

St. John the Evangelist

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July 23, 2023

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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

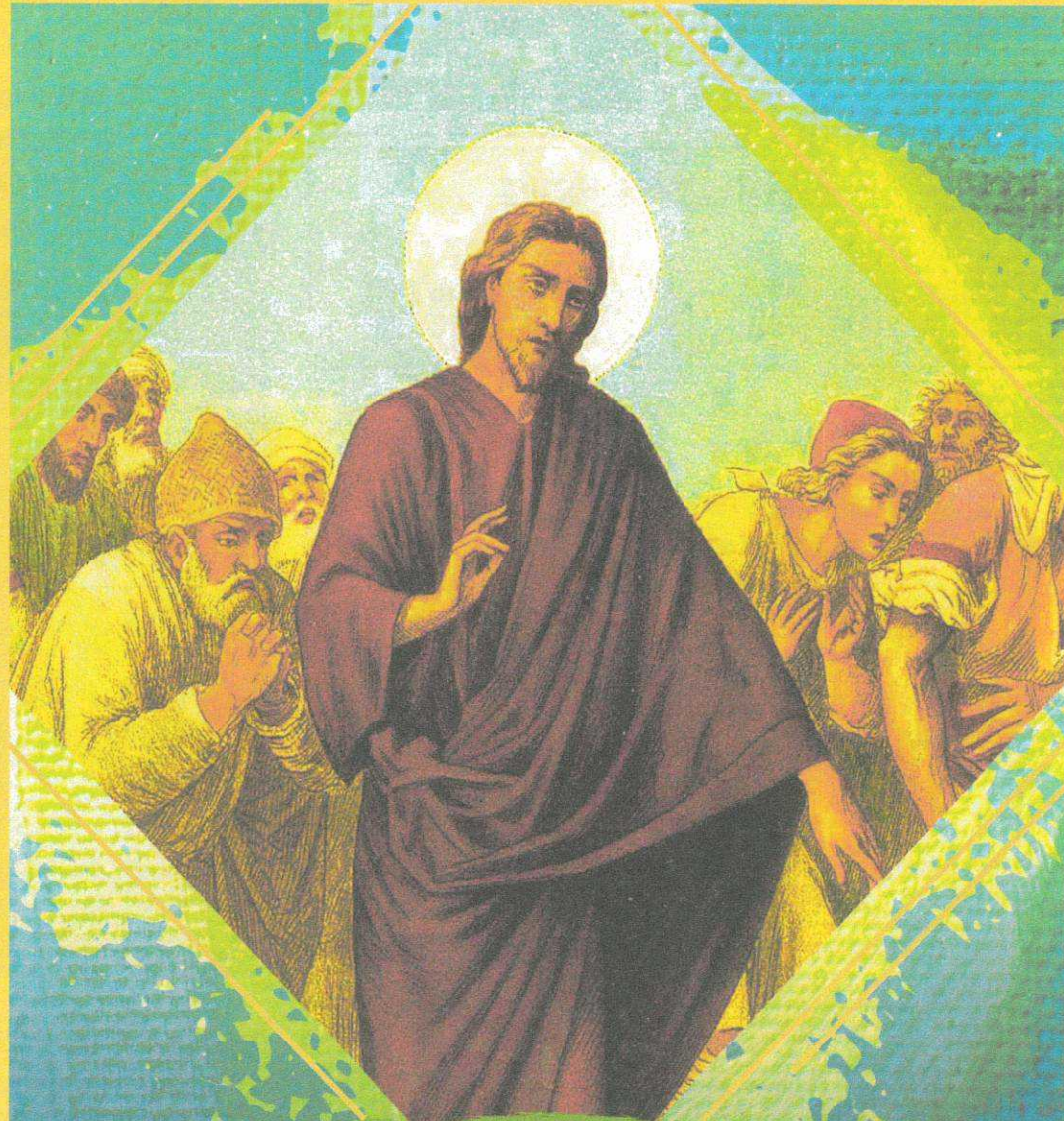
7 AM - 5 PM

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



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.'" - Mt 13:29-30

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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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: 4:00 PM † Glen Carter
Sunday: 8:00 AM † John Windham
† Joe Paola
† Kris Allen
† Loyce & Corky Hire
† Curt Arleth

10:30 AM People of the Parish
Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
5:00 PM † Mary Ann Bishop
Monday: 7:00 AM † Kendall Dedeaux
Tuesday: 7:00 AM † Shawn Dubuisson
Wednesday: 7:00 AM † Mackie & Carolyn Fayard
Thursday: 7:00 AM † Sue Papania
Friday: 7:00 AM † Anna Thuong

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

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

Grief & Loss Support Group Tuesday (Aug 1) 4 PM

K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday (Aug 15 6:30 PM)

Legion of Mary: Every Thursday - 10:30 AM

OCIA classes: Thursday, Aug 10 6pm

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Thomas Galle, Justin McMahan,
Walter Smith, July 22

George Schloegel IV, Dana Wittmann, July 25

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

Congratulations

to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Larry & Peggy Paige 60 yrs, July 22

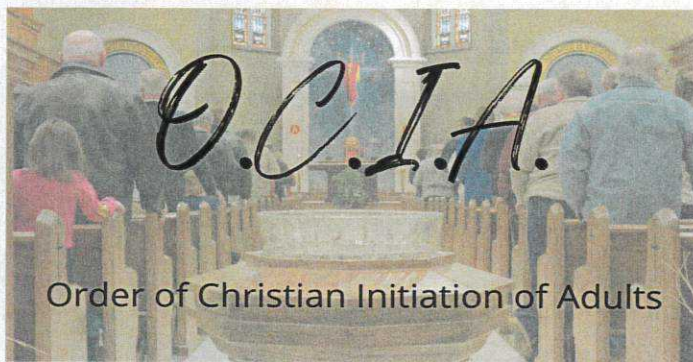
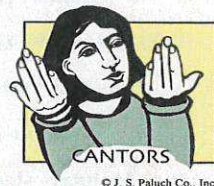
May God bless them with many more

happy years together!

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.



In Gulfport, the school year starts early and so does O.C.I.A.! Our first class of this year's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins just 2 weeks from this Thursday on August 10th. With that said, we have lots of **yellow** O.C.I.A. registration forms on the back table outside the Memorial room. Grab a couple on your way out and give them to people you know who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. All forms can be turned in to Deacon David or Ann in the church office. Thanks in advance for promoting **INTENTIONAL** discipleship in our parish!

† Hear Us and Heal Us †

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

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



Confirmation of Geoffrey Wilds

Geoffery Wilds was welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church on July 16th by Bishop Louis Kihneman III. His sponsor, Teri Patton, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hummel were also present to welcome Geoffery into our Catholic Faith.



The flowers were placed on the altar this weekend by Sharon Windham in memory of her husband John.

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Last Week's Collection:

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Identified cash: \$260.00

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Loose Cash: \$876.00

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Egiving: \$980.75

Spanish Collection: \$736.00

Total: \$7417.75

2nd Collection, Peter's Pence: \$737.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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>.

Your support is graciously appreciated!

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 23

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16(5a)
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Monday July 24

Ex 14:5-18
Ex 15:1b-6
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday July 25

St. James, Apostle
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Ps 126:1b-6
Matthew 20:20-28

Wednesday July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne
Ex 16:1-5,9-15
Ps 78:18-19,23-28
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday July 27

Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b
Daniel 3:52-56
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday July 28

Ex 20:1-17
Ps 19:8-11
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Ex 24:3-8
Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
John 11:19-27 OR
Luke 10:38-42

empowering you to evangelize others if you're willing to minister to them using what you've learned from your experiences.

(3) Transform society: In the kingdom of God, we are like yeast that helps the whole batch swell up and mature into the

Go and Make Disciples, published by the US Bishops in 1992, names three important layers of evangelization:

(1) Nurture your own faith-growth,
(2) invite others to conversion,
and (3) transform society through true Christian living. Jesus teaches us these same three strategies, using parables.



(1) Nurture your own faith-growth: In the kingdom of God, we are like good wheat growing amidst weeds. This takes effort; the weeds will take over if we're not working daily at growing in holiness. What have you been doing to prevent the weeds around you from taking over and strangling your holiness? How is your faith life benefiting from living in the midst of non-believers and evil? Your Father-Creator is empowering you to grow.

(2) Invite others to conversion: In the kingdom of God, we are like the tiniest of seeds that grow into a bush so large that others benefit from our growth. Who is benefiting from your faith? How is your spiritual growth inviting them into a closer relationship with Jesus? The Holy Spirit is

bread of life that nourishes others. What are you involved in, as a Christian, that improves the world? Is your faith making a difference in your

workplace, your community, and your parish? During Mass, as you receive the nourishment of the Eucharist, you are empowered to become Eucharist for the world. Mass ends with

Christ commissioning you, through the presider, to be the yeast of goodness that affects those around you.

Reflect & Discuss:

† Maybe you never saw yourself as an "evangelist", but you are! This is your calling as a baptized Christian. Which of the above three areas of evangelization are you most actively doing?

† Which needs more of your attention?

† Give an example from your own life (or from the life of someone you know or have heard about) that illustrates one of the three goals above.

† What about the other goals? Make sure that, in your discussion as a family or faith sharing group, examples are given for all three goals of evangelization.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE July 23, 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He *will* finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 1 I BELIEVE

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH

Faith—the beginning of eternal life

It is then we must turn to the *witnesses of faith*: to Abraham, who "in hope...believed against hope"; to the virgin Mary, who, in "her pilgrimage of faith," walked into the "night of faith" in sharing the darkness of her son's suffering and death; and to so many others: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." #165

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Why Wear a Roman Collar?

Question:

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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REPENT, THEN,
AND TURN TO GOD,
SO THAT YOUR SINS
MAY BE WIPED OUT.

ACTS 3:19