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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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May 14, 2023



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."
- Jn 14:20-21

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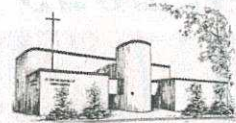
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Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here! To learn more about St. John, please 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

Office hours are Monday thru Friday: 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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MARY IS THE MOTHER WHO WATCHES OVER US, HER CHILDREN, ON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE, OFTEN WEARY AND IN NEED, ANXIOUS THAT THE LIGHT OF HOPE NOT FAIL.

CHRISTUS VIVIT, NO. 48



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 6:30 PM
Grief & Loss Support Group 1st Tuesday (June 6) 4 PM
K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday (May 16- 6:30 PM)
Young at Heart: May 18 in Presentation Hall at 12 pm
Legion of Mary: Every Thursday - 10:30 A
Couples Date Night: June 29th, 6-8 pm

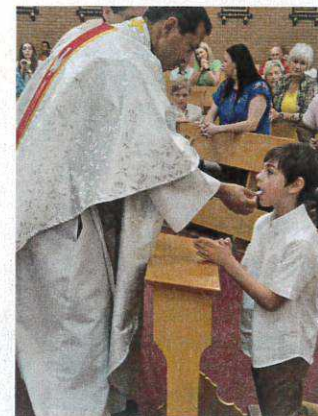
Congratulations to our First Communion children! May God richly bless them all!



Levi Treadgill



Abigail Williams



Daniel Myer

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Ed Martin	Shirley Caston	John Cuevas
Peggy Ryland	Ernie Brown	David McGuffie
Werner Huber	Dean Bowles	Wendel Johnson
Betty Martin	Beverly Crawford	Cathy Bond
Suzanne King	Diane Riel	Meredith Kajdan
Buddy Cospelich	Jordan Hoang	Joann Hoda
Brileigh Dunn	Kim Hoang	
Camela Fant	George Balhofs	Parishioners of
Amy Elizabeth Wheeler	Ronnie Wade	St. John the
Harvey Young	Vicky Tiner	Evangelist
Suzanne Bowles	Roberta Hill	
	Paul Fair	

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Adolph Tolentino, Marahlyn Smith, May 14
 Nicholas Papania, Beverly Rowell, Jada Vierling, May 15
 Ann Wiborg, May 16
 Joe Tramuta, May 17

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

Congratulations
to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Mike & Dean Craft 52 yrs, May 15

Billy & Alicia Frommeyer 27 yrs, May 18

May God bless them with many more
happy years together!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	4:00 PM	✠ Kris Allen
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠ Charlie Underwood
		✠ S. Marengo
		✠ Mary Ann Bishop
		✠ Celeste Hewes
		✠ Iris Cooper
		✠ Kendall Dedeaux
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
Monday:	5:00 PM	✠ Margaret Norton
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Shawn Dubuisson
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠(special intention Ann Wiborg BD)
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠ Kris Allen
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠ Harold & Loretta Dubuisson
		✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayard

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Thank You

St John Catholic Church would like to thank Peggy Saxon for her generous donation of a beautiful baby grand piano in memory of her husband Ken.

Carolyn Fayard Endowment to St. John Catholic Church

On behalf of the St John Catholic Church family, we want to thank our friend, Carolyn Fayard, devoted life-long parishioner who gave countless hours to the alter Society and other activities. She passed away on January 19th 2023 and to her beloved St. John Catholic Church she generously bequeathed an investment fund of \$130,000.

St John the Evangelist St Vincent de Paul Society would like to express our deep appreciation to Owen Mossy, owner of Mossy Nissan, for his generous donations to our SVDP kitchen.

Last Week's Collection:

Identified checks: \$2375.00
 Identified cash: \$366.00

Loose Checks: \$2135.00
 Loose Cash: \$959.25

ACH Direct Debit: \$2160.00
 Egiving: \$516.75

Spanish Collection: \$835.00

Total: \$9347.00

Church Renovation: \$9118.00

Thank you for your generosity!

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 14

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Monday May 15

Acts 16:11-15
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday May 16

Acts 16:22-34
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday May 17

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Ps 148:1-2, 11-14
John 16:12-15

Thursday May 18

Acts 18:1-8
Ps 98:1-4
John 16:16-20

Friday May 19

Acts 18:9-18
Ps 47:2-7
John 16:20-23

Saturday May 20

Acts 18:23-28
Ps 47:2-3, 8-10
John 16:23b-28

our consciences, seek reconciliation with God for our sins during the Penance Rite at Mass or in the Sacrament of Confession, and strive to improve, then Jesus says to us what he said to other sinners: "I do not condemn you; go and sin no more."

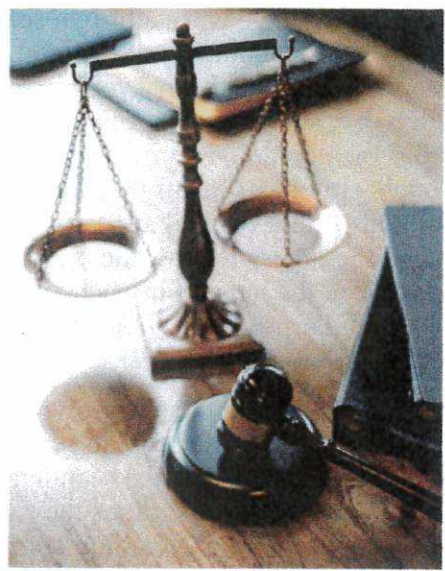
Don't you sometimes wish Jesus would come physically to your rescue when you're misjudged? He said that he will not leave us orphaned – his Holy Spirit will always be with us when

In John 14:15-21, Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit is our "Advocate". Some scholars translate the word to "Counselor". In the original Greek, it means "called alongside". It's closely related to the verb "parakaleo" ("to call" or "summon") from which we get "Paraclete" as a name for the Holy Spirit. It referred to a legal assistant, a courtroom advocate.

Jesus is telling us that the Holy Spirit is our legal assistant when we're falsely accused, misjudged, or wrongly condemned.

Notice that Jesus refers to our Advocate as the "Spirit of Truth". No matter what other people think about us, no matter what wrong things they say about us, no matter what opinions they have of us, God always knows the truth. And the truth that sets us free from their bad attitudes is this: It's only God's opinion that really matters. And his opinion of us is better than we think it is!

We judge ourselves more harshly than we should, and this is why we worry so much about how others are judging us. If we honestly examine



we need to be defended, telling us the truth about our goodness.

Even when we sin, the Spirit of Truth defends us to our heavenly Judge: "Look, this precious child really does want to be holy." To us, the Spirit says, "Let me teach you how to grow in holiness and avoid this sin." And to others, the Spirit says: "If you love me, love this good friend of mine."

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How have you been unjustly accused and unfairly judged? Imagine what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Father about that. And to those who condemned you. And what is he saying to you about you?
- † Describe a time when God defended you. How did the Advocate manifest his help?
- † Who learned more from it: you or your accusers?

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Weirdly Christian

For some time, I have worn a brown scapular. If you don't know much about this devotional practice, here is a very quick-and-dirty version, greatly lacking in detail: it's two little pieces of brown cloth, connected by a cord and worn around the neck beneath one's clothing. One of the cloth pieces depicts Our Lady of Mount Carmel appearing to St. Simon Stock, and the other piece — the one that is sometimes visible at the nape of my neck — depicts Our Lady's "scapular promise:" *Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.*

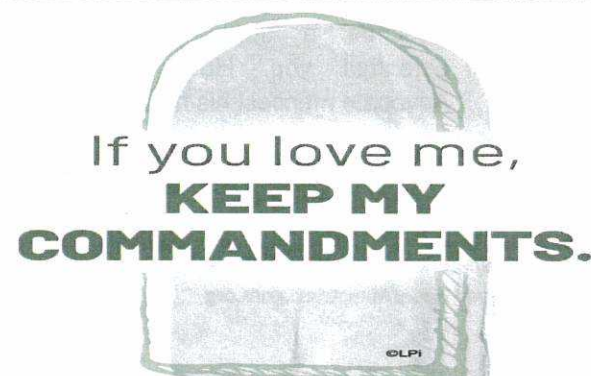
This reflection is not about the brown scapular, but let me just quickly say that, while I believe the scapular promise, I do not view the scapular as a get-out-of-jail-free card, and neither does the Church. I don't wear it for the purpose of avoiding eternal fire. I wear it as a reminder to myself of my Marian consecration and as an act of humility and prayer.

I have sometimes cringed at the thought of how it looks to the person standing behind me in line at the coffee shop, should they happen to glimpse my scapular and read its brazen promise. We don't go in for talk of hellfire and salvation in polite society these days. I wonder if they think I'm a crazy person. I wonder if I should try to tuck the scapular back down below my collar.

Sometimes I do. But more often than not, I take a deep breath and decide that it's okay for me to feel self-conscious and trust that, if God wants to use this moment for His glory, he will — and if He doesn't, all I've lost is the esteem of others, which isn't worth that much to begin with.

I've always heard it said that if you do Christianity right, the rest of the world should think you're just a little bit weird.

"...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." — John 14:17



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May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, **"I will not leave you orphans."** God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

— Father John Muir

CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH

Faith and understanding

"...God cannot deny himself, nor can truth ever contradict truth." "Consequently, methodical research in all branches of knowledge, provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never conflict with the faith, because the things of the world and the things of faith derive from the same God."

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