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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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amen I say to you,
until heaven and
earth pass away,
not the smallest
letter or the
smallest part of
a letter will pass
from the law.

Matthew 5:18

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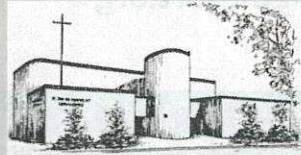
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If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner"

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS: 7am, 12:00pm & 6pm

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

Grief & Loss Support Group 1st Tuesday (Mar 7) 4 PM

K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday (Feb 15 - 6:30 PM

Young at Heart: Feb 16th in Presentation Hall at 12 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 am

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Linda Eschler, Denise Maxwell, Andrew Sanders, Feb 11
Tony Sauro, Feb 13
Debbie Masterson, Pauline Mensi, Feb 15
Margie Dedeaux, Feb 16
Ruth Ames, Ron Farrow, Feb 17

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

Congratulations to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

David & Ellen Robinson 35 yrs Feb 14

May God bless them with many more
happy years together!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day;
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the
Servite Order
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

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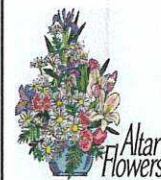
✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	4:00 PM	✠ Kris Allen
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠ Dorian Callum
		✠ Charlie Underwood
		✠ Mary Ann Bishop
		✠ Carolyn Fayard
		✠ Vincent & Helen Dauro
		✠ Loyce Hire
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
		✠ Skip Ryland
Monday:	5:00 PM	✠ Margaret Bayhi
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayard
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Kris Allen
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠ Charlie Underwood
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠ Charlie Underwood



The flowers were placed on the altar this weekend by Rita Bailey in memory of her mother Loyce Hire

PRESIDENTIAL GARDENING

After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow.

—Abraham Lincoln

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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: \$5895.00
Identified cash \$125.00
Unidentified Cash: \$730.00
ACH Direct Debit: \$2160.00
Egiving: \$690.00
Spanish Collection: \$730.00

TOTAL: \$10248.00

2nd Collection: Heralds of Good News
Mission in India: \$2491.00

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/stjohngulfpport>.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday February 12
Sirach 15:15-20
Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,
33-34(1b)
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

The Jewish religious authorities of Jesus' day were often literalists in their interpretation of the Law of God. Jesus, however, gave a deeper meaning to the Law. He placed his focus on the *goal* of the Law: Love.

Monday February 13
Genesis 4:1-15, 25
Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21
Mark 8:11-13

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains that we fail to fulfill the Law when our so-called obedience isn't motivated by love.

Tuesday February 14
Sts. Cyril and Methodius
Genesis 6:5-8;7:1-5,10
Ps 29:1-2,3ac-4,3b,9c-10
Mark 8:14-21

Jesus completely fulfilled the true meaning of the Law. In doing so, he took upon himself our disobedience and died for us in the most generous gift of love.

Wednesday February 15
Genesis 8:6-13,20-22
Ps 116:12-15,18-19
Mark 8:22-26

As his followers, we also are to be generous with love. Obeying all the commandments – truly obeying them – requires loving God with our whole heart, all the time, and loving others as ourselves.

Thursday February 16
Genesis 9:1-13
Ps 102:16-21,29,22-23
Mark 8:27-33

Jesus explains how to transform literal interpretations of God's laws into the Law of Love. In each example, he shows that we are to choose the most loving approach to every problem, no matter how difficult.

Friday February 17
Genesis 11:1-9
Ps 33:10-15
Mark 8:34 – 9:1

His first topic is anger: Sinful anger is judgmental and we are judged by this sin. Jesus provides the remedy: Go and do whatever is necessary to be reconciled. This, he points out, is even

Saturday February 18
Hebrews 11:1-7
Ps 145:2-5,10-11
Mark 9:2-13

more important than worshipping God. How genuine can our worship be if anger has replaced love in our hearts, since God is love?

Another example is lust, which is a counterfeit of love because it treats others as objects. And divorce from a valid marriage is a failure to love as Christ loves, who taught that love makes sacrifices and endures hardships. Remarriage, he says, furthers the sin because it's unloving to the spouse of the original union.

Jesus extends this teaching to every area of life. Breaking an oath is unloving. Lying and never intending to keep the commitment is unloving. In fact, the entire Sermon on the Mount,



of which this Gospel reading is a part, explains how to love.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Were you ever treated unlovingly because of another person's legalism? How did that experience hide the true nature of Jesus?
- † What habits do you have that are unloving toward yourself? How do they affect others?
- † Recall a time when someone treated you unfairly but you responded with an act of love. How difficult was it to give that love? What were the results?
- † Name common ways that Christians fail to obey God. What did Jesus do to make up for those failures? For example, how do you suppose Jesus treats unborn babies who've been aborted or miscarried?

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

On February 17 we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilus, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit—prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17th, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders. Brother Alexis died at the age of 110.

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"Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, '**Take, eat; this is my body.**' And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, '**Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**'" (Matthew 26:26-28)

CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

I. "I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED"

To believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God

For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his "beloved Son," in whom the Father is "well pleased"; God tells us to listen to him. The Lord himself said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me." We can believe in Jesus Christ because he is himself God, the Word made flesh: "No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known." Because he "has seen the Father," Jesus Christ is the only one who knows him and can reveal him.

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"Let us be assured that this is not what nature formed, but what the blessing consecrated, and that greater efficacy resides in the blessing than in nature, for by the blessing nature is changed... Surely the word of Christ, which could make out of nothing that which did not exist, can change things already in existence into what they were not. For it is no less extraordinary to give things new natures than to change their natures... Christ is in that Sacrament, because it is the Body of Christ; yet, it is not on that account corporeal food, but spiritual. Whence also His Apostle says of the type: 'For our fathers ate spiritual food and drink spiritual drink.' [1 Cor. 10:2-4] For the body of God is a spiritual body."

-"On the Mysteries" 9, 50-52, 58; 391 A.D.

"Thus, every soul which receives the bread which comes down from heaven is a house of bread, the bread of Christ, being nourished and having its heart strengthened by the support of the heavenly bread which dwells within it."

-"Letter to Horontianus" circa 387 A.D.

COUPLES DATE NIGHT

A Special Valentine's Evening



Married and engaged couples, please join us in our St. John's Couples Ministry. The next gathering is on Valentine's Day...February 14, 2023 from 6pm to 8pm in Presentation Hall. We will be celebrating love and marital commitment with a delicious meal, games, and prizes.

RSVP! So that the Facilitators will know how much food to order, please sign up on the sheet provided in the church, through the Couples Ministry Group Me app, or text or call Debbie Masterson at (404) 660-9859.