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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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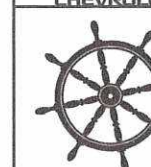
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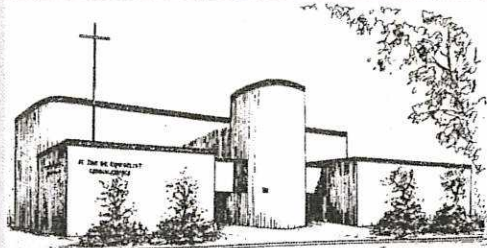
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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.



Today, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

His Apostolic Constitution "Munificentissimus Deus" (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff's accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history.

The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

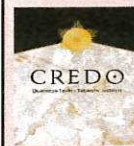
Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the "woman clothed with the sun" who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

Happy birthday blessings in August are extended to:

Rebecca Dubuisson, Mason Gee 14th
Don Schiffner 15th
Camille Hebert 17th
George Vitteck 18th
Teresa D'Angelo 19th
Joyce Dedeaux, Emile Koury, Lexi Mires 20

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

RCIA/Adult Faith Formation



Credo sessions have begun! The second class "Revelation and Faith" will begin at 6PM on Wednesday at Presentation Hall.

For more information contact Deacon David Allen at 228-297-6056.



This weekend, the flowers have been placed on the altar by Margaret Saxon for Ken & Scharlotte Saxon.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday: Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Stephen of Hungary
Thursday: St. John Eudes
Friday: St. Bernard
Saturday: St. Pius X



Please pray for our teachers and students as they return to classes!

Hear Us and Heal Us

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

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|-------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Marcia Flagg | Alan Penton | Melissa Holston |
| Werner Huber | Trudy Ferrara | Lottie Rogers |
| Betty Martin | Maria Pique | Nga Nguyen |
| Rhonda Mires | Thomas Woodcock | Jeanne Parris |
| Carolyn McClellan | May Adams | Olivia Pareda |
| Helena Nichols | Elizabeth Feinman | Melie Seymour |
| Judy Northrup | Kendall Dedeaux | Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist |
| Bernard Papania | Bette Johnson | |
| Colette Marissa Quigley | Paulette Garton | |
| Peggy Ryland | Ronnie Wade | |
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| Vicki Smith | Billy Frommeyer | |
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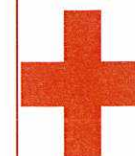
To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday: | 4:00 PM | ✠ Skip Ryland |
| Sunday: | 8:00 AM | ✠ Kris Allen |
| | | ✠ Barbara Walker |
| | | ✠ Skip Ryland |
| | | ✠ Georgia Williams |
| | | ✠ Mary Borzik |
| | | Special Intention: Happy Birthday Don Schiffner |
| | 10:30 AM | People of the Parish |
| | 5:00 PM | ✠ Betty Gene Coburn |
| Monday: | 7:00 AM | ✠ Mackie Fayard |
| Tuesday: | 7:00 AM | ✠ Angela Hage |
| Wednesday: | 7:00 AM | ✠ Letia Fayard |
| Thursday: | 7:00 AM | ✠ Skip Ryland |
| Friday: | 7:00 AM | ✠ Skip Ryland |

Pray for a Priest Calendar

The Pray for a Priest Calendar for August can be found on our website. If you'd like a copy mailed or emailed to you, please contact the Parish Office.



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In the event of an emergency or if you need to reach Fr. Satish, you may call or text him at 228-297-7774.

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 – 3:00 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!

A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

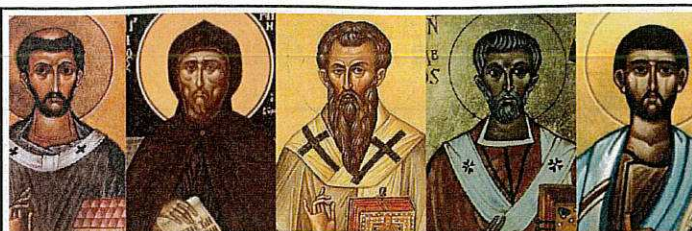
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FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Eucharistic Prayer

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as *berakah*, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called *anaphora*) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I). Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an *epiclesis*, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the *anamnesis*, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.



Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

St. Ephrem was one of the great authors of the Syrian Church. Because of his beautiful writings, he is sometimes referred to as the 'lyre of the Holy Spirit'. He studied under James, Bishop of Nisbis. In 338 A.D. he aspired to the diaconate and remained a deacon for the remainder of his life.

"Our Lord Jesus took in His hands what in the beginning was only bread; and He blessed it, and signed it, and made it holy in the name of the Father and in the name of the Spirit; and He broke it and in His gracious kindness He distributed it to all His disciples one by one. He called the bread His living Body, and did Himself fill it with Himself and the Spirit.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

Psalms — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

Second Reading — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

Gospel — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

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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.

5th Plenary Indulgence

In the current context of health emergency, the gift of plenary indulgence is particularly extended to the elderly, the sick, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons cannot leave their home, who, with the spirit detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in your own home or wherever the impediment holds you, pray an act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, consolation of the sick and patron of good death, confidently offering God the pains and difficulties of his life. Catholic-link.org

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Silent auction cuts off at 7pm.

Drawdown begins at 630pm.

Menu will include shrimp spaghetti, boiled shrimp, potato salad, coleslaw, garden salad, and desserts.

Prizes : 30 drawings of \$100 each, final draw of \$5000. Do not have to be present to win. Contact Mike Craft at 228-424-6975 for tickets or more information.

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YEAR of the EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD CONSISTS OF

Homily

It is not enough to hear the word of God, but that we also need to adequately understand what has been said to us. Homily comes from a Greek word that means "dialogue", "conversation". It is the moment in which the priest explains the proclaimed scripture readings and we able to delve into them.

Profession of Faith The Universal Prayers

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and the Presentation of the Gifts

When someone wants to show you their affection and friendship, they invite you to their home. There are two important things which occur next: conversation and a meal. **In the celebration of the Mass it is Jesus who invites us to participate in his friendship**, during which we also encounter these two important moments: conversation, which is when Jesus speaks to us through his Word and we respond with our prayers; and a meal, when Jesus offers us the Eucharistic banquet giving us his Body and Blood. In the previous article ([The Mass Explained Simply](#)) we discussed the Mass, and the Liturgy of the Word. Today we are going to explain the second part, the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the most important moment of the Mass. There are three parts to the Liturgy of the Eucharist: the Offertory Rite, the Eucharistic Prayer (which is the nucleus of the whole celebration) and the Rite of Communion.



Due to COVID19 concerns our St. Vincent de Paul services will be limited to Tuesdays only from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. The donation box in the Memorial Room can still be used for canned and nonperishable items.

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