

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: Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary

9:00 AM: Mass

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September 10, 2023



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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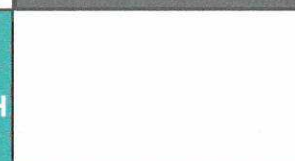


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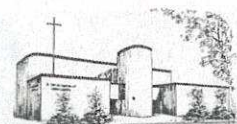
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

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.



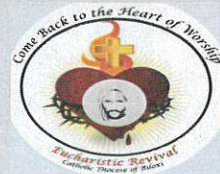
Parish Office Hours

Office hours are Monday thru Friday: 9 am to 3 pm.
Office phone number: 228-864-2272
Father Mike: 850-288-0155

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST EVENTS

Rescue project: September 11, 6 PM
Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 6:30 PM
Grief & Loss Support Group: Tuesday (Oct 3) 4 PM
K C Ladies Auxiliary: Currently not meeting
Legion of Mary: Every Thursday - 10:30 AM
OCIA classes: Every Thursday 6pm
Young at Heart: Sep 21 12:00 noon

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A night of Healing with Adoration, Prayers of Deliverance, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and One-on-One Pastoral Counseling.

6:30pm Wednesday, September 27th

Holy Family Parish

22342 Evangeline Road Pass Christian, MS



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thanksgiving Raffle



Grand Prize \$10,000.00

Ticket price: \$100

Total tickets to be sold: 500

Additional Prizes

(1) \$250.00

(4) \$150.00

Drawing will be held at 5 PM on November 18th at Presentation Hall.

(ONE TICKET ADMITS 2 FOR DINNER AND LIVE DRAWING)

You do not have to be present to win.

Tickets are available: see the ushers, Father, or get them from the office.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes

First Holy Communion classes will begin this September for (7 & 8 year olds).

Confirmation classes for (16-17 year olds) also begin in September.

Applications can be found at the back of the Church.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO PARISH OFFICE!

the RESCUE project

JOIN US Mondays at 6:00!

The Rescue Project is a 9-week study starting on **September 11th** that will enrich your faith and give you an entire new look at the world! Bring your own dinner and we'll provide the rest. There is NO COST to attend!

Happy Birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Nancy Carson, Sept 11

Sally Blake, Betsy Matthews, Sept 12

Lydia Tolentino, Sept 13

Joseph Brennan, Kelly de Baulte, Sept 14

Elise Currier, Kevin Johnson, Heith Shinn, Sept 15

Genevieve Grandis, Sept 16

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	4:00 PM	†Glen Carter
Sunday	8:00 AM	†John Windham
		†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	†Kris Allen
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	†Mackie & Carolyn Fayard
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	†Mike Schmid
Thursday:	7:00 AM	†Dickie Moran
Friday:	7:00 AM	†Kendall Dedeaux

Young at Heart

We invite our senior parishioners to join us for our monthly luncheon starting September 21st at 12pm. It will continue after that on the third Thursday of each month. A main dish will be provided and you are welcome to bring a side dish or desert. There will be bingo and fellowship in Presentation Hall. Call the office for more information. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us also!!



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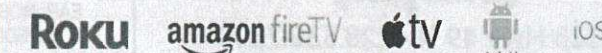
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Last Week's Collection:

Identified: (checks): \$2665.00 (cash): \$216.00

Loose: (checks): \$2530.00 (cash): \$1049.50

ACH Direct Debit: \$2070.00 Egiving: \$2387.75

Spanish Collection: \$1053.00

Total: \$ 11971.25

Thank you for your generosity!

2nd Collections (Church Renovation) \$1758.00

Sept 16, 17 — Seafarers and Truckers

PARISH LIFE



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday September 10

Ezra 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday September 11

Colossians 1:24-2:3
Ps 62:6-7,9
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday September 12

Colossians 2:6-15
Ps 145:1b-2,8-11
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday September 13 St. John Chrysostom, Bp, Dr

Colossians 3:1-11
Ps 145:2-3,10-13b
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9
Ps 78:1b-2,34-38
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Friday September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14
Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Saturday September 16

St. Cornelius, Pope and
St. Cyprian, Bishop
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Ps 113:1b-7
Luke 6:43-49

stronger effort to help the sinner understand and repent.

And if that fails, we try again with still more backing.

This Sunday's readings all speak of the need to stand up for what is holy and right and true in a way that invites others to turn away from sin. If we don't, we indirectly play a part in the sins he or she commits, and we will be held accountable (see the first reading).

If we do take a stand against sin but without compassion and mercy and unconditional love, that, too, is a sin (the second reading).

Jesus shows us in the Gospel reading that in our efforts to stop a fellow Christian from sinning, it's important to rely on our Christian community for advocacy and prayer support. How?

First, we speak to the sinner. When we know that someone is harming himself and others (all sins are harmful even when we can't see the harm), if we don't try to impart this knowledge to him or her at least once, our silence is unloving and uncaring.

Once we've shared the truth, even if the sinner does not change, we're free of any guilt. But we must not stop trying, and so we take one or two others with us in a



When every attempt to help someone has failed, only then do we quit. In reality, it's not us who's walking away. The sinner is the one who has chosen the path of separation. However, remember how Jesus treated the Gentiles and tax collectors (i.e., the outsiders, the separated ones): He never stopped loving them. He still chose to die for them.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Whose sins have greatly disturbed you lately?
- † What have you done about it? How loving and caring have you been while handling it?
- † What bothers you about the way some people have pointed out your sins or the sins of others? How could they have been more compassionate?
- † Share the story of a time when someone successfully led another into repentance and growth. Explain why the effort was effective.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against *you*..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against *you*? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

CHAPTER THREE

ARTICLE 3 WE BELIEVE

II. ONLY ONE FAITH

Through the centuries, in so many languages, cultures, peoples, and nations, the Church has constantly confessed this one faith, received from the one Lord, transmitted by one Baptism, and grounded in the conviction that all people have only one God and Father. St. Irenaeus of Lyons, a witness of this faith, declared: "Indeed, the Church, though scattered throughout the whole world, even to the ends of the earth, having received the faith from the apostles and their disciples...guards [this preaching and faith] with care, as dwelling in but a single house, and similarly believes as if having but one soul and a single heart, and preaches, teaches, and hands on this faith with a unanimous voice, as if possessing only one mouth." CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH (SECOND EDITION) #172-173

Should a Catholic Pursue an Annulment?

Question: After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer: Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

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