

# St. John the Evangelist

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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:  
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 7:00am  
Tuesday, 6:00pm

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

Confession:  
Before and after each Mass  
and by appointment

XLT Adoration:  
Every Tuesday: 7-8pm  
Confession is available

First Friday Adoration  
8:00am - 5pm

Ends with Benediction  
A sign up sheet will be on the  
center table; we would like to see  
at least two people for each hour

First Saturday Devotion  
8:30am - Confession  
9:00am - Mass, Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,  
Meditation, and Benediction.

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Whoever receives  
one child such as  
this in my name,  
receives me;  
and whoever  
receives me,  
receives not me  
but the One  
who sent me.

Mark 9:37



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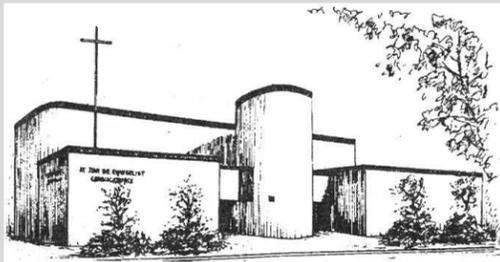
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## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

If you are new to the parish, please complete a registration form on the back table or go to [stjohngulfport.org](http://stjohngulfport.org) and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.



## Upcoming Events

### Knights of Columbus

#### Silver Rose Program

Wednesday / September 26 / 7pm

The Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose has gathered people together since 1960 under the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Today, six Silver Roses travel throughout North America exemplifying the Knights' devotion to Our Lady and our commitment to the Culture of Life. Please join us as we celebrate with prayer and rosary the visit of one of these Silver Roses to our parish.

### Young at Heart

Thursday / September 27 / 12pm

Come for lunch and fellowship in Presentation Hall. The main dish will be provided. Please bring your favorite vegetable, salad or dessert to compliment the meal. Plan to enjoy delicious food, good company, and exciting games of bingo!

We invite all of our married couples to a:

### Married Couples Retreat

St. Joseph Abbey's Christian Life Center  
September 29-30 / St. Benedict, Louisiana

Free to all parishioners!

Register at: [faithandmarriage.org](http://faithandmarriage.org)

For more info call: Jason Agnelette 504-830-3716



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. In honor of Our Lady, we will recite the Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass during the month of October, and we would appreciate our parishioners (individually and/or families) signing up to lead the Rosary.

A sign-up sheet can be found on the center table.

## Bishop Kihneman to Visit St. John!

Saturday / October 6 / 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Bishop Kihneman will be celebrating Mass with us and we want to show him how welcoming the people of St. John are; so please make plans to join us for Mass and the dinner reception afterwards. The parish will be supplying the entrees, and everyone is invited to bring a dish to compliment the meal. A sign-up sheet can be found on the center table in the back of the church.

## First Communion Class to Begin

Sunday / October 7th / 9:15am—

10:15am

## St. Thomas Fall Festival

Oct. 12, 4pm-10pm / Oct. 13, 10am-10pm

The festival will include entertainment, food trucks, rides, games, a silent auction, and a cash raffle. Raffle tickets cost \$50 and are available at the St. Thomas Parish Office during regular office hours.

## Couples Date Night

Wednesday October 17, 6:30pm  
Presentation Hall

All married and engaged couples are welcome to come and join in fellowship and learn about our faith. A meal is provided with beverages (and beer and wine) and, especially, *baby sitting*. There is no charge; but to plan properly, please reserve your spot 48 hours in advance.

Contact: Mara Russo (228) 697-8553,  
[marafrancesrusso@gmail.com](mailto:marafrancesrusso@gmail.com)



The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

|                     |                  |                   |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Kris Allen          | Mary Gibbs       | Sophia Nucheren   |
| Chris Arleth        | Dan Goad         | Cheryl Papania    |
| Regina Papania Bell | Ronnie Guidry    | Estelle Papania   |
| Mary Ann Bishop     | Louis Helwick    | Josh Parker       |
| Suzanne Bowles      | Alibe Hinton     | Colette Marissa   |
| Gail Charlot        | Michael Holleman | Quigley           |
| Garry Cooper        | Mary Kealy       | Diane Riel        |
| Anna Cospelich      | Bernie & Bryan   | Ken Saxon         |
| Buddy Cospelich     | Koehr            | Mary Ann Smith    |
| Bev Crawford        | Don LaFlamme     | Jason Taylor      |
| Aaliyah Daughtery   | Joan Liner       | Mrs. Benny Turner |
| Shellie Ely         | Betty Martin     | Felicia Vann      |
| Ashley French       | Connie McKay     | Winkey Williams   |
| Mary Ann Galle      | Pam Miller       | Richard Wilson    |
| Warren Galle        | Kevin Murray     |                   |

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

|                   |                 |  |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | <b>5:00pm</b>   | +Anthony Verin Davis<br>+Emmon O'Connor        |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>8:00am:</b>  | +Johnny & Betty Fayard                         |
|                   | <b>10:30am:</b> | +Augie Alfonso                                 |
|                   | <b>5:00pm:</b>  | People of the Parish                           |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | <b>7:00am:</b>  | +The Mihals                                    |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>6:00pm</b>   | +Mackie Fayard<br>+Bobbie Necaie               |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | <b>7:00am:</b>  | +Ludovic & Mary Lee<br>+Kaleel Salloum, Sr.    |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | <b>7:00am:</b>  | +Raymond & Elizabeth Casper<br>+Nunzio Caranna |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | <b>7:00am:</b>  | +Harold & Loretta Dubuisson<br>+Jenny Lizana   |

## Collection September 8-9

**1st Collection:** \$6328  
**2nd Collection:** Seamen's Center - \$422  
**Children's Collection:** \$26  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

The 2nd collection at all Masses this weekend is for Plant Maintenance. The 2nd collection at Masses next weekend will be forwarded to applicable Catholic Dioceses/Agencies to assist those affected by Hurricane Florence. After Hurricane Katrina, we were the recipients of the kindness of others, so please be most generous. Let's pay it forward!

## Parish Ministry Meetings

**Knights of Columbus:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm  
**K C Ladies Auxiliary:** 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm  
**Young At Heart:** 4th Thursday, 12 noon  
**Prayer group:** Every Thursday, 5:15pm  
For information call the parish office.  
**Legion of Mary:** Every Thursday, 10:00am

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## Catholic Education

**St. James Elementary**  
603 West Av. Gulfport, MS 39507  
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Tel #: 228 896-6631

**St. Vincent De Paul Elementary**  
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Principal: Carol Church  
Tel #: 228 222-6000

**St. Patrick High School**  
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Principal: Matt Buckley  
Tel #: 228 702-0500

## SALUTE ITALIAN RESTAURANT

We have Salute VIP cards available for purchase in the Parish office. Buy one entrée and get the second one free! It's a \$150 value for only \$20. Good for five lunches and five dinners. Cards expire 12/1/19.



We appreciate those who donate our altar flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed in the church for a week in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other celebration, or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact the parish office.

## BIBLE STUDY

Registration has begun for a 5 week course entitled, *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*. Classes will be either on Mondays at 1pm or Thursdays at 6pm. Depending on which class you sign up for, classes will start on either October 1 or October 4. Please register using the sign up sheet on the center table in the back of the Church. There will be a \$25.00 workbook fee.

*O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Protect us from the hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray this through Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## Upcoming Events Continued

### HISPANIC FALL FESTIVAL



**Sunday / October 21**  
8:00am—5:00pm / Parking Lot

This is the annual fund raiser for our Hispanic Community. Please come out, have fun, eat, and support this event!

The Hispanic Fall Festival needs donations to help their fund raiser succeed: packs of napkins; 12 packs of soft drinks; heavy-duty plates; to-go containers; forks; and paper towels. Donations can be left in the Parish Office.

### Ladies ACTS Retreat

**November 1-4 / Paul B. Johnson State Park**

Meet new people. Experience new levels of Adoration. Learn about your faith and how to better serve God.

Contacts: Laura Hymel (228) 860-5534  
Susie Bass (228) 257-3181

**Drawdown Tickets** can be purchased after each Mass in the back of the Church. Tickets cost \$100 and admit four adults; however you can buy a portion of one ticket for only \$25.

**Drawdown Dinner & Silent Auction - Nov. 10**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Happy birthday wishes are extended to:



Frank Scarborough on Sept. 25; Lisa D'Aunoy and Lauren Dossett on Sept. 26; Daniel Martin on Sept. 27; Mary Ann Necaie and Rebecca Thompson on Sept. 28; and Max Hebert, Margaret Jowers, Caleb Massengill, Trish McAllister and Sue Papania on Sept. 29.

**May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!**

**Please Note:** We are trying to rebuild our birthday and anniversary lists; so if we have inadvertently missed your birthday or anniversary announcement, we apologize! Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your birthday and/or anniversary.

### FIRST IS BEST?

"I'm first!" "No, I'm first!" "Mom, tell Ronnie that I get to be first this time!" From the earliest moments of our lives, there is something ingrained in us that is convinced that first is best. If not chosen first for the sports team, we are immediately deflated. We are coached to be, "in first." We spend hours of waiting time in order to be first in line. We are caught in a culture that makes being first the highest priority. Against this backdrop, we come today and hear a Gospel from Mark: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). This is a passage all about power.

### BEING POWERFUL

Putting others first is one of the greatest challenges in a world that places so much emphasis on being powerful. Americans, for the most part, pride themselves on being a "super-power." Power, in and of itself, is not the problem. What can become problematic is the way that power is used. Our example of the perfect use of power is the Lord Jesus himself. Fully human and fully divine, the Lord put all the power that had been given to him at the service of others. Unfortunately, when one hears comments such as "he is a very powerful man" or "it is a very powerful country," one usually thinks of people or countries that use power to place themselves above apparently weaker people or places. The Gospel is a challenge to turn this notion on its head. We have each been given much power—the power flowing from Christ—in our baptism. Today we are called to use this power to place the needs of others before our own.

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Children, especially, set their watches by our clock.

—Anonymous

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