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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

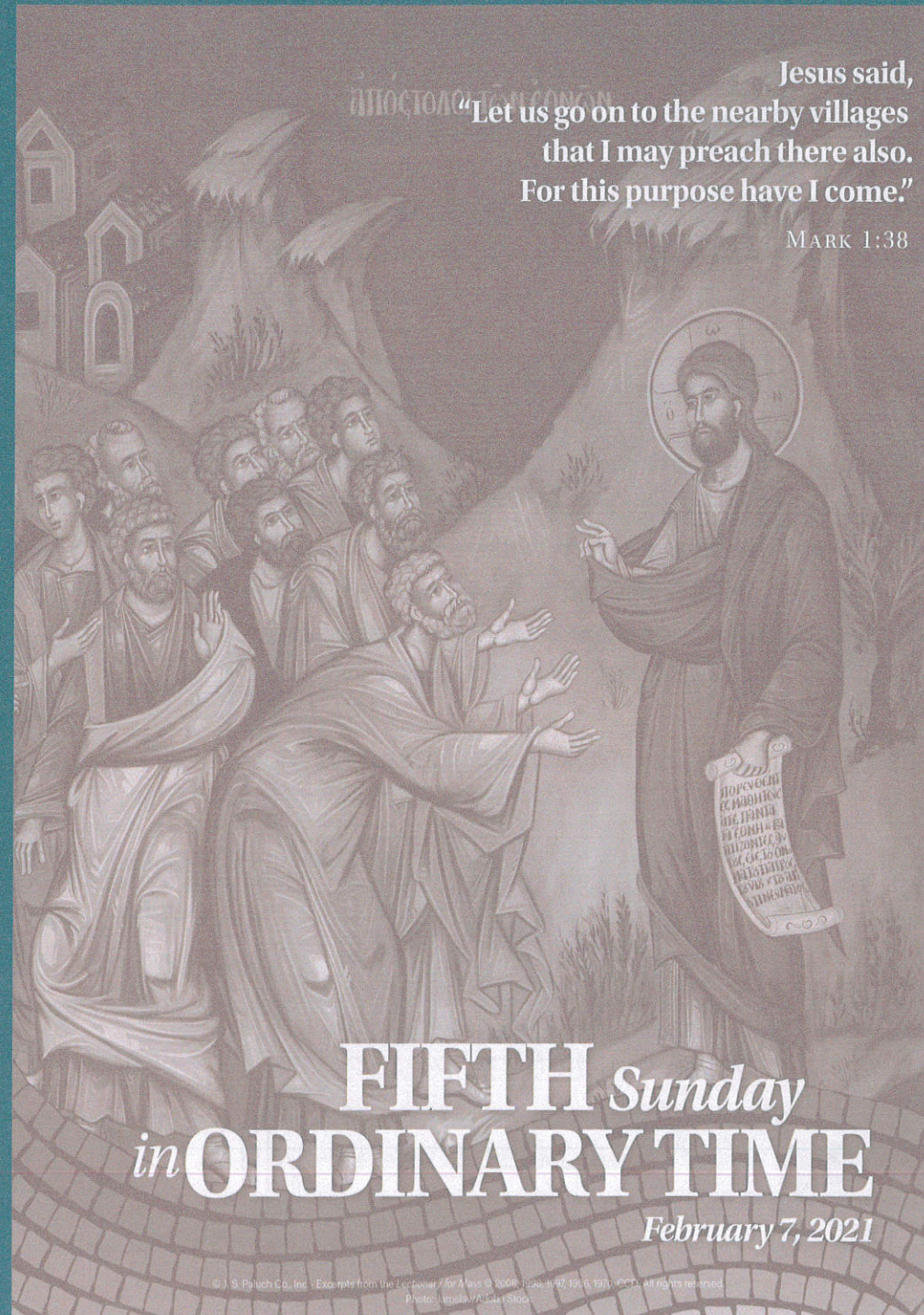
Weekday Adoration:
Every Friday following Mass
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

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



Jesus said,
"Let us go on to the nearby villages
that I may preach there also.
For this purpose have I come."

MARK 1:38

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For Peace



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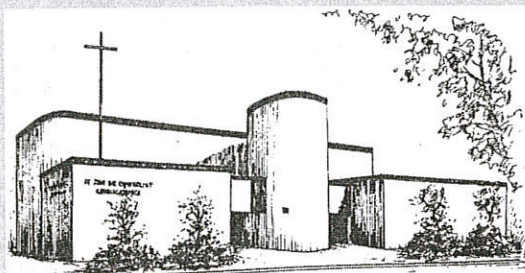
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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 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.

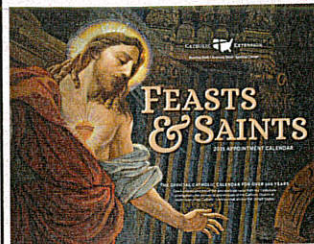


Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome.



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Scout Sunday
Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; Virgin
International Day of Prayer and Awareness
Against Human Trafficking
Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
Friday: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday;
Lunar New Year 4719
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls them by name.
— Psalm 147:4

† 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 +Maria Nguyen Ngoc Dien
Sunday: 8:00 AM + Vincent and Helen Dauro
+Estelle Papania
+Emily Rorex
10:30 AM People of the Parish
5:00 PM +Lauralee Esterling
Monday: 7:00 AM +Mackie Fayard
Tuesday: 7:00 AM +Regina Fortenberry
Wednesday: 7:00 AM +D.O. Conwill
Thursday: 7:00 AM +Benjamin North
Friday: 7:00 AM +Marion and Edna Garrett



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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Parish Office Hours

New office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please welcome Ann Wiborg, our new parish secretary!

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

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!

THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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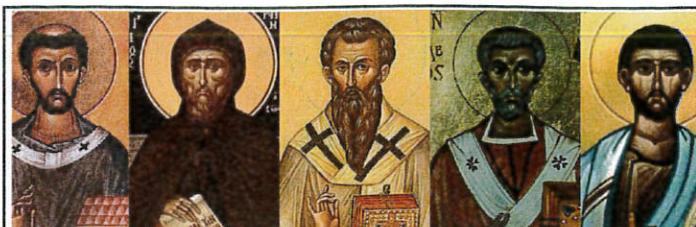
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If you would like a charitable contributions statement for filing your taxes, please contact the Parish Office by telephone or email.



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



Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

ST. ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA (Alt)

St. Athanasius was born in Alexandria ca. 295 A.D. He was ordained a deacon in 319 A.D. He accompanied his bishop, Alexander, to the Council of Nicaea, where he served as his secretary. Eventually he succeeded Alexander as Bishop of Alexandria. He is most known for defending Nicene doctrine against Arian disputes.,

"The great Athanasius in his sermon to the newly baptized says this: 'You shall see the Levites bringing loaves and a cup of wine, and placing them on the table. So long as the prayers of supplication and entreaties have not been made, there is only bread and wine. But after the great and wonderful prayers have been completed, then the bread is become the Body, and the wine the Blood, of our Lord Jesus Christ. 'And again: 'Let us approach the celebration of the mysteries. This bread and this wine, so long as the prayers and supplications have not taken place, remain simply what they are. But after the great prayers and holy supplications have been sent forth, the Word comes down into the bread and wine - and thus His Body is confectioned.'",

-"Sermon to the Newly Baptized" ante 373 A.D.,

Communion Fast Reminder

A complete fast from all food and drink for one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist is current law for all Catholics. The fast does not include water and medicine.

Happy Birthday blessings are extended to:

Fr. Satish Feb 7, Divinity Mires Feb 8, Barabra Sal-loum Feb 9, Rita Bailey Feb 10, Linda Eschler, Denise Maxwell, Andrew Sanders Feb 11, Tony Sauro, Cassie Williams Feb 13.

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

YEAR of ST. JOSEPH

A creatively courageous father, example of love

Patris corde highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

In this sense, St. Joseph is "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty." As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot "be other than the guardian of the Church," of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. "Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is 'the child' whom Joseph continues to protect." From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, "we must learn... to love the Church and the poor" (5).

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 defend us
from every evil.*



YEAR of the EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD CON-SISTS 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.

The first reading is taken from one of the books of the Old Testament. It is important to meditate on them, because by these words, God was preparing his people for the coming of Christ. As well as preparing us to listen to Jesus. The first reading is always directly related to the Gospel reading.

After the first reading, we read **the Psalm**. The Psalms have always been very important in the history of the Church. When we pray with the Psalms, we pray with the words of God. These are the words that he puts in our mouths so that we know how to express ourselves in prayer. With the Psalms we learn to pray, we learn to speak with God.

The second reading is taken from the New Testament: the letters of Saint Paul, or the Catholic Epistles or the book of Hebrews or the Apocalypse. They are the writings of the Apostles. We hear the preaching and writings of the men that Jesus instructed to minister to us when He left. These men were filled with the Holy Spirit and committed to spreading the Good News.



Gospel Acclamation

In the first reading, God spoke through his prophets, in the second through his Apostles, and now **in the Gospel speaks directly through his son Jesus Christ. It is the most important time of the liturgy of the word.** We hear directly from Jesus' speaking, teaching, and healing. The word Gospel means "good news" and this good news is not just a message, it is Jesus himself! The best news that ever existed! It is a very important moment, which is why we stand and we sing with joy the Alleluia. The Gospel is proclaimed by the priest. To begin, we make the sign of the cross on our forehead, mouth and chest to symbolize that we receive the word of God in the mind, we confess it with my mouth, and we keep it in the heart.

Lenten Schedule of Activities and Opportunities for Grace

Ash Wednesday: February 17, Masses and Distribution of Ashes at 7:00 am 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm

Daily Mass: Monday- Friday at 7:00 am & 12:00 noon

Stations of the Cross - (English) Fridays at 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross (Spanish) - Fridays at 7:00 pm



Fish Fry - Fridays during Lent from 5:00 - 7:30 PM (Presentation Hall)

Penance Service – Monday, March 29 at 6:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 pm

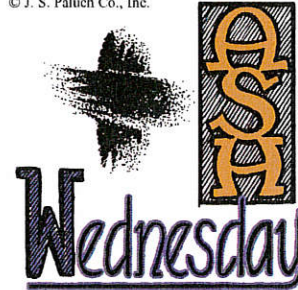
Good Friday Stations of Cross – April 2 at 2:00 pm in the church

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion – April 2 at 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 3, 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass, (whole liturgy with 12 readings)

Easter - Sun, Apr. 21 - Masses at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and Spanish Mass at 2:00 pm 5:00 pm

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Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Our Masses at St. John will be at **7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00 pm**. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and it opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass, and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches that were distributed during the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes on as a reminder until the evening. Catholics usually receive ashes within the context of Mass. In some cases, ashes may be delivered by a priest or a family member to those who are sick or shut in.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, which is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting that prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution.

Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession. The ashes were christened with Holy Water and scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.