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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 am
and 5:00pm
Spanish Mass: 2:00pm
Weekday Masses: 7:00am
Holy Days: Vigil Mass 6pm,
7:00am and 12:00pm
Confession: Before and after each
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Sunday: 9:00am-10:15am

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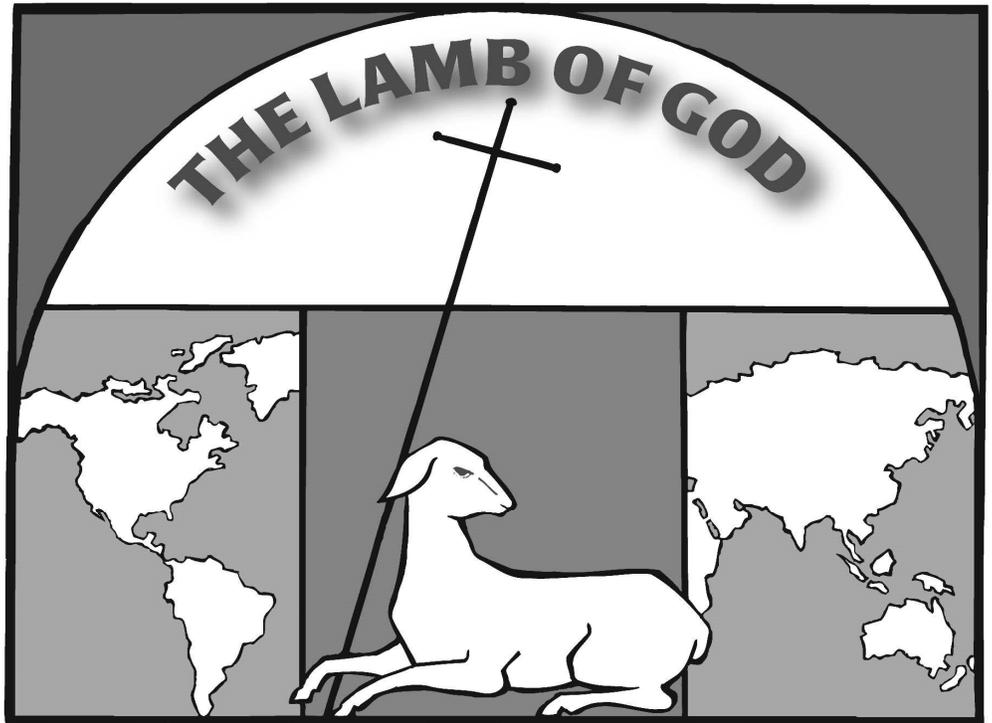
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2017

LAMB OF GOD

A lamb was a familiar image for Jewish people in Jesus' day. It was part of the Jewish tradition that lambs be slaughtered for sacrifice, as a way for the people to return to God after they had separated themselves through sinfulness. Of course, Jesus reminded his disciples of this sacrifice at the Last Supper. His actions at that meal would forever bind his followers to the sacrifice he made for each of us. Jesus had become the new Passover Lamb.

John the Baptist recognized Jesus as this sacrifice. Upon his approach, John proclaimed Jesus the "Lamb of God." Having already seen the Spirit come down on Jesus, John knew that was the sign by which God had promised to indicate the chosen One. While it would remain unclear exactly what it meant to be the Lamb of God until after the Passion and Resurrection, John knew that this was the most fitting title for the one who approached him on that day at the Jordan River.

IN SERVICE OF THE LAMB

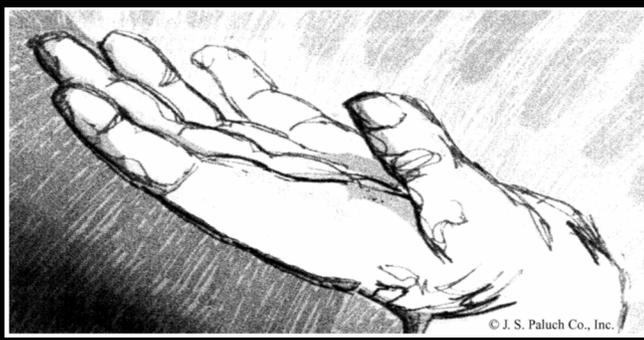
We will grow only in service to one another. We may each be individuals feeling at times that we work alone, but in reality, as Paul explained to the Corinthians, we are united. We are united in God by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In our humanity, we may not be able to give as completely as Jesus did, but we strive nevertheless to carry one another in humble service. Through our obedience to God's will, we proclaim to the world Jesus' message of love for even the least by our words and actions as we lift up our brothers and sisters. As we find strength in the Gospel message and in the many exemplary lives of those who have gone before us, the service that we offer to others is truly that of Jesus himself, the Lamb of God.

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I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the ends of the earth.

— Isaiah 49:6b



C.C.D. (Grades K-12) Sundays, 9:00-10:15 A.M.
Knights of Columbus 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.
K C Ladies Auxiliary 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 P.M.
R.C.I.A. Mondays, 6:30 P.M.
St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Wednesday, 9:00 A.M.
Young At Heart 4th Thursday, 12 Noon



Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish!

If you are new to the parish and have not yet registered, please fill out one of the registration forms on the back table or go to our website, stjohnsgulfport.org and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.



Happy birthday wishes to: Roman Mattina celebrates Jan. 15; Tommy Wittmann celebrates Jan. 18; Josh Threadgill celebrates Jan. 19; Toni Adams, Dean Craft, Alicia Frommeyer, Terry Hurst, Lawrence Mancini & Elizabeth Williams celebrate Jan. 20.

May God Bless them with many more Happy Birthdays!

A Memorial Mass for Sister Julia Marie Burke, RSM, will be held on Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in D'Iberville, 10446 Lemoyne Blvd, where she served as DRE from 1993 until her retirement in 2015. Father Bob Higginbotham will be the celebrant and Father Paddy Mockler will be the homilist. Refreshments will be served following Mass.

Bible Study will Start in February with *Ephesians: Discover your Inheritance*

St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of this Church - as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as adopted sons and daughters in the family of God, and it reveals how God's great love for us can transform our lives. *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* will enrich your faith and show you how to live it our. There is a sign up sheet on the center table for you to let me know if you would like to attend and need a study book. The cost of the study book is \$25.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25, 2017

The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "**Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us.**"

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one."

Prayer for Christian Unity

God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed we may be one in Him. Your son Jesus compels us to be reconciled to one another.

May our spirits be joined to your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church.

May we all recognize that we are truly one with you. Father, son and Holy Spirit and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Ultreya Announcement:

The West Harrison County Ultreya will be held at St. James Church in Gulfport on Monday, January 16 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The scheduled speakers are Michael Werda, Our Lady of the Gulf and Deacon Dick Henderson, St. James.

Any Cursillistas and anyone wanting to learn more about Cursillo are welcome to attend. St. James Ultreya point of contact is Roberta Hosler 228 383-3646,

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The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

Pray to End Abortion

A candlelight vigil for the unborn will be held on Saturday, January 21 at 6pm at the Harper McCaughan town green, 301 Jeff Davis Av, Long Beach.

This is an ecumenical event sponsored by Pro Life Mississippi. For more information call Bill Blaisdell at 255-9835 or 313-9276. email bbilblais2@gmail.com

Youth Rally and Mass for Life

Sunday, January 22nd
1:00PM Pro Life Mass
At Blessed Francis Seelos

Followed by a Pro Life Walk to the
Biloxi Lighthouse

If you or anyone in your family is ill at home or in the hospital and would like us to visit you—please call the parish office at 864-2272.

CCD classes have resumed!

Classes are on Sundays from 9:00am—10:15. If your child is not in Catholic School they need to be registered and attending CCD classes each week. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today's shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple "low" Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

XLT Adoration

Every Tuesday, at 7pm. Come enjoy some one-on-one time with Jesus for an hour He wants to hear your troubles, your needs, your joys, your prayers...come and ADORE Him! If you've never been, let this be your invitation. Adoration with live worship music. Confessions will be available. Everyone is welcome!!

THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

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Katherine E. Bailey	Roy Jones	Jay & Sheila Poolson
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Melissa Bowles	Florence Keppner	Gaynelle Saucier
Carol Campbell	Norbert Keppner	Wayne Saucier
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Prayer is the door through which all God's Graces comes to us -St. Theresa of Avila

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The following outreach programs will begin new ten week sessions on Thursday, January 19. We have been running these programs for over 25 years and have been able to help hundreds of individuals move past their loss and begin to live again.

The **Divorce Recovery Workshop** is a structured program helping people deal with divorce issues, as well as offering a caring support group for those going through a divorce or separation. Participants will hear a speaker the first hour, with group discussion the second hour.

The **Grief Recovery Workshop** is for anyone dealing with the emotional pain that follows the death of a loved one. In addition to hearing speakers, participants share their loss experiences and talk about grief issues with the goal of putting their lives back together.

Broken Rainbow is program for children who are having difficulty coping with a divorce or death in their family. The program is suitable for children ages six and up. Please call to register your child.

All workshops last for ten weeks and meet at 7:00pm on Thursday nights in the Education Building of First United Methodist Church. The workshop fee is \$30. Children of Divorce or Grief Recovery participants may attend Broken Rainbow at no cost. For more information call 228 229-6851.

Trying to get your life back together after divorce or death? If you have never participated in a support group, it can be a life-changing experience. Just having a safe, confidential place to talk, share and be with others who have an understanding of what you are going through can allow you to work through your loss and reach the point where you are able to move on with your life. You don't have to go thorough this difficult time alone!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Saturday: St. Agnes

Collections January 7-8

Identifiable: \$3746 **Unidentifiable:** \$869 **ACH:** \$20

2nd Collection-Aged & Infirm Priests: \$510

Children's Collection: \$14

Thank you for your generosity!

The second collection at all Masses this weekend is for Catholic School Support

The second collection next weekend is for Churches in Latin America—Saltillo Mission.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: +Anthony Davis

Sunday: **8:00am:** +Matthew & Thelma Serpa

1030am: Special Intention of the Rivera Family

6:00pm: People of the Parish

Monday: +Jenny Lizana

Tuesday: +Helen Larson

Wednesday: +Mackie Fayard

Thursday: +John Antonini

Friday: +Kit Glenn

Arts Under the Dome

OPEN THE DOOR FOR THREE Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 7 PM

Open the Door for Three is a road-tested, high-octane trio of Irish musicians who mine song books, collections, and recordings for tunes and songs both old and new. Adding to their discoveries are fiddler Liz Knowles' harmonies, arrangements and compositions, piper Kieran O'Hare's encyclopedic knowledge of Irish tunes and the uilleann piping tradition, and the rhythmic bedrock bouzouki and world-class singing of Dublin-born Pat Broaders. Band members are veterans and mainstays of the Irish music scene around the world and have played with Riverdance, Cherish the Ladies, the New York Pops, Bonnie Raitt, Josh Groban, and at venues including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center.

Tickets and concert information are available at www.arts.fumc-gulfport.org. Season tickets are \$50 individuals or \$100 families (same household only). Individual concert tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 students. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information call 228 229-6851.

The Young at Heart will gather for lunch and fellowship on Thursday, January 26 at 12 noon in Presentation Hall. The main dish will be provided. Please bring your favorite vegetable, salad or dessert dish to compliment the meal. Please plan to come enjoy some delicious food, good company and exciting games of bingo

Calendar of Events

- Jan 26 Young at Heart, Noon in Presentation Hall
- 29 Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion, 8am
- Feb 3 Feast of St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats
- 11 First Reconciliation, 9:00am
- 11/12 World Marriage Day Celebration
- 17 Ordination of Msgr. Louis Kihneman, the Fourth Bishop of Biloxi, 2:30pm at Nativity BVM Cathedral
- 23 Anointing of the Sick, 11:15am

Prayer Groups

We have a prayer group that meets every Thursday afternoon from 5:15-6:15pm. Everyone is invited to join us. For more information call the Parish office, 864-2272.

Weekly prayer group Thursday's at 10:00am. Call Annette Seymour 326-0851.



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