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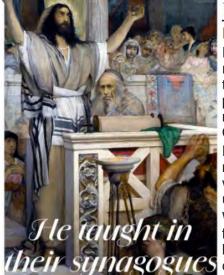
Saturday Vigil	4:00	pm
Sunday7:30 am, 9:00 am,	11:00	am
Tuesday	6:00	pm
Wednesday	7:00	am
Thursday	7:00	am
Friday	7:00	am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday	. 5:30-5:45	pm
Saturday	. 3:00-3:30	pm

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26, 2025

Rejoicing in The Lord



In the first reading, Ezra gets a strange reaction from the people to whom he reads the book of the law. First they lie down, with faces to the ground, and then they all are weeping. Remember the background of this reading. The people of Israel had returned from exile and needed to become a unified nation. Many probably didn't know that they had been breaking the law. Others might have been overwhelmed with all the requirements of the law. Ezra and Nehemiah console the people by reminding them that their return makes this a day "holy to the Lord" (Nehemiah 8:10). He adds that they would get strength from "rejoicing in the Lord." That may be good advice for us also.

We might find ourselves so trapped in sin that we think we could never be forgiven. We need to remember that Jesus loved sinners so much, he gave his life on the cross to free us from sin. No sin can be so bad that God's love cannot forgive it. In fact, the more I have to repent, the more God wants to forgive. So we can rejoice in the Lord's forgiveness and the Spirit will give us the strength to change our lives.

And what about those who find the law overwhelming? That can be because we have forgotten Jesus' saying that all of God's laws are contained in the command to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The more we come to accept God's presence in our lives and see God in others, the easier it becomes to keep the law of love.

Tom Schmidt



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, Plaguemine, 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.				

In Loving Memory...

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 loving memory of:

J. Hubert Millet Milda Millet Mr. & Mrs. Harold Marionneaux

Donated by: Dr. Brent L. Millet

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through



a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.

Ritualsong

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time #1202

Entrance: Gather Your People #940

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: One Bread, One Body #1027 Sending Forth: Sing A New Church #848



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour, please email or call Susan Landry, sblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com, 225.687.2402.

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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:

Scott Jude Marino A. J. & Nera Rodriguez Anthony & Mary Marino Kids of St. Jude

Donated by: Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Marino

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, 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.

Epiphany Concert Benefactors



Fr. Greg Daigle, Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Church

JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!!

We gratefully acknowledge the following holiday helpers for spreading Christmas joy:

- **◆Parish Open House** To the Altar Society for hosting the Parish Open House at the rectory and to all the parishioners who attended.
- ◆ Cards for Inmates To all of our parishioners and Mrs. Kirkland's 2nd graders at St. John School who purchased and brought in Christmas cards

Your generosity has made it possible for Deacon Alfred Ricard to take thousands of Christmas cards to the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

◆GEMS — To GEMS coordinator Lorraine Hidalgo and partners who brought dishes, set up, and served Christmas joy to our parishioners at the Annual GEMS Christmas Social. A special nod is made to Gary Perrault for always accommodating the GEMS with set-up and assisting with whatever is needed!

◆Giving Tree — To the Giving Tree volunteers, under the supervision of Dr. Katie Berthelot, who strive to provide the less fortunate children of our area with a happy Christmas every year.

We are grateful to our parishioners who provided over 300 gifts.

Visits to the Homebound — To Joann Landry, Donna Purpera and volunteers who brought poinsettias and goodies to the homebound and nursing home residents.

St. John School held its annual Epiphany Concert on Sunday, January 12 at St. John the Evangelist Church. The Epiphany Concert featured sacred music and songs from Broadway and the big band era performed by Fr. Greg Daigle, vocalist. Fr. Greg was accompanied by Bill Grimes and the Epiphany Orchestra. The concert raises money for St. John School's music program and was a huge success!

We gratefully acknowledge the following Epiphany Concert benefactors:

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From the Desk of the Business Manager/ Bookkeeper

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the "100 Years Capital Campaign" program. Your support is greatly appreciated! Many of you are including your donations in one check along with your other monthly donations (stewardship, maintenance and repairs, etc.).

Please remember that your donation to the Capital Campaign should be made by separate check and not included with any other donation. This helps me to keep financial records of the parish "neat and tidy".

Again, thank you for your support! Medric

Scripture Readings

Week of January 26, 2025

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

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30 Monday Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a,

10-11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Thursday

Mk 4:21-25

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, Friday

39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75;

Mk 4:35-41

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Sunday

Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Christmas Flowers and Decorations 2024

In Loving Memory

Patricia Ann Bahry LeBlanc

Felix F. Fernandez, Jr.

The Lyall Family

The Aidone Family

The Orcino Family

The Simpson Family

Lorenza Carter

Gladys "Butsy" Palermo

Peter A. Palermo

Patrick Burleigh

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Bill Bryant

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Joseph A. Miller

Ellen M. Wright

Clay & Grace LeBlanc

Jo Ann Daigle

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Herman & Marie Courtade

The Albarez Family

The Courtade & Pollet Families

Bobby Wilson

Lindsey Bourgeois

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Rita & Robert Smith

Judy, Tommy & Steve Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Louis M. Zeringue

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Carmen Landry

Marcia Landry Borne

Oliver Denoux

Ray P. Zeringue

Mr. & Mrs. John Caffarel

Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Marix

Ashton & Irene Petitjean

Stevens & Marylyn Calleghan

Sam and Sammie Ann Gulotta

Mary Jo, Ed & Josephine Olingers

Ro & Louise Swain

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Sanchez, Sr.

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Lena & Toby Cataldo

Lupi & Vita Profito

Mr. & Mrs. Gus Falcon

Mr. & Mrs. Walton Landry

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Guillot

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Rivet

Curtis, Rosa, Brian & Denise Breaux

Rosemary & Peter Bernard

Mitchell Dufour

Boudreaux & Dufour Families

Bee Devillier

Alfred & Mercedes Carville

Reid & Jerry Rainey

Edmund & Louise Bujol

Mary & Lester Carville

Berthelot, Guillot, Cavet & Schlatre Families

Karon Rasberry

Cecil Vaughn

Dennis & Pearl Aucoin

Conrad Joffrion

John & Gertrude Allain

Edwin & Flo Joffrion

Roy Landry, Sr.

Roy Landry, Jr.

Allen J. Cavalier

Cecil Comeaux Family

Roy Ourso Family

Phillip Pettus

Vivian & Doris Allain

Marie Baist

Florence Baist

Mary Alice Gautreaux

Earl "Dut" Hymel

Johnny Zito, Sr.

Johnny Zito, Jr.

Andrew & Josephine Canova

Carlo J. Canova & Kurt Canova

Joseph Zito Family

(continued in future bulletins)

Making Room for Progress







The "Demolition Crew" showed up Wednesday, January 15, to tear down the rectory carport making accessibility for scaffolding needed to replace the roof of our church. A grateful acknowledgement is made to the K. C. members who took care of the job. Center photo, standing, I to r, are: John Miller, Eddie Kimble, Roy Kolder, Boonie Boudreaux, Ralph Rivet, Fred Sanchez, Joel Ducote and Tommy LeBlanc. Kneeling, I to r, are: Punchy Daigle, Barry Lamothe, church maintenance worker Gary Perrault, Ed Reeves and Jason Leonard.

Community Coffee "Cash for Schools" Program

Please continue saving UPC labels from all Community Coffee products. St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through the Community Coffee "Cash for Schools" fundraiser.

You may bring your labels to the church office or put them in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. We will see that the school receives them. Thank you for supporting St. John School!!

<u>Note</u>: Coke Rewards bottle tops and Box Tops for Education are no longer accepted.





The Sacrament of Confirmation Age Change

Frequently Asked Questions

It is often the case that youth and families simply stop coming to church after they "graduate" from Confirmation. Sometimes, Confirmation is the only thing keeping them in the Church through high school. Won't lowering the age simply de-incentivize them to continue coming to church which will result in children leaving the Church earlier?

Often, we run the risk of using Confirmation as a "sacramental incentive" to keep youth and families involved through high school. In some parishes, the only thing offered to adolescents is Confirmation preparation. Many programs employ a school-based model for sacramental preparation which includes mandatory classes, and a checklist of requirements young people must complete in order to "earn" the sacrament much in the same way they "earn" graduation in school.

When the Sacrament of Confirmation is approached in these ways and not properly integrated into a long-term, comprehensive faith formation strategy aimed at equipping parents and facilitating discipleship, the result is often a "graduation" from parish life. That is why we cannot simply change the age and expect better results.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1-4pm 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; Brennan Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Alfred & Mercedese, Lester & Mary Carville; Edmund & Louise Bujol, Reid & Jerry Rainey; John E. & Cecile D. Brown, Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, M/M Robert E. Brown & Family; M/M Maurice L. Duhon & Families, Wayne A. "Parin" Achord; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadance & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Anthony, Frances & J. A. "Baby" Palermo; Henry J. Daigle, JoAnn Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; Rodney & Betty LaBauve, Paul & Emily Bourgeois

Sunday, February 2-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, February 2-9am 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; Charles Champagne; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, James & Agnes LeBlanc; Anthony Gregoire, Mary Ann Gregoire; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; J. D. Dupre; Rosemary Cox; Sylvia Rivet, Shane Smith, Rivet Family; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Raffle; Gloria Cavalier, Donald & Mary Cavalier, Mark Cavalier; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso

Sunday, February 2-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Ronald L. Capone; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; In Honor of Dawn & Ralph Rivet

Tuesday, February 4-6pm Mass

Roland "Dougie" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson; Nolan J. Bueche III; Alvin J. "Poppie" Daigle

Wednesday, February 5-7am Mass

Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc

Thursday, February 6-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, February 7-7am Mass

Earle, Debbie & Cathie Blanchard



Sanctuary Candle

January 26, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Mary & Chuchie Flatau

Anthony & Carmella Orcino

Orcino & Flatau Families

St. Clement of Rome
Alfred & Mercedese Carville

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Extra Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, January 29 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Coffee, Donuts & King Cake



February 2, 2025

June Pinsonat, Sandra Bizette & Mary Jo Caffarel (7:30am)

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

Children's Liturgy

January 26, 2025 — 9am Mass Carrie Chiaravalle

Kids' Corner

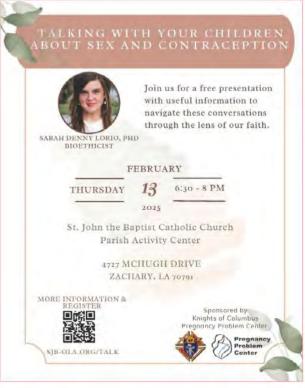
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Narrative Witness Teachings Returned Region Synagogue Sabbath Scroll Anointed Hearing

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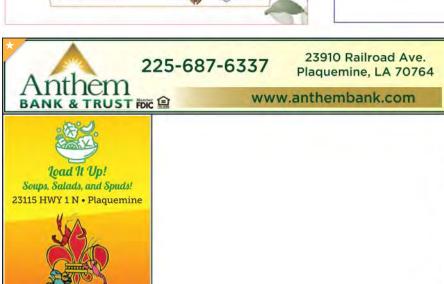


Magnifacat

You are invited to a Prayer Breakfast
Speaker: Marilyn Seibert
Please join us for our next Prayer breakfast,
February 15, 2025 from 9am - 12pm
at Oak Lodge Reception Center
2834 South Sherwood Forest Blvd,
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
The music ministry of Mercy Beaucoup
will lead us in Praise & Worship.

To register online, go to MagnificatFeb2025.Eventbrite.com or contact Gwen Gillis at 225-505-7050









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