# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH





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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



He saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove Matthew 3:16

#### The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025 Fear Not

Did the first reading from Isaiah sound familiar? We also hear it on the first Sunday of Advent every few years. I suppose it could be a reminder that John the Baptist appears at the beginning of the Advent/Christmas season and at the end. In Advent we were preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Now we are preparing for his coming at any time.

The reading from Isaiah talks about the Lord coming in mercy to the people whose "guilt is explated" (Isaiah 40:2). With our sins forgiven we need not fear asking God for help: "Fear not to cry out" (Isaiah 40:9). The Lord comes in power, not to strike sinners down but to shepherd them and lead them.

In the second reading, St. Paul has a similar theme. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross so that we could be free to give ourselves in love as he did. No matter how bad I was in the past, the Lord loves me enough to forgive it all, and even better, to give the Spirit to help me stay close to God.

Monthew 3:16 How do we prepare for this? We can start by hearing the words of the readings today, letting them sink into our hearts and minds. Ask the Spirit to help look for ways you can be more loving with your family, then with your friends, and eventually with anyone who needs your help. When we let that Spirit guide us, we become like Jesus in that we can listen for God to say, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased" (see Luke 3:22). Tom Schmidt

# Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

# Plaquemine, LA

#### **Epiphany Concert**

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

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. Tickets (\$25) are available at the door.



#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

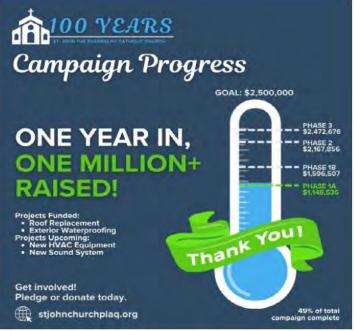
Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU. The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm.

#### In Loving Honor of...

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

# Donna & Charles Carville

**Donated by:** Carol L. Bradley



#### Ritualsong

#### The Baptism of the Lord #1113

Entrance: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #693 Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\* Communion: Eat This Bread #1033

Sending Forth: Shall We Gather at the River #960

#### 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: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ferachi

# Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

Sunday, February 9, 2025 — 2pm St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church 9150 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 **Bishop Michael Duca, Celebrant of the Mass** 

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The families of the celebrating couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the reception afterward in the gym.

Please email marshaadupont@sj.brcoxmail.com, call the Church office at 225.687.2402, or fill out the form below and mail it to St. John Church, 57805 Main St. The deadline is Thursday, January 15, 2025.

\*\* Please print or write legibly. Names will appear on certificate as indicated below. \*\*

Examples: Mary & John Jones; or Mary Brown and John Jones; or Mr. and Mrs. John Jones

Names: Street Address:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of years married: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated # of family members to attend besides couple:

#### Crèche Construction Crew



Our construction crew rallied to help decorate the church and assemble the crèche for Christmas. The men doing the heavy lifting are: (top, I to r) Punchy Daigle, Barry Lamothe, Bart Schlatre, Ralph Rivet, Gary Bertrand and David LoBue. Bottom, I to r, are: LeBoeuf Ourso, Jason Leonard, Billy Bujol, Patrick Landry, Tommy Bickham, Boonie Boudreaux, John Miller and Roger Sadden. Not pictured is Gary Perrault.

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 daily from 7am-3:30pm through Sunday, January 19, 2025.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars Baptism Seminars — 7pm Third Floor Conference Room

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

**Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass** 

Saturday, January 18, 2025 Saturday, February 15, 2025

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.

# Scripture Readings

Week of Jan	uary 12, 2025
Sunday	Baptism of the Lord
	ls 42:1-4, 6-7 or ls 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1a-2,
	3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
	Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,
	21-22
Monday	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2a, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Second Sunda	ay in Ordinary Time
	ls 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
	Jn 2:1-11

# Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

January 2025

St. John the Evangelist Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

# One Minute Meditations

#### St. André Bessette

Born in Montreal, Canada, St. Alfred Bessette was orphaned at the age of twelve. He was mentored by Fr. André Provençal, who inspired him to join religious life. He joined

the Congregation of the Holy Cross at twenty-five, becoming "Brother André," and was the doorkeeper for their school. During an epidemic, everyone in his care was miraculously healed with oil from a lamp lit before St. Joseph. With help and donations, he built an oratory to St. Joseph.

#### Holy simplicity

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Holy simplicity, or "spiritual childhood," starts with being who you are and not trying to be who you're not — even in prayer. When we're open-hearted with God, His grace can change our hearts. We grow in humility, trust, and love the roots of "tough" virtues like courage, perseverance, and faithfulness.

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45).

# 7 resolutions to transform your New Year

The New Year is a chance to come closer to becoming the person you are meant to be. As you embrace the new beginning, consider these seven resolutions to allow God's love to transform your life.

1. **Trust Him**: Trust in God is the foundation of a peaceful soul. Start each day praying, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I surrender myself to You; Take care of everything," and He will.

2. Embrace authentic humility: A humble heart chooses others first. Ask, "How can I best love this person?" and let your actions reflect that answer.

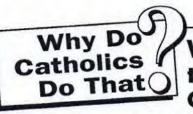
3. Partner with your guardian angel: Your guardian angel is always with you, offering guidance and protection (Matthew 18:10). Call upon your angel daily for heavenly help.

4. Practice self-discipline: Small sacrifices can lead to profound transformation. Skip cream in your coffee, offer someone full attention, cut back on screen time.

5. Seek out silence: God often speaks in silence. Find silence in your day to rest in God's presence, and let Him renew your spirit.

6. Deepen your knowledge of our Faith: Faith blossoms with understanding. Look through the Catechism until something interests you, and dive deeper.

7. Offer God your free time: If you have an hour to yourself, spend five minutes in prayer. No time spent with Love, Himself, is ever wasted.



Why do Catholics have two versions of the Creed?

The Apostles' Creed is the<br/>summary of the beliefs of the early<br/>Church. The Nicene Creed is an<br/>expanded form of the Apostles'<br/>Creed and comes from two great<br/>Church councils (Nicaea, 325 and<br/>Constantinople, 381). Intended<br/>to combat Arianism, the NiceneCreed en<br/>and divis<br/>of the Ca<br/>a commutation<br/>beliefs of<br/>congrega<br/>of truth.

Creed emphasizes Jesus' divinity and divine Sonship (*Catechism* of the Catholic Church, #465). As a communal profession of faith, the Nicene Creed affirms the core beliefs of the Church and unites the congregation in a shared declaration of truth.

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# A proven way to grow in friendship with God

Do you long to feel God's love more deeply but find something holding you back? St. Ignatius of Loyola shared this struggle, inspiring him to create a transformative daily practice. This practice can help you live with greater joy in your journey with Christ:

1. Give thanks: Reflect on the blessings of your day. Pause to savor them and offer heartfelt gratitude.

2. Seek clarity: Ask God for the grace to recognize your sins and remove them from your heart.

3. Examine your day: Review your actions from

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#### Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Not the Messiah they expected ...

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. He read the prophecy of Isaiah about the coming of the Messiah, who would "bring glad tidings to the poor." Then He said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He confirmed that He was the long-awaited Messiah.

His hearers must have been shocked: they expected the Messiah to be a worldly king from an important city, not a carpenterturned-preacher from a small town like Nazareth. They expected this Messiah-king to defeat the



January 3 - The Holy Name of Jesus. In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. " ... At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).

January 7 - St. Raymond of Peñafort (1275). St. Raymond studied canon (Church) law before joining the Dominican Order. He worked for Pope Gregory IX, then was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, Spain. Afterwards, he was elected head of the Dominicans. He retired two years

oppressive Romans and make Israel a powerful nation. Instead, Jesus conquered the even greater enemies of sin and death by His Death and Resurrection.

Throughout the Bible, God chose unlikely heroes to carry out His plans: think of Abraham, Moses, David, St. Peter, St. Paul, and many others. Jesus, the Son of God, came to Earth as a newborn infant and lived in humility, poverty, and service. The Good News is that God's love is stronger than sin and death. If He rose to glory, those who follow Him faithfully will, too.

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January 23 - St. Vincent of Saragossa (304). Born in Saragossa, Spain, St. Vincent trained as a deacon under Bishop Valerius. During the Diocletian persecutions, St. Vincent and the bishop were captured. St. Vincent was tortured but refused to deny Christ.

a - Saints Timothy and Titus (1st century). St. Timothy was converted by St. Paul and became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work, especially at Corinth. St. Titus served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.

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waking until now. Reflect on how sin crept in, the

that need God's healing touch.

Confession if needed

virtues you may need to cultivate, and areas of your life

4. Ask for mercy: Come to God in repentance. His

Heaven rejoices over every contrite heart (Luke 15:7).

more fully tomorrow. Plan how to resist temptation,

make an effort to amend relationships, or prepare for

mercy welcomes you back, and Scripture assures us that

5. Resolve to grow: Commit to loving God and others

#### **Does fervent prayer** & change God's mind?

Prayer doesn't change God's mind, as if He had to be persuaded to love us. God is a good Father, and He is our Father who knows how to give good gifts (Matthew 7:9-11). Yet, prayer is still powerful and worthwhile for other reasons:

Prayer changes us: God rewards persistent, faith-filled prayer: "Lord, I entrust this to you. Thy Will be done." When we persevere in prayer, grace goes to work in our souls: our desires are purified, ordered, and sometimes even deepened. Our hearts are gradually brought into line with God's, and we begin to see, choose, and love like He does.

Prayer is relationship: A read through Scripture shows God seems to enjoy involving many "co-conspirators" in His plans, even today. He doesn't need us yet desires our (active) involvement in His plans. He has the final say, but wants to hear our thoughts, questions, and concerns. God didn't make us to be robots but His children and heirs (Galatians 4:6-7). Prayer isn't magic. It's way more powerful.

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#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 18-4pm 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; Charles Champagne, Jr.; Trista Parro, John & Myrtle Lively; Anthony & Frances Palermo, Jim Cashiola, Daisy P. King; Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Basilia Tella Cotoli; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Allen & Dottie Rivere, Julius & Neva Bolotte; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Hahn, LeJeune & Hernandez Families; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato; Margie Vitale; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Bill Toups, Jr.; M/M Robert Olano, Paul Joffrion, Sr.; Dayna Elizabeth Hidalgo Lopez; Sissee Reinhardt; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Sr., Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Sr. & Jr.; Paul & Jenise Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier

#### Sunday, January 19-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, January 19-9am 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; Dianne Grace; Marie Martinez, Mary Ann Gregoire; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; A Special Intention

#### Sunday, January 19-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson, Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Pauline & Alcee Becnel, Jr.; George O. Michel, Alvin Daigle, Sr. Family, Anatole Nestor Michel Family; Nolan J. Bueche III; Allaina Allain & Family; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont

#### Tuesday, January 21-6pm Mass

Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson

#### Wednesday, January 22-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Thursday, January 23-7am Mass David G. Hebert

#### Friday, January 24-7am Mass

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Allain

The Baptism of the Lord

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