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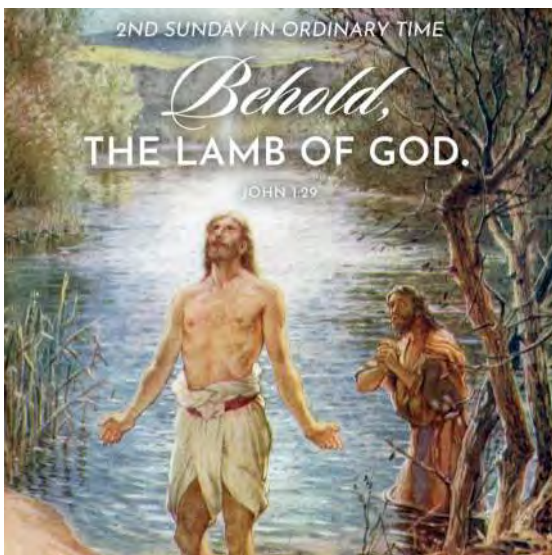
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Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday...7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday..... 6:00 pm
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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

Behold the Lamb of God

I wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer already acting like a disciple before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

First, John trusts God with things he does not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus. We too may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with a serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God's work meant that God was working through him. Originally, John baptized others as a sign of repentance, but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus "known to Israel" (John 1:31). When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and who decides what the result will be.

John's third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his or her faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. Even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it, and even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing. You may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others. Tom Schmidt



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is waiting for YOU.

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.

Feast of St. John the Evangelist



Fr. Martin celebrated 9am Mass on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, Saturday, December 27, 2025. Following Mass, Father Martin blessed parishioners with a First Class Relic of St. John the Evangelist. He is shown blessing OCIA candidate, Neil Prudhomme.

In the Catholic Church, First-Class Relics are the highest category, comprising a saint's physical remains (bones, blood, hair) or items directly from Jesus' Passion, like a piece of the True Cross, considered powerful conduits for intercession and veneration

Ritualsong

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time #1197

Entrance: The Summons #886

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Here I Am, Lord #869

Sending Forth: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #548

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:

**Kolby Lorio &
Johnny Clebert**

**Donated by:
The Calvin Lorio Family**

Nativity Scene in Church

The church will remain open until 3:30pm Sunday, January 18, 2026. This will be your last opportunity this Christmas season to make a prayerful visit to Our Lord and Savior at the crèche.

Scripture Readings

Week of January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17,
21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;
Ps 144:1b-2, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11;
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37;
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-31

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or
4:12-17

St. John the Evangelist Christmas Eve Children's Mass



The St. John 4pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025 was a joyful event heralding the coming of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks to the participants of the Nativity reenactment and their parents. Performers were:

Little Drummer Boy:
Thomas Cagnolatti

Angels:
Amelia Landry
Isabelle Landry
Jeanne Deshotel

Shepherd:
Josie Deshotel

Soldier:
Everett Berthelot

Wise men:
Elliot LoBue
Kasen Bourgoyne
Julien Landry

Joseph:
Cooper Seneca

Mary:
Amelia Bueche

Special thanks to PSR coordinator Mrs. Jennifer Adams assisted by Hope Adams who prepared the children for the presentation.



Stewardship of Finance

Weekend of December 6/7

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 173 Identified Envelope Givers: | \$ 7,911.00 |
| 60 Identified Online Givers: | 4,524.00 |
| Loose Collection: | <u>1,814.00</u> |
| Total Collection: | \$14,249.00 |
| Repairs and Maintenance: | \$ 3,336.00 |
| Other Collections: | \$ 1,152.00 |

Weekend of December 13/14

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| 171 Identified Envelope Givers: | \$ 9,639.00 |
| 53 Identified Online Givers: | 1,804.00 |
| Loose Collection: | <u>1,469.00</u> |
| Total Collection: | \$12,912.00 |
| Repairs and Maintenance: | \$ 1,715.00 |
| Other Collections: | \$ 3,730.00 |

Weekend of December 20/21

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| 176 Identified Envelope Givers: | \$ 9,682.00 |
| 5 Identified Online Givers: | 1,679.00 |
| Loose Collection: | <u>1,824.00</u> |
| Total Collection: | \$13,185.00 |
| Repairs and Maintenance: | \$ 0 |
| Other Collections: | \$ 2,632.00 |

Christmas Collection

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| Identified Givers: 199 | \$ 9,672.00 |
| 5 Identified Online Givers: | 435.00 |
| Loose Collection | <u>5,253.00</u> |
| | \$15,360.00 |

Weekend of December 27/28

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| 134 Identified Envelope Givers: | \$ 6,682.00 |
| 36 Identified Online Givers: | 1,764.00 |
| Loose Collection: | <u>1,651.00</u> |
| Total Collection: | \$10,097.00 |
| Repairs and Maintenance: | \$ 0 |
| Other Collections: | \$ 822.00 |

Weekend of January 3/4

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| 191 Identified Envelope Givers: | \$ 7,484.00 |
| 55 Identified Online Givers: | 3,579.00 |
| Loose Collection: | <u>1,425.00</u> |
| Total Collection: | \$12,488.00 |
| Repairs and Maintenance: | \$ 3,829.00 |
| Other Collections: | \$ 3,567.00 |

2025 Christmas Flowers and Decorations

In Loving Memory:

Rose Marie LeBlanc
 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Canella
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas LeBlanc
 Allen "Dottie" Rivere
 Julius & Neva Bolotte
 The Vadnais Family
 The Bergeron Family
 The Bueche Family
 The Robertson Family
 The Willis Family
 The Fontenot Family
 George & Sweet Wilbert
 Crawford & Bette Howard
 Irwin & Ione Wilbert
 Elmo & Otella Loubiere
 Huey Hebert & Hebert Family
 Arlyn Russo & River Family
 Randolph & Velma Gaudet
 Gaudet Family
 Percy Blanchard
 Maude Blanchard
 Norbert Prejean
 Chase Prejean
 Lyall Family
 Aidone Family
 Orcino Family
 Simpson Family
 Ed & Myrna Hargrove
 Sonny Hargrove
 Maggie Dunn
 Brennan Bujol
 Mr. & Mrs. William "Jack" Barbay
 John A. Barbay
 Mr. & Mrs. Nickey Ourso, Sr.
 J. W. & Sue Bryant
 Bill Bryant
 Mrs. E. J. Clifton
 Raleigh & Mercedes Ohlmeyer
 David & Erline Carville
 Raleigh Jr. Ohlmeyer
 Annelies Ohlmeyer Martinez
 Ruth Larpenteur
 Nancy Stevens
 (continued in future bulletins)

Need Sacraments?

If you need information on Marriage preparation, Baptism, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, Communion to the Homebound, or Anointing of the Sick, contact the Church Office at 225.687.2402 or visit the St. John Church website at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the Church one year prior to the wedding. Plans should not be made before contacting the Church office. Anyone previously married must have an annulment freeing them to marry in the Catholic Church. This includes members of other denominations seeking to marry Catholics in the Catholic Church. Contact Wedding Coordinator Susan Landry.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

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.

1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation

For 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation, please register online or call the church office to fill out the required forms and attend the required classes.

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion weekly to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes or care facilities. Family members may contact Marsha Dupont.

Anointing of the Sick

Every First Tuesday following 6pm Mass, our parish celebrates the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for those who are seriously ill, experiencing depression, battling cancer treatments, disabled in any way, the elderly and those who are to undergo surgery in the near future. Four to six months is recommended between anointing unless otherwise urgent.

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August Bourgoyne, Jr.

Donated by:

The Bryan Guillot Family

Lectors Meeting

Fr. Martin is calling a meeting of all parish lectors who read at weekend and Holy Day Masses on Wednesday, January 28 at 6pm in church.

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: ablount@diobr.org



Contribution Tax Statements

Anyone needing a 2025 contribution statement for tax purposes may contact Susan Landry, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com or 225.687.2402. Statements will be emailed or printed upon request. Please remember St. John Church and St. John School in your Last Will and Testament.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 24-4pm 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; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Andrew & Catherine Roucher; Norman Jr., Dorothy & Laura Lynn Grass; Stephen A. LeBlanc, Joseph C. LeBlanc, Sr.; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; M/M Tony Falcon, Anthony "Boyce" Falcon; Brandi Quatrevingt, M/M Ray Murry, Mark Murry, Lil Earl Quatrevingt, M/M Earl Quatrevingt, Tommy & Jay Quatrevingt, M/M C. J. Saurage, Brian & Randy Quatrevingt, M/M Ronald Lee Gary, M/M Gerald Morales, M/M Frank Tempanaro, M/M "Junior" Sanchez, Mr. Camille Tempanaro, M/M Alvin Altazan, Butch Altazan, M/M Clyde Favron, Shirley Favron; Joseph Guilbeau; Pam Blanchard; Amelia, Gayle & Wheel Badeaux; Ernest, Josephine & Brenda Lapeze, Lapeze & Ragusa Families; August Bourgoyne, Jr.; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Jr., Roy Landry, Sr.

Sunday, January 25-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, January 25-9am 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; Sue Landry Dugas; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Joseph Guilbeau; Denise Miranda; Bennie & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Faye & Harry Martinez; Donald & Jerry Dugas; Bart Tullier, Ruth Acosta, O'Neil Acosta, Madeleine Samson

Sunday, January 25-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & Joe Landry; Bobby & Janice Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr.; J. H. Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harry Marionneaux; Kevin Mellieon, Geraldine Kelly, Elsie Sam, Lena Delahoussaye; Dwight Marix, Michael Clause

Tuesday, January 27-6pm Mass

Robert, Betty & Lee Mooney, David Chaloux

Wednesday, January 28-7am Mass

Murray & Dixie Suffrin

Thursday, January 29-7am Mass

Corinne Hebert

Friday, January 30-7am Mass

Tommy Griffon



Sanctuary Candle

January 18, 2026

St. John the Evangelist

Andrew & Catherine Roucher

St. Clement of Rome

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Allain

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Dupont

Coffee & Donuts

January 25, 2026

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero

(7:30 Mass)



Bobby Blanchard, Susie Burns & Michelle Sharon (9am Mass)

Children's Church

January & February 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 18 | 11am | Taylor Campbell |
| January 25 | 9am | Tracy Cox |

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, January 21 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

Save the Dates!

**2026 World Marriage Day
Masses & Celebrations**

St. John Church Parish will honor couples celebrating 10, 15, 25, 35, 50 and more years of Marriage on **Valentine's Day, Saturday February 14.**

The Baton Rouge Diocese will celebrate at Immaculate Conception Church honoring couples celebrating 25, 50, 65 years and more on **Sunday, March 22.**

More details to follow.



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