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Masses

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday.....5:30-5:45 pm
First Friday.....6:30 am
Saturday3:00-3:30 pm



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 28, 2025

Remember, Reflect, Respond

This feast has had several names through history. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one. When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God.

Today's Gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart. Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep, or remember, what God has done, and to reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting. Tom Schmidt



Holy Mary Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 - 4pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026 - 9am Mass

Nativity Scene in Church

Our beautiful crèche with life-size Fontanini figures will be available for viewing for anyone who would like an opportunity to make a prayerful visit to our Lord and Savior. The church will be open and the lights will be on daily from 7am-3:30pm until **Sunday, January 18, 2026**.

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.

Knights of Columbus News

Fireworks Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling fireworks at the K.C. Home, 58715 Price Street in Plaquemine.

Fireworks schedule:

Saturday, December 27 - Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Eve 11am until fireworks run out.

Weekdays: 5 to 8:30pm

Weekends: 2 to 8:30pm

2026 Raffle Calendars

The Knights of Columbus Council 970 has 2026 Raffle Calendars for sale to support their charity endeavors thorough the year. The calendars are \$20 each and offer 365 chances to win including the \$2000 drawing on Columbus Day! Contact Gary Bertrand (225.400.7764) or Bart Schlatre (225.385.5712) for more information.

Please support the Knights of Columbus in all the good works they do for our church and community.

Ritualsong

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph #1106

Entrance: O Come, All Ye Faithful #521

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: What Child is This #552

Sending Forth: Angels We Have Heard on High #524



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is waiting for YOU.

"Let every knee bend before Thee, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host. May every heart love Thee, every spirit adore Thee and every will be subject to Thee!" —St. Margaret Mary

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-11pm.

To schedule an hour as a committed adoror or a substitute, please contact Susan at 225.687.2402, susanblandry@sj.brcocmail.com.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, January 12, 2026

Monday, February 2, 2026

Monday, March 2, 2026

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, January 24, 2026

NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

During the early stages of pregnancy, please register online at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMATION or call the church office at 225.687.2402. Confirm with Lily Skidmore at the church office as dates are subject to change.

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, under the RESOURCES tab. Upon completion of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.



Our church office will be closed until Monday, January 5, 2026.

Spring Bible Study

The Gospel According to Luke

Spring Bible Study begins Thursday, January 8, 2026. The Gospel of Luke is the third of the New Testament's four canonical Gospels. It tells of the origins, birth, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. You may attend any one of the sessions offered.

Sessions include Mondays: 1-2:30pm or

Thursdays 1:30-3pm or 6:15-7:45pm

Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 to register for the study on St. Luke's Gospel. The \$35 fee for the workbook may be paid at your first session.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for January

For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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:

Dr. Mike & Melvena Francise

Donated by:

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Parish Activities — January 2026

Thursday, January 1 — Holy Mary Mother of God
9am Mass

Friday, January 2

First Friday Confessions Church
6:30am

Monday, January 5

Baptism Seminar Conference Room
7pm

Thursday, January 8

Spring Bible Studies Begin Conference Room
1:30-3pm, 6:15-7:45pm

Sunday, January 11

Ladies of Peter Claver Parish Hall
2-4pm

Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church
3-5pm

Monday, January 12

Catholic Daughters Meeting Parish Hall
6-8pm

Wednesday, January 14

Grandparents Day Mass Church
8:30am

Saturday, January 24

Baptisms Church
Following 4pm Mass

Sunday, January 25

Confirmation Students & Sponsors Church
11am Mass

Tuesday, January 27

Altar Society Meeting Conference Room
9:30am

Scripture Readings

Week of December 28, 2025

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5;
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15,
19-23

Monday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;
Jn 1:1-18

Thursday Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3c-6;
Jn 1:29-34

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Mt 2:1-12

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great." If you feel God is offering you the gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life as a sister, brother, or consecrated virgin, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: ablount@diobr.org



GEMS Christmas Luncheon



The GEMS (Golden Eagle Members) celebrated their annual festive gathering with a Potluck Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 3. The luncheon is anticipated every year as one of fellowship, food and door prizes.

We gratefully acknowledge the GEMS committee for working to provide this fun Christmas tradition. The committee members (at left l to r) are Lorraine Hidalgo, Louise Dugas, Derryl Comeaux, Paula Adams, Sandra Bizette, Jo Ann Carline and Donna Fontenot.



GEMS Christmas Luncheon



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3-4pm 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; Sue Landry Dugas; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Papa, Momma, Moe, Joan & Mickey J. Brown, Duhon Family; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; M/M Yves Ramirez, Jerry, Jane & Kirsch; Sylvia Rivet, Shane Smith, Rivet Family; Alfred & Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, Reid & Gerry Rainey, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Brennan Bujol, Derley Barbier, Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Orcino & Flatau Families; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Stag Gomez, Catherine Gomez, Bryce Gomez, Les Gomez; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot; M/M A. J. Rodruiguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Sr., Scott Jude Marino; Henry J. & Jo Ann R. Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; Pam Blanchard; Maude & Percy Blanchard, Norbert & Chase Prejean; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. C. & Ella R. Collins & Family

Sunday, January 4-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Sunday, January 4-9am 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; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Gloria Cavalier, Donald & Mary Cavalier, Mark Cavalier; Sue Landry Dugas; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr. & Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Harold Sr., Barbara & Frances Himel, Brenda Blank; Tommy Scruggins; Rosemary Cox; J. W. & Sue Bryant, Bill Bryant, Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Mary Ann Gregoire, Marie Martinez; Denise Miranda, James & Marie Miranda, Louise Samaha

Sunday, January 4-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families

Tuesday, January 6-6pm Mass

Christopher Stassi; Lester Haydel, Jr.; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Robert, Lee & Betty Mooney, Rita Marchand

Wednesday, January 7-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Thursday, January 8-7am Mass

Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato

Friday, January 9-7am Mass

Mickey J. Brown



Sanctuary Candle

December 28, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Nolan "Country" Ruiz

St. Clement of Rome

Joshua "Josh" Landry

Coffee & Donuts

January 4, 2026

Derryl Comeaux, Bobbie Cavalier & Janis Rockforte (7:30 Mass)

Tom & Germaine Bradley (9am Mass)



St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Extra Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, December 31 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

Children's Church — January 2026

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

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
January 11	9am	Carrie Leonard
January 18	11am	Taylor Campbell
January 25	9am	Tracy Cox

Kids Corner

Feast of the Holy Family

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