# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday7:30am, 9:00 a	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



#### November 3, 2024 All My Love

According to Jesus, the first commandment is to love God with heart, mind, soul, and strength. This is usually taken to mean loving God with your whole being. But it wouldn't hurt to look at the modern meanings of those words to see how we can apply them.

The heart is the symbol of our desires and love. So to love God with all your heart can mean that you recognize God as the one source of your life. That means you love God above everything and everyone. How many of us can say we would rather spend time with God, than with our friends, family, or loved ones?

To love God with all your mind can mean that you never stop thinking of God. You can ask God to help you any time you make a decision, whether it is what to watch next on TV, or what to do for a living. The better you know God, the more likely you are to hear God in your decisions. You can get to know God through the scriptures and other spiritual reading.

**THE LORD OUR GOD IS LORD ALONE** remind you to listen to God when you pray. You might remember how annoying it

can be to converse with someone who does all the talking. At first it is easy, but eventually you find yourself getting nervous because you have things you would like to say also. Think of that when you pray; give God a chance to put in a few words, too.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Finally, to love God with all your strength can mean you put as much energy into loving God as you do with exercising, doing your day-job, cleaning the house, or mowing the lawn. Just remember that no matter how hard you work for the Lord, God loves you even more than you love Him. Tom Schmidt



## Pastor's Letter

November 3, 2024

Dear Family:

The first reading from the book of Deuteronomy expresses the essence of Israel's covenant relationship with God. Moses calls God's people to embody the

decrees that will bear fruit for generations to come. Foundational to this relationship of faith and vocation is love. The relationship of faith is vertical: between the individual and God. The relationship of vocation is between people: the individual and all humankind. Both types of relationship begin and end with loving God with the entirety of one's mind, body, and soul. Our love for God, ourselves, and others makes possible community - living in unity with God and one another. The genius of God acting in covenant relationship with creation and God's chosen people is this love that sustains all modes of being - biological, psychological, political, scientific, and religious.

Today's passage from Mark's Gospel pointedly builds upon this understanding of covenant relationship. Leaders question Jesus' understanding of these commandments. Jesus responds first with who God is, then with our response to God and, finally, in our relationship to one another. Jesus grounds his teaching in the Scripture from Deuteronomy The coming of Jesus as the Christ, God's anointed one, to redeem and restore all humankind to himself is well grounded in who God always is: one who desires to dwell in covenant relationship with creation.

The Scriptures challenge us to ground the new in the old. We must also recognize the old for its historically contextualized truth and move into the new. Christians, by definition, live in the new covenant, written by the one ultimate redeeming sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who makes covenant relationship possible for all who believe. This is eternal. We are still discovering all the different modes of being. Let us be open to God's teaching.

Some questions for reflection:

How do you embody God's first commandment?

Are you open to the question - and - answer dialogue in which Jesus participates in Mark's Gospel passage?

What might it mean to be open to God's continual teaching through modes of being?

God provided great weather for our Acadian Festival weekend. I hope you all were able to enjoy the fellowship the Knights of Columbus offered us last weekend. My personal thanks to our Knights of Columbus and all who have helped us get ready for this year's Festival. Blessings to all our great volunteers.

Many thanks to all those who gathered earlier this month for the praying of the Rosary for our nation. Thanks as well for all of you who contributed Blood at the Blood Drive October 20th.

We start this month blessing our two cemeteries. The Book of Remembrance will be located near the devotional candle area in the church for the month of November. This month we are called to pray for all those who have gone before us to the place God has prepared for them.

Regarding our 100 Year Campaign, we are now close to beginning the bid process for the 1st phase repair of our church roof. Thank you for your great generosity that continues to bless our efforts to bring restoration to our church. As you continue to give we get closer to beginning our 2nd phase to replace our failing HVAC System. Gratitude and Blessings to you all.

Peace,

## All Saints' Day

#### Blessing of the Graves Sunday, November 3

St. John Cemetery — 12 Noon Grace Memorial — 1:30pm

## Honoring our Beloved Dead

#### 2025 Mass Intentions

The Mass Intention Book is open for the scheduling of Masses for next year (2025). Printed forms may be found on the bookshelves at the back of church and in the church office. Digital forms may be submitted online via our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under RESOURCES.

If you wish to schedule a Mass, please fill out a Mass Intention form. Include your name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions about your intentions and need to contact you. We will try to schedule Masses in the order in which the forms are received to the best of our ability. You may return the form and your check to the St. John Church Office, mail it to 57805 Main Street or drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

#### **Book of Remembrance**

During the month of November, parishioners are encouraged to list the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance. This book is located in church near the devotional candles and will remain during the month of November. You may write the names of loved ones in the book at your convenience.

#### Candles — In Memoriam

At our All Saints Day Masses on November 1, our parish remembers in a special way all those who died within the past year and were buried from St. John Church. A candle is burned at the Altar for each deceased parishioner.

If you were unable to attend an All Saints Day Mass, you may pick up an unlit candle to burn at home in memory of your deceased loved one who died in the past year.

# The Pope's Prayer Intention for November

#### For Those Who Have Lost A Child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and

may receive peace of heart from the spirit of Consolation.



### Ritualsong

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time #1285 Entrance: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #806 Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\* Communion: The Servant Song #861 Sending Forth: Soon and Very Soon #954

We welcome the PSR students and their families who are celebrating Eucharist with us at 11am.



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.** The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact Patricia Ebert at 225.385.1501 or Bern Ebert at 225.385.1500.



#### Baptisms & Baptism Seminars Baptism Seminars — 7pm Church Office Third Floor Monday, November 4, 2024 cancelled Monday, December 2, 2024 Monday, January 13, 2025

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, November 23, 2024 Saturday, December 21, 2024 Saturday, January 18, 2025

Dates are subject to change. Please contact Lily Skidmore at the church office, 225.687.2402, during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

## Workbooks for Lectors

The 2025 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistery. Lectors, please pick up your copy at your convenience. In Remembrance of our Beloved Dead Since the Feast of All Saints' Day one year ago Deaths: October 24, 2023 to October 23, 2024

**Bobbie Lee Ackman** George "Bert" Allain Jennie Andre Alvin Mitchell Babin III Ed Bahry, Jr. Betty Blanchard Gloria "Sweet" Blanchard **Doris Bourque** Murral Brown Nolan Bueche III Kenneth Bunch Inez Carlin Gloria Cedotal Charles Ray Champagne, Jr. Gayle Chapman Alvin "Pecan" Daigle **Dillon** Daigle Jo Ann Daigle **Rachael Engolio** Frances A. Ferachi Vina M. Glynn Leslie D. Gomez Dustin Goode **Dianne** Grace Jason Guidry Scott Hahn, Sr. **John Hanks** Betty Jean Hebert Corinne Hebert Dr. Dale Hedges Mildred L. Hernandez

Marie T. Kocke Carolyn Landry Jerry Landry John Wayne Landry Wesley Landry **Barbara** Langlois Dayna H. Lopez Maxine Marionneaux Louis Marix Adam "Rock" Martinez Lawrence Melancon Pat Messina Nicole Miller Clarence T. Mitchell, Jr. Carl Orcino Stony M. Ourso Blake Pizzolato Jane Pizzolato Barbara Palermo Jared Newton Raffray Karen Rasberry Joseph "Peshu" Richard Sylvia M. Rivet **Roselyn Sanchez** Diana S. Sheridan Mary Templet Pat Templet Dylan Tullier Carolyn Vicknair **Eugene Weaver** Gerald Zimmerman

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church 100 Year Capital Campaign in loving memory of:

### Charles Ray Champagne, Jr.

Donated by: Joe and Janet Bryant

## Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3, 2024. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 2.

## Scripture Readings

Week of November 3, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Dť 6:2-6, Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;	
	Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34	
Monday	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:12-14	
Tuesday	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26-32; Lk 14:15-24	
Wednesday	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;	
-	Lk 14:25-33	
Thursday	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10	
Friday	Phil 3:17—4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8	
Saturday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;	
	1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22	
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10;	
	Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or	
	Mk 12:41-44	

# OCIA — Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

#### **Schedule of Upcoming Classes**

November 3, 2024: Communion of Saints and Purgatory

November 10, 2024: Beatitudes

November 17, 2024: OCIA Rites

November 23, 2024: Advent

December 1, 2024: Mary, The Mother of Jesus

All classes are 9:30 to 10:45am on Sundays in the conference room, except for the one on Saturday, November 23. For that class, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance at 4pm Mass. The class on Advent will follow when we are dismissed.



## Remembering our Veterans

#### St. John School Sends Care Packages to Troops

For the eleventh year, St. John School's 4th and 5th grade students are participating in their annual service project by making care packages for our troops. If you would like to make a donation, these are some of the items they need:

Lip balm, medicated foot powder, shoe inserts, antibiotic ointment, anti-itch ointment, muscle pain ointment, eye drops, eyeglass wipes, toothpaste, sunscreen lotion (in tube), insect repellent (non aerosol), hand warmers, trail mix, popcorn, Cracker Jacks, hot chocolate, powdered drink mix packets, mouthwash, powdered Gatorade, deodorant (non aerosol), miniature toilet paper rolls, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, disposable razors, body wash/soap, baby wipes, shampoo, scrubbies, beef jerky (no pork), Slim Jims, chewing gum, DVDs, crossword puzzles, skin lotions, room fresheners, pencil/pens, small notebooks, hand sanitizer.

If you have any supplies that you would like to donate, please bring them to school before **Monday, November 11.** We will send these items to the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana. St. John students will also be on hand at Iberville's Salute to Veterans Monday, November 11.

## Iberville Salute to Veterans

#### **Honoring our Soldiers**

Monday, November 11, 2024 ~ 10am-12pm 23640 Railroad Ave., Plaguemine

Each Veteran's Day since 2008, Iberville Parish has continued the tradition of honoring veterans at the Iberville Veterans Memorial site through Iberville's Salute To Veterans event. Pre-ceremony entertainment begins at 9:30am.

- Featuring Guest Speaker Angela Gomom US Navy Veteran and Commander of LA American Legion
- Patriotic Musical Performances by the Victory Belles, the Simms Sons, and MSA Academy Concert Band
- Performance by National Champion Close Order Drill Team
- Baton Rouge Pipes & Drums
- Iberville's one-of-a-kind Wall of Veterans
- Military Color Guard Units

## Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Plaquemine, LA

#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, November 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; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Ferachi & Hebert Families; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry & Jane, Kirsch Kember; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot, M/M Edmond Berthelot, Sr., M/M Earl Breaux, Sr., John D. Bourg; Joseph Graves, W. A .Graves Family, Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Callahan, Clement & Mayon Families; Iry Blanchard, Tim Himel, Murphy Blanchard, Lance Blanchard; Aubry Quebedeaux, Aline, Dub & Wally Comeaux; Kearney Sr., Sadie & Kearney Jr. Thibodeaux, Betty T. Musco, The Suggs Family; Rev. Kurt Gottwald

#### Sunday, November 10-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, November 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; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Robert Jude Grace, Diane Grace; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; J. Hubert Millet, Tony Louis, Harold Marionneaux; Denise Miranda; Jason Guidry; Mack, Laura & Michael Lazzaro & Lawrence, Kolby Lorio, "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; Earl J. Settoon; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee

#### Sunday, November 10-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Edward Kocke, Jr., Kathy Olivier; Patrick, J. P. & Anna Gaudet; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.

#### Tuesday, November 12-6pm Mass

M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Colt Rivet, Leigh Dupre; Denise Miranda

#### Wednesday, November 13-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, November 14- 7am Mass

Ed Bahry

#### Friday, November 15-7am Mass

J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family



## Sanctuary Candle

November 3, 2024 St. John the Evangelist Ragusa, Mancuso, Collins, Morales, Nola & Bezet Families

St. Clement of Rome Larry Skidmore

### Altar Society

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

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

## Coffee & Donuts

November 10, 2024 Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero (7:30am Mass)



Tom & Germaine Bradley (9am Mass)

## 2025 Church Calendars

The 2025 church calendars are available to our parishioners at the entrances to the church. You may pick up your calendar after any weekend Mass.

Special thanks to Wilbert Funeral Services.

## Children's Liturgy Schedule November & December 2024

A Safe and Nurturing Environment for Children to Participate in the Mass at an Age-appropriate Level November 3, 2024 11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre November 10, 2024 9am Mass—Tracy Cox November 17, 2024 11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre November 24, 2024 9am Mass—Tracy Cox December 1, 2024 11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre December 8, 2024 9am Mass—Tracy Cox December 15, 2024 11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre December 22, 2024 9am Mass—Tracy Cox

## November 3, 2024

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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