

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

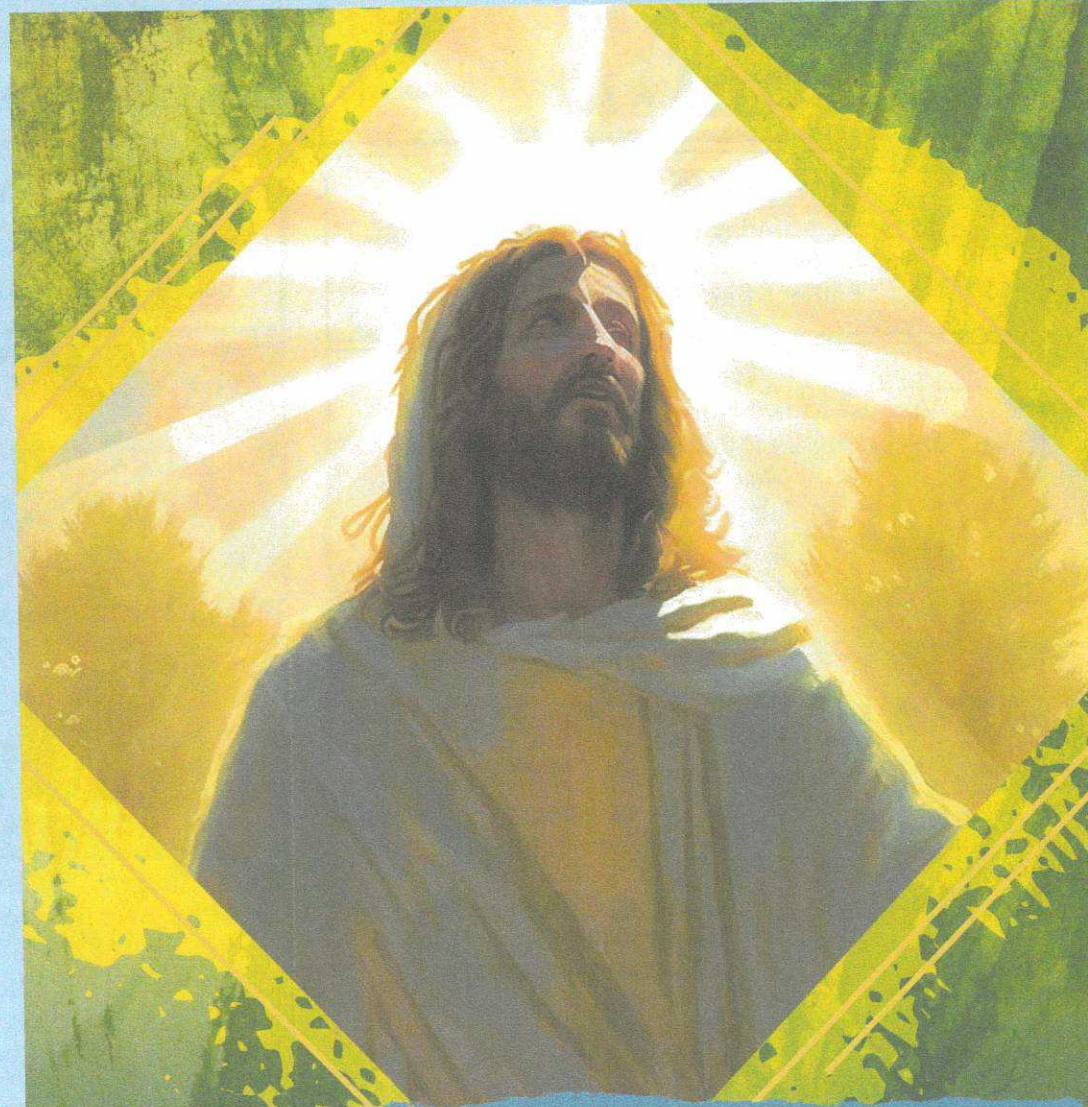
Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction

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August 06, 2023



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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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
Father Mike: 850-288-0155

Holy Day

August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation
(The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

Mass Times are:

Monday Aug 14— 6 PM

Tuesday Aug 15—7 AM and 1200 PM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	9:00 AM	✠ Alex North
	4:00 PM	✠ Billy Norton
Sunday	8:00 AM	✠ Anthony Verin Davis
		✠ Tori Williams
		✠ Mary Ann Bishop
		(Special Intention-- Happy Birthday Don Schiffner)
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries
	5:00 PM	✠ Kris Allen
Monday:	7:00 AM	✠ Anna Schiffner
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Tina Bradshaw
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	✠ Gary Dauro
Thursday:	7:00 AM	✠ Guy & Elizabeth Casper
Friday:	7:00 AM	✠ Mackie & Carolyn Fayard

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 6:30 PM
Grief & Loss Support Group Tuesday (Sep 5) 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



Join us on August 27th at our 10:30 Mass.

Bishop Kihneman will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Installation of Father Mike Somers at this time.

Following Holy Mass a reception and luncheon will be held in Presentation Hall.



Don't forget: OCIA classes begin **this Thursday at 6PM** over in the church dining room! These classes are for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Yellow registration forms are in the back, so please take as many as you need for yourself and others!

Altar Servers & EMs:

We are **READY** to bring back altar servers and Eucharistic ministers into our masses at St. John and need your help! If you are interested in either resuming ministry in either of these two areas, or need training to begin either, we have a place for you! Please sign-up for these ministries on the appropriate clipboards on the back table by the Memorial Room.

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Corey Hebert, Al Iglesia, Aug 6
Mackenzie Cola, Aug 7
Connor Delvalle, Scott Weis, Aug 8
Adrienne Gannon, Peyton Bermond, Aug 9
Johnny Fayard, Aug 9
William Tootle, Aug 10
Austin Cartagena, Melanie Dreher, Aug 11
Debbie Ladner, Aug 11



Congratulations



to Our Parishioners

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Rodney & Vickie Rogers, 28 yrs on Aug 5

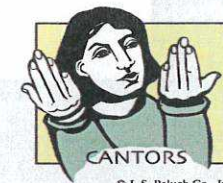
Mike & Collette Quigley 38 yrs on Aug 6

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

Praising God as a Cantor

We are in need of a cantor (song leader) for the 4pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



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Last Week's Collection:

Identified: (checks): \$1950.00 (cash): 158.00

Loose: (checks): \$2565.00 (cash): \$803.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$110.00 **Egiving:** \$1533.75

Spanish Collection: \$590.00

2nd Collection, St Vincent de Paul: \$1991.00

Total: \$7709.75 *Thank you for your generosity!*

2nd Collections

August 12,13 — Extension Society

Sept 2, 3 — Church Renovation

Sept 16, 17 — Seafarers and Truckers

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Ed Martin	George Balhofs	Leza Hardy
Peggy Ryland	Ronnie Wade	Melanie Reneé
Werner Huber	Roberta Hill	Abe Kassis
Betty Martin	Paul Fair	Thomas Graves
Suzanne King	John Cuevas	Amy Wheeler
Buddy Cospelich	David McGuffie	Gene Wechorich
Suzanne Bowles	Wendel Johnson	Kent Killegrew
Shirley Caston	Cathy Bond	Catrin Bosch
Ernie Brown	Meredith Kajdan	
Dean Bowles	Joann Hoda	Parishioners of
Beverly Crawford	Wade Shoemaker	St. John the
Diane Riel	Monica Manuel	Evangelist
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The flowers were placed on the altar this weekend by Mike & Collette Quigley in honor of their anniversary.

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Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday August 6

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Monday August 7

Numbers 11:4b-15
Ps 81:12-17
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Numbers 12:1-13
Ps 51:3-7,12-13
Matthew 14:22-36 or
Matthew 15:1-2,10-14

Wednesday August 9

Numbers 13:1-2,25 –
14:1,26a-29a,34-35
Ps 106:6-7b,13-14,21-23
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday August 10

St. Lawrence, Dcn, Martyr

2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Ps 112:1-2,5-9
John 12:24-26

Friday August 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Ps 77:12-16,21
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday August 12

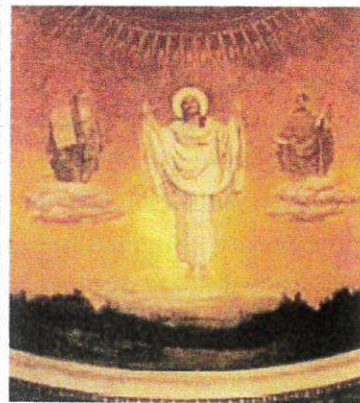
Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Ps 18:2-4,47,51
Matthew 17:14-20

Atop Mount Tabor in Israel is where the pure light of Christ – the uncreated light of his true identity – was first revealed to the world. Not at his birth, not at his baptism, nor as he preached and healed. Although the Light of the World came to us in those momentous events, it was not revealed so clearly, so powerfully, so dramatically as when he let Peter, John, and James witness it on the mountaintop, as seen in today's Gospel passage.

The highest experience of faith was, and still is what happens when the Father says, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him.*" The transfiguration of Christ occurs again and again every time we listen to him and our faith is enlightened. It happens every time we have a breakthrough from blindness to understanding, from sinfulness to holiness, from doubt to trust. However, now we are transfigured *with Jesus!*

Whenever we let his uncreated light consume the darkness within us, the people around us see Christ's true

identity in us. We shine with him. Therefore, it's vitally important that we give Jesus the areas of darkness that still linger within us and let him expose the truth in his light. By repenting (which means we change), we're transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost



being that was created in the image of God. It's our sainthood!

Listen. Can you hear God's voice saying about you what he said about Jesus on Mount Tabor? "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." He is saying this to

others as you do the work to which he's called you. Some folks will hear him, some won't, but our yes to his calling is not based on how many people will heed his voice. We serve God because we have been transfigured. Our holiness impels us to go where we can do the greatest good.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What sins do you still try to hide or deny?
- † Why are you afraid to let Jesus shine his light into these areas of darkness? Are you afraid he'll stop loving you?
- † What do you do that reveals your sainthood?
- † Describe a time when you listened to Jesus and the truth you learned from him transformed you. How did it help you become a true child of God more fully? How did it reveal your true identity more accurately?

What Are "Special" Masses?

Question: Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

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CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 2

WE BELIEVE

"I believe" (*Apostles' Creed*) is the faith of the Church professed personally by each believer, principally during Baptism. "We believe" (*Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed*) is the faith of the Church confessed by the bishops assembled in council or more generally by the liturgical assembly of believers. "I believe" is also the Church, our mother, responding to God by faith as she teaches us to say both "I believe" and "We believe."

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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