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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 - 9:30 AM
 Exposition of the Blessed
 Sacrament, Confession, Rosary
 Meditation, Benediction and Mass.

January 15 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



NOW I HAVE SEEN
 AND TESTIFIED
 THAT HE IS THE
 SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

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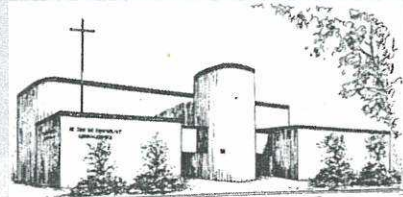
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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.



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

Parish Office Hours

Parish Office will be closed Monday January 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Day

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 (Feb 7) 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 Every Thursday 6:00 PM

Bible Study: Begins again Jan 23 at 11:00 am. Brown bag (bring your own lunch)

Couples Date Night: Jan 26 6:00 pm (The 'Sign up' sheet is in the back of church)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Saturday: St. Agnes

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Karen Fink, Keaton Hill, Ruth Mathews Jan 15
Eileen Masterson, Jan 17
Margaret Higley, William Wittman, David Wyrnich Jan 18
Patty Padgett, Joshua Roth, Jan 19
Adrienne Craft, Alicia Frommeyer, Terry Hurst, Jan 20

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do
begin with your inspiration
and continue with your help,
so that all of our work today will bring us closer you.

Guide us in our work today,
that we may do it not for ourselves alone,
but for the common good of all.
We ask this in your name. Amen.

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	4:00 PM	✠ Emily Webber
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠ Charlie Underwood
		✠ Missy Smith
		✠ Mary Ann Bishop (Special intention Ann Wiborg)
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
	5:00 PM	✠ Vincent Nguyen Van Hien
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠ Tina Bradshaw
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Kris Allen
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Leo Cooper
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠ Mackie Fayard
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠ Isabel Hagger



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VISION

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.

—Anonymous

Last Week's Collection:

Identified checks: \$345.00

Identified cash : \$220.00

Loose checks: \$3714.00

Unidentified Cash: \$1045.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$110.00

Egiving: \$415.00

Spanish Collection: \$551.00

TOTAL: \$6400.00

Church Renovation: \$1325.00

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/stjohngulfport>.

Your support is graciously appreciated!

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Monday January 16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Ps 110:1-4
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday January 17
St. Anthony
Hebrews 6:10-20
Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday January 18
Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17
Ps 110:1-4
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday January 19
Hebrews 7:25 – 8:6
Ps 40:7-10,17
Mark 3:7-12

Friday January 20
Hebrews 8:6-13
Ps 85:8,10-14
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday January 21
St. Agnes
Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14
Ps 47:2-3,6-9
Mark 3:20-21

In every Mass, the presiding priest says the words of John the Baptist that are quoted in today's Gospel message: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." To which we reply: "Lord, I am not worthy ... but say the word and my soul shall be healed."

This healing began at the beginning of Mass in the Penitential Rite if we had a sincere attitude of repentance. With this healing, we receive Jesus in all of his humanity and divinity. With this healing, we leave church ready to be like John the Baptist, testifying by word and by the way we live that "now I have seen that Jesus is the Son of God."

Is Mass that kind of experience for you?

All parts of the Mass contribute to this. Jesus is present in the community as we unite in song. Jesus is present in the Penitential Rite, listening to

our sincerity. Jesus is present in the Liturgy of the Word, broken open like bread to nourish our faith, and when the homily is poor or absent, his Spirit preaches to us privately (straying thoughts are often an action of God). And Jesus is present in all the prayers: the ones we offer and those of the clergy.

All of Mass is meant to transform us, prepare us, and send us out from church as witnesses of the true presence of Christ in our world. Like John the Baptist, we can say: "I did not know him." In other words: "I saw



only bread and wine" and "I was sinful and didn't realize the damage I had done" and "I was wounded and did not know how to be healed."

And like John we can add: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit revealed to me the presence of my Savior in the Eucharist. The Holy Spirit gently exposed my sinfulness and gave me help in overcoming them. The Holy Spirit leads me to the resources that are healing my wounds."

Reflect & Discuss:

† What is the experience of Mass like for you?

† If you could attend Mass daily, would you? If not, why not? If it's a scheduling problem, will you ask Jesus to change your schedule? If it's a priority problem, will you ask the Holy Spirit to increase in you a desire to sit in the true Eucharistic presence of your Savior?

† Describe a time when you became more aware of Jesus in the Mass.

† Prior to this development, what distracted you from noticing his presence? What changed? Why? How?

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Calendars

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact.

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TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way, you will become truly happy.

—Blessed Henry Suso

CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

I. THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

Abraham—"father of all who believe"

The Old Testament is rich in witnesses to this faith. *The Letter to the Hebrews* proclaims its eulogy of the exemplary faith of the ancestors who "received divine approval." Yet "God had foreseen something better for us": the grace of believing in his Son Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

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ST. EPHREM OF SYRIA

"After the disciples had eaten the new and holy Bread, and when they understood by faith that they had eaten of Christ's body, Christ went on to explain and to give them the whole Sacrament. He took and mixed a cup of wine. The He blessed it, and signed it, and made it holy, declaring that it was His own Blood, which was about to be poured out....Christ commanded them to drink, and He explained to them that the cup which they were drinking was His own Blood: 'This is truly My Blood, which is shed for all of you. Take, all of you, drink of this, because it is a new covenant in My Blood, As you have seen Me do, do you also in My memory. Whenever you are gathered together in My name in Churches everywhere, do what I have done, in memory of Me. Eat My Body, and drink My Blood, a covenant new and old.'", -"Homilies" 4,6 ca. 350 A.D.

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St John Knights of Columbus

Thank you to the St John Knights of Columbus for preparing an Epiphany celebration dinner for the parish. Everyone enjoyed this fantastic spaghetti dinner.

