

St. John the Evangelist

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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

Spanish Mass: 2:00 PM

Weekday Masses:
 Monday - Friday 7:00 AM

Weekday Adoration:
 Every Friday following Mass
 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

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

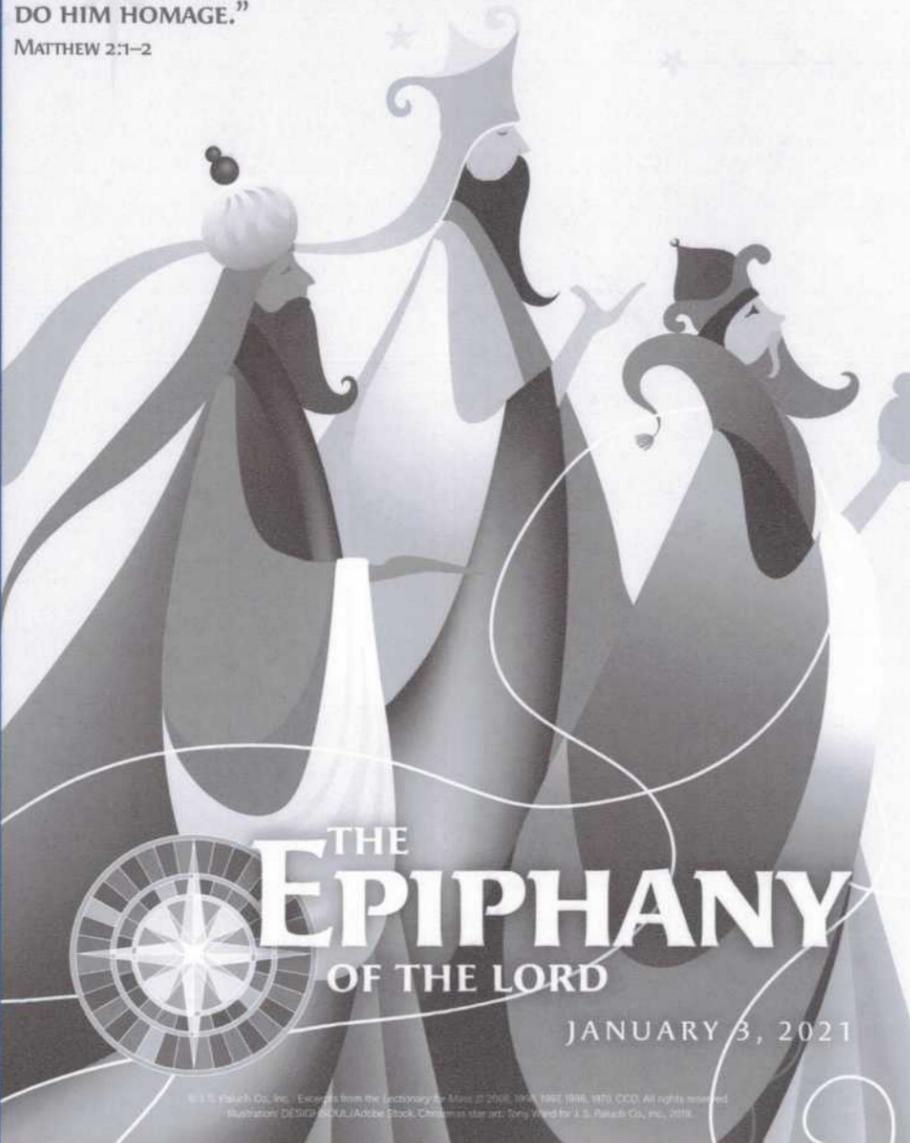
Confession:
 30 minutes before Vigil Mass
 and anytime by request
 all the other Masses

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

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MAGI FROM THE EAST ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, SAYING,
 "WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?
 WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO
 DO HIM HOMAGE."
 MATTHEW 2:1-2

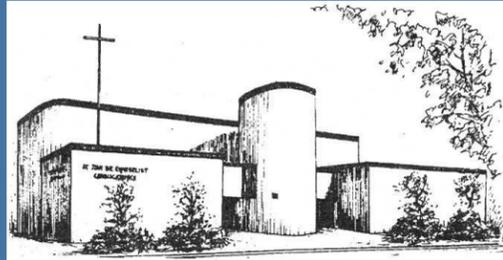


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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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 go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

Upcoming Events

A Family of Faith

Adult Catechetical Session

Wednesday / January 6 / 6:00 PM

Fatima Room



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Adult Faith Formation

Credo sessions will resume January 7.

Wednesday / January 13

6:00 PM

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome.



Attention Lectors!

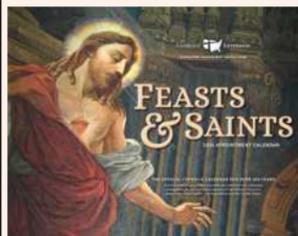
The 2021 *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word* is now available and may be picked up in the Sacristy.



Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus Bishop Gunn Council #1583 for their generous gifts of Christmas turkeys and New Year hams to our parishioners during this holiday season.



We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers for peace and comfort to the Kremer family on the death of Willidora Kremer. May she and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



The 2021 Catholic Extension calendars have arrived and are on the tables in the back of the church. Please take one per family. There are English and Spanish versions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

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

John Atwood	Jordan Hoang	Peggy Ryland
Mary Ann Bishop	Werner Huber	Skip Ryland
Andy Borga	Kory Hudson	Joan Sample
Brien Bowles	Bill Jones	Peg Saxon
Dean Bowles	Kent Killegrew	Don Schiffner
Harriett Bowles	Suzanne King	Vicki Smith
Suzanne Bowles	Doug Kirk	Charlie Underwood
Garry Cooper	John Knight	Erma Wilson
Beverly Crawford	Linda Langenbach	
Ed Croal	Betty Martin	Parishioners of
Ronnie Cuevas	Rhonda Mires	St. John the
Mimi Davis	Carolyn McClellan	Evangelist
Carolyn Fayard	Helena Nichols	
Marcia Flagg	Judy Northrup	
Julie Foster	Bernard Papania	
Angel Garcia	Colette Quigley	
Alan Goad	Colette Marissa	
Dan Goad	Quigley	

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

Saturday: 9:00 AM +Anthony Verin Davis
 4:00 PM +Dr. Hugo Nievas
Sunday: 8:00 AM +Kris Allen
 +Anton Bui C. Yan
 +Estelle Panania
 +Emily Rorex
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 5:00 PM +Thomas Russo
Monday: 7:00 AM +Mackie Fayard
Tuesday: 7:00 AM +John McWaters
Wednesday: 7:00 AM +Alex North
Thursday: 6:00 PM +D. O. Conwill
Friday: 9:00AM +Phil Carriere



The 2021 Offering Envelopes are now available for pick up. They are located on the table in the Memorial Room and are listed alphabetically by family name. If you would like envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Children's Activity Guides

These guides go along with the Sunday readings. If you have children, please see an usher to obtain a copy, or contact the Parish Office.

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Last Week's Collection

General Collection: \$5864
 Christmas Collection: \$5307

Thank you for your generosity!

Notice for Contributions

During these difficult days, it's still important to support your parish. Our families are encouraged to maintain their church contributions by mail, by dropping it off at the Parish Office from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Friday; by utilizing automatic drafts (contact the Parish Office if you'd like to sign up); or by giving electronically at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohngulfport>.

Your support is graciously appreciated!

Schedule Pickup

The January schedules for Ushers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are posted in the Memorial Room and on our website. Copies are available on the table in the back of the Church.

A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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Happy birthday blessings are extended to:

Mimi Davis, Lea Johnson & Brianna Reyes on Jan 3; William Swanson, Michael Ward & Louise Wheat on Jan 4; John Carroll, Blake Dedeaux, Jan Farrell & Rhonda Mires on Jan 6; Jackie Calles & Thomas Scaia on Jan 7; and Henrietta Caranna on Jan 9.

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

We have a Christmas gift for you!



Please take a copy of *I Heard God Laugh*. The books can be found on the table nearest the Memorial Room. One per family, please. There are English and Spanish versions.

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



Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

"But every Lord's day, gather together, and break bread, and give thanks after confessing your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure. But let no one that is at variance with his fellow come together with you, until they be reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be profaned. For this is that which was spoken by the Lord: In every place and time offer to me a pure sacrifice; for I am a great King, says the Lord, and my name is wonderful among the nations."

☞ The Didache (c. 90 A.D.)



Did You Know?

Over 50% of all adults neglect to make out a Last Will and Testament; and of those who have one, many do not keep it up to date. Think about getting your will made or having it reviewed – it provides a plan for distributing your hard-earned estate. And while you're at it, please consider helping St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church through a bequest. In addition, stocks and bonds, especially if appreciated in value over the years, can cost you or your heirs a lot of capital gains taxes, but they can also make substantial gifts to St. John. Please consider such a gift.

+21 C M B 21+



AN EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write **+21 C M B 21+** above the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (May Christ bless this house).

The "+" signs represent the cross and 2021 the year.

Here is a suggested format for the blessing:

All Start with the Sign of the Cross

Leader: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, "Where is the

newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Using chalk, write the following on the outside of the house or inside above the main entrance: **+21 Christus Mansionem Benedicat 21+** or **+21 C M B 21+**

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All End with the Sign of the Cross