

# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

## Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 2025

### Teach and Remind

I'm not very good at telling jokes. I like them, but after I hear one and laugh at it, I let it go and forget it. I suspect this doesn't just apply to jokes. The Gospel today hints that the disciples may have had the same weakness when Jesus says the Spirit will "teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26).

Jesus spent three years teaching his disciples and showing them how much God loves them and how to love their neighbor. He used parables as examples and miracles as signs of the Father's love. He answered their questions and explained things privately. Knowing that this would still not be enough, he promised to send the Spirit after he had risen. You have to experience some things to understand them. And that is what the disciples would do.

When they received the Spirit after Jesus' resurrection, they also began to do the things Jesus talked about. They fed the poor and healed the sick. Thus they began to experience Jesus in those around them. They would remember what Jesus had taught them and apply it in their lives. They even accepted suffering for their faith.

We too can receive that promise from Jesus to have the Spirit teach and remind us. As we share our faith with others, we begin to experience Jesus in them. As we listen to the Lord in prayer, we are reminded of passages in the Bible and we begin to understand how they apply in our lives. May the Holy Spirit teach and remind us of the signs of God's love.

Tom Schmidt





## Eucharistic Adoration

### Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." (Mt. 7:7-9)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour as a committed adorer or a substitute, contact Susan at [susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com](mailto:susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com), 225.687.2402.

## A Grateful Acknowledgement

The Plaquemine Lions Club thanks everyone who bought spaghetti dinners on May 25. Due to your generosity, the fund raiser was a great success!

## The Holy Spirit Prayer Group

### Worshipping in Prayer and Song

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, June 8 from 4 to 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. Come join us!!



## Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

### Baptism Seminars — 7pm Church Office Conference Room

Monday, June 23, 2025  
Monday, July 7, 2025  
Monday, August 4, 2025

### Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, June 28, 2025  
Saturday, July 26, 2025  
Saturday, August 23, 2025

Dates are subject to change. Please register online or call the church office during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar. Contact Lily Skidmore at 225.687.2402.

## Ritualsong

### Pentecost Sunday #1185

Entrance: Come, Holy Ghost #648

Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*

Communion: Send Us Your Spirit #654

Sending Forth: O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God #649

## 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:

**Johnny Clebert**  
**Beulah Ferachi**  
**Janet Harper Freeman**  
**Joe Guilbeau**  
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## Scripture Readings

### Week of June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Vigil Mass: Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday Prov 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5;





## Sanctuary Candle

**June 8, 2025**

St. John the Evangelist

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## Altar Servers

### Serving at the Table of the Lord

Any boy or girl in the 3rd grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

Access the registration form located on our website, [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org), under the RESOURCES tab. Upon completion of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.

## Called By Name

### Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest or religious brother or sister?

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).



## Devotion for June Sacred Heart of Jesus

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most popular Catholic devotions. Although it was beloved in previous centuries, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673,

showing her a vision of the now-famous image of His Sacred Heart, surrounded by flames. He said to her: "My Heart is so full of love for men that it can no longer contain the flames of Its burning love. I must discover to men the treasures of My Heart and save them from perdition." She was given the special mission to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart throughout the Church. Jesus gave St. Margaret Mary many promises associated with this devotion, and requested that a feast day in honor of His Sacred Heart be instituted on the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi. In 1856, the Feast of the Sacred Heart was spread to the Universal Church, and in 1899 Pope Leo XIII solemnly consecrated all mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, calling it "the great act" of his pontificate.

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## Coffee & Donuts

**June 15, 2025**

**Gary & Dolores Pruitt**

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**Kevin & Kelly Gourgues**

9am Mass



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### Summer Fun!



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June 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Born in 1568 to the Marquis of Castiglione Castle in Italy, St. Aloysius was living at the court of Francesco de' Medici as a page when he met St. Charles Borromeo. In 1585, St. Aloysius entered the Jesuit Order. His studies for the priesthood were disrupted by famine and a plague. He volunteered to tend the sick. He died of the same plague at the age of twenty-three. He was known for his purity, penances, and theological brilliance.

### Encountering God's heart

It's one thing to "know about" God — like knowing someone's name and zip code — but knowing His heart is a different matter. Jesus founded the Church so everyone everywhere could encounter God and experience His redeeming, transforming love. If just "knowing about" Jesus isn't enough for you — good! He's always calling us to experience His love more.

"A first essential setting for learning hope is prayer. When no one listens to me any more, God still listens to me. When I can no longer talk to anyone or call upon anyone, I can always talk to God. When there is no longer anyone to help me deal with a need or expectation...he can help me...if I pray, I am never totally alone."

Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe Salvi*

## You are a passion of Christ

Want to know someone? Find out what he or she loves. So what is Jesus passionate about? It's simple — He is passionate about you. Not humanity in general, but you.

When Jesus looked at the crowds, He didn't see a blur of faces. He saw each person—knew them, loved them. The Crucifix and the Eucharist aren't just symbols; they're proof that His love goes to staggering lengths to be with us and bless us. It's a love so personal and intense, it demands a response. So how do we respond?

Start simple: "Thank you. I love you." We assume people know we love them, but it still matters to say it out loud. The same is true of Jesus. In His appearances to St. Margaret Mary and later to St. Faustina, He shared how deeply wounded He is by indifference and ingratitude, especially in the Eucharist. He also promised immense grace to those who console Him with

love, thanks, and attention.

Come to the Feast. At every Mass, Jesus gives everything—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1374). He gives us His whole Heart, hoping we'll give ours

***"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love" (John 15:9).***

in return. He is as present now as He was at the Last Supper. Simply showing up to be with Him is an act of love — and a bold act of faith.

Receive His Mercy. When we come to Him in Confession, genuinely sorry, He doesn't scold—He celebrates. Not because of our sin, but because He gets to pour out His mercy. "Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me" (*Diary of St. Faustina*, 1146). Confession doesn't just free your soul—it fills His Heart with joy.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics hold Eucharistic processions?

A Eucharistic procession — a public act of worship during which the Blessed Sacrament is carried by a priest through the streets — is a centuries-old tradition.

Dating back to the Middle Ages, at the center of the procession is the Blessed Sacrament in a radiant vessel called a monstrance. Behind the priest (or deacon), the faithful follow, praying and

singing in reverent joy.

When these processions move beyond church walls and into the streets, they become more than a ritual — they become a living proclamation of Christ's Real Presence. No speeches, no signs — just silent reverence and an open invitation for others to encounter the Lord Himself.



## Words can build—or break—bridges

"The way we communicate is of fundamental importance." Pope Leo's point is that words can build up or tear down, open hearts or shut them tight. In a noisy world, choosing how we speak is one of the most important choices we make.

**Manners matter.** Real communication doesn't bulldoze others. It doesn't chase agreement at all costs. It doesn't feed off competition. A healthy conversation makes space for different viewpoints while still seeking the truth. Winning an argument might feel good—but it rarely changes hearts. And changing hearts is the point.

**Speak the Truth—with love.** Truth isn't always popular. Sometimes it's hard. But truth, spoken without love, loses its

power. As Pope Leo put it, we must never separate "the search for truth from the love with which we must humbly seek it." This is especially vital when carrying out spiritual Works of Mercy like counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, or even admonishing the sinner. The goal isn't just to be right—it's to bring people closer to Truth Himself.

**Ditch the stereotypes.** People don't fit neatly into boxes. When we lean on lazy labels, we lose the chance to see each other clearly—and we only deepen division. As Pope Leo said, "Let us disarm communication of all prejudice and resentment ... Let us disarm words, and we will help disarm the world."

### from **S**cripture

#### Matthew 16:13-19, Founded on the "Rock"

The events in this passage lay the foundations for the Catholic Church, intended to last for the rest of time. In it, Jesus asks His disciples, "*Who do you say that I am?*" It was a question about Jesus' identity, rather than about the persuasiveness of His teaching or His popularity. Catholicism centers around who Jesus is. The Truth is true, regardless of popular opinion.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Simon answered for the disciples, identifying Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah (Matthew 16:16). For this, Jesus

changed Simon's name to Peter ("Rock"), reflecting a change of identity and mission. He gave Peter (and his successors) the keys to the kingdom—a sign of authority to interpret Scripture, forgive sins, and (re)admit people into the Church.

This truth has been handed down through the ages, from the Apostles to the bishops to us. The Holy Spirit would lead Peter—and his successors, the popes—to continue speaking and acting in truth as the visible head of the Church.

### **Q & A** How can I get more out of using Scripture in prayer?

The practice of *lectio divina*, or "sacred reading" is a Catholic devotion with ancient roots. The best-known form was developed by Guigo II, a twelfth-century Carthusian monk, and consists of four steps.

**Reading:** The first "rung" of the ladder is simply to read. Consider reading the Gospel of the day, a favorite verse, or an event from Christ's life, e.g., the Anointing at Bethany (John 12:1-8).

**Meditating:** Reread and wait for the Holy Spirit to point you to something. Sit with it for a while. What do you feel? Can you imagine what's happening in the passage?

**Praying:** God always speaks to us through Scripture (Hebrews 4:12). This is the time to ask Him to shed light on it. God reveals His heart to us and us to ourselves.

**Savoring:** This stage is called "contemplation"—a resting in God. It's the moment when a conversation between friends settles into a comfortable silence.

*Lectio divina* is a guiderail for prayer, rather than a strict set of steps. Don't worry: God knows what we need and how best to reach our hearts.

### Feasts & Celebrations

June is the month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, wounded by our sins, yet blazing with divine love for us. We're encouraged to receive Holy Communion worthily and visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

**June 3 – St. Charles Lwanga and his companions (1886).** While serving under Ugandan King Mwanga II, St. Charles and his friends faced persecution for their faith. When Lwanga and his companions refused King Mwanga's immoral demands, the king ordered them all to be executed, which they underwent in joyful anticipation.

**June 17 – St. Emily de Vialar (1856).**

Born into the French aristocracy, St. Emily used her inheritance to found a religious order—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition. They cared for the sick and started schools in Europe, Africa, and Asia.

**June 19 – St. Romuald the Abbot (1027).** Born in Ravenna, Italy, St. Romuald fled to a Benedictine monastery to do penance, after witnessing his father kill a relative in a duel. St. Romuald sought solitude as a hermit, yet many came seeking guidance. He founded several monasteries, including the Camaldolese.

**June 28 – The Immaculate Heart of Mary.** In response to the request made by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942 and initiated this feast in 1944.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 14-4pm 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, Myrtle Lively, Buck Lively; John Caffarel, Sr., Elmore Caffarel; Yves Ramirez; Will Benoit, Ronald Benoit, Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Johnny Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Billy Wright; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Rose, Benny & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta & Quatrevingt Families; Andrew & Carlo Canova, Jerry & Victor Blanchard, Sr.; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; Joseph Graves, Sr., W. A. Graves Family, Michael & Kandy Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Bret Thompson; Robert & Lee Mooney, Lyman Marchand, A. J. Doiron; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadance & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; Hollye Comeaux, Edward Achee, Ernest Achee, Dominick Carrington, Jim Panepinto; Bill Touns, Jr.; Janice Brown; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Stephen A. LeBlanc, M/M Dalfay Cavalier, Jean Claud Cavalier; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Pat Messina; Marvin Allen & Allen Family, Diamond Family; Lazzaro Family, Kolby Lorio, James "Butch" & Sadie Tullier, Michael Lazzaro; Lindon A. "Noonie" Rivet, Patricia Messina; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia Leray, Yvonne Curry; Josie & Tony Palermo; Berthelot, Schlatre, Cavet & Guillot Families; Micah Theriot; August Bourgoynne, Jr.; Conrad Joffrion, John & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Jr., Roy Landry, Sr.; Anthony & Mary Lee Culotta, Millaine Allain, Allaina Allain, Bonnie Harrison

### Sunday, June 15-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

#### Sunday, June 15-9am 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; Kristina Mellema; Dianne Grace; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr. & Jr., Kynlee Bueche; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family; M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Roland "Doug" Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Kenneth "Klu" Brown, Raymond Dugas, Jimmy Brown; J. Hubert Millet, Tony Louis, Harold Marionneaux; J. W. & Sue Bryant, Bill Bryant; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Burman & Vera Guidry; Clarence "Pete" & Mary Berthelot, Alcide "Al" Dubea; Harold Sr. & Lezin Himel, Alvin Barbier, Sr.; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott J. Marino; Gladys "Butsy" Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Douglas Brewer; Anthony Vitale, Lloyd Bouchereau, J. C. Hebert, Gilmore Couvillion; Mary Ann Gregoire, Anthony Gregoire, Laurence Martinez; Matt Berthelot Family; C. A. Griffon Family, Sam Morales Family, Tommy Griffon; M/M Dave Schnebelen; Paul & Emily Bourgeois; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Fred Sanchez, Sr.; Johnny Zito, Sr., Joseph Zito, Andrew Canova; Joe & Maggie Gullotto, A. J. & Lola Adams, George Gullotto, George & Frances Calcagno; Frank, Josie, Victor & Anthony Canella; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; Ernest Brown, Alfred Hebert; Nolan "Country" Ruiz; Sylvia Rivet, Shane Smith, Rivet Family; Denise Miranda; The Calvaruso Family; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; John "Sonny" Bunch; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; Allen, Flo & Paco Ourso; Mary Ann Landry; Joe Guilbeau; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Ty Dupont

#### Sunday, June 15-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Pauline & Alcee Becnel, Jr.; Albert Lopez, Jr., Albert Lopez, Sr., Earl Johnson, Sr.; O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; John Hanks; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Urban & Jennie Andre; Mary Belle D'Albor, Paul D'Albor, Sr., Dorothy Canova, Paul D'Albor, Jr., Lee Canova; George O. Michel, Alvin Daigle, Sr. Family, Anatole Nestor Michel Family; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; M/M Vivian Allain, Marie & Florence Baist; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti Family; William Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Victor Joseph Canella; Nolan J. Bueche III, Nolan Sr. & Nolan Jr. Bueche; J. A. "Baby" Palermo, Anthony Palermo, Ernest Hernandez; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Ezora Hedges, Sidney Hedges, Sr.; May & David Currier; Rodney & Betty LaBauve, Paul & Emily Bourgeois; Rachael & Dom Engolio; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & Joe Landry; Kevin Mellieon, Geraldine Kelly, Elsie Sam, Lena Delahoussaye; Lynda Roetker Dawkins

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## Mass Intentions (continued)

### Tuesday, June 17-6pm Mass

Murray & Dixie Suffrin, Tammie Charrier; Myrle M. Dill

### Wednesday, June 18-7am Mass

Alice & Alex Nolan

### Thursday, June 19-7am Mass

Kathy D. Fulton, Pat Dupont

### Friday, June 20-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

## Altar Society

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