

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

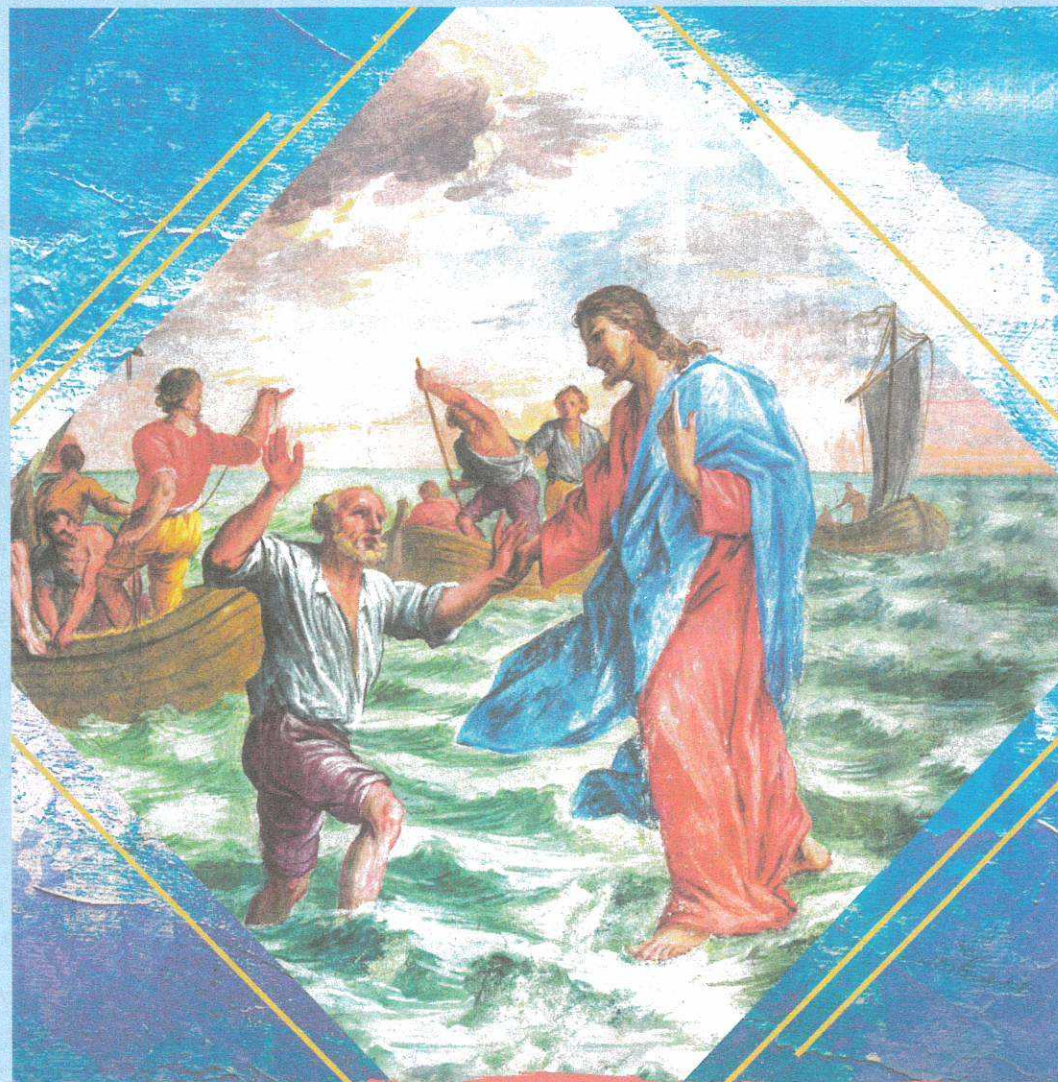
Confession, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation and Benediction

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August 13, 2023



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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St. John the Evangelist Church, Gulfport, MS

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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

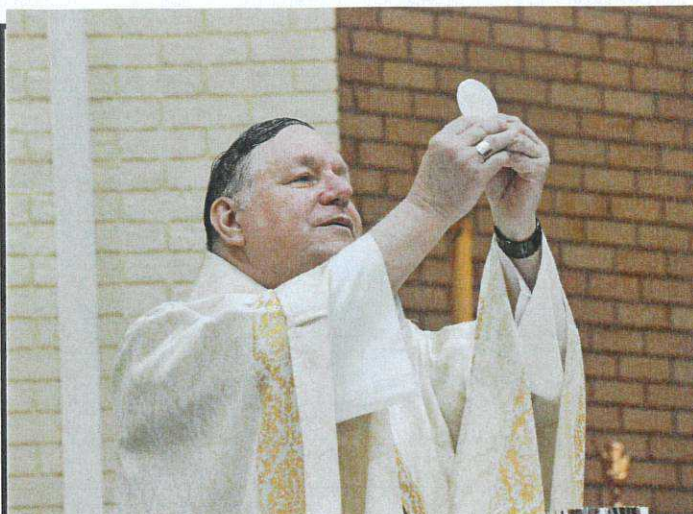
Saturday: 4:00 PM ✠ Emily Rorex
Sunday: 8:00 AM ✠ Edmund Crane
✠ Loyce & Corky Hire
✠ Ken Saxon

10:30 AM People of the Parish
Anyone with birthdays, anniversaries

Monday: 5:00 PM ✠ Kris Allen
Tuesday: 7:00 AM ✠ Cecil & Margaret Dubuisson
Wednesday: 7:00 AM ✠ Leta Fayard
Thursday: 7:00 AM ✠ Carolyn & Mackie Fayard
✠ Cecil & Jenny Lizana
✠ Luzia Mickshis
Friday: 7:00 AM ✠ Collette Marie Morris

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 17 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.

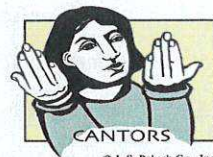
Following Holy Mass a reception and luncheon will be held in Presentation Hall.



Please Remember: OCIA classes began Aug 10 and will meet every Thursday at 6pm in the church dining room; you are still in time to begin these classes with us! These classes are for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Yellow registration forms are in the back of the church, so please take as many as you need for yourself and others!

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.



Altar Servers & Eucharistic Ministers

Alter servers and Eucharistic ministers are needed to serve at Holy Mass here at St. John the Evangelist. If you are interested in *resuming your service in one of these ministries* or *if you are interested in becoming a new altar server or a Eucharistic minister* at this time, please enter your name on the clipboard at the back of the Church. Thank you for considering service in one or both of these ministries. We will be offering training on how to be an altar server or Eucharistic minister.

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Tim Goad, Aug 12
Rebecca Dubuisson, Meredith Meadows, Aug 14
James Wilson, Aug 14
Don Schiffner, Aug 15
Camille Hebert, Aug 17

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

✠ Hear Us and Heal Us ✠

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Ed Martin	Wendel Johnson	Catrin Bosch
Peggy Ryland	Cathy Bond	Retia Webber
Werner Huber	Meredith Kajdan	
Betty Martin	Joann Hoda	
Suzanne King	Wade Shoemaker	Parishioners of
Buddy Cospelich	Monica Manuel	St. John the
Suzanne Bowles	Naomi Patton	Evangelist
Beverly Crawford	Na Nguyen	
Jordan Hoang	Leza Hardy	
Kim Hoang	Melanie Reneé	
George Balhofs	Abe Kassiss	
Ronnie Wade	Thomas Graves	
Paul Fair	Amy Wheeler	
John Cuevas	Gene Wecorich	
David McGuffie	Kent Killegrew	

Last Week's Collection:

Identified: (checks): \$ 2235.00 **(cash):** 171.00

Loose: (checks): \$1145.00 **(cash):** \$1084.00

ACH Direct Debit: \$2060.00 **Egiving:** \$1776.75

Spanish Collection: \$905.00

2nd Collection, Church Renovation: \$2918.00

Total: \$12,294.75 *Thank you for your generosity!*

2nd Collections

August 12,13 — Extension Society
Sept 2, 3 — Church Renovation
Sept 16, 17 — Seafarers and Truckers

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The flowers were placed on the altar this weekend in memory of Dr. Edmund Crane from his family.

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 11*

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

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!

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday August 13

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a
Ps 85:9-14
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Monday August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab
Ps 45:10-12,16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday August 16

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Ps 66:1-3a,5,8,16-17
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday August 17

Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17
Ps 114:1-6
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday August 18

Jos 24:1-13
Ps 136:1-3,16-18,21-22,24
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday August 19

Jos 24:14-29
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-8,11
Matthew 19:13-15

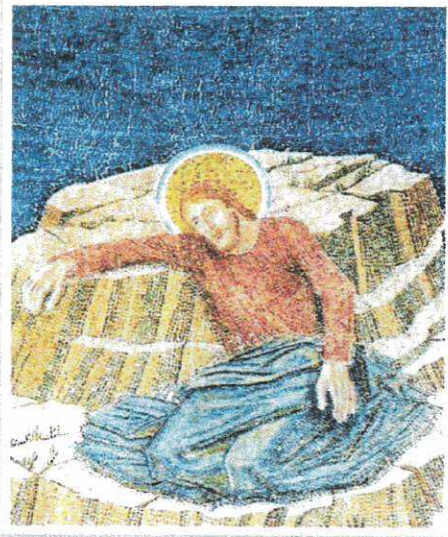
Through Matthew, God is showing us how to achieve a well-balanced faith. We need periods of prayer-filled solitude to restore our energies and renew our vision of what God is inspiring us to do. We all have work to do for God in our families, in our workplaces, in social gatherings, in our parishes and in every problem that arises. Giving of ourselves to others will always drain us; to thrive and grow in our usefulness to God, we must allow him to replenish us often.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus finishes with the miracle of multiplying a few loaves and fish to feed thousands of people, and then he goes off by himself to pray.

When you host a large dinner party or complete a big project or overcome difficult obstacles, do you give yourself time to recuperate and let God minister to you?

After spending time alone with his Father, Jesus was so uplifted by the experience that he walked on water!

Jesus frequently spent time in prayer. He probably went off by himself to pray a lot more often than what is written in scripture. So why did Matthew mention it here? What was significant about this particular prayer time?



Prayer helps us to prepare for whatever lies ahead, even when we

don't know what we're walking into. What we gain from the Lord in our time alone with him is a gift designed for our benefit and for responding to the needs of others. It strengthens our faith, teaches us how to walk on water, and sends us to the next shore where

people who need God's help are waiting. God wants to minister to them through us. Are you prayed up and ready?

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How much time do you spend in quiet aloneness with the Lord?
- † Is it enough to restore the inner peace that comes from staying in touch with God? Or do you feel drained and unprepared to continue?
- † What's your favorite way of praying? What kind of prayer makes you feel most connected to God? Why?
- † How does this help you in the tasks of your daily life?

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 13, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *he* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir

CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 2

WE BELIEVE

"LORD, LOOK UPON THE FAITH OF YOUR CHURCH"

It is the Church that believes first, and so bears, nourishes, and sustains my faith. Everywhere, it is the Church that first confesses the Lord: "Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you," as we sing in the hymn "*Te Deum*"; with her and in her, we are won over and brought to confess: "I believe," "We believe." It is through the Church that we receive faith and new life in Christ by Baptism. In the *Rituale Romanum*, the minister of Baptism asks the catechumen: "What do you ask of God's Church?" Ant the answer is: "Faith." "What does faith offer you?" "Eternal life."

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH (SECOND EDITION) #168

Public Life

Question:

If we have a separation of church and state, how should faith influence the way we act in society, especially for those who have a role in the government?

Answer:

No matter who we are, our inner lives affect the way we interact with the world. In the United States, we have freedom of religion. That means there is no official state-sanctioned religion. This does *not* mean that our faith is a private affair with no impact on public life! We have the ability to freely exercise our religious beliefs in accord with our conscience. Not only do we have the option to do so, but we also have the responsibility.

We're called to imitate Christ in every area of our life, not compartmentalize our faith. This means acting with respect and honoring the common humanity all we encounter. It means recognizing the person behind the politics. It also means standing up for the truth of human life and dignity, and advocating for just policies that serve the common good. The Vatican has produced a "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church." It contains more detailed exposition of how our Catholic faith relates to various aspects of public life. ©LPi

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR

St. Justin Martyr was born a pagan but converted to Christianity after studying philosophy. He was a prolific writer and many Church scholars consider him the greatest apologist or defender of the faith from the 2nd century. He was beheaded with six of his companions some time between 163 and 167 A.D.

"This food we call the Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake except one who believes that the things we teach are true, and has received the washing for forgiveness of sins and for rebirth, and who lives as Christ handed down to us. For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's Word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the Word of prayer which comes from him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus."

"First Apology", Ch. 66, inter A.D. 148-155.