# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH





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## Masses

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



## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 10, 2024 A Lot of Nerve

I always thought it took a lot of nerve for Elijah to beg that poor woman for a meal. It would be easier to understand if we heard the verse before this reading begins: God tells the prophet that he has "commanded a widow...to feed you." (1Kgs 17:9)

Now the widow was not aware of this command. But she does as Elijah asked. That took even more faith than Elijah showed. She shows us that we are obeying God's commands when we trust him. Most of those commands come not from a vision, but from someone's cry for help. I wonder how many good people have passed up a chance to do God's will because they didn't hear directly from God what to do. When you hear that a tornado destroyed a

nearby neighborhood, do you hear God asking you to help? Do you hear God's voice when you read in the bulletin that the food pantry is running low?

And if you do hear God calling in these examples, how do you respond? Do you have the faith of the woman whose few cents were all that she had. It takes a lot of courage to trust God completely. Do you have what it takes? Tom Schmidt



## Pastor's Letter

November 10, 2024

Dear Family:

The mighty power of a living ever-present God is in evidence in this week's readings. Both the prophet Elijah and the widow he encounters in Zarephath mark their lives by God's

presence. Elijah responds in kind to her faith and hospitality as she gives to him despite her dire need. God works through them both as they provide for each other. The true miracle of the never-empty jar is the relationship that emerges and the lives that bloom.

On a more universal level, the psalmist reminds us that God who brings two people in need together also secures justice, renders liberation, and sustains all humankind through the sacrifice of Christ as the offering that atones for sin for all time. That said, these authors uphold God's presence for individuals. Indeed, God has particular concern for those with whom society often dispenses, such as immigrants, people who are poor, and others bowed down by the weight of this world.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching. At this point, Jesus and his disciples have traveled to Jerusalem and Jesus knows his time is short. Here in the temple area, Jesus warns those coming to him to beware of those who lord their power over people, those whose greed is insatiable. Jesus has already taught that true leadership is made known in service. Now he exposes the emptiness and impotence of those who are more concerned with status than where they stand in relationship with God and fellow human beings. Teaching in the line of Elijah, Jesus upholds the woman who gives from her need all that she has in the hope of new life.

Many thanks to our St. John students and teachers that went out to our St. John Cemetery and offered prayers and served our community by cleaning up, and/or painted some of the old tombs. Thanks as well to Grace Memorial and all they did to help make our blessing of the graves last weekend such a beautiful and prayerful event.

Regarding our 100 Year Campaign: Thank you for your continued giving in support of our efforts to take care of our beautiful church. We believe we are ready to begin the bidding process. The Diocese is currently reviewing our documents for construction. Within the next few weeks we can expect their approval to go forward. Thanks to all of our parishioners who are on our campaign committee and their dedicated work on behalf of our entire community. We'll keep you informed as we move forward.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## Scripture Readings

Week of November 10, 2024

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	
Monday	Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 17:1-6	
Tuesday	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18,	
	23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10	
Wednesday	Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 17:11-19	
Thursday	Phmn 7-20; Ps 146:7-10;	
	Lk 17:20-25	
Friday	2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1- 2, 10-11,	
	17-18; Lk 17:26-37	
Saturday	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8	
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11;	
	Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32	



#### Baptisms & Baptism Seminars Baptism Seminars

Monday, December 2, 2024 Monday, January 13, 2025 Monday, February 3, 2024

Baptisms Saturday, November 23, 2024 Saturday, December 21, 2024 Saturday, January 18, 2025 Saturday, February 15, 2024

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held once a month on Saturday following 4pm Mass. 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.

## November 10, 2024

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

#### Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,

and I will give you rest, says the Lord." (Mt 11:28) The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm.

#### 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:

## George Gascon & Charles Ray Champagne, Jr.

Donated by: Terry & Ophelia Collins

## 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 at <u>www.stjohnchurchplaq.org</u> 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.

#### Ritualsong

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time #1288 Entrance: This is the Feast of Victory #618 Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\* Communion: Open My Eyes #763 Sending Forth: Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven #711



## We Remember Our Veterans

**Catholic Daughters** The Catholic Daughters will be distributing American flag pins to all veterans this weekend before and after Masses in appreciation for their service to our country.

#### St. John School

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. St. John students will be at Iberville's Salute to Veterans **Monday, November 11** for collecting items. We will send these items to the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana.

#### **Iberville Salute to Veterans**

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

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.

#### **God Bless America!**

## Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

November 2024

#### St. John the Evangelist

Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

## Become friends with God's friends

One Minute Meditations

St. Josaphat of Volhynia Born in Lithuania in 1580, St. Josaphat, a Ruthenian Archbishop of Plotsk, made the unpopular decision to unite his diocese with the Catholic Church. In response to the death threats his efforts provoked, he declared, "I am here among you as a shepherd, and you ought to know that I would be happy to give my life for you." Despite relentless persecution by a schismatic faction, he remained steadfast in his mission and was ultimately martyred by an enraged mob.

#### Be prepared, not afraid

Jesus warns us to expect trials but assures us not to be afraid. Following Him doesn't mean life will be easy, but it promises unshakable peace and everlasting joy. Trust in Him and prepare your heart to receive Him.

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21). Befriending a saint whose story resonates with your own can

deepen your connection with God. Through their writings, prayers, and practices, saints offer wisdom for living faithfully and acquiring virtue. They aren't distant figures but companions in faith. Find a special, "holy friend" to encourage you to grow in holiness.

Adopt a saint: Choose a saint whose life, interests, or profession appeal to

you. Learning how someone achieved extraordinary virtue can attune you to how God might be working in your life.

**Read their writings:** The saints' meditations, letters, and books on the spiritual life can enrich our experience



of God's love, while giving practical advice for living our Faith.

Imitate a saintly practice: Wake with your alarm to offer your day to God. Offer a small sacrifice daily for priests. Make space in your heart for God by decluttering your home.

Refuse to gossip.

Pray with them: When asking earthly friends for help or prayers, we aren't "praying" to them. It's the same with our heavenly friends. When you pray, invite some "holy friends" to add their prayers to yours.

Join them at Mass: "In communion with and commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1370). At every Mass, we're in the company of the saints.

Why Do Catholics W Do That b

Why do Catholics believe in Purgatory?

This doctrine has scriptural roots. In Jesus' parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31), the Rich Man, though suffering after death, expressed concern for his brothers. Other references include 2 Maccabees 12:43-46, Wisdom 3:1-6, Zechariah 13:8-9, and 1

Corinthians 3:13-15. Purgatory reflects God's mercy and generosity, because it reflects His desire for us to be with Him and experience the fullness of Heaven. Our prayers for those in Purgatory help hasten their purification, drawing them closer to eternal joy.

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## Growing in Faith™

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## Stay grounded this Christmas season

Advent and Christmas can be a magical time, but the hustle and bustle of the secular season can leave even the calmest person feeling overwhelmed. Stay grounded by honoring your priorities, making time to recharge, and focusing on Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Honor your priorities: Setting and keeping priorities will help streamline your holiday schedule. An example of "holiday priorities" might including spending time with loved ones, taking time for daily prayer, and refusing to overspend. You'll feel more at peace because you're putting first things first.

from Scripture

Throughout the years of slavery and oppression, God's promise of

a triumphant Israelite king kept hope alive. Many clung to the image of an avenging savior who would destroy their enemies and make Israel a nation to be feared. Jesus, bound, beaten and seemingly powerless before Pilate, the powerful Roman governor, was not what they had in mind. They didn't want a king who talked of love, suffering, and service; they wanted one who would wipe their enemies off the face of the earth. They wanted Jesus to come down

off the Cross.



November 6 - St. Jean-Theophane Venard (1861). Born into a pious family in Poitiers, France, St. Jean-Théophane was ordained in 1852 and sent as a missionary to Vietnam, to minister to persecuted Catholics. Eventually, he was arrested and martyred.

November 9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (1724). The Lateran Basilica was built by Emperor Constantine and is the pope's cathedral. The Church-wide feast of the Lateran's dedication is an expression of the Church's unity with Rome.

#### John 18:33b-37, Jesus' Kingdom is "not of this world"

Yet it was Jesus' sacrifice of love on the Cross that conquered the real

enemies of sin and death. Jesus is King and He has a Kingdom, but as He teaches Pilate and us, His power is not of this world. His kingdom is about peace, justice, integrity, repentance, charity, forgiveness, compassion, and care for the

poor and needy.

Do our lives and actions reflect that awareness? As Christians we are challenged to become more "Christ-like" in our actions, and that means becoming more like Jesus, our King.

November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1917). Mother Cabrini started the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Italy and founded 67 institutions to care for the sick and forgotten in Europe, S. America, and the U.S. She was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.

November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle (1st Century). The son of a Galilean fisherman and brother of Simon Peter, he introduced Jesus to Peter. After the Resurrection, he conducted missions in Turkey, Greece, and Macedonia. He was martyred on a X-shaped cross.

Make time to recharge: Remember the importance of getting enough rest, especially when juggling extra social commitments, projects, decorating, and travelling. Resting takes any form that helps you feel refreshed – napping, praying, walking, reading, listening to music.

Seek the Prince of Peace: For Christians, Advent and Christmas commemorate that Love came to Earth as a child. We know true peace is only found in Jesus. Consider devoting five minutes daily for Him. Pray for His peace to reign in your heart.

# Q How can weadmonish the sinnerwithout judging?

The phrase "Don't judge me!" is often used to deflect correction and excuse sinful behavior. So how can we kindly speak the truth when it's needed?

Judge acts, not people. God gives us the ability to recognize whether actions—our own or others'—are right



or wrong. However, we can't judge a person's heart, soul, or intentions. Only God knows their motives.

Start with humility. Jesus said, "First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly..." (Matthew 7:5). Before offering correction, ensure you are living an authentically holy life yourself.

**Pray and fast.** Some situations require more than words. Prayer and sacrifices on behalf of others can have a powerful impact, especially when it's not possible to intervene directly.

Love is the goal: Speaking the truth to a loved one is difficult, but it's an act of love. True correction looks out for the person's well-being. When done with care and compassion, the person will sense that the correction comes from love, not judgment.

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## Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Plaquemine, LA

#### Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, November 10 from 3-5pm in church. All are welcome!

#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, November 16-4pm 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: Tina & Jake Loyacano, Vincent M. Ferachi; Dudley Landry Family, Joe Coletti, Sr. Family; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Alger Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Scott Marino; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Baby Wyatt Denoux; Randolph Ourso Family; Bill Toups, Jr.; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Delores, Mary, Manuel & The Diamond Family; Josie & Tony Palermo; Caliste "Joe" Landry; Gloria Orcino Landry, Josh Landry, Kimberly Landry, Anthony Orcino, Sr., Carmella Orcino, Elden Flatau, Mary Orcino Flatau; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain; Roy Landry, Jr. & Sr.; Mildred LeJeune Hernandez

#### Sunday, November 17-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, November 17-9am 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; Anthony "Pet" Cilano; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; The Calvaruso Family; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Denise Miranda

#### Sunday, November 17-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "SeSe" Becnel, Ruth Keller, Alcee Becnel, Jr.; M/M Vivian Allain, Milton Allen, Tommy A. Mosley; Isaac Vaughn Jr., Brent Vaughn, Ezora Hedges, Sidney Hedges, Sr.; The Currier Families, Betty Keith & Family; Cameron Edward Whatley

#### Tuesday, November 19-6pm Mass

Bret Thompson; Stephen A. LeBlanc; Fr. Cornelius Crowley; William Barker Family, David Wendt Family, Walter Marionneaux, Jr.

#### Wednesday, November 20-7am

A. J. Rodriguez

Thursday, November 21-7am

Boudreaux & Samson Families

Friday, November 22-7am Mass

Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families

First Reconciliation

St. John Church Wednesday, November 13 — 6pm *Jesus, You make all things new!* 



#### Sanctuary Candle November 10, 2024 St. John the Evangelist Maurice Brown & USMC

St. Clement of Rome Fred Allain, Angela & J. E. Dupont & Pat Dupont

Coffee & Donuts November 17, 2024 George & Patricia Ramirez (7:30am Mass)



Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)

#### Altar Society

**Essential Support System of the Church** 

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, November 13 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

## Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

**Give Blood. Save Lives.** The K. C. will have a Blood Drive at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 58715 Price Street on Tuesday, November 12 from 3-8pm.

### **OCIA Scheduled Classes**

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.



#### November 10, 2024

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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 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

#### Lector Workbooks & Church Calendars

The 2025 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistery. Lectors, please pick up your copy at your convenience.

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.

## Iberville Chamber of Commerce

**Iberville Chamber Presents Tour of Homes** Featuring Four Beautiful Properties in Plaquemine Saturday, December 7, 2024 General Admission: 3-7pm — \$40 (if purchased before November 15) \$50 (if purchased on November15 or after) VIP ONLY: 7-8:30pm — \$100 For more information and tickets, call 225.687.3560 or visit <u>https://www.ibervilletourofhomes.com/</u>.





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