

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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January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The shepherds
went in haste to
Bethlehem and found
Mary and Joseph,
and the infant
lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16

Pray
For Peace



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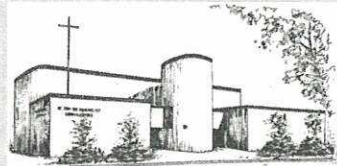
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Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St. John, please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



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

Parish Office Hours

St. John parish office will be closed on January 2nd

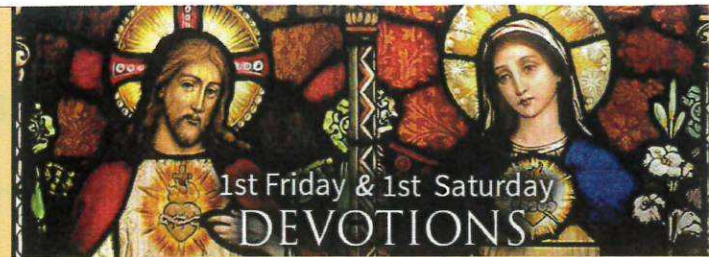
Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. In the event of an emergency or if you need to reach Fr. Satish, you may call or text him at 228-297-7774.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 6:30 PM
Grief & Loss Support Group 1st Tuesday (Jan 3) 4 PM
K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday (Jan 17) - 6:30 PM
Young at Heart: Jan 19th in Presentation Hall at 12:00 pm
Legion of Mary: Every Thursday - 10:30 AM
RCIA CREDO January 5 6:00 PM
Couples Date Night: Jan 26 6:00 pm (The 'Sign up' sheet is in the back of church)

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Sandra Schiffner, Mary Jane Allen, Dec 31
Katie Frommeyer, Retia Webber, Jan 1
Mimi Davis, Mary Ford, Lea Johnson, Jan 3
John Marcel, William Swanson, Michael Ward, Jan 4
Louise Wheat, Jan 4
Valerie Frost, Rhonda Mires, Jan 6
May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!



First Friday / January 6

First Saturday / January 7

First Friday Adoration is from 7:30am until 5:00pm. You are invited to spend a quiet hour of adoration with Jesus! A sign up sheet is in the back of the church outside of the Memorial Room.

First Saturday Devotion will be held on January 7 from 8:00am—9:30am (Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday: St. John Neumann
Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Thank you for being patient with us as the Offertory envelopes are being delayed. The company that supplies our envelopes is having a problem at this time. We apologize for this inconvenience.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the Manger: With Mary and Joseph

May we follow the faithful, loving witness
of Mary and Joseph
as we seek to bring Jesus, your Word,
into the world.

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	4:00 PM	Sandra Schiffner – Birthday
January 1		
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠ Mackie Fayard ✠ Chip Sproles ✠ Matia Natollama ✠ Mary Ann Bishop
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
	5:00 PM	✠ Maria Haq Thi Nou
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠ Gary Cooper
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Tom and Celeste Hewes (anniversary)
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Tom Hewes
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠ Isabel Hagger
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠ Jerry Seymour

"Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul"

We are excited to introduce our SECOND segment of our "Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul" study series, "Presence"! This is a 4-part faith formation "lunch-&-learn" program that kicks-off January 23, 2023 in Presentation Hall.

As before Christmas, each session will take place on Mondays at 11:00 A.M. Unlike this past segment, we will no longer be providing lunch and ask that you please bring your own ("brown bag," takeout, etc.).

A sign-up sheet is now posted in the back of the church, so please sign-up as soon as possible (however, walk-ins ARE welcome, so please bring guests with you as appropriate!). For further questions, please contact Deacon David Allen at: decondavidallen@gmail.com, or call (228) 297-6056.

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to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Dudley & Trish McAlister 64 yrs, Dec 27

Mathew & Cindy Serpa 43 yrs, Dec 29

Stan & Vickie Tiner 56 yrs, Dec 31

May God bless them with many more

Last Week's Collection:

Identified checks: \$3810.00

Identified cash: \$336.00

Loose checks: \$6150.00

Unidentified Cash: \$1386.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$110.00

Egiving: \$565.00

Spanish Collection: \$300.00

TOTAL: \$12,657.00

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>.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother Of God

Numbers 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Monday January 2
Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzen
1 John 2:22-28
Ps 98:1-4
John 1:19-28

Tuesday January 3
1 John 2:29--3:6
Ps 98:1,3cd-6
John 1:29-34

Wednesday January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 John 3:7-10
Ps 98:1,7-9
John 1:35-42

Thursday January 5
St. John Neumann
1 John 3:11-21
Ps 100:1b-5
John 1:43-51

Friday January 6
1 John 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Mark 1:7-11
or Luke 3:23-38

Saturday January 7
1 John 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-5,6a,9b
John 2:1-11



Today, consecrate the new year to the Mother of Christ, to her protection and help, asking God to make this a year of many blessings.

In the first reading, God teaches Moses how to pass blessings onto others. The responsorial psalm includes a request for God to bless us. The second reading describes the greatest blessing we've received: our adoption by God the Father.

The people who heard the testimony of the shepherds in the Gospel reading were amazed. How often are you amazed by the Lord? Awe comes from recognizing Jesus in everything. With Jesus, we're blessed even in situations that feel like curses, because he is with us.

To experience this, we have to keep our eyes on Jesus at all times. Look past the problems: There is the victorious Jesus already working on your behalf! He was born for your sake and gave up his life for you; of course he is also doing everything else that will provide God's goodness to you! Look past your emotional reactions to hardships: There is the peace of Christ! It's available

when you decide to trust in the love and the wisdom of Christ. Look past the person who is sinning against you: There is Jesus comforting you! He speaks to you through scripture, through Holy Mass, through perhaps a counselor, and many other ways.

In every situation, keep your eyes on Jesus so that you can see his hand reaching toward you to bless you.

We can learn from Mary to look past the obvious and see God's hidden blessings. When Mary looked at the shepherds, did she see scruffy, stinky strangers? Of course not. She saw numerous blessings. Now look at the scruffy people in your own life — through Mary's eyes. How many blessings do *you* see?

Mary the Mother of God our Savior wants to show you the countless blessings that come from knowing her Son. Ask for her help in keeping your focus on Jesus in the new year.

Reflect & Discuss:

† Count your blessings. Make a list of everything that's good in your life, including past blessings that give you warm, happy memories.

† The Lord has done great things for you. How does this reassure you today?

† What will you do this year to become more aware of God's blessings?

† In what ways has Mary revealed Jesus to you?

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace

Imagine: two New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins. In today's Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels' message regarding the child. Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year's resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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Smile! Jesus Loves You



Happy New Year!!

CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

I. THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

Abraham- "father of all who believe"

Abraham thus fulfills the definition of faith in *Hebrews 11:1*: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen": "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Because he was "strong in his faith," Abraham became the "father of all who believe."

#146 CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR (Alt)

St. Justin Martyr was born a pagan but converted to Christianity after studying philosophy. He was a prolific writer and many Church scholars consider him the greatest apologist or defender of the faith from the 2nd century. He was beheaded with six of his companions some time between 163 and 167 A.D.

"This food we call the Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake except one who believes that the things we teach are true, and has received the washing for forgiveness of sins and for rebirth, and who lives as Christ handed down to us. For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's Word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the Word of prayer which comes from him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus."

"First Apology", Ch. 66, inter A.D. 148-155.

"God has therefore announced in advance that all the sacrifices offered in His name, which Jesus Christ offered, that is, in the Eucharist of the Bread and of the Chalice, which are offered by us Christians in every part of the world, are pleasing to Him."

"Dialogue with Trypho", Ch. 117, circa 130-160 A.D.

BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

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