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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

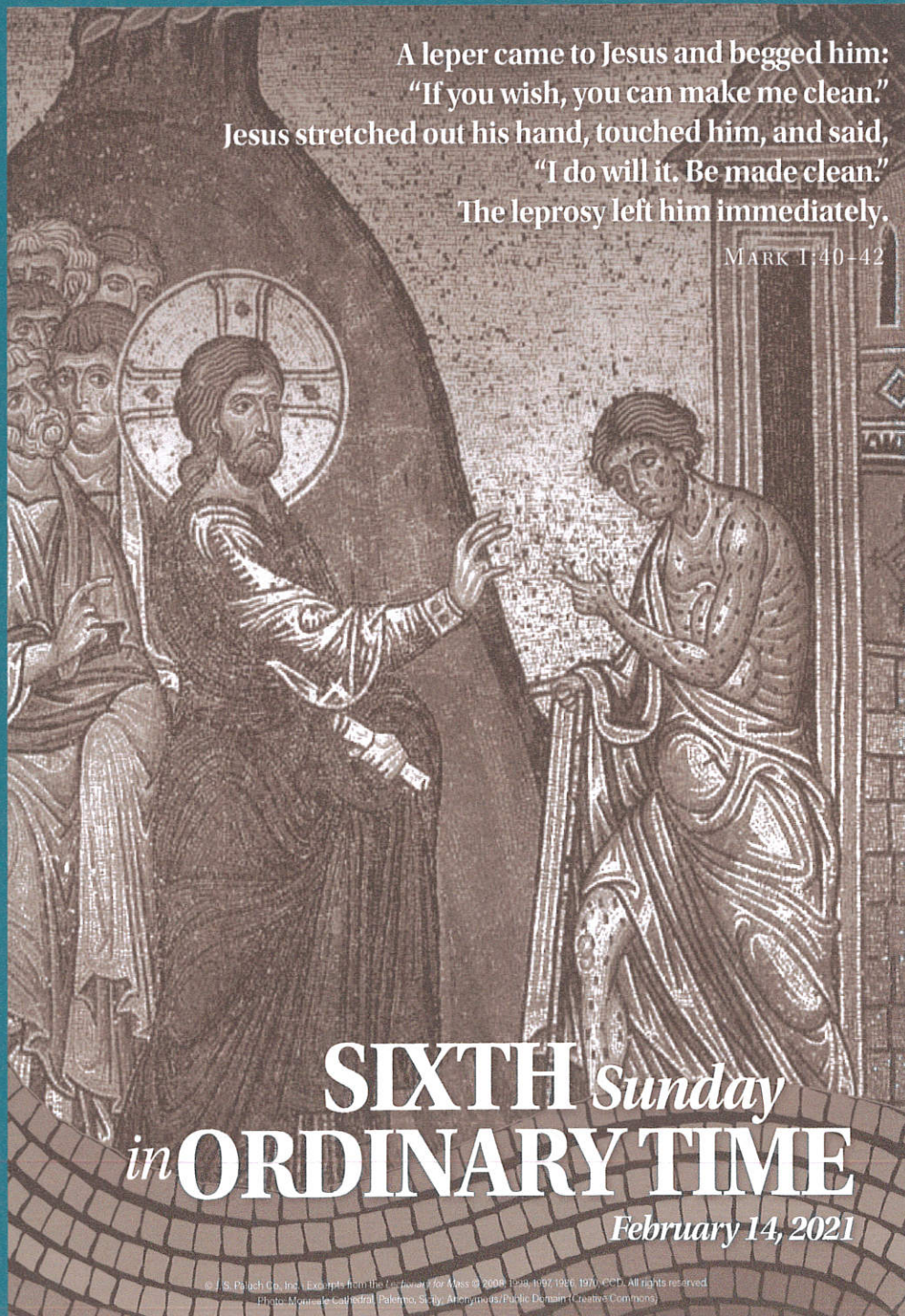
First Saturday Devotion:  
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
Confession, Mass, Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,  
Meditation and Benediction

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February 14, 2021

A leper came to Jesus and begged him:  
"If you wish, you can make me clean."  
Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,  
"I do will it. Be made clean."  
The leprosy left him immediately.

MARK 1:40-42



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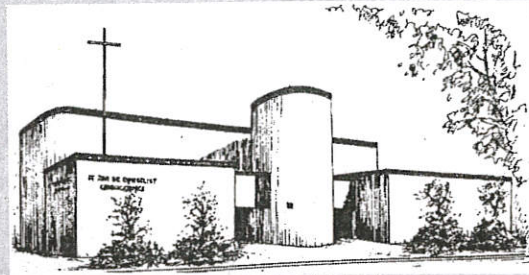
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## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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](http://stjohngulfport.org).



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

### Happy birthday blessings are extended to:

Zoe Johnson, Catherine Reyes Feb 14; Jason McHugh, Pauline Mensi, Debbie Masterson Feb 15; Margie Dedeaux Feb 16; Ardeth Hessel Feb 17; Carolyn Fayard, Sophie Frommeyer Feb 19; Cheryl Papania Feb 20.

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

### Pray for a Priest Calendar

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

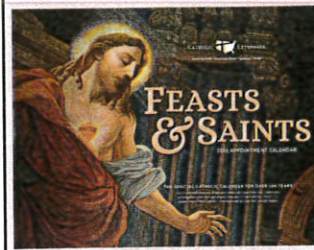


Wednesdays at 6:00 PM  
All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome.



### Adult Faith Formation

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



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 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day  
Monday: Presidents' Day  
Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday  
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving  
Friday: Abstinence

### Attention Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

We need to update our lector and Eucharistic minister lists. If you have served in one or both of these ministries but have not been scheduled recently, please contact Don Schiffner at [donwae@live.com](mailto:donwae@live.com)

If you would like to become a lector or Eucharistic minister, please contact the parish office at 228-864-2272.

### ✠ 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 Borgia	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	Pauline Mensi
Ed Croal	Betty Martin	
Ronnie Cuevas	Rhonda Mires	
Mimi Davis	Carolyn McClellan	Parishioners of
Carolyn Fayard	Helena Nichols	St. John the
Marcia Flagg	Judy Northrup	Evangelist
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 + Mary Alice Bailey  
+ Anthony Verin Davis  
(Special Intention)  
10:30 AM People of the Parish  
5:00 PM +Keli Gregory  
Monday: 7:00 AM +John McWaters  
Tuesday: 7:00 AM +Mackie Fayard  
Wednesday: 7:00 AM +Gary Seymour  
Thursday: 7:00 AM +Maria Tran T. Hue  
12:00PM + Sarah Hewes  
Friday: 7:00 AM +Angela Hage  
12:00PM + Jay Funderburk

### 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.



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.

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### Parish Office Hours

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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!

## 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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## Ash Wednesday: A Day of Fasting

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the two obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

**Fasting:** Obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

**Abstinence:** Obligatory from age 14 onwards. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Under current law, abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Fish are a different category of animal; therefore, salt and freshwater fish and shellfish are permitted.

**Special circumstances:** Those that are excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail.

## Fasting for the Lenten Season

For the Season of Lent:

Current law calls for everyone 14 years and over to abstain from flesh meat on all Fridays of Lent. Abstinence does not include soup or gravy made with meat; they are allowed.

Discipline of 1962 calls for abstinence and fasting. "Flesh meat" includes foods made from meat, such as soup and gravy. If flesh meat is not allowed, neither are the foods made from it.

- For all aged 7 and over, complete abstention from flesh meat on all Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday, the Vigil of the Assumption, and the Vigil of Christmas. A partial abstention (flesh meat at the principle meal only) is required for Ember Wednesday and Saturday and the Vigil of Pentecost.

- For all aged 21 to 59, inclusive, one full meal is permitted (meat is allowed if it is not a day of abstinence) and two other meatless meals (which, when combined, are less than a full meal), during the entirety of Lent, on Ember Days, and the Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost, and the Assumption. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed. There is no requirement to fast or abstain on a Sunday during Lent.

Source: USCCB

## A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

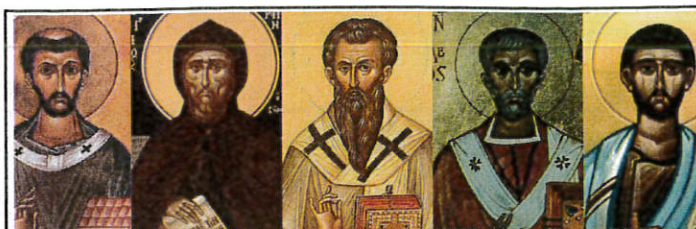
### JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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

ST. JEROME (Alt)

"After the type had been fulfilled by the Passover celebration and He had eaten the flesh of the lamb with His Apostles, He takes bread which strengthens the heart of man, and goes on to the true Sacrament of the Passover, so that just as Melchisedech, the priest of the Most High God, in prefiguring Him, made bread and wine an offering, He too makes Himself manifest in the reality of His own Body and Blood."

- "Commentaries on the Gospel of Matthew" [4,26,26] 398 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

### A father who teaches the value, dignity, and joy of work

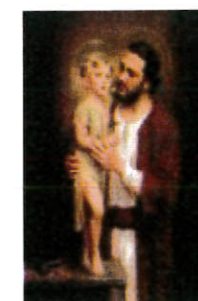
"A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family," St Joseph also teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labor." This aspect of Joseph's character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favor of work, which has become "a burning social issue" even in countries with a certain level of well-being. "There is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron," the Pope writes.

Work, he says, "is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion." Those who work, he explains, "are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us." Pope Francis encourages everyone "to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new 'normal' from which no one is excluded." Especially, in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to "review our priorities" and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!"  
From: TheRealPresence.com

### 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

### Homily

It is not enough to hear the word of God, but that we also need to adequately understand what has been said to us. Homily comes from a Greek word that means "dialogue", "conversation". It is the moment in which the priest explains the proclaimed scripture readings and we are able to delve into them.

### Profession of Faith

### The Universal Prayers

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preparation of the Altar and the Presentation of the Gifts

When someone wants to show you their affection and friendship, they invite you to their home. There are two important things which occur next: conversation and a meal. **In the celebration of the Mass it is Jesus who invites us to participate in his friendship**, during which we also encounter these two important moments: conversation, which is when Jesus speaks to us through his Word and we respond with our prayers; and a meal, when Jesus offers us the Eucharistic banquet giving us his Body and Blood.

In the previous article ([The Mass Explained Simply](#)) we discussed the Mass, and the Liturgy of the Word. Today we are going to explain the second part, the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the most important moment of the Mass. There are three parts to the Liturgy of the Eucharist: the Offertory Rite, the Eucharistic Prayer (which is the nucleus of the whole celebration) and the Rite of Communion. **We hope that this explanation will be useful in your apostolate!**



**Please note, our office will be closed Mardi  
Gras day, Tuesday, February 16th.**

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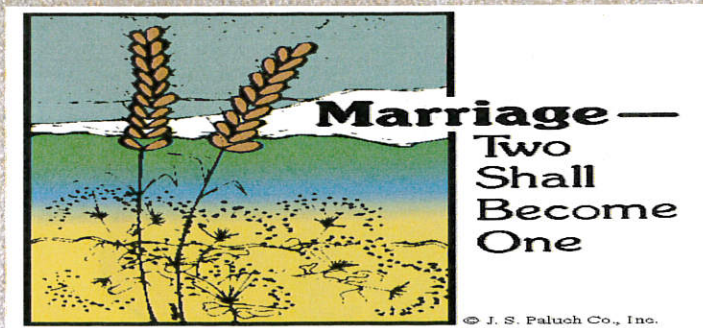


## World Marriage Day



Holy scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone." The woman, "flesh of his flesh," his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate", she thus represents God from whom comes our help. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "In the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."

1605 Catechism of the Catholic Church



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