

St. John the Evangelist

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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses:
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Spanish Mass: 2:00 PM

Weekday Masses:
Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri: 7:00 AM
Tuesday: 6:00 PM

Holy Days:
Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM
Holy Day: 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Confession:
Before and after each Mass
and by appointment

XLT Adoration:
Tuesday: 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Confession is available

First Friday Adoration:
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Mass, Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Confession, Mass, Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,
Meditation and Benediction

September

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2019

God wills everyone
to be saved and to
come to knowledge
of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

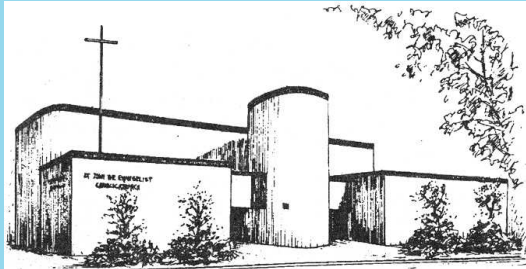


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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St. John, please visit stjohngulfport.org.



If you are new to the parish, please complete a registration form on the back table or go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

Upcoming Events

COUPLES DATE NIGHT

Wednesday / September 25 / 6:00 PM
Presentation Hall

All married and engaged couples are welcome to come and join in fellowship and learning. A meal and baby sitting will be provided. There is no charge; but to plan properly, please reserve your spot 48 hours in advance by contacting Mara Russo at 228-265-7156 or mrusso@stjohngulfport.org or on GroupMe on the Couples Date Night Group.



Knights of Columbus
Silver Rose Program
Wednesday / September 25
7:00 PM / Church



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 Knight's devotion to Our Lady and our commitment to the culture of life. Please join us for prayer and the rosary as we celebrate the visit of one of these Silver Roses to our parish.

Young at Heart

Thursday / September 26 / 12:00 PM
Presentation Hall

Come for lunch and fellowship. The main dish will be provided; so please bring your favorite vegetable, salad or dessert to compliment the meal. Enjoy delicious food, good company, and fun games of bingo!

First Communion Parent Meeting

Sunday / September 29 / 9:30 AM
Fatima Room

This is a **mandatory** meeting for parents of those who will be making their First Communion this year.

ARISE

CO-ED ARISE / October 4-6

Christ calls you to come and follow Him, ARISE!

Arise is sponsored by the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi, a program within the Biloxi Diocese.

Whereas Cursillo is limited to Catholics, Arise is designed with the non-Catholic in mind and for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

For more info/application, contact 228-382-3215.

A Family of Faith

Parent Catechetical Gathering
Sunday / October 6 / 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Fatima Room

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Sunday / October 6 / 1:30 PM
Fatima Room

This is a **mandatory** meeting for parents of those who will be confirmed this year.

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or other life challenges.

Nancy Alfonso	Ed Croal	Gina Papania
John Atwood	Toby Erwin	Linda Papania
Regina Papania Bell	Porsha Moore Glover	Colette Marissa Quigley
Dean Bowles	Dan Goad	Suzanna Shifalo
Suzanne Bowles	Ronnie Guidry	Greg Smith
Tony Calabretta	Jordan Hoang	Kim "Hye" Smith
Garry Cooper	JoAnn Liner	Erma Wilson
Buddy Cospelich	Doug Montalbano	Richard Wilson
Bev Crawford	Peggy Ann Moore	

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

Please Note

Fr. Ryan will be on a pilgrimage to Medugorje from September 23 through October 8. Please pray for our Pastor and the other pilgrims who are journeying with him.

Sister Mary's Contact Information

marykealy7@gmail.com

Sr. Mary Kealy, PBVM
Nano Nagle Place
Douglas Street
Cork, Ireland

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00 PM	+ Lorraine Goad
Sunday:	8:00 AM	+ Dr. Hugo Nievas
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	+ Nora Pachla
Monday:	7:00 AM	+ Jenny Lizana
Tuesday:	6:00 PM	+ Estelle Papania
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	+ Mackie Fayard
Thursday:	7:00 AM	+ Harold & Loretta Dubuisson
Friday:	7:00 AM	+ Raymond & Elizabeth Castper

Last Week's Collections

1st Collection: \$ 5477
2nd Collection: \$ 651 for the Seamen Center
Children's Collection: \$ 21
Thank you for your generosity!
This week's second collection is directed to Catholic Relief Services for Hurricane Dorian Relief in the Bahamas. Next week's second collection is for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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Catholic Education

St. James Elementary
603 West Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39507
Principal: Jennifer Broadus
Tel #: 228-896-6631

St. Vincent De Paul Elementary
4321 Espy Avenue, Long Beach MS 39560
Principal: Carol Church
Tel #: 228-222-6000

St. Patrick High School
18300 St. Patrick Road, Biloxi, MS 39532
Principal: Dr. Matt Buckley
Tel #: 228-702-0500

Parish Ministry Meetings

Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM
K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday - 6:30 PM
Young At Heart: 4th Thursday - 12 Noon
Prayer Group: Every Thursday - 5:15 PM
For information, call the Parish Office.
Legion of Mary: Every Thursday - 10:00 AM
For information, call Annette Seymour 228-326-0851.

Children's Activity Guides

These guides go along with the Sunday readings. If you have children, please take one for each child on your way out of Mass. The guides are in the Bulletin Stands.

Prayer for Hurricane Season

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

Second Collection Envelopes

Second collection envelopes for designated national and diocesan appeals will be available on the tables in the back of the church two weeks prior to the collection. Please pick one up and remember to print your name and envelope number on the back of the collection envelope.

Upcoming Events Continued



Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Persecuted Christians Prayer Program

Wednesday / October 9
7:00 PM / Church

This Marian prayer program honors the martyrs over the centuries as we call particular attention to the suffering of today's Christians in the Middle East. By taking part in this prayer program, Knights and their families, and all who join with them, are rendering spiritual aid to those who suffer today for their faith. Let us ask the holy martyrs, ancient and recent, to intercede for persecuted Christians everywhere as we invoke the protection of Mary upon them.

MINISTRY

APPRECIATION

DINNER

Wednesday / October 16 / Presentation Hall

6:00 PM

A sign-up sheet can be found on the round table in the back of the church.

HISPANIC FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday / October 27

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Parish Grounds

This is the annual fund raiser for our Hispanic Community. Please come out to enjoy music and authentic Hispanic cuisine & flavored waters.

Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass

The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 3, 2019, at 2:00 PM at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more are welcome to attend. A registration form is available in the Parish Office. **The deadline for registration by mail is October 14, 2019. Please note that registrations by phone, fax or e-mail are not accepted.**

\$10,000 DRAW DOWN

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
ANNUAL PARISH FUNDRAISER

November 9

Presentation Hall

Tickets - \$100 Admits 4 Adults

Full Dinner • Beer & Wine • Silent Auction

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Start looking for us on Facebook soon.



Walk Where Jesus Walked

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - 10 Days

10th - 19th Feb 2020

Spiritual Director: Fr. Jacob Matthew Smith

St. Clare Catholic Church

\$ 2999.00 per person

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"Heartfelt thanks to my St. John Parish family for the wonderful Retirement Mass and Dinner reception on Friday. It was a truly memorable celebration, a celebration that will live on in my heart. Special thanks to Fr. Ryan and the Parish Staff, Linda, Mara, and Josh, for the love, energy and hard work they put into this event. Heartfelt thanks to Vickie Tiner and the ladies and gentlemen who helped her prepare and decorate Presentation Hall and set-up and serve the beautiful supply of delicious food.

The beautiful Liturgy was meticulously planned and very prayerfully celebrated. Deep gratitude to Bishop Kihneman, Fr. Ryan and all visiting priests, to all who had special roles (readers, music ministers, commentator, gift bearers, servers & vimps) and to all who participated from the pews. Thank you!

Last, but not least, thank you for the outpouring of love expressed also by your cards, generous gifts and kind words. May God bless and reward each one of you. Thank you for welcoming me into your hearts and lives. I will remember you very fondly and hold you in prayer as I journey on. Please pray for me. Thank you!"

Sister Mary Kealy, PBVM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



If you or anyone in your family is ill at home or in the hospital and would like us to visit you - please call 228-864-2272.

Happy birthday wishes are extended to:

Ashley Henderson & Katherine Healy on Sept 23; Frank Scarborough on Sept 25; Lisa D'Aunoy & Lauren Dossett on Sept 26; Daniel Martin on Sept 27; and Mary Ann Necaie, Rebecca Thompson & Reece Wagner on Sept 28.

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

Prayer Candles



5-Day Prayer Candles are available for a \$5 donation and may be picked up in the Church Sacristy after Masses and in the Parish Office from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM throughout the work week.

*Red Candles for St. Joseph
Blue Candles for the Blessed Mother*

The Diocese of Biloxi is in need of an automobile for one of our seminarians. If you or someone you know would be interested in donating a good used vehicle or selling one for a great price, please call the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 228-702-2100.

We appreciate those who donate 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.

OUR CALL TO MAKE DISCIPLES

2019 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Parish Update

Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal is \$27,610. Thus far, 127 families have responded and we have raised \$42,391.60. Thank you for your response!

If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes can be found in the back of the church, or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference has just completed its 59th year providing services to the needy families of our community. It was certainly one of the most challenging in our history.

The conference provided groceries to 1,938 families, consisting of 3,248 adults and 1,360 children. This was accomplished with a direct expenditure of \$12,435. In addition, we were able to provide the following assistance to another 351 families comprised of 484 adults and 389 children:

Utilities	\$30,218
Clothing and Furniture	\$1,150
Emergency Travel Expenses	\$598
Medical	\$438
Rent	\$321

Our Society dues totaled \$268 and our own expenses amounted to \$1,576. We joined with other SVDP Conferences in our area by helping with financial assistance to their clients. This amount totaled \$150. The assistance shown above could not have been accomplished without the support of our Parish Staff, the parishioners, and our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers.



September 29, 2019

Second Collection

St. Vincent de Paul Society

At this time, available funds are extremely limited.
Please be generous in your support.

If you are interested in volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul,
please contact Betty Martin at 228-832-8529.