

# 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 AM & 12 PM

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

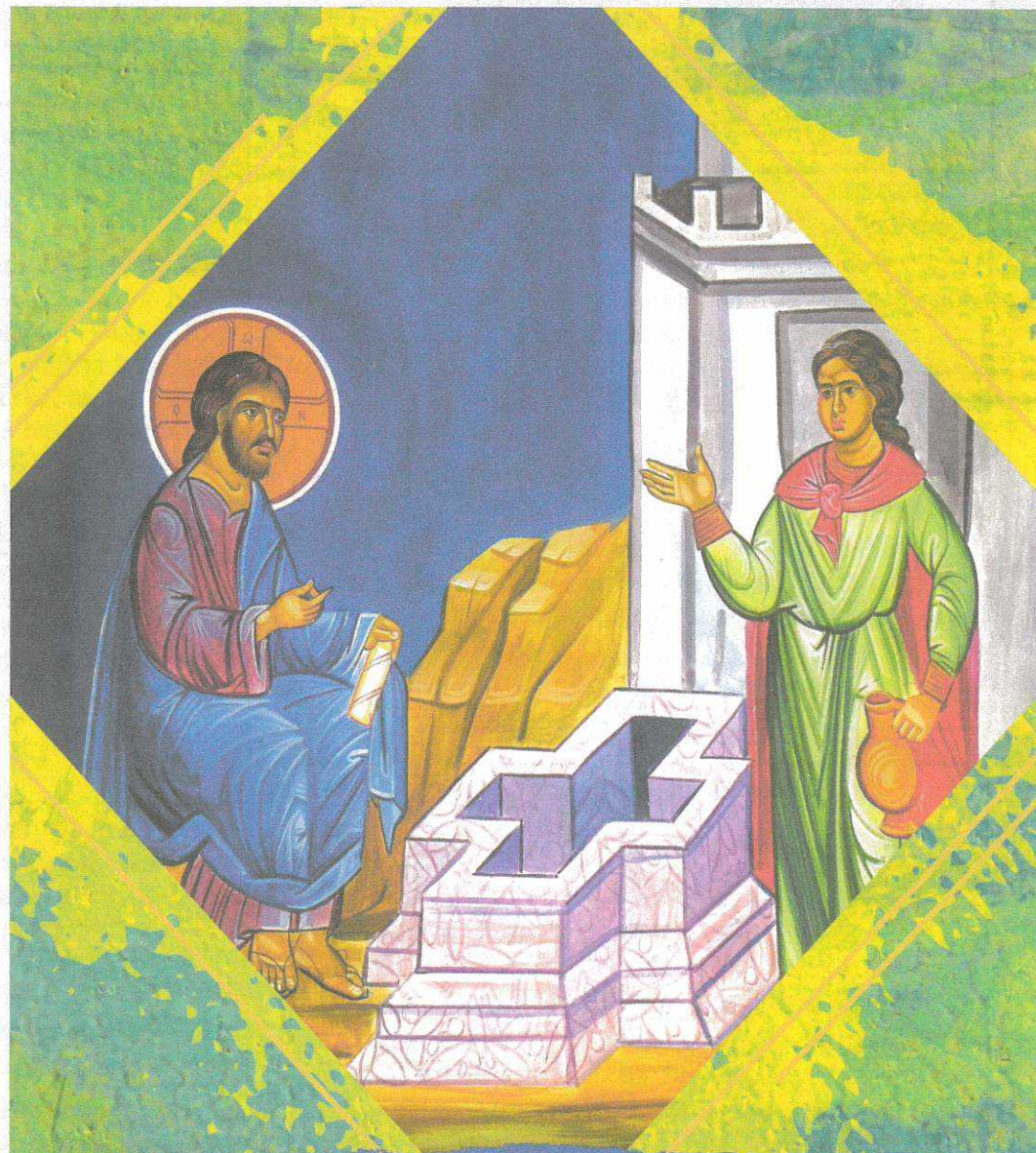
Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

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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 [stjohnsgulfport.org](http://stjohnsgulfport.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

**Daily Mass Times Lent: 7am & 12:00 noon**

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

**Grief & Loss Support Group** 1st Tuesday (Apr 4) 4 PM

**K C Ladies Auxiliary:** 3rd Tuesday (Mar 21 - 6:30 PM)

**Young at Heart:** Mar 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 Sharing Appeal

The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have 5 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese. We are also blessed to have 19 retired priests that continue to help minister to the 56,000 Catholics in South Mississippi. Your gift to the 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal directly aids in the formation, education, and care of all of these men. Will you please consider a generous gift to the 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal in support of our future and retired priests? Your gift of prayer and financial support ensures that we will continue to help the mission of the Church in a real way. Pledge envelopes are in the back of the church. Thank You!

Bishop Louis Kihneman III

## Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Mike Quigley, Mar 12

Lyndon Ladner, Joseph Symmes, Mar 13

Ed Martin, Mar 14

Fen Morgan, Mar 15

Mary & Julio Cartagena, Mar 16

Richard Salloum, Mar 17

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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— Father John Muir

## ✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	✠ Genevieve Verin & Anthony Grandis
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	✠ Kendall Dedeaux ✠ Anthony Verin Davis ✠ Mary Ann Bishop ✠ Carolyn Fayard ✠ Helen & Vincent Dauro
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	People of the Parish Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	✠ Vincente Nguyen Van Hien
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Margaret Norton
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayare
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Gay Ann Ramon
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	✠ Joe Romano
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Anna Schiffner
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	✠ Dina Forbes
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Carolyn Fayard
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	✠ Mary Ann Bishop
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Emily Webber
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	✠ Mary Ann Bishop

## Young at Heart

We invite our senior parishioners to join us for our monthly luncheon on Mar 16 in Presentation Hall. A main dish will be provided, but please consider bringing a side dish or a desert. We will have Bingo-fun and fellowship. For more information call the parish office. Please join us and also invite your friends and neighbors !!



## Looking for Volunteers

Notre Dame Hospice is looking for Volunteers to serve in their Mississippi Church Parishes. Volunteers can provide caregiver relief, companionship for patients, run errands, play music, prepare a meal and offer whatever talents our volunteers would like to share. Hospice volunteers do not need any medical experience as they do not handle patients. If you are interested or would like more information please contact: Janine Bonner, Volunteer Coordinator at 504-418-1049. Our Mississippi office is in Diamondhead, MS. We need volunteers in the Biloxi, Diamondhead, Gulfport, Long Beach -Pass Christian and the Ocean Springs areas. The amount of time that you wish to volunteer is up to you. Thank you.

## Last Week's Collection

Identified checks: \$2125.00  
Identified cash \$492.00

Loose Checks: \$2385.00  
Loose Cash: \$769.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$2160.00  
Egiving: \$990.15

**TOTAL: \$ 8921.00**

**2nd Collection Church Renovations: \$2465.00**



## Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

**Andrew & Nancy McMahon 36 yrs Mar 14**

**Dick & Sally Bartlett 50 yrs, Mar 17**

*May God bless them with many more*

*happy years together!*

## 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/stjohnsgulfport>.



## 3rd Sunday of Lent

**Sunday March 12**  
Ex 17:3-7  
Ps 95:1-2,6-9  
Romans 5:1-2,5-8  
John 4:5-42

**Monday March 13**  
2 Kings 5:1-15b  
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4  
Luke 4:24-30

**Tuesday March 14**  
Daniel 3:25,34-43  
Ps 25:4-5ab,6,7bc,8-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

**Wednesday March 15**  
Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9  
Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20  
Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday March 16**  
Jeremiah 7:23-28  
Ps 95:1-2,6-9  
Luke 11:14-23

**Friday March 17**  
Hos 14:2-10  
Ps 81:6c-11ab,14,17  
Mark 12:28-34

**Saturday March 18**  
Hos 6:1-6  
Ps 51:3-4,18-21ab  
Luke 18:9-14

What do you thirst for? Thirst happens when we lack something vital. Water is essential for survival, and our bodies signal us when it's time to drink fluids to stay healthy.

Likewise, water is necessary for our spiritual survival, albeit a different sort of water – the living water, which we first received from the baptismal water that purifies us for eternal life.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. One of the biblical symbols that represents the presence of God's Spirit is life-giving water. Therefore, we can surmise that Jesus wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman. Why? It would still be a while before the Holy Spirit descended upon everyone at Pentecost.

She needed the truth; the Holy Spirit is Truth, and Jesus wanted to give her what she needed for salvation and then share this new life with the people around her.

We only get thirsty when we haven't had enough to drink. Spiritual thirst shows itself in many forms: addictions, loneliness, despair, frustration, self-indulgence, or any other feeling or behavior that's triggered when we lack something that we need or want. And why would we lack anything spiritually? Because, like the woman at the well, we sometimes fail to realize that Christ is with us. We need to receive a spiritual healing.

How does God give us this healing? He pours his love into us with all sufficiency, but to drink of it, we have to listen openly, like that woman, ready to be changed by the truth.



### Reflect & Discuss:

- † In the first reading, why did a physical thirst turn into a sin? How does this happen today?
- † In Romans 5, grace and hope are mentioned as gifts we receive when we have been "justified by faith" (i.e., when we've repented of our sins and sought forgiveness). How do grace and hope quench our thirsts? How do they help us resist sin?
- † The woman at the well eagerly received what Jesus said. Even though he confronted her about her sins, she drank it all in and then, without shame, excitedly told others about her encounter with the Messiah. What need was filled by the truth? What does this teach about how we can help others hear the truth?

### Lenten Activity:

What sin or unhealthy habit do you need to overcome so that Jesus is free to quench your thirsts? What will you do this week to hand it over to Christ?

## Easter

### Question:

Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

### Answer:

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. ©LPI

### CHAPTER THREE

#### ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

#### III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH

##### Faith is a human act

Even in human relations it is not contrary to our dignity to believe what other persons tell us about themselves and their intentions or to trust their promises (for example, when a man and a woman marry) to share a communion of life with one another. If this is so, still less is it contrary to our dignity to 'yield by faith the full submission of ...intellect and will to God who reveals, "and to share in an interior communion with him.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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