

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

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A good tree does not
bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree
bear good fruit.
For every tree is known
by its own fruit.

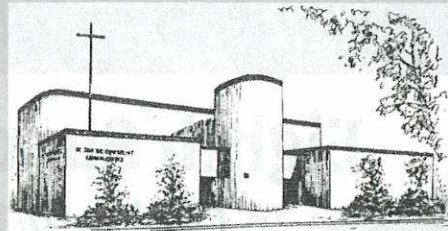
Luke 6:43-44

February 27, 2022

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 26 St J Youth St James cafeteria 6:30pm

Mar 2 Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:00pm, NO CREDO/RCIA this week

Mar 3 Legion of Mary 10:30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Following Mass at 7:00 AM each Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration until 8:30 AM.

SEDER SUPPER

St John will once again host the Seder Supper in Presentation Hall on Wednesday, April 6th at 6:00 pm. We welcome you, your family, and friends to join us. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church for you to write down what "covered dish" you plan to bring to help us complete the meal.

Jesus intentionally chose to establish the Lord's Supper during Passover. We continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper in the Eucharist until He comes again.

Please RSVP to Ann (228-864-2272) and let us know how many in your group will be joining us for this wonderful event.

GRIEF & LOSS

The Grief and Loss group will meet on March 22nd at 4pm in the parish office to help St. John's parishioners who are experiencing grief from loss of any kind. Ann Wiborg and Sharon Windham will lead this group. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or just come to the meeting.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalms — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel
Friday: St. Casimir; First Friday; Abstinence; World Day of Prayer
Saturday: First Saturday

Happy birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Ashley Comstock, Felecia Galle, Joe Salloum, Feb 26
Zack Larkin, Jane McDaniel, Jaliyah Sumrall, Mar 1

Don Enroth, Mar 2
Clara Voisin, Mar 3

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Elizabeth Feinman	Jeffery Smith	wood
Kendall Dedeaux	Beverly Crawford	Tony King
Bette Johnson	Paula Pickens	Regina Meadows
Ronnie Wade	Mac Rouse	Loyce Hire
Billy Frommeyer	Carolyn Fayard	
John Atwood	Ed Martin	
Mary Ann Bishop	Telina Birch	
Melissa Holston	Jordan Hoang	
Lottie Rogers	Kim Hoang	Parishioners of
Nga Nguyen	Jack Watson	St. John the
Melie Seymour	Joy Holley	Evangelist
Matt Albritton	Gayle Frings	
Susie McManus	Sharon Dedeaux	
Kory Hudson	Joe Oustelet	
Donald Dedeaux	Charlie Under-	

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	✠ Alex North
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠ Edna & Marion Garrett
		✠ Kaleel Salloum
		✠ Barbara Walker
		✠ Mary Borzik
		✠ Cora Dear
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish (anyone with birthdays, anniversaries)
	5:00 PM	✠ Maria Nguyen Ngoc Dien
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠ Mackie Fayard
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Gail Zimmerman
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠ Corky Hire
	12:00 PM	✠ Kaleel Salloum
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠ Emily Webber
	12:00 PM	✠ Tom Healy

PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Fr. Satish and Deacon David would like to get to know our parishioners better by coming to their home for dinner or a little snack. Please call the parish office to invite Deacon and Father to your home. Parish office: 228-864-2272

Pope Francis' prayer intentions for February: Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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Last Week's Collection

General Collection: \$6165.00

Spanish Collection: \$533.00

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Thank you for your generosity!

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, please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TUE Mar 1 FOR MARDI GRAS

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.

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>.

A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

Reflection question:

How can I help bring about God's peaceful reign?

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you

Offertory Envelopes

If you use the offertory envelope system for weekly contributions to the church, please pick yours up for 2022. They are on a table at the back of the church outside the Memorial Room and are in alphabetical order by family name.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

ST JOHN'S Annual Lenten FISH FRY

Each Friday of Lent in Presentation Hall

Dine in or take out
calling the parish office for details

March 4-April 8, 2022

\$10 per plate

Serving hours are 4:30 to 7:30

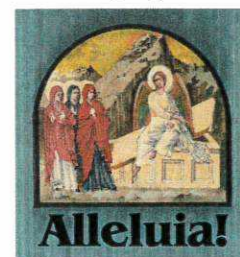


Early Morning Devotions

Mass is celebrated Monday - Friday at 7:00 am.

At 6:00 am the Anima Christi is prayed, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the Rosary at 6:25 am.

Join us for these morning devotions as part of your Lenten penance in preparation for Easter.



Article 2

THE INTREPRETATION of the HERITAGE OF FAITH

The dogmas of the faith

The Church's Magisterium exercises the authority it holds from Christ to the fullest extent when it defines dogmas, that is, when it proposes, in a form obliging the Christian people to an irrevocable adherence of faith, truth contained in divine Revelation or also when it proposes, in a definitive way, truths having a necessary connection with these. #88

There is an organic connection between our spiritual life and the dogmas. Dogmas are lights along the path of faith, they illuminate it and make it secure. Conversely, if our life is upright, our intellect and heart will be open to welcome the light shed by the dogmas of faith. #89

The mutual connections between dogmas, and their coherence, can be found in the whole of the Revelation of the mystery of Christ. 'In Catholic doctrine there exists an order or 'hierarchy' of truths, since they vary in their relation to the foundation of the Christian faith.' #90

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.

Catholic Sharing Appeal

"He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." Ps. 91:2

Next weekend is the Diocese of Biloxi's Catholic Sharing Appeal commitment weekend. In the last few years, many families and individuals have suffered great loss. There are people in desperate need of food, clothing, shelter, health essentials and so much more. After a year filled with tragedy and trial, the Church is in desperate need of hope.

Now, more than ever, we turn to God as our refuge. We trust in Him who alone gives us hope.

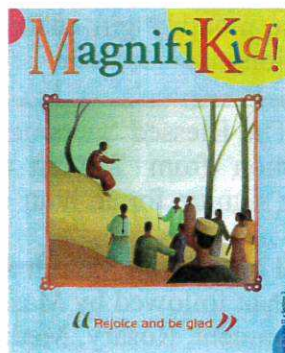
In response to the hope we find in God, He asks of us to share that hope throughout the world and in our own communities. Your gifts—no matter how big or small—provide for the desperate need of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Before next weekend's Catholic Sharing Appeal, please take a few moments to reflect on how you can give generously of yourself to those in need of hope. Reflect on the refuge that you have found in God, and ask yourself how you can generously share that with those most in need in our community. If you think you can give \$100, ask yourself if \$120 is possible. If you can't give \$120, how about \$105? Your act of generosity, in serving the people of God most in need, is the hope needed to endure the hardship's of life. Please join us as a pilgrim community of disciples following Christ, and consider stretching your gift by giving through the St. Francis Circle.

This year it is easier than ever to make a high-impact gift. Making a monthly commitment as a member of the St. Francis Circle, no matter the amount, makes your gift go further. Your ongoing monthly gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal through the St Francis Circle supports vital ministries, programs and services of the diocese and helps care for creation by using fewer resources like paper, ink, and postage. Commit once to becoming a member of the St. Francis Circle, and your automatic monthly gift ensures hope to those in need all year long.

First Friday is March 4. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from 7:30am to 5:00pm in the church. Please sign up for an hour of adoration with Jesus!

First Saturday Devotion will be held on March 5. Confessions will begin at 8:00am followed by Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction.



Parents, be sure to pick up a copy of this week's 'MagnifiKid!'. This is a fun, valuable resource for your child to follow along and learn the mass.

LENTEN SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRACE

Ash Wednesday: March 2, Masses and Distribution of Ashes at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday at 7:00 & 12:00 noon

Stations of the Cross- (English) Fridays at 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross- (Spanish) Fridays at 7:00 pm

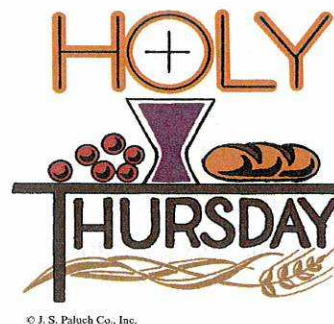
Seder Supper: April 6, 6:00 pm in Presentation Hall.

Fish Fry-Fridays during Lent from 4:30-7:30 pm (Presentation Hall)



Holy Thursday: April 14 at 7:00 pm

Penance Service: April 21 at 6:00 pm



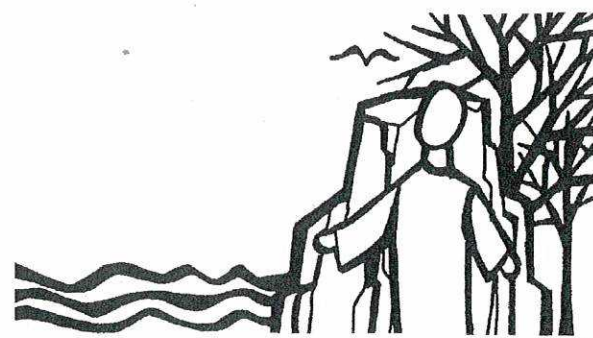
Good Friday Stations of Cross - April 15 at 2:00 pm in the church

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion - April 15 at 3:00 pm



Easter Vigil– Saturday, April 16, 7:30 pm. Easter Vigil Mass, (whole liturgy with 12 readings)

Easter– Sunday, April 17 - Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30 am and Spanish Mass at 2:00 pm



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44

Ash Wednesday: A Day of Fasting

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the two obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

Fasting: Obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Abstinence: Obligatory from age 14 onwards. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs—all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Under current law, abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Fish are a different category of animal; therefore, salt and freshwater fish and shellfish are permitted.

Special circumstances: Those that are excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail.

Fasting for the Lenten Season

For the Season of Lent:

Current law calls for everyone 14 years and over to abstain from flesh meat on all Fridays of Lent. Abstinence does not include soup or gravy made with meat; they are allowed.

Discipline of 1962 calls for abstinence and fasting. “Flesh meat” includes foods made from meat, such as soup and gravy. If flesh meat is not allowed, either are the foods made from it.

For all aged 7 and over, complete abstention from flesh meat on all Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday, the Vigil of the Assumption, and the Vigil of Christmas. A partial abstention (flesh meat at the principle meal only) is required for Ember Wednesday and Saturday and the Vigil of Pentecost.

For all aged 21 to 59, inclusive, one full meal is permitted (meat is allowed if it is not a day of abstinence) and two other meatless meals (which, when combined, are less than a full meal), during the entirety of Lent, on Ember Days, and the Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost, and the Assumption. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices are allowed. There is no requirement to fast or abstain on a Sunday during Lent.

Source: USCCB