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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:

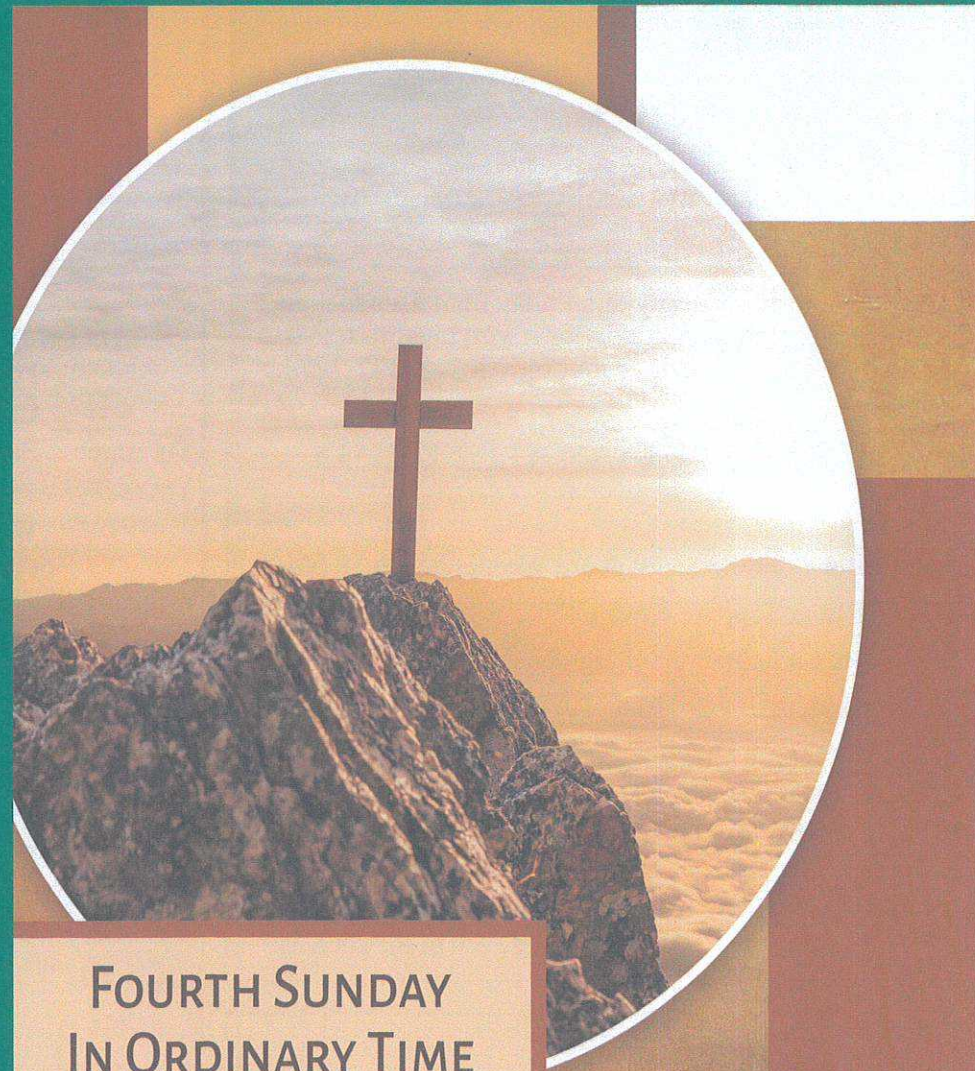
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:3

JANUARY

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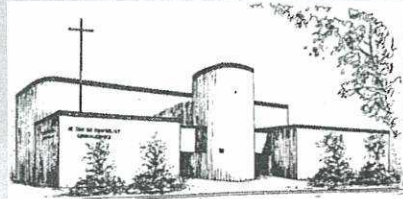
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If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

### 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 - 6:30 PM  
**Grief & Loss Support Group** 1st Tuesday (Feb 7th) 4 PM  
**K C Ladies Auxiliary:** 3rd Tuesday (Jan 17) - 6:30 PM  
**Young at Heart:** Feb 16th in Presentation Hall at 12:00 pm  
**Legion of Mary:** Every Thursday - 10:30 AM  
**RCIA CREDO** Every Thursday 6:00 PM  
**Feed Your Body, Feed Your Soul:** Monday at 11:00 am  
**Couples Date Night:** Feb 23 6:00 pm (The 'Sign up' sheet is in the back of the church)

### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

#### God Be in My Head

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing.

—Attributed to Old Sarum Primer

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

Gary Beach, George Burkhardt, Jan 29  
Dixon Massengill, Jan 30  
JoAnn O'Neal, Jan 31  
Howard McNeill, Feb 1  
John Necaise, Jocelyn Zerecero, Feb 2  
David Ladner, Rachel Ladner, Ellen Robinson, Feb 3  
Joe Symmes, Feb 3

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

### Congratulations to Our Parishioners

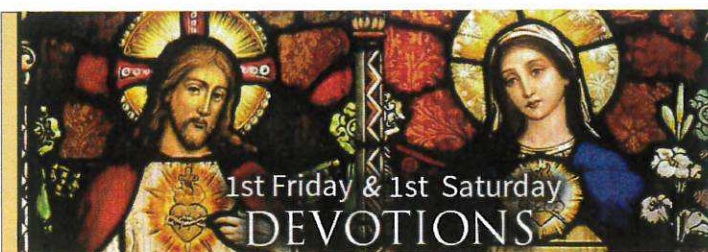
#### Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Gerald & Sandra Cooper, 48 yrs Feb 1  
Guy & Cleo Dossett, 26 yrs Feb 1  
Tom & Kim Graves, 26 yrs Feb 1

May God bless them with many more happy years together!

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catholic Schools Week  
Tuesday: St. John Bosco  
Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Groundhog Day  
Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;  
Blessing of throats  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



First Friday / Feb 3  
First Saturday / Feb 4

**First Friday Adoration** is from 7:30am until 5:00pm. Please sign up to spend an hour with Jesus. A sign up sheet is in the back of the church outside of the Memorial Room.

**First Saturday Devotion** is from 8:00AM until 9:30 AM: Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction.

### † Hear Us and Heal Us †

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

Ed Martin	Amy Elizabeth	Roberta Hill
Beverly Crawford	Wheeler	Paul Fair
Peggy Ryland	Harvey Young	Sue Papania
Gloria Newman	Suzanne Bowles	Debbie Beach
Werner Huber	Shirley Caston	John Cuevas
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 Perego	Kim Hoang	
Kathy Dufrene	George Balhofs	
Jolene Wilson	Kendall Dedeaux	
Brett Cooper	Ronnie Wade	
Brileigh Dunn	Vicky Tiner	
Camela Fant	Jack Watson	

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: 4:00 PM † Garry Cooper  
Sunday 8:00 AM † Alex North  
† Anna Thuong  
† Phyllis O'Neill  
† Mary Ann Bishop  
† Carolyn Fayard  
10:30 AM People of the Parish  
Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries  
5:00 PM † Sandra Breitkeutz  
Monday: 7:00 AM † Judy Boucher  
Tuesday: 7:00 AM † Kris Allen  
(Special intention JoAnn O'neal Birthday)  
Wednesday: 7:00 AM † Iris Cooper  
Thursday: 7:00 AM † Mackie Fayard  
(special intention John Necaise BD)  
Friday: 7:00 AM † Myrtle Davion

### A HEALING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST (AT NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL)



In connection with Our Lady of Lourdes, which St. Pope John Paul II designated as World Day of the Sick and in the Spirit of Eucharistic Revival, we will have an Hour of Grace on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of February (on the 9<sup>th</sup>) at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. **Come, let us pray for healing for the sick from Jesus in the Eucharist.**

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### Palms

Please bring your previous year (s) blessed palms to church. These palms will become *this year's ashes* to be distributed on Ash Wednesday.

### Last Week's Collection:

Identified checks: \$750

Identified cash: \$100

Loose checks: \$2930

Unidentified Cash: \$872

ACH Direct Debit: \$110

Egiving: \$705

Spanish Collection: \$858

**TOTAL: \$6325**

### 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!



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

Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13  
Ps 146:6-10  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12a

**Monday January 30**  
Hebrews 11:32-40  
Ps 31:20-24  
Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday January 31**  
**St. John Bosco**  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Ps 22:26b-28,30-32  
Mark 5:21-43

**Wednesday February 1**  
Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15  
Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a  
Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday February 2**  
**Presentation of the Lord**  
Malachi 3:1-4  
Ps 24:7-10  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

**Friday February 3**  
**St. Blase**  
Hebrews 13:1-8  
Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9  
Mark 6:14-29

**Saturday February 4**  
Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21  
Ps 23:1-6  
Mark 6:30-34

In the Gospel reading this Sunday, we get a glimpse of our own sainthood. The eight Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12 describe the holiness of those who imitate Jesus. The first four deal with our relationship with God; the last four deal with our relationships with others.

How can we call ourselves saints? Remember that you are a saint, as imperfect as you are at this time on your journey, because God has sanctified you through your baptism, thanks to what Jesus did for you on the cross. This means that he has blessed you. And blessed are you because you love as Jesus loves.

Everything that God blesses is made holy! Therefore, any person who lives the lifestyle of the Beatitudes (which is the lifestyle of Jesus) is blessed by God and can rightfully be called a saint: the poor in spirit who recognize that they need God's love, those who mourn and turn to the Holy Spirit for comfort, those who meekly (i.e., with-

out arrogance) stand up for what is right because they love God, and so on down the list of beatitudes. Meditate on each blessing and notice your sainthood AND the challenge to become more saintly by improving how well you imitate Jesus.

The Church canonizes Saints (which we signify with a capital "S") so that we have role models. Even though we've not reached their level of holiness, we belong to



the same communion of saints. A saint is anyone who is following Christ toward heaven, with or without a lay-over in purgatory. As we strive to improve, we can ask the Saints for help and receive their spiritual guidance.

### Reflect & Discuss:

† Looking over the list of the Beatitudes, which do you implement best?

† Which do you need to improve?

† Which one do you find least desirable? Why? Discuss this with a Christian friend, priest, counselor or spiritual director to figure out how this weakness is really based on a misunderstanding of God's love for you. Then you will be set free to grow in this area of holiness!

† How do you avail yourself of help from the Saints?

† How does this enable you to grow in holiness? Give an example.

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### Candlemas (February 2)

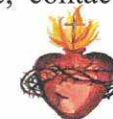
Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687-701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb *candere* ("to shine") and from which also come the words candelabra and candlestick. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25-38).

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## CHAPTER THREE

### ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

#### I. THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

##### Mary- 'Blessed is she who believed'

Throughout her life and until her last ordeal when Jesus her son died on the cross, Mary's faith never wavered. She never ceased to believe in the fulfillment of God's word. And so the Church venerates in Mary the purest realization of faith.

#149 CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ST. CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA

St. Clement of Alexandria studied under Pantaeus. He later succeeded him as the director of the school of catechumens in Alexandria, Egypt around the year 200 A.D.,

"The Blood of the Lord, indeed, is twofold. There is His corporeal Blood, by which we are redeemed from corruption; and His spiritual Blood, that with which we are anointed. That is to say, to drink the Blood of Jesus is to share in His immortality. The strength of the Word is the Spirit just as the blood is the strength of the body. Similarly, as wine is blended with water, so is the Spirit with man. The one, the Watered Wine, nourishes in faith, while the other, the Spirit, leads us on to immortality. The union of both, however, - of the drink and of the Word, - is called the Eucharist, a praiseworthy and excellent gift. Those who partake of it in faith are sanctified in body and in soul. By the will of the Father, the divine mixture, man, is mystically united to the Spirit and to the Word."

-"The Instructor of the Children". [2,2,19,4] ante 202 A.D.,

"The Word is everything to a child: both Father and Mother, both Instructor and Nurse. 'Eat My Flesh,' He says, 'and drink My Blood.' The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutrients. He delivers over His Flesh, and pours out His Blood; and nothing is lacking for the growth of His children. O incredible mystery!",

-"The Instructor of the Children" [1,6,41,3] ante 202 A.D.,

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

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