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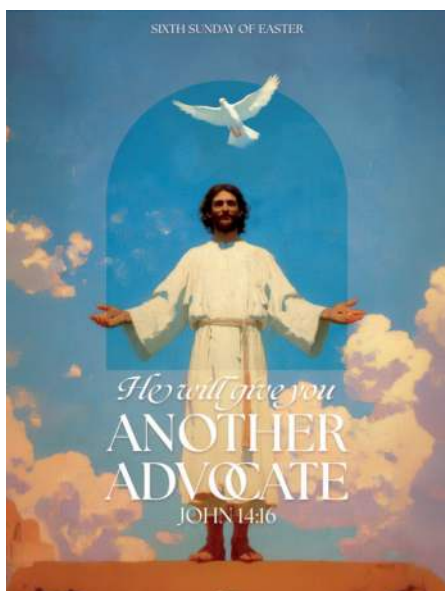
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## Masses

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



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

### Share in the Power

This Sunday is two weeks before Pentecost, but already the readings prepare us for that feast. The first reading from Acts shows us the conversion of the Samaritans, thanks to Philip's preaching and curing the sick. He did this through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit makes Jesus present today, not just in the sacraments, but through us, his disciples.

Jesus knew that after his Resurrection appearances, he would not be visible as a man. Instead, he would live in all of his followers through the power of the Holy Spirit. That's why he tells the disciples that the Spirit will be with them and in them. So the Sacrament of Confirmation, the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17), reminds us that when God lives in us, we share in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Peter gives us practical advice. First, he tells us to be ready to explain our hope in the Lord. That hope comes from our faith in the Resurrection. When you hear that people saw and talked to Jesus after he

rose from the dead, then hear that anyone who follows Jesus will share in that resurrection, you begin to have real hope. Next, Peter tells us to avoid sin, not because we won't be forgiven again, but to show that we can live a life free from sin, selfishness, and hatred. Freedom from sin allows us to give a good example of how to live. Abandoning selfishness allows us to love others without counting the cost. When we are free from hatred, we are able to forgive others as we have been forgiven. As we live in Jesus and he in us, our happiness will attract people to God. Tom Schmidt



### Pastoral Activities Update

As disciples of Christ, we are called to follow Christ and to spread the Gospel, the good news to the world. We, as Church, are called to worship, preach, teach and evangelize as our mission

As your parish priest, I continually discern how best to accomplish this mission in accordance with the Church’s Canon Law. To assist me, I have met with the St. John Church Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. To have fully functioning councils, it

was necessary that I make several appointments to each council. I have completed that task.

The members of the council are:

Pastoral Advisory Council

- Gwen W. Hayes - Chairperson
- Linda Panepinto
- Ruel Seneca
- Christina Cedatol
- Bart Schlatre

Finance Council

- Margaret Pritchard - Chairperson
- Ed Middleton
- Rudy Comeaux
- Joe Bryant
- Arron Pierre

The Pastoral Council will provide advisory input and consultation on the day-to-day needs of the parish and on pastoral activities. The Finance Council will deal with the parish’s financial needs and assets.

I am also implementing an auxiliary committee to assist with building and ground maintenance. Current appointments to that committee are Gary Perrault, Billy Tullier and Edward “Lucky” Songy.

I look forward to working with all of you to further our mission.

Father Martin

*Loving God,*

*As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.*

**On behalf of Fr. Martin, Deacon Alfred Ricard and the entire St. John Parish Staff, we would like to wish all of our mothers a very “Happy Mother’s Day.”**

### Eucharistic Adoration Appreciation Dinner

The Adorer’s Appreciation Dinner has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, June 2** in order not to conflict with the May Yard Rosary. The dinner will be held at the K. C. Hall immediately following 6pm Mass for all adorers, spouses and substitutes.

A sign-in sheet is provided in the Adoration Chapel for those planning to attend.

For question or more information, contact Susan Landry, Adoration Chapel coordinator, at 225.687.2402 or [susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com](mailto:susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com).



### St. John School Year-End Ceremonies

#### Baccalaureate Mass

We welcome the St. John High School Class of 2026 to 9am Mass Sunday, May 10 in their honor. We pray for the graduates and their parents and congratulate them for a job well done.

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Tuesday, May 12 - 6:30pm: Honors Night  
St. Clement Church

Wednesday, May 13 - 10am: Graduation Practice  
St. John Church

Thursday, May 14 - 7pm: Graduation  
St. John Church

Saturday, May 16 - 4pm Mass: Ring Ceremony  
St. John Church

### Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

#### Baptism Seminars — 7pm

#### Church Office Conference Room

Monday, June 1, 2026

Monday, July 6, 2026

Monday, August 3, 2026

#### Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Saturday, June 27, 2026

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Saturday, August 22, 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.



**Welcome David Sommers!**

A native of Akron, Ohio, David Sommers began piano studies at age five and organ at fourteen. His first position was organist at St. Anne Catholic Church in Rittman, Ohio. He studied piano and choral music education at the University of Akron and Louisiana State University, later pursuing organ studies at the University of

North Texas with Dr. Jesse Eschbach.

While at North Texas, David served as Director of Music and Organist at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Denton, and as organist for Saturday Masses at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Dallas.

Prior to arriving at St John the Evangelist, David spent seven years at St Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge, where he succeeded his former organ instructor, the long-tenured Robbie Giroir. He is also Dean of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Since moving to Louisiana in 2008, David has played in most Catholic parishes of the Diocese of Baton Rouge and often collaborates as accompanist for choral concerts at Louisiana State University. He has appeared in recitals and liturgies at cathedrals and other venues across Ohio, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, North Dakota, and Washington, D.C. In addition to teaching organ, he has offered group classes in Gregorian chant, sung with the Baton Rouge Symphony Chorus (where he also served as sectional rehearsal leader), and occasionally performs as organ principal with the Baton Rouge Symphony.

Beyond his musical career, David is a full-time Investment Advisor and Life Insurance Agent with New York Life in Baton Rouge. He is an avid marathon runner and enjoys the occasional round of golf. He lives in Baton Rouge with his sons, Collin (six) and Cohen (four), and Taylor, the family's adopted terrier mix.

**Ritualsong: Sixth Sunday of Easter #1177**

The beautiful floral arrangement at the altar on Mother's Day, May 10 was given in loving memory of Dorothy Pinell, Mary Marino, Myrtle Haydel and Rusty Haydel from

**Morgan and Thomas Ellis**  
on their wedding day.

**May Yard Rosary**

During the month of May, the Yard Rosary will be prayed at the homes of parishioners at 7pm.



**Sunday, May 10: Emily Brown**

Blessed Mother Statue  
Church Parking Lot

**Monday, May 11: Gary & Missy Bertrand**  
24205 Teche St.

**Tuesday, May 12: Derryl Comeaux**  
57820 Erwin Dr.

**Wednesday, May 13: Marla Bueche**  
59036 Postell Ave.

**\*\*Thursday, May 14: Louis & Annette Zeringue**  
58358 Clement St.

**Friday, May 15: Eugene & Denny Bujol**  
49475 Island Dr.

**Saturday, May 16: Marion Badeaux**  
25875 Winter St.

**\*\*Sunday, May 17: Troy & Frances Tempanaro**  
62765 Belleview Rd.

**\*\*Note Changes**

Please join us. Bring your lawn chair and your friends!

**Notice:**

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group prayer meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, May 10 in church has been changed to **Sunday, May 17**. Everyone is welcome!



**Vacation Bible School "Come to the Table!" — June 1-5, 2026**

VBS IS BACK, TELL A FRIEND!! St. John the Evangelist Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer. The event will take place at St. John School Monday through Friday, June 1–June 5, from 8:30am-noon.

Registration forms are available in the church office, on the bookcases at the back of church, and on our website, [stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://stjohnchurchplaq.org) under RESOURCES. Registration deadline is May 15, 2026. This deadline gives us time to make all orders for needed supplies.

At least 25 Adult Volunteers are needed for teachers and assistant teachers who will assist with handicrafts, treats, and many other tasks for us to go forward with VBS. If you are currently an active Adult Volunteer (certified), you are ready to go. If your file is inactive, you will have to re-certify. It is a painless process. DRE Laurie Barbier will assist in the completion of your certification. The set number of Ambassadors for Christ will be 40 students (Grades 6 through 12).

I invite you to come on board with us; we have a wonderful group of students in our Church Parish. I look forward to hearing from you. Jennifer Adams, VBS Coordinator [Jenniferadams1816@gmail.com](mailto:Jenniferadams1816@gmail.com)

St. John the Evangelist Outdoor Mass and Family Day — April 19, 2026

**A Grateful Acknowledgement**

Thanks to the many people who made our Annual Outdoor Mass and Family Day a huge success! We are extremely grateful for the following donors and volunteers:

Iberville Parish Sheriff Brett Stassi, District Judge Elizabeth Engolio, District Attorney Tony Clayton, Iberville Parish President Chris Daigle, Iberville Parish Assessor Randy Sexton, Clerk of Court Amy Patin and Major Monty Migliacio: Jambalaya donors & servers

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St. John Choir with Jimmy Ramirez for the inspirational music

Vendor, "The Party Artist," Chris Pierce: Face painting & balloon art

Special thanks to Father Martin, event coordinator Susan Landry and all the St. John parishioners for bringing desserts. God blessed us with a brisk, beautiful day of fellowship and family fun!



St. John the Evangelist Outdoor Mass and Family Day — April 19, 2026



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 16-4pm 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; M/M John Caffarel, M/M G. E. Marix; John & Ann Ruiz, Anthony & Frances Palermo; Hahn, LeJeune & Hernandez Families; Brenda Lapeze; Amelia, Gayle & Wheel Badeaux; Judy Lasseigne; Isaac J. Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; John N. Gum, Jr.; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Jr. & Sr.

**Sunday, May 17-7:30am Mass** - St. John Parishioners

**Sunday, May 17-9am 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; Kristina Mellema; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee

**Sunday, May 17-11am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Arthur Ganaway, Ida Ganaway, Frank Ebert, Maria Ebert; Paul & Emily Bourgeois

**Tuesday, May 19-6pm Mass**

Kotchie Tullier; Norman Jr. & Sr., Lola Grass

**Wednesday, May 20-7am Mass**

Mr. John H. Businelle

**Thursday, May 21-7am Mass**

Ruth Ostergren

**Friday, May 22-7am Mass**

Walter Mazone



**Sanctuary Candle**

May 10, 2026

St. John the Evangelist

**Vincent A., Beulah H. & Dr. Larry G. Ferachi**

St. Clement of Rome

**Deceased Members of the St. John Class of 1966**

**St. John Altar Society**

**Essential Support System of the Church**

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, May 13 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!



**Easter Flower Donations 2026**

**In Loving Memory:**

**Eddie N. & Myrle J. Boudreaux**

**Frank & Myrle B. Jumonville**

**Jim & Frank Jumonville**

**Shelby & Olive J. Dupont**

**Coffee & Donuts**

May 17, 2026

**June Pinsonat, Sandra Bizette & Mary Jo Caffarel** (7:30 Mass)



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

**May Children's Church**

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

Sunday	Mass	Teacher
May 10	11am	Taylor Campbell
May 17	9am	Tracy Cox
May 23	11am	Alexis Schlatre
May 31	9am	Carrie Leonard

**Kids Corner**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

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 W A Z O T E F L W K  
 P R I J Y P S E E B

Love Keep Command Advocate Spirit  
 Truth World Remain See Live



**Scripture Readings — Week of May 10, 2026**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18;  
Jn 14:15-21

Monday Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;  
John 16:12-15

Thursday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

**Plaquemine Lions Club**

*“World’s Best” Spaghetti*

**Sunday, May 24**

The Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets **(\$12)** Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 17 outside the doors of the church before and after all Masses.

You may pick up dinners at the Lions Club, 60255 Bayou Jacob Road, Sunday, May 24 from 10am until 12:30pm. Please drop off used eye glasses to be sent to New Orleans where they will be repaired and shipped to the needy overseas.

Benefit: Vision Impaired and Handicapped Children



**Important Acadian Festival Notice**

Any 2026-2027 Senior girl attending Plaquemine High School, Iberville West Math, Science and Arts Academy or St. John High School or lives in Plaquemine and attends a school outside of Iberville Parish is eligible to apply online at [acadianfestival.org](http://acadianfestival.org) to be considered for the Acadian Festival Princess Court. Application period will be June 1 – June 30, 2026. You will receive confirmation when your application has been successfully submitted.

There will be no calling of members in the application process. The Acadian Festival Committee and/or the Knights of Columbus are not responsible for contacting girls to apply.

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