# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH





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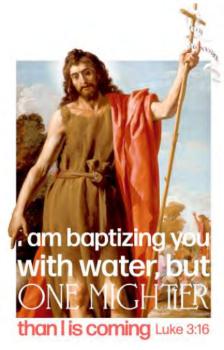
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## Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday7:30 am, 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



# Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

## Not Ready? No Problem!

We often get so caught up in all the things we do to prepare for Christmas that we forget Advent all together. The readings remind us that in spite of the stress we may feel thinking about how close Christmas is, we are called to rejoice for the Lord is near.

The stress we feel may be from fear. But did you ever notice how much easier it is when you have someone to shop with you, or write the Christmas cards, or decorate the tree? "Shout for joy...fear not!" says the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading. (Zeph 3:14) He tells us the Lord is not coming to punish us for waiting till the last minute to put up the tree. The prophet says the Lord is in our midst, we are not alone. "He has turned away your enemies." (Zeph 3:15) And as if that wasn't good enough, he says that the Lord rejoices over

us! How many times have you wondered if you could ask the Lord for help? Zephaniah reminds us that the Lord is happy to help. And St. Paul says the same thing in the second reading: "Have no anxiety at all...make your requests known to God." (Phil 4:6) That is where

Advent comes in. We can look forward to the Lord's presence in our lives. That is why faith and hope are central to the theme of Advent. Our faith in God's love for us gives us hope that he will support us in our weakness and fill us with the joy he has over us.



## Pastor's Letter

December 15, 2025

Dear Family:

John the Baptist's listeners were convinced that God was about to act decisively to correct human history. God was going to carry out this correction through a person specially chosen and prepared for the role, someone called the "anointed," in Greek, *christos,* or "christ, " and in Hebrew *messiah.* When the Messiah came, they

believed, he would gather a force of chosen individuals to his side. To make sure that these individuals were ready, God would first send someone to prepare the way, to explain what was necessary to serve as a citizen-soldier in the anointed one's army. This is the context of this Sunday's Gospel. John's listeners wonder if he is the anointed one, but John demurs, revealing instead that he is the one sent to prepare the way.

Given the great consequences of John's work, it is somewhat surprising to see that the content of his preaching is mundane. Preparation for God's decisive intervention in history did not require mystical or military training. Instead, John's preaching focused on the everyday. He told his listeners to share their clothing and food, to conduct their business honestly, not to give into greed. Given the religious ferment of the day one wonders how many were disappointed by this message.

The Messiah came, and many were ready to follow, and the church grew very quickly. In our journey through Advent, we cannot forget that we are still awaiting Christ's arrival daily in quiet ways through the Holy Spirit. It can be tempting to think we need to find dramatic ways to prepare, but God asks of us nothing more than does today's Gospel. Share with those who have nothing. Be honest in your dealings with others. Control your greed and other passions. Only when such things are done will we be ready when the Holy Spirit comes upon us and reveals the good things God is doing for our freedom.

Some questions for reflection:

How are you preparing this advent for Christ's arrival?

What small things can you do to prepare?

How can you help someone else prepare the way for Christ?

I will be away this weekend. Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Jon Koehler and Fr. David Allen who will be offering Masses this weekend. We are truly grateful for the retired priests of our diocese that continue to be of service to all of us.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

#### **100 Year Campaign News**

First, a huge thank you for all of your generosity that is helping us meet the monetary needs to begin our first phase of renovation. The bids for the first phase originally came in over \$400,000 than we anticipated. In part due to rising costs and the problem of renovation of the roof on the east side of our church (the side near the office building).

Mr. Henry Carville and our campaign committee went back to the companies that bid on the project. To make the east side more accessible for scaffolding, we offered to tear down the carport on that side which will allow the company to have good access to complete their work. We will be in conversation with the companies as we go forward with the current bids on the project. I am grateful that our parishioners, Ronnie Hebert and Billy Tullier have volunteered to assist with the management of this project. If you see them around town, please express your thanks to them. Their expertise will help make our renovation a complete success. We'll be keeping you informed as we continue to move forward.

## December 15, 2024

## Third Sunday of Advent



The Advent Wreath Candle for the 3rd Sunday of Advent burns in loving memory of:

> Ragusa, Mancuso, Collins, Morales, Nola & Bezet Families

Calvin Wilbert III, Marion & Betty Cazes, Cal & Betty Wilbert

**Bobby Wilson** 

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve — Tuesday, December 24 4pm Mass 6pm — Children's Mass 12am — Mass at Midnight Christmas Day — Wednesday, December 25 9am Mass

## Sharing Christmas Joy

#### Nativity Scene in Church

Our beautiful crèche with life-size Fontanini figures will be available for viewing for anyone who would like an opportunity to make a prayerful visit to our Lord and Savior. The church will be open and the lights will be on daily from 7am-3:30pm beginning Tuesday, December 17, 2024 until Sunday, January 19, 2025.

#### **Holiday Visits to Homebound**

We will be visiting the homebound, the sick and elderly parishioners during the holidays **Thursday and Friday**, **December 19 & 20**. If anyone would like to join us in bringing poinsettias and Christmas joy to the homebound, please call JoAnn Landry at 225.776.0782.

#### **Christmas Flower Envelopes**

The envelope for Christmas flowers has been placed in the December packet of envelopes. The names of loved ones remembered with Christmas flowers will be published in future bulletins.

## Children's Liturgy Schedule for December

December 15, 2024 11am Mass—Alexis Schlatre December 22, 2024 9am Mass—Tracy Cox

## Ritualsong

Third Sunday of Advent #1098 Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #492

Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\* Communion: Christ Circle Round Us — Bulletin Sending Forth: Savior of the Nations, Come #498



## 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 heavily burdened, and I will refresh you and give you peace of Soul". (Mt. 11:28-29) The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm.

## **Epiphany Concert**

#### St. John the Evangelist Church Sunday, January 12, 2025 4pm-5:15pm

Tickets (\$25) are available for purchase for our Annual Epiphany Concert through St. John School (225.687.3056) and the St. John Church Office (225.687.2402).

Join us for songs for the journey - Sacred, Broadway & Big Band music performed by Father Greg Daigle accompanied by Bill Grimes and the St. John Epiphany orchestra benefitting St. John School. Epiphany Concert tickets make wonderful Christmas gifts. Why not purchase one for yourself and a friend while supporting St. John School?

### Knights of Columbus Raffle Calendars

The Knights of Columbus Council 970 has 2025 Raffle Calendars for sale to support their charity endeavors through the year. The calendars are \$20 each and offer 365 chances to win. Call or text Bart Schlatre @ 385-5712 if interested in purchasing.

The Knights of Columbus' mission is to empower Catholic men to live their faith in their community, parish, work, and home.

## Plaquemine, LA

### **OCIA** Rite of Acceptance



Following the Rite of Acceptance on November 23 at 4pm Mass the OCIA candidates celebrated with their families for a potluck dinner in the parish hall. At left, clockwise, are Patsy Agosta, candidate Andy Agosta, wife Alise and their children Julia and Gino Agosta. At right, I to r, are candidate Matthew Rowland, wife Biney and sons Gregory and Daniel Rowland. The candidates will enter fully into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Saturday, April 19, 2025.

### 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:

# Joyce Hebert & Betty LaBauve

Donated by: Dr. & Mrs. Charlie Carville



# Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars Monday, January 13, 2025 Monday, February 3, 2025 Monday, March 10, 2025

#### **Baptisms**

Saturday, December 21, 2024 Saturday, January 18, 2025 Saturday, February 15, 2025

The Baptism Seminars are held in the church office conference room at 7pm. Baptisms are held once a month following 4pm Mass.

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



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, December 21-4pm 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; John & Ann Ruiz, Michael Gourgues, Shirley G. Zito; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry & Jane, Kirsh Kember; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Alger Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Scott Marino; Callahan, Clement & Mayon Families; Catherine & Andrew Roucher, L. R. & Marie Young; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Kenneth Ourso, Sr., Gina Ourso; Larry Percle, Keller Family, "Se Se" Becnel, Percle Family; Wayne Gary, Barbara Gary, Jerry Fontenot; Mildred LeJeune Hernandez

Sunday, December 22-7:30am - St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, December 22-9am

Baby Oliver Denoux; Robert Jude Grace, Diane Grace; Harold Sr., Barbara & Frances Himel, Brenda Blank; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Denise Miranda; Berthelot, Guillot, Cavet & Schlatre Families; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee

#### Sunday, December 22-11am Mass

Edward Kocke, Jr., Kathy Olivier; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; The Currier Families, Betty Keith & Family

#### Tuesday, December 24-4pm

Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry Ferachi, Ferachi & Hebert Families; M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Vincent M. Ferachi; Dudley Landry Family, Joe Coletti, Sr. Family; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, "Bro" Bujol; Amelia, Wheel & Gayle Badeaux; J. W. Bryant Family; Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Carlo, Andrew & Josephine Canova, Jerry & Cutsy Blanchard; Hollye A. Comeaux, Achee Family, Carringone Family, M/M Jim Panepinto; Tommy Griffon; Bret Thompson; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux: M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere. Tina Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; Donald Stockman; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony Falcon, Brandi Quatrevingt, M/M Frank Tempanaro, Camille Tempanaro, Paula Morales, M/M Ray Murry, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, Tommy, Jay, Brian & Randy Quatrevingt; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Jenny & Alton Boudreaux, Darrel & Kye Boudreaux; Sylvia Rivet; Murphy Blanchard, Lance Blanchard, Augusta Himel, Amanda Himel; The Calvaruso Family; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Staempfli; Nolan Bueche III; Marvin Allen, The Allen Family, The Diamond Family; Josie & Tony Palermo; Pat Messina; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale; Victor J. Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Frank & Josie Canella; Helen Annette Laurence; Kearney Sr., Sadie & Kearney Jr. Thibodeaux, Betty T. Musco, The Suggs Family; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero, Nat Michel Family: Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Jay Landry, Jr. & Sr.: Nicole Miller: Mildred LeJeune Hernandez; Troy Canella; Elizabeth "Liz" Drago Graham, Cloyed Graham, Sr. & Jr., Rita Hedges Seymour, James Clouatre, Sr., Terri Lynn Clouatre; M/M Robert Olano, Paul Joffrion, Sr.; Margaret Navarre, Cody Navarre; Cecil Comeaux & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Dolza Comeaux & Family; Terek Smart, The Nick Mancuso Family, Roger Adams, Jude Barker

#### Tuesday, December 24-6pm

O.J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Jaynell Lopez, Albert Lopez, Jr., Johnson & Lopez Families; Johnny Zito, Sr., Johnny Zito, Jr.; Marie Marionneaux; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Huey Hebert Family, Gaudet Family; Sidney "Benny", Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Quatrevingt Family; LeBlanc, Cavalier & Simoneaux Families; Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Sam A. Distefano, Sr., Lillie Engolio Distefano, Sam "Buttie" Distefano, Lucille Leggio Distefano; Allen & Alberta Buquoi, Michael Clause, Mary Jo Primeaux, Dwight Marix; Alvin "Pecan" Daigle; Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulgere & Nilda Daigle; Bert Allain

#### Tuesday, December 24-Midnight

M/M John Caffarel, Sr., M/M G. E. Marix; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Babies Wyatt & Oliver Denoux, Henry Daigle, Sr., Jo Ann Daigle; David E. Wendt, Jr., David Wendt Family, W. E. Barker Family, Walter Marionneaux, Jr. (Continued on next page) (Mass Intentions continued)

#### Wednesday, December 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; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo, Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc; "D" & Rosie Hernandez; Trabeaux, Dugas & Naquin Families; Murray & Dixie Suffrin, Brennan Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & "Joe" Landry, Kimberly Landry, Anthony Orcino, Sr., Carmella Orcino, Elden Flatau, Mary Orcino Flatau; Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families; Rosemary Cox; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family; Anthony & Margie Vitale, Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau; Tommy Griffon; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family, Maggie & Joe Gullotto, Lola & A. J. Adams, George Gullotto, Frances & George Calcagno; Clinton & Wendell Fournerat; William H. Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Joshua Barker, Kirsch Kember, M/M Harry Kember, M/M Earl Bourgeois, M/M Harry Kember, Sr., Marie Olano, Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Gladys "Butsy" Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Douglas Brewer; Ed Bahry; Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier, Harry Marionneaux; Kenneth "Klu" Brown, M/M Jimmy Brown, M/M Raymond Dugas; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Janice Brown, Ernest & Mary Gulotta Brown, Alfred & Ada Pinell Hebert; Faye & Harry Martinez; Dom Engolio, M/M Joseph Engolio, Charles Engolio; M/M Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste; James & Marie Miranda, Denise & Glenda Miranda, Louise Samaha; Pat Messina; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr., Ezora Hedges, Sidney Hedges, Sr.; George O. Michel, Alvin Joseph Daigle, Sr. Family, Anatole Nestor Michel Family; Kevin Mellieon, Geraldine Kelly, Elsie Sam, Lena Delahoussaye; Mack, Laura & Michael Lazzaro & Laurence, Kolby Lorio, "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; Paul Joffrion, Robert & May Berta Olano, Keith Edenfield, Linda Hebert; Paul, Pat & Raymond Kendrick, T. E. & Audrey Bickham, Sam & Inez Denoux, Jr., All Holy Souls of Purgatory; Berthelot, Guillot, Cavet & Schlatre Families; Cathie Blanchard; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Diane Grace; Charles "Buddy" Miller, Lola Miller Carline & Family, Hilda Rose Maude & Family, John William Smith & Family; Troy Canella

#### Thursday, December 26-7am Mass

Fred & Josephine Hamilton, Emma & Henry G. Grass

#### Friday, December 27-7am Mass

John "Sonny" Bunch



Sanctuary Candle December 15, 2024 St. John the Evangelist Wendt Family

St. Clement of Rome Willis & Maxine Berthelot Mack & Lucy Guillot

#### Coffee & Donuts December 22, 2024



Lou Anna Canella & Lionel Schexnaildre (7:30am Mass)

Lee Ann Howard (9am Mass)

## Altar Society

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

Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, December 18 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



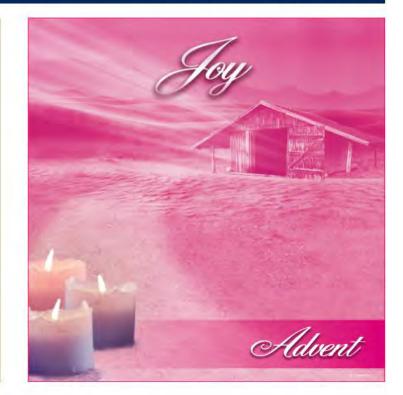
## December 15, 2024

## Third Sunday of Advent

## Scripture Readings

## Week of December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent		
	Zep 3:14-18a; ls 12:2-6; Phil 4:47;	
	Lk 3:10-18	
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 24:4-5ab, 6,	
·····,	7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27	
Tuesday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17;	
,	Mt 1:1-17	
Wednesday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;	
,	Mt 1:18-25	
Thursday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a,	
	5-6b, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25	
Friday	ls 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38	
Saturday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;	
Saturuay		
	Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21;	
	Lk 1:39-45	
Fourth Sunday of Advent		
	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;	
	Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45	





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