

# 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

MARCH 29, 2020

## Fifth Sunday OF LENT

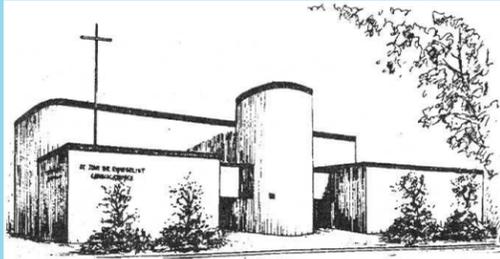
Jesus said,  
"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if they die,  
will live, and everyone who lives  
and believes in me will never die."  
John 11:25-26

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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](http://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.

In response to Bishop Kihneman's decree regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), **the following parish activities/ministries have been temporarily suspended:**

- All Daily Masses
- All Sunday Masses, including Saturday Vigil
- All Spanish Masses
- All prayer groups that meet on parish property
- Couples Date Night
- First Holy Communion Class & the reception of First Communion on May 3
- Lenten Penance Service
- Seder Supper
- Stations of the Cross
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Tenebrae Service
- Triduum Services
- XLT - Adoration
- Young at Heart
- Youth Ministry

The Lenten Bible Study will continue on-line and Family of Faith will continue with Parent Catechetical materials being mailed to the families.

**The Church will be open for Eucharistic Adoration during the following times:**

- Weekdays  
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
- Saturday  
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Sunday  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during these times. Only 10 people should be in the church at any given time. If you plan to attend Eucharistic Adoration, please be mindful of others around you. Use social distancing practices (6 feet apart) while in the church.

During this time, the Parish Office will remain open. However, all appointments will have to be rescheduled as the office building is restricted to staff only.

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

Isabel Allen	Skyler Garriga	Alexander Rich
Kris Allen	Alan Goad	Philip Rushing
John Atwood	Dan Goad	Peggy Ryland
David Belew	Ronnie Greer	Skip Ryland
Mary Ann Bishop	Ronnie Guidry	Joan Sample
Dean Bowles	Jessi Hebert	Peg Saxon
Harriett Bowles	Jordan Hoang	Vicki Smith
Suzanne Bowles	Werner Huber	Fran Tomala
Hope Broadus	JoAnn Liner	Charlie Underwood
Garry Cooper	Susie McManus	Erma Wilson
Beverly Crawford	Bernard Papania	Sullivan Wilson
Ed Croal	Linda Papania	John Windham
Mimi Davis	Steve Papania	
Desa Elkins	Colette Marissa	Parishoners of
Angel Garcia	Quigley	St. John the
Hartlee Garriga	Carolyn Reeves	Evangelist

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.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday:</b>	+Anthony Verin Davis
<b>Sunday:</b>	+Estelle Papania People of the Parish +Walter Lolley
<b>Monday:</b>	+Mackie Fayard +Harold Dubuisson, Jr.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	+Raymond & Elizabeth Casper +James Garrett
<b>Wednesday:</b>	+Parker Hewes +Virginia Romano
<b>Thursday:</b>	+Carl Lizana, Jr. +Marion & Edna Garrett
<b>Friday:</b>	+Kaleel Salloum, Sr.

### Notice for Mass Intentions

Fr. Ryan will still be celebrating a private Mass and will be offering the scheduled intentions. We are also reaching out to other priests who will be able to offer their private Masses for our Mass intentions.



Take Out Only

### ST. JOHN LENTEN FISH FRY

We will be offering fish dinners on Fridays during Lent from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM in Presentation Hall. The meal will include fish and hushpuppies, your choice of 2 sides (cole slaw, French fries, green peas or mac & cheese), dessert and a beverage. Adult plates will be \$9 and children plates will be \$5.

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**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral will livestream daily Mass Monday through Saturday at 8:00 AM and on Sunday at 11:00 AM. To view these Masses, visit the Diocese of Biloxi's YouTube Page.**

All Catholic schools in South Mississippi will be closed for students through April 17, 2020. Possible additional closings may be required and will be evaluated on a week to week basis. All activities will be cancelled or delayed during the time the school is closed. This includes extracurricular activities and athletics.

### Happy birthday wishes are extended to:

Sandra Erhard on Mar 29; John Paul Mattina on Mar 30; Jennifer DiRaimo on Mar 31; and Gaytona Bradley & Paula Hewes on Apr 3.

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

**Congratulations to our parishioners celebrating wedding anniversaries**

Stephen & Lori Greiner - 9 years on Apr 2

Gary & Annette Seymour - 23 years on Apr 3

**May God bless them with many more happy years together!!**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday:</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Sunday:</b>	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]



The last few weeks have been difficult for many of us living in the new reality brought on by COVID-19. In past times like these when people have felt a crushing powerlessness, the faithful have found hope, help, and even miraculous cures through the intercession of the saints.

The saints remind us that *we are not facing this crisis on our own*; we have the Lord and His glorified souls who stand ready to intercede for those who call upon them.

**Meet St. Corona, patroness of epidemics.**

She witnessed the martyrdom of St. Victor, a soldier who was executed by his brothers-in-arms for his faith. While Victor was being tortured and disfigured, the brave 16-year-old Corona cried out comforting words and encouragement as Victor held fast to his faith and gave up his life for the Lord. Victor’s persecutors soon turned on Corona and executed her by tying her to drawn palm trees, which ripped her in half when snapped upright. Yet the young saint never gave up her faith.

As the Coronavirus wreaks havoc and vexes us all, St. Corona gives us an opportunity to lean into our faith and cling to hope, no matter the turmoil around us.

Source: <https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=b08c16feae130e0b4312d5ceb&id=d133f9d59c&e=a082d422fe>

**FR. RYAN’S HOMILY FOR THIS SUNDAY IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**Fasting and Abstinence Guidelines**

In their Penance and Abstinence pastoral, the U.S. Bishops declared: “the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation...” They also stated: “we preserve for our diocese the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice.”

**Fasting:** Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller “collations,” when considered together, should not equal the main meal—and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one’s strength.

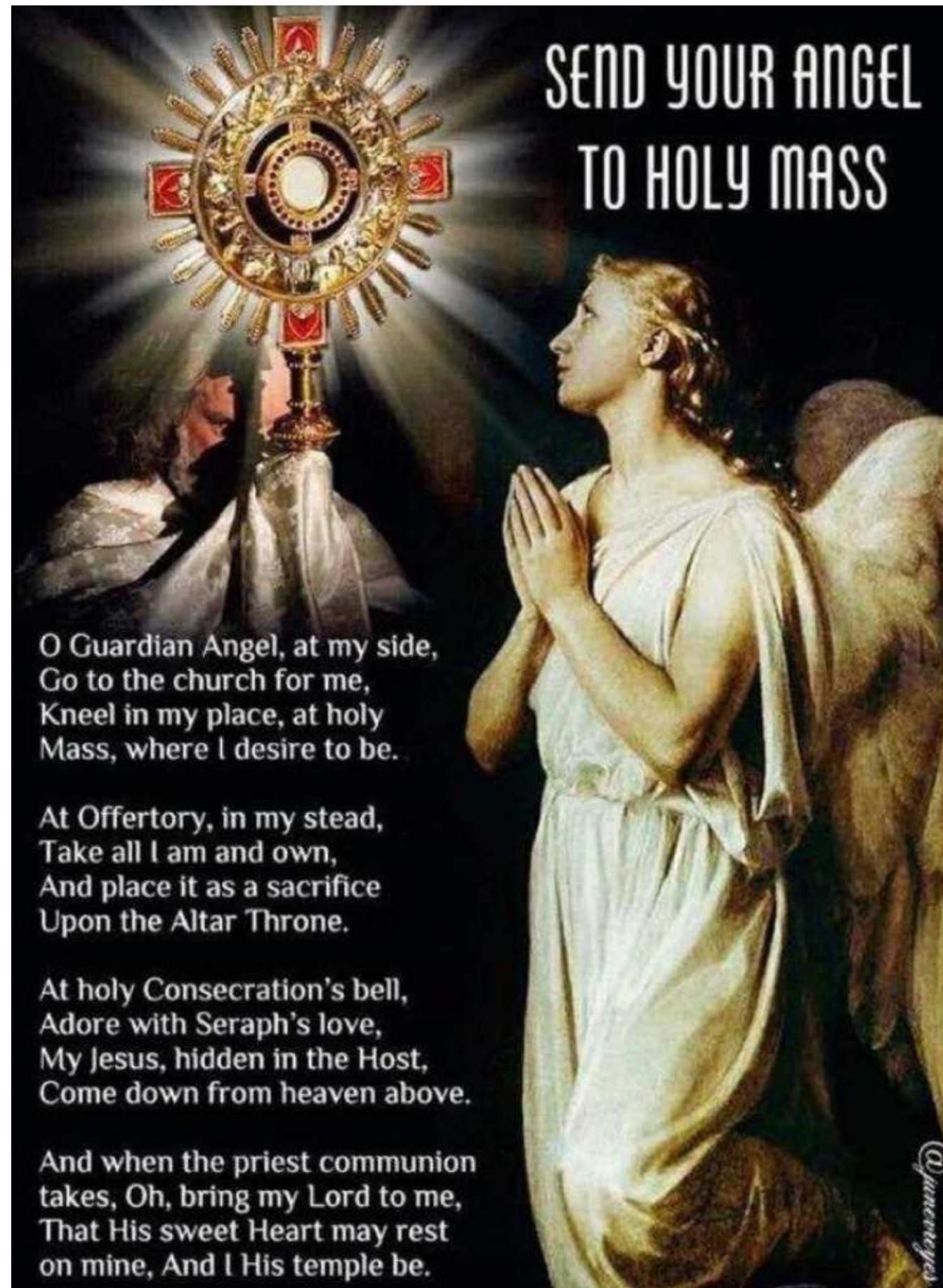
**Abstinence:** All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent, unless the Friday is a solemnity (there are no solemnities in 2020).

**2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal**

**☞ Parish Update ☞**

Our parish goal for this year’s Catholic Sharing Appeal is \$34,316. Thus far, 60 families have responded and we have raised \$22,525. 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](http://www.biloxidiocese.org).



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Dear Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish,

All who are united under Jesus Christ, we continue our march to heaven. The Chinese Coronavirus cannot stop our heavenly march. In this crisis, hear the words of Psalm 130:7, "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

Brothers and Sisters of the St. John the Evangelist Family, we have been prepared for this crisis. Over the years, I have spoken to you about an attack upon the Most Holy Eucharist. The Chinese Coronavirus is an attack from the Devil that has resulted in the removal of the public reception of the Holy Eucharist. Have no fear! The diabolical attack has not worked, because God is in charge. Through this crisis, God the Father is uniting us more deeply to His son, Jesus!

We are family united in Jesus Christ; the Mystical Body of Christ! As a family, we are called to extend mercy during this time. I make a commitment to provide the Sacraments during this crisis. The staff and the Next Generation Implementation Team are populating our social media and forms of communication with prayers, support, and information. I encourage the family of St. John the Evangelist to continue to be the arms of Jesus' mercy! What can you do? Strengthen your daily practice of praying devotions from our Catholic tradition. Make a commitment to read from Sacred Scripture invoking the Holy Spirit's guidance. Moreover, please, continue the practice of participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and renewing your baptismal promises in the Nicene Creed. Win graces from heaven from your faithfulness to Jesus for the conversion of sinners, the salvation of souls, and the protection from the Chinese Coronavirus. Jesus, we are your family of mercy!

As a family, we must continue our day to day operations. We will need continued financial support to meet the challenges of ministry during this crisis. The bulletin highlights creative ways to financially support your parish family, including electronic giving.

I implore each of you to write a letter to me answering this question: Why is it important for us to physically gather at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Your collective answers will be placed on the altar. Please let me know if I may share your response with the parish.

United in Christ's Love,



Rev. Ryan McCoy

Pastor

### **Litany of Reparation**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
God, the Father of Mercy, Have Mercy on us  
God the Son, mediator between God and man,...  
God the Holy Spirit, the enlightener of hearts,...  
Holy and undivided Trinity,...  
O Sacred Host! Victim of reparation for the sins of the world,...  
O Sacred Host! Annihilated on the altar for us and by us,...  
O Sacred Host! Despised and neglected,...  
O Sacred Host! Outraged by the blasphemies of men,...  
O Sacred Host! Neglected and abandoned in Your temples,...  
Be merciful unto us: Spare us, O Lord.  
Be merciful unto us: Hear us, O Lord.  
For so many unworthy Communion, We offer You our reparations, O Lord.  
For the irreverence of Christians,...  
For the continual blasphemies of the impious,...  
For the infamous discourses made in Your Holy Temples,...  
For the crimes of sinners,...  
For the sacrileges which profane Your sacrament of love,...  
For the coldness of the greater part of Your children,...  
For the contempt of Your loving invitations,...  
For the infidelity of those who call themselves Your friends,...  
For the abuse of Your grace,...  
For our unfaithfulness,...  
For our delay in loving you,...  
For our tepidity in Your Holy Service,...  
For Your bitter sadness at the loss of souls,...  
For Your long waiting at the door of our hearts,...  
For Your loving sighs,...  
For Your loving tears,...  
For Your loving imprisonment,...  
For Your loving death,...  
That You spare us, that You hear us, We sinners beseech You, hear us.  
That You will make known Your love for us in this most Holy Sacrament,...  
That You will vouchsafe to accept our reparation, made in the spirit of humility,...  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:  
Spare us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:  
Hear us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Let us Pray:

Lord Jesus, Who has chosen to expose Yourself to all the outrages of the impious, rather than withdraw Your Sacred Body from our Churches, grant us the grace to bewail, with true bitterness of heart, the injuries and sacrileges committed against You, and to repair as far as lies in our power, and with sincere love, the many ignominies and contempts You have received, and still continue to receive, in this ineffable mystery, Who lives and reigns with God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: <http://www.medjugorjelive.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=13263>

### **Angel of Peace Prayer**

Given at Fatima in the Fall of 1916 to the seers, Saints Jacinta and Francisco and Sister Lucia dos Santos, Servant of God

*Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.*