

# 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 AM - 5 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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I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,  
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;  
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

JOHN 10:14-15

FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

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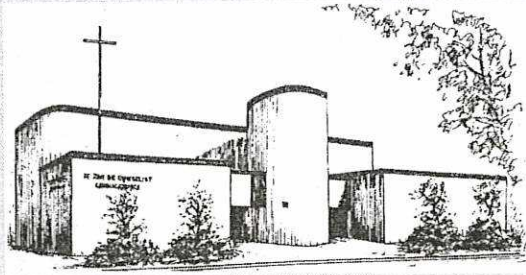
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## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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 [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:

Cliff D'Angelo Apr 24, Chandler Malley, Aaliyah Daughtrey Apr 25, Joseph Cason, Casey Hanberry Apr 29, Curt Arleth, Daniel Campbell, Madalynn McGuire Apr 30

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

### Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

#### Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary

John & Sandra Erhard 52 yrs Apr 26

Len & Angela Papania 31 yrs Apr 28

May God bless them with many more

### Parish Office Hours

Parish office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 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.

## MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

We will be having a raffle of a beautiful hand made "Heartstrings" jelly roll quilt by Mary Repp on Mother's Day, May 9, 2021 at the 1030 mass. You do not have to be present to win and the cost of a ticket is any donation you choose to give. Any amount is appreciated! Proceeds will go to church renovations.



We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers for peace and comfort to Leslie North on the death of her father, Skip Ryland, and to all of his family and friends.

May Skip and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us every first Saturday of each month for a special devotion.

**8:00 am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions

**8:30 am** Meditation, rosary and benediction

**9:00 am** Mass

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday: St. Peter Chanel;  
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena

Friday: St. Pius V; National Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Saturday

### ✠ 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	Vicki Smith
Mary Ann Bishop	Kent Killegrew	Charlie Underwood
Andy Borgia	Suzanne King	Erma Wilson
Dean Bowles	Doug Kirk	Trudy Ferrara
Harriett Bowles	John Knight	Joy LaBell
Suzanne Bowles	Linda Langenbach	Gee Gee Grandis
Garry Cooper	Betty Martin	May Adams
Ed Croal	Rhonda Mires	Ronald Gross
Ronnie Cuevas	Carolyn McClellan	
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Carolyn Fayard	Judy Northrup	St. John the
Marcia Flagg	Bernard Papania	Evangelist
Julie Foster	Colette Marissa	
Angel Garcia	Quigley	
Alan Goad	Peggy Ryland	
Jordan Hoang	Joan Sample	
Werner Huber	Peg Saxon	
Kory Hudson	Don Schiffner	

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

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	+Kaleel Salloum, Sr
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	+Mackie Fayard
		+Melissa Fernandez
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	+Jim Reese
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Lorena Hussey
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Marion and Edna Garrett
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Lorena Hussey
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Mary Borzik
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Lorena Hussey



Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome.

### 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 MONTH OF MARY

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace, she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam, she is one with all those who are to be saved.

**THE ROSARY WILL BE RECITED 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH MASS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SIGN UP TO LEAD THE ROSARY.**

### Last Week's Collection

General Collection: \$6985.00

Spanish Mass: \$447.00

Church Renovation: \$337.50

Quilt Raffle: \$617.00

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>.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

**Psalm** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

**Gospel** — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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## A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### RESPONDING TO THE CALL

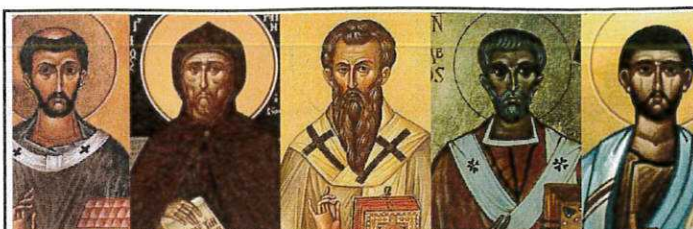
Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58  
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



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

### ST. EPIPHANIUS OF SALAMIS (Alt)

"We see that the Saviour took [something] in His hands, as it is in the Gospel, when He was reclining at the supper; and He took this, and giving thanks, He said: 'This is really Me.' And He gave to His disciples and said: 'This is really Me.' And we see that It is not equal nor similar, not to the incarnate image, not to the invisible divinity, not to the outline of His limbs. For It is round of shape, and devoid of feeling. As to Its power, He means to say even of Its grace, 'This is really Me.'; and none disbelieves His word. For anyone who does not believe the truth in what He says is deprived of grace and of a Savior."

—"The Man Well-Anchored" [57] 374 A.D.

## FEAST OF FAITH

### The Gospel Reading

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "[A]mong all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (*Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

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## YEAR of ST. JOSEPH

### Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
 Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*  
 Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
 Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear us.*  
 God, the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*  
 God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*  
 God, the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*  
 Holy Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*  
 Holy Mary, *pray for us.*  
 St. Joseph, *pray for us.*  
 Renowned offspring of David, *pray for us.*  
 Light of Patriarchs, *pray for us.*  
 Spouse of the Mother of God, *pray for us.*  
 Chaste guardian of the Virgin, *pray for us.*  
 Foster father of the Son of God, *pray for us.*  
 Diligent protector of Christ, *pray for us.*  
 Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us.*  
 Joseph most just, *pray for us.*  
 Joseph most chaste, *pray for us.*  
 Joseph most prudent, *pray for us.*  
 Joseph most strong, *pray for us.*  
 Joseph most obedient, *pray for us.*  
 Joseph most faithful, *pray for us.*  
 Mirror of patience, *pray for us.*  
 Lover of poverty, *pray for us.*  
 Model of artisans, *pray for us.*  
 Glory of home life, *pray for us.*  
 Guardian of virgins, *pray for us.*  
 Pillar of families, *pray for us.*  
 Solace of the wretched, *pray for us.*  
 Hope of the sick, *pray for us.*  
 Patron of the dying, *pray for us.*  
 Terror of demons, *pray for us.*  
 Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*  
 Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
 Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world. And prince over all his possessions.  
 He made him the lord of his household.  
 Let us pray, — O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever. Saint Joseph, pray for us.



## YEAR of the EUCHARIST

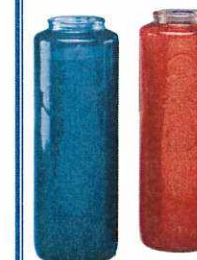
### Gloria

On Sundays and solemnities we sing this hymn of praise that truly gives glory to God: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### 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.

### Prayer Candles



5-Day Prayer Candles are available for a \$5 donation and may be picked up in the Church Sacristy after Masses and in the Parish Office from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM throughout the work week.

**Red Candles for St. Joseph**  
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