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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

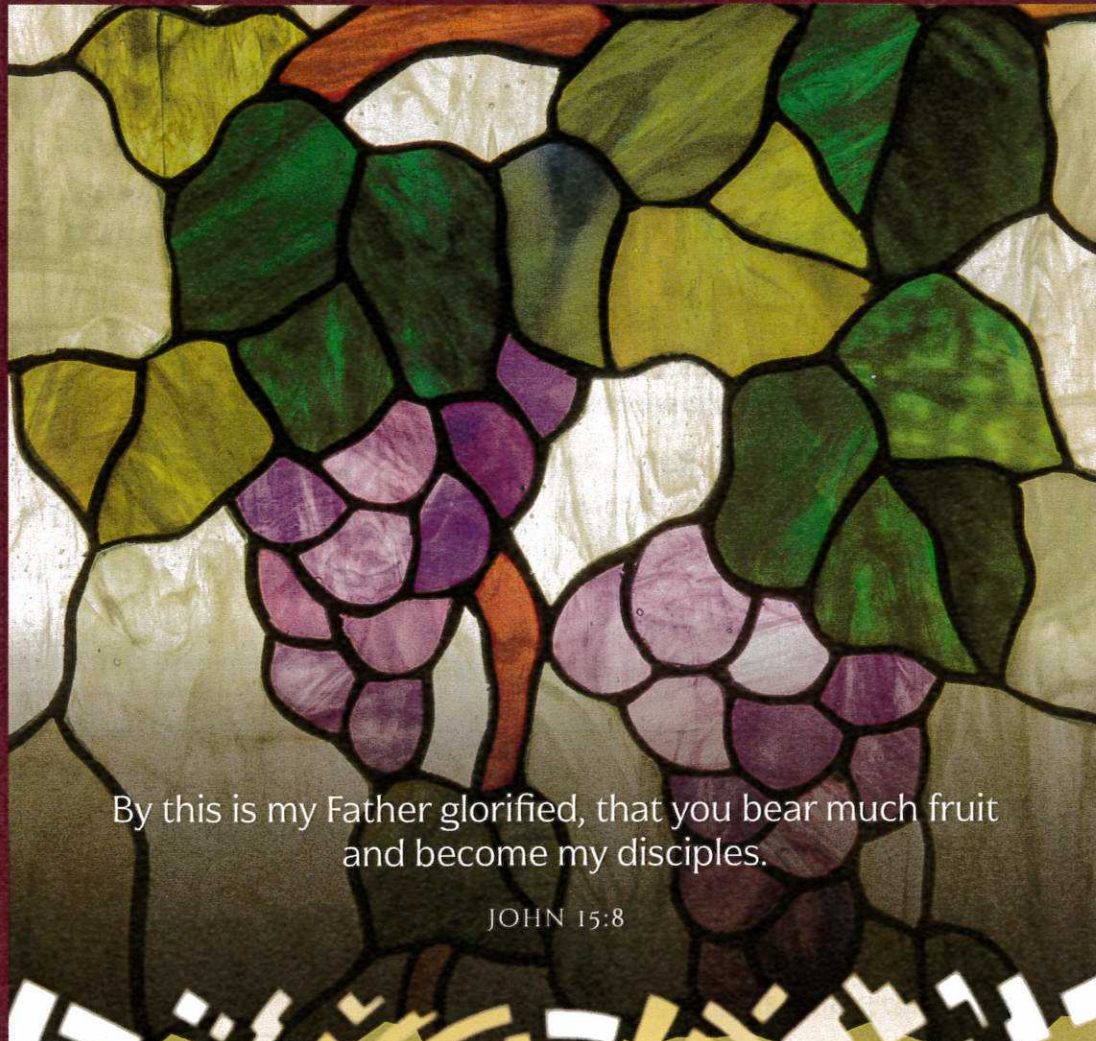
First Friday Adoration

7 AM - 5 PM

Mass, Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament and Ben-
ediction

First Saturday Devotion:

8:30 AM—10:30 AM



By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

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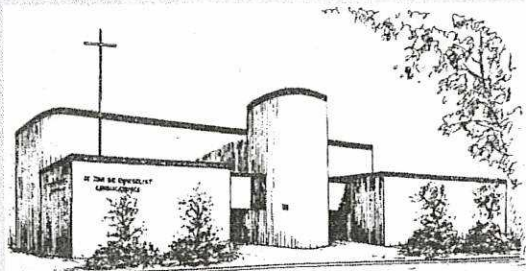
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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.



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



"In the faith of his humble handmaid, the Gift of God found the acceptance he had awaited from the beginning of time. She whom the Almighty made "full of grace" responds by offering her whole being: "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word." "Fiat": this is Christian prayer: to be wholly God's, because he is wholly ours.

We will be praying the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each mass during the month of May.

Happy birthday blessings are extended to:

Katie Frommeyer, Maria Florine Rawls May 1, Adam Cooper, Rosie Papania May 2, Ann Callahan, Drew Papania May 3, Tripp Fayard May 4, Avery Wagner May 6

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday: Ss. Philip and James
Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday

2nd collection on every 1st Sunday will be for Church renovations.

† 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	Pauline Mensi
Harriett Bowles	John Knight	Joey Labell
Suzanne Bowles	Linda Langenbach	Trudy Ferrara
Garry Cooper	Betty Martin	Gee Gee Grandis
Ed Croal	Rhonda Mires	Ronald Gross
Ronnie Cuevas	Carolyn McClellan	May Adams
Mimi Davis	Helena Nichols	
Carolyn Fayard	Judy Northrup	
Marcia Flagg	Bernard Papania	Parishioners of
Julie Foster	Colette Marissa	St. John the
Angel Garcia	Quigley	Evangelist
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

Saturday:	8:00 AM	†Alex North
	4:00 PM	†Willidora Kremer
Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Emily Rorex
		†Skip Ryland
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	special intention Honor Virgin Mary
Monday:	7:00 AM	†Corky Hire
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	†John McWaters
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	†Jim Reese
Thursday:	7:00 AM	†Mackie Fayard
Friday:	7:00 AM	†Kaleel Salloum, Sr.

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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

8:00 am: Exposition & Confessions
8:30 am: Rosary, meditation, benediction
9:00 am: Mass



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General Collection: \$5395.00
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Building Fund: \$225.00
Quilt Raffle: \$524.00

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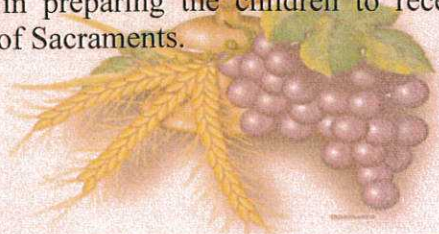
During these difficult days, it's still important to support your parish. Our families are encouraged to maintain their church contributions by mail, by dropping it off at the Parish Office from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Friday; by utilizing automatic drafts (contact the Parish Office if you'd like to sign up); or by giving electronically at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohngulfport>.

Your support is graciously appreciated!

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Ailen Lopez, Lexi Alexandra Renee Mires, Bently Joseph Weis, Skylar Rain Bennett, who are making their First Communion this weekend. May they always rejoice at the table of the Lord and bring that joy to all they meet!

Thank you to Debbie Beach, their teacher, for her dedication in preparing the children to receive this Sacrament of Sacraments.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997.

A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God "prunes" us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly "pruned" by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials "pruned" him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

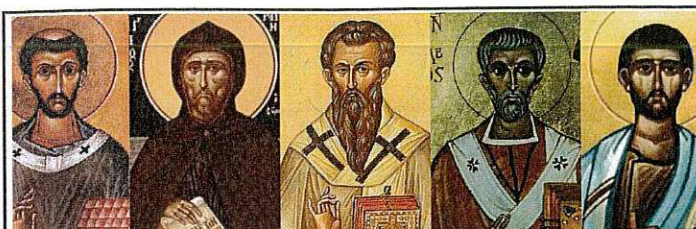
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17
or Jn 17:11b-19



Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

"He who made you men, for your sakes was Himself made man; to ensure your adoption as many sons into an everlasting inheritance, the blood of the Only-Begotten has been shed for you. If in your own reckoning you have held yourselves cheap because of your earthly frailty, now assess yourselves by the price paid for you; meditate, as you should, upon what you eat, what you drink, to what you answer 'Amen'".

—"Second Discourse on Psalm 32", Ch. 4. circa

CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

—Anonymous

FEAST OF FAITH

The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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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

"We should, indeed, honor St. Joseph, since the Son of God Himself was graciously pleased to honor him by calling him father...If, then, the King of Kings was pleased to raise Joseph to so high a dignity, it is right and obligatory on our part to endeavor to honor him as much as we can." — St. Alphonsus Liguori

"The Lord has arrayed Joseph, like with a sun, in all which the saints possess together in regard to light and splendor." — St. Gregory of Nazianzus

"He is Holy Joseph, because according to the opinion of a great number of doctors, he, as well as St. John Baptist, was sanctified even before he was born. He is Holy Joseph, because his office, of being spouse and protector of Mary, specially demanded sanctity. He is Holy Joseph, because no other Saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God incarnate, and Mary, the holiest of creatures." — St. John Henry Newman

"Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint." — St. Peter Julian Eymard

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD CONSISTS 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. There is much insight and wisdom to be gained from these books.

