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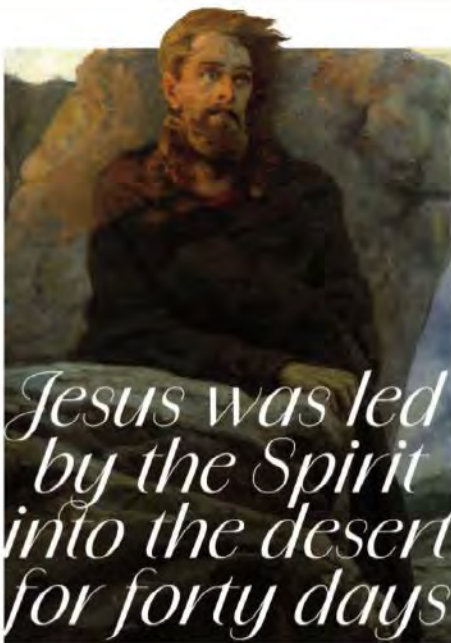
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## Masses

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



## First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

### Putting God to the Test

I always thought today's Gospel shows how Jesus was tempted to be a Messiah in a way that matched human expectations—those of Jews waiting for a messiah—instead of doing what his Father wanted. But I also wonder if these temptations are what we expect of God.

Do we expect God to provide for our needs by turning stones into money? God does help us with our troubles, but usually by giving us the strength to get through them with our God-given abilities. This might mean finding a better job that uses more of our talents. It might be forgiving us, if we are the cause of our own troubles, and giving us the courage to start over.

Or do we expect God to bring peace to the world by instantly removing all nuclear weapons or capturing all terrorists? When we pray for peace, we could pray that God show us what we can do to bring that peace. We could be generous in giving to the poor, especially where poverty is the cause of war.

Maybe we expect God to be a superhero for us, strengthening our faith with spectacular miracles. Jesus would tell us the same thing he told the devil: "Don't put the Lord your God to the test" (see Luke 4:12). Instead, as we take time to pray over the scriptures, read spiritual books, and share our faith with others, we will find our faith growing and know that the Lord has been with us all along the way. Tom Schmidt



## Pastor's Letter

March 9, 2025

Dear Family:

In Jesus' day, the prophecy of Daniel was one of the essential texts that predicted the coming of the messiah. In Daniel 7:14, the prophet names three gifts that God will give the "one like a son of man." They are authority, glory, and kingship. The temptations Jesus faces in the desert have these characteristics, and reveal that, to his core, Jesus is a servant of God's mission and not his own whims.

The first temptation of Jesus was to grasp authority for his own needs. Every word of God has power and brings some result into effect. In Daniel's vision, the messiah would have God's authority. The devil tempted Jesus to use this power to satisfy his hunger, but Jesus saw a higher calling in the Word of God - the ability to sustain life on every level.

The second temptation was to make himself ruler of the world. The messiah was to be a descendant of David who would rule humanity on God's behalf. Scripture portrays human fantasies of power as the creation of the devil. Jesus avoided falling for these fantasies, realizing that true kingship requires humility and sacrifice. To be the deputy of God requires total surrender to the divine will. This is the nature of the kingship Daniel foretold.

The third temptation was to glory. In Daniel's vision, the messiah was superhuman, able to command angels and ride on a cloud. Again, these are human fantasies of glory. Falling prey to them gives the devil opportunities for exploitation. Jesus knew, however, that the only path to glory is obedience to God's will.

In each case, Jesus overcame temptation by remembering that the purpose of his life was to serve God's mission. His obedience to that mission helped him see through the duplicities of the devil. Christ remains ready today to lead his disciples through the same temptations and onward to glory.

Some questions for reflection:

With what gifts has God endowed you?

Have empty fantasies ever distracted you from God's presence?

This Lent, how can you embrace more deeply the purpose God has given to your life?

I pray you all had a great Mardi Gras Season and that the beginning of our Lent helps us to reignite our love and devotion for our Savior as we make this journey with him. I will be away during the coming week having the opportunity to visit my nephew, Harrison and his wife, Samantha, in California. I'll return for weekend Masses. Please pray for me to enjoy a safe trip.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



### 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.

### Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, March 9 from 4-6pm in church. The mission of the prayer group is to offer praise to God, and intercessory prayers for individuals, our community and the needs of the world. All are welcome!

### Ritualsong

**First Sunday of Lent #1118**

Entrance: Led by the Spirit #576

Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*

Communion: Grant to Us, O Lord #578

Sending Forth: Silence



### 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)

### First Eucharist Parent Meeting

There will be a mandatory First Eucharist parent meeting Wednesday, March 12 at 6pm in the parish hall. First Eucharist will be Sunday, March 30 during 11am Mass.

### St. Joseph Altar

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**12 Noon - 1:30pm**

**Knights of Columbus Hall**

**58715 Price Street**

**Plaquemine, LA**

Preparations for the St. Joseph Altar are ongoing at the K.C. Hall. All volunteers are welcome to join us Monday through Friday beginning at 9am.

Anyone wishing to donate a cake and students wanting to earn service hours are asked to call Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685.

Blessing and viewing of the altar takes place at the K. C. Hall following 4pm Mass Saturday, March 15. Doors will open at the K. C. Hall at 10am Sunday, March 16 for anyone wishing to participate in the program. Everyone should be seated before 11am when the program begins and doors are closed. Serving from the altar for the public takes place after Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the saints are served from noon-1pm.



### 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.

### Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

**Give Blood. Save Lives.**

The next Knights of Columbus blood drive will be Tuesday, March 11 at the K. C. Hall, 58715 Price St., from 3pm until 8:30pm.



## 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 burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” (Mt 11:28-30)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour, please email or call Susan Landry, [susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com](mailto:susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com), 225.687.2402.

## Scripture Readings

**Week of March 9, 2025**

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;  
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19;  
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3,  
7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48

Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9,  
13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1;  
Lk 9:28b-36



## Called By Name

**Chosen for Consecrated Life**

“I establish my covenant with you.”

If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow

Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).

## 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:

**Elmore Chauvin & Brice Hendrick**

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## Black & Indian Missions Collection

**March 8 & 9, 2025**

Mandated by the third Plenary Council in 1884, the National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church’s concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the country, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as the Black and Indian Home Mission Collection.

Please give generously in the regular collection.

## Women’s Silent Lenten Retreat

**“Joy from the Cross”**

Saturday, March 22, 2025 ~ 10am-2pm

St. John Parish Hall

Given by the Holy Spirit and Gwen Hayes. A light lunch will be provided. Please call the church office (225.687.2402) to register.



## St. John School 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](mailto:kimberlybueche4@gmail.com), 225.776.4980 and we can make arrangements to pick up the items.



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5:00 P.M.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 15-4pm 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; Trista Parro, Julie & Galen Chaisson, Lance Chaisson; John & Therese Ruiz, Raymond Ruiz, Theresa R. Morales; M/M John Caffarel, Sr.; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry, Jane & Kirsch; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; J. H. Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Billy Wright; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Hahn, LeJeune & Hernandez Families; Andrew & Josephine, Carlo & Kurt Canova; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; Joseph Graves, Sr., W. A. Graves Family, Michael & Kandy Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Bill Toups, Jr.; M/M Robert Olano, Paul Joffrion, Sr.; Joseph Daigle; Earl J. Settoon; Johnny Zito, Sr., Johnny Zito, Jr., Andrew & Josephine Canova; Dayna Elizabeth Hidalgo Lopez; Janice Brown; M/M Dalfay Cavalier, M/M Joseph C. LeBlanc; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Stag Gomez, Catherine Gomez, Bryce Gomez, Les Gomez; Mary, Manuel, Delores & The Diamond Family; Paul & Jenise Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Sr. & Jr.; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Shannie Verret

### Sunday, March 16-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

### Sunday, March 16-9am 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; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Jeffery Martinez, Ida Mae Ganaway; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot; Anthony & Margie Vitale, Lloyd & Lillian Bouchereau; Mary Ann Gregoire; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Raffle; Denise Miranda; The Calvaruso Family; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Tracey Chapman, Jr.

### Sunday, March 16-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Dianne Grace; Cameron Edward Whatley; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Pauline & Alcee Becnel, Jr.; Clinton & Wendell Fournerat; Milton Allen, Tommy & Tommy A. Mosley; Hawley Landry; Rachael & Dom Engolio; Victor Joseph Canella

### Tuesday, March 18-6pm Mass

Patrick Gaudet, V. A. & Birdie Daigle; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Joe & Lucy Ferachi Family, Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti Family; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Anthony F. Canella, Delia & Aaron LeRay, Nora Vitale

### Wednesday, March 19-7am Mass

Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families

### Thursday, March 20-7am Mass

Alfred & Mercedese Carville

### Friday, March 21-6pm Mass

Gloria Arbour Dupont

## Altar Society

### Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church  
Wednesday, March 12 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



## Sanctuary Candle

March 9, 2025

St. John the Evangelist  
**Anthony Dominic Capone**

St. Clement of Rome

**Walter Mazone & Joann Nolan**



**Coffee & Donuts**  
**March 16, 2025**

**Derryl Comeaux, Bobbie Cavalier & Janis Rockforte** (7:30am)  
**Tom & Germaine Bradley** (9am Mass)

**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

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." —Matthew 19:14

**Kids' Corner**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

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