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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 BREAD OF LIFE;
WHOEVER COMES TO ME
WILL NEVER HUNGER,
AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME
WILL NEVER THIRST.

JOHN 6:35



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 1, 2021

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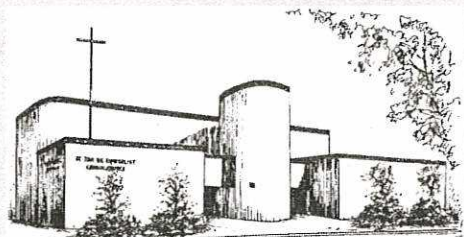
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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.

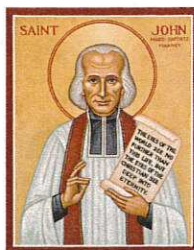


If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

St. John Vianney

Patron Saint of Parish Priests.

"If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die: not of fear, but of love." St. John Vianney's whole life could be summed up in this saying attributed to him.



Known as the "Curé d'Ars," Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney was born on 8 May 1786 in France in the town of Dardilly, near Lyons. His devout Catholic parents were farmers, and from an early age, John worked in the fields. Without formal education, as a young man he was functionally illiterate; but thanks to his mother's teaching, Vianney was able to memorize and understand numerous prayers, and live a devout religious life. Vatican News.com

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard
Wednesday: St. John Vianney
Thursday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; First Friday
Saturday: St. Sixtus II and Companions;
St. Cajetan; First Saturday

Happy birthday blessings are extended to:

Thu Ha, Morgan Patti August 1

Billy Campbell August 2

Graham Mattina August 3

Mary Fronz, Helen Younghans August 4

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary

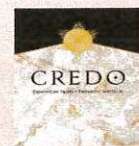
Harry & Mary Ann Bishop 57years on August 2

Tim & Terri Goad 35 years on August 2

Mike & Collette Quigley 39 years on August 6

May God bless them with many more
happy years together!

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 at 228-297-6056.



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!



This weekend, the flowers have been placed on the altar by Mike & Collette Quigley.

Parish Office Hours

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.

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

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

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 ✠Lorraine Goad
Sunday: 8:00 AM ✠Alex North
✠Barbara Walker
✠Skip Ryland
✠Eleanor Batey
✠Kris Allen
✠Mary Borzik
10:30 AM People of the Parish
5:00 PM ✠Maria Tran T Hue
Monday: 7:00 AM ✠Mackie Fayard
Tuesday: 7:00 AM ✠Jim Reese
Wednesday: 7:00 AM ✠Skip Ryland
Thursday: 7:00 AM ✠Alex North
Friday: 7:00 AM ✠Eric North

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Church Renovation Fund: \$3015.00

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling

(Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven

(Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

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A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

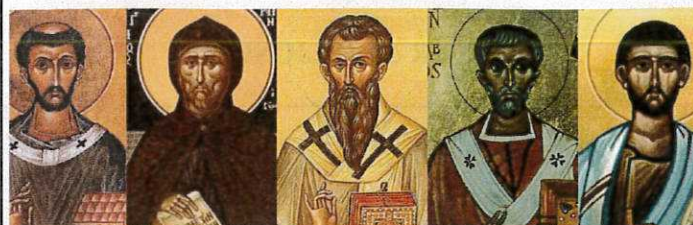
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;

2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;

Jn 6:41-51



Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

Source: St. Cyprian wrote to the Ephesians circa 258A.D.:

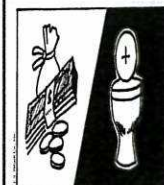
"There was a woman too who with impure hands tried to open the lock in which she was keeping Our Lord's holy body, but fire flared up from it and she was too terrified to touch it. And a man who, in spite of his sin, also presumed secretly to join the rest in receiving sacrifice offered by the bishop, was unable to eat or even handle Our Lord's sacred body; when he opened his hands, he found he was holding nothing but ashes. By this one example it was made manifest that Our Lord removes Himself from one who denies Him, and that what is received brings no blessing to the unworthy, since the Holy One has fled and the saving grace is turned to ashes."

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preface: Thanksgiving

The preface of the Mass has been called "a poem, the cry of joy and recognition, the song of the world discovering its salvation . . . the certitude of faith making hope spring forth" (Philippe Béguerie, quoted in *The Mass*, Lucien Deiss, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1992, p. 70). The preface takes up the last words of the dialogue, and expresses briefly and simply why we are grateful, why it is right and just to give thanks and praise to God. On feast days, the preface sings of the specific mystery or saint we celebrate; in Ordinary Time, the Sunday and weekday prefaces express our gratitude for God's gift of the Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and newness of life. The prefaces offer a succinct account of what God has done for us in Christ; they express the mystery of faith, always relating it to us, to our lives. "By his birth we are reborn," we hear in Preface IV for Sundays in Ordinary Time. "By his suffering we are freed from sin. By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life." Yes, we have cause to give God thanks and praise.

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1, 2021

Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures
for eternal life.

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.

3rd Plenary Indulgence

The main aspect of Joseph's vocation was to be custodian of the Holy Family of Nazareth, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and legal father of Jesus. So that all Christian families are encouraged to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was lived in the Holy Family, the Plenary Indulgence is granted for the recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and between the bride and groom.

The Transfiguration

Whilst Jesus prayed, he suffered that glory which was always due to his sacred humility, and of which, for our sake, He deprived it, to diffuse a ray over His whole body. His face was altered and shone as the sun, and his garments became white as snow. Moses and Elijah were seen by the three apostles in his company on this occasion, and were heard discoursing with him of the death which he was to suffer in Jerusalem. CatholicCulture.com



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. 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.

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.*

