

# 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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Fifth Sunday  
of  
**LENT**

"Let the one among you  
who is without sin  
be the first to throw  
a stone at her."

John 8:7



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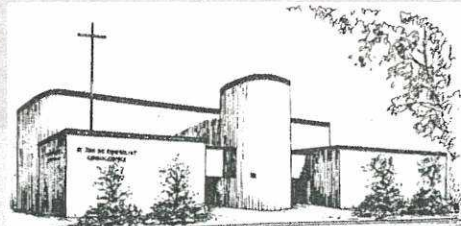
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## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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](http://stjohngulfport.org).



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

### 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 1** St J Youth St James cafeteria 6:30 pm
- Apr 5** Grief and Loss Support Group 4:00 pm
- Apr 6** CREDO/RCIA "Frequent Confession" 6:00 pm
- Apr 6** Seder Supper 6 pm
- Apr 7** Legion of Mary 10:30 am
- Apr 8** Fish Fry 4:30 -7:00 pm Presentation Hall
- Apr 8** Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm (English)

### SEDER SUPPER

St John will once again host the Seder Supper in Presentation Hall on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or *Psalm 130*.

**Second Reading** — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or *Romans 8:8-11*.

**Gospel** — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
- Monday: St. Isidore
- Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer
- Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle
- Friday: Abstinence

### OUR LADY OF GRACE

St. John the Evangelist's Legion of Mary Presidium has purchased a statue of Our Lady of Grace. We would like different families of our parish community to take her into their homes for a week and pray the Rosary with her daily.

We invite anyone who would like to have Our Lady in their home to call or text Kathy Pitre at 228-229-8750 or Annette Seymour at 228-326-0851 for more information.



### Happy birthday blessings this week are extended to:

- Gaytona Bradley, Paula Hewes, Apr 3
  - David Ames, Joe Masterson, Apr 4
  - Oaklen Hanberry, Haleigh Pucheu, Apr 6
- May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!*

### ✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Billy Frommeyer	Ed Martin	Karen Fink
John Atwood	Telina Birch	Becky Thompson
Mary Ann Bishop	Jordan Hoang	Kendall Dedeaux
Melissa Holston	Kim Hoang	Amy Elizabeth Wheeler
Lottie Rogers	Joy Holley	Ronnie Wade
Nga Nguyen	Gayle Frings	
Melie Seymour	Sharon Dedeaux	
Matt Albritton	Joe Oustellet	Parishioners of
Susie McManus	Charlie Underwood	St. John the
Kory Hudson	Tony King	Evangelist
Donald Dedeaux	Regina Meadows	
Jeffery Smith	Loyce Hire	
Beverly Crawford	James Smith	
Paula Pickens	Rhonda Mires	
Mac Rouse	Frank Fink	
Carolyn Fayard		

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	9:00 Am	✠Gary Cooper
	4:00 PM	✠John McWaters
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠Kris Allen & James Garrett
		✠Genevieve Verin & Anthony Grandis
		✠Barbara Walker
		✠Mary Borzik
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish (anyone with birthdays, anniversaries)
Monday:	5:00 PM	✠Ruby Morton
	7:00 AM	✠Shawn Dubuisson
	12:00 PM	✠Gary Seymour
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠David Schiffner
	12:00 PM	✠Teresa DuleVedove & Pietro Verin
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠Mackie Fayard
	12:00 PM	✠William Burke
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠Irene Enger
	12:00PM	✠Kaleel Salloum
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠Cecil & Margaret Dubuisson
	12:00PM	✠Neil King



**THANK YOU** to Gil Bailey, Symmes Family and Bernard Family for the gift of your time and labor to clean our parish hall tables this month prior to our Seder Meal! You are a BLESSING to your parish family and to us. Thank you again!

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### Last Week's Collection

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cash: \$332.00  
Loose checks: \$1440.00  
Cash: \$724.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$110.00  
Egiving: \$224.73  
Spanish Collection: \$526.00  
Catholic Relief Services: \$760.00  
Church Renovation: \$1125.00

**TOTAL: \$7,021.73**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Congratulations to Florence Keppner** who was recently honored by the Mississippi Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for **61 years** of continuous membership as a registered dietitian.

### Ways to Contribute

Many parishioners like to give their church contribution at mass. Others like the convenience of sending it by mail, or dropping it off at the church office Monday through Friday (9am-3pm); or 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

SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

Reflection question:

How do I follow the example of Jesus in loving others?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
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.

Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.... If we say that we have not sinned, we make [God] a liar, and His word is not in us" (1 Jn 1:8-10).

Thus Sacred Scriptures declare our guilt to be universal; hence the universal obligation to that repentance which Peter, in his sermon on Pentecost, declared necessary for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). Hence, too, the Church's constant recognition that all the faithful are required by divine law to do penance. As from the fact of sin we Christians can claim no exception, so from the obligation to penance we can seek no exemption. USCCB.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];  
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday)  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;  
Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13;  
Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

Congratulations  
to Our Parishioners  
Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary

Craig & Dianne Martin 27 yrs, Mar31  
Stephen & Lori Greiner 11 yrs Apr 2  
Doug & Kim LeMere 38 yrs Apr3

May God bless them with many more

Young at Heart

We invite our senior parishioners to join us for our monthly luncheon starting May 19. It will continue after that on the third Thursday of each month. A main dish will be provided and you are welcome to bring a side dish or desert. There will be bingo and fellowship in Presentation Hall. Call the office for more information. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us also!!



LENTEN SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

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 4:30-7:00 pm (Presentation Hall)

HOLY WEEK:

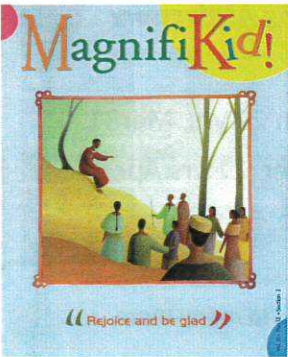
Tue April 12: No noon Mass  
Holy Thursday: April 14 at 7:00 pm  
(no 7am or 12 noon Mass)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross:  
April 15, 2 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



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.

Article 3

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Christ-The Unique Word of Sacred Scripture

Through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely:

You recall that one and the same Word of God extends throughout Scripture, that it is one and the same Utterance that resounds in the mouths of all the sacred writers, since he who was in the beginning God with God has no need of separate syllables; for he is not subject to time. #102

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Saint John Baptist de La Salle's Story

Complete dedication to what he saw as God's will for him dominated the life of John Baptist de La Salle. In 1950, Pope Pius XII named him patron of schoolteachers for his efforts in upgrading school instruction. As a young 17th-century Frenchman, John had everything going for him: scholarly bent, good looks, noble family background, money, refined upbringing. At the early age of 11, he received the tonsure and started preparation for the priesthood, to which he was ordained at 27. He seemed assured then of a life of dignified ease and a high position in the Church.

But God had other plans for John, which were gradually revealed to him in the next several years. During a chance meeting with Monsieur Adrien Nyel, he became interested in the creation of schools for poor boys in Rheims, where he was stationed. Though the work was extremely distasteful to him at first, he became more involved in working with the deprived youths.

Once convinced that this was his divinely appointed mission, John threw himself wholeheartedly into the work, left home and family, abandoned his position as canon at Rheims, gave away his fortune, and reduced himself to the level of the poor to whom he devoted his entire life.

The remainder of his life was closely entwined with the community of religious men he founded, the Brothers of the Christian School (also called Christian Brothers or De La Salle Brothers). This community grew rapidly and was successful in educating boys of poor families, using methods designed by John. It prepared teachers in the first training college for teachers and also set up homes and schools for young delinquents of wealthy families. The motivating element in all these endeavors was the desire to become a good Christian.

Yet even in his success, John did not escape experiencing many trials: heart-rending disappointment and defections among his disciples, bitter opposition from the secular schoolmasters who resented his new and fruitful methods, and persistent opposition from the Jansenists of his time, whose moral rigidity and pessimism about the human condition John resisted vehemently all his life.

Afflicted with asthma and rheumatism in his last years, he died on Good Friday at age 68, and was canonized in 1900.catholic-link.org