

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

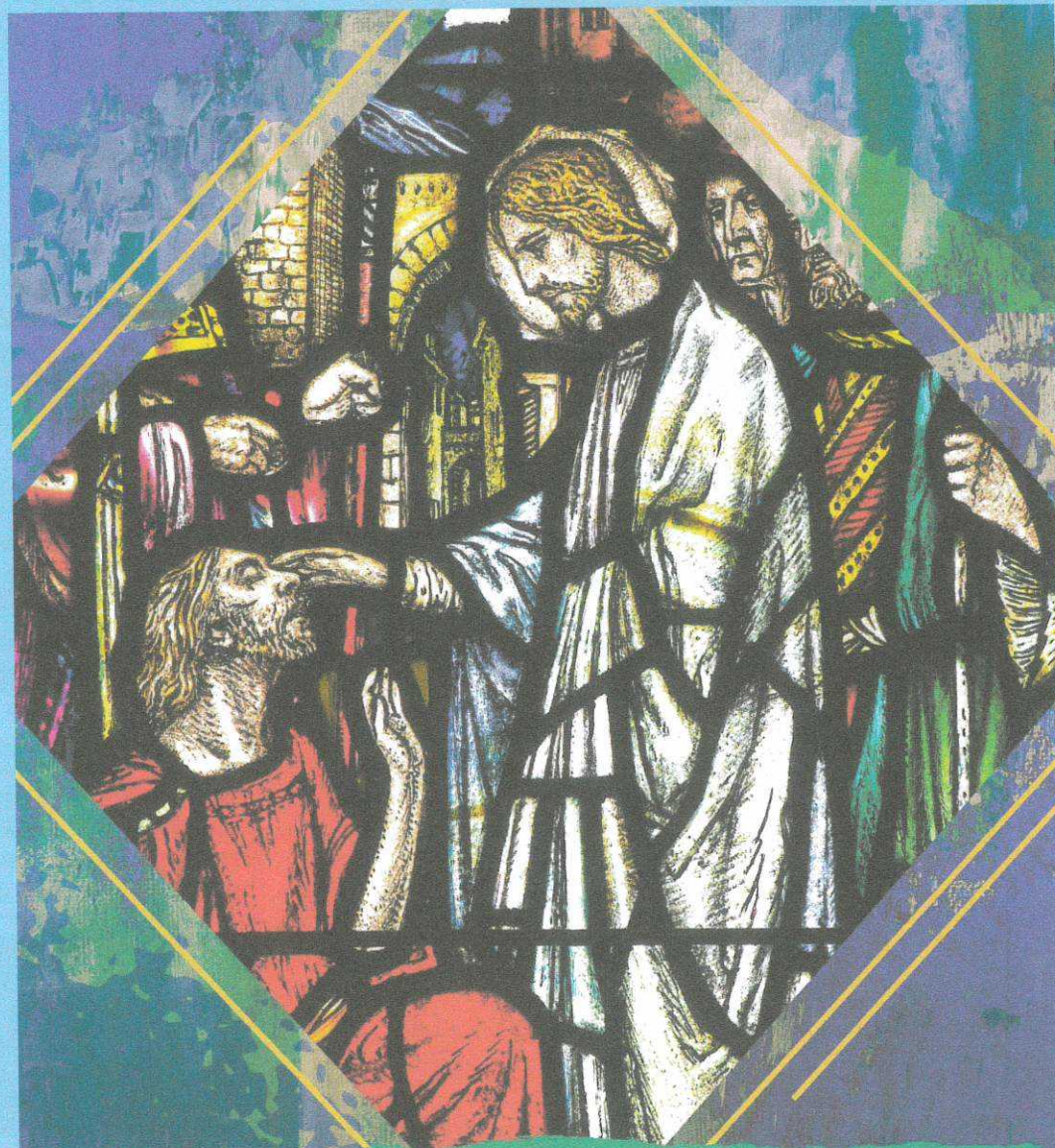
Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

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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.

Penance Service

St. John's Penance service will be at 6:00 PM March 27th. Six (6) priests will be available to provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation (to hear your confession).

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: Apr 20 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 Gospel today reminds us that in our humility, we open ourselves up to a deeper relationship with the Lord and reveal our complete dependence on Him and His grace. When we help others who are on the margins of our society, we act in humility by acknowledging everything we have is a blessing from God, and we are called to share them with others. Our Catholic Sharing Appeal is a great way to help those in most need in our communities. Please consider a gift of any amount.

Bishop Louis Kihneman III

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Bennett Papania, 03/19

Naomi Patton, 03/21

Brooke Papania, Mary Repp, 03/23

Lauren Ward, Kristi Wittman 03/23

May God grant them many blessings

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Not As Man Sees

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

"Not as man sees does God see." — 1 Samuel 16:7

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	4:00 PM	✠ Kris Allen
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠ Kendall Dedeaux ✠ Loyce & Corky Hire ✠ Mary Ann Bishop ✠ Carolyn Fayard
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
Monday:	5:00 PM	✠ Maria Nguyen Ngoc dien
	7:00 AM	✠ Shawn Dubuisson
	12:00 PM	✠ Anthony Verin Davis
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Mike Barfield
	12:00 PM	✠ Lili Collins
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Isabel Hagger
	12:00 PM	✠ Brian Collins
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠ Mackie Fayard
	12:00 PM	✠ Kris Allen
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠ Alex North
	12:00 PM	✠ Linzi Smart

Awake, O Sleeper...
and Christ will give you light.

EPHESIANS 5:14

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>.

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The Disciple Maker Index (DMI)

Great news! The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey at St. John the Evangelist (Gulfport) has officially launched. Thank you for all of your hard work in setting this project up for success. As a reminder, here is the link to your parish's survey: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/gxbt1g>. Now that the survey is live, you can log in to the [CLI Portal](#) to view daily response counts.

You can also go our St. John's Facebook page to easily access/participate in this survey using the link provided. Thank you

Last Week's Collection:

Identified checks: \$ 1960.00
 Identified cash \$ 139.00

Loose Checks: \$2795.00
 Loose Cash: \$890.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$110.00
 Egiving: \$336.75
 Spanish Collection: \$718.00

Total: \$6948.75

Thank you for your generosity!

4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 19
1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
Ps 23:1-6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Monday March 20
JOSEPH,
HUSBAND OF MARY
2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16
Ps 89:2-5,27,29
Romans 4:13,16-18,22
Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a or
Luke 2:41-51a

Tuesday March 21
Ezra 47:1-9,12
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday March 22
Isaiah 49:8-15
Ps 145:8-9,13cd-14,17-18
John 5:17-30

Thursday March 23
Ex 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-23
John 5:31-47

Friday March 24
Wisdom 2:1a,12-22
Ps 34:17-21,23
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday March 25
ANNUNCIATION
OF THE LORD
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Conversion is a process. The blind man in the Gospel reading exemplifies this journey into faith. Notice that at first he did not go to Jesus. Jesus came to him. The man responded by waiting to see what would happen and then by obeying Jesus.

Conversion begins when Jesus seeks us out and we make ourselves available to his touch. He then opens our eyes to the truth, but we don't immediately understand.

When the man's neighbors asked about his cure, he did not yet understand who Jesus was; he thought of him as just a man.

Then, the pressure of listening to the Pharisees argue about who Jesus was caused him to give it more thought. He concluded that Jesus must be a prophet.

As the Pharisees treated him more roughly and raised the possibility of expelling him from the synagogue if he claimed that Jesus was the Christ, he began to wonder whether it might be true. Their reasons for hating Jesus became the eye-openers that cured his spiritual blindness.

Finally, Jesus sought him out again, this time to minister to him in response to the mistreatment he had suffered from the Pharisees. In this act of caring, the man could see who Jesus really was. Conversion – the purification of our spiritual vision – takes place in the fire of our sufferings as we recognize the concern that God has for us.



Reflect & Discuss:

† In the first reading, God makes it clear that he sees what we cannot see when we're focused on external evidence. Think of a time when you looked deeper or beyond the obvious. How did that change you?

† In Ephesians 5, we read that we have become light in the Lord. Name some of the good fruits that come from the ability to see what Jesus is doing in your life.

† The Gospel reading illustrates that those who think they can see the truth are very often blind, and those who acknowledge their blindness become able to see clearly. Why does this happen? How has it happened to you?

Lenten Activity:

Name areas of your life where there is confusion from a lack of understanding. Perhaps you're having a hard time seeing the good in someone. Maybe you're worried about the future. What will you do this week that will help you see it from God's perspective?

Daily Faith

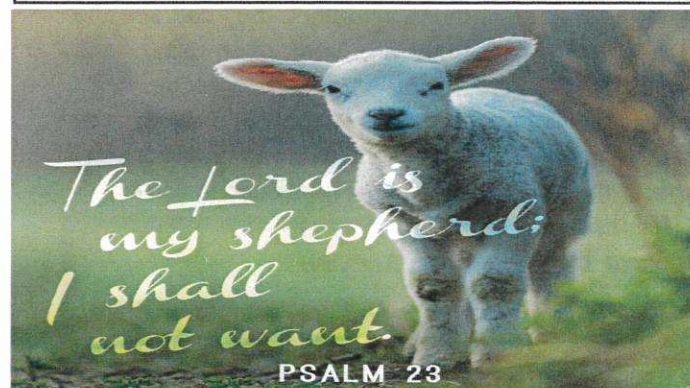
Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people. ©LPi



CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH

Faith is a human act

In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace: 'Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace.'

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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