

# 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:**

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Benediction

**First Saturday Devotion:**

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

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

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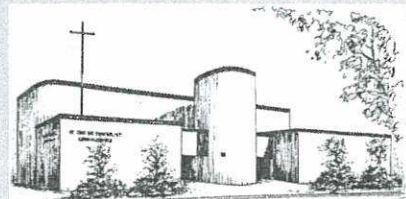
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## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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**.

### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

**Knights of Columbus:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 7:30 PM  
**Grief & Loss Support Group** 1st Tuesday (Oct 4) 4 PM  
**K C Ladies Auxiliary:** 3rd Tuesday (Oct 18) - 6:30 PM  
**Young at Heart:** 3rd Thursday (Oct 20) 12 noon in Presentation Hall  
**Legion of Mary:** Every Thursday - 10:30 AM  
**RCIA CREDO** Every Thursday - 6:00 PM  
**Couples Date Night:** Oct 27, 6-8 PM, Child care provided

For information, call the Parish Office.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat  
you,

pour out your mercy upon us  
to pardon what conscience dreads  
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.  
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.

## Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Buddy Cospelich, Kevin Killegrew, Kent Killegrew, Oct 1  
Sarah Larkin, Oct 1  
Sally Bartlette, Oct 2  
Ryan Roth, Oct 3  
Margaret Haydel, Oct 4  
R Shaw Matthews, Donald Dedeaux, Oct 5  
David Malley, Frank Fink, Oct 7

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

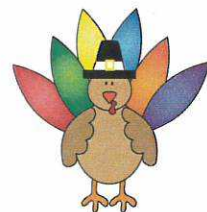
Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Respect Life Sunday  
Tuesday: St. Francis of Assisi; Yom Kippur (Jewish  
Day of Atonement) begins at sunset  
Wednesday: St. Faustina Kowalska;  
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos  
Thursday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher  
Friday: Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### St. John Thanksgiving raffle

Tickets are on sale now for our annual Thanksgiving Raffle! Grand Prize is \$10,000.

There will also be 5 other cash prizes.

Tickets are \$100 each! Tickets can be purchased at office or from Father Satish after mass.



There will be a rosary rally for 'America Needs Fatima' on October 15 at 10:00 AM. It will be led by David Ames, current Grand Knight of St John Knights of Columbus. Location is at the KC Hall, 733 34th St.



### † Hear Us and Heal Us †

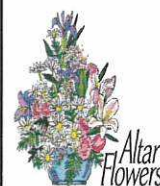
Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or other life challenges.

Mac Rouse	Peggy Ryland	Brett Cooper
Carolyn Fayard	Craig Bounds	Brileigh Dunn
Ed Martin	Michael Eckles	Camela Fant
Jordan Hoang	Mary Ann Bishop	
Kim Hoang	Gloria Newman	
Joy Holley	Werner Huber	Parishioners of
Gayle Frings	Betty Martin	St. John the
Sharon Dedeaux	Suzanne King	Evangelist
Loyce Hire	Buddy Cospelich	
Rhonda Mires	Bennie Roy	
Frank Fink	Easterling	
Karen Fink	Ray Peregoy	
Becky Thompson	Dina Forbes	
Kendall Dedeaux	Kathy Dufrene	
Ronnie Wade	Jolene Wilson	
Beverly Crawford	Pauline Mensi	

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 9:00PM † Theresa Simon  
4:00 PM † Anthony Verin Davis  
Sunday 8:00 AM † Sarah Corne  
†Corky Hire  
†Tina Bradshaw  
†Linda McGuffee Osley  
†Charlie Underwood  
10:30 AM People of the Parish  
Anyone with birthdays,  
anniversaries  
5:00 PM †Kris Allen  
Monday: 7:00 AM †Mackie Fayard  
Tuesday: 7:00 AM †James Allen  
Wednesday: 7:00 AM †Kaleel Salloum  
Thursday: 7:00 AM † Teresa delle Vedove &  
Pietro Verin  
Friday: 7:00 AM †Alex North



The flowers on the altar this weekend have  
been placed in memory of Corky Hire  
from Rita Bailey.

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### Last Week's Collection:

Identified checks: \$1770

Identified cash : \$106

Loose checks: \$1290

Unidentified Cash: \$824

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Egiving: \$245

Spanish Collection: \$668

**TOTAL: \$5013**

Thank you for your generosity!

### 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>.

Your support is graciously appreciated!



## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9  
2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14  
Luke 17:5-10

**Monday Oct 3**  
Galatians 1:6-12  
Ps 111:1b-2,7-10c  
Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday October 4**  
**St. Francis of Assisi**  
Galatians 1:13-24  
Ps 139:1b-3,13-15  
Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday October 5**  
Galatians 2:1-2,7-14  
Ps 117:1bc,2  
Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday October 6**  
Galatians 3:1-5  
Lk 1:69-75  
Luke 11:5-13

**Friday October 7**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Galatians 3:7-14  
Ps 111:1b-6  
Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday October 8**  
Galatians 3:22-29  
Ps 105:2-7  
Luke 11:27-28

This Gospel reading is disturbing. After doing a lot of hard work, the last thing we want to hear from God is: "You're an unprofitable servant."

Think of how hard you work. Whether it's at home or for a business or in ministry, we're never rewarded enough, right? Instead, we're given *more* work! At home, we try to relax after a busy day but one of the kids or an elderly relative needs help. On the job, we're given more work because our colleagues are either too lazy or they've been laid off. In the parish, most of the work gets done by only 10 to 20% of the people.

Jesus says that our reaction to all this should be: "Lord, I'm an unworthy servant of your kingdom, because I've only done what's expected of me."

Is he implying that it's right to be burdened with more to do when we're tired? Not at all! What he is telling us is that there's a difference between doing what's required out of mere obedience and volunteering to go the extra mile because we love and we care.

When we stop short of going the extra mile, it's usually because we have an unbalanced view of faith. Unaware that we're serving Christ in our everyday tasks, and unaware that we're serving others *with* Christ, we settle for a mediocre, half-hearted attitude. We limit our potential.

And then we're astonished that Jesus would suggest that we can command



trees to cast themselves into the sea! When was the last time you saw *that* happen?

Here's the connection between doing more than the minimum and having a supernatural faith: For both to occur, we have to know that God's love is complete and unconditional and available all the time and that from this comes his desire to serve us.

Knowing this, we're confident that he can accomplish anything he wants in us and through us. If we care like he cares, we *want* to go the extra mile with him. And then when we get hurt or tired, he restores us. Do you believe that yet?

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What's your mulberry tree? What problem is so deeply rooted that it seems immovable?
2. Who in your life is so stuck in sin that you've lost hope? Can you surprise that person with gestures of love that are unexpected and unrequested?
3. Describe examples of service that show the difference between doing our duty and doing more. How does volunteering to serve above and beyond what's expected reveal God's love?

### III. THE HOLY SPIRIT, INTERPRETER OF SCRIPTURE

#### IV. The CANON of SCRIPTURE

##### The New Testament

We can distinguish three stages in the formation of the Gospels: *The life and teaching of Jesus*, *The oral tradition*, and *The written Gospels*...

1. *The life and teaching of Jesus*. The Church holds firmly that the four Gospels, "whose historicity she unhesitatingly affirms, faithfully hand on what Jesus, the Son of God, while he lived among men, really did and taught for their eternal salvation, until the day when he was taken up."

2. *The oral tradition*. "For, after the ascension of the Lord, the apostles handed on to their hearers what he had said and done, but with that fuller understanding which they, instructed by the glorious events of Christ and enlightened by the Spirit of truth, now enjoyed."

3. *The written Gospels*. "The sacred authors, in writing the four Gospels, selected certain of the many elements which had been handed on, either orally or already in written form; others they synthesized or explained with an eye to the situation of the churches, while sustaining the form of preaching, but always in such a fashion that they have told us the honest truth about Jesus."

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### Israel Tour

Fr. Joe Dilettuso is very excited to announce this tour to Israel. It will be a 12 day customized pilgrimage to the Holy Land, tentatively May 3-14, 2023.

Except for a few lunches, it is an all inclusive trip with round-trip airfare from New Orleans, 5 nights Jerusalem, 4 nights Sea of Galilee and 1 night Tel Aviv. All sights are included, to name a few: Herodium National Park, church of Nativity, walk the Via Dolorosa, church of Holy Sepulchre, Mount Olive, Dead Sea to Masada, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberius, sail across the Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Mount Carmel, Caesarea and more...The cost is approximately \$5699 per person sharing a room. If interested please call Heidi Clark 228-388-4429

Email: heiditravel66@gmail.com

### "Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul"

We are excited to introduce our "Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul" study series! This is a 3-part faith formation "lunch-&-learn" program that kicks- off in November with a 5-week series on introductions and "deeper dives" into such Catholic topics as Church History, the Bible, Mary, etc.

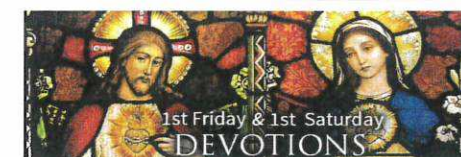
After Christmas, we'll begin a four-part study ("Presence") on the Eucharist. Then, at the beginning of Lent, we will take on a grand 10-week series entitled "The Rescue Project". This is a groundbreaking new series from Acts XXIX (29) Apostolate and will take us through the remainder of the spring.

Each session will take place on Mondays at 11:00 A.M. beginning November 7 and include lunch, a lesson and discussion time.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the church in October, so please sign-up as soon as possible! For further questions, please contact Deacon David Allen at [deacondavidallen@gmail.com](mailto:deacondavidallen@gmail.com), or call (228) 297-6056.

### Our Lady of the Rosary

In honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will be praying the rosary each week of October beginning 30 minutes before every mass. There will be a sign-up sheet out side of the Memorial room for anyone who would like to help in *leading the rosary*.



1st Friday Adoration Oct 7th from 7:30am to 5:00pm. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Please sign up to spend an hour with Jesus!