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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, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction

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THIRD Sunday OF Advent

Whoever has two cloaks should share
with the person who has none.
And whoever has food should do likewise.

Luke 3:11

Pray
For Peace



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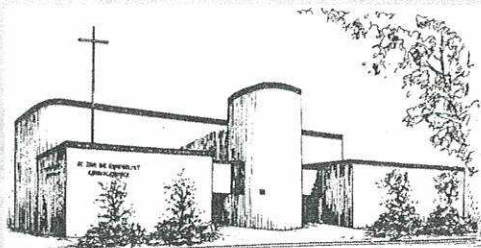
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If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

Schedule of Events:

- Dec 12,** St J Youth 6:30 in St James cafeteria
Dec 15, CREDO/RCIA #18 "Law and the Ten Commandments"
Dec 16, Legion of Mary 10:30 am
Dec 20, Penance Service 6:00 pm
Dec 21, 11:00 am Decorating the church
Dec 22, CREDO/RCIA **NO CLASS**
Dec 22, No KC meeting
Dec 24, Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm
Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 pm
Christmas Carols 11:30 pm
Dec 25, Midnight Mass 12:00 am
Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am
Dec 29, CREDO/RCIA **NO CLASS**

Each of the candles on this year's Advent Wreath stands for one of the spiritual gifts that are offered to us with the coming of Christmas. We relight the first candle to remind us of the gift of HOPE, and the second candle to remind us of the gift of PEACE. As we light our third candle today, let it stand for the gift of JOY – without which neither Christmas, nor our lives, are at all what God intends them to be.



Happy birthday blessings this week are extended to:

DeBorah Simpson, Dec 11
Emily Hale, Dec 12
Rogers Fredericks, Dec 14
David McGuffee, Dec 15
Ben McHugh, Dec 17

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!



Congratulations to Our Parishioners



Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

David & Cathy McGuffee 48 yrs, Dec 15

May God bless them with many more

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14;
Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Lucy
Tuesday: St. John of the Cross

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

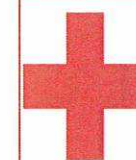
Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Marcia Flagg	Melissa Holston	Kim Hoang
Bernard Papania	Lottie Rogers	
Colette Marissa	Nga Nguyen	Parishioners of
Quigley	Melie Seymour	St. John the
Charlie Under-	Matt Albritton	Evangelist
wood	Susie McManus	
Trudy Ferrara	Kory Hudson	
Maria Pique	Donald Dedeaux	
Thomas Wood-	Jeffery Smith	
cock	Garry Cooper	
Elizabeth Feinman	Beverly Crawford	
Kendall Dedeaux	Paula Pickens	
Bette Johnson	Mac Rouse	
Ronnie Wade	Carolyn Fayard	
Billy Frommeyer	Ed Martin	
John Atwood	Telina Birch	
Mary Ann Bishop	Jordan Hoang	

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 ✠Anthony Verin Davis
Sunday: 8:00 AM ✠Vincent & Helen Dauro
✠Mary Borzik
✠Barbara Walker
10:30 AM People of the Parish
5:00 PM ✠Maria Nguyen Ngoc Dien
Monday: 7:00 AM ✠Emily Weber
Tuesday: 7:00 AM ✠Mackie Fayard
Wednesday: 7:00 AM special intention Eddie Duran
birthday
Thursday: 7:00 AM ✠Kris Allen
Friday: 7:00 AM ✠Emily Rorex



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Pray for a Priest Calendar

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

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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 – 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

REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

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TODAY'S READINGS

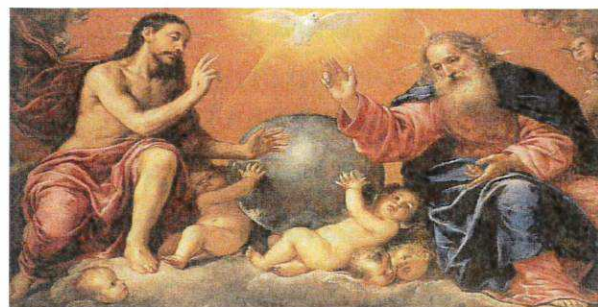
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Psalms — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

St John of the Cross



John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross." The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John's life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the *Spiritual Canticle*.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his *Ascent to Mt. Carmel*, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly "of the Cross." He died at 49—a life short, but full. Franciscamedia.org

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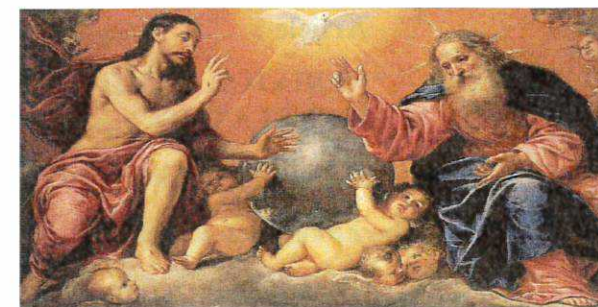
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