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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, Ro-
 sary,
 Meditation and Benediction

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JOHN THE BAPTIST PROCLAIMED:
 "ONE MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING AFTER ME ...
 I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER;
 HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT."

MARK 1:7, 8

THE
BAPTISM
 OF THE LORD

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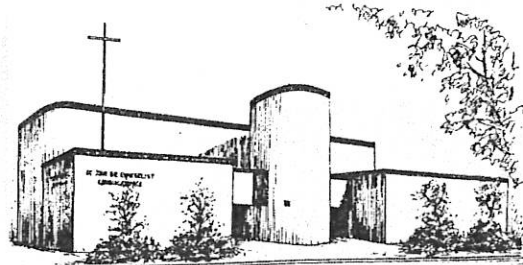
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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.



We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers for peace and comfort to Lee Barnes on the deaths of her mother, Fannie Thomas and sister, Lois Pugh. May they and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Upcoming Events



Wednesday / January 13

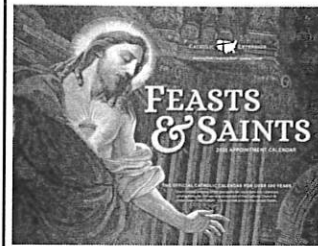
6:00 PM

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome.



Adult Faith Formation

Credo sessions are open to all parishioners and are held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in Presentation Hall.



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.

Please be aware of our temporary office hours beginning January 11, 2021.

Office hours will be from 9 am to 1 pm Monday -Friday.



Congratulations to Our Parishioners



Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin & Sherri Killegrew – 39 years on Jan 11

May God bless them with many more happy years together!

Pray for a Priest Calendar

The Pray for a Priest Calendar for January can be found on our website. If you'd like a copy mailed/ emailed to you, please contact the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

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

John Atwood	Kory Hudson	Joan Sample
Mary Ann Bishop	Bill Jones	Peg Saxon
Andy Borga	Kent Killegrew	Don Schiffner
Dean Bowles	Suzanne King	Vicki Smith
Harriett Bowles	Doug Kirk	Charlie Underwood
Suzanne Bowles	John Knight	Erma Wilson
Garry Cooper	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	
Jordan Hoang	Peggy Ryland	
Werner Huber	Skip Ryland	

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:	4:00 PM	+Vivian Rice
Sunday:	8:00 AM	+Vinancio J. Maysonet, Sr. (Special Intention) +Modesta José
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	+Frank Palazzo
Monday:	7:00 AM	+Gary Seymour
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	+Mackie Fayard
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	+Bernadette Levins Tolsen
Thursday:	7:00 AM	+James Garrett
Friday:	7:00 AM	+Sarah Hewes



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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aged and infirm priests **\$485**

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The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God **\$3109**
Thank you for your generosity during these trying times!

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!

A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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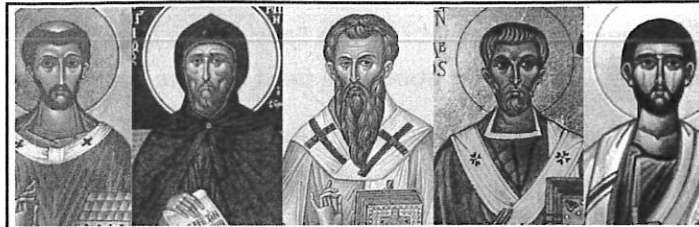


To everyone who helped decorate our church and grounds during the

Advent and Christmas

Seasons. A special thank you to Colette Quigley for the poinsettia set-up and care; to the Papania families for the set-up of our indoor and outdoor manger scenes; and to Tomas Calles for the upkeep of our landscaping and grounds.

The Parish Office Staff also extends a warm thank you to all that offered Christmas greetings and gifts. We wish you all joy and many blessings in the coming year!



Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

"We been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh."

✠ St. Justin the Martyr (c. 100-165 A.D.)

Happy birthday blessings are extended to:

Richie Cefalú on Jan 10; George Burkhardt, Sarah Hebert & Rob Russo on Jan 11; Janet Papania on Jan 12; and Sam Hewes on Jan 13.

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!



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.

This week we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It marks the beginning of the Year of the Eucharist. Here are some notes about the feast and the Year of the Eucharist.

1. The Baptism of the Lord is the final celebration of the Christmas season. Through this feast, as is true throughout the whole Christmas season THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH, we witness God breaking into human history – revealing his abiding presence (Emmanuel), his saving love in Jesus, and his unceasing desire for union with all humanity.
2. Jesus does not need to be baptized for he is without sin. He does this to unite himself with us, sanctifying the water and taking on our sins.
3. In this feast, as we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, we are also reminded of our own baptism.
 - a. At Jesus' baptism, the heavens opened, and the Father spoke: "You are my son..."
 - b. God wants us to hear these words directed to each of us today as we recall our own baptism: "You are my daughter you are my son" (parishes are encouraged to celebrate the blessing and sprinkling of water in place of the common Penitential Act). In this way, we are reminded of who we are and Whose we are.
 - c. In our baptism, God claims us as his own, giving us his own Divine life and making us truly and irrevocably his children. We put on Jesus Christ, who now lives in each of us, and thus, we become "heirs of his blessed life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1).
4. Today we also celebrate the beginning of the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph:
 - a. a time of renewal, healing, and communion. It is precisely fitting that we begin this important year today, for baptism marks the beginning of our initiation into Jesus Christ, a lifelong journey toward union with Christ and one another.
 - b. The Eucharist is communion with God. Christ nourishes us with his very Body and Blood so that we can be joined more closely to him and to all humanity
5. At the baptism of Jesus and our baptism, the heavens are opened with God and humanity being brought into union. So too, at each Mass, the heavens are opened, and God comes to save us (and give himself to us)! "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created humanity to make us share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to humanity" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1; this entire paragraph, "The Life of Man, To Know and Love God," is profitable and helpful for reflection in preparation of the homily).
6. With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, we conclude the Christmas season, and begin the Year of the Eucharist.
 - a. We are reminded that like Christ who was sent by the Holy Spirit after his baptism to begin his saving mission to the world, we, too, are sent (for that is what "Mass" means), to continue the saving mission of Jesus in the world, for we are the Body of Christ.
 - b. We live in a hurting and broken world and the love and presence of Christ is needed desperately by so many.
 - c. The Lord is near and remains with us, he is inviting us to recognize his presence, receive him completely, and bear his saving presence in the world.
 - d. The Eucharist is an opportunity to become what we receive, and it is food for the journey in our mission of discipleship.
7. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian Life. At Church we gather with the Lord, we go out with the Lord, and we come back to the Lord. We are who we are because of Whose we are!
8. During this Year of the Eucharist, we will focus on three primary areas: Explanation of the Mass, the Real Presence of Christ, and the Meaning and Importance of our Obligation to Sunday Mass.