

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:

8:00 AM—9:30 AM

Confession, Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Medi-
tation and Benediction, Mass

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AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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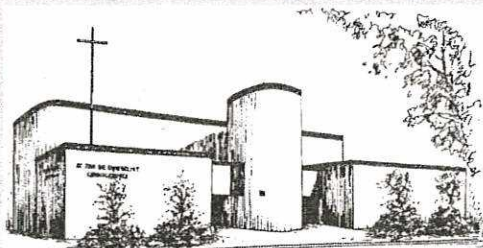
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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.



Born to Spanish immigrants to the New World. A beautiful girl and devoted daughter, she was so devoted to her vow of chastity that she used pepper and lye to ruin her complexion so she would not be attractive. Lived and meditated in a garden, raising vegetables and making embroidered items to sell to support her family and help the poor.

Dominican tertiary in 1606. Mystic. Visionary. Received invisible stigmata. Suffered from assorted physical and mental ailments. First saint born in the Americas. Founder of social work in Peru. Great devotion to Saint Catherine of Siena. Catholicsaintsinfo.com

Amen

In Hebrew, amen comes from the same root as the word "believe." This root expresses solidity, trustworthiness, faithfulness. And so we can understand why "Amen" may express both God's faithfulness towards us and our trust in him.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1062

Happy birthday blessings in August are extended to:

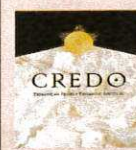
Stan Tiner 22nd
Carolyn Downing, Lynn Lofton 23rd
Bobbie Revere 23rd
John Erhard, Nicole Smith 26th
Joann Hoda, Christie Nettles 27th

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!



This weekend, the flowers have been placed on the altar by Kathy Pitre for the August birthdays of Rudolph, Vivian and Debora Bergeron

RCIA/Adult Faith Formation



Credo sessions have begun! The third class "Intro to Prayer and the Sacraments" will begin at 6PM on Wednesday at Presentation Hall

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Rose of Lima
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew
Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanaz
Friday: St. Monica



Back to School
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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

Marcia Flagg	Thomas Woodcock	Parishioners of
Werner Huber	May Adams	St. John the
Betty Martin	Elizabeth Feinman	Evangelist
Rhonda Mires	Kendall Dedeaux	
Carolyn McClellan	Bette Johnson	
Helena Nichols	Paulette Garton	
Judy Northrup	Ronnie Wade	
Bernard Papania	Peg Saxon	
Colette Marissa	Billy Frommeyer	
Quigley	John Atwood	
Peggy Ryland	Mary Ann Bishop	
Joan Sample	Melissa Holston	
Vicki Smith	Lottie Rogers	
Charlie Underwood	Nga Nguyen	
Erma Wilson	Jeanne Parris	
Alan Penton	Olivia Pareda	
Trudy Ferrara	Melie Seymour	
Maria Pique	Robin Gannon	

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	✠Anthony Verin Davis
Sunday:	8:00 AM	✠Kris Allen
		✠Barbara Walker
		✠Skip Ryland
		✠Eleanor Batey
		✠Mary Borzik
		✠Vincent & Helen Duaro
		Special Intention for healing for Na Nguyen
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	✠Theresa Simon
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠Anthony Grandis & Genevieve Verin
		✠Skip Ryland
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠Benjamin North
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠Mackie Fayard
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠Skip Ryland
Friday:	7:00 AM	

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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General Collection: \$7780

Spanish Collection: \$360

Church Renovation Fund: \$790

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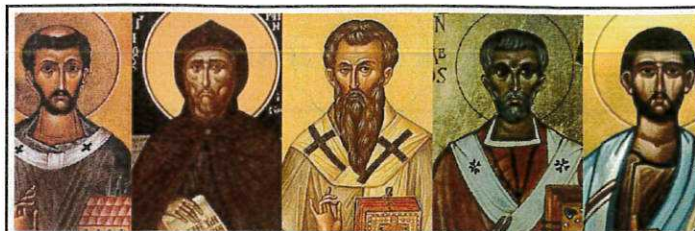
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Your support is graciously appreciated!

A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

What about you, do you also want to go away? No-one can be press-ganged into discipleship and Jesus yet again puts the choice before us as we gather for our Sunday Eucharist. Why is there a crisis here? Is it because they cannot believe that Jesus can truly give of himself in the way he has described? Is faith in the Eucharist too much to ask for? Perhaps it is not so much an intellectual difficulty about how this can happen but rather an intuition about the far reaching implications of what he is saying. For in giving us himself he is asking us to forget about ourselves and maybe that is just too much. Yet Peter speaks for us all when he says: 'Lord to whom shall we go? Nothing in the world with all its possibilities and attractions can nourish our hunger to love and be loved as completely as Jesus, our Bread of Life. www.columba.ie



Theological Writings by the Church Fathers on the Holy Eucharist

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

"You ought to know what you have received, what you are going to receive, and what you ought to receive daily. That Bread which you see on the altar, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the Body of Christ. The chalice, or rather, what is in that chalice, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the Blood of Christ."

-"Sermons", [227, 21]

FEAST OF FAITH

Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means "invocation upon" or "calling over here." At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: "Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son" (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. "Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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THE WAY

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves.

—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other

(Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

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.

6 Ways To Gain A Plenary Indulgence
In The Year Of St. Joseph

Meditate on
The Our
Father For 30
Minutes Or
More

Pray The
Rosary With
Your Spouse
Or Family

Go On A
Retreat That
Includes A
Meditation
On St. Joseph

Entrust Your
Daily Work
To St.
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Pray The
Litany Of
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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.

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YEAR of the EUCHARIST

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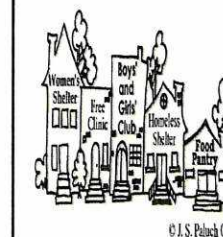
Preparation of the Altar and the Presentation of the Gifts

This is the moment in which the bread and wine are brought to the altar, two very simple foods that the priest will offer to God in order that Christ makes himself present in the Eucharist. The simplicity of these foods reminds us of the child who brought Jesus his offerings, five loaves and two fish. It was everything he had, but this smallness, placed in the hands of Jesus, was converted into abundance and sufficed to feed an immense multitude, there were even leftovers. In this way, our simple offerings of bread and wine, placed in the hands of the Lord, will also be converted into the greatest abundance, into the Body and Blood of Christ to feed a great multitude who are hungry for God. In every Mass, we are this multitude. Together with this bread and wine, we also present ourselves to God. We offer him our efforts, sacrifices, joys, and sufferings. We offer him our frailty so that he may do great things with us. When God converts the bread and wine into the Body and Blood, he also converts us, making us better, more like him.



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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**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22, 2021**

As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.

— Joshua 24:15b