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Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Followed by Benediction & Novena
Wednesday7:00 am
Thursday 7:00 am
Friday 7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday	5:30-5:45	pm
First Frida	ay6:30	am
Saturday	3:00-3:30	pm



First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Do What You Can

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction—the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). So why hasn't it been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Instead of trying

to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us? Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. If we can just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Tom Schmidt, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is waiting for YOU.

"Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from You."

—St. Josemaria Escriva

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-11pm. To schedule an hour as a committed adorer or a substitute, please contact Susan at 225.687.2402, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com.

Scripture Readings

Week of November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;

Mt 24:37-44

Monday Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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:

Mary Ann F. Albarado Mary Susan L. Dugas Gloria T. Naquin

Donated by: Stacey S. Decuir

Ritualsong

First Sunday of Advent #1090

Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #492

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Christ, Be Our Light #692 Sending Forth: People, Look East #501



The Advent Wreath Candle for the 1st Sunday of Advent burns in loving memory of:

Roland "Dougie" Rivet

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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:

Rosemary Cox

Donated by: Jim Cox

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

The Altar Society will be selling mugs (\$10) "Recipes Old and New Tried and True" cookbooks (\$20), and church tiles (\$50-\$150) this weekend before and after all Masses outside of church.

We invite you to join or renew your membership to this rewarding and essential Ministry. Our annual dues are \$25 and NO active participation is required. Your financial support is vital to maintaining the quality of the services we provide. We take responsibility for the Communion wafers, wine, linens, candles, Altar cleaning, Confirmation receptions, and other needs that arise. Joining is easy. Place cash, including your name and address or check payable to St. John Altar Society in a plain envelope addressed to SJAS in the regular collection at any weekend Mass. Dues can also be paid at the St. John Church Office or contact Trish Ramirez at 225.776.3507.

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, December 3 at 8am.

Thank you for your support.

Eucharistic Ministers Make-up Meeting

Fr. Martin has called a make-up meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on **Thursday**, **December 4 at 6pm in church**. This meeting applies to all current Eucharistic Ministers, ministers to the homebound and anyone who wants to become a Eucharistic Minister and were unable to attend the November 6 meeting.

Bringing Christmas Joy

St. Lucy Party

On **Saturday, December 13**, spend the afternoon with us in the St. John Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to join Fr. Martin for an afternoon of refreshments and fellowship directly following 4pm Mass from 5pm until 7pm.

GEMS (50 years and older) Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, December 3

Time: 10:30am-1pm

Place: St. John Parish Hall

Meats, soft drinks and bread will be provided. Please

bring a side dish or dessert.

St. Joseph Altar Volunteers Luncheon

Friday, December 5 — 10:30am

St. John Parish Hall

Please bring a pot luck dish and needed supplies to be

donated to our Veterans.

Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree has been set up in church for you to take a candy cane with a child's name. Share the joy of Jesus' birth with the children. Please place purchased gifts with name and candy cane attached to gifts under the Christmas tree by **Sunday, December 7**.

Sorting will take place Sunday, December 14 in the Parish Hall with distribution on Monday, December 15.

Christmas Cards for Inmates

The Catholic Community at Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Chaplain's Department are again inviting our parish to participate in the Christmas card program. Anyone interested in donating new religious Christmas cards should drop them off at the St. John Church office. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison.

Christmas Flower Envelopes

The envelope for Christmas flowers has been placed in the December packet of envelopes. The names of loved ones remembered with Christmas flowers will be published in the bulletin.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception A Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8 — Schedule of Masses: 7am — St. John Church 8:30am — SJS Mass at St. Clement Church 6pm — St. John Church

The Blessed Mother was called "Full of Grace" by the angel Gabriel because she was first conceived without sin. As the Church prepares for the coming of Christ on Christmas Day, meditating on the mystery of Mary's Immaculate Conception can remind us of the saving work Jesus came to do through His Incarnation.

How to celebrate:

Go to confession. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas and give you the grace to imitate Mary's virtues.

Advent Day of Recollection

The Holy Face of Jesus Devotion

On **Friday, December 12th**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, Father Miles Walsh will come to St John's to give a Day of Recollection. He will be speaking on the beautiful Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, a devotion important for our times.

The day will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 7am in church, followed by coffee and doughnuts in the Parish Hall. At around 8:30am, Father Walsh will give the first talk, followed by a time for questions and reflection. After a second talk and question time, we will have a light lunch. The day will then conclude with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church (with an opportunity to go to Confession) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome! Spread the word!

Advent Penance Service

Forgiveness

Father Martin with other priests from the surrounding area will hear confessions **Thursday**, **December 18** from 7-8pm in church.

"If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing." — 1 John 1:9

St. John the Evangelist Rev. Martin E. Lawrence

2025 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 November Light the first violet candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing Hope. Reflect on the source of your hope in Christ and what it means in your life.	December Be intentional. As soon as your alarm goes off, rise and kneel before a crucifix. Offer your day—and this entire season—to God with purpose and reverence.	Decide how you will draw closer to Christ this Advent—through intentional prayer, acts of penance, charitable giving, or participation in the Sacraments.	Read Luke 1:26-38, where Mary's "Yes" made way for the coming of Christ. Ask for the grace to respond with your own "Yes" to God's will in your life.	A Set out your empty nativity scene as a sign of anticipation of the coming of the King. Gradually add the remaining figures throughout the Advent season.	Attend First Friday Mass, in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart. "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours." And He will.	St. Nicholas of Myra Call or visit your parish office and ask who needs help this Christmas. Then do something about it — quietly, as St. Nicholas did.
Light the second violet candle for Peace. Pray for the "peace which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) for yourself and whoever needs it most.	S Conception God preserved Mary from sin so that she could be the mother of Jesus. Attend Mass and pray for our country. It is a holy day of obligation.	Make a small sacrifice today, offered solely to God. It is even more meaningful if it's done in secret, as encouraged in Matthew 6:18.	Prepare your heart and soul to welcome the King. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encounter the mercy of God.	Advent is a busy season for parishes. Consider calling or emailing your parish office to ask how you can offer your time and support.	1 2 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mary's miraculous image reveals a profound mystery of Christmas (John 1:14). Take time today to pray for expectant mothers and the gift of new life.	"If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt" (St. Basil the Great). Donate gently used clothing you don't need.
gaudete Sunday Light the rose candle for Joy to mark the halfway point to Christmas.	Offer the alms of patience when you're irritated, a smile when you're weary, and a kind word in place of judgment. You will touch hearts in ways you'll never fully realize.	Harboring unforgiveness burdens the heart and disrupts inner peace. Pray for the grace to let go, so you can move forward in freedom and healing.	Only nine days remain until Christmas. Place a lamp or candle in a window as a sign of welcome for the Christ Child.	Visit the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus fulfills His promise to remain with us (Matthew 28:20). Take this time to renew your faith in His unwavering love.	Today, refrain from recreational screen use between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Offer this sacrifice for those who struggle with screen-related addictions.	Share the joy of the Gospel—gather a group of friends and go caroling to bring the Good News to others through song.
Light the final violet candle, symbolizing Love—awaiting the coming of Christ, the ultimate expression of the Father's love (10hn 3:16).	The King is coming—prepare to welcome Him. Take time to ready your home as a reflection of the joy and reverence in your heart.	Discem which Advent practices you feel called to carry beyond Christmas. Which ones deepened your relationship with God? Which ones strengthened your capacity for charity?	24 Rejoice! Tonight, place the Christ Child in the manger and rejoice!	"In those days a decree we be enrolled. This was the figor all went to be enrolled Califee from the town of Bethlehem, because he was her to have her child, and swaddling clothes and laid suaddling clothes and laid	"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And loseph too went up from Calilee from the town of Nazareth to Iudea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehen, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).	that all the world should ins was governor of Syria. Joseph too went up from y of David that is called David, to be enrolled with re there, the time came for son. She wrapped him in tere was no place for them

Parish Activities — December 2025
Monday, December 1
Baptism Seminar Conference Room
7pm
Catholic Daughters Christmas Banquet Parish Hall
6-9pm
Wednesday, December 3
GEMS Luncheon Parish Hall
10:30am
Thursday, December 4
Extraordinary Ministers Meeting Church
6pm
Friday, December 5
St. Joseph Altar Volunteer Party Parish Hall
10:30am
Saturday, December 6
Women's Advent Silent Retreat Parish Hall
10:30am-2:30pm
Monday, December 8 — OFFICE CLOSED
Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses:
7am & 6pm Church
8:30am SJS St. Clement
Friday, December 12
Advent Day of Recollection Church/Parish Hall
Beginning with 7am Mass
Saturday, December 13
St. Lucy Party Parish Hall
5-7pm
Sunday, December 14
Confirmation Students Church
11am Mass
Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church
3-5pm
Monday, December 15
Decorating for Christmas Church
8am
Wednesday, December 17
Altar Society Big Cleaning for Christmas Church
8am
Thursday. December 18
Advent Penance Service Church
7pm
Saturday, December 20
Baptisms Church
Following 4pm Mass
Wednesday, December 24 — Christmas Eve Masses:
4pm (Children's Mass), 6pm & Midnight
Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day Mass: 9am
Saturday, December 27
Feast of St. John the Evangelist — 9am Mass
Wednesday December 31 — Holy Mary Mother of God 4pm Vigil Mass & Thursday January 1 — 9am Mass
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December 24-January 1 OFFICE CLOSED





The Pope's Prayer Intention for December For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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Fr. Gregory J. Daigle

Donated by: Mr. & Mrs. Patrick W. Pendley

Women's Silent Advent Retreat

"Born for A Purpose"

When: Saturday, December 6, 2025

10:30am-2:30pm

Where: St. John The Evangelist Church Parish Hall

Lead By: The Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes

A light lunch will be provided. Register today by

calling 225.687.2402.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, December 1, 2025

Monday, January 5, 2026

Monday, February 2, 2026

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Saturday, January 24, 2026

NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

During the early stages of pregnancy, please register online at www.stjohnchurchplag.org under FORMATION or call the church office at 225.687.2402. Baptism preparation may be done at a seminar or online. For online information, email wandaashley681@gmail.com. Confirm with Lily Skidmore at the church office as dates are subject to change.

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 6-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; M/M L.J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Alfred & Mercedese, Lester & Mary Carville, Edmund & Louise Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey: Norman, Dorothy & Laura Lynn Grass; John E. & Cecile D. Brown, Maurice E. Brown, Micky J. Brown, Joan B. Heath, M/M Robert E. Brown & Families, M/M Maurice L. Duhon & Families, Wayne A. "Parin" Achord; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Patrick Gaudet, Iris & Audrey Callegan; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Henry J. & JoAnn Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; The Currier Families; Lois & Baco Romero, Lonnie Michel; Sue Blanchard; Gerald W. Boudreaux; Rita Hedges Seymour; James G. Clouatre, Sr., Deceased Hedges & Clouatre Families

Sunday, December 7-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, December 7-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo, James Roucher; Arthur Ganaway; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, James & Agnes LeBlanc; Alvin Sr., Angelic & Alvin Jr. Barbier; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J & Carolyn Vicknair; Annie Daigle; M/M Claude K. Cavalier; Rosemary Cox; Denise Miranda; Annie & Benny Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Nancy Angeron Taylor; Allen, Flo & Paco Ourso; Jessie Billings, Debra Billings; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Gloria Cavalier, Donald & Mary Cavalier, Mark Cavalier; Sue Landry Dugas

Sunday, December 7-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Dianne Grace, Charles Champagne, Jr.; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn; Earl Alvin Gibson

Tuesday, December 9-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Charlotte Mae & Caroline Elizabeth Carville

Wednesday, December 10-7am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Thursday, December 11-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, December 12-7am Mass

Mary Ann Gregoire, Lawrence Martinez

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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:

George & "Sweet" Wilbert

Donated by: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Howard, Jr.



Sanctuary Candle

November 30, 2025 St. John the Evangelist Shane Smith

St. Clement of Rome Alex & Alice Nolan

Coffee & Donuts

December 7, 2025

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero (7:30am Mass)

Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)



Children's Church

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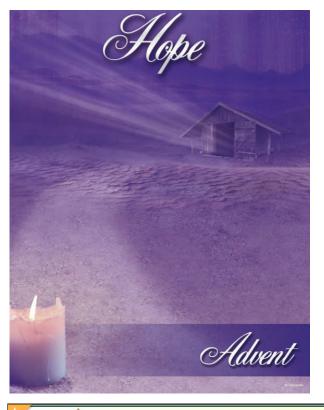
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
9am	Carrie Leonard
11am	Taylor Campbell
9am	Tracy Cox
11am	Alexis Schlatre
	9am 11am 9am

Angels for Angels

Providing for School Children in Need

The Angels for Angels program has been able to help children in our local schools with much needed items. Teachers contact the Angels for Angels with a specific need for a specific child in their classroom. Items needed are underwear, socks, and elastic waist athletic shorts (black, maroon and khaki) sizes 4T-8 and small hygiene articles such as feminine products, toothbrushes, combs, etc. Teachers need play dough, coloring books, arts and craft supplies and kid games. Please place your purchased items in the baskets located near the doors of the church. For more information, call Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 or the church office, 225.687.2402.





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