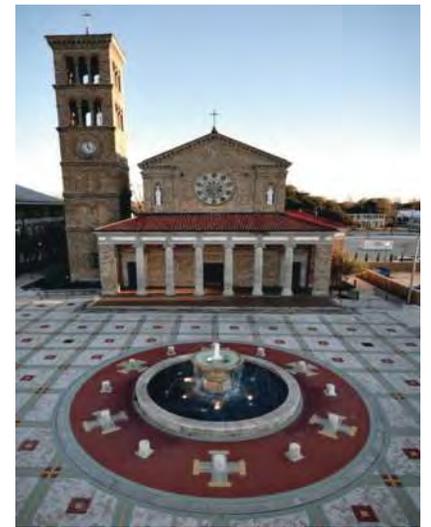


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## Masses

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 of Lent

March 8, 2026

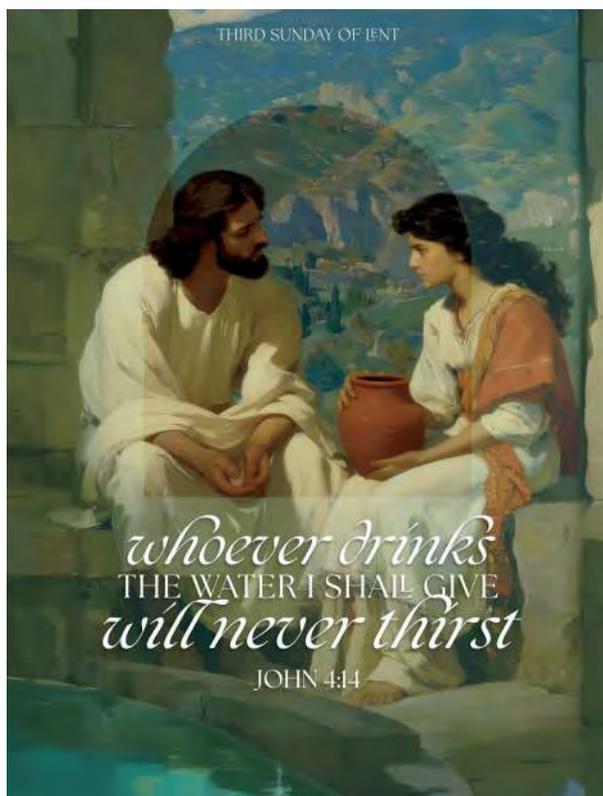
### One Small Step

In today's Gospel, we see the Samaritan woman coming to faith. The steps she takes are our steps, too. Though she needs Jesus' help, he approaches her first. He invites us to make the journey of faith long before we start, by putting us into a faithful family, giving us a curious heart that seeks the truth, sending us a friend or spouse whose example draws us to the Lord.

The next step is acknowledging our need and our sinfulness. Admitting our need for God, and especially for God's forgiveness, opens us to God's saving grace. Another step is drawing closer to God in prayer. Jesus tells the woman, and us, that the best worship is honest and from the Spirit.

When we begin to share our faith with others, we take the step of living our faith. Like the woman who told her neighbors about Jesus, we find that the people we have touched begin to find the Lord on their own. Our catechumens are taking these steps now, thanks to those who have helped them experience Jesus' invitation to faith.

Tom Schmidt



## Welcome

We welcome the Confirmation candidates with their sponsors to 11am Mass this weekend.

## Lenten Weekday Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass

Tuesday - 6pm Mass

6:30pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

Friday - Noon Stations of the Cross

5:30pm - Confessions

6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross

(No 7am Mass during Lent)

## Lenten Penance Service and Confessions

**Thursday, March 26, 2026 — 7pm**

Father Martin with 5 other priests from our deanery will be hearing confessions following a 7pm penance service on Thursday, March 26. Father will also be hearing confessions before Masses at 5:30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent and during the Easter Triduum during Holy Week.

*"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



## First Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, March 15, 2026 — 4pm Mass**

Please join us as we proudly welcome our young children to the Table of the Lord as they receive the Eucharist for the first time Sunday, March 15 at a Special 4pm Holy Mass.

## Students Needed for Holy Thursday

We are looking for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who have made their First Communion and would like to participate in the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, April 2 at 7pm. Young girls will process with young boys. First Communion attire is suggested; Sunday attire is acceptable.

If your child would like to participate, please contact Marsha at [marshaadupont@sj.brcocmail.com](mailto:marshaadupont@sj.brcocmail.com) or 225.687.2402.

## Ritualsong

**Third Sunday of Lent #1122**

Entrance: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #821

Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*

Communion: Let Your Mercy Be on Us #49

Sending Forth: Parce Domine/Spare Us, Gracious Lord #567



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Come and Adore. He 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.brcocmail.com](mailto:susanblandry@sj.brcocmail.com).

## St. Joseph Altar

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street**

We will honor St. Joseph at 4pm Mass Saturday, March 14. Father Martin will bless the altar with viewing available immediately following Mass at the K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street. On Sunday, March 15, serving from the altar begins following 11am Mass. Saints will be served at 11am and the public is invited to partake from noon until food runs out.

Anyone wishing to donate cookies or a cake and students wanting to earn service hours are asked to call Betty Aucoin at 225.687.2111. A homemade quilt, donated by Maxine Marino is being raffled for \$2 a chance.

## March Devotion of the Month: St. Joseph

**Major Feast: The Feast of St. Joseph (March 19)**

Although not much is written in the Scriptures about the earthly father of Jesus and spouse of the Blessed Mother, we know that he was a holy and just man. He humbly accepted his role in salvation history and faithfully followed God's will for him and his family.

St. Alphonsus Liguori is one of many saints who encouraged devotion to this holy man. He said: "We should, indeed, honor St. Joseph, since the Son of God Himself was graciously pleased to honor him by calling him father...If, then, the King of Kings was pleased to raise Joseph to so high a dignity, it is right and obligatory on our part to endeavor to honor him as much as we can."

## Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8. Clocks will “spring forward” one hour at 2am March 8. Don't forget to move clocks ahead before retiring Saturday night, March 7.

## The Holy Spirit Prayer Group

### Praying for our Community

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, March 8 from 3-5pm in church. All are welcome!!



## K. C. Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Blood Drive **Tuesday, March 10** from 3 until 8:30pm at the K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street.

## Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

### Baptism Seminars — 7pm

### Church Office Conference Room

**\*\*Monday, April 13, 2026**

Monday, May 4, 2026

Monday, June 1, 2026

### Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Saturday, June 27, 2026

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

**\*\*Note Change**



## Altar Server Training & Pizza Party

### Serving at the Table of the Lord

Father Martin is holding an altar server training on **Saturday, April 18** from 9 to 11am in the parish hall. Anyone who has received their First Communion and is interested in this ministry is invited to attend, get training, and get scheduled to start serving at Holy Mass. Pizza will be served following the training.



## Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Roch

*Built in Fulfillment of a Vow in 1867*

Campo Santo #1 + 1725 Saint Roch Avenue + New Orleans

**Monday, March 23rd**

Leaving St. John Church, Plaquemine 8:00 a.m. by carpool

At first, St. Roch Campo Santo Cemetery #1 doesn't look like anything out of the ordinary for a New Orleans graveyard. However, this quiet old cemetery is home to one of the most religious of settings in the Crescent City: the National Shrine of St. Roch, Mendicant Saint of Montpellier, France, patron of those suffering during pestilence and diseases, and heavenly patron of dogs. The neighborhood previously known as Faubourg Franklin became the St. Roch Neighborhood in the 1850's. In the times of the yellow fever epidemics which ravaged the Crescent City, the Pastor of Holy Trinity Church for German Catholics on St. Ferdinand Street, the Reverend Peter Leonard Thevis, prayed to St. Roch for his parishioners' health. St. Roch was believed to be a healer and protector of health by his congregation. Father Thevis made a vow that he would build a chapel in honor of St. Roch in the first parish cemetery (Campo Santo #1) if no one from his parish died from the yellow fever. Sure enough, no one in his parish died from yellow fever in over a decade. This meant that it was time to go through with his part of the deal. So, soon a chapel was built in honor of St. Roch.

The Shrine lies in a tall, two-room building, one of which contains an altar and a statue of St. Roch and his beloved dog. The other room is filled with *ex votos*, plaques of gratitude from the faithful who were cured through St. Roch's intercession from 1867 through the middle of the 20th century. Some of these *ex votos* are in the form of body part (representing the part of the body which suffered) and crutches and leg braces used by the faithful and no longer needed after they were cured. Until the late 1960's, novenas, devotions and Holy Masses were celebrated regularly at the Shrine, especially around the feast of St. Roch on August 16th. The Stations of the Cross are still popular at the Campo Santo on Good Friday.

### *Itinerary of the Day:*

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass shortly after we arrive (around 10:00 am);

Veneration of the 1st Class Holy Relic of St. Roch following Holy Mass;

Stations of the Cross around the Campo Santo #1 (bring a jacket);

LUNCH to follow at the nearby, historic

ST. ROCH MARKET (established 1875), 2381 St. Claude Avenue;

*Check out the menu. [www.strochmarket.com](http://www.strochmarket.com)*

### *Excursion On the Way Home (for those who wish):*

We will make a stop at THE CHURCH SUPPLY HOUSE (J. Prestes & Co, Inc)

3605 Division Street, Metairie, LA

*For those who would like to purchase religious articles for gifts and for home: Father Martin will bless religious articles if you'd like*

Anyone interested in joining us is asked to email Father Martin at [mLawrence@diobr.org](mailto:mLawrence@diobr.org).

We are working on securing a chartered bus. The price per person to ride the bus is \$55. Please bring your money to the church office with your name on it. You will be responsible for purchasing your lunch.



Laurie & Jacob Barbier — 25<sup>th</sup>

**World Marriage Day  
Mass and Reception  
February 14, 2026**

Couples celebrating special anniversaries were honored at 4pm Holy Mass February 14 followed by a reception in the parish hall. Family and friends joined in the celebration hosted by the St. John Altar Society.



Shirley & Jack Franklin — 69<sup>th</sup>



Virgie & Dean Smart — 60<sup>th</sup>



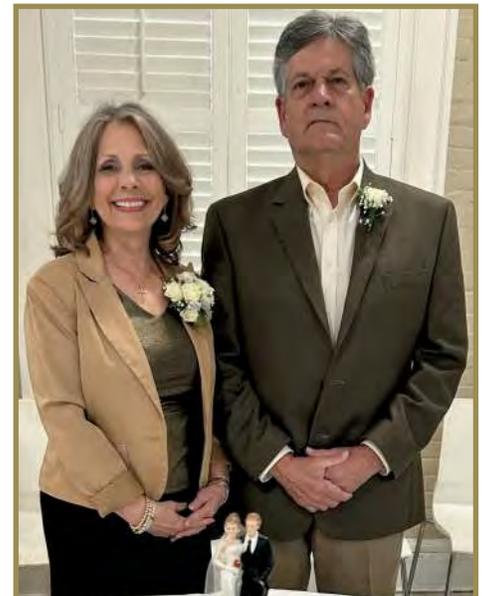
Rhonda & Timmy Martinez — 55<sup>th</sup>



Dorothy & Victor Blanchard — 63<sup>rd</sup>



Dianne & Alex Guidry — 56<sup>th</sup>



Donna & Kenny Guerin — 50<sup>th</sup>



Rita & Phil Canova — 50<sup>th</sup>



Linda & Mike Panepinto — 15<sup>th</sup>



Michelle & Gene Clement — 53<sup>rd</sup>



Jeanette & Larry Schlatre, Sr. — 60<sup>th</sup>



L. J. & Annette Zeringue — 66<sup>th</sup>



Gail & Sherlin "Dutt" LeJeune — 54<sup>th</sup>



Olivia & Tommy Persick — 64<sup>th</sup>



Denny & Michael Marino — 54<sup>th</sup>



Mary Kay & Bruce Capone — 60<sup>th</sup>

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 14-4pm 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; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; M/M Yves Ramirez, Jerry, Jane & Kirsch; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim, Nu Nu & Johnny Clebert, Louise, Edmund & Bro Bujol, Katherine & Lytle Chustz; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Stag Gomez, Catherine Gomez, Bryce Gomez, Les Gomez; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Gasper Pizzolato Family, Francis & Vincent Pizzolato; Janice Brown; Isaac J. Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Joy Ledet; M/M Victor Crescienne, Crescienne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Staempfli

**Sunday, March 15-7:30am Mass**

St. John Parishioners

**Sunday, March 15-9am 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; Ida Mae Ganaway; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Joseph Daigle; J. C. & Hetta Hebert, Gilmore & Cleora Couvillion; Clinton & Wendell Fournierat; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; Mary Ann Gregoire; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; The Calvaruso Family; Sue Dugas; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families

**Sunday, March 15-11am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Harry Marionneaux, Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Pauline & Alcee Becnel, Jr.; Maude & Percy Blanchard, Norbert & Chase Prejean; Joseph & Lillian Crescienne, Peter & Rosalie Crescienne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi

**Tuesday, March 17-6pm Mass**

Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & Joe Landry

**Wednesday, March 18-7am Mass**

Beulah H. Ferachi

**Thursday, March 19-7am Mass**

Alfred & Mercedes Carville, Louise & Edmond Bujol

**Friday, March 20-6pm Mass**

Ethlyn & Emile Troxclair, Jr.



**Sanctuary Candle**

**March 8, 2026**

St. John the Evangelist

**William Middleton**

St. Clement of Rome

**Colby Gomez**

**St. John Altar Society**

**Essential Support System of the Church**

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 11 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

**Called By Name**

**Chosen for Consecrated Life**

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: [ablount@diobr.org](mailto:ablount@diobr.org).



**Easter Flower Donations**

The beautiful flowers and decorations at Easter enhance our Easter worship. Please list the names of your loved ones on the envelopes provided in your March packet of envelopes or on a plain envelope. Memorial donations will be published in the bulletin.



**Coffee & Donuts**

**March 15, 2026**

**George & Patricia Ramirez**

(7:30 Mass)

**Blane & Deryl Ourso** (9am Mass)

**Children's Church - March 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>
March 8	9am	Tracy Cox
March 15	11am	Taylor Campbell
March 22	9am	Tracy Cox
March 29	11am	Alexis Schlatre



### Scripture Readings

Week of March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3- 4;  
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17;  
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,  
34-38

### Kids Corner

#### 3rd Sunday of Lent

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