

# 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

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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July 2, 2023



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38

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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](http://stjohngulfport.org).

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



## Parish Office Hours

Parish Office will be closed Tuesday July 4th

Office hours are Monday thru Friday: 9 am to 3 pm.  
Office phone number: 228-864-2272

## WELCOME LUNCHEON

There will be a welcome luncheon for Father Mike Somers on Sunday, August 6th following the 1030am Mass in Presentation Hall.

This will be a great opportunity for us all to meet Father Mike and welcome him to his new Parish.

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the back of the church outside the Memorial Room. Also, be sure to check the Alphabet List to see what 'pot luck' item you can bring to the luncheon.



## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

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

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

**K C Ladies Auxiliary:** 3rd Tuesday (July 18 6:30 PM)

**Legion of Mary:** Every Thursday - 10:30 AM

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Theresa Mensi, Jacob North, July 1

Jack Healy, July 2

Lynn Healy, July 3

Gage Cola Eliza Eisman, July 6

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

## Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Kathy Feldmeyer 51 yrs, July 1

May God bless them with many more

happy years together!

## Saint Thomas the Apostle

July 3: —Feast

Patron Saint of doubters, architects, blind people, builders, geometricians, masons, surveyors, and theologians. Died c. 72



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!



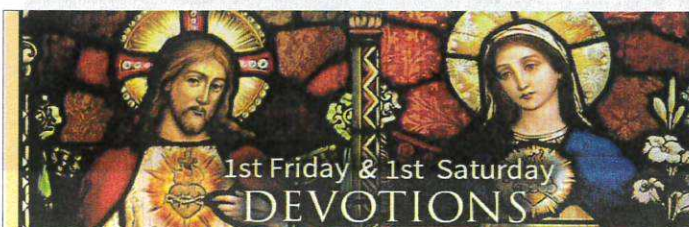
✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	9:AM	✠ Alex North
	4:00 PM	✠ Anthony Verin Davis
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠ Anthony Verin Davis
		✠ Kenneth O'Neal
		✠ Mary Ann Bishop
		✠
		✠
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish
		Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
	5:00 PM	✠ Kris Allen
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠ Charlie Underwood
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayard
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Guy & Elizabeth Casper
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠ Luke Papania
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠ Helen Fayard



## First Friday Adoration

First Friday is July 7th from 7:30am til 5:00pm. A sign up sheet is in the back of the church outside of the Memorial Room. *Please consider spending an hour with Jesus! He loves you so very much!*

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## Last Week's Collection:

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Loose Checks: \$1355.00

Loose Cash: \$904.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$110.00

Egiving: \$887.75

Spanish Collection: \$693.00

Total: \$5760.75

Thank you for your generosity!

The 2nd collection the next two weeks will be for the Moss Point tornado relief fund

If paying by check, please make the check out to Catholic Charities with Moss Point Tornado on the MEMO line. Thank you for your donations!!

## 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>.



## 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday July 2

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a  
Ps 89:2-3, 16-19(2a)  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42

### Monday July 3

**St. Thomas, Apostle**  
Ephesians 2:19-22  
Ps 117:1bc, 2  
John 20:24-29

### Tuesday July 4

Genesis 19:15-29  
Ps 26:2-3, 9-12  
Matthew 8:23-27

### Wednesday July 5

Genesis 21:5, 8-20a  
Ps 34:7-8, 10-13  
Matthew 8:28-34

### Thursday July 6

Genesis 22:1b-19  
Ps 115:1-6, 8-9  
Matthew 9:1-8

### Friday July 7

Genesis 23:1-4, 19;  
24:1-8, 62-67  
Ps 106:1b-5  
Matthew 9:9-13

### Saturday July 8

Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29  
Ps 135:1b-6  
Matthew 9:14-17

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus emphasizes the importance of keeping our eyes on him and always making him our top priority. Nothing else matters as much as our relationship with God. This means following Jesus wherever he leads, doing everything his way, all the way, every day, giving him our 100% (no excuses for being mediocre in our faith), laying down our lives in service to others like he did.

Laying down our lives means making sacrifices, such as giving our cup of cold water to someone who's thirsty. It means receiving someone into our busy schedules and listening for the prophet in him; for example: What is God saying to us through this person?

When we refuse to lay down our lives for others, we reject the Cross of Christ and his sufferings, which he submitted to for our sake. This does not mean, however, that we can never say no to others. Jesus wants to lead us away from the harm of abuse or demands that are sinful or the enabling of unhealthy behaviors. Saying no in such cases is yet another Way of the Cross.

When we truly follow Christ, we can receive all that he is and all that he has for us. When we let go of our fears and personal goals, letting Jesus lead us into new places and new ways of handling problems, we discover new life in Christ.



His ways are always far better than what we had feared would happen.

This is the difference between a mediocre faith and a life in Christ that is full of adventures, miracles, surprising solutions, healing, victories, and realizing how very precious and important we are to God.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Who has asked you (either consciously or unaware) to lay down a part of your life for them?
- † When have you said no?
- † When have you said yes – and was it worth the sacrifice?
- † Why is laying down our lives for the needs or requests of others worthwhile? Share a story from your own life that illustrates this.

## Mass Celebrated Around the World

**Question:** Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

**Answer:** One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that “wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same.” In fact, the answer to this question is both “yes” and “no.”

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40). ©LPi

### CHAPTER THREE

#### ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

#### III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH Perseverance in faith

To live, grow, and persevere in the faith until the end we must nourish it with the word of God; we must beg the Lord to increase our faith; it must be “working through charity,” abounding in hope, and rooted in the faith of the Church. #162

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 2, 2023

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we “surely will not lose our reward.” The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that's the difference between chutes and ladders.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

