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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:
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Mass, Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Benediction

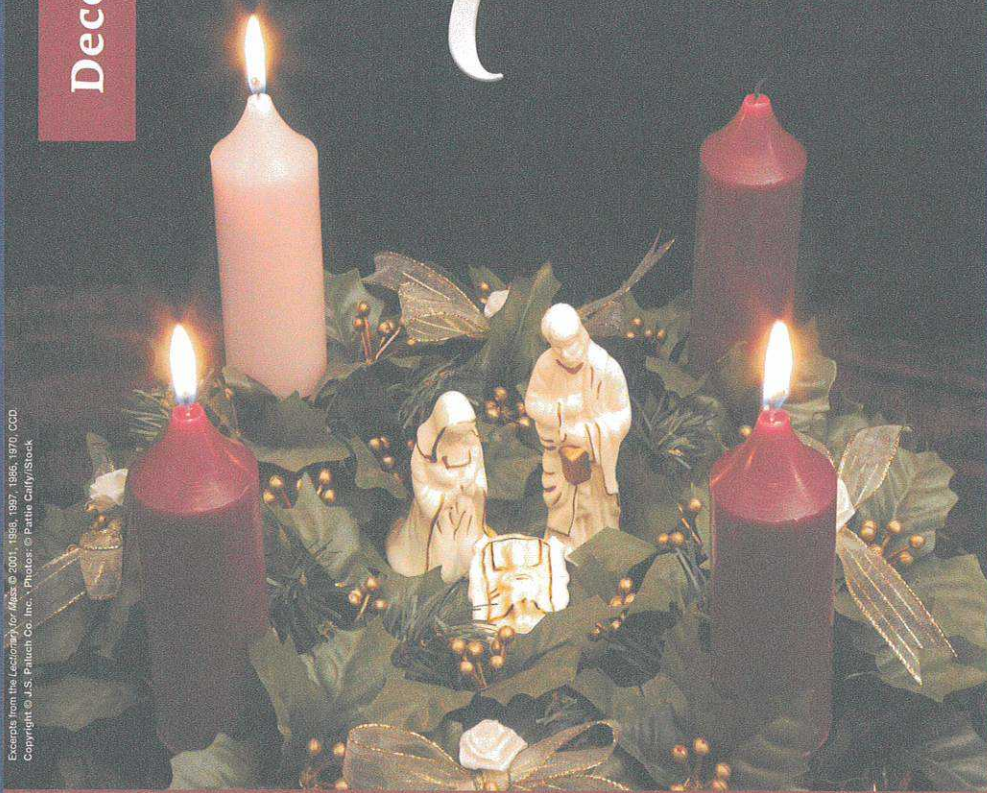
First Saturday Devotion:
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, Confession, Rosary
Meditation, Benediction and Mass.

December 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY

of
Advent

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Jesus said,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

Matthew 11:4-5

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For Peace



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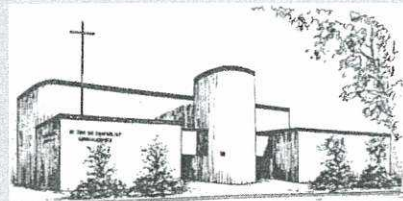
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Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St. John, please visit stjohnngulfport.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

Dec 12: Penance Service 6:00 pm

Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 6:30 PM

Grief & Loss Support Group 1st Tuesday (Jan 3) 4 PM

K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday (Dec 20) - 6:30 PM

Young at Heart: Jan 19th in Presentation Hall at 12:00 noon

Couples Date Night: Dec 29, 6-9 pm

Legion of Mary: Every Thursday - 10:30 AM

RCIA CREDO Every Thursday 6:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass: 4:00 PM Children's Mass
6:00 and 11:00 PM (Special music begins 10:30, Flute, violin, piano and organ)

Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 AM



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Penance Service will be held December 12th at 6:00 pm.

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Mario DiRaimo, Dec 10
David McGuffee, Mariana Zerecero, Dec 15
Kimi Daglis, Dec 16

**Congratulations
to Our Parishioners
Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries**

David & Cathy McGuffie 49yrs, Dec 15

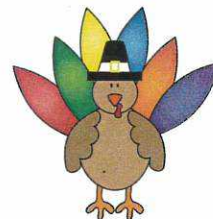
*May God bless them with many more
happy years together!*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: Las Posadas begins

2022 St John Raffle Winners:

\$150 Chris Crighton
\$150 Frank Bertucci
\$150 John Shinn
\$150 Dick Bartlett
\$250 Don Norris



\$10,000 Tu Thuy Ha

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Saint Teresa's Bookmark

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing;
God only is changeless.
Patience gains all things.
Who has God wants nothing.
God alone suffices.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please help the aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

National Religious Retirement Office

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

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

Carolyn Fayard	Jolene Wilson	Kendall Dedeaux
Ed Martin	Brett Cooper	Ronnie Wade
Frank Fink	Brileigh Dunn	Vicky Tiner
Karen Fink	Camela Fant	Jack Watson
Beverly Crawford	Amy Elizabeth Wheeler	Robert Hill
Peggy Ryland	Harvey Young	Paul Fair
Michael Eckles	Suzanne Bowles	Sue Papania
Gloria Newman	Shirley Caston	Parishioners of
Werner Huber	Ernie Brown	St. John the
Betty Martin	Dean Bowles	Evangelist
Suzanne King	Beverly Crawford	
Buddy Cospelich	Diane Riel	
Bennie Roy	Jordan Hoang	
Easterling	Kim Hoang	
Ray Peregoy	George Balhofs	
Kathy Dufrene		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4:00 PM ✠ Iris Cooper
Sunday 8:00 AM ✠ Vincent & Helen Dauro
✠ Charlie Underwood
✠ Tina Bradshaw
10:30 AM People of the Parish
Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
5:00 PM ✠ Kris Allen
Monday: 7:00 AM ✠ Iris Cooper
Tuesday: 7:00 AM ✠ Mackie Fayard
Wednesday: 7:00 AM ✠ Shawn Dubuisson
Thursday: 7:00 AM ✠ Kaleel Salloum
Friday: 7:00 AM ✠ Isabel Hagger



Commemorate the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to Jesus! The celebration of Las Posadas will be in Presentation Hall at 6:30 and 8:30 on December 15th, 18th and 21st. All are cordially invited to attend this beautiful event.

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Healing Mass Service

Fr. Rofinus Jas, SVD invites everyone to a **Healing Mass Service** on Friday, December 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, 216 Saucier Ave, Pass Christian, MS. 39571.

Fr. Rofinus Jas asks you to please bring your friends and *those who need special prayers*.

Last Week's Collection:

Identified checks: \$1650.00

Identified cash : \$289.00

Loose checks: \$2030.00

Unidentified Cash: \$828.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$2160.00

Egiving: \$490.00

Spanish Collection: \$614.00

TOTAL: \$8061.00

Church Renovations: \$1220.00

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/stjohnngulfport>.

Your support is graciously appreciated!

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Ps 146:6-10 (Is 35:4)
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Monday December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rev
11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Deut 13:18-19
Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Tuesday December 13
St. Lucy
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday December 14
St. John of the Cross
Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25
Ps 85:9-14
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday December 15
Isaiah 54:1-10
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Luke 7:24-30

Friday December 16
Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
John 5:33-36

Saturday December 17
Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17

Christ and in imitation of how he suffered for the sake of others, we offer to others what our hardships have taught us, and thus our sufferings become ministries. Our sorrows find valuable meaning, which produces a joy that gets multiplied beyond measure.

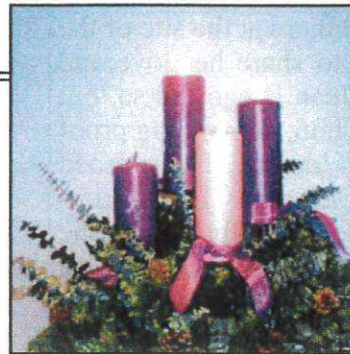
In Christ we are crowned with everlasting joy. We feel his joy and gladness because of the good that will come and is already starting. Sorrow and mourning will flee

Joy is the theme of the Third Sunday of Advent. As it says in the first reading, "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication to rescue you!" This is the reason for our joy. We have been ransomed from sin and its destruction. This is why Jesus came to earth to be born as one of us: to rescue us from the horrors of an eternal separation from God and his love.

Compared to eternity, our current problems are little, very little indeed.

Joy comes from realizing that, because of Jesus, no sins against us and no destructive forces can do us permanent harm. In fact, God will make good use of everything for our benefit! He defeats evil by making blessings come from it.

Even the worst of times become huge blessings if we let them unite us to Jesus. With



away as we rise above our pain to rejoice in the goodness of joining in the ministry of Christ. And we are lifted up by a faithful and compassionate God.

As the second reading points out, we must be patient while we wait for the Lord to convert our trials into triumphs. To maintain an attitude of joy, we must remain firm in our faith, not doubting that the Lord is concerned about us. And we must not complain, because complaints mean that we think we know better than God does about how our problems should be resolved and how long it should take.

Joy comes from rejoicing in the good news that God really does care and is of course working on our behalf to produce many wonderful blessings from our sufferings, just like Jesus says in the Gospel: "Blessed is the one who takes no offense in me."

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you unhappy about?
2. Can you find joy in the trial? – because God will make good come out of the suffering if you want to use it for the benefit of others. Talk to Jesus about that today. What is he telling you? What hug is he giving you?
3. Describe a time when you saw blessings come from your sufferings. If you could do it all over again, with the option of avoiding those particular troubles, would you? Why or why not?

Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

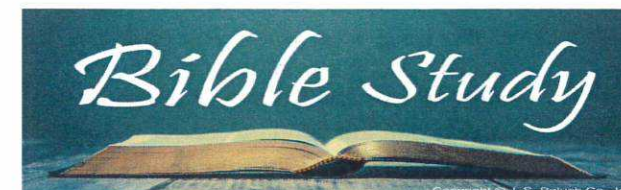
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his *tilma* (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

Article 3 CHAPTER THREE MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD

By faith, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God. With his whole being man gives his assent to God the revealer. Sacred Scripture calls this human response to God, the author of revelation, "the obedience of faith."

#143 CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul"



Please join us Monday Dec 12 at 11:00 am in Presentation Hall as we see how God works in our lives.

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH (Alt)

St. Ignatius became the third bishop of Antioch, succeeding St. Evodius, who was the immediate successor of St. Peter. He heard St. John preach when he was a boy and knew St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna. Seven of his letters written to various Christian communities have been preserved. Eventually, he received the martyr's crown as he was thrown to wild beasts in the arena.

"Consider how contrary to the mind of God are the heterodox in regard to the grace of God which has come to us. They have no regard for charity, none for the widow, the orphan, the oppressed, none for the man in prison, the hungry or the thirsty. They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they do not admit that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, the flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father, in His graciousness, raised from the dead."

"Letter to the Smyrnaeans", paragraph 6. circa 80-110 A.D.

"Come together in common, one and all without exception in charity, in one faith and in one Jesus Christ, who is of the race of David according to the flesh, the son of man, and the Son of God, so that with undivided mind you may obey the bishop and the priests, and break one Bread which is the medicine of immortality and the antidote against death, enabling us to live forever in Jesus Christ."

"Letter to the Ephesians", paragraph 20, c. 80-110 A.D.

"I have no taste for the food that perishes nor for the pleasures of this life. I want the Bread of God which is the Flesh of Christ, who was the seed of David; and for drink I desire His Blood which is love that cannot be destroyed."

"Letter to the Romans", paragraph 7, circa 80-110 A.D. Therealpresence.com

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine