St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Father Ryan McCoy, Pastor

Deacon David Allen, Pastoral Associate

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Teri Patton, Parish Secretary

Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 am and 5:00pm

Spanish Mass: 2:00pm Weekday Masses:

Mon, Wed., Thu., Fri., 7:00am

Tuesday, 6:00pm Holy Days: Vigil Mass 6pm, 7:00am and 12:00pm

Confession: Before and after each

Mass and by appointment

Catholic Education

RCIA (Rite of Christian **Initiation for Adults**)

Tuesday at 7pm at St. Joseph's

St. James Elementary

603 West Av. Gulfport, MS 39507 Principal: Jennifer Broadus TN: 228 896-6631

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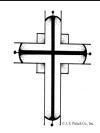
St. Patrick High School

18300 St. Patrick Rd., Biloxi, MS Principal: Matt Buckley TN: 228 702-0500

Knights of Columbus-1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.

K C Ladies Auxiliary- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 P.M.

Young At Heart 4th Thursday, 12pm



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018

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, stjohngulfport.org and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

Family of Faith

Parent Catechetical Meeting Sunday, February 4 11:30-1

(Only one parent needs to attend the catechetical meeting) Family Gathering

Sunday, January 28 1:00pm-3:00pm

(the whole family is encouraged to attend)

Contact: Linda Hebert, Director of Religious Education-832-7551

Family of Faith, published by Sophia Press, is a dynamic new program which invites families to participate together in learning about and sharing our Catholic faith. The Church teaches that it is the duty and right of parents to be the primary educators of their children, while the role of the Church is to support and assist the parents. Our first year of Family of Faith begins with the Creed, one of the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and we will have the opportunity to deeply explore what we, as Catholics, believe. At the beginning of each month, a parent meeting is held and covers the topic for the month. After the parent meeting and throughout the course of the month at the convenience of the parents and their children, parents teach two lessons (based on the topic for the month) using the Parent's Guide and the children's Activity Book, which are provided at no cost to the family. Later in the month, all families participating in our Family of Faith program gather together for fun and fellowship.

Sal et Lucem

Open to all high-school students (9-12 grade), this is high school CCD and youth group all at one time! Food will be provided!

We will meet this Sunday, January 28

When: Sundays from 6-7:15 (after the 5:00 Mass)

Where: upstairs, Parish Office building-2414 17th St, Gulfport

Who: all high school students, gr. 9-12

Contact:

Church office: (228) 864-2272 or

Mara Russo @ (228)697-8553 for further information.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— Psalm 95:6

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

Happy birthday wishes to—Robert Flagg, Ed Peckinpaugh & Christina Peterson celebrate Jan. 27; Fabi Lambert celebrates Jan. 28; George Burkhardt Sr. Kaleb Fredericks &



Bo Roberson celebrate Jan. 29; Dixon Massengill celebrates Jan. 30; Thomas Hewes celebrates Jan. 31; Linda Comstock & Howard McNeill celebrate Feb. 1; Linda Howze celebrates Feb. 2

May God bless them all with many more happy birthdays!



Congratulations to the following parishioners celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. Gerald & Sandra Cooper celebrate their 43rd anniversary and Guy & Cleo Dossett celebrate their 21st anniversary on Feb. 1.

May God bless them with many more happy years together

February schedules for Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Altar Server are on the back tables.

First Friday Adoration is February 2- 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 February 3- The schedule is 8:30am Confession; 9:00am Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction.



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them

on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.



Bible study will resume on Monday, February 5 at 1pm and on Thursday, February 8 at 6pm.
We will study Psalms: The School of Prayer. You may attend either

session. The cost of the study guide is \$25. For more information or to register for the study, call Teri at 228 864-2272 or via email:stjohnthee@cableone.net.

I have ordered the study guides for the people that have already shown an interest. If you have not signed up or talked to the office, please call asap so we can try to get you a study book.



THE MODERN-DAY DISCIPLE PRESENTED BY

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1 * 7-8:30 P.M.

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FOR INFORMATION, CALL TERI: 228-864-2272



JEFF & EMILY CAVINS

Jeff Cavins is a nationally known speaker whose engaging style of teaching has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics grasp a better understanding of the Catholic faith and the scriptures. Jeff has hosted the live TV program, "My Life on the Rock," on EWTN and a daily radio program, "Morning Air," on Relevant Radio. He has written several books published through Ascension Press and Franciscan Media. Jeff has led pilgrims to Bible lands for over thirty years.

Emily Cavins is the author of Lily of the Mohawks: The Story of St Kateri and My Heart is a Violin: The Autobiography of Renowned Violinist/Composer and Holocaust Survivor Shony Alex Braun. She is co-editor of Amazing Grace for Mothers and is co-author of The Great Adventure Storybook: A Walk through the Catholic Bible. She is the developer of The Great Adventure Kids Bible study materials that center on teaching children the plan of salvation history, based on her husband's, Jeff's, "The Story of Salvation: A Journey Through the Bible," available through Ascension Press. She holds a degree in Classical and Near Easter Archaeology from the University of Minnesota and has participated in several archaeological digs in Israel.

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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

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35). Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching

(Mark 1:21-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Monday:

Mk 5:1-20

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Tuesday:

Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6 Wednesday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Thursday:

Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34 Saturday: Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,

22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord;

Groundhog Day; First Friday

Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday;

Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

Collections January 20-21

Identifiable: \$2733 Unidentifiable: \$680 ACH: \$1260

2nd Collection—Catholic School Support \$406

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The second collection at all Masses this weekend are for Churches in Latin America & Saltillo.

The second collection next weekend is for Church Maintenance.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

+Anthony Davis; +Debra Helveston **Saturday:**

8:00am: +Carol Campbell; +Hermina Henitz **Sunday:**

1030am: +Kaleel Salloum, Sr.;

+James Michael Ray; +Verda Lee Seymour

5:00pm: People of the Parish

Monday: +Kaleel Salloum, Sr. **Tuesday:** +Carol Campbell Wednesday: +Mackie Fayard **Thursday** +Anna Marie D'Angelo Friday +Kaleel Salloum, Sr.

Ladies Cursillo #273 is February 22-25, 2018 in De-

We are inviting all ladies who have not attended a Cursillo to pray and consider joining us. You will spend a prayer filled, faith filled weekend learning about yourself and your relationship with God. Anyone wishing to attend or if you have any questions please contact Kathy Pitre at 228 229-8750 or Dean Craft 228 257-9419. There are Cursillo applications on the back table.

Formed.org

FORMED is a tool to help you grow in your Catholic Faith. Formed.org can be accessed with a desktop, a laptop, a tablet or smart phone. Go to FORMED.org to register and enter our Parish Code ZQXK2X. It will ask you for personal information to establish a user name and password.

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!!

Calendar of Events

Feb	3	Feast of St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats
	4	General Blessing
	5	Bible Study: Presentation Hall 1pm
	8	Bible Study: Presentation Hall 6pm
	10/11	World Marriage Day Celebration
	14	Ash Wednesday, Mass 7am, 12 noon, 6pm
	16	Station of the Cross 6nm

Station of the Cross, 6pm 17 First Reconciliation, 9:00am

22 Young at Heart, Presentation Hall12 noon 22 Couples Date Night, Presentation Hall 6pm

23 Stations of the Cross, 6pm

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.



We really appreciate those who donate toward the flowers for our church. If you would like to have flowers placed in church, for a birthday, anniversary or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact the parish office at 228 864-2272.





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