

# 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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Jesus said, "Destroy this temple  
and in three days I will raise it up."

JOHN 2:19

THIRD  
SUNDAY OF  
LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

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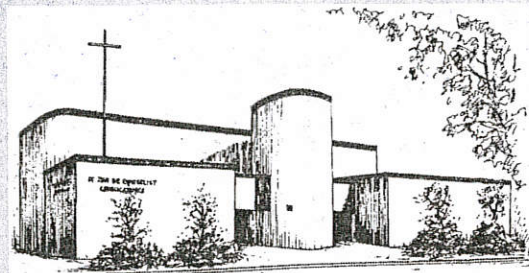
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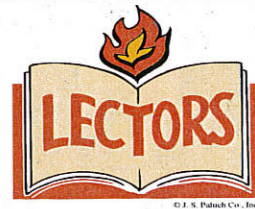


## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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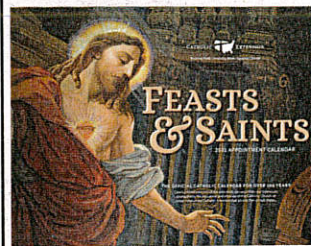
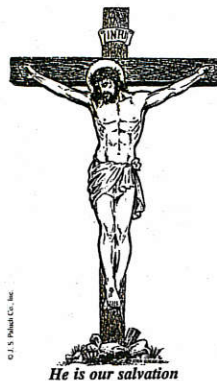
If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.



We are in need of cantors and lectors at all masses. If you are interested in becoming one of these please contact the parish office.

### A Prayer for After Communion Before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, While before Thy face I humbly kneel And with burning soul, pray and beseech Thee, To fix deep in my heart, Lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, True contrition for my sins And a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate with great love and tender pity, Thy five most precious wounds, Pondering over them within me, And calling to mind the words that David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus, "They have pierced My hands and feet, They have numbered all my bones."



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.

### Happy birthday blessings are extended to:

Georgia Bailey March 7, Cecile Arleth, Tracy Kline  
March 9, Elnora Ladner, Mike Quigley, Dominic Russo  
March 12, Lyndon Ladner, Joseph (Trey) Symmes  
March 13.

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

### .SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny  
Monday: St. John of God, Religious  
Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious  
Friday: Abstinence

### The Ezekiel Project

Former parishioner and missionary, Teresa Vrazel Kiehl, her husband Jonathan and their 8 children are missionaries with Family Missions Company out of Abbeville, LA. For the past 8 years they have served in Mexico, Peru, and are currently in their fourth year of missions in the jungles of Ecuador. They are currently constructing a center named after their son Ezekiel who passed away tragically their second year in missions while serving in Mexico. The Ezekiel Project will focus on serving the local poor, offering meals and formation through a variety of extra-curricular activities. To learn more or to donate online, visit:

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Checks can be made out to Family Missions Company with Kiehl Family written in the memo.

### ✠ 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	Skip Ryland
Mary Ann Bishop	Bill Jones	Joan Sample
Andy Borgia	Kent Killegrew	Peg Saxon
Dean Bowles	Suzanne King	Don Schiffner
Harriett Bowles	Doug Kirk	Vicki Smith
Suzanne Bowles	John Knight	Charlie Underwood
Garry Cooper	Linda Langenbach	Erma Wilson
Ed Croal	Betty Martin	Bobby Schultz
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	
Jordan Hoang	Quigley	
Werner Huber	Peggy 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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	+Maria Nguyen Ngoc Dien
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	+ Mary Alice Bailey
		+ Emily Rorex
		(Special Intention)
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	+James Kaigler
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	John Necaie (Special intention)
	<b>12:00</b>	+Willidora Kremer
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Eric North
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	+ Gary Seymour
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Mackie Fayard
	<b>12:00PM</b>	+Maria Tran T. Hue
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Dr. Hugo Nieves
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	+Dale Hode
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Alex North
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	+ Estelle Papania



### Adult Faith Formation

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

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General Collection: \$ 5719  
Church renovation: \$2000  
Spanish collection: \$417  
Fish fry: \$677

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### Notice for Contributions

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalms** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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## A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

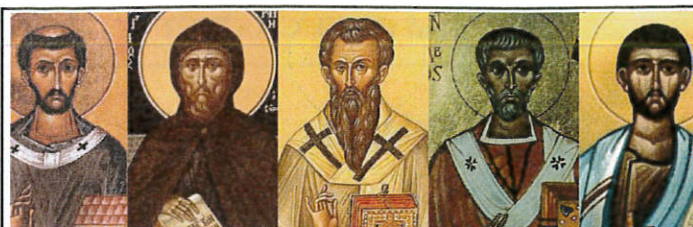
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## Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

"On the Lord's own day, assemble in common to break bread and offer thanks; but first confess your sins, so that your sacrifice may be pure. However, no one quarreling with his brother may join your meeting until they are reconciled; your sacrifice must not be defiled. For here we have the saying of the Lord: 'In every place and time offer me a pure sacrifice; for I am a mighty King, says the Lord; and my name spreads terror among the nations.'"

## FEAST OF FAITH

### Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.

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## HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman

## REMINDERS

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed.

—Samuel Johnson

## YEAR of the EUCHARIST

### Acclamation Sanctus

The Preface ends with this song of praise to God. The lyrics are taken entirely from the Sacred Scriptures. The first part is a song which we heard from the choir of angels that the prophet Isaiah heard singing to God besides his throne. Repeating "Holy" three times reminds us of the three divine persons in the Holy Trinity. The second part is the acclamation of the crowd as Jesus entered Jerusalem mounted on a donkey on Palm Sunday: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." They happily greeted Jesus, the long-awaited king entering his city. In the Mass, we also greet Christ who is about to make himself **present before us**. Because of this, we can say that **the Sanctus is a song of men** and angels, which unites us in praise of God.

## YEAR of ST. JOSEPH

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

### 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.*



## "Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us"

Your support of this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal can help bring many of our brothers and sisters who live and work in South Mississippi the opportunity to encounter Christ. By "Witnessing to the Eucharist" we become the hands of the Lord to those who need his message of Hope, Forgiveness, and Love. Please consider a generous gift to this year's appeal! Pledge envelopes are in the back of the church. Thank You!

## Lenten Schedule of Activities and Opportunities for Grace

**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

**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** - Sunday, April 4 - Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30 am, and 5:00 pm. Spanish Mass at 2:00 pm

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