

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



57805 Main Street • Plaquemine, Louisiana 70764
 stjohchurchplaq.org • (225) 687-2402 • Fax (225) 687-1587
 stjohchurchplaq@coxbusiness.net • 24 Hour Prayer Line: (225) 687-1554

Pastoral Team

Rev. Gregory J. Daigle.....Pastor
 Alfred J. Ricard II.....Deacon
 Laurie Barbier....Director of Religious
 Education
 Wanda Ashley.....PSR Coordinator
 Donna Carville.....RCIA

Parish Office Staff

Medric Smith, Jr. ... Business Manager
 Marsha Dupont.....Secretary
 Susan LandrySecretary
 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
 Saturday3:00-3:30 pm



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 2024

What is Truth?

Our first two readings describe in poetic terms what Christ's kingdom is like: a priestly kingdom of glory and power that will never end. Pilate wanted to know if Jesus claimed to be a king, or if the Jews who wanted Jesus destroyed were behind the rumors of kingship. Jesus does not deny his kingship; after all, he says his purpose in life is the Truth. If you were reading this in the Bible, you would see Pilate's response, "What is truth?"

For Jesus (and for us) truth is that God is the source of the universe, the source of all life. Jesus came to show us the truth of God's love for all people. The divine kingdom is simply the way that we relate to God and each other. We join that kingdom, not by signing a membership list, but by living a life of love: Love for God and for each other.

So why doesn't Jesus use all that power and glory to make everyone follow him? God asks us to be humble like Jesus. God doesn't force people to believe. That is another side of Truth: who God is and who we are. If you believe in God, you begin to see God in people who you love, people who need our help. We even see God in the beauty and majesty of creation.

Today Jesus invites us to accept the truth and become members of his kingdom. The tax is what we freely choose to give; the army are those who freely give themselves in service to the poor, the sick, and those who are seeking God. And the laws of this Kingdom are simple—Love God with all your being and love your neighbor as yourself. And that's the Truth.

Tom Schmidt



Pastor's Letter

November 24, 2024

Dear Family:

The apocalyptic vision presented in Daniel 7 is the foundation for Jesus' Gospel claims to be the Son of man. Daniel is characterized, through the court tales of Daniel 1-6, as a faithful sage through whom God reveals Godself. In Daniel 7, he begins to receive God's plan for humankind, including seeing "one like a son of man" (Daniel 7:13). In contemporary Jewish idiom, this refers to a human being. Daniel sees one such person in relation to God, presented as the Ancient One, whose kingship is eternal. Jesus takes this on as a title to represent his self-understanding in relationship to God and he is the Christ, God's anointed one.

John's Gospel presents Pilate interrogating Jesus on the charges at stake for the Roman Empire: kingship and sedition. The heart of the Roman trial is the question of truth. Kingship in the political sense is Pilate's only concern. Jesus parries and prods Pilate to take a stand. Speaking of his kingdom, and strongly so, Jesus declares his kingship beyond that of Pilate or any political system. Not of the world, it is nonetheless witnessed in the world. Pilate pursues the question and indeed Pilate will say four times in the coming scenes that Jesus is king (John 18:39; 19:14; 15, 19). Jesus modifies the title and lays bare the real issue at stake: truth. All accusations come down to this. Jesus, however, continues to fulfill his mission, bearing witness to the truth even on trial.

Some questions for reflection:

Are you familiar with Daniel 7? Have you understood its significance for the Gospels? How does this impact you?

Pilate's dismissal of the knowledge of truth while standing before its embodiment influences the rest of Jesus' story. Authentic belief in Jesus is based on openness to his word as the revelation of God. This is Jesus' final challenge and Pilate refuses to recognize God's revelation in him, but nonetheless seeks neutrality by acting as if Jesus' challenge has nothing to do with him. Can this attempt at neutrality stand?

How do these readings call the faithful to stand for truth in their everyday lives?

Many thanks to Mrs. Donna Carville and our entire Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) who helped us welcome members through the Rite of Acceptance last evening. We look forward to their journey with us to the Easter Sacraments.

Peace,

Fr. Greg Daigle

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

From myself, Deacon Ricard, our Parish and School Staff, please know of our prayers for you and your family to enjoy a Blessed and Joyful Thanksgiving Day. If you are traveling, be assured of our prayers for your safe journey to your destination and your return home to us.

Please join us as our St. John Community gathers for Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church.

OCIA Scheduled Classes

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

November 23, 2024: Advent (Following Rite of Acceptance at 4pm Mass)

December 1, 2024: Mary, The Mother of Jesus (9:30-10:45am)

Classes are held in the church office conference room.

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.



Our Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Wednesday, November 27 at 6pm.

Let Us Give Thanks.

Our office will be closed Thursday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.
The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm.

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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Spirituality and Service

The Catholic Daughters will be selling sweets outside the doors of church after all Masses this weekend. Please support the Catholic Daughters in all the good works they do for our church and community.

Ritualsong

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe #1294

Entrance: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! #672

Preparation: ****Instrumental****

Communion: Taste and See #1031

Sending Forth: Crown Him with Many Crowns #669

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

Devin Michael Durand & Douglas Durand



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Third Floor

Monday, December 2, 2024

Monday, January 13, 2025

Monday, February 3, 2025

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Saturday, January 18, 2025


Saturday, February 15, 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.



★ **December 14, 2024** ★


National Wreaths Across America Day



Help John James Audubon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honor our veterans!


Sponsor a wreath today for \$17 to be placed on a veteran's grave on December 14th, 11 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Cemetery.

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smart phone camera to make a donation online or go to: www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/LA0082P



**WREATHS
ACROSS
AMERICA**

www.wreathsassamerica.org



Contact Brenda Babin, co-chair at brebabin@bellsouth.net. Please order your wreath before Thanksgiving.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30-4pm 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; Leroy Chenevert; Andrew & Josephine Canova, Carlo & Kurt Canova; M/M Willis Berthelot; Shane Smith; Janice Brown; Faye & Harry Martinez; Nolan Bueche III; Gladys Denais; Jacqueline Hemenway; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero, Nat Michel Family; Brennan Bujol

Sunday, December 1-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, December 1-9am 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; M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc; Rosemary Cox; Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Denise Miranda; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Raffle; James Roucher

Sunday, December 1-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.

Tuesday, December 3-6pm Mass

Alvin "Pecan" Daigle; Victor J. Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Frank & Josie Canella

Wednesday, December 4-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Thursday, December 5-7am Mass

Brenda Comeaux

Friday, December 6-7am Mass

Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families

Iberville Chamber of Commerce

Iberville Chamber Presents Tour of Homes

Featuring Four Beautiful Properties in Plaquemine
Saturday, December 7, 2024

General Admission \$50 — 3-7pm

VIP ONLY \$100 — 7-8:30pm

For more information and tickets, call 225.687.3560 or visit <https://www.ibervilletourofhomes.com/>.



Sanctuary Candle

November 24, 2024

St. John the Evangelist
Yves & Vera Ramirez Family

St. Clement of Rome
Colby Gomez

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, November 27 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Coffee & Donuts

December 1, 2024

Gary & Dolores Pruitt

(7:30am Mass)



Bobby Blanchard, Susie Burns & Michelle Sharon (9am Mass)

Women's Silent Advent Retreat

Worship and Fellowship

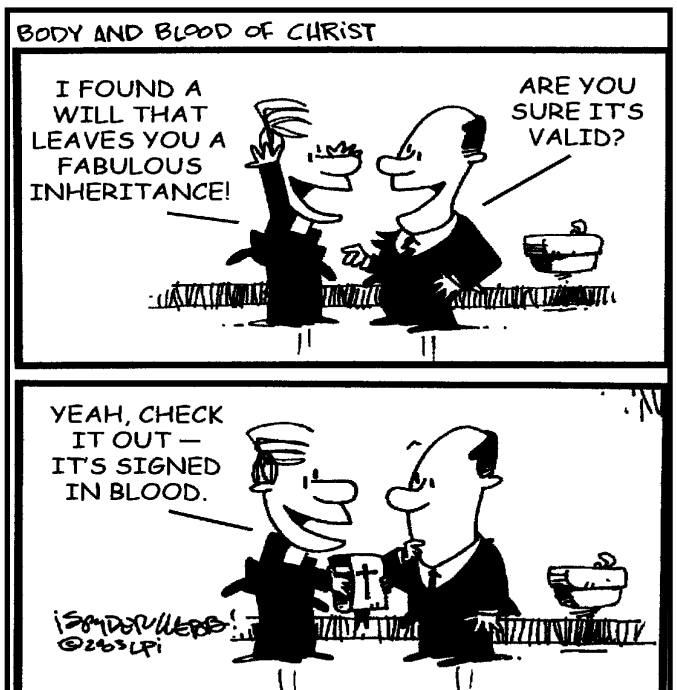
When: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Where: St. John The Evangelist Church Parish Hall

Lead By: The Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes

A light lunch will be provided. Register today by calling 225.687.2402.

"Unwrap Your Gifts and Find True Advent Peace"



Scripture Readings

Week of November 24, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5;

Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Monday Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1-6;

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13;

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3, 7-9;

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;

Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Friday Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a;

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11;

Mt 4:18-22

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;

1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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 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

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)