

# 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:

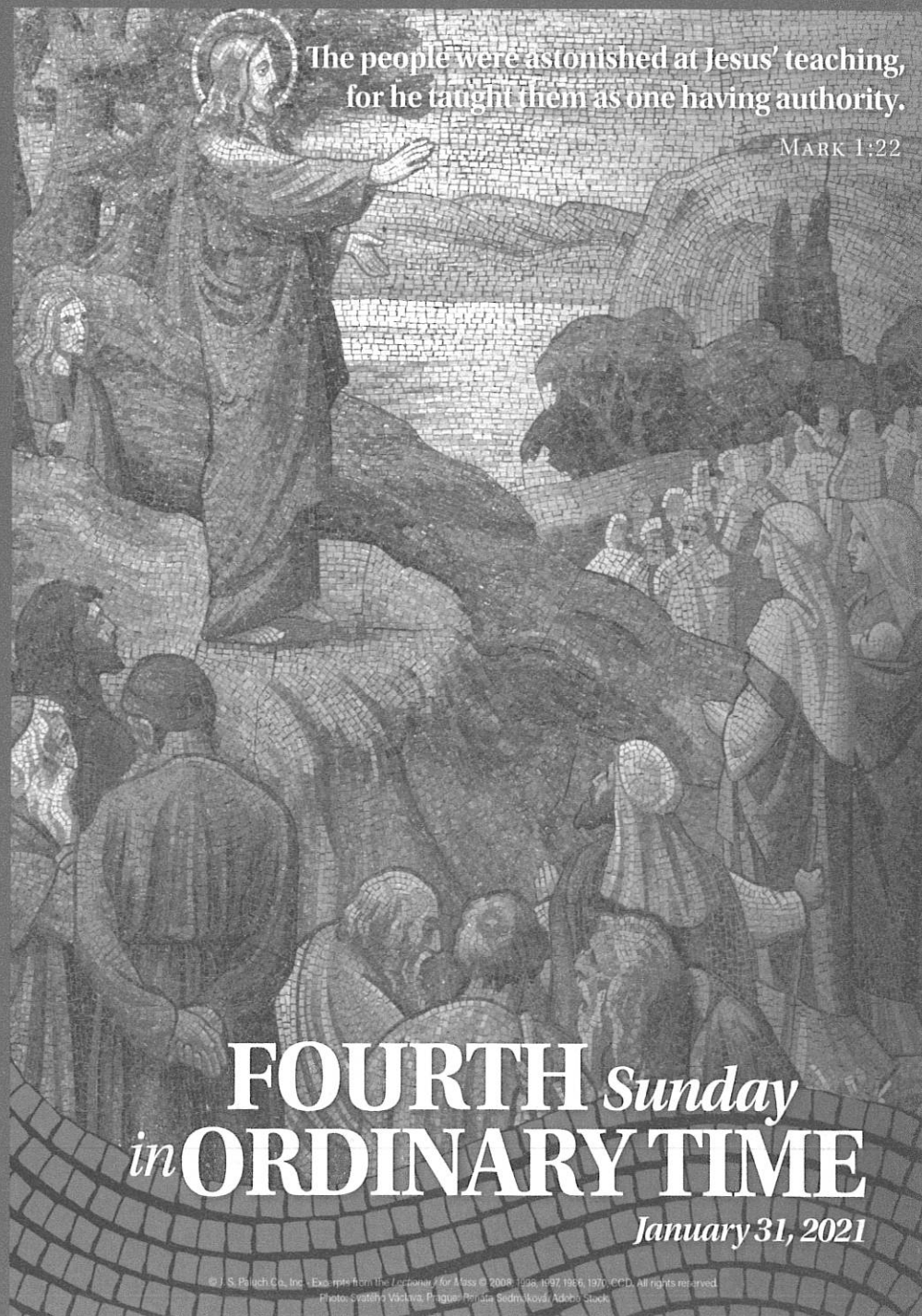
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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



**FOURTH Sunday**  
*in* **ORDINARY TIME**  
January 31, 2021

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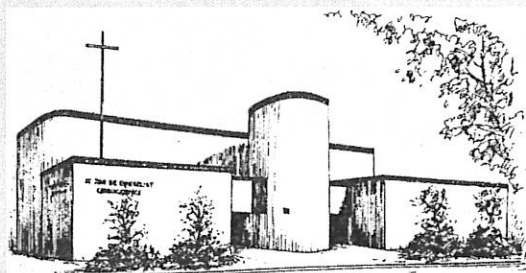
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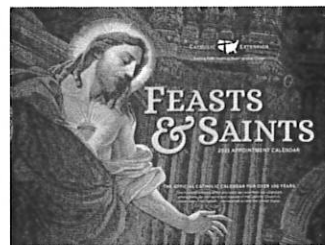


## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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 [stjohnsgulfport.org](http://stjohnsgulfport.org).



If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.



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.

### 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 or emailed to you, please contact the Parish Office.



Wednesday / January 13

6:00 PM

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



Due to renovations ongoing in the church, First Friday Adoration will be in Presentation Hall Feb 5th from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church, please sign-up for an hour with Jesus!

### Happy Birthday blessings are extended to:

Linda Comstock, Howard McNeill Feb 1, John Necaie Feb 2, David Ladner, Rachel Ladner, Ellen Robinson Feb 3, Kolbe Larkin Feb 5, Oscar Maxwekk Feb 6

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week  
 Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day  
 Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats;  
 Friday: St. Agatha; Virgin, Martyr, First Friday  
 Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions; Martyrs  
 First Saturday

Care more than others think necessary.  
 Trust more than others think wise.  
 Serve more than others think practical.  
 —Anonymous

### † 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** +Jesus Fernandez Sr.  
**Sunday: 8:00 AM** +Vincent & Helen Dauro  
 +Mario Le T. Soi  
 (Special Intention)  
**10:30 AM** People of the Parish  
**5:00 PM** special intention of Msgr Michael Thornton  
**Monday: 7:00 AM** +Steven Gangemi  
**Tuesday: 7:00 AM** +Cory Wilson  
**Wednesday: 7:00 AM** +Dr. Hugo Nievas  
**Thursday: 7:00 AM** +Shawn Dubisson  
**Friday: 7:00 AM** +Keleel Salloum, Sr



### Congratulations to Our Parishioners



#### Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Gerald & Sandra Cooper Feb 1, 46 yrs

Guy & Cleo Dossett Feb 1, 24 yrs

Tom & Kim Graves Feb 1, 23 yrs

May God bless them with many more happy years together!

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The 2nd collection next Sunday, Feb 7th, and following first Sundays will go for the Church renovations.

### 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/stjohnsgulfport>.

Your support is graciously appreciated!



## A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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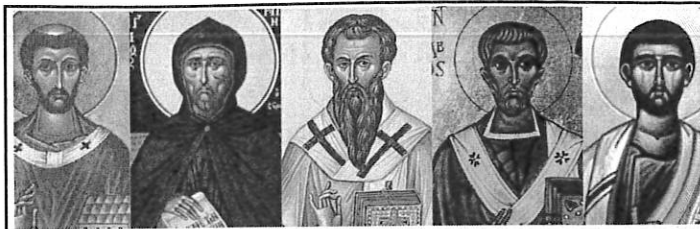


*This weekend, the flowers have been placed on the altar by Ann Wiborg in memory of Tom Wiborg.*

### Parish Office Hours

Temporary office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

In the event of an emergency or if you need to reach Fr. Satish, you may call or text him at 228-297-7774.



### Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

#### ST. GREGORY OF NAZIANZEN (Alt)

St. Gregory was consecrated Bishop of Sasima in the year 371 A.D. and was a friend of St. Basil for most of his life.

"Cease not to pray and plead for me when you draw down the Word by your word, when in an unbloody cutting you cut the Body and Blood of the Lord, using your voice for a sword."

-"Letter to Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium" [171] ca. 383 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.

## YEAR of ST. JOSEPH

### Welcoming the will of God

At the same time, Joseph is "an accepting Father," because he "accepted Mary unconditionally" — an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, "in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident." But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, "setting aside his own ideas" and reconciling himself with his own history.

Joseph's spiritual path "is not one that *explains*, but *accepts*" — which does not mean that he is "resigned." Instead, he is "courageously and firmly proactive," because with "Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude," and full of hope, he is able "to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments." In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: "Do not be afraid!" because "faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad," and makes us aware that "God can make flowers spring up from stony ground." Joseph "did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it." For this reason, "he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak" (4).

### A daily prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of  
life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy,  
and courage,  
and defend us  
from every evil.  
Amen.*



## YEAR of the EUCHARIST

### Collect

The opening prayer is the moment in which the priest invites the community to pray. At the beginning of the prayer the priest says: "*Let us pray*" and extends his hands as a sign of appeal. **This is a time to gather us all in silence and ask the Lord to help us.** At the end of the prayer all we join what the priest asked, saying together: Amen! As the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "*Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*" (Mt 18: 19-20). The opening prayer unites us with the universal Church, reminding us that in every corner of the world in which Mass is said our brothers and sisters in Christ will be doing the same thing.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD CONSISTS OF

The Lord Jesus, **before feeding us with his body and his blood at the table of the sacrifice, feeds us first in the Word of God.** Through the readings we hear directly from God who speaks to us.

#### ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA (Alt)

"The bread is at first common bread; but when the mystery sanctifies it, it is called and actually becomes the Body of Christ."

-"Orations and Sermons" [Jaeger Vol 9, pp. 225-226] ca. 383 A.D.

