

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

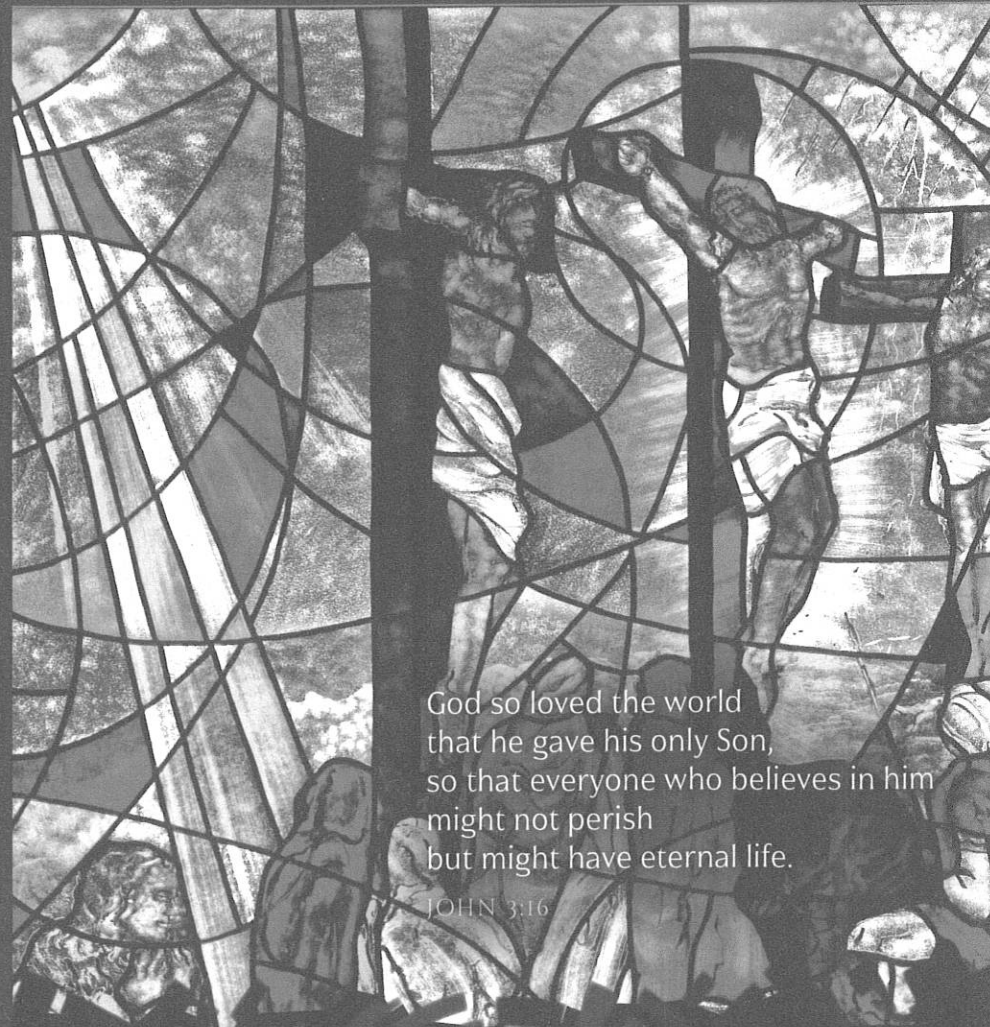
First Saturday Devotion:
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Confession, Mass, Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,
Meditation and Benediction

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God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish
but might have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

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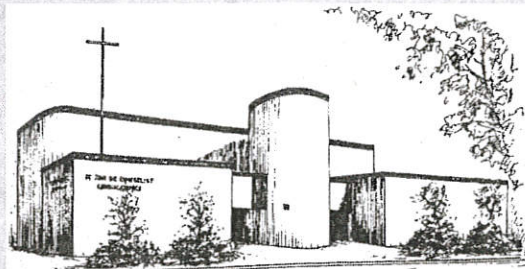
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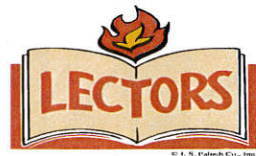
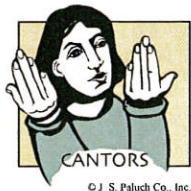
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Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St. John, please visit stjohngulfport.org.



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



We are in need of cantors and lectors at all masses. If you are interested in becoming one of these, or if you are not receiving schedules, please call the parish office or contact Don Schiffner at donwae@live.com

"Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us"

The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have 8 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese. We are also blessed to have 18 retired priests that continue to help minister to the 56,000 Catholics in South Mississippi. Your gift to the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal directly aids in the formation, education, and care of all of these men. Will you please consider a generous gift to the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal in support of our future and retired priests? Your generous gift of prayer and financial resources ensures that we will continue to help in "Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us." Pledge envelopes are in the back of the church. Thank you!

Youth Ministry every
Wednesday at 6:00 pm.



April 2nd: Live Stations of
The Cross at 2:00 pm in
Presentation Hall.

Happy birthday blessings are extended to:

Ed Martin, John David Russo, Mar 14, Rico Daughtrey,
Mar 18, Megan Guthrie, Kyleigh Lizana, Bennett Papania Mar 19.

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;
Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday: St. Patrick, Bishop
Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Abstinence
Saturday: Spring begins

† Hear Us and Heal Us †

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

John Atwood	Bill Jones	Peg Saxon
Mary Ann Bishop	Kent Killegrew	Don Schiffner
Andy Borgia	Suzanne King	Vicki Smith
Dean Bowles	Doug Kirk	Charlie Underwood
Harriett Bowles	John Knight	Erma Wilson
Suzanne Bowles	Linda Langenbach	Pauline Mensi
Garry Cooper	Betty Martin	
Ed Croal	Rhonda Mires	Parishioners of
Ronnie Cuevas	Carolyn McClellan	St. John the
Mimi Davis	Helena Nichols	Evangelist
Carolyn Fayard	Judy Northrup	
Marcia Flagg	Bernard Papania	
Julie Foster	Colette Quigley	
Angel Garcia	Colette Marissa	
Alan Goad	Quigley	
Jordan Hoang	Peggy Ryland	
Werner Huber	Skip Ryland	
Kory Hudson	Joan Sample	

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	+Dan Goad
Sunday:	8:00 AM	+ Vincent and Helen Dauro
	10:30 AM	+Emily Webber
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Monday:	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
	12:00PM	+John McWaters
Tuesday:	7:00AM	+Gary Seymour
	12:00PM	Ed Martin (special intention)
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	+Mary Borzik
	12:00	+Anthony Verin Davis
Thursday:	7:00 AM	+Vincente' Nguyen V. Hien
	12:00PM	+James Kaigler, Sr
Friday:	7:00 AM	+Vincente' Nguyen Xuan Su
	12:00PM	+Mackie Fayard
		People of the Parish



Adult Faith Formation

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

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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We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers for peace and comfort to the families and friends of Lorena Hussey, Emily Webber, and Nicholas 'Corky' Hire. May they rest in peace and may God's perpetual light shine upon them.

Last Week's Collection

General Collection: \$9376
Spanish Mass: \$455
Building Fund Restoration: \$3293
Thank you for your generosity!

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!

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY

Each Friday of Lent February 19th -March 20th

In Presentation Hall

All orders are Take Out only

Orders can be placed in person or by calling the parish office.

\$9.00 per plate

Serving hours are 5pm - 7pm



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people.

(2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:

1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

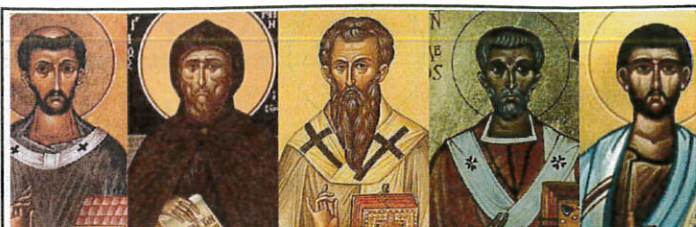
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33



Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

"Come together in common, one and all without exception in charity, in one faith and in one Jesus Christ, who is of the race of David according to the flesh, the son of man, and the Son of God, so that with undivided mind you may obey the bishop and the priests, and break one Bread which is the medicine of immortality and the antidote against death, enabling us to live forever in Jesus Christ."

—"Letter to the Ephesians", paragraph 20, c. 80-110 A.D

FEAST OF FAITH

Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

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BLOSSOMS AND FRUIT

Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn.

—Walter Scott



YEAR of the EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer

Is the moment in which the Holy Spirit is invoked to sanctify the offerings of bread and wine which we have presented. At this moment, the priest extends his hands and imposes them over the offerings. Just as the Holy Spirit descended over the Virgin Mary so that she would conceive and Jesus would be made present in her womb, now we invoke the Holy Spirit to descend over these gifts and make Christ present in our midst.

We have reached the heart of the Eucharistic Prayers, the most important moment of the Mass. Following the mandate which Jesus gave to his apostles: "Do this in memory of me."; the priest, acting in the person of Christ, says the words of the institution of the Eucharist, the same which Jesus spoke the day of the Last Supper. These words have the power to transform reality. Just as when God said, "Let there be earth", and the earth was made. When Jesus told the paralytic, "Take your mat, rise up, and walk" the paralytic who had never been able to walk, rose to his feet and began to walk. Or when he said to his friend Lazarus after four days in the tomb, "Lazarus come out!" and Lazarus returned to life and left the tomb. As God, when he speaks his Word, creation obeys. In the Mass, when God speaks his Word through the priest: "TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY..."; "TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD..." **his word, which is efficacious, transforms reality and the offerings of bread and wine cease to be such and (continue next column)**

YEAR of ST. JOSEPH

Saint Quotes About St. Joseph

"Those who give themselves to prayer should in a special manner have always a devotion to St. Joseph; for I know not how any man can think of the Queen of the angels, during the time that she suffered so much with the Infant Jesus, without giving thanks to St. Joseph for the services he rendered them then." — St. Teresa of Avila

(continue) are truly converted into the Body and Blood of Christ; truly his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Communion rite (The Lord's prayer, The rite of Peace, Breaking of the Bread, Commingling rite, Communio, Prayer after Communion)

Before receiving communion, the Church invites us to recite the prayer which Christ taught us. Saint Cyprian said, "What prayer would the Father hear more gladly than that in which he hears the voice of his only Son, Jesus Christ?" **When we pray the Our Father, the Father recognizes the voice of his Only Begotten Son in us.** It is this way because when we pray the Our Father, we are not praying with our words, but rather with the words of God, with the same words with which Jesus taught us to pray. The prayer is not my Father, but OUR Father. It is an invitation to love between us, to brotherhood, to sisterhood, to reconciliation. Pope Francis has said it very clearly: "This is a prayer which cannot be recited with enemies in one's heart, with hatred for another." **It is a prayer which prepares our hearts because it invites us to communion.**

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 Live Stations of the Cross (Youth Ministry) - April 2 at 2:00 pm in Presentation Hall

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