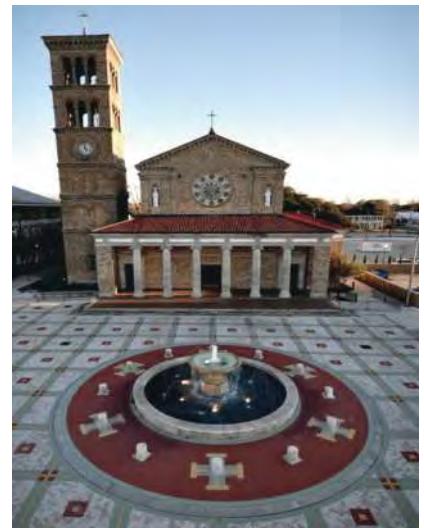


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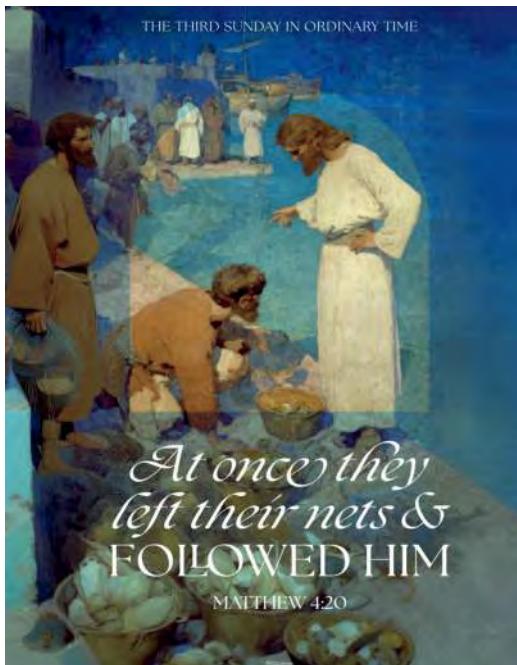
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Masses

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
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Send in the Clones

In St. Paul's time, the Church was so new that everyone remembered how they came to the faith. It seems that some people in Paul's time actually boasted about who baptized them. They acted as if they were better Christians because of the person whose preaching first attracted them.

Paul, of course, would have no part in those rivalries. In fact, you can almost hear Paul laughing when he talks about people who consider Christ as just another leader of one of the factions. Christ should be the sign of unity for all Christians, not just one congregation. While no one says they want to divide the body of Christ, I'm sure you know someone who thinks the only way to have a unified Church is for everyone to pray the same way they do.

Yet even Paul did not expect all believers to be clones of one another. He frequently wrote about people having many different gifts. Those differences are necessary; we need all the gifts that the Spirit gives us. So what can we do to help unify the Church?

First, do what Jesus himself did—pray for unity in the Church (John 17:20–21). Pray that you come to know what your own gifts are, have the courage to use them for the Church, and appreciate the gifts of others. Second, Paul was very aware of his own weaknesses. Without weakness, how can we experience God's strength? Instead of looking down on those with whom we disagree, look up to see what God may be revealing to you through that person's differences. Tom Schmidt



Sacrament of Confirmation

We welcome the Confirmation candidates and their sponsors at 11am Mass on Sunday, January 25.

We will welcome Bishop Michael Duca Thursday, February 5 at 7pm Mass as he seals the Confirmation candidates with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community

Fr. Martin will concelebrate the Catholic Schools Mass with Bishop Duca at St. Joseph Cathedral at 10am on Wednesday, January 28. This Mass is open to the public.

We will have a Communion Service at St. John the Evangelist Wednesday, January 28 at 7am.

Ritualsong

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time #1200

Entrance: Gather Your People #940

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: We Are Many Parts #918

Sending Forth: City of God #876



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is waiting for YOU.

“By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy.” —Blessed Carlo Acutis

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.bcoxmail.com.



Lectors Meeting with Father Martin

All parish lectors who read at weekend and Holy Day Masses will meet on Wednesday, January 28 at 6pm in church.

Scripture Readings

Week of January 25, 2026

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

Monday 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a,
10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;Mk 4:1-20
Thursday 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7,
10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Conference Room

Monday, February 2, 2026

Monday, March 2, 2026

Monday, April 6, 2026

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, January 24, 2026

NO BAPTISMS IN LENT

Saturday, April 25, 2026

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.

Save the Date!

Our parish will begin its nine-week Novena of Divine Mercy on Tuesday, February 10.

2026 Word Marriage Day Mass & Celebration

St. John Parish Anniversary Celebration

On **Saturday, February 14** at St. John the Evangelist Church, couples celebrating 10, 15, 25, 35, 50 or greater years of marriage will be honored with reserved seating at 4pm Mass. Corsages and boutonnieres will be available in the parish hall for couples before they process in church for Mass. Family and friends are invited to a reception following Mass in the parish hall hosted by the Altar Society.

If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries in the year 2026 and would like to celebrate with us, please email marshaadupont@sj.brcoxmail.com, call the Church office at 225.687.2402, or fill out the form below. You may drop the form in the collection basket at weekend Mass or mail it to St. John Church, 57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764

Full Names: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Please circle anniversary to be celebrated:

10 15 25 35 50 More than 50 _____

****Please respond by Monday, February 9.****

Diocesan Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, March 22, 2026 — 2pm

Immaculate Conception Church

865 Hatchell Ln., Denham Springs, LA 70726

◊ Bishop Michael Duca, Celebrant of the Mass

◊ Honoring couples on their 25th, 50th & 65th or greater wedding anniversary.

◊ The families of the celebrating couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the reception afterward in the Parish Hall.

Please call the St. John Church office at 225.687.2402 or fill out the form below and mail it to St. John Church, 57805 Main Street by **Thursday, February 1.**

**** Please print or write legibly. Names will appear on certificate as indicated below. ****

Examples: Mary & John Jones; or Mary Brown and John Jones; or Mr. and Mrs. John Jones

Names: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Wedding Date: _____

No. of years married: _____

Estimated # of family members to attend besides couple: _____

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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:

Fr. Gregory Daigle & Fr. Jerome Dugas

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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.

Visit our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org and join the parishioners who are using Online Giving for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

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 also need play dough, coloring books, arts and crafts supplies and kid games. Please place your purchased items in the baskets near the doors of the church. For more information, call Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 or the church office at 225.687.2402.

2025 Christmas Flowers and Decorations

In Loving Memory:

Phil Pettus
Doris Baist Allain
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Daigle, Roth, Landry & Zeringue Families
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Callegan & Gwin Families
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Alvin J. "Pecan" Daigle
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Mr. & Mrs. Tony Louis
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Shirley Zito
Michael Gourgues
Leona & Mervin Gourgues
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In Loving Memory to Everyone that passed.
Love Everybody dead and alive in Jesus Name.
Amen

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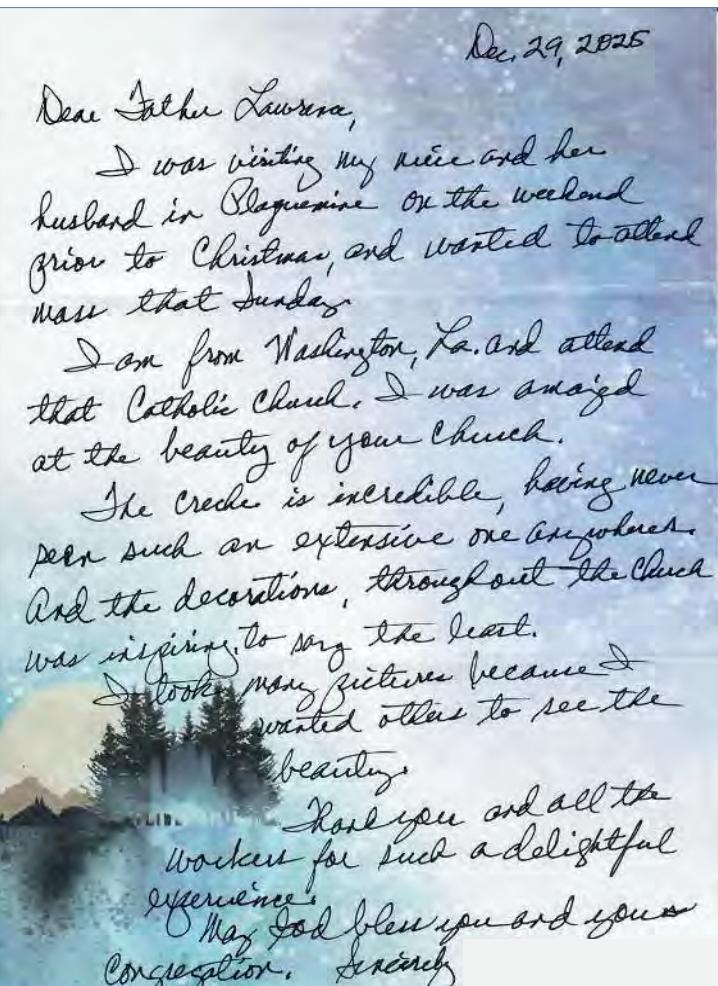
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A grateful acknowledgement is made to the parishioners who contributed to the flowers and decorations at Christmastime. Your generous donations help enhance the beauty of our church and liturgical celebrations.

A Grateful Acknowledgement



A grateful acknowledgement is made to our parishioners who took a candy cane from the Giving Tree and returned gifts for 340 children of our area. The delivery team helping to distribute the gifts are comprised of St. John the Evangelist parishioners and a few of our Baptist Church friends. Above, l to r, are Chester Curry, Iberville Elementary Principal Erika Bennett, Giving Tree coordinator Dr. Katie Berthelot, Jim Cox, Jack Franklin, Administrative Assistant of Discipline Lindsey Holtrop, Donald Curry and Kevin Kolder.



Parish Activities — February 2026

Sunday, February 1

Confirmation Students Make-up Retreat ... Parish Hall
1-4pm

Monday, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Bible Study Conference Room
1-3:30pm

Monday, February 2

Baptism Seminar Conference Room
7pm

Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Thursday, February 5

Confirmation Church
7-8:30pm

Friday, February 6

First Friday Confessions Church
6:30am

Sunday, February 8

Ladies of Peter Claver Parish Hall
2-4pm

Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church
3-5pm

Monday, February 9

Catholic Daughters Meeting Parish Hall
6-8pm

Tuesday, February 10, 17, 24

Divine Mercy Novena/Benediction Church
Following 6pm Mass

Wednesday, February 11

1st Eucharist Parent Meeting Parish Hall
6pm

Saturday, February 14

World Marriage Day Mass/Reception Church/Hall
4pm Mass

Monday, February 16 & Tuesday, February 17

OFFICE CLOSED — HAPPY MARDI GRAS!!

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

MASSES:

7am Mass & Distribution of Ashes Church

8:30am SJS Mass & Distribution St. Clement

Noon Liturgy of the Word & Distribution ... Church

6pm Mass & Distribution Church

Friday, February 20, 27

Noon Way of the Cross Church

6pm Mass & Way of the Cross Church

Tuesday, February 24

Altar Society Meeting Conference Room
9:30am

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31-4pm 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; Alfred & Mercedese Carville, Louise & Edmund Bujol; Winnie & Harry Gallagher; August Bourgoyne, Jr.; J. A. "Baby" Palermo, Margaret & Gary Hernandez; Bill Toups; Judy Lasseigne

Sunday, February 1-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, February 1-9am 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; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato; Patricia Ebert; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc, Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Rosemary Cox; Denise Miranda, James & Marie Miranda, Louise Samaha; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Sue Dugas; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Raffle, Gloria, Angela & Mark Cavalier, Donald & Mary Cavalier

Sunday, February 1-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Rodney & Betty LaBauve, Paul & Emily Bourgeois; George A. "GiGi" Allain

Tuesday, February 3-6pm Mass

Andrew & Catherine Roucher; Sue Landry

Wednesday, February 4-7am Mass

Roland "Dougie" Rivet

Thursday, February 5-7am Mass

Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc

Friday, February 6-7am Mass

Sylvia Rivet

Children's Church

January & February 2026

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

Sunday	Mass	Teacher
January 25	9am	Tracy Cox
February 1	11am	Alexis Schlatter
February 8	9am	Carrie Leonard
February 15	11am	Taylor Campbell
February 22	9am	Tracy Cox

Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After he placed his hands on them, he went away. —Matthew 19:13-15

Coffee & Donuts

February 1, 2026

George & Patricia Ramirez
(7:30 Mass)



Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)

Kids Corner

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

B	O	A	T	Z	R	M	E	K	A
Y	Q	Z	F	A	E	Z	N	U	E
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F	T	Q	E	K	H	C	N	E	O
W	Q	M	N	V	Y	H	B	T	B

Sea Region Prophet Land Arisen
Preach Repent Net Fishermen Boat



Sanctuary Candle

January 25, 2026

St. John the Evangelist
Murray & Dixie Suffrin

St. Clement of Rome

Alfred & Mercedese Carville

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church
Wednesday, January 28 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!



“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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