

# 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

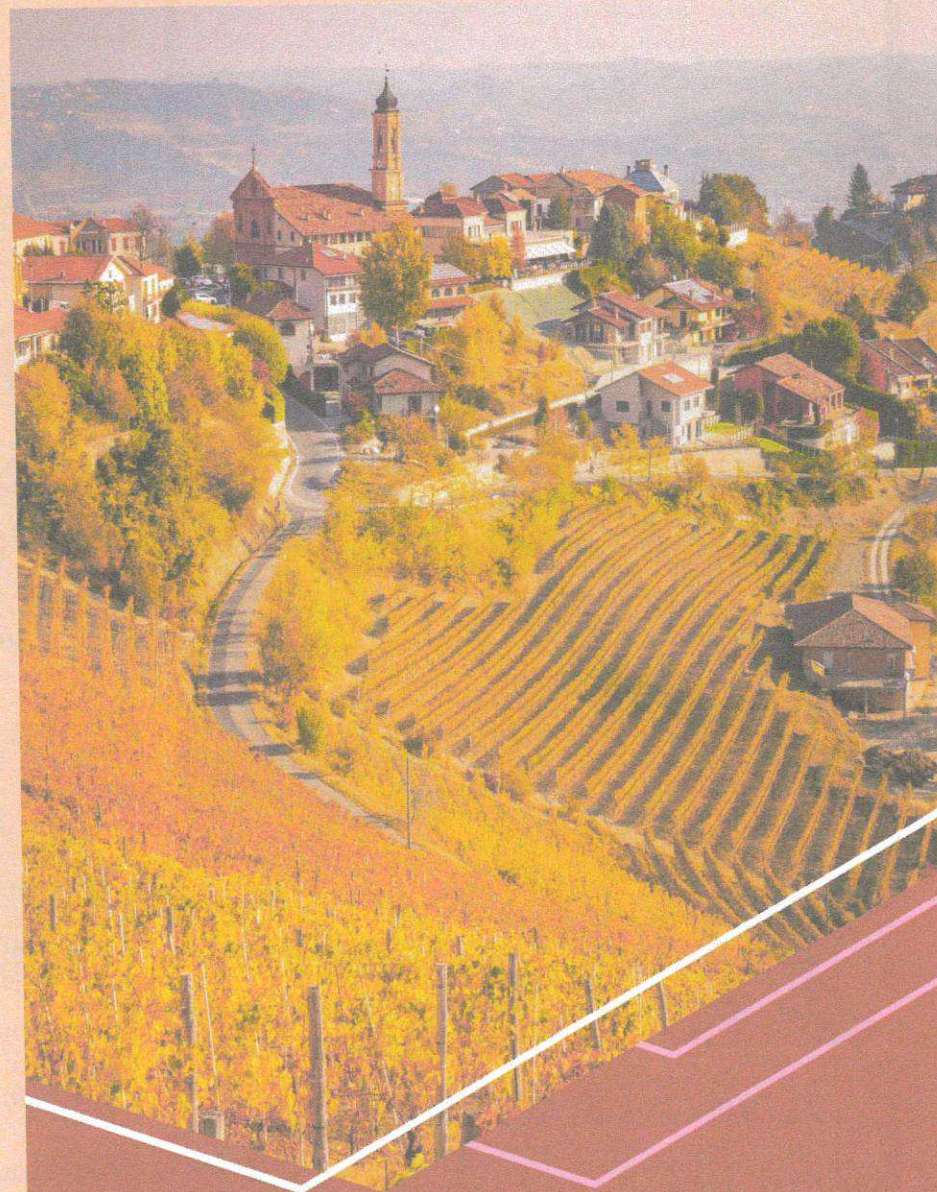
Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction

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## July 9, 2023



## 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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

*Cathy Whitener, July 8*  
*Austin Higley, W. Sackett, July 10*  
*Peggy Ryland, July 11*  
*Leslie North, Margaret Hebert, July 13*  
*Annette Seymour, July 13*  
*Carl Necaie, Emily Fayre, July 14*

*May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!*



The flowers were placed on the altar this weekend by Rita & Gil Bailey in memory of Robert Bailey, Sr.



### Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries**

**Bob & Marcia Flagg 47 yrs, July 10**

*May God bless them with many more happy years together!*



### PLEASE HELP OUR ST VINCENT DEPAUL

We encourage each family to bring at least one non-perishable item to Mass every week and place it in the *St Vincent Food Drop Box in the Memorial Room at the back of the church.*

When you are shopping and select your item for the poor, please remember to thank God for the ability to adequately provide for your own family; and pray for those less fortunate.

#### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

**Fruit juice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal ,carrots, rice and spaghetti sauce.**

### ✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Ed Martin	Ronnie Wade	Melanie Renee
Peggy Ryland	Robert Hill	Tori Williams
Werner Huber	Paul Fair	
Betty Martin	John Cuevas	Parishioners of
Suzanne King	David McGuffie	St. John the
Buddy Cospelich	Wendel Johnson	Evangelist
Suzanne Bowles	Cathy Bond	
Shirley Caston	Meredith Kajdan	
Dean Bowles	Joann Hoda	
Beverly Crawford	Wade Shoemaker	
Diane Riel	Monica Manuel	
Jordan Hoang	Naomi Patton	
Kim Hoang	Na Nguyen	
George Balhofs	Leza Hardy	

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	✠ Glen Carter
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	✠ Anna Schiffner
		✠ Justin Stewart
		✠ Kris Allen
		✠ Helen & Vincent Dauro
		✠
		(special intention) Tori Williams
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	People of the Parish
		Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	✠ Mary Ann Bishop
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	(Happy Birthday Leslie North)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Luke Papania
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayard
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Alex North
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠ Maria Nguyen Ngoc Dien

### 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](http://Biloxidiocese.org)

*Deacon David Allen on or before July 21, 2023.*

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### Last Week's Collection:

**Identified checks:** \$2725.00  
**Identified cash:** \$171.00

**Loose Checks:** \$1630.00  
**Loose Cash:** \$1002.00

**ACH Direct Debit:** \$2160.00  
**Egiving:** \$391.25

**Spanish Collection:** \$714.00

**Total:** \$8793.75

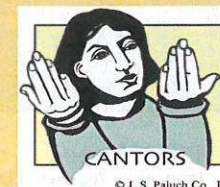
**Church Renovation:** \$1826.00

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### 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.



### 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/stjohnngulfport>.



## 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday July 9

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14  
Romans 8:9,11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

### Monday July 10

Genesis 28:10-22a  
Ps 91:1-4,14-15b  
Matthew 9:18-26

### Tuesday July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot  
Genesis 32:23-33  
Ps 17:1b,2-3,6-7b,8b,15  
Matthew 9:32-38

### Wednesday July 12

Genesis 41:55-57;  
42:5-7a,17-24a  
Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19  
Matthew 10:1-7

### Thursday July 13

Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29;  
45:1-5  
Ps 105:16-21  
Matthew 10:7-15

### Friday July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
Genesis 46:1-7,28-30  
Ps 37:3-4,18-19,  
27-28,39-40  
Matthew 10:16-23

### Saturday July 15

St. Bonaventure  
Genesis 49:29-32;  
50:15-26a  
Ps 105:1-4,6-7  
Matthew 10:24-33

God is showing us that our selfish desire for an easier life is, in reality, making our lives more difficult.

In other words, when we strain and pull against the yoke —

Does the yoke of Jesus weigh you down or does it feel light? His yoke — according to what he exemplified with his life — is servanthood, a ministry that cares for others, a love that makes sacrifices.

We're weighed down by personal struggles; we have crosses to carry and so many people need our attention that we're exhausted from it all. We need a vacation, an escape, time out! So why does Jesus tell us that

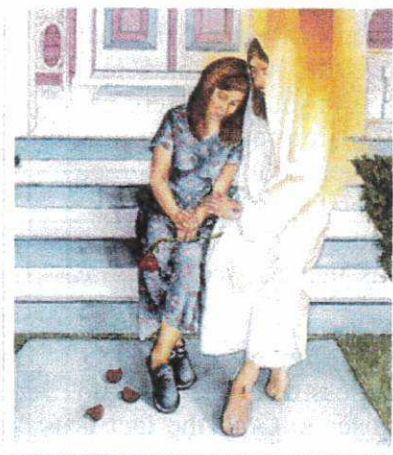
his yoke is easy? Why does he say that the burdens of servanthood are light?

When the burdens of life wear us down and tire us out, it's usually because we've taken on more responsibility than God has actually given to us.

Or else it's because we're expending energy trying to get rid of a cross after Jesus has yoked us to it. If the burden leads to burn-out, God lets us get tired, because he's warning us: "Slow down! Simplify your life! Make a change! Spend more time in prayer!"

If it leads to anger and resentment,

against our union with Christ — we suffer from our own mistaken ideas of what we should be doing. It is when we remember that we're yoked to Someone who is infinitely stronger and wiser than we are that the burden becomes light. The yoke becomes a source of joy.



Jesus offers us everything we need for plowing the fields that God assigns to us. When we cooperate with him, the burden is indeed light. We find rest in Jesus and we

benefit from his strength. We experience holy pleasure in our tasks, because we're yoked to the energy of Jesus.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are you doing that seems good but is wearing you out?
- † What part of it is not God's idea?
- † What can you do to become more aware of the strength of Jesus?
- † Become accountable for the answer to the above questions by speaking of it to your family or faith community: What changes are you going to make to allow Jesus to refresh and renew you?
- † How might this make a difference?

## Coming Back to Church

### Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

### Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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### CHAPTER THREE

#### ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

#### III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH

#### Faith—the beginning of eternal life

Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God "face to face," "as he is." So faith is already the beginning of eternal life:

When we contemplate the blessings of faith even now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall one day enjoy.

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July 9, 2023

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever feel restless? I certainly do. Daily tasks and challenges, but also the more basic demand of simply existing — sooner or later, this can all feel crushing and tire us out.

Which is why Jesus' words are such stunningly good news: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). How vastly weird that this man speaks as though he is capable of giving us the deep repose we desire. Is his claim the height of absurd grandiosity? No, because next he immediately proclaims that he is "meek and humble of heart." We here touch a mystery: Jesus is capable of giving us rest because he is the one who forever reposes in the heart of God the Father. He is "yoked" to the Father in his divinity. But he is humbly "yoked" to us, sharing in our humanity.

The good news, my fellow tired-out friends: we don't have to despair in our burdens and exhaustion, no matter how heavy they feel. This week, join me in opening our hearts to hear him say to us, "Come! I will give you rest." We come to him in the Church, Eucharist, the Scriptures, prayer, in the poor. There he will give us rest.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

