

# 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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July 25, 2021 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES, GAVE THANKS,  
AND DISTRIBUTED THEM TO THOSE WHO WERE RECLINING,  
AND ALSO AS MUCH OF THE FISH AS THEY WANTED.

JOHN 6:11

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For Peace



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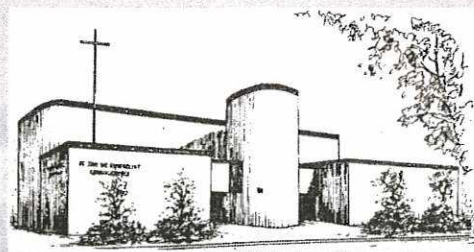
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## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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.

## 10 Day PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

You are invited to join Father Mike Austin and Mrs. Paula Spears as we travel to the Holy Land, February 14 - 23, 2022. Through this life-changing Pilgrimage, we will have the opportunity to visit many holy sites including Bethlehem, Caesarea, Cana, Haifa, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, and Tiberias. Feel the Bible come alive with names, places and events we have been hearing about all our lives. The cost is \$3999, round trip from New Orleans. [Pilgrimagetothe-holyland@gmail.com](mailto:Pilgrimagetothe-holyland@gmail.com) or call Paula Spears (228) 697-7814



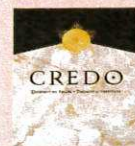
Last weekend, the flowers were placed on the altar by Rita Bailey in honor of Robert Bailey Sr.

The flowers this week were placed on the altar by Sharon Windham in honor of John Windham.



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Pancake Breakfast Time  
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It's time to come together! We will be serving breakfast in Presentation Hall on August 8th and 15th from 9am to 12:30 pm as a "Back to School" celebration!  
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## RCIA/Adult Faith Formation



Credo sessions will begin August 11. They are open to all (Catholic and non-Catholic) and are held on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Fatima Room (upstairs in parish office).

For more information contact Deacon David Allen or the parish office at 228-864-2272.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
Monday: Ss. Joachim and Anne  
Thursday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus  
Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus  
Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

## Happy birthday blessings are extended to:

Dana Wittman July 25  
Angelina Reyes July 28  
Cindy Serpa July 29  
Amber Hanberry July 30

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!



On July 17, we happily welcomed into our faith community:

Atlas Gage Cola

Son of Gage & Shelby Lin Cola

## Hear Us and Heal Us

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Marcia Flagg	Quigley	Billy Frommeyer
Julie Foster	Peggy Ryland	John Atwood
Angel Garcia	Joan Sample	
Jordan Hoang	Vicki Smith	
Werner Huber	Charlie Underwood	
Kory Hudson	Erma Wilson	
Bill Jones	Joey Labella	Parishioners of
Kent Killegrew	Alan Penton	St. John the
Suzanne King	Trudy Ferrara	Evangelist
Doug Kirk	Gee Gee Grandis	
John Knight	Maria Pique	
Linda Langenbach	Thomas Woodcock	
Betty Martin	May Adams	
Rhonda Mires	Elizabeth Feinman	
Carolyn McClellan	Kendall Dedeaux	
Helena Nichols	Bette Johnson	
Judy Northrup	Paulette Garton	
Bernard Papania	Ronnie Wade	
Colette Marissa	Peg Saxon	

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

Saturday:	4:00 PM	✠ Maria Nguyen Ngoc Diem
Sunday:	8:00 AM	✠ John Windham
		✠ Barbara Walker
		✠ Skip Ryland
		✠ Eleanor Batey
		✠ Kris Allen
		Special intention honor of St. Joseph
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	✠ Mary Borzik
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠ Skip Ryland
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Skip Ryland
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Maritita Pierce
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠ Jim Reese
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠ Mackie Fayard

## Blessing of Students

On August 1st there will be a blessing of students at St. James church at 6:30 pm. All students in the 6th thru 12th grades and graduated seniors are welcome, regardless of the school attended.

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We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers for peace and comfort to Annette Seymour on the death of her stepson, Gary Seymour Jr, and to all of his family and friends.

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

## Last Week's Collection

General Collection: \$4947.00

Spanish Mass \$376.00

Thank you for your generosity!

## SECOND COLLECTION ON AUGUST 8TH WILL TO CHURCH RENOVATION FUND.

## 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!



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

**Psalm** — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

**Gospel** — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

## A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23;  
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13;  
Mt 13:36-43

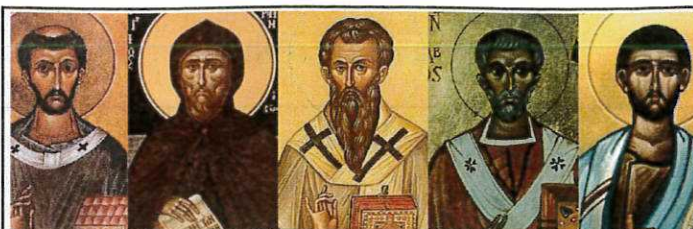
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11;  
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;  
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;  
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



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

"Let us be assured that this is not what nature formed, but what the blessing consecrated, and that greater efficacy resides in the blessing than in nature, for by the blessing nature is changed... Surely the word of Christ, which could make out of nothing that which did not exist, can change things already in existence into what they were not. For it is no less extraordinary to give things new natures than to change their natures... Christ is in that Sacrament, because it is the Body of Christ; yet, it is not on that account corporeal food, but spiritual. Whence also His Apostle says of the type: 'For our fathers ate spiritual food and drink spiritual drink.' [1 Cor. 10:2-4] For the body of God is a spiritual body."

—"On the Mysteries" 9, 50-52, 58; 391 A.D.:

## FEAST OF FAITH

### The Preface Dialogue

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2021

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food  
in due season.  
—Psalm 145:15

## YEAR of ST. JOSEPH

The Magisterium of the Church continues to discover old and new greatness in this treasure that is Saint Joseph, like the father of the Gospel of Matthew "who extracts new and old things from his treasure" (Mt 13:52).

Of great benefit for the perfect achievement of the end pursued will be the gift of Indulgences that the Apostolic Penitentiary, through this decree issued in accordance with the will of Pope Francis, graciously grants during the Year of Saint Joseph.

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) to the faithful who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of Saint Joseph on the occasions and in the manner indicated by this Apostolic Penitentiary.

## 2nd Plenary Indulgence

The Gospel attributes to Saint Joseph the title of "just man" (cf. Mt 1,19): he, guardian of the "intimate secret that is found in the depths of the heart and soul" [1], depository of the mystery of God and, therefore, the ideal patron of the interior forum, he urges us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in the fulfillment of our duties. The virtue of justice practiced in an exemplary way by Joseph is full adherence to divine law, which is the law of mercy, "because it is precisely the mercy of God that brings true justice to fruition" [2]. Therefore, those who, following the example of Saint Joseph, perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, will also be able to obtain the gift of plenary Indulgence.

## 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 – 4:00 PM throughout the work week.

Red Candles for St. Joseph  
Blue Candles for the Blessed Mother



## YEAR of the EUCHARIST

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES OF THE MASS CONSIST OF

### Entrance procession and song

We prepare to begin the mass with the entrance procession. It is a song that unites all of us because people come to Mass from different places, cultures, ages and together **sing with one voice, as the body that we are in Christ**. We unite to celebrate one of the greatest gifts that Jesus left us: the Eucharist.

### Sign of the Cross and greetings

The mass itself begins with the sign of the cross and will also end in the same way, when we receive the final blessing. **Making the sign of the cross reminds us that we belong to Christ**. There is great power in this short prayer. We begin in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit to not only to mention the name of God, but also to put us in His holy presence.

### Penitential Act

In the presence of God, the Church invites us to recognize with humility that we are sinners. Because as Saint Paul says: "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do." (Rm 7:15). We can all echo the words of Paul in our own lives... Therefore, at the beginning of the Eucharist we recognize humbly to all our brothers, that we are sinners. To ask for forgiveness to God, we use the words of the blind man who heard that Jesus passed by and knew that he could not be cured himself, but needed the help of God as he began to shout in the middle of the crowd: **"Lord, have mercy on me"**. Thus, with trust in God's mercy, we pray also **"Lord have mercy"**.

## Communion Fast Reminder

A complete fast from all food and drink for one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist is current law for all Catholics. The fast does not include water and medicine.