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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
Mass and by appointment

Catholic Education

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Sunday: 9:00am-10:15am

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Monday at 6:30pm

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*Not even Solomon
in all his splendor
was arrayed like
one of these.*

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

LIVE TODAY FULLY

There is an old saying that life is what happens to us while we are busy making other plans. How often do the people and events of today pass unnoticed because we are preoccupied with concerns about the future?

Sometimes after a death in a family, one hears the survivors lament all that they did not do for the deceased. "I was so busy with my career plans, I never spent time with her." "I put so much energy into establishing my place in the community, I forgot he was lonesome."

One would suppose that the birds in the sky do not spend a great deal of time mapping out a lifetime flight plan. They seem to fly where they need to go today, trusting that that will eventually bring them where they must be tomorrow and next winter. Similarly, the wildflowers do not appear to bemoan their plot of earth or jockey for position. Rather, each accepts the sun and rain given it today and grows, imperceptibly perhaps, but beautifully.

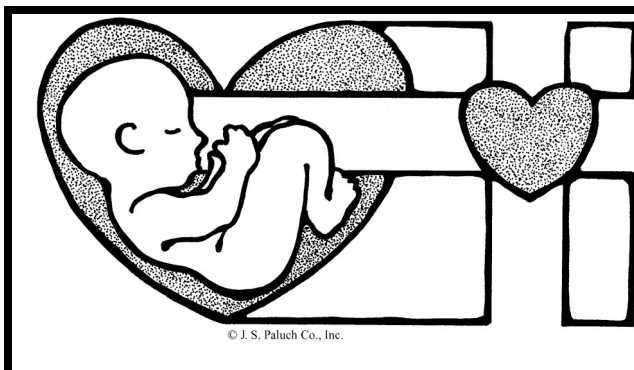
I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU

It is a wonderful gift for someone to say, "I will never forget you!" We want to be remembered, to have made a lasting difference.

Perhaps some of our anxiety about what we will wear and what we will accomplish tomorrow can be traced to this desire. "Will anyone remember me?" "Will I contribute anything of lasting value?"

In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah, our God says: "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15). Before we ever see tomorrow, before we ever achieve any of our lofty goals, God declares us eternally valuable and unforgettable.

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Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness
for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.

— Isaiah 49:15

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

DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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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: Philip Hage Sr. celebrates Feb. 25; Felecia Galle & Joe Saloum celebrates Feb. 26; Neko Smith celebrates Feb. 27; Dorothy Putnam celebrates Feb. 28; Zach Larkin, Jane McDaniel & Jaliyah Sumrall celebrate Mar. 1; Don Enroth celebrates Mar. 2; Clara Voisin & Teri Patton celebrate Mar. 3.

May God Bless them with many more Happy Birthdays!

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!!



Ash Wednesday is March 1.
Ash Wednesday Mass Times are
7:00am, 12 noon, and 6:00pm.

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Lenten Daily Mass: 7:00am, 12:00noon

Stations of the Cross- Friday's at 6pm
Good Friday - Live Stations of the Cross in Presentation Hall at 3:00pm.

The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary.

Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church.

Seder Supper—Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00

Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Jerusalem commemorating God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and his creation of the Israelite people 3,500 years ago.

Passover is intended to call people to their identity as the People of God. It is more than simply a service; but a way for us to confess our faith in God who acted in history and continues to act in bringing deliverance to all people everywhere. We also explain what happened on the last day of Jesus life, and we must keep reminding ourselves how we must continue to work together to make the world a better place for all mankind.

Please bring a covered dish to help complete the meal.
There is a sign up sheet on the center table so we will know how many are coming and what you are bringing.

Tenebrae Service - Wednesday, April 12 at 7pm

Natures response to the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Tenebrae is Latin for darkness. It is celebrated the night before the Easter Triduum to signify the desire of the Jews to crucify our Savior, Jesus Christ. The liturgy involves reading Scripture and extinguishing seven lit candles. When the final candle is extinguished then the church is cast into darkness and a loud noise is made by the congregation. The loud noise is nature's response to the crucifixion.

Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Saturday, February 18: Loralie Brown, Camille Hebert and Lexi Roberson.
Please remember them in your prayers as they continue their preparation for the reception of First Holy Communion.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Robin Midcalf-Brosig and Tom Brosig in the death of Robin's mother Sarah Davis and to the family of James Finley Hewes Sr.
May God reward Sarah and James with Eternal Rest, Light and Peace and may He comfort their families in their sorrow.

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church Annual Fish Fry Fund Raiser Dinners

Fridays during Lent, from March 3-April 7
at St. Therese Church Hall from 10am-1pm

Dinner menu-Catfish, potato salad, sweet peas, bread, cake. \$9

Delivery on orders of ten or more dinners is available.
Delivery starts at 10:00am.

First Friday Adoration is March 3- Adoration is 8:00am until 5:00pm, ending with Benediction. The sign up sheet is on the center table. We would like to see at least 2 people per hour. Please sign up to spend an hour with Jesus.

First Saturday Devotion is March 4- The schedule is 8:30am Confession; 9:00am Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction.

Don't forget to check our website for information!
stjohngulfport.org

There is a link to the latest video from Bishop Robert Barron, a Catholic Link to current articles about our Catholic Faith, our church calendar and bulletin, and links to the Gulf Pine and a few other sites. For Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, there is a link to the schedules under Liturgy/Sacraments, Liturgical Ministers.

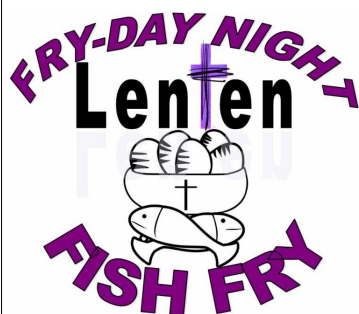
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Walk-ins welcomed!

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Augie Alfonso	Florence Keppner	Gus Pique, Jr.
Gil Bailey	Norbert Keppner	Gary Reeves
Katherine E. Bailey	Bishop Elect Louis	Roland Riel
David Bell Jr.	Kihneman	Peggy Ryland
Mary Ann Bishop	Les Knighton	Gaynelle Saucier
Melissa Bowles	Gary Lacy	Wayne Saucier
Carol Campbell	Ceville Ladner	Ken Saxon
Nunzio Caranna	Tommy LeTard	Aimee
Nanette Carpenter	Joann Liner	Seichshnaydre
Kendall Dedeaux	Carol Loftin	Austin Seymour
James Doles	Patty Loftin	Harry Smith
Gerald Ellis	S J Marengo	Jason Sneed
Jon Violet Flickinger	Jace Mathews	George Thatcher
Mary Kay Gaspard	Tanya McClellan	Charlie Underwood
Dan & Lorraine Goad	Celeste McInnis	Felecia Vann
Gee Gee Grandis	Cherie Mennis	Vanessa Vincent
Alibe Hinton	Msgr Mercier	Liza Alfonso Wall
Jordan Hoang.	Helen Nilges	Leigh Wetzel
Annie Hosli	Margaret Northrup	James Williams
Loyce & Nick Hire	Sophia Nucheren	Mandy Woods
Roy Jones	Estelle Papania	Doan The Xinh
Mary Kealy		

Prayer is the door through which all God's Graces comes to us -St. Theresa of Avila

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
 Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
 Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

Collections Feb 18-19

Identifiable: \$3917 **Unidentifiable:** \$966 **ACH:** \$1320

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Children's Collection: \$33

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 Catholic School Support.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: +Celeste Hewes
Sunday: **8:00am:** People of the Parish
1030am: +Ida Mae Eubanks
5:00pm: +Johnny & Betty Fayard;
 +Carolyn Purchner
Monday: +Matthew & Thelma Serpa
Tuesday: +Ginger Worth
Wednesday: **7:00am: Special Int. for parishioners deceased family members**
Noon: +Mackie Fayard
6:00pm: People of the Parish
Thursday **7:00am:** +Cecil & Margaret Dubuisson
Noon: +Thomas Edward Connell
Friday **7:00am:** +Mary Rosella McAuliffe
Noon: +Lyn Brown

The Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus (GCMC) rehearsal schedule for the spring 2017 season is underway. Rehearsals will be held every Monday evening from February 20th through March 27th. Chorus rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. at the music building of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC) Jeff Davis campus in Gulfport, MS, in the Music Building D, room 108. The February 27 rehearsal location has been changed to Trinity UMC, 5007 Lawson Avenue, Gulfport, MS. New singers are welcome and no audition required. Singers must attend at least 4 rehearsals to participate in the performances. Dress rehearsal will be April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC. For more details please contact Chairman of the Board of Directors Ed Cake at 228 324 9292 or ed.cake@yahoo.com.

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.

Calendar of Events

Mar	1	Ash Wednesday, Masses 7am, Noon, 6pm
	3	Stations of the Cross, 6pm
	10	Stations of the Cross, 6pm
	17	Stations of the Cross, 6pm
	24	Young at Heart, Noon in Presentation Hall
Apr	24	Stations of the Cross, 6pm
	31	Stations of the Cross, 6pm
	4	Lenten Penance Service
	7	Stations of the Cross, 6pm
	9	Palm Sunday
	11	Seder Meal, Presentation Hall, 6pm
	11	Chrism Mass at Cathedral (No Noon Mass)
	12	Tenebrae Service, 7pm
	13	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm Adoration until Midnight
	14	Good Friday, Live Stations of the Cross at 3pm Good Friday Services at 7pm
	15	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil at 7pm
	16	Easter Sunday Masses 8am, 10:30am, 5pm



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