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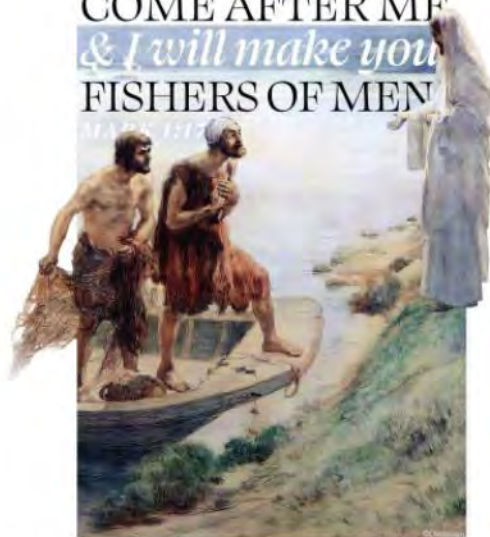
## Masses

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:00 pm  
Sunday....7:30am, 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

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& I will make you  
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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024

### A New Way, A New World

When the people of Nineveh repented, they showed it by wearing sackcloth and fasting from food. Sometimes we might think that way: That repenting means punishing ourselves or feeling sorry. Jesus sees things differently.

He preached repentance that was a change of heart, a new way of looking at things, a new way of acting. In the gospel today, we see an example. The first people he calls to be disciples were fisherman. They would have considered their family, their partners, and their boat as the most important things in their lives. You need all of them to be a successful fisherman.

Yet the disciples don't even hesitate when called by Jesus. They leave behind their boats, their nets, even their father, to follow Jesus. They don't worry about what they will do, or look back at what they are leaving behind. Now they are fishers of men. Their "repentance" was more than just giving up sins. They were beginning a new life and a new way of looking at the world.

Saint Paul refers to this as a new world. When he talks about not using the world fully, he means not fully engaged in the world, but looking to a better one, where God is more important than any passing pleasure or pain. Is your marriage an example of God's love for your friends and relatives? When you are rejoicing, do you give thanks to God? When you are shopping, do you buy what you really need, or what you think will make you happy? Jesus calls us all to this new way of living. With Jesus, we can make a new world. Tom Schmidt



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Come and Adore! He is Waiting for You!**

"The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic Adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to

convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed. Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing; however, it is anything but! Our world is in desperate need of hope, of renewal, of a 'turning back' to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture. Cultivating a Eucharistic life of adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, His peace. As we gaze upon Him face to face, we are transformed little by little into a closer reflection of His divine image."

—AN EXCERPT FROM Manual for Eucharistic Adoration, Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, p. 37-38

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.

## Ritualsong

**Readings & Songs this Weekend**

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time #1201

Entrance: The Summons #886

Preparation: *Instrumental*

Communion: We Are Many Parts #918

Sending Forth: Lead Me, Guide Me #759



## From the Desk of the Business Manager/Bookkeeper

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the "100 Years Capital Campaign" program.

Your support is greatly appreciated! Many of you are including your donations in one check along with your other monthly donations (Stewardship, Maintenance and Repairs, etc.). Please remember that your donation to the Capital Campaign should be made separately and **not** included with any other donation. This helps me to keep financial records of the parish "neat and tidy".

Again, thank you for your support!

## With Gratitude from The Deacon

Dear Parishioners of St. John Church Parish,  
I am overwhelmed to have so many good friends remember me and my family at Christmas. You all remain in my daily prayers and I ask that you keep me and my family in yours. Happy New Year!  
With Sincerest Appreciation,  
Deacon Alfred Ricard

## Contribution Tax Statements

Anyone needing a 2023 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan at the St. John Church Office (225.687.2402). Statements will be printed upon request.

Please remember St. John Church and St. John School in your Last Will and Testament.

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## Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

### Baptism Seminars

Monday, February 5, 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024

Monday, April 8, 2024

### Baptisms

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. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

## A Vocation View

### Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).





## Order of Alhambra



The Order of Alhambra celebrated their Quarterly Communion at St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, December 17, 2023 prior to their annual Christmas party. The members present were (left to right, top) Tommy Bickham, Wayne Allemond, Fr. Greg Daigle, Medric Smith, and Bill Greenfield. Middle row, Jacob Barbier, Mike Panepinto, Antoine Landry, Chuck Brown, Danny Cedotal and Al Abila. Bottom row, Alcee Becnel, Steve Panepinto and John Sasser.

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 Sammie Anne Gulotta  
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 (Continued in future bulletins)



## A Grateful Acknowledgement

Preparing St. John Church and rectory for Christmas is no small task. Shown below bedecking the rectory are just a few of our dedicated decorators. We are grateful for the many volunteers involved who give of their time and talent.

Photo credit Donna Carville





## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 27-4pm 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; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Robert, Lee & Betty Mooney, Lyman Marchand; Amelia, Wheel & Gayle Badeaux; Elsie K. Chenevert; Donald Stockman; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot, M/M Edmond Berthelot, Sr., Earl Breaux, Sr., John Bourg; Florence & William Badeaux, Sr., Eva & Harry Lopez; Stephen A. & Joseph C. LeBlanc, Caroline & Charlotte Carville; Father John Cullen, CSSR; Sam A. Distefano, Sr.; Faye & Harry Martinez; Jenny & Alton Boudreaux, Darrel & Kye Boudreaux, Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; A Special Intention A.S.; Clarence Voris Allen, Zelpha & Nick Hanjaras

### Sunday, January 28-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

### Sunday, January 28-9am 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; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Shane Smith; Michael Clause, Dwight Marix; The Calvaruso Family

### Sunday, January 28-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Mary Font, Leslie Font, Jr., Ross Campesi, Sr., Marion Campesi; Corinne Hebert

### Tuesday, January 30-6pm Mass

Margaret Bynam & Jo Ann Nolan

### Wednesday, January 31-7am Mass

Alfred & Mercedes Carville

### Thursday, February 1-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

### Friday, February 2-7am Mass

Brenda Comeaux

## Scripture Readings

### Week of January 21 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9;

1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;

Mk 4:1-20

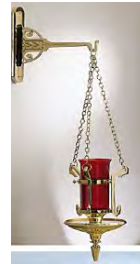
Thursday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;

Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



## Sanctuary Candle

January 21, 2024

### **St. John the Evangelist**

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### **St. Clement of Rome**

Larry Skidmore

## Coffee & Donuts

January 28, 2024

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



Kevin & Kelly Gourgues (9am Mass)

## Altar Society

### **Essential Support System of the Church**

The next monthly meeting of the St. John Altar Society will be held Tuesday, January 23 at 9:30am in the church office conference room. All are welcome! Come join our crew.

Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, January 24 at 8am.

### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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and follow?*



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