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Masses

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 pm
 Sunday...7:30 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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19, 2025

Flipped-out Pharisees

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is not only the first miracle in John’s Gospel—it is also John’s first mention of Jesus’ mother. I used to find it odd that he addressed her as “Woman.” But in that time the word was more respectful; it could even be affectionate. Jesus does help as his mother requested, but he does so in a way that is a lesson about God’s love.

You have probably heard how the Jewish people in Jesus’ time performed purification rituals before eating anything. The cleansings were a sign that they wanted to be like God, completely free from sin. Eventually, it came to mean that you could not approach God until you cleansed yourself. Jesus could have made the wine in bottles or wineskins. But he used the “six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings” (John 2:6). That meant that once they were full of wine, no one could wash themselves from

the jars. I wonder how many Pharisees flipped out when they saw that.

The point of this is that no one can cleanse themselves. We don’t purify ourselves in order to come to God—we come to God to be purified. God is the only one who can make us holy. God offers this to sinners especially, because sinners who know they need forgiveness are the only ones to receive it. God never forces mercy on anyone. It is offered to those who ask for it. The amount of wine symbolizes the extent of God’s mercy. As there was now more than enough wine for the wedding, God has more than enough mercy for those who need it. Wine is also a symbol of joy in the Old Testament. There is no greater joy than knowing that you have been forgiven by the Lord.

Tom Schmidt



Pastor's Letter

January 19, 2025

Dear Family:

In his autobiography *Journal of a Soul*, Pope John the 23rd described his childhood poverty in terms of food: "There was never any bread on the table, only polenta, and there was no wine for the children." Americans, many of whom treat wine as a luxury that only adults enjoy, often forget that wine has been a staple foodstuff for millennia. This is especially true for peoples of the Mediterranean basin, of whom Jesus was one. Wine was an important source of calories and potable fluid. It also provided certain trace nutrients difficult to find elsewhere. Because it was easy to produce and, in the era before refrigeration, store in large quantities, it would have been the most abundant thing at any celebration. To run out of wine was to run out of food.

St John's narrative is dense and there are as many interpretations as there are interpreters. Despite the many voices, it is clear that Jesus was as interested in domestic and everyday things such as food and wine as he was concerned with cosmic realities such as death, salvation, and eternal life. Christ may have taught us to work for peace on earth, but he also wants to be sure that lunch is on the table. As his disciples, we must do the same, relying on Christ to do what we can to save our corner of creation while we work together as Church for the salvation of all.

Some questions for reflection:

How has Christ helped you with everyday things?

What "wine" has Christ multiplied in your life?

How have you worked in ways small and large to reveal God's kingdom?

Peace,

Fr. Greg

100 YEAR CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thanks to your constant support of our Campaign. According to our last report, we have received 51 percent of our total goal of 2.5 Million dollars. Your great generosity continues to move us forward with our renovation plans.

The diocese has approved our financial plans and use of our collected funds in order to begin Phase 1 of our construction plans to replace the roof of our historic church. We are still waiting for the final additions and edits to the construction documents. I know this seems slow, but please realize that the diocese has all these steps in place to protect us. (Afterall, we are replacing a roof that was not correctly done. Our church deserves doing it right and well.)

The company has been chosen and we will soon see scaffolding and other equipment on the property. We were able to bring down the cost for the roof by agreeing to remove the carport between the Office and the Rectory. You may see this within the next couple of weeks or sooner. This is being done to allow access to the east side of the church for equipment and scaffolding. Let us continue our prayers for the success of our project. Many thanks to our committee, Mr. Henry Carville and Fusion Architects, and to each of you for your generosity and prayers.



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm.

With Gratitude from The Deacon

Dear Parishioners of St. John Church Parish,
I am overwhelmed to have so many good friends remember me and my family at Christmas. You all remain in my daily prayers and I ask that you keep me and my family in yours. Happy New Year!

With Sincerest Appreciation,
Deacon Alfred Ricard

Ritualsong

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time #1199

Entrance: The Summons #886

Preparation: ****Instrumental****

Communion: We Are Many Parts #918

Sending Forth: Lead Me, Guide Me #759

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:

Joy & "Red" Willis
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Charles Douglas Breaux, Sr.

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Nolan "Country" Ruiz

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World Marriage Day

St. John Church Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration

On **Saturday, February 15** at St. John the Evangelist Church, couples celebrating 25, 50, 55, 60, 65 or greater years of marriage will be honored with reserved seating at 4pm Mass. Corsages and boutonnieres will be available in the parish hall for couples before Mass. Family and friends are invited to a reception following Mass in the parish hall hosted by the Altar Society.

If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries in the year 2025 and would like to celebrate with us, please email marshaadupont@sj.brcoxmail.com, call the Church office at 225.687.2402, or fill out the form below. You may drop the form in the collection basket at weekend Mass or mail it to St. John Church, 57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764

Full Names: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Please circle anniversary to be celebrated:

25 50 60 65 More than 65 _____

****Please respond by Monday, February 10.****



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Third Floor

Monday, February 3, 2025

Monday, March 10, 2025

Monday, April 7, 2025

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 — 9am & 11am Masses

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.

Christmas Flowers and Decorations 2024

In Loving Memory

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 Dr. Micah Day
 Cat & Gloria Ramirez
 Tony & Frances Savariste
 Sarah & Jimmy Migliacio
 Joseph Graves, Sr.
 W. A. Graves & Family
 Thomas Morales & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rarick
 Rose Marie LeBlanc
 (continued in future bulletins)

Children's Christmas Mass — December 24, 2024



A grateful acknowledgement is made to Jennifer Adams, coordinator of the Children's Christmas Mass skit, the parents of the children and the participants who made the event very meaningful and enjoyable. The participants were Josie D., Avery S., Claudia B., Madison D., Addie Bea S., Morgan P., Jade D., Jeanne D., Elliot L., Maura Grace S. and Thomas C.



St. John School Open House

St. John School PreK-incoming 8th grade Open House will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at 6pm. Tours of the elementary/middle school campus will be provided. Prospective families should visit the school website, www.stjohnschool.org and register to attend.

St. John interparochial School provides a disciplined, nurturing environment guided by Catholic values, where students can grow through religious academic experiences, faith and moral formation, and opportunities for service and leadership.



**The Sacrament of Confirmation
Age Change**

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the age change be implemented?

The current 2024/2025 Confirmation cycle will not have any changes. The preparation and celebration of Confirmation will continue to take place as already planned according to current practices (11th grade). The transition plan will vary according to the size of the parish. Pastors and their catechetical team will be presented with various models to discern which best meets the needs of parishioners.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 25-4pm 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; Norman, Dorothy & Laura Lynn Grass; David G. Hebert, Myrle R. Hebert, Hebert & Dupont Families, Ted Jones, Bobby Howell, Hamilton Lemoine; Faye & Harry Martinez; Stephen A. & Joseph Carol LeBlanc; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Joe & Lucy Ferachi & Family; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family; Amelia, Wheel & Gayle Badeaux; Donald Callegan

Sunday, January 26-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, January 26-9am 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; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; James & Marie Miranda, Glenda Miranda, Louise Samaha; The Calvaruso Family; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Janette Daigle & Family; Nancy Taylor; John "Sonny" Bunch

Sunday, January 26-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Nolan "Country" Ruiz; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Leon Graffeo, Sadie & Harry LeBlanc

Tuesday, January 28-6pm Mass

Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Robert Mooney

Wednesday, January 29-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Thursday, January 30-7am Mass

Earle, Debbie & Cathie Blanchard

Friday, January 31-7am Mass

Janette Daigle & Family

Wanted: Prayer Warriors

St. John the Evangelist has an automated prayer line (225.687.1554) for those requesting prayer; whether they are facing surgery, are ill or would like to pray for another. We have a team who pray for all prayer line intentions. If you would like to join our team of Prayer Warriors, call the church office at 225.687.2402.



Theme: Every Life is Worth Living!

January 25, 2025 — 10am

March for Life at the Louisiana Life March South in Baton Rouge with thousands of others to support moms, defend life, and proclaim that we love moms and their babies!

Meet us at the State Capitol Front Lawn (Intersection of North 4th Street & Spanish Town Road) before 10am.

Special Catholic Mass Before the March at 8:30am:

Youth groups and church partitioners are invited to join a Special Catholic Mass with Bishop Michael Duca at 8:30am at St. Joseph Cathedral before the march begins. Please contact Deacon Randall Waguespack for more information at rwaguespack@diobr.org.



Sanctuary Candle

January 19, 2025

St. John the Evangelist
Charles Champagne, Jr.

St. Clement of Rome
Larry Skidmore

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.



Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, January 22 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



Coffee, Donuts & King Cake

January 26, 2025

Derryl Comeaux, Bobbie Cavalier & Janis Rockforte (7:30am)

Blane & Deryl Ourso (9am Mass)



January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Week of January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10;

1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4;

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17;

Mk 3:7-12

Friday Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14;

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;

Ps 117:1b-2; Mk 16:15-18

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10,

15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14,

27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Kids' Corner

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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