

St. John the Evangelist

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June 11, 2023

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David Ames

Knights of Columbus

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

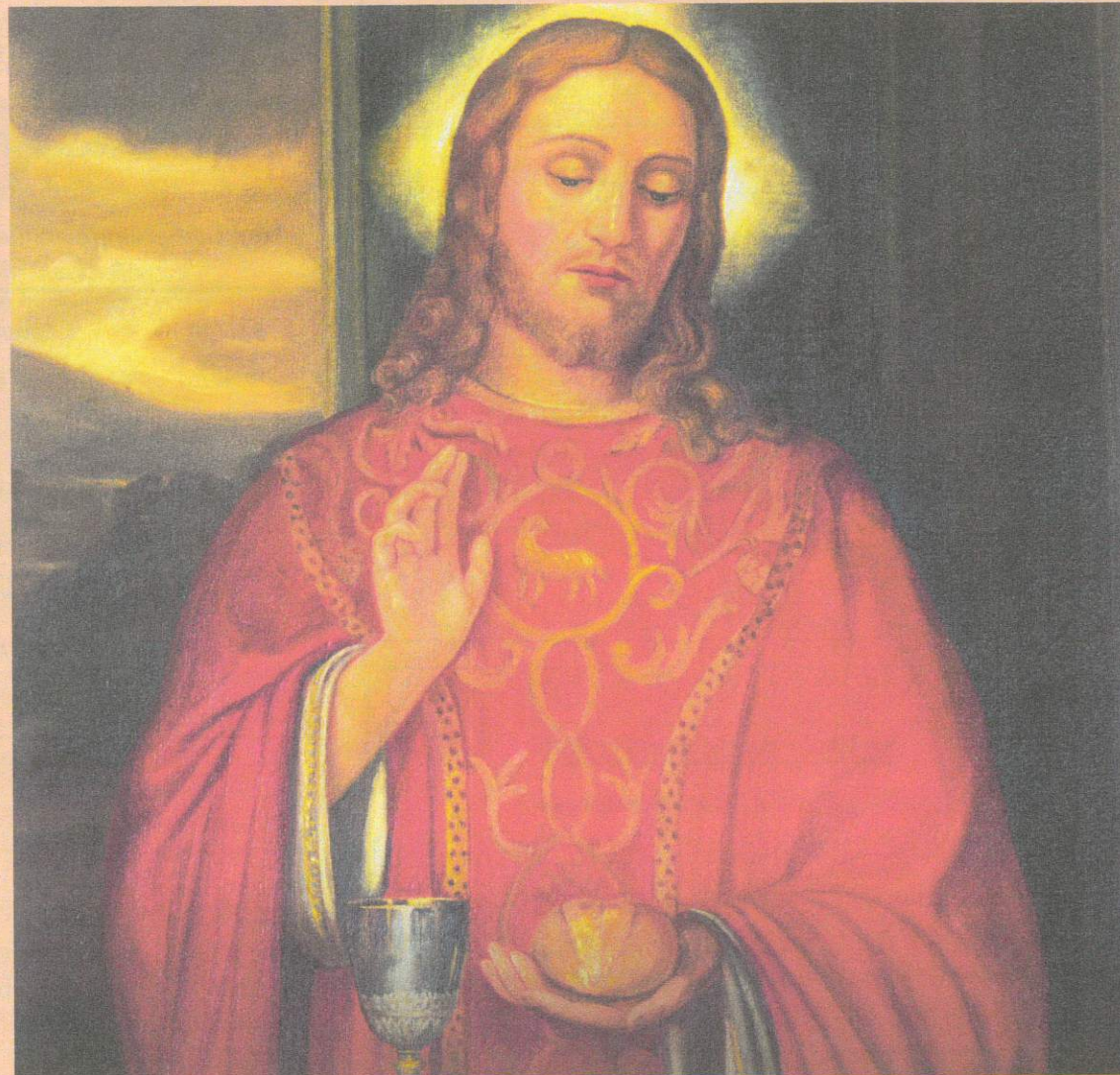
7 AM - 5 PM

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



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." - Jn 6:56

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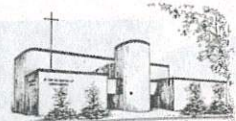
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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 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.
Office phone number: 228-864-2272

WELCOME FR PETER VARGHESE



We would like to welcome Fr. Peter Varghese to St John the Evangelist Parish. He will be with us for the short interval from June 15th to July 4th.



WELCOME LUNCHEON

For Fr. Mike Sommers

There will be a welcome luncheon on Aug 6th following the 10:30 am Mass in Presentation Hall to welcome our new pastor, Fr Mike Sommers. All are welcome to join us in greeting him. More information to follow.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

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

Grief & Loss Support Group 1st Tuesday (July 11) 4 PM

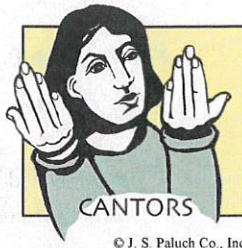
K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday (June 20- 6:30 PM)

Legion of Mary: Every Thursday - 10:30 AM

Cantor needed

We are seeking a cantor (song leader) for the 4pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Angela Dauro, June 10

Jamie Sauro, Austin Dossett, Emily Del Vecchio, June 11

Thomas Graves, Stephen Papania, June 14

Kathy Pitre, June 16

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin & Lea Johnson, 21yrs, on June 15

Carl & Mary Ann Necaie, 55 yrs on June 15

Gil & Rita Bailey 44 yrs on June 16

May God bless them with many more

happy years together!

NEW WINE

The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi will again offer a 3-year program called "New Wine" beginning in September 2020.

Who should participate?: This ministry formation program is for people who want *a basic foundation in theology and pastoral skills or who seek to be leaders in ministry.*

Deadline for Registration has been extended to Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

See the brochure in the back of the church or visit the Biloxi Diocese website for more information. Biloxidiocese.org

Deacon David Allen on or before July 21, 2023.

† Hear Us and Heal Us †

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	4:00 PM	† Glen Carter
Sunday	8:00 AM	† Loyce & Corky Hire
		† Mary Ann Bishop
		† John Windham
		†
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
	5:00 PM	† Emily Webber
Monday:	7:00 AM	† Ward Faulk, Jr.
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	† Cathy Miller
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	† Mackie & Carolyn Fayard
Thursday:	7:00 AM	† Holcomb Hector
Friday:	7:00 AM	† Guy & Elizabeth Casper

SACRED HEART FEAST DAY

The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is Friday the 16th. Mass at 7am followed by one hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

St John Parishioners Home Enthronements

"Welcome the presence of the Heart of Christ, entrusting your home to Him...Seek to draw from this open heart the saving and healing love that is so necessary for families today...in order to build a civilizations of love"—*St. John Paul II*

For more information about the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home, contact the parish office at 228-864-2272.



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Last Week's Collection:

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Loose Checks: \$1515.00

Loose Cash: \$1379.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$2160.00

Egiving: \$591.75

Spanish Collection: \$723.00

Total: \$8950.75

Church Renovation: 2590.00

Thank you for your generosity!

2nd Collection Next Week

The 2nd Collection next will be for the Diocesan Priests' Supplemental Retirement Fund.



The flowers were placed on the altar this weekend by Carl & Mary Ann Necaie in celebration of their anniversary.

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>.

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Sunday June 11

Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a
Ps 147:12-15,19-20 (12)
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

This Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the reason why we believe it is truly and physically the presence of Jesus.

Monday June 12

2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Ps 34:2-9
Matthew 5:1-12

In the first reading, we're reminded that God always provides the food and drink we need for survival in the desert days of life's hardships.

Tuesday June 13

St. Anthony of Padua
2 Corinthians 1:12-22
Ps 119:129-133,135
Matthew 5:13-16

What he did for the Israelites, he does for us whenever we experience hot trials and dry faith. He provides what we need by giving us the True Presence of Christ, who comes to us in the bread of Mass (the Eucharist), and in the presence of his Holy Spirit dwelling within us (Baptism and Confirmation), and in the priest whose ordination makes Jesus present to us in Confession.

Thursday June 15

2 Cor 3:15 – 4:1,3-6
Ps 85:9ab,10-14
Matthew 5:20-26

The Gospel passage tells us that the Eucharistic food and drink are truly Jesus himself, not a mere symbol of his love. Oh-me oh-my, how we need this food and drink to survive the serpents and scorpions and the parched and waterless ground of our desert experiences! Jesus literally fills us and quenches our thirsts. As we consume him, he consumes us. As we draw him into us, he draws us into himself. In this unity, we walk through our trials with all that we need for success.

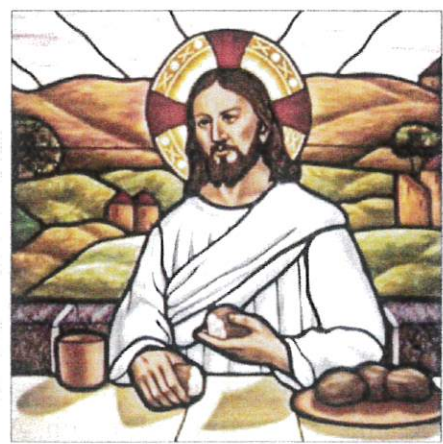
Friday June 16

Sacred Heart of Jesus
Deuteronomy 7:6-11
Ps 103:1-4,6-8,10 (17)
1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday June 17

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Ps 103:1-4,9-12
Luke 2:41-51

The second reading tells us that the Eucharist increases our unity with Christ's body on earth, the church community through which he provides the various resources that we need. In this unity (when it's activated as it should be) no one lacks anything good because all necessary goods are shared. And



ultimately in this unity, as Jesus said in the Gospel, we're assured of eternal life in heaven, where all needs are met perfectly and completely.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are the "serpents and scorpions" in your life right now?
- † In what ways do you feel parched, thirsty to the point of desperation?
- † During Mass, imagine that you're walking through a desert to receive from Jesus what you need. How does it feel to approach Jesus this way?
- † How has the Eucharist helped you through a difficult time? Why did it make a difference?
- † Some people kiss the Host before placing it in their mouths; what do you do that helps you become more aware of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist for all your needs?

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 11, 2023

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn't Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, "Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love." That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, "**Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?**" For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, "**we, though many, are one body.**" Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love.— *Father John Muir* ©LPI

CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH

The Freedom of faith

Indeed, Christ invited people to faith and conversion, but never coerced them. "For he bore witness to the truth but refused to use force to impose it on those who spoke against it. His kingdom...grows by the love with which Christ, lifted up on the cross, draws men to himself." #160

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH SECOND EDITION

Real Presence

Question:

How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

Answer:

The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist.

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. "*Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven*" (Mt 18:3).

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