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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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2025

God's Grace in the Here and Now

Mental healthcare professionals will tell you that constantly looking back on the past leads to depression and constantly looking toward the future causes anxiety. God's grace is not in the future. God's grace is not in the past. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present" (Bill Keane).

What moment do we find ourselves in right now? We are on the cusp of the holy season on Lent. We are standing on the edge of the precipice, looking at the spiritual disciplines that lie before us, getting ready to sink or swim. Our second reading says: "When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory." What exactly does that mean? We must allow ourselves to be changed, to be transformed. We who were once corruptible, must now flee from sinfulness. We who were once dead in our sins can be brought to everlasting life in Christ's forgiveness.



And who is the victor over death? It is Christ who swallows it up through His death. Of course God could simply say the word and we would all be saved, but He chose to send His Son and He chose to require our cooperation. "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."

And so it was that God Almighty sent the most unfathomable present to us here and now, our very own Teacher. His grace is with us in this moment, leading, guiding and loving. Let us receive this gift and open our hearts to all the lessons and graces He has in store for us today.

Tami Urcia



Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, a day of fast and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

7am - Mass & Distribution of Ashes
 8:30am - St. Clement Mass & Distribution of Ashes
 6pm - Mass & Distribution of Ashes
 There will be no Liturgy of the Word at noon. Ashes will be available on the altar rail throughout the day.

Lenten Weekday Schedule:

Tuesday - 6pm Mass
 6:30pm Divine Mercy Novena
 Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass
 Friday - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross
 6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross
 (No 7am Mass during Lent)

Fasting & Abstinence

Fasting: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18, but not yet 59, are allowed only one full meal. Two small meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
Abstinence from Meat: Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. The Church no longer attempts to prescribe our Lenten practices in detail. The above regulations simply highlight Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and other Fridays in Lent.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars
 Monday, March 10, 2025
 Monday, April 7, 2025
 Monday, May 5, 2025
 Monday, June 2, 2025

Baptisms

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 - 9am Mass
 Saturday, May 31, 2025
 Saturday, June 28, 2025

The Baptism Seminars are held at 7pm in the Church Office Conference Room. Baptisms are usually 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.

Ritualsong

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1217
 Entrance: Gather Your People #940
 Preparation: **Instrumental**
 Communion: The Servant Song #861
 Sending Forth: Lead Me, Guide Me #759



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.
 "So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you." —1 Peter 5:6-7
 The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour, please email or call Susan Landry, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com, 225.687.2402.

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:

**Deceased Members of Court 18
 KPC Ladies Auxiliary:
 Inez Carlin
 Geraldine Kelly
 Delouris Manchester
 Catherine Murray
 Jean Ann Powell**

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SAVE THE DATE!!

"Taste of Progression"

Join us Saturday, March 22 at 5pm immediately following 4pm Mass to kick off the "100 Years Capital Campaign." We will meet on the piazza for wine tasting, classical music, hors d'oeuvres, prayer and fellowship.



Our office will be closed Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4.

Happy Mardi Gras!

Children's Liturgy — March 2025

A safe and nurturing environment for children to participate in the Mass at an age-appropriate level

March 9, 2025

9am Mass

Tracy Cox

March 16, 2025

11am Mass

Alexis Schlatre

March 23, 2025

9am Mass

Carrie Chiaravalle

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, and even in their differences.



Divine Mercy Novena

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena will continue every Tuesday during Lent following 6pm Mass leading up to the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 27.

St. John School News

St. John Fest — Auction Fund Raiser

The St. John Fest "Back to the 80s!" will be held Saturday, April 5 at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center. Join the Eagle family for the largest fundraising night event of the year! Enjoy food, drinks, live and silent auctions and more all while raising money for St. John School!

- Silent auction begins at 5pm
- Live auction begins at 8pm

If anyone would like to donate items for either the silent or live auction, please contact Kim Bueche, Auction Chair at kimberlybueche4@gmail.com, 225.776.4980 and we can make arrangements to pick up the items.



Honoring St. Joseph

Church Dedication for March — St. Joseph

Major Feast: The Feast of St. Joseph (March 19)

Although not much is written in the Scriptures about the earthly father of Jesus and spouse of the Blessed Mother, we know that he was a holy and just man. He humbly accepts his role in salvation history and faithfully followed God's will for him and his family.

St. Alphonsus Liguori is one of many saints who encouraged devotion to this holy man. He said: "We should, indeed, honor St. Joseph, since the Son of God Himself was graciously pleased to honor him by calling him father ... If, then, the King of Kings was pleased to raise Joseph to so high a dignity, it is right and obligatory on our part to endeavor to honor him as much as we can."

St. Joseph Altar Preparations

The St. Joseph Altar will be held Sunday, March 16, 2025 from noon-1:30pm. Preparations for the altar is in progress at the K. C. Hall. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join us at 9am Monday through Friday. Contact Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685 for more information.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 9. Don't forget to move clocks forward one hour before retiring Saturday night March 8.

Scripture Readings

Week of March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;

1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;

Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;

Mk 10:28-31

Ash Wednesday JI 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19;

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;

Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

World Marriage Day Mass and Celebration — February 15, 2025



Couples celebrating special anniversaries were honored at St. John the Evangelist Church during 4pm Mass followed by a reception in the parish hall on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Congratulations to the couples who celebrated 25, 50, 55, 60, 65 and greater years of marriage. A grateful acknowledgement is made to the St. John Altar Society for hosting the well-attended event.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 8-4pm 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.; Eddie Martinez; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott Marino; Sisse Reinhardt; May & David Currier; Colby Gomez; Arlyn Rousseau; Lindon A. "Noonie" Rivet, Patricia Messina

Sunday, March 9-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 9-9am 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; Sweet Wilbert; Jason Guidry; J. W. Bryant Family, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Burman & Vera Guidry; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Maggie & Joe Gullotto, A. J. & Lola Adams; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; John "Sonny" Bunch; A Special Intention

Sunday, March 9-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; William Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Father Kloster Speinshart

Tuesday, March 11-6pm Mass

Wilfred & Philomene Benoit; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Rachael Engolio

Wednesday, March 12-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Nicolosi & Schexnaildre Families

Thursday, March 13-7am Mass

Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella

Friday, March 14-6pm Mass

Ed Bahry

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion weekly to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes or care facilities. Family members may contact Marsha Dupont at the church office, 225.687.2402.

Coffee & Donuts

March 9, 2025

Gary & Dolores Pruitt
(7:30am)



Roger & Rosalind Sadden (9am Mass)

Kids' Corner

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parable Blind Eye Splinter Beam
 Clearly Tree Fruit Heart Speaks



Sanctuary Candle

March 2, 2025

St. John the Evangelist
Scott Jude Marino

St. Clement of Rome
Colby Gomez



Be merciful,
O Lord,
 for we have sinned

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