

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Rev. Gregory J. Daigle Pastor
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Parish Office Staff

Medric Smith, Jr....Business Manager
 Marsha Dupont Secretary
 Susan Landry Secretary
 Lily Skidmore Secretary
 Gary Perrault Maintenance

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

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

Clear Conscience

Usually, the first reading has something in common with the gospel. Today's however, has more in common with the second reading from St. Peter. They both talk about Noah and the ark, where the few good people were saved by going through the water. Peter compares that to the waters of Baptism, in which we are saved by God. Just as God washed away the evil of the world in the waters of the flood, so the waters of Baptism made us into a new people who have clear consciences, both because God has forgiven our sins and because we promise to follow only Him.

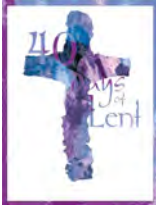
That leads to the Gospel, where Jesus is tempted by Satan. But unlike the people of Noah's time, Jesus does not fall to the temptations. Instead, he comes out of the desert, telling us to repent and believe in the good news.

That means we have a choice to make: Do we accept this kingdom and

repent, or do we ignore our baptism and do what we want? Do we still have a clear conscience when we think of how much time we spend getting to know Jesus? Ever pray or read the bible outside of church? Do we spend near as much on the poor, as we do for our entertainment?

Next time you see a rainbow, think about the covenant that God made with Noah. Just as God's promises get better and better till the coming of Jesus, we are challenged to be more and more like Him. Are you satisfied with just a promise that God won't destroy us all in a flood? Or are you ready to live the New Covenant that Jesus promises to those who will follow him?
 Tom Schmidt





Lenten Weekday Schedule:

Tuesday - 6pm Mass
 6:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass
 Friday - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross
 6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross
 (No 7am Mass during Lent)

In Loving Memory...

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

Mrs. Gloria H. Blanchard

Donated by:
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Bickham



Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass

Celebrating World Marriage Day

Couples celebrating special anniversaries were honored Saturday, February 10 at 4pm Mass followed by a reception in the parish hall hosted by the St. John Altar Society.

50th

*Adrian & Marsha Dupont
 Ronald & Annie LeBlanc
 Michael & Jennifer Markins
 Yvonne & Dan Smith
 Calvin "Pat" & Kathy Wilbert*

55th

*Conrad & Alice Mire
 Joe & Sue Roetker*

60th

*Archie & Paula Callais
 Henry & Arlene Grass*

65th

John & Gwendolyn Gum

66th

Charles & Margery LePere

67th

Jack & Shirley Franklin

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

Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

First Sunday of Lent #1117
 Entrance: Led by the Spirit #576
 Communion: Grant to Us, O Lord #578
 Sending Forth: **Silence**



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore! He is Waiting for You!

Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself, 'Who could be the Master of these beautiful things?' I felt a great desire to see him, to know him and to pay him homage." —St. Josephine Bakhita

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.

We welcome the Catholic Daughters who are celebrating their Quarterly Communion with us this Sunday at 9am Mass.

St. Joseph Altar Preparations

The St. Joseph Altar will be held Sunday, March 17, 2024. Preparations for the altar will begin Monday, February 19 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.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

There will be a mandatory First Eucharist parent meeting Wednesday, February 21 with Father Greg at 6pm in the parish hall.

Fishes & Loaves Ministry

Assisting Grieving Families

The Fishes & Loaves Committee assist families who have lost a loved one and need the parish hall after a funeral by setting up, receiving the food, serving the food and cleaning up afterwards.

We are seeking additional volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please call Beverly Percle at 225.776.0458.

Silent Retreat

What: Lenten Retreat
 By: The Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes
 When: Saturday, March 2, 2024
 10:30am-3pm
 Where: St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Hall




Light lunch provided. Register today by calling 225.687.2402.

St. John the Evangelist
Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

LENT 2024

 = a day of fasting and abstinence from meat

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Scroll through your phone contacts and offer your Communion for whichever person you land on.	Keep custody of the thoughts: give up complaining, rash judgement, and negative self-talk. See holiness -- and productivity! -- increase.	Pick a saint to accompany you during Lent. Learn more about them and ask them to pray for you.	Find a pro-life pregnancy center near you and ask how you can help them support the women and their babies.	Put out an empty box. Throughout Lent, fill it with gently used items in good condition that you no longer use.	Observe a screen fast (from recreational use) from noon to 3, recalling the 3 hours Jesus hung on the Cross.	Make up bags of socks, oranges, and bottled water to offer people who are homeless.
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
Stay after Mass and pray for the intentions of the pope.	Ask God to remind you of His love for you today -- it's a prayer He loves to answer. Thank Him tonight before bed.	Make a small sacrifice today for souls, e.g., no cream in your coffee, no snacks before dinner.	Give up worry. Write down what worries you and leave it before an image of Jesus, surrendering it to His care.	Stop by the parish office and ask what upcoming events you can volunteer with (e.g. setting up St. Joseph's table).	1 March Attend Daily Mass and/or spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart.	Our Lady urged praying the Rosary to bring peace. Pray a Rosary in honor of Mary's Immaculate Heart.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Meditate on today's Gospel (John 2:13-25). Where can you "clean the temple" of your heart to make more room for God?	Learn something new about your Faith: skim the glossary of the Catechism for an unfamiliar term and learn more about it.	Check out Catholic Relief Services at www.crs.org to see how you can help support any of their projects.	Meditate on Scripture on-the-go. Copy down a favorite Bible verse and carry it with you all day. Pray with it whenever you have to wait.	Catch up with a friend you haven't heard from in a while.	Attend a Stations of the Cross service or pray them on your own. Find them here: www.usccb.org .	Give others the gift of your presence: ask about their work, interests, or family, and listen attentively while they speak.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Laetare Sunday Rejoice! Have some holy fun after Mass today.	This whole week, give up recreational screen time after 9PM and give that time to God.	Renew your commitment to your Lenten promises.	Do a thorough Examination of Conscience, then go to Confession to be freed of your sins and experience God's mercy.	Today, choose kindness. Resolve to smile at everyone you meet.	Make an additional, small sacrifice of your choosing and pray for the unborn children and their mothers.	Volunteer at a retirement community. Call ahead and ask how you can serve (e.g., reading to the residents, donating needed items).
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Consider offering your Communion at Mass for missionaries, teachers, and catechists -- anyone who passes on the Faith.	Until the end of Lent, only buy essentials, like food, medicine, etc.	St. Joseph's Day Happy Solemnity! Enjoy pastries today to celebrate. Prayerfully entrust husbands and fathers to St. Joseph's protection.	Drop off the box of clothes at its destination.	Find time today to visit the Blessed Sacrament, even if briefly. Pray that everyone has a safe and spiritually fruitful Holy Week.	The King is coming! Clean the house in preparation for Palm Sunday.	Praying for the dead is a work of mercy. Visit a cemetery and pray for the souls there.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday During the Gospel readings at Mass, imagine you're in the scene. How would you respond?	Offer extra prayers today for those coming into the Church at Easter.	Evaluate your Lent. Where did you see spiritual growth? What would you do differently next year?	Today recalls Judas' betrayal of Christ. Ask forgiveness from those you have hurt. Forgive those who have hurt you.	Holy Thursday Today, Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. Send a priest a thank-you card for all the ways he's served you.	Good Friday Read Mark 15 and reflect on Jesus' love for you. Name one way you'll return His love.	Holy Saturday Light a candle and renew your baptismal vows to remain faithful to God this coming year.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 24-4pm 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; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Amelia, Wheel & Gayle Badeaux; Donald Stockman; Janice Brown; Lawrence J. Melancon; Kathy Brocato, Vince Brocato, Oleus & Enola Blanchard; Tina Loyacano, Vincent M. Ferachi; Wayne Gary, Jerry Melton, Davis Fontenot; Andrew & Josephine Canova

Sunday, February 25-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, February 25-9am 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; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; J. D. Dupre; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Allen & Alberta Buquoi, Dwight Marix, Lois Marix; Special Intentions A.S.; Denise Miranda

Sunday, February 25-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Leon, Nell & Pascal Graffeo, Beverly Polito; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families

Tuesday, February 27-6pm Mass

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

Wednesday, February 28-7am

Margorie B. Dill

Thursday, February 29-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, March 1-6pm Mass

Betty C. Dupuy



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, March 4, 2024

Monday, April 8, 2024

Monday, May 6, 2024

Baptisms

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Saturday, May 18, 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.

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"I establish My covenant with you." If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.



St. John Auction

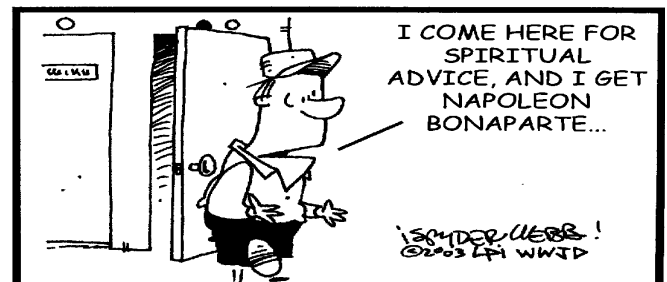
St. John's Largest Fundraising Event

Saturday, March 23

Carl F. Grant Civic Center

There will be food, drinks, entertainment and music throughout the night. If anyone would like to donate any items for either the live or silent auctions please contact Kristi Parnell, Auction Chair, at 225.776.5303, gracekristi@gmail.com.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Sanctuary Candle

February 18, 2024

St. John the Evangelist
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Clement, Sr.

St. Clement of Rome
Brenda Comeaux

Coffee & Donuts

February 25, 2024

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero (7:30am Mass)

Roger & Rosalind Sadden (9am Mass)



Altar Society

Lenten Reflection Books (\$2) based on the Passion according to Luke are available in the church office and Adoration Chapel. Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, February 21. Volunteers are welcome.



**DAY OF PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP
AND REFLECTION**

Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
 2250 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Pray and discern how God is calling you
to share the mission of the Gospel!**

WHO'S INVITED?
Diocese of Baton Rouge:
Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary
Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

 The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE

RSVP at diobr.org/pfr 

Scripture Readings

Week of February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

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

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

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

Thursday 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19

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

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34;
Mk 9:2-10