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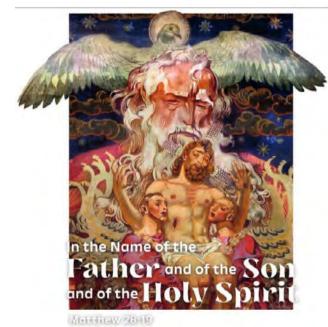
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Saturday Vigil	4:00	pm
Sunday7:30 am, 9		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



The Most Holy Trinity

June 15, 2025

Getting to Know the Trinity

As if his own life, his teachings about God's love, his miracles, his death and resurrection were not enough, Jesus told us something about God that we never would have imagined: There are three Persons in one God. It is also something we cannot completely comprehend. So instead of trying to explain it, let's look at what it means for us believers.

One thing it shows is that God wants to be known by us. In ancient times, people would expect their gods to be mysterious and hidden. Many cultures thought that you could control a spirit or god if you knew its name. God sees us not as a threat, but as beloved children. Just as a couple falling in love wants to know everything about each other, so God wants to be known by those whom God loves. That leads to my second point. The Trinity also shows us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16) because the three Persons are united in one God. God calls us to be united in love with God and with each other. Remember

that God knows us perfectly and still loves us. Yet knowing our weaknesses and our sins does not hurt God's love for us. On the contrary, our weaknesses allow God to help us by forgiving sins, or inspiring someone to come to our assistance. We may not be able to grasp the full meaning of the Holy Trinity, but knowing that God shares this with faithful people helps us to love God even more.

Tom Schmidt



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him!

Please pray for Father Daigle, his family, and all who mourn his loss.

May he rest in peace!

The following is the homily Father Greg prepared for Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025.

This is a delightful story about a mother who bought a ticket to a concert by Ignace Paderewski, the great Polish pianist. She took her 5-year-old son with her, hoping the experience would encouraged him in his own young efforts at music.

She was delighted to see how close to the stage their seats were. Then she met an old friend and got so involved talking with her that she failed to notice that her son had slipped away to do some exploring.

When 8 o'clock arrived, the lights dimmed, the audience hushed to a whisper, and the spotlight came on. Only then did the woman see her 5-year-old on the stage, sitting on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

She gasped in total disbelief, but before she could retrieve her son, Paderewski walked onto the stage. Walking over to the piano, he whispered to the boy, "Don't Stop! Keep Playing!" Then, leaning over the boy, Paderewski reached out his left hand and began to fill in the bass. A few seconds later, he reached around the other side of the boy, encircling him and added a running obligato.

Together, the great maestro and the tiny 5-year-old mesmerized the audience with their playing. When they finished, the audience broke into thunderous applause.

Years later almost all those present forgot the pieces that Paderewski played that night, but no one forgot "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

The image of the great maestro and the tiny 5-year-old at the piano makes a beautiful image of the Holy Spirit and the Church. It makes a beautiful image of how the Holy Spirit unites with the church to make beautiful music.

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, just as Jesus had promised when he said: [JN 14:16-17, 26, 29] "I will ask the Father and He will give you another advocate to be with you always, the spirit of truth...he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you...I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

Going back to the image of Paderewski and the 5-year-old. We see that the boy resembles the disciples.

When Jesus departed from their midst, they were like spiritual children. Their knowledge of God and how to spread God's kingdom was terribly deficient. It was like the little boy's knowledge of music. And of course, the great Polish maestro resembles the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples, encircling them with love, whispering encouragement to them, and transforming their feeble human efforts into something beautiful.

There's a tremendous lesson here. We look at the world and see so many problems that need to be addressed. We also look at our talents and see how inadequate they are in the face of these problems.

For example, we see the vast army of poor people in the world, and we say to ourselves, "How can I, with my limited talents, put even a dent into this enormous problem?"

Or we see the immense ocean of hatred and anger in the world, and we say to ourselves, "How can I reverse this situation?"

It is here that we need to recall the image of the little boy and Paderewski.

Musically, the little boy's skill was minimal. But Paderewski build upon it and turned it into something beautiful—something powerful and beautiful.

This is the Good News contained in today's scripture readings. This is the good news that we celebrate on this feast of Pentecost. It is the good news that Jesus has sent upon his church — the promised Holy Spirit.

We are not alone. The Holy Spirit is leaning over us, taking our small contribution, and transforming it into something that we never dreamed possible.

Let's close with an adaptation of a poem by the Mexican poet and mystic, Amado Nervo. In simple powerful imagery, it sums up what we have been trying to say.

- "Alone we are only a spark, but in the Spirit we are a fire."
- "Alone we are only a string, but in the Spirit we are a lyre."
- "Alone we are only an anthill, but in the Spirit we are a mountain."
- "Alone we are only a drop, but in the Spirit we are a fountain."
- "Alone we are a feather, but in the spirit we are a wing."
- "Alone we are only a beggar, but in the Spirit we are a king."

GOD BLESS

Dear Lord,

Please look after those who have embraced the responsibility of being fathers.

Help make their burdens light and their roads straight. Give them the wisdom needed to be good fathers and give them the words to say that will help guide their children.

Let them live Your love and be an example to their children.

May they turn to You in need and draw on Your strength and abundant love. Amen.

On behalf of Deacon Alfred, and the entire St. John Parish Staff, we would like to wish all of our fathers "A Very Happy Father's Day!"

Welcome!!

We welcome the St. John High School Class of 1975 who are sharing the Eucharist with us at 4pm Mass.

Catholic Daughters Annual Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. John #1214, will have their annual Bake Sale this weekend. The sweets will be sold inside the main doors of church before and after all Masses.

What better way to honor Dad on Father's Day than by treating him to a Catholic Daughter sweet?

St. John Father's Club Membership Drive

The St. John Fathers Club will conduct their Annual Membership Drive on Father's Day weekend, June 14 and 15. Members will be collecting dues (\$20) and enrolling new members outside the doors of church before and after all Masses. Contact Mike Markins at 225.955.5276 for more information.

Scripture Readings

Week of June 15, 2025

Sunday Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

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

Jn 16:12-15

Monday 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1-4; Mt 5:38-42 Tuesday 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48 Wednesday 2 Cor 9:6-11, Ps 112:1b-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6,

16-18

Thursday 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8;

Mt 6:7-15

Friday 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7;

Mt 6:19-23

Saturday 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34 Sunday The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body

and Blood of Christ

Gen 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

Ritualsong

Most Holy Trinity #1190

Entrance: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! #659

Preparation: **Instrumental**
Communion: Take and Eat #1025

Sending Forth: All Creatures of Our God and King

#706



Eucharistic Adoration Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

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

Our office will be closed Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.



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:

Beulah, Vincent & Larry Ferachi, Guy, Annie & Guy Jr. "Scooter" Comeaux

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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.

St. John School 8th Grade Crossing Over Ceremony



Congratulations to the St. John 8th graders pictured with homeroom teacher, Mrs. Kelly Miller (far right).



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Katherine Watson, daughter of Jessica Watson and Kasey Watson, and **Bryce Ermel**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Ermel, were presented The Bishop Ott Award during the Crossing Over ceremony held May 23, 2025. The Bishop Ott Award is presented to an 8th grade boy and girl who exemplifies Catholic leadership, loyalty, dedicated service and friendliness. Mrs. Cherie Schlatre, principal, presents the award to Katherine (bottom left) and Bryce receives his award from Father Greg Daigle (bottom right). **Congratulations, Katherine and Bryce!!** Photo credit Donna Kirkland

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 21-4pm 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; John & Ann Ruiz, John & Therse Ruiz; John Caffarel, Sr., Elmire Caffarel; Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson; Hahn, LeJeune & Hernandez Families; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot; J. D. Dupre; Dayna Elizabeth Hidalgo Lopez; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Paul & Jenise Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; Tracey Chapman, Jr.; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; M/M Edmond Gomez & Family; Donna Suggs Conti

Sunday, June 22-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, June 22-9am 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; Thomas M. Businelle; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Jessie Billings, Debra Billings; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Raffle; Earl & LeeLee Rivet, A Special Intention, In Thanksgiving

Sunday, June 22-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Charles Champagne, Jr.; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Joe & Lucy Ferachi & Family; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Lynda Roetker Dawkins; Julia LaCaze, Janice & Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux

Tuesday, June 24-6pm Mass

Grass Family; Thomas M. Businelle; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & Joe Landry

Wednesday, June 25-7am Mass

William Middleton, William Brooks Lewis, Bill Middleton III

Thursday, June 26-7am Mass

Larry Skidmore

Friday, June 27-7am Mass

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Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, June 18 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



Sanctuary Candle

June 15, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Murray & Dixie Suffrin

Tammie Charrier

St. Clement of Rome Harold Sr., Barbara & Frances Himel & Brenda Blank

Coffee & Donuts

June 22, 2025

Derryl Comeaux, Bobbie Cavalier & Janis Rockforte

7:30am Mass

Steve & Faith Maddox

9am Mass



Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." How can you evangelize others and share in God's glory? Maybe 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.

Kid's Corner

Most Holy Trinity

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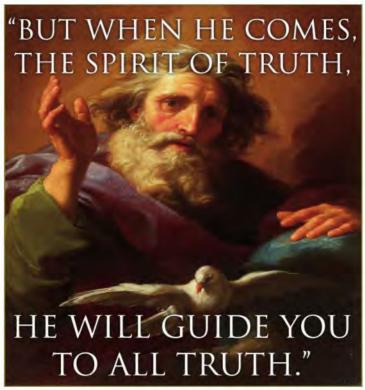
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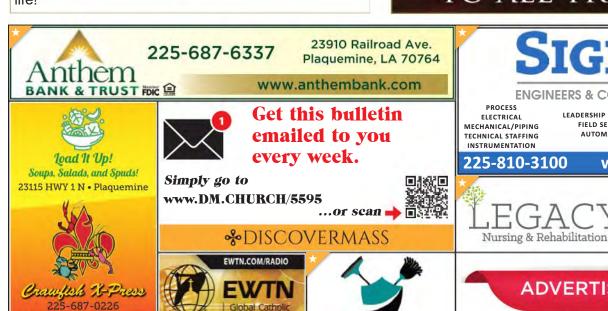
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