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37.	Choose a way you can grow closer to Christ in Advent: more mental prayer, penance, almsgiving, Sacraments.	Display the stable for the Nativity Scene. Add figures gradually throughout Advent.	6 St. Nicholas of Myra Perform a simple act of kindness for someone today in honor of this generous saint.	7 On the Memorial of Saint Ambrose, bishop and teacher, pray for all clergy in the Church.	The Immaculate Conception of Mary Celebrate by attending Mass and praying a Rosary for our country.	Prepare heart and soul to welcome Christ. Make an examination of conscience and attend Confession.
Light the second violet candle and meditate on Mark 1:1-8.	Offer a small sacrifice out of love for Jesus, who offered Himself up for love of you.	Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray for all pregnant women and thank God for the gift of new life.	Advent is a busy time for parishes. Call or email your parish office and ask how you can serve.	14 In prayer, forgive someone who has hurt you. Ask for the grace to let go and move on.	Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP- CRS or www. catholicrelief.org) to see how you can contribute.	L6 Las Posadas begins today honoring Mary's and Joseph's search for shelter. Gather friends and go caroling.
gaudete Sunday Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Pray with John 1:6-9,	Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ Child. Light it every night until Christmas.	Feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or human kindness.	20 Review your "Advent resolutions" and renew your commitment to them.	Spend time Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament today to ready your heart for the arrival of the King.	Reflect on how your relationship with Christ grew this Advent. Thank Him for the graces you received.	Make an effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.
24 The fourth week of Advent lasts only one day. Meditate on the great news the angel brought (see Luke 1:26-38).	25 Rejoice! Place the Christ Child in the manger. Go to Mass today and rejoice!	"In those days a decenvollment, when Que too went up from because he was of the While they were to wrapped him in swe	ree went out from Caes uirhius was governor of Galilee from the town of te house and family of I here, the time came for addling clothes and laid	ar Augustus that all the Syria. So all went to b Nazareth to Judea, to David, to be enrolled wither to have her child, a him in a manger, beca (Luke 2:1-7).	"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).	ed. This was the first called Bethlehem, who was with child. firstborn son. She for them in the inn."

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Scripture Readings

Week of December 3

Sunday First Sunday of Advent

> Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11 Monday Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,12-13,

17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6;

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21,

25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Solemnity of the Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;

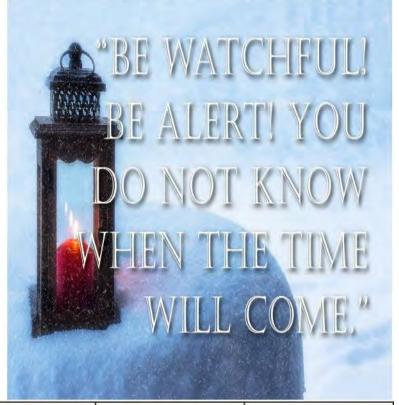
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14;

2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8





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